

FEDERAL AND STATE REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS

for CONSTRUCTION

1. **General**

The work performed under this contract will be financed, in part, by grants provided under programs of the Federal Transit Administration. Citations to federal law, regulation, and guidance references include, but are not limited to, the Master Agreement, FTA MA (23), dated October 1, 2016; FTA Circular 4220.1F, dated November 1, 2008; "Best Practices Procurement & Lessons Learned Manual", October 2016; Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, dated December 26, 2014, will supersede and apply in lieu of U.S. DOT's common grant rules, 49 C.F.R. parts 18 and 19, State and Local Governments and Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations and any subsequent amendments or revisions thereto.

THE FOLLOWING MAY BE USED SYNONYMOUSLY:

“BIDDER” AND “CONTRACTOR”

“PURCHASER”, “PROCURING AGENCY” AND “OWNER”

2. **Federal Changes**

Contractor shall at all times comply with all applicable Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulations, policies, procedures and directives, including without limitation those listed directly or by reference in the Master Agreement between Purchaser and FTA, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of this contract. Contractor's failure to so comply shall constitute a material breach of this contract.

1. FTA's new authorizing legislation, 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, as amended, by the following:
 - a. The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, Public Law No. 114-94, December 4, 2015,
 - b. The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), Public Law No. 112-141, July 6, 2012, as amended by the "Surface Transportation and Veterans Health Care Choice Improvement Act of 2015," Public Law No. 114-41, July 31, 2015, and other authorizing legislation to be enacted and
 - c. The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) Public Law No. 109-59, August 10, 2005, as amended by the SAFETEA-LU technical Corrections Act of 2008, Public Law No 100-244, June 6, 2008.
2. Continuing resolutions or other Appropriations Resolutions or Acts funding the Department of Transportation during Fiscal Year 2016.
3. Title 23, U.S.C. (Highways)
4. Other federal legislation FTA administers, as FTA so determines.

3. **Notification of Federal Participation**

To the extent required by Federal law, the State of North Carolina agrees that, in administering any Federal assistance Program or Project supported by the underlying Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement, any request for proposals, solicitation, grant application, form, notification, press release, or other publication involving the distribution

of FTA assistance for the Program or the Project that it will identify the FTA grant source by listing the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number of the program. The following FTA grant programs will be eligible to participate in this bid, 20.500, 20.505, 20.507, 20.509, 20.513, 20.514, 20.516, 20.518, 20.519, 20.521, 20.522, 20.523, 20.525, 20.526, 20.527, 20.528, 20.529, 20.530, and 20.531. Federal funding assistance up to eighty (80%) percent may be provided.

4. **Definitions**

Third Party Agreement, in accordance with the Master Agreement unless FTA determines otherwise in writing, includes all of the following agreements, such as:

- (1) Third party contracts,
- (2) Leases,
- (3) Third party subcontracts; and
- (4) Other similar arrangements or agreements.

Third Party Participant, in accordance with the Master Agreement unless FTA determines otherwise in writing, includes all of the following participants, such as:

- (1) Third party contractors,
- (2) Lessees,
- (3) Third party subcontractors, and
- (4) Other participants in the Project

5. **Conflict of Interest**

No employee, officer, board member, or agent of the Owner shall participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved. Such a conflict would arise when the employee, officer, board member, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization that employs, or is about to employ any of the above, has a financial or other interest in the firm selected for award.

6. **Lobbying**

Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. §1352(b) (5), as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, PL 104-65 (2 U.S.C. §1601, et seq.); 2 C.F.R. §200.450, and 2 C.F.R. Part 200 appendix II (j). Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the certification required by 49 CFR Part 20, "New Restrictions on Lobbying." Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S. C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.

The requisite "Lobbying Certification" is included as ATTACHMENT A (attach Standard Form-LLL if necessary) and must be executed for contracts of \$100,000 or more and prior to the award of the contract.

7. Contracting with Disadvantaged Business Enterprises

The newest version on the United States Department of Transportation's (DOT) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), 49 C.F.R. Part 26, became effective October 1, 2004, all amendments thereto.

The **Procuring Agency** must meet the maximum feasible portion of their overall goal using race-neutral methods. Where appropriate, however, **Procuring Agencies** are responsible for establishing DBE contract goals on individual DOT-assisted contracts. **Procuring Agencies** may use contract goals only on those DOT-assisted contracts that have subcontracting responsibilities. See 49 C.F.R. § 26.51(e). Furthermore, while **Procuring Agencies** are not required to set a contract goal on every DOT-assisted contract, they are responsible for achieving their overall program goals by administering their DBE program in good faith.

The DBE contracting requirements flow down to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier. It is the **Procuring Agency's** and prime contractor's responsibility to ensure the DBE requirements are applied across the board to all contractors/subcontractors. Should a subcontractor fail to comply with the DBE regulations, FTA would look to the **Procuring Agency** to make sure it intervenes to monitor compliance. The onus for compliance is on the **Procuring Agency**.

Clause Language

For all DOT-assisted contracts, each **Procuring Agency** must include assurances that third party contractors will comply with the DBE program requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 26, when applicable. The following contract clause is required in all DOT-assisted prime and subcontracts:

The contractor or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the **Procuring Agency**, deems appropriate, which may include, but is not limited to:

- (1) Withholding monthly progress payments;
- (2) Assessing sanctions;
- (3) Liquidated damages; and/or
- (4) Disqualifying the contractor from future bidding as non-responsible 49 C.F.R. § 26.13(b).

Further, **Procuring Agencies** must establish a contract clause to require prime contractors to pay subcontractors for satisfactory performance of their contracts no later than 30 days from receipt of each payment the **Procuring Agency** makes to the prime contractor (49 C.F.R. § 26.29(a)).

Finally, for contracts with defined DBE contract goals, each **Procuring Agency** must include in each prime contract a provision stating that the contractor shall utilize the specific DBEs listed unless the contractor obtains the recipient's written consent; and that, unless the **Procuring Agency's** consent is provided, the contractor shall not be entitled to any payment for work or material unless it is performed or supplied by the listed DBE (49 C.F.R. § 26.53(f) (1)).

As an additional resource, **Procuring Agencies** can draw on the following language for

inclusion in their federally funded procurements.

Overview

It is the policy of the NCDOT, the PROCURING AGENCY, and the United States Department of Transportation (“DOT”) that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (“DBE’s”), as defined herein and in the Federal regulations published at 49 C.F.R. Part 26, shall have an equal opportunity to participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is also the policy of the NCDOT and/or the PROCURING AGENCY to:

1. Ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts;
2. Create a level playing field on which DBE’s can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts;
3. Ensure that the DBE program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
4. Ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 C.F.R. part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBE’s;
5. Help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT assisted contracts;
6. To promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally assisted contracts and procurement activities; and
7. Assist in the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE program.

This Contract is subject to 49 C.F.R. Part 26. Therefore, the Contractor must satisfy the requirements for DBE participation as set forth herein. These requirements are in addition to all other equal opportunity employment requirements of this Contract. The NCDOT and/or the PROCURING AGENCY shall make all determinations with regard to whether or not a Bidder/Offeror is in compliance with the requirements stated herein. In assessing compliance, the NCDOT and/or the PROCURING AGENCY may consider during its review of the Bidder/Offeror’s submission package, the Bidder/Offeror’s documented history of non-compliance with DBE requirements on previous contracts with the NCDOT and/or the PROCURING AGENCY.

Contract Assurance

The Contractor or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this Contract. The Contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the Contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this Contract, which may result in the termination of this Contract or such other remedy as the NCDOT and/or the PROCURING AGENCY deems appropriate.

DBE Participation

For the purpose of this Contract, the NCDOT and/or the PROCURING AGENCY will accept only DBE’s who are:

1. Certified, at the time of bid opening or proposal evaluation, by the [*certifying agency or the Unified Certification Program (UCP)*]; or
2. An out-of-state firm who has been certified by either a local government, state government or Federal government entity authorized to certify DBE status or an agency whose DBE certification process has received FTA approval; or
3. Certified by another agency approved by the NCDOT.

DBE Participation Goal

The NC Department of Transportation/Public Transportation Division's overall goal for DBE participation is **6.1%**.

The DBE participation goal for this construction Contract is set at **_____** %. This goal represents those elements of work under this Contract performed by qualified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises for amounts totaling **not less than _____** % of the total Contract price. Failure to meet the stated goal at the time of proposal submission **may** render the Bidder/Offeror non-responsive.

Proposed Submission

Each Bidder/Offeror, as part of its submission, shall supply the following information:

1. A completed **DBE Utilization Form** (see below) that indicates the percentage and dollar value of the total bid/contract amount to be supplied by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises under this Contract.
2. A list of those qualified DBE's with whom the Bidder/Offeror intends to contract for the performance of portions of the work under the Contract, the agreed price to be paid to each DBE for work, the Contract items or parts to be performed by each DBE, a proposed timetable for the performance or delivery of the Contract item, and other information as required by the **DBE Participation Schedule** (see below). No work shall be included in the Schedule that the Bidder/Offeror has reason to believe the listed DBE will subcontract, at any tier, to other than another DBE. If awarded the Contract, the Bidder/Offeror may not deviate from the DBE Participation Schedule submitted in response to the bid. Any subsequent changes and/or substitutions of DBE firms will require review and written approval by the NCDOT and/or the PROCURING AGENCY.
3. An original **DBE Letter of Intent** (see below) from each DBE listed in the **DBE Participation Schedule**.
4. An original **DBE Affidavit** (see below) from each DBE stating that there has not been any change in its status since the date of its last certification.

Good Faith Efforts

If the Bidder/Offeror is unable to meet the goal set forth above (DBE Participation Goal), the NCDOT and/or the PROCURING AGENCY will consider the Bidder/Offeror's documented good faith efforts to meet the goal in determining responsiveness. The types of actions that the NCDOT and/or the PROCURING AGENCY will consider as part of the Bidder/Offeror's good faith efforts include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Documented communication with the NCDOT and/or the PROCURING AGENCY's DBE Coordinator (questions of IFB or RFP requirements, subcontracting opportunities, appropriate certification, will be addressed in a timely fashion);
2. Pre-bid meeting attendance. At the pre-bid meeting, the NCDOT and/or the PROCURING AGENCY generally informs potential Bidder/Offeror's of DBE subcontracting opportunities;
3. The Bidder/Offeror's own solicitations to obtain DBE involvement in general circulation media, trade association publication, minority-focus media and other reasonable and available means within sufficient time to allow DBEs to respond to the solicitation;
4. Written notification to DBE's encouraging participation in the proposed Contract; and
5. Efforts made to identify specific portions of the work that might be performed by DBE's.

The Bidder/Offeror shall provide the following details, at a minimum, of the specific efforts it made to negotiate in good faith with DBE's for elements of the Contract:

1. The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of DBE's that were contacted;
2. A description of the information provided to target DBE's regarding the specifications and bid proposals for portions of the work;
3. Efforts made to assist DBE's contacted in obtaining bonding or insurance required by the Bidder or the Authority.

Further, the documentation of good faith efforts must include copies of each DBE and non-DBE subcontractor quote submitted when a non-DBE subcontractor was selected over a DBE for work on the contract (49 C.F.R. § 26.53(b) (2) (VI)).

In determining whether a Bidder has made good faith efforts, the NCDOT and/or the PROCURING AGENCY may take into account the performance of other Bidders in meeting the Contract goals. For example, if the apparent successful Bidder failed to meet the goal, but meets or exceeds the average DBE participation obtained by other Bidders, the NCDOT and/or the PROCURING AGENCY may view this as evidence of the Bidder having made good faith efforts.

Administrative Reconsideration

Within five (5) business days of being informed by the NCDOT and/or the PROCURING AGENCY that it is not responsive or responsible because it has not documented sufficient good faith efforts, the Bidder/Offeror may request administrative reconsideration. The Bidder should make this request in writing to the NCDOT and/or the PROCURING AGENCY's Administrative Contact. The Administrative Contact will forward the Bidder/Offeror's request to a reconsideration official who will not have played any role in the original determination that the Bidder/Offeror did not document sufficient good faith efforts.

As part of this reconsideration, the Bidder/Offeror will have the opportunity to provide written documentation or argument concerning the issue of whether it met the goal or made adequate good faith efforts to do so. The Bidder/Offeror will have the opportunity to meet in person with the assigned reconsideration official to discuss the issue of whether it met the goal or made adequate good faith efforts to do so. The NCDOT and/or the PROCURING AGENCY will send the Bidder/Offeror a written decision on its reconsideration, explaining the basis for finding that the Bidder/Offeror did or did not meet the goal or make adequate good faith efforts to do so. The result of the reconsideration process is not administratively appealable to the Department of Transportation.

Termination of DBE Subcontractor

The Contractor shall not terminate the DBE subcontractor(s) listed in the **DBE Participation Schedule** (see below) without the NCDOT and/or the PROCURING AGENCY's prior written consent. The NCDOT and/or the PROCURING AGENCY may provide such written consent only if the Contractor has good cause to terminate the DBE firm. Before transmitting a request to terminate, the Contractor shall give notice in writing to the DBE subcontractor of its intent to terminate and the reason for the request. The Contractor shall give the DBE five days to respond to the notice and advise of the reasons why it objects to the proposed termination. When a DBE subcontractor is terminated or fails to complete its work on the Contract for any reason, the Contractor shall make good faith efforts to find another DBE subcontractor to substitute for the original DBE and immediately notify the NCDOT and/or the PROCURING AGENCY in writing of its efforts to replace the original DBE. These good faith efforts shall be directed at finding another

DBE to perform at least the same amount of work under the Contract as the DBE that was terminated, to the extent needed to meet the Contract goal established for this procurement. Failure to comply with these requirements will be in accordance with Section 8 below (Sanctions for Violations).

Continued Compliance

The NCDOT and/or the PROCURING AGENCY shall monitor the Contractor's DBE compliance during the life of the Contract. In the event this procurement exceeds ninety (90) days, **it will be the responsibility of the Contractor to submit quarterly written reports to the NCDOT and/or the PROCURING AGENCY that summarize the total DBE value for this Contract.** These reports shall provide the following details:

- DBE utilization established for the Contract;
- Total value of expenditures with DBE firms for the quarter;
- The value of expenditures with each DBE firm for the quarter by race and gender;
- Total value of expenditures with DBE firms from inception of the Contract; and
- The value of expenditures with each DBE firm from the inception of the Contract by race and gender.

Reports and other correspondence must be submitted to the DBE Coordinator with copies provided to the NCDOT and/or the PROCURING AGENCY and any other named person by NCDOT and/or the PROCURING AGENCY. Reports shall continue to be submitted quarterly until final payment is issued or until DBE participation is completed.

The successful Bidder/Offeror shall permit:

- The NCDOT and/or the PROCURING AGENCY to have access to necessary records to examine information as the NCDOT and/or the PROCURING AGENCY deems appropriate for the purpose of investigating and determining compliance with this provision, including, but not limited to, records of expenditures, invoices, and contract between the successful Bidder/Offeror and other DBE parties entered into during the life of the Contract.
- The authorized representative(s) of the NCDOT and/or the PROCURING AGENCY, the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Comptroller General of the United States, to inspect and audit all data and record of the Contractor relating to its performance under the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation provision of this Contract.
- All data/record(s) pertaining to DBE shall be maintained as stated in Section 29.

Sanctions for Violations

If at any time the NCDOT and/or the PROCURING AGENCY has reason to believe that the Contractor is in violation of its obligations under this Agreement or has otherwise failed to comply with terms of this Section, the NCDOT and/or the PROCURING AGENCY may, in addition to pursuing any other available legal remedy, commence proceedings, which may include but are not limited to, the following:

- Suspension of any payment or part due the Contractor until such time as the issues concerning the Contractor's compliance are resolved; and
- Termination or cancellation of the Contract, in whole or in part, unless the successful Contractor is able to demonstrate within a reasonable time that it is in compliance with the DBE terms stated herein.

DBE UTILIZATION FORM

The undersigned Bidder/Offeror has satisfied the requirements of the solicitation in the following manner (please check the appropriate space):

_____ The Bidder/Offer is committed to a minimum of _____% DBE utilization on this contract.

_____ The Bidder/Offeror (if unable to meet the DBE goal of _____%) is committed to a minimum of _____% DBE utilization on this contract and submits documentation demonstrating good faith efforts.

DBE PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

The Bidder/Offeror shall complete the following information for all DBE's participating in the contract that comprises the DBE Utilization percent stated in the DBE Utilization Form. The Bidder/Offeror shall also furnish the name and telephone number of the appropriate contact person should the NCDOT and/or the PROCURING AGENCY has any questions in relation to the information furnished herein.

DBE IDENTIFICATION AND INFORMATION FORM

Name and Address	Contact Name and Telephone Number	Participation Percent (Of Total Contract Value)	Description Of Work To Be Performed	Race and Gender of Firm

8. Civil Rights Laws and Regulations

The following Federal Civil Right laws and regulations apply to all contracts and flow down to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier.

(1) **Nondiscrimination** - In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, section 303 of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq., section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12101, and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including gender identity), disability, or age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing requirements FTA may issue.

(a) The third party contractor and all lower tiers shall comply with all provisions of FTA Circular 4702.1 "Title VI Requirements and Guidelines for Federal Transit Administration Recipients", issued October 1, 2012.

(2) **Equal Employment Opportunity** - Federal Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Requirements include, but are not limited to:

(a) Race, Color, Religion, National Origin, Disability, Age, Sexual Origin, Gender Identity, or Status as a Parent - In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, 28 C.F.R. § 50.3, and Federal transit laws at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements of U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL) regulations, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," 41 C.F.R. Parts 60 et seq., (which implement Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note, and as further amended by Executive Order 13672, "Further Amendments to Executive Order 11478, Equal Employment Opportunity in the Federal Government, and Executive Order 11246, Equal Employment Opportunity," July 21, 2014, and with any applicable Federal statutes, executive orders, regulations, and Federal policies that may in the future affect construction activities undertaken in the course of the Project. The Contractor agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including gender identity), disability, or age. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue. The Contractor agrees to comply with FTA Circular 4704.1A Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Requirements and Guidelines for Federal Transit Administration Recipients, dated October 31, 2016.

(b) Equal Employment Opportunity Requirements for Construction Activities. Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity" (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," and implementing regulations at 41 CFR part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor."

(3) **Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age** – The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable requirements of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6101 et seq., and with implementing U.S. Health and Human Services regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal

Financial Assistance, 45 C.F.R. Part 90, which prohibit discrimination against individuals on the basis of age.

The Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA) 29 U.S.C. §§ 621 through 634 and with implementing U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (U.S. EEOC) regulations, "Age Discrimination in Employment Act," 29 C.F.R. Part 1625, which prohibits discrimination against individuals on the basis of age.

(4) **Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex** - The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681 *et seq.*, and with implementing U.S. DOT regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance," 49 C.F.R. Part 25, that prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex.

(5) **Access for Individuals with Disabilities** - The Contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. § 5301(d), which states the Federal policy that elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities have the same right as other individuals to use public transportation services and facilities, and that special efforts shall be made in planning and designing those services and facilities to implement transportation accessibility rights for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities. The Contractor also agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, with 29 U.S.C. § 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability; with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 *et seq.*, which requires that accessible facilities and services be made available to individuals with disabilities; and with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4151 *et seq.*, which requires that buildings and public accommodations be accessible to individuals with disabilities. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal regulations and directives and any subsequent amendments thereto, except to the extent the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing, as follows:

- (1) U.S. DOT regulations "Transportation Services for Individuals with Disabilities (ADA)" 49 C.F.R. Part 37;
- (2) U.S. DOT regulations "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs and Activities Receiving or Benefiting from Federal Financial Assistance," 49 C.F.R. Part 27;
- (3) Joint U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (U.S. ATBCB) U.S. DOT regulations, "Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Accessibility Specifications for Transportation Vehicles," 36 C.F.R. Part 1192 and 49 C.F.R. Part 38;
- (4) U.S. DOJ regulations "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services," 28 C.F.R. Part 35;
- (5) U.S. DOJ regulations "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability by Public Accommodations and in Commercial Facilities." 28 C.F.R. Part 36;
- (6) U.S. GSA regulations "Accommodations for the Physically Handicapped," 41 C.F.R. Subpart 101-19;
- (7) U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, "Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act," 29 C.F.R. Part 1630;

- (8) U.S. Federal Communications Commission regulations "Telecommunications Relay Services and Related Customer Premises Equipment for the Hearing and Speech Disabled," 49 C.F.R. Part 64, Subpart F;
- (9) U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board regulations, "Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility Standards." 36 C.F.R. Part 1194;
- (10) FTA regulations, "Transportation of Elderly and Handicapped Persons," 49 C.F.R. part 609; and
- (11) Federal regulations, "Miscellaneous Civil Rights Amendments (RRR)," pertaining to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability within 49 C.F.R. Parts 27, 37, and 38 were published in 79 Fed. Reg. 21402, April 16, 2014; and
- (12) FTA Circular 4701.1, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Guidance, dated November 4, 2015.
- (13) Federal civil rights and nondiscrimination directives implementing the foregoing Federal laws and regulations, except to the extent the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing.

(6) **Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency.** The Contractor agrees to comply with Executive Order No. 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency," 42 U.S.C. § 2000d-1 note, and U.S. DOT Notice, "DOT Policy Guidance Concerning Recipients' Responsibilities to Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Persons," 70 *Fed. Reg.* 74087, December 14, 2005, except to the extent that the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing.

(7) **Environmental Justice.** (According to the Master Agreement, this section is now under Environmental and applicable for Environmental Studies)

(8) **Drug or Alcohol Abuse-Confidentiality and Other Civil Rights Protections.** To the extent applicable, the Contractor agrees to comply with the confidentiality and other civil rights protections of the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972, as amended, 21 U.S.C. §§ 1101 *et seq.*, with the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4541 *et seq.*, and with the Public Health Service Act of 1912, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 290dd through 290dd-2, and any amendments thereto.

(9) **Other Nondiscrimination Laws.** The Contractor agrees to comply with applicable provisions of other Federal laws and regulations, and follow applicable directives prohibiting discrimination, except to the extent that the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing.

(10) The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA, modified only if necessary to identify the affected parties.

(11) Remedies for failure to comply with applicable Federal Civil Rights laws and Federal regulations may be enforced as provided in those Federal laws or Federal regulations.

9. **Clean Air Act and Federal Water Pollution Control Act**

The Clean Air and Clean Water Act requirements apply to each contract and subcontract exceeding \$150,000. The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q) and

the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251–1387) and 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II (g). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal Assistance provided by FTA.

The Contractor agrees:

- 1) It will not use any violating facilities;
- 2) It will report the use of facilities placed on or likely to be placed on the U.S. EPA “List of Violating Facilities;”
- 3) It will report violations of use of prohibited facilities to FTA; and
- 4) It will comply with the inspection and other requirements of the Clean Air Act, as amended, (42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 – 7671q); and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended, (33 U.S.C. §§ 1251-1387) and 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II (g).

10. Energy Conservation

The Contractor agrees to comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency that are contained in the state energy conservation plans issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6321 et seq., and perform an energy assessment for any building constructed, reconstructed, or modified with federal assistance as required under FTA regulations, “Requirements for Energy Assessments,” 49 C.F.R. part 622, subpart C. These requirements extend to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier and subrecipients and their subcontracts at every tier.

11. Environmental Protection

The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, (NEPA) 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 through 4335 (as restricted by 42 U.S. C. § 5159, if applicable); Executive Order No. 11514, as amended, “Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality,” 42 U.S.C. § 4321 note; FTA statutory requirements at 49 U.S.C. § 5323(c)(2) , as amended by MAP-21, ; U.S. Council on Environmental Quality regulations pertaining to compliance with NEPA, 40 C.F.R. Parts 1500 through 1508; and joint FHWA FTA regulations, “Environmental Impact and Related Procedures,” 23 C.F.R. Part 771 and 49 C.F.R. Part 622 were published in the Federal Register, 78 Fed. Reg. 8963, February 7, 2013; and other applicable Federal environmental protection regulations that may be promulgated at a later date. The Contractor agrees to comply with the applicable provisions of 23 U.S.C. § 139 “Efficient environmental reviews for project decision making”, pertaining to environmental procedures, and 23 U.S.C. § 326, pertaining to Purchaser’s responsibility for categorical exclusions, in accordance with the provisions of joint FHWA/FTA final guidance, “Environmental Review Process (Public Law 109-59),” 71 Fed. Reg. 66576 *et seq.* November 15, 2006. Joint FHWA and FTA final guidance, “Interim Guidance on MAP-21 Section 1319 Accelerated Decisionmaking in Environmental Reviews,” dated January 14, 2013, and any applicable Federal directives that may be issued at a later date, except to the extent that FTA determines otherwise in writing.

12. Recycled Products

The Recycled Products requirement applies to all contracts for items designated by the EPA, when the purchaser or contractor procures \$10,000 or more of one of these items during the fiscal year, or has procured \$10,000 or more of such items in the previous fiscal

year, using Federal funds. New requirements for "recovered materials" will become effective May 1, 1996. These regulations apply to all procurement actions involving items designated by the EPA, where the procuring agency purchases \$10,000 or more of one of these items in a fiscal year, or when the cost of such items purchased during the previous fiscal year was \$10,000. These requirements extend to all contractors and their subcontracts at every tier where the value of an EPA designated item exceeds \$10,000.

To the extent possible the contractor agrees to comply with U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), "Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines for Products Containing Recovered Materials," 40 CFR Part 247, which implements section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6962 and 2 C.F.R. part § 200.322. The contractor agrees to provide competitive preference for products and services that conserve natural resources, protect the environment and are energy efficient, except to the extent that the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing. These items include, but may not be limited to:

Paper and paper products, excluding building and construction paper grades.

Construction products:

- (a) Building insulation products, including the following items:
 - (1) Loose-fill insulation, including but not limited to cellulose fiber, mineral fibers (fiberglass and rock wool), vermiculite, and perlite;
 - (2) Blanket and batt insulation, including but not limited to mineral fibers (fiberglass and rock wool);
 - (3) Board (sheathing, roof decking, wall panel) insulation, including but not limited to structural fiberboard and laminated paperboard products, perlite composite board, polyurethane, polyisocyanurate, polystyrene, phenolics, and composites; and
 - (4) Spray-in-place insulation, including but not limited to foam-in-place polyurethane and polyisocyanurate, and spray-on cellulose.
- (b) Structural fiberboard and laminated paperboard products for applications other than building insulation, including building board, sheathing, shingle backer, sound deadening board, roof insulating board, insulating wallboard, acoustical and non-acoustical ceiling tile, acoustical and non-acoustical lay-in panels, floor underlayments, and roof overlay (coverboard).
- (c) Cement and concrete, including concrete products such as pipe and block containing:
 - (1) Coal fly ash;
 - (2) Ground granulated blast furnace slag (GGBF);
 - (3) Cenospheres; or
 - (4) Silica fume from silicon and ferrosilicon metal production.
- (d) Carpet made from polyester fiber made from recovered materials for use in moderate-wear applications such as single-family housing and similar wear applications.
- (e) Floor tiles and patio blocks containing recovered rubber or plastic.
- (f) Shower and restroom dividers/partitions containing recovered plastic or steel.
- (g) (1) Consolidated latex paint used for covering graffiti; and
 - (2) Reprocessed latex paint used for interior and exterior architectural applications such as wallboard, ceilings, and trim; gutter boards; and concrete, stucco, masonry, wood, and metal surfaces.
- (h) Carpet cushion made from bonded polyurethane, jute, synthetic fibers, or rubber containing recovered materials.
- (i) Flowable fill containing coal fly ash and/or ferrous foundry sands.
- (j) Railroad grade crossing surfaces made from cement and concrete containing fly ash, recovered rubber, recovered steel, recovered wood, or recovered plastic.
- (k) Modular threshold ramps containing recovered steel, rubber, or aluminum.
- (l) Nonpressure pipe containing recovered steel, plastic, or cement.
- (m) Roofing materials containing recovered steel, aluminum, fiber, rubber, plastic or plastic composites, or cement.

Transportation products:

- (a) Traffic barricades and traffic cones used in controlling or restricting vehicular traffic.
- (b) Parking stops made from concrete or containing recovered plastic or rubber.
- (c) Channelizers containing recovered plastic or rubber.
- (d) Delineators containing recovered plastic, rubber, or steel.
- (e) Flexible delineators containing recovered plastic.

Miscellaneous products:

- (a) Pallets containing recovered wood, plastic, or paperboard.
- (b) Sorbents containing recovered materials for use in oil and solvent clean-ups and as animal bedding.
- (c) Industrial drums containing recovered steel, plastic, or paper.
- (d) Awards and plaques containing recovered glass, wood, paper, or plastic.
- (e) Mats containing recovered rubber and/or plastic.
- (f) (1) Non-road signs containing recovered plastic or aluminum and road signs containing recovered aluminum.
(2) Sign supports and posts containing recovered plastic or steel.
- (g) Manual-grade strapping containing recovered steel or plastic.
- (h) Bike racks containing recovered steel or plastic.
- (i) Blasting grit containing recovered steel, coal and metal slag, bottom ash, glass, plastic, fused alumina oxide, or walnut shells.

Park and recreation products:

- (a) Playground surfaces and running tracks containing recovered rubber or plastic.
- (b) Plastic fencing containing recovered plastic for use in controlling snow or sand drifting and as a warning/safety barrier in construction or other applications.
- (c) Park benches and picnic tables containing recovered steel, aluminum, plastic, or concrete.
- (d) Playground equipment containing recovered plastic, steel, or aluminum.

Landscaping products:

- (a) Hydraulic mulch products containing recovered paper or recovered wood used for hydroseeding and as an over-spray for straw mulch in landscaping, erosion control, and soil reclamation.
- (b) Compost made from yard trimmings, leaves, grass clippings, and/ or food waste for use in landscaping, seeding of grass or other plants on roadsides and embankments, as a nutritious mulch under trees and shrubs, and in erosion control and soil reclamation.
- (c) Garden and soaker hoses containing recovered plastic or rubber.
- (d) Lawn and garden edging containing recovered plastic or rubber.
- (e) Plastic lumber landscaping timbers and posts containing recovered materials.

Non-paper office products:

- (a) Office recycling containers and office waste receptacles.
- (b) Plastic desktop accessories.
- (c) Toner cartridges.
- (d) Plastic-covered binders containing recovered plastic; chipboard and pressboard binders containing recovered paper; and solid plastic binders containing recovered plastic.
- (e) Plastic trash bags.
- (f) Printer ribbons.
- (g) Plastic envelopes.
- (h) Plastic clipboards containing recovered plastic.
- (i) Plastic file folders containing recovered plastic.
- (j) Plastic clip portfolios containing recovered plastic.
- (k) Plastic presentation folders containing recovered plastic.
- (l) Office furniture containing recovered steel, aluminum, wood, agricultural fiber, or plastic.

13. Cargo Preference - Use of United States-Flag Vessels

46 U.S.C. 55305 and 46 C.F.R. § 381.7 (The Maritime Administration (MARAD) regulations) impose cargo preference requirements in contracts and subcontracts in which equipment, materials or commodities may be transported by ocean vessel in carrying out the project. The Cargo Preference requirements apply to all contracts involved with the transport of equipment, material, or commodities by ocean vessel. If the Contractor has knowledge of or anticipates any equipment, materials or commodities that may be shipped by ocean vessel, the Contractor agrees to the following:

- a. to use privately owned United States-Flag commercial vessels to ship at least 50 percent of the gross tonnage (computed separately for dry bulk carriers, dry cargo liners, and tankers) involved, whenever shipping any equipment, material, or commodities pursuant to the underlying contract to the extent such vessels are available at fair and reasonable rates for United States-Flag commercial vessels;
- b. to furnish within 20 working days following the date of loading for shipments originating within the United States or within 30 working days following the date of loading for shipments originating outside the United States, a legible copy of a rated, "on-board" commercial ocean bill-of-lading in English for each shipment of cargo described in the preceding paragraph to the Division of National Cargo, Office of Market Development, Maritime Administration, Washington, DC 20590 and to the FTA recipient (through the contractor in the case of a subcontractor's bill-of-lading.); and
- c. to include these requirements in all subcontracts issued pursuant to this contract when the subcontract may involve the transport of equipment, material, or commodities by ocean vessel.

14. Buy America

FTA's Buy America law and regulations apply to projects that involve the purchase of more than \$150,000 of iron, steel, manufactured goods, or rolling stock to be delivered to the recipient to be used in an FTA assisted project. The Buy America regulation at 49 C.F.R. § 661.13 requires notification of the Buy America requirements in a Procuring Agency bid or request for proposal for FTA funded contracts.

The contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j), 49 C.F.R. part 661, and the FAST Act Section 3011, effective date October 1, 2015, which provide that Federal funds may not be obligated unless all steel, iron, and manufactured products used in FTA funded projects are produced in the United States, unless a waiver has been granted by FTA or the product is subject to a general waiver. General waivers are listed in 49 C.F.R. § 661.7. Appendix A grants a general public interest waiver from the Buy America requirements that apply to microprocessors, computers, microcomputers, or software, or other such devices, which are used solely for the purpose of processing or storing data. This general waiver does not extend to a product or device which merely contains a microprocessor or microcomputer and is not used solely for the purpose of processing or storing data.

The bidder or offeror must submit to the Procuring Agency the appropriate Buy America certification in the bid or offer. Bids or offers that are not accompanied by a completed Buy America certification will be rejected as nonresponsive.

The Buy America requirements flow down from FTA to first tier contractors, who are responsible for ensuring that lower tier contractors and subcontractors are in compliance.

Effective October 1, 2015 small purchases (under the \$150,000 threshold) made with FTA funds, will not be subject to the Buy America requirement. The value of small purchases should be determined by using the "contract price" and not "unit price".

This provision of the FAST Act applies to all purchases for capital, operating, or planning funds.

BIDS OR OFFERS THAT ARE SUBMITTED WITHOUT THE COMPLETED BUY AMERICA CERTIFICATION MUST BE REJECTED AS NONRESPONSIVE. BIDDERS ARE ADVISED THAT SUBMISSION OF BOTH CERTIFICATIONS WITH THE BID IS ALSO CONSIDERED NONRESPONSIVE AND WILL RESULT IN REJECTION OF THE BID; ONLY ONE CERTIFICATION (either B or C) SHALL BE SUBMITTED. The certification requirement does not apply to lower tier subcontractors.

15. Fly America

The Fly America requirements apply to the transportation of persons or property, by air, between a place in the U.S. and a place outside the U.S., or between places outside the U.S., when the FTA will participate in the costs of such air transportation. First tier contractors who are responsible for ensuring that lower tier contractors and subcontractors are in compliance.

a) *Definitions.* As used in this clause--

- “International air transportation” means transportation by air between a place in the United States and a place outside the United States or between two places both of which are outside the United States.
- “United States” means the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and outlying areas.
- “U.S.-flag air carrier” means an air carrier holding a certificate under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 411.

b) When Federal funds are used to fund travel, Section 5 of the International Air Transportation Fair Competitive Practices Act of 1974 (49 U.S.C. 40118) (Fly America Act) requires contractors, recipients, and others use U.S.-flag air carriers for U.S. Government-financed international air transportation of personnel (and their personal effects) or property, to the extent that service by those carriers is available. It requires the Comptroller General of the United States, in the absence of satisfactory proof of the necessity for foreign-flag air transportation, to disallow expenditures from funds, appropriated or otherwise established for the account of the United States, for international air transportation secured aboard a foreign-flag air carrier if a U.S.-flag air carrier is available to provide such services.

c) If available, the Contractor, in performing work under this contract, shall use U.S.-flag carriers for international air transportation of personnel (and their personal effects) or property.

d) In the event that the Contractor selects a carrier other than a U.S.-flag air carrier for international air transportation, the Contractor shall include a statement on vouchers involving such transportation essentially as follows:

Statement of Unavailability of U.S.-Flag Air Carriers

International air transportation of persons (and their personal effects) or property by U.S.-flag air carrier was not available or it was necessary to use foreign-flag air carrier service for the following reasons. See FAR § 47.403. *[State reasons]:*

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- e) The Contractor shall include the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (e), in each subcontract or purchase under this contract that may involve international air transportation.

16. Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion

The Contractor shall comply and facilitate compliance with U.S. DOT regulations, “Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment,” 2 C.F.R. part 1200, which adopts and supplements the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (U.S. OMB) “Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement),” 2 C.F.R. part 180, 2 C.F.R. § 200.213, and 2 C.F.R. Part 200 Appendix II (I). These provisions apply to each contract at any tier of \$25,000 or more, and to each contract at any tier for a federally required audit (irrespective of the contract amount), and to each contract at any tier that must be approved by an FTA official irrespective of the contract amount. As such, the Contractor shall verify that its principals, affiliates, and subcontractors are eligible to participate in this federally funded contract and are not presently declared by any Federal department or agency to be:

- a) Debarred from participation in any federally assisted Award;
- b) Suspended from participation in any federally assisted Award;
- c) Proposed for debarment from participation in any federally assisted Award;
- d) Declared ineligible to participate in any federally assisted Award;
- e) Voluntarily excluded from participation in any federally assisted Award; or
- f) Disqualified from participation in any federally assisted Award.

A contract award (of any tier) in an amount expected to equal or exceed \$25,000 or a contract award at any tier for a federally required audit (irrespective of the contract amount) must not be made to parties listed on the government-wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), at <https://www.sam.gov/> in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 C.F.R. part 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 and 12689. The Excluded Parties List System in SAM contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

The Procuring Agency will be reviewing all third party contractors under the “System for Award Management” at <https://www.sam.gov/> before entering into any contracts.

If the Procuring Agency or NCDOT suspends, debar, or takes similar action against a Contractor or subcontractor, the NCDOT will provide immediate written notice to the:

- (a) FTA Regional Counsel for the Region in which the NCDOT is located or implements the Project,
- (b) FTA Headquarters Manager that administers the Grant, or
- (c) FTA Chief Counsel, and
- (d) NCDOT/Public Transportation Division.

The requisite Debarment and Suspension Certification is included as ATTACHMENT D (attach additional statement if necessary) and must be executed for contracts of \$25,000 or more and prior to the award of the contract.

17. Termination or Cancellation of Contract

For all contracts in excess of \$10,000, the Termination clause extends to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier and subrecipients and their subcontracts at every tier, as referenced in 2 C.F.R. § 200.339 and 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II (B).

Termination for Convenience - The Owner may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, at any time by written notice to the Contractor when it is in the Owner's best interest. The Contractor shall be paid its costs, including contract close-out costs, and profit on work performed up to the time of termination. The Contractor shall promptly submit its termination claim to the Owner to be paid the Contractor. If the Contractor has any property in its possession belonging to Owner, the Contractor will account for the same, and dispose of it in the manner the Owner directs.

Termination for Default (Breach or Cause) - If the Contractor does not deliver services in accordance with the contract delivery schedule, or if the Contractor fails to perform in the manner called for in the contract, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of the contract, the Owner may terminate this contract for default. Termination shall be effected by serving a Notice of Termination on the Contractor setting forth the manner in which the Contractor is in default. The Contractor will be paid only the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in the contract.

If it is later determined by the Owner that the Contractor had an excusable reason for not performing, such as a strike, fire, or flood, events which are not the fault of or are beyond the control of the Contractor, the Owner, after setting up a new delivery of performance schedule, may allow the Contractor to continue work, or treat the termination as a Termination for Convenience.

Opportunity to Cure - The Owner, in its sole discretion may, in the case of a termination for breach or default, allow the Contractor [an appropriately short period of time] in which to cure the defect. In such case, the Notice of Termination will state the time period in which cure is permitted and other appropriate conditions. If Contractor fails to remedy to Owner's satisfaction the breach or default of any of the terms, covenants, or conditions of this Contract within [10 days] after receipt by Contractor of written notice from Owner setting forth the nature of said breach or default, Owner shall have the right to terminate the contract without any further obligation to Contractor. Any such termination for default shall not in any way operate to preclude Owner from also pursuing all available remedies against Contractor and its sureties for said breach or default.

Waiver of Remedies for any Breach - In the event that Owner elects to waive its remedies for any breach by Contractor of any covenant, term or condition of this contract, such waiver by Owner shall not limit Owner's remedies for any succeeding breach of that or of any other covenant, term, or condition of this contract.

Termination for Default (Construction) - If the Contractor refuses or fails to prosecute the work or any separable part, with the diligence that will ensure its completion within the time specified in this contract or any extension or fails to complete the work within this time, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any other provision of this contract, the Owner may terminate this contract for default. The Owner shall terminate by delivering to the Contractor a Notice of Termination specifying the nature of the default. In this event, the

Owner may take over the work and complete it by contract or otherwise, and may take possession of and use any materials, appliances, and plant on the work site necessary for completing the work. The Contractor and its sureties shall be liable for any damage to the Owner resulting from the Contractor's refusal or failure to complete the work within specified time, whether or not the Contractor's right to proceed with the work is terminated. This liability includes any increased costs incurred by the Owner in completing the work.

The Contractor's right to proceed shall not be terminated nor shall the Contractor be charged with damages under this clause if:

1. The delay in completing the work arises from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. Examples of such causes include: acts of God, acts of Owner, acts of another contractor in the performance of a contract with Owner, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes; and
2. The Contractor, within [10] days from the beginning of any delay, notifies Owner in writing of the causes of delay. If, in the judgment of Owner, the delay is excusable, the time for completing the work shall be extended. The judgment of Owner shall be final and conclusive for the parties, but subject to appeal under the Disputes clause(s) of this contract.

If, after termination of the Contractor's right to proceed, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default, or that the delay was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties will be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the Owner.

18. Violation and Breach of Contract, Rights and Remedies

All contracts in excess of \$150,000 shall contain administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate as provided in 2 C.F.R. § 200.326 and 2 C.F.R. part 200, Appendix II (A). The Violations and Breach of Contracts clause flow down to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier.

Rights and Remedies of the Owner - The Owner shall have the following rights in the event that the Owner deems the Contractor guilty of a breach of any term under the Contract.

1. The right to take over and complete the work or any part thereof as agency for and at the expense of the Contractor, either directly or through other contractors;
2. The right to cancel this Contract as to any or all of the work yet to be performed;
3. The right to specific performance, an injunction or any other appropriate equitable remedy; and
4. The right to money damages.

For purposes of this Contract, breach shall include the Contractor and any subsequent named subcontractor.

Rights and Remedies of the Contractor - Inasmuch as the Contractor can be adequately compensated by money damages for any breach of this Contract, which may be committed by the Owner, the Contractor expressly agrees that no default, act or omission of the Owner shall constitute a material breach of this Contract, entitling Contractor to cancel or rescind the Contract (unless the Owner directs Contractor to do so) or to suspend or abandon performance.

Remedies - Substantial failure of the Contractor to complete the Project in accordance with the terms of this Agreement will be a default of this Agreement. In the event of a

default, the Owner will have all remedies in law and equity, including the right to specific performance, without further assistance, and the rights to termination or suspension as provided herein. The Contractor recognizes that in the event of a breach of this Agreement by the Contractor before the Owner takes action contemplated herein, the Owner will provide the Contractor with sixty (60) days written notice that the Owner considers that such a breach has occurred and will provide the Contractor a reasonable period of time to respond and to take necessary corrective action.

If there is credible evidence that a Third Party Participant (Contractor) has submitted a false claim under the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3729 *et seq.*, or has committed a criminal or civil violation of law pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving Federal funding, notification of FTA is required.

If a legal matter as described above emerges, the Owner must promptly notify the NCDOT, which in turn will notify the U.S. DOT Inspector General, in addition to the FTA Chief Counsel or FTA Regional Counsel for the Region in which the Project is located.

19. Resolution of Disputes

All contracts in excess of \$150,000 shall contain contractual dispute and remedies as appropriate as provided in 2 C.F.R. § 200.326 and 2 C.F.R. part 200, Appendix II (A). The Violations and Breach of Contracts clause flow down to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier.

Disputes - Disputes arising in the performance of this Contract which are not resolved by agreement of the parties shall be decided in writing by the authorized representative of the Owner. This decision shall be final and conclusive unless within ten (10) days from the date of receipt of its copy, the Contractor mails or otherwise furnishes a written appeal to the authorized representative of the Owner. In connection with any such appeal, the Contractor shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to offer evidence in support of its position. The decision of the authorized representative of the Owner shall be binding upon the Contractor and the Contractor shall abide by the decision.

Alternative Dispute Resolution – The Owner and the Contractor intend to resolve all disputes under this Agreement to the best of their abilities in an informal manner. To accomplish this end, the parties will use an Alternative Dispute Resolution process to resolve disputes in a manner designed to avoid litigation. In general, the parties contemplate that the Alternative Dispute Resolution process will include, at a minimum, an attempt to resolve disputes through communications between their staffs, and, if resolution is not reached at that level, a procedure for review and action on such disputes by appropriate management level officials within the Owner and the Contractor's organization.

In the event that a resolution of the dispute is not mutually agreed upon, the parties can agree to mediate the dispute or proceed with litigation. Notwithstanding any provision of this section, or any other provision of this Contract, it is expressly agreed and understood that any court proceeding arising out of a dispute under the Contract shall be heard by a Court de novo and the court shall not be limited in such proceeding to the issue of whether the Authority acted in an arbitrary, capricious or grossly erroneous manner.

Pending final settlement of any dispute, the parties shall proceed diligently with the performance of the Contract, and in accordance with the Owner's direction or decisions made thereof.

Performance during Dispute - Unless otherwise directed by the Owner, the Contractor shall continue performance under this Contract while matters in dispute are being resolved.

Claims for Damages - Should either party to the Contract suffer injury or damage to person or property because of any act or omission of the party or of any of his employees, agents or others for whose acts he is legally liable, a claim for damages therefor shall be made in writing to such other party within a reasonable time after the first observance of such injury or damage.

Remedies - Unless this contract provides otherwise, all claims, counterclaims, disputes and other matters in question between the Owner and the Contractor arising out of or relating to this agreement or its breach will be decided by arbitration if the parties mutually agree, or in a court of competent jurisdiction within the State in which the Owner is located.

Rights and Remedies - The duties and obligations imposed by the Contract Documents and the rights and remedies available thereunder shall be in addition to and not a limitation of any duties, obligations, rights and remedies otherwise imposed or available by law. No action or failure to act by the Owner, Architect or Contractor shall constitute a waiver of any right or duty afforded any of them under the Contract, nor shall any such action or failure to act constitute an approval of or acquiescence in any breach thereunder, except as may be specifically agreed in writing.

20. Protest Procedures

To ensure that protests are received and processed effectively the Owner shall provide written bid protest procedures upon request. In all instances information regarding the protest shall be disclosed to the N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT). All protest requests and decisions must be in writing. A protester must exhaust all administrative remedies with the Owner before pursuing remedies through the NCDOT. Reviews of protests by the NCDOT will be limited to the Owner's failure to have or follow its protest procedures, or its failure to review a complaint or protest. An appeal to the NCDOT must be received by the Department within three (3) working days of the date the protester knew or should have known of the violation.

The protester must deliver its appeal to the FTA Regional Administrator for the region administering its project or the FTA Associate Administrator for the program office administering its project within five (5) working days of the date when the protester has received actual or constructive notice of NCDOT's final decision. Likewise, the protester must provide its appeal to the FTA Regional Administrator for the region administering its project or the FTA Associate Administrator for the program office administering its project within five (5) working days of the date when the protester has identified other grounds for appeal to FTA. For example, other grounds for appeal include the recipient's failure to have or failure to comply with its protest procedures or failure to review the protest.

Violations of Federal law or regulation will be handled by the complaint process stated within that law or regulation. Violations of State or local law or regulations will be under the jurisdiction of State or local authorities.

21. No Federal Government Obligations to Third Parties

The No Obligation clause extends to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier.

The Owner and Contractor acknowledge and agree that, notwithstanding any concurrence by the Federal Government in or approval of the solicitation or award of the underlying

contract, absent the express written consent by the Federal Government, the Federal Government is not a party to this contract and shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities to the Owner, Contractor, or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the underlying contract.

The Contractor agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA. It is further agreed that the clause shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to its provisions.

22. Davis-Bacon Act

The Procuring Agency will ensure that each third party contractor complies with all federal laws, regulations, and requirements, including:

- a. Federal transit laws, specifically 49 U.S.C. § 5333(a), (FTA's "Davis-Bacon Related Act");
- b. The Davis-Bacon Act, 40 U.S.C. §§ 3141 – 3144, 3146, and 3147 and as referenced in 2 CFR part 200 Appendix II (D);
- c. U.S. DOL regulations, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction (also Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Non-construction Contracts Subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act)," 29 C.F.R. part 5.
- d. Section 1 of the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act, as amended, 18 U.S.C. § 874;
- e. Section 2 of the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act, as amended, 40 U.S.C. § 3145;
- f. U.S. DOL regulations, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in part by Loans or Grants from the United States," 29 C.F.R. part 3.

These requirements extend to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier and their subcontracts at every tier. The Davis-Bacon Act and the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act apply to all prime construction, alteration or repair (including painting and decorating) contracts in excess of \$2,000.

The Procuring Agency must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. In addition, the Procuring Agency can draw on the following language for inclusion in their federally funded procurements.

For all prime construction, alteration or repair contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by FTA, the Contractor shall comply with the Davis-Bacon Act and the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act. Under 49 U.S.C. § 5333(a), prevailing wage protections apply to laborers and mechanics employed on FTA assisted construction, alteration, or repair projects. The Contractor will comply with the Davis-Bacon Act, 40 U.S.C. §§ 3141-3144, and 3146-3148 as supplemented by DOL regulations at 29 C.F.R. part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Governing Federally Financed and Assisted Construction." In accordance with the statute, the Contractor shall pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, the Contractor agrees to pay wages not less than once a week. The Contractor shall also comply with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. § 3145), as supplemented by DOL regulations at 29 C.F.R. part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in part by Loans or Grants from the United States." The Contractor is prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled.

The Davis Bacon Wages for the construction project are included with specifications and Attachment G, Owners Certification of Compliance with Davis-Bacon Provisions must be executed for bid to be awarded. **(See Attachment G)**

23. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards

For all contracts in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers, the Contractor shall comply with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 3701-3708), as supplemented by the DOL regulations at 29 C.F.R. part 5. Under 40 U.S.C. § 3702 of the Act and as referenced in 2 CFR part 200 Appendix II (E), the Contractor shall compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer, including watchmen and guards, on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. § 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchase of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or to contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

In the event of any violation of the clause set forth herein, the Contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, the Contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of this clause in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by this clause.

The FTA shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the Contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime Contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime Contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such Contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in this section.

The Contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime Contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in this agreement.

24. Project Labor Agreements (formerly Neutrality in Labor Relations)

As a condition of contract award, the Owner may require a third party contractor or subcontractor to have an affiliation with a labor organization such as a project labor agreement, consistent with Executive Order No. 13502, "Use of Project Labor Agreements [PLA] for Federal Construction Projects," February 6, 2009, 41 U.S.C. ch. 39, Refs & Annos., except as the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing.

25. Geographic Preference

Procurements shall be conducted in a manner that prohibits the use of statutorily or administratively imposed in-State or local geographical preferences in evaluation or award of bids or proposals, except where applicable Federal statutes expressly mandate or encourage geographic preference. This does not preempt State licensing laws.

26. No Federal Government Obligations to Third Parties

The No Obligation clause extends to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier.

The Owner and Contractor acknowledge and agree that, notwithstanding any concurrence by the Federal Government in or approval of the solicitation or award of the underlying contract, absent the express written consent by the Federal Government, the Federal Government is not a party to this contract and shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities to the Owner, Contractor, or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the underlying contract.

The Contractor agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA. It is further agreed that the clause shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to its provisions.

27. Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Claims and Related Acts

The Program Fraud clause requirements extend to all third party contractors and their sub-contracts at every tier.

(1) The Contractor acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. §3801 et seq. and U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 C.F.R. Part 31, apply to its activities in connection with this Project. Upon execution of the underlying contract, the Contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, pertaining to the underlying contract or the FTA assisted project for which this contract work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may apply, the Contractor also acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification the Federal Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, on the Contractor to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

(2) The Contractor also acknowledges that if it makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the Federal Government under a contract connected with a project that is financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance originally awarded by FTA under the authority of 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 49 U.S.C. § 5323(I) on the Contractor, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

(3) The Contractor agrees to include the above two clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA. It is further agreed that the clauses shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to the provisions.

28. Exclusionary or Discriminatory Specifications or Requirements

The Contractor agrees that it will comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. Sect. 5325(h) by refraining from using any funds derived from FTA in performance of this Contract to support sub-contracts using exclusionary or discriminatory specifications or requirements.

29. Access to Records and Reports and Record Retention

The record keeping and access requirements extend to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier. Under 49 U.S.C. § 5325(g) and 2 C.F.R. § 200.336, FTA has the right to examine and inspect all records, documents, and papers, including contracts, related to any FTA project financed with Federal assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53.

a. Record Retention. The Contractor will retain, and will require its subcontractors of all tiers to retain, complete and readily accessible records related in whole or in part to the contract, including, but not limited to, data, documents, reports, statistics, sub-agreements, leases, subcontracts, arrangements, other third party agreements of any type, and supporting materials related to those records.

b. Retention Period. The Contractor agrees to comply with the record retention requirements in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.333. The Contractor shall maintain all books, records, accounts and reports required under this Contract for a period of at not less than three (3) years after the date of termination or expiration of this Contract, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this Contract, in which case records shall be maintained until the disposition of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto.

c. Access to Records. The Contractor agrees to provide sufficient access to FTA and its contractors to inspect and audit records and information related to performance of this contract as reasonably may be required.

d. Access to the Sites of Performance. The Contractor agrees to permit FTA and its contractors access to the sites of performance under this contract as reasonably may be required.

The Contractor agrees to permit, and require its subcontractors to permit, the U.S. Secretary of Transportation, and the Comptroller General of the United States, and, to the extent appropriate, the State, or their authorized representatives, upon their request to inspect all Project work, materials, payrolls, invoices, and other data, and to audit the books, records, and accounts of the Contractor and its subcontractors pertaining to the Project, as required by 49 U.S.C. § 5325(g) and 2 C.F.R. § 200.336.

Contractor also agrees, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 633.17 to provide the FTA Administrator or his authorized representatives including any PMO Contractor access to Contractor's records and construction sites pertaining to a major capital project, defined at 49 U.S. D. 5302(a)1, which is receiving federal financial assistance through the programs described at 49 U.S.C. 5303, 5307, 5309, 5339, 5310, 5311, 5316, or 5317.

The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.

The State of North Carolina, Office of the State Auditor, now requires that all records now be retained for a period of five (5) years after that date of termination or expiration of this contract, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this contract, in which case Contractor agrees to maintain same until the Purchaser, the FTA Administrator, the Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives have disposed of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto.

30. Metric System

To the extent required by U.S. DOT or FTA, the Contractor agrees to use the metric system of measurement in its Contract activities as may be required by 49 U.S.C. Sect. 205a *et seq.*; Executive Order No. 12770, "Metric Usage in Federal Government Programs," 15 U.S.C. Sect. 205a; and other regulations, guidelines and policies issued by U.S. DOT or FTA. To the extent practicable and feasible, the Contractor agrees to accept products and services with dimensions expressed in the metric system of measurement.

31. Seismic Safety

The contractor agrees that any new building or addition to an existing building will be designed and constructed in accordance with the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7701 *et seq.*, and the U.S. DOT regulations, "Seismic Safety", 49 C.F.R. Part 41, specifically, 49 C.F.R. § 41.117. The contractor also agrees to certify to the extent required by the regulation to ensure that all work performed under this contract including work performed by a subcontractor is in compliance with the standards required by the Seismic Safety Regulations and that the certification of compliance issued on the project and will facilitate and follow Executive Order No. 12699, "Seismic Safety of Federal and Federally-Assisted or Regulated New Building Construction," 42 U.S.C. § 7704 note, except as the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing.

32. Supervision of Construction

Competent and adequate engineering supervision will be maintained at the construction site of the Project to ensure that the completed work conforms to the approved plans and specifications.

33. Liquidated Damages

Liquidated damages are a specific sum (or a sum readily determinable) of money stipulated by the contracting parties as the amount to be recovered for each day of delay in delivery of the product; typically, the actual damage amount is unknown or difficult to estimate and is liquidated by the mutual agreement to the rate.

Any liquidated damages recovered shall be credited to the Project account involved unless the Federal Government permits otherwise.

34. Bonding Requirements

Bonds are required for all construction or facility improvement contracts and subcontracts exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold (\$150,000). Contractors and subcontractors agree to comply with the bid guarantee, performance, and payment bonding provisions of 2 C.F.R. § 200.325 and 31 C.F.R. part 223, as applicable and with any guidance FTA may issue. FTA may accept the bonding policy and requirements of the State of North Carolina provided that the federal interest is adequately protected. The following minimum requirements for construction contracts apply:

- a. A bid guarantee from each bidder equivalent to five percent of the bid price. The "bid guarantee" must consist of a firm commitment such as a bid bond, certified check, or other negotiable instrument accompanying a bid as assurance that the bidder will, upon acceptance of the bid, execute such contractual documents as may be required within the time specified.

- b. A performance bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A "performance bond" is one executed in connection with a contract to secure fulfillment of all the contractor's obligations under such contract.
- c. A payment bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A "payment bond" is one executed in connection with a contract to assure payment as required by law of all persons supplying labor and material in the execution of the work provided for in the contract.

These requirements extend to all contractors and their subcontracts at every tier that exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.

Bid Guarantee

Bidders shall furnish a bid guaranty in the form of a bid bond, or certified treasurer's or cashier's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company, made payable to the OWNER. The amount of such guaranty shall be equal to **5%** of the total bid price.

In submitting this bid, it is understood and agreed by bidder that the OWNER reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or part of any bid, and it is agreed that the Bid may not be withdrawn for a period of [90] days subsequent to the opening of bids, without the written consent of OWNER.

It is also understood and agreed that if the undersigned bidder should withdraw any part or all of his bid within [90] days after the bid opening without the written consent of the OWNER, or refuse or be unable to enter into this Contract as provided above, or refuse or be unable to furnish adequate and acceptable Performance and Payment Bonds, or refuse or be unable to furnish adequate and acceptable insurance, as provided above, it shall forfeit its bid guaranty to the extent OWNER'S damages occasioned by such withdrawal, or refusal, or inability to enter into an agreement, or provide adequate security thereof.

This deposit shall be retained if the successful bidder fails to execute the contract within 10 days after the award or fails to give satisfactory surety as required herein. N.C.G.S. 143-129(b)

It is further understood and agreed that to the extent the defaulting bidder's bid guaranty shall prove inadequate to fully recompense the OWNER for the damages occasioned by default, then the undersigned bidder agrees to indemnify the OWNER and pay over to the OWNER the difference between the bid guarantee and the OWNER'S total damages so as to make the OWNER whole.

The undersigned understands that any material alteration of any of the above or any of the material contained herein, other than that requested will render the bid unresponsive.

Performance Guarantee

A Performance Guarantee in the amount of **100%** of the Contract value is required by the OWNER to ensure faithful performance of the Contract. Either a Performance Bond or an Irrevocable Stand-By Letter of Credit shall be provided by the Contractor and shall remain in full force for the term of the Agreement. The successful Bidder shall certify that it will provide the requisite Performance Guarantee to the OWNER within ten (10) business days from Contract execution. The OWNER requires all Performance Bonds to be provided by a fully qualified surety company acceptable to the OWNER and listed as a company currently authorized as stated in 31 C.F.R. Part 22 as possessing a Certificate of Authority as described hereunder. OWNER may require additional performance bond protection when the contract price is increased. The increase in protection shall generally equal 100

percent of the increase in contract price. The OWNER may secure additional protection by directing the Contractor to increase the amount of the existing bond or to obtain an additional bond.

Payment Bonds

Contractors generally must obtain a standard payment bond. A payment bond is obtained to ensure that the contractor will pay all subcontractors/ suppliers providing labor and material for the term of the project as required by law. FTA has determined that payment bonds in the following amounts are adequate to protect FTA's interest and will accept the N.C.G.S. state bonding policy that requires the following minimums:

- In North Carolina when the total amount of construction contracts awarded for any one project exceeds **three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000)**, a **payment bond** is required by the contracting body (Owner) from any Contractor or Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) with any contract more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000):
 - A payment bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the construction contract amount, conditioned upon the prompt payment for all labor or materials for which a contractor or subcontractor is liable. The payment bond shall be solely for the protection of the persons furnishing materials or performing labor for which a contractor, subcontractor, or construction manager at risk is liable.

35. State and Local Disclaimer

The uses of many of the suggested clauses are not governed by Federal law, but are significantly affected by State law. The language of the suggested clauses may need to be modified depending on state law, and that before the suggested clauses are used in the grantees procurement documents, the grantees should consult with their local attorney.

36. Incorporation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Terms

The preceding provisions include, in part, certain Standard Terms and Conditions required by USDOT, whether or not expressly set forth in the preceding contract provisions. In order to comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 and other applicable federal laws, regulations, and requirements in effect now or later that affect its third party procurements, all contractual provisions required by USDOT, as set forth in FTA Circular 4220.1F, dated November 1, 2008, the current Master Agreement, and 2 C.F.R 200 are hereby incorporated by reference. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, all FTA mandated terms shall be deemed to control in the event of a conflict with other provisions contained in this Agreement.

The Contractor shall not perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any requests which would cause the Procuring Agency to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions.

37. Hold Harmless

Except as prohibited or otherwise limited by State law, the Contractor agrees to indemnify, save, and hold harmless the Owner of this Contract and its officers, agents, and employees acting within the scope of their official duties against any liability, including all claims, losses, costs and expenses accruing or resulting to any other person, firm, or

corporation furnishing or supplying work, services, materials, or supplies in connection with the performance of this contract, and from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any person, firm, or corporation that may be injured or damaged by the contractor or subcontractor in the performance of this contract and that are attributable to the negligence or intentionally tortuous acts of the contractor.

The Contractor represents and warrants that it shall make no claim of any kind or nature against the Owner or its agents who are involved in the delivery or processing of contractor goods to the Owner. The representation and warranty in the preceding sentence shall survive the termination or expiration of this contract.

38. Safe Operation of Motor Vehicles

The Safe Operation of Motor Vehicles requirements flow down to all third party contractors at every tier. In compliance with Federal Executive Order No. 13043, April 16, 1997, 23 U. S. C. § 402 (Increasing Seat Belt Use) and Executive Order No. 13513 Reducing Text Messaging While Driving,” October 1, 2009, 23 U.S.C. Section 402 note, and DOT Order 3902.10, “Text Messaging While Driving,” December 30, 2009,

Seat Belt Use - The Contractor is encouraged to adopt and promote on-the-job seat belt use policies and programs for its employees and other personnel that operate company-owned, rented, or personally-operated vehicles. The terms “company-owned” and “company-leased” refer to vehicles owned or leased either by the Contractor or Owner.

Distracted Driving -The Contractor agrees to adopt and enforce workplace safety policies to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers, including policies to ban text messaging while using an electronic device supplied by an employer, and driving a vehicle the driver owns or rents, a vehicle Contractor owns, leases, or rents, or a privately-owned vehicle when on official business in connection with the work performed under this agreement.

39. National Intelligent Transportation Systems Architecture and Standards (applicable to ITS projects)

To the extent applicable, the Contractor agrees to conform to the National Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture and Standards requirements of 23 U.S.C. § 517(d), unless it obtains an exemption from those requirements, and follow FTA Notice, “FTA National ITS Architecture Policy on Transit Projects,” 66 Fed. Reg. 1455, January 8, 2001 and all other federal guidance.

40. North Carolina State Ethic’s Requirement

Pursuant to Executive Order # 24, this section should be included in the terms and conditions of all contracts let by the Governor’s Cabinet Agencies and the Office of the Governor:

- 1) “By Executive Order 24 and N.C. G.S. § 133-32, it is unlawful for any vendor or contractor (i.e. architect, bidder, contractor, construction manager, design professional, engineer, landlord, offeror, seller, subcontractor, supplier, or vendor), to make gifts or to give favors to any State employee of the Governor’s Cabinet Agencies (i.e., Administration, Commerce, Correction, Crime Control and Public Safety, Cultural Resources, Environment and Natural Resources, Health and Human Services, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Revenue,

Transportation, and the Office of the Governor). This prohibition covers those vendors and contractors who:

- (1) have a contract with a governmental agency; or
- (2) have performed under such a contract within the past year; or
- (3) anticipate bidding on such a contract in the future.

For additional information regarding the specific requirements and exemptions, vendors and contractors are encouraged to review Executive Order 24 and G.S. Sec. 133-32.

Executive Order 24 also encouraged and invited other State Agencies to implement the requirements and prohibitions of the Executive Order to their agencies. Vendors and contractors should contact other State Agencies to determine if those agencies have adopted Executive Order 24.”

To be added near the signature portion of all contracts let by the Governor’s Cabinet Agencies and the Office of the Governor:

“N.C.G.S. § 133-32 and Executive Order 24 prohibit the offer to, or acceptance by, any State Employee of any gift from anyone with a contract with the State, or from any person seeking to do business with the State. By execution of any response in this procurement, you attest, for your entire organization and its employees or agents, that you are not aware that any such gift has been offered, accepted, or promised by any employees of your organization.”

41. Sensitive Security Information

Each third party contractor must protect, and take measures to ensure that its subcontractors at each tier protect, “sensitive security information” made available during the administration of a third party contract or subcontract to ensure compliance with “The Homeland Security Act”, as amended, specifically 49 U.S.C. Section 40119(b), The Aviation and Transportation Security Act, as amended, 49 U.S.C. § 114(r), U.S. DOT regulations, “Protection of Sensitive Security Information,” 49 C.F.R. part 15, and U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration regulations, “Protection of Sensitive Security Information,” 49 C.F.R. part 1520.

42. Veterans Preference

As provided in 49 U.S.C. § 5325(k) to the extent practicable, the Procuring Agency agrees and assures that it:

- (1) Will give a hiring preference to veterans as defined by as defined in 5 U.S.C. § 2108, who have the skills and abilities required to perform construction work required under a third party contract in connection with a Capital Project supported with federal assistance appropriated or made available for 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, and
- (2) Will not require an employer to give a preference to any veteran over any equally qualified applicant who is a member of any racial or ethnic minority, female, an individual with a disability, or a former employee.

43. NC E-Verify Requirements

To ensure compliance with the E-Verify requirements of the General Statutes of North Carolina, all contractors, including any subcontractors employed by the contractor(s), by submitting a bid, proposal or any other response, or by providing any material, equipment, supplies, services, etc., attest and affirm that they are aware and in full compliance with

Article 2 of Chapter 64, (NCGS64-26(a)) relating to the E-Verify requirements by executing and submitting the E-verify Affidavit included in this Invitation for Bids as **Attachment E. (Form required on all construction projects.)**

ATTACHMENT A

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING (To be submitted with each bid or offer exceeding \$100,000)

The undersigned _____ certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:
(Contractor)

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any persons for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding to any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions [as amended by "Government wide Guidance for New Restrictions on Lobbying," 61 Fed. Reg. 1413 (1/19/96). Note: language in paragraph (2) herein has been modified in accordance with Section 10 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-65, to be codified at 2 U.S.C. 1601, *et seq.*.)]
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transactions imposed by 31, U.S.C. 1352 (as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995). Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

[Note: Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352(c)(1)-(2)(A), any person who makes a prohibited expenditure or fails to file or amend a required certification or disclosure form shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 for each such expenditure or failure.]

The Contractor, _____, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. Section A 3801 *et seq.* apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

Date

Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

Name and Title of Contractors Authorized Official

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ___ day of _____, 20___, in the State of _;
and the County of _____.

Notary Public _____

My Appointment Expires _____

ATTACHMENT B

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE
WITH BUY AMERICA REQUIREMENTS**

(To be submitted with all bids exceeding \$150,000. A bid, which does not include this certification or the certification under Attachment C, will not be eligible for award.)

The bidder or offeror hereby certifies that it will meet the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(1) and the applicable regulations in 49 C.F.R. Part 661.

DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____

COMPANY _____

NAME _____

TITLE _____

State of _____

County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Notary Public _____

My Appointment Expires _____

ATTACHMENT C

**CERTIFICATE OF NON-COMPLIANCE
WITH BUY AMERICA REQUIREMENTS**

(To be submitted with all bids exceeding \$150,000. A bid, which does not include this certification or the certification under Attachment B, will not be eligible for award.)

The bidder hereby certifies that it cannot comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. Section 5323(j), but it may qualify for an exception pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2), as amended, and the applicable regulation in 49 CFR Part 661.7.

DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____

COMPANY _____

NAME _____

TITLE _____

State of _____

County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Notary Public _____

My Appointment Expires _____

ATTACHMENT D

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION,
INELIGIBILITY and VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION
LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTION**

(To be submitted with all bids exceeding \$25,000.)

- (1) The prospective lower tier participant (Bidder/Contractor) certifies, by submission of this bid or proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (2) The prospective Bidder/Contractor also certifies by submission of this bid or proposal that all subcontractors and suppliers (this requirement flows down to all subcontracts at all levels) are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (3) Where the prospective lower tier participant (Bidder/Contractor) is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this bid or proposal.

The lower tier participant (Bidder/Contractor), _____, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of this statement of its certification and disclosure, if any.

DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____

COMPANY _____

NAME _____

TITLE _____

State of _____

County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Public _____

Notary

Expires _____

My Appointment

ATTACHMENT E

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF _____

AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE WITH N.C. E-VERIFY STATUTES

(To be submitted with all quotes/bids)

I, _____ (hereinafter the "Affiant"), duly authorized by and on behalf of _____ (hereinafter the "Employer") after being first duly sworn deposes and says as follows:

1. I am the _____ (President, Manager, CEO, etc.) of the Employer and possess the full authority to speak for and on behalf of the Employer identified above.
2. Employer understands that "E-Verify" means the federal E-Verify program operated by the United States Dept. of Homeland Security and other federal agencies, or any successor or equivalent program used to verify the work authorization of newly hired employees pursuant to federal law.
3. Employer employs 25 or more employees, and is in compliance with the provisions of N.C. General Statute §64-26. Employer has verified the work authorization of its employees through E-Verify and shall retain the records of verification for a period of at least one year.
- Employer employs fewer than 25 Employees and is therefore not subject to the provisions of N.C. General Statute §64-26.
4. All subcontractors engaged by or to be engaged by Employer have or will have likewise complied with the provisions of N.C. General Statute §64-26.
5. Employer shall keep the State of North Carolina informed of any change in its status pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the North Carolina Statutes.

This ____ day of _____, 20____.

Signature of Affiant

Printed Name and Title

State of _____

County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary

Public _____
(SEAL)

My Appointment

Expires _____

ATTACHMENT F

**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH
DAVIS-BACON PROVISIONS**

PROJECT: _____
(List name of construction project/repair)

LOCATION: _____ **NC** **COUNTY:** _____
(City)

CONTRACTOR/SUBCONTRACTOR: _____

In accordance with the requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act, all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors on projects funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by and through the Federal Government are being paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a character similar in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of Chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code.

In addition, the owner/representative must conduct adequate oversight for compliance with Davis-Bacon and related Acts through (a) the review of payrolls and associated certifications, (b) conducting of employee interviews if necessary, and (c) the posting of the Davis-Bacon Poster, all wage determinations, and additional classifications (as appropriate) on the work site.

The Contractor/Subcontractor, _____, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of the above statement and that the referenced project will be in compliance with the Davis-Bacon requirements.

Date

Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ___ day of _____, 20___, in the State of _____;
and the County of _____.

Notary Public _____

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