



Tahoe Transportation
DISTRICT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR

**ROUTE DESIGN, BID DEVELOPMENT,
AND RUN-CUTTING SOFTWARE**

July 19, 2023
Tahoe Transportation District
P.O. Box 499
Zephyr Cove, NV 89448

SECTION I Procurement Schedule

1.0 General Overview

The Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) is issuing this Request for Proposals (RFP) for route design, bid development, and run-cutting software.

The timeline of the procurement process is as follows:

Activity	Date
Release Date	July 19, 2023
Deadline for submitting questions/clarifications	July 28, 2023 (3 p.m. PDT)
Response to questions/clarification posted	August 2, 2023
Deadline for submitting proposals	August 11, 2023 (3 p.m. PDT)
Interviews (if held)	August 16, 2023
Evaluations completed	August 22, 2023
Notice of intent to award	August 23, 2023
Board of Directors approval	October 4, 2023

**All dates are subject to change at the discretion of the District.

TTD shall award a contract to the responsible proposer whose proposal is most advantageous to TTD, i.e., the “best value,” with price and other factors considered. TTD reserves its right to award to other than the low bidder.

This RFP does not commit TTD to award a contract. TTD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. No proposal shall be binding upon TTD until after a contract is executed by duly authorized representatives of TTD and the selected proposer.

SECTION II TTD Introduction

2.0 District Overview

TTD is a bi-state, special purpose district with jurisdiction to implement safe, environmentally positive, multi-modal transportation plans, programs, and projects for the Lake Tahoe Basin, including transit operations in and around the Lake Tahoe Basin. TTD is governed by a fourteen-member Board of Directors made up of local jurisdictions, private transportation management associations, California and Nevada governors’ and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency’s (TRPA) appointees, an at-large member, and two state Department of Transportation agencies.

TTD provides both intra- and interregional connectivity that is vital to the region. TTD operates a coordinated transit system for the South Shore of Lake Tahoe and connects to other areas in the region. South Shore area services include local fixed-route serving South Lake Tahoe, California, and Stateline, Nevada along with

commuter service which connects South Lake Tahoe, California to Carson City, Nevada via the rural Nevada communities of Minden and Gardnerville. TTD provides supplemental summer service within the region known as the East Shore Express, a transit link between Incline Village and Sand Harbor State Park.

TTD helps to identify, develop and implement road, shared-use trail, and transit solutions.

2.1 TTD Mission and Vision

TTD operates under the following agency cultural Mission and Vision statements:

2.1.1 Mission

The Tahoe Transportation District aims to deliver outstanding transit service and transportation project improvements for the greater Lake Tahoe Region.

2.1.2 Vision

The Tahoe Transportation District is a key part of Tahoe’s success where our environment is protected, our communities are connected, and the quality of life is sublime.

2.1.3 Transit Vision

Our transit vision is to develop an interregional transit system that provides safe, reliable, and attractive transit service for Tahoe residents, visitors, and commuters.

2.2 Website

TTD’s website can be found here:

www.tahoetransportation.org

SECTION III Specifications and Scope of Services

3.0 Scope of Work

TTD is seeking software to maximize route design, bid development, and run-cutting. The selected software must demonstrate the ability to design scalable transit routes and develop blocks, runs, rosters, and their resulting paddles, for TTD’s seven-day-a-week service that runs 365 days per year. The software should incorporate robust and dependable functionality that aligns with TTD’s transit mission while providing an efficient user experience and overall usability, including the following scope and specifications as outlined below:

3.0.1 General Scope of Work

The objective of this project is to procure a Fixed Route Software that will provide automated solutions to the scheduling, run-cutting and rostering process.

Operators generally bid on work four times each year. Winter and summer are the region’s peak seasons while spring and fall are considered the slower “shoulder seasons.” Transforming routes into blocks, runs, and rosters with limited operators and revenue fleet and relief vehicles is very complex. This process coupled with the need to change these bids several times a year creates an even bigger challenge. Additionally, the operator’s shift must comply with Department of Transportation regulations, and it is best to have consistency among shifts in a bid (e.g., all mornings or all evenings). Currently, this process is done utilizing Remix software.

TTD is looking for software that can develop a bid based on core transit routes that are identical seven days a week, 365 days per year, with seasonal routes occurring periodically. TTD’s service generally does not differ between weekday and weekend, nor holiday. TTD staff believes it can be done most efficiently by using software that can provide run-cutting based on a seven-day-a-week timeframe. The software will also allow staff to try different options to maximize workforce and save previously used bid combinations.

At a minimum, the software will provide the ability to:

- Define routes (i.e., paths, patterns, nodes, relief points, electric fleet vehicle charging points, corporate yard location, bus stops and amenities, etc.).
- Build trips and schedules.
- Blocking with functions to optimize the cost efficiency of the blocks.
- Perform run-cutting exercises according to Collective Bargaining Rules and TTD policies, with the ability to run scenarios by altering parameters without losing work or parameter settings.
- Create work assignments through a rostering process, with the ability to view and compare, and analyze the costing summary and violation of union rules.
- Generate reports including run guides, driver/block paddles, block summaries, run analysis, vehicle pull in and pull outs, system statistics, headways and roster reports.
- The software should create downloadable paddles (in .xlsx and .pdf formats) for each bid, outlining the route, stops, and patterns.
- There shall be the ability to create reports and interface with existing CAD/AVL software.
- The software should download all GTFS (General Transit Feed Specification) data already in the AVL database (Swiftly) to avoid manually entering the data. TTD requires the software company to provide onsite training to staff expected to use the system. Ongoing technical support and maintenance are also necessary.

TTD expects the selected firm to work closely with TTD Staff to train, answer questions, and aid in the implementation of the software.

3.0.2 Client Service Team

TTD requires a client service team with demonstrated knowledge and experience in implementing the Proposer’s software in comparable scope and magnitude as described in this RFP. Preference will be given to Proposers who demonstrate:

- Experience in Project Management and meeting project milestones.
- Experience in the public sector, particularly with similar size transit services.

- Experience with implementation for similar modules and scope.
- An understanding of the reporting and compliance requirements of FTA.
- Have implemented their proposed solution in the last two years.

3.0.3 Project Management

The Contractor shall complete the design, installation, and staff training on the run-cutting and scheduling software within 60 days after execution of the contract.

3.0.4 Knowledge Transfer & Training

TTD acknowledges that training is an essential component of a successful implementation. The successful firm is required to provide comprehensive and complete training to all staff involved in updating information and the management of all software. Firm must provide user manual and procedure training materials in a digital format.

Proposer must migrate existing data from Remix to their proposed solution as part of the installation process.

3.1 Specifications

A successful vendor will demonstrate the following specifications and key components within their software's system:

- Provide advanced scheduling software to meet the requirements in project objectives.
- Perform operational review, develop, and prepare a project plan.
- Install any required server-side software.
- Incorporate rules into the Software prior to installation (blocking, run-cutting, union agreements, etc.).
- Support TTD's Information Technology team in deploying any client software.
- Execute the migration of TTD's existing data.
- Assist in the configuration and functional testing of the new software.
- Coordinate the staff user acceptance testing.
- Provide on-site training to TTD staff.
- Complete the implementation process within the agreed schedule.
- Provide fourteen (14) days post go-live support.

Provide at least three (3) references of users of the system (or comparable system) including:

1. Company and Address
2. Contact Name, Phone, and E-mail
3. Year of Implementation
4. Number of Peak Hour Vehicles
5. Description of products/services provided and any major variations

SECTION IV Proposal Requirements

4.0 Delivery of Proposals

Proposals must be submitted to TTD no later than 3:00 p.m. (PDT) on August 11, 2023. Proposers must transmit one (1) portable document format (PDF) version of its proposal via email to jallen@tahoetransportation.org or submit the required PDF on a USB flash drive to the Tahoe Transportation District, Attn: Judi Allen, in person or overnight mail to 128 Market Street, Suite 3F, Stateline, NV 89449, or via regular mail to PO Box 499, Zephyr Cove, Nevada 89448. It is the proposer's responsibility to confirm receipt ahead of submission deadline. Please title the email or mark the envelope as "TTD Route Design, Bid Development, and Run-cutting Software RFP."

4.1 Proposal Preparation Costs

Issuance of this RFP does not commit TTD, in any way, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation and submission of a proposal. TTD will not reimburse responding firms, including the selected firm, for any expenses incurred in preparing or submitting proposals. All costs related to the preparation and submission of a proposal shall be paid by the respondent.

4.2 Changes, Additions or Clarifications

Any changes, additions or clarifications to the RFP will be made by amendments (addenda). Any additional supporting materials and addenda will be posted on the TTD website, <http://tahoetransportation.org/procurements>.

Requests for clarifications about this RFP may be submitted at any time before 3:00 p.m. PDT on July 28, 2023. Questions and/or requests for clarifications may be submitted in writing via email to:

Tara Frank, Transportation Planner, at info@tahoetransportation.org

Responses will be posted on the TTD website, <http://tahoetransportation.org/procurements>, no later than 5:00 p.m., August 2, 2023.

4.3 Form of Proposals

Proposals shall include, at a minimum, the following information presented in a clear and concise format to demonstrate the firm's competence and professional qualifications for the satisfactory performance of the services:

1. Include a cover letter with a summary of the proposal and a contact name and information for the proposal. The cover letter must be signed by the chief executive officer, owner, or chair of the proposer.
2. Provide a company profile including the proposer's name, business address, and telephone number, as well as a brief description of the proposer's size (nationally and locally), date of establishment, type of organization, and local organizational structure.
3. Statement of acknowledgement of having received all addenda, if any are issued.
4. Whether or not the firm is a certified DBE or Small Business Enterprise.

5. Age of the firm.
6. If the annual gross receipts of the firm are less than \$1 million, less than \$5 million, less than \$10 million, or less than \$15 million.
7. Provide a fully completed proposal sheet using Attachment A.
8. Specifically indicate any requirements in this RFP which are not acceptable or cannot be performed.
9. Specifically indicate any provisions in the form of the agreement (Attachment B), including insurance and indemnification provisions, which are not acceptable and propose any alternative language or terms.
10. Provide a signed copy of the Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and other Responsibility Matters (Attachment D).
11. Provide three (3) references for current clients from the last two (2) years.
12. Provide a statement which discloses any past on-going or potential conflicts of interest that the firm may have as a result of providing the goods.

4.4 Licenses, Permits, Taxes

The price or prices for the work shall include full compensation for all taxes, permits, etc. that the respondent is or may be required to pay.

4.5 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Requirements

TTD hereby notifies firms that DBE's will be afforded equal opportunities to submit proposals and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, disability, or national origin in consideration of an award.

A DBE is defined as a small business concern which is at least 51% owned and controlled by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, or in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51% of the stock of which is owned by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals. Socially and economically disadvantaged include Women, Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans, and Asian-Indian Americans.

4.6 Equal Employment Opportunity

Each proposer must agree that it will not discriminate in hiring, promotion, treatment, or other terms and conditions of employment based on race, sex, national origin, age, disability, or in any way violate Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and amendments, except as permitted by said laws.

4.7 Review of Proposals, Selection Criteria, Negotiation, and Award

Upon receipt of the proposals, TTD shall review and evaluate the proposals for responsiveness to the RFP in order to determine whether proposers possess the qualifications necessary to provide the goods. TTD may request clarifications of proposals directly from the proposers. TTD reserves the right to waive any minor irregularities, informalities or oversights in the RFP documents, or any corresponding proposals at its sole discretion.

TTD may negotiate directly with qualified proposers and may request a best and final offer from one or more proposers.

In reviewing the proposals, and negotiating with qualified proposers, TTD will consider the following evaluation criteria:

- Responsiveness to RFP
- Demonstration of project understanding
- Experience of client service team with implementing the features specified in this Scope of Work
- Project management approach
- Capacity to meet project schedule
- References
- Alternative proposed language for the agreement, if any
- Pricing

Submitted proposals will be evaluated using the criteria established below.

CATEGORY	MAX POINTS
Responsiveness to RFP	5
Project understanding	25
Response to questions	35
References	15
Pricing	20

TTD shall award a contract to the responsible proposer whose proposal is most advantageous to TTD, i.e., the “best value.” TTD reserves its right to award to other than the low bidder. TTD reserves the right to reject all proposals and to waive any irregularity, informalities or oversights in the RFP documents, or any corresponding proposals at its sole discretion.

4.8 Negotiation and Award

TTD will work with the selected firm to finalize the scope of work and negotiate a contract between TTD and the selected firm. All costs incurred by the firm in connection with this work and negotiations shall be borne by the firm and the firm shall have no right to reimbursement from TTD. The system and contract that are developed and agreed upon will then be brought to TTD’s Board of Directors with a staff recommendation for contract award.

If TTD and the selected firm fail to finalize the scope of work and cost, or fail to negotiate a contract, TTD will reject the selected firm’s proposal. In the event of rejection, the firm shall have no right to reimbursement for costs incurred by the firm in connection with any work and negotiations. TTD will then select another firm that staff believes will provide the best value, qualifications, and work and negotiate with that firm.

TTD reserves the right to award any number of contracts it deems necessary to achieve success. This RFP does not commit TTD to award a contract. TTD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. If TTD decides to award and receives approval from TTD’s Board of Directors, the agreement will be sent to the firm

for signature. No proposal shall be binding upon TTD until after a contract is executed by duly authorized representatives of TTD and the selected Contractor. No minimum amount of work is implied or guaranteed under the contract.

4.9 Contract Term

The duration of contract is three (3) years from the date of execution, with two (2) one (1) year options, which may be exercised at the sole discretion of the TTD.

4.10 Additional Contract Provisions

The proposer and TTD will enter a contract in the form attached as Attachment B, Agreement for Goods and Services. The proposal must specifically indicate any provisions in the form of the contract which are not acceptable and propose any alternative language or terms.

4.11 Required Review and Waiver of Objections by Responding Firms

Responding firms should carefully review this RFP and all attachments, including but not limited to the form contract (Attachment B) for comments, questions, defects, objections, or any other matter requiring clarification or correction (collectively called “comments”). Comments concerning RFP objections must be made in writing and received by TTD no later than the date specified above.

Protests based on any objection shall be considered waived and invalid if these faults have not been brought to the attention of the TTD, in writing, by the deadline for written comments.

If a Contractor that has not been selected wishes to dispute the award recommendation, the protest must be submitted in writing to jallen@tahoetransportation.org no later than five (5) calendar days after announcement of the selected proposer, detailing the grounds, factual basis and providing all supporting information. Protests will not be considered for disputes of proposal requirements and specifications. Failure to submit a timely written protest will bar consideration of the protest.

Protest procedures will apply to all procurement actions whether by sealed bid, request for proposal or sole source and regardless of the stage of the procurement process at which the protest is filed. All protest procedures can be found on TTD’s website: <https://www.tahoetransportation.org/procurements/>

PROPOSAL SHEET

Project Pricing

1. **Software:** Provide line item costs on a per license basis (if applicable) for any and all software components included in the proposal.

(List additional on separate sheet if necessary)

Years 1 through 3 Subtotal \$ _____
Option Year 1 Subtotal \$ _____
Option Year 2 Subtotal \$ _____

2. **Customization:** Provide an estimated cost for all software component customization necessary to satisfy Tahoe Transportation District’s requirements.

(List additional on separate sheet if necessary)

Subtotal \$ _____

3. **Installation:** List the products to be installed and provide the cost for their installation. Products to be installed:

(List additional on separate sheet if necessary.)

Subtotal \$ _____

4. **Training:** List startup training costs and provide a list of estimated training costs and requirements for future upgrades.

Training hours provided (initially): _____
Cost of start-up training: _____
Future upgrades (each): _____

Subtotal \$ _____

5. **Maintenance/Upgrades:** List the cost, on an annualized basis, of available maintenance options (Including ongoing technical support, upgrades etc.). Enter the price of the recommended option as the subtotal.

(List additional on separate sheet if necessary)

Subtotal \$ _____

6. **Reimbursable Expenses:** List expenses to be reimbursed and their estimated cost (i.e., travel expenses*).

(List additional on separate sheet if necessary)

Travel Expense* (*Subject to GSA per diem rates.) Subtotal \$ _____

Subtotal \$ _____

Total Price Proposal for Run-Cutting and Bid Development Software

\$ _____

**AGREEMENT FOR GOODS AND SERVICES
BETWEEN
TAHOE TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT
AND**

This Agreement for Services (“Agreement”) is entered into as of this ____ day of October 2023 by and between Tahoe Transportation District, a bi-state special purpose district created by the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact, (“District”) and _____ (“Contractor”). District and Contractor are sometimes hereinafter individually referred to as “Party” and hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties.”

RECITALS

A. District has sought, by request for Proposals, the performance of the services defined and described particularly in Section 2 of this Agreement.

B. Contractor, following submission of a proposal for the performance of the services defined and described particularly in Section 2 of this Agreement, was selected by the District to perform those services.

C. District has authority to enter into this Agreement and the District’s District Manager has authority to execute this Agreement.

D. The Parties desire to formalize the selection of Contractor for performance of those services defined and described particularly in Section 2 of this Agreement and desire that the terms of that performance be as particularly defined and described herein.

OPERATIVE PROVISIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants made by the Parties and contained here and other consideration, the value and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

SECTION 1. TERM OF AGREEMENT.

Subject to the provisions of Section 20 “Termination of Agreement” of this Agreement, the Term of this Agreement is for three (3) years, with two (2) one (1) year options, which may be exercised at the sole discretion of the District.

SECTION 2. SCOPE OF SERVICES & SCHEDULE OF PERFORMANCE.

(a) Scope of Services. Contractor agrees to perform the services set forth in Exhibit “A” “Scope of Services” (hereinafter, the “Services”) and made a part of this Agreement by this reference.

(b) Schedule of Performance. The Services shall be completed pursuant to the schedule specified in Exhibit "A." Should the Services not be completed pursuant to that schedule, the Contractor shall be deemed to be in Default of this Agreement. The District, in its sole discretion, may choose not to enforce the Default provisions of this Agreement and may instead allow Contractor to continue performing the Services.

SECTION 3. ADDITIONAL SERVICES.

Contractor shall not be compensated for any work rendered in connection with its performance of this Agreement that are in addition to or outside of the Services unless such additional services are authorized in advance and in writing in accordance with Section 27 "Administration and Implementation" or Section 28 "Amendment" of this Agreement. If and when such additional work is authorized, such additional work shall be deemed to be part of the Services.

SECTION 4. COMPENSATION AND METHOD OF PAYMENT.

(a) Subject to any limitations set forth in this Agreement, District agrees to pay Contractor the amounts specified in Exhibit "B" "Compensation" and made a part of this Agreement by this reference. The total compensation, including reimbursement for actual expenses, shall not exceed _____ dollars and (\$xxx.xx), unless additional compensation is approved in writing in accordance with Section 27 "Administration and Implementation" or Section 28 "Amendment" of this Agreement.

(b) Each month Contractor shall furnish to District an original invoice for all work performed and expenses incurred during the preceding month. The invoice shall detail charges by the following categories: labor (by sub-category), travel, materials, equipment, supplies, and subcontractor contracts. Subcontractor charges shall be detailed by the following categories: labor, travel, materials, equipment and supplies. If the compensation set forth in subsection (a) and Exhibit "B" include payment of labor on an hourly basis (as opposed to labor and materials being paid as a lump sum), the labor category in each invoice shall include detailed descriptions of task performed and the amount of time incurred for or allocated to that task. District shall independently review each invoice submitted by the Contractor to determine whether the work performed and expenses incurred are in compliance with the provisions of this Agreement. In the event that no charges or expenses are disputed, the invoice shall be approved and paid according to the terms set forth in subsection (c). In the event any charges or expenses are disputed by District, the original invoice shall be returned by District to Contractor for correction and resubmission.

(c) Except as to any charges for work performed or expenses incurred by Contractor which are disputed by District, District will use its best efforts to cause Contractor to be paid within thirty (30) days of receipt of Contractor's correct and undisputed invoice.

(d) Payment to Contractor for work performed pursuant to this Agreement shall not be deemed to waive any defects in work performed by Contractor.

SECTION 5. PROGRESS REPORTS.

- (a) Consultant shall submit progress reports to District with every invoice.
- (b) Progress reports shall be sufficiently detailed for District to determine if Consultant is performing to expectations and is on schedule. Progress reports will communicate interim findings and afford occasions for airing difficulties or special circumstances encountered so that solutions can be developed. Progress reports shall include the total number of hours worked by Consultant and any subconsultants and shall include descriptions of the Services performed, including a description of any deliverables submitted during the reporting period and the anticipated tasks, work and deliverables proposed for the subsequent reporting period.
- (c) Separate progress reports shall be provided for each invoice. District's review of progress reports will ensure that Consultant's work meets a level of acceptability.

SECTION 6. INSPECTION AND FINAL ACCEPTANCE.

District may inspect and accept or reject any of Contractor's work under this Agreement, either during performance or when completed. District shall reject or finally accept Contractor's work within sixty (60) days after submitted to District. District shall reject work by a timely written explanation, otherwise Contractor's work shall be deemed to have been accepted. District's acceptance shall be conclusive as to such work except with respect to latent defects, fraud and such gross mistakes as amount to fraud. Acceptance of any of Contractor's work by District shall not constitute a waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement including, but not limited to, Section 16 "Indemnification" and Section 17 "Insurance."

SECTION 7. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS.

All original maps, models, designs, drawings, photographs, studies, surveys, reports, data, notes, computer files, files and other documents prepared, developed or discovered by Contractor in the course of providing the Services pursuant to this Agreement shall become the sole property of District and may be used, reused or otherwise disposed of by District without the permission of the Contractor. Upon completion, expiration or termination of this Agreement, Contractor shall turn over to District all such original maps, models, designs, drawings, photographs, studies, surveys, reports, data, notes, computer files, files and other documents.

If and to the extent that District utilizes for any purpose not related to this Agreement any maps, models, designs, drawings, photographs, studies, surveys, reports, data, notes, computer files, files or other documents prepared, developed or discovered by Contractor in the course of providing the Services pursuant to this Agreement, Contractor's guarantees and warranties in Section 9 "Standard of Performance" of this Agreement shall not extend to such use of the maps, models, designs, drawings, photographs, studies, surveys, reports, data, notes, computer files, files or other documents.

SECTION 8. CONTRACTOR'S BOOKS AND RECORDS.

(a) Contractor shall maintain any and all documents and records demonstrating or relating to Contractor's performance of the Services. Contractor shall maintain any and all ledgers, books of account, invoices, vouchers, canceled checks, or other documents or records evidencing or relating to work, services, expenditures and disbursements charged to District pursuant to this Agreement. Any and all such documents or records shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and shall be sufficiently complete and detailed so as to permit an accurate evaluation of the services provided by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement. Any and all such documents or records shall be maintained for three (3) years from the date of execution of this Agreement and to the extent required by laws relating to audits of public agencies and their expenditures.

(b) Any and all records or documents required to be maintained pursuant to this section shall be made available for inspection, audit and copying, at any time during regular business hours, upon request by District or its designated representative. Copies of such documents or records shall be provided directly to the District for inspection, audit and copying when it is practical to do so; otherwise, unless an alternative is mutually agreed upon, such documents and records shall be made available at Contractor's address indicated for receipt of notices in this Agreement.

(c) Where District has reason to believe that any of the documents or records required to be maintained pursuant to this section may be lost or discarded due to dissolution or termination of Contractor's business, District may, by written request, require that custody of such documents or records be given to the District. Access to such documents and records shall be granted to District, as well as to its successors in interest and authorized representatives.

SECTION 9. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.

(a) Contractor is and shall at all times remain a wholly independent contractor and not an officer, employee or agent of District. Contractor shall have no authority to bind District in any manner, nor to incur any obligation, debt or liability of any kind on behalf of or against District, whether by contract or otherwise, unless such authority is expressly conferred under this Agreement or is otherwise expressly conferred in writing by District.

(b) The personnel performing the Services under this Agreement on behalf of Contractor shall at all times be under Contractor's exclusive direction and control. Neither District, nor any elected or appointed boards, officers, officials, employees or agents of District, shall have control over the conduct of Contractor or any of Contractor's officers, employees, or agents except as set forth in this Agreement. Contractor shall not at any time or in any manner represent that Contractor or any of Contractor's officers, employees, or agents are in any manner officials, officers, employees or agents of District.

(c) Neither Contractor, nor any of Contractor's officers, employees or agents, shall obtain any rights to retirement, health care or any other benefits which may otherwise accrue to District's employees. Contractor expressly waives any claim Contractor may have to any such rights.

SECTION 10. STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE.

Contractor represents and warrants that it has the qualifications, experience and facilities necessary to properly perform the Services required under this Agreement in a thorough, competent and professional manner. Contractor shall at all times faithfully, competently and to the best of its ability, experience and talent, perform all Services. In meeting its obligations under this Agreement, Contractor shall employ, at a minimum, generally accepted standards and practices utilized by persons engaged in providing services similar to the Services required of Contractor under this Agreement. In addition to the general standards of performance set forth this section, additional specific standards of performance and performance criteria may be set forth in Exhibit "A" "Scope of Work" that shall also be applicable to Contractor's work under this Agreement. Where there is a conflict between a general and a specific standard of performance or performance criteria, the specific standard or criteria shall prevail over the general.

SECTION 11. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS; PERMITS AND LICENSES.

Contractor shall keep itself informed of and comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, statutes, codes, ordinances, regulations and rules in effect during the term of this Agreement. Contractor shall obtain any and all licenses, permits and authorizations necessary to perform the Services set forth in this Agreement. Neither District, nor any elected or appointed boards, officers, officials, employees or agents of District, shall be liable, at law or in equity, as a result of any failure of Contractor to comply with this section.

SECTION 12. PREVAILING WAGE LAWS.

Contractor understands, acknowledges and agrees to comply with any and all applicable state and federal laws requiring payment of prevailing wages for work performed in connection with publicly-funded projects. Contractor and any subcontractors shall comply with all applicable state and federal prevailing wage rates, statutes, rules and regulations then in effect if required by state or federal laws or regulations. In the event of conflict between applicable federal and state provisions, the higher prevailing wage rate will apply.

SECTION 13. NONDISCRIMINATION.

Contractor shall not discriminate, in any way, against any person on the basis of race, color, religious creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, physical handicap, medical condition or marital status in connection with or related to the performance of this Agreement.

SECTION 14. UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS.

Contractor hereby promises and agrees to comply with all of the provisions of the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C.A. §§ 1101, et seq., as amended, and in connection therewith, shall not employ unauthorized aliens as defined therein. Should Contractor so employ such unauthorized aliens for the performance of the Services, and should the any liability or sanctions be imposed against District for such use of unauthorized aliens, Contractor hereby agrees to and shall reimburse District for the cost of all such liabilities or sanctions imposed, together with any and all costs, including attorneys' fees, incurred by District.

SECTION 15. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.

(a) Contractor covenants that neither it, nor any officer or principal of its firm, has or shall acquire any interest, directly or indirectly, which would conflict in any manner with the interests of District or which would in any way hinder Contractor's performance of the Services. Contractor further covenants that in the performance of this Agreement, no person having any such interest shall be employed by it as an officer, employee, agent or subcontractor without the express written consent of the District Manager. Contractor agrees to at all times avoid conflicts of interest or the appearance of any conflicts of interest with the interests of District in the performance of this Agreement.

(b) District understands and acknowledges that Contractor is, as of the date of execution of this Agreement, independently involved in the performance of non-related services for other governmental agencies and private parties. Contractor is unaware of any stated position of District relative to such projects. Any future position of District on such projects shall not be considered a conflict of interest for purposes of this section.

(c) District understands and acknowledges that Contractor will perform non-related services for other governmental agencies and private Parties following the completion of the Services under this Agreement. Any such future service shall not be considered a conflict of interest for purposes of this section.

SECTION 16. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION; RELEASE OF INFORMATION.

(a) All information gained or work product produced by Contractor in performance of this Agreement shall be considered confidential, unless such information is in the public domain or already known to Contractor. Contractor shall not release or disclose any such information or work product to persons or entities other than District without prior written authorization from the District Manager, except as may be required by law.

(b) Contractor, its officers, employees, agents or subcontractors, shall not, without prior written authorization from the District Manager or unless requested by the District Attorney of District, voluntarily provide declarations, letters of support, testimony at depositions, response to interrogatories or other information concerning the work performed under this Agreement. Response to a subpoena or court order shall not be

considered "voluntary" provided Contractor gives District notice of such court order or subpoena.

(c) If Contractor, or any officer, employee, agent or subcontractor of Contractor, provides any information or work product in violation of this Agreement, then District shall have the right to reimbursement and indemnity from Contractor for any damages, costs and fees, including attorney's fees, caused by or incurred as a result of Contractor's conduct.

(d) Contractor shall promptly notify District should Contractor, its officers, employees, agents or subcontractors, be served with any summons, complaint, subpoena, notice of deposition, request for documents, interrogatories, request for admissions or other discovery request, court order or subpoena from any party regarding this Agreement and the work performed thereunder. District retains the right, but has no obligation, to represent Contractor or be present at any deposition, hearing or similar proceeding. Contractor agrees to cooperate fully with District and to provide District with the opportunity to review any response to discovery requests provided by Contractor. However, this right to review any such response does not imply or mean the right by District to control, direct, or rewrite said response.

SECTION 17. INDEMNIFICATION.

(a) Indemnification for Professional Liability. Where the law establishes a professional standard of care for Contractor's services, to the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall indemnify, protect, defend and hold harmless District and any and all of its officials, employees and agents ("Indemnified Parties") from and against any and all liability (including liability for claims, suits, actions, arbitration proceedings, administrative proceedings, regulatory proceedings, losses, expenses or costs of any kind, whether actual, alleged or threatened, including attorney's fees and costs, court costs, interest, defense costs, and expert witness fees) arise out of, are a consequence of, or are in any way attributable to, in whole or in part, any negligent or wrongful act, error or omission of Contractor, or by any individual or entity for which Contractor is legally liable, including but not limited to officers, agents, employees or sub-contractors of Contractor, in the performance of professional services under this Agreement.

(b) Indemnification for Other than Professional Liability. Other than in the performance of professional services and to the full extent permitted by law, Contractor shall indemnify, protect, defend and hold harmless District, and any and all of its employees, officials and agents from and against any liability (including liability for claims, suits, actions, arbitration proceedings, administrative proceedings, regulatory proceedings, losses, expenses or costs of any kind, whether actual, alleged or threatened, including attorney's fees and costs, court costs, interest, defense costs, and expert witness fees), where the same arise out of, are a consequence of, or are in any way attributable to, in whole or in part, the performance of this Agreement by Contractor, or by any individual or entity for which Contractor is legally liable, including but not limited to officers, agents, employees or sub-contractors of Contractor.

(c) Indemnification from Subcontractors. Contractor agrees to obtain executed indemnity agreements with provisions identical to those set forth in this section from each and every subcontractor or any other person or entity involved by, for, with or on behalf of Contractor in the performance of this Agreement naming the Indemnified Parties as additional indemnitees. In the event Contractor fails to obtain such indemnity obligations from others as required herein, Contractor agrees to be fully responsible according to the terms of this section. Failure of District to monitor compliance with these requirements imposes no additional obligations on District and will in no way act as a waiver of any rights hereunder. This obligation to indemnify and defend District as set forth herein is binding on the successors, assigns or heirs of Contractor and shall survive the termination of this Agreement or this section.

(d) Limitation of Indemnification. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, in California design professionals are required to defend and indemnify the District only to the extent permitted by California Civil Code Section 2782.8, which limits the liability of a design professional to claims, suits, actions, arbitration proceedings, administrative proceedings, regulatory proceedings, losses, expenses or costs that arise out of, pertain to, or relate to the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of the design professional. The term “design professional,” as defined in Section 2782.8, is limited to licensed architects, licensed landscape architects, registered professional engineers, professional land surveyors, and the business entities that offer such services in accordance with the applicable provisions of the California Business and Professions Code. To the extent that California Civil Code Section 2782.8 applies to this Agreement, the indemnification obligations of Contractor shall be limited in accordance with that section.

(e) District’s Negligence. The provisions of this section do not apply to claims occurring as a result of District’s sole negligence. The provisions of this section shall not release District from liability arising from gross negligence or willful acts or omissions of District or any and all of its officials, employees and agents.

SECTION 18. INSURANCE.

Contractor agrees to obtain and maintain in full force and effect during the term of this Agreement the insurance policies set forth in Exhibit “C” “Insurance” and made a part of this Agreement. All insurance policies shall be subject to approval by District as to form and content. These requirements are subject to amendment or waiver if so approved in writing by the District Manager. Contractor agrees to provide District with copies of required policies upon request.

SECTION 19. ASSIGNMENT.

The expertise and experience of Contractor are material considerations for this Agreement. District has an interest in the qualifications and capability of the persons and entities who will fulfill the duties and obligations imposed upon Contractor under this Agreement. In recognition of that interest, Contractor shall not assign or transfer this Agreement or any portion of this Agreement or the performance of any of Contractor’s

duties or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the District. Any attempted assignment shall be ineffective, null and void, and shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement entitling District to any and all remedies at law or in equity, including termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 20 "Termination of Agreement." District acknowledges, however, that Contractor, in the performance of its duties pursuant to this Agreement, may utilize sub-contractors.

SECTION 20. PROJECT MANAGER AND CONTINUITY OF PERSONNEL.

Contractor designates _____ as its Project Manager for this Agreement. The Project Manager, or a District approved designee, shall be accessible to District during normal District working hours and shall respond within twenty-four (24) hours to District inquiries or requests. The Project Manager shall be responsible for all matters related to Consultant's personnel, operations and any subconsultants including, but not limited to (1) assigning qualified personnel to perform the work and prepare deliverables; and (2) reviewing, monitoring, training and directing Consultant's personnel and any subconsultants. There shall be no change in the person designated as the Project Manager without prior written approval by District.

Contractor shall make every reasonable effort to maintain the stability and continuity of Contractor's staff and subcontractors, if any, assigned to perform the Services. Contractor shall notify District of any changes in Contractor's staff and subcontractors, if any, assigned to perform the Services prior to and during any such performance.

SECTION 21. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT.

(a) Termination for Convenience. District may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, at any time by giving written notice of termination to Contractor if District determines that termination is in its best interest. In the event such notice is given, Contractor shall cease immediately all work in progress. Contractor shall be paid its costs, including contract close-out costs, on work performed up to the time of termination.

(b) Termination for Cause. If District notifies Contractor of a default under Section 21 "Default" and Contractor fails to cure the default within the time frame provided, District may terminate this Agreement immediately. Contractor will only be paid for Services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in this Agreement.

(c) Property of District. Upon termination of this Agreement by either Contractor or District, all property belonging exclusively to District which is in Contractor's possession shall be returned to District. Contractor shall furnish to District a final invoice for work performed and expenses incurred by Contractor, prepared as set forth in Section 4 "Compensation and Method of Payment" of this Agreement. This final invoice shall be reviewed and paid in the same manner as set forth in Section 4 "Compensation and Method of Payment" of this Agreement.

SECTION 22. DEFAULT.

In the event that Contractor is in default under the terms of this Agreement, the District may give notice to Contractor specifying the nature of the default and providing the Contractor a timeframe to cure the default. The District may hold all invoices until the default is cured. If Contractor does not cure the default to District’s satisfaction in the timeframe given, the District may take necessary steps to terminate this Agreement under Section 20 “Termination of Agreement.” Any failure on the part of the District to give notice of the Contractor’s default shall not be deemed to result in a waiver of the District’s legal rights or any rights arising out of any provision of this Agreement.

SECTION 23. EXCUSABLE DELAYS.

Contractor shall not be liable for damages, including liquidated damages, if any, caused by delay in performance or failure to perform due to causes beyond the control of Contractor. Such causes include, but are not limited to, acts of God, acts of the public enemy, acts of federal, state or local governments, acts of District, court orders, fires, floods, epidemics, strikes, embargoes, and unusually severe weather. The term and price of this Agreement shall be equitably adjusted for any delays due to such causes.

SECTION 24. COOPERATION BY DISTRICT.

All public information, data, reports, records, and maps as are existing and available to District as public records, and which are necessary for carrying out the Services shall be furnished to Contractor in every reasonable way to facilitate, without undue delay, the Services to be performed under this Agreement.

SECTION 25. NOTICES.

All notices required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be personally delivered, or sent by electronic mail or certified mail, postage prepaid and return receipt requested, addressed as follows:

To District: Tahoe Transportation District
Attn: George Fink, Transportation Services Director
P.O. Box 499
Zephyr Cove, NV 89448
gfink@tahoetransportation.org

To Contractor: _____
Attn.: _____

Notice shall be deemed effective on the date personally delivered or transmitted by facsimile or, if mailed, three (3) days after deposit of the same in the custody of the United States Postal Service.

SECTION 26. AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE.

The person or persons executing this Agreement on behalf of Contractor represents and warrants that he/she/they has/have the authority to so execute this Agreement and to bind Contractor to the performance of its obligations hereunder.

SECTION 27. ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION.

This Agreement shall be administered and executed by the District Manager or his or her designated representative. The District Manager shall have the authority to issue interpretations and to make amendments to this Agreement, including amendments that commit additional funds, consistent with Section 28 "Amendment" and the District Manager's contracting authority under District's ordinances, rules and regulations.

SECTION 28. AMENDMENT.

No amendment to or modification of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing and approved by the Contractor and by the District. The District Manager shall have the authority to approve any amendment to this Agreement if the total compensation under this Agreement, as amended, would not exceed the District Manager's contracting authority under the District's ordinances, rules and regulations. All other amendments shall be approved by the District's Board. The Parties agree that the requirement for written modifications cannot be waived and that any attempted waiver shall be void.

By written notice or order, District may, from time to time, order work suspension or make changes to the Services to be provided by Contractor. If any such work suspension or change causes an increase or decrease in the price of this Agreement or in the time required for its performance, or otherwise necessitates an amendment to this Agreement, Contractor shall promptly notify District thereof within ten (10) days after the change or work suspension is ordered, and an amendment to this Agreement shall be negotiated. However, nothing in this clause shall excuse Contractor from complying immediately with the notice or order issued by District.

SECTION 29. BINDING EFFECT.

This Agreement shall be binding upon the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of the Parties.

SECTION 30. FEDERAL PROVISIONS.

District will be using money received from the federal government to pay all or a part of the compensation to Contractor for the Services. The federal government requires certain clauses to be included in contracts where federal money will be used in the contract. Contractor agrees to adhere to the federally-required provisions included in

Exhibit “D” hereto and incorporated herein by reference. If there is a conflict between any provision in Exhibit “D” and the body of this Agreement, Exhibit “D” shall control. In addition, the Federal Highway Administration’s Required Contract Clauses for Federal Aid Construction Projects (FHWA Form 1273, revised May 1, 2012; <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/programadmin/contracts/1273/1273.pdf>) is incorporated by reference herein.

SECTION 31. WAIVER.

Waiver by any Party to this Agreement of any term, condition, or covenant of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of any other term, condition, or covenant. Waiver by any Party of any breach of the provisions of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of any other provision nor a waiver of any subsequent breach or violation of any provision of this Agreement. Acceptance by District of any work or services by Contractor shall not constitute a waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

SECTION 32. LAW TO GOVERN; VENUE.

In the event of litigation between the Parties, venue in state trial courts shall lie exclusively in the County of El Dorado, California where the dispute arises from Services performed in California, or shall lie exclusively in the County of Douglas, Nevada where the dispute arises from Services performed in Nevada. In the event of litigation in a U.S. District Court, venue shall lie exclusively in the Eastern District of California for Services performed in California, or in the District of Nevada for Services performed in Nevada.

SECTION 33. ATTORNEYS FEES, COSTS AND EXPENSES.

In the event litigation or other proceeding is required to enforce or interpret any provision of this Agreement, the prevailing Party in such litigation or other proceeding shall be entitled to an award of reasonable attorney’s fees, costs and expenses, in addition to any other relief to which it may be entitled.

SECTION 34. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.

This Agreement, including the attached Exhibits, is the entire, complete, final and exclusive expression of the Parties with respect to the matters addressed therein and supersedes all other agreements or understandings, whether oral or written, or entered into between Contractor and District prior to the execution of this Agreement. No statements, representations or other agreements, whether oral or written, made by any Party which are not embodied herein shall be valid and binding.

SECTION 35. SEVERABILITY.

If any term, condition or covenant of this Agreement is declared or determined by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby and the Agreement shall be read and construed without the invalid, void or unenforceable provision(s).

SECTION 36. CONFLICTING TERMS.

Except as otherwise stated herein, if the terms of this Agreement conflict with the terms of any Exhibit hereto, or with the terms of any document incorporated by reference into this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall control.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the date and year first-above written.

TAHOE TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

Carl Hasty
District Manager

ATTEST:

Judi Allen
Clerk of the Board

By: _____

By: _____

Its: _____

Its: _____

EXHIBIT "C"
INSURANCE

A. Insurance Coverages. Contractor shall provide and maintain insurance, acceptable to the District, in full force and effect throughout the term of this Agreement, against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the Services by Contractor, its agents, representatives or employees. Contractor shall procure and maintain the following scope and limits of insurance:

Only the following “marked” requirements are applicable:

X Commercial General Liability (CGL): Insurance written on an occurrence basis to protect Contractor and District against liability or claims of liability which may arise out of this Agreement in the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and subject to an annual aggregate of two million dollars (\$2,000,000). Coverage shall be at least as broad as Insurance Services Office form Commercial General Liability coverage (Occurrence Form CG 0001). There shall be no endorsement or modification of the CGL limiting the scope of coverage for either insured vs. additional insured claims or contractual liability. All defense costs shall be outside the limits of the policy.

X Vehicle Liability Insurance: Vehicle liability insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 for injuries, including accidental death, to any one person, and subject to the same minimum for each person, in an amount not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for each accident, and property damage insurance in an amount of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000). A combined single limit policy with aggregate limits in an amount of not less than \$2,000,000 shall be considered equivalent to the said required minimum limits. Coverage shall be at least as broad as Insurance Services Office form number CA 0001 covering Automobile Liability, including code 1 "any auto" and endorsement CA 0025, or equivalent forms subject to the approval of the District.

X Workers' Compensation Insurance: Workers' Compensation insurance as required by the State of California and/or Nevada and a minimum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) of employers' liability coverage. Contractor shall provide an endorsement that the insurer waives the right of subrogation against the District and its respective elected officials, officers, employees, agents and representatives. In the event a claim under the provisions of the California Workers' Compensation Act is filed against District by a bona fide employee of Contractor participating under this Agreement, Contractor is to defend and indemnify the District from such claim.

X Professional Liability Insurance: Professional liability insurance appropriate to the Contractor's profession in an amount not less than one million dollars \$1,000,000 per occurrence. This coverage may be written on a "claims made" basis, and must include coverage for contractual liability. The professional liability insurance required by this Agreement must be endorsed to be applicable to claims based upon, arising out of or

related to Services performed under this Agreement. The insurance must be maintained for at least three (3) consecutive years following the completion of Contractor's services or the termination of this Agreement. During this additional three (3) year period, Contractor shall annually and upon request of the District submit written evidence of this continuous coverage.

B. Other Provisions. Insurance policies required by this Agreement shall contain the following provisions:

1. All Coverages.

a. Each insurance policy required by this Agreement shall be endorsed and state the coverage shall not be suspended, voided, cancelled by the insurer or either Party to this Agreement, reduced in coverage or in limits except after 30 days' prior written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, has been given to District.

b. Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A:VII.

2. Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability Coverages.

a. District, and its respective elected and appointed officers, officials, and employees and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds as respects: liability arising out of activities Contractor performs; products and completed operations of Contractor; premises owned, occupied or used by Contractor; or automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by Contractor. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to District, and their respective elected and appointed officers, officials, or employees.

b. Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance with respect to District, and its respective elected and appointed, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by District, and its respective elected and appointed officers, officials, employees or volunteers, shall apply in excess of, and not contribute with, Contractor's insurance.

c. Contractor's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.

d. Any failure to comply with the reporting or other provisions of the insurance policies, including breaches of warranties, shall not affect coverage provided to District, and its respective elected and appointed officers, officials, employees or volunteers.

e. The insurer waives all rights of subrogation against the District, its elected or appointed officers, officials, employees or agents.

3. Workers' Compensation Coverage. Unless the District Manager otherwise agrees in writing, the insurer shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against District, and its respective elected and appointed officers, officials, employees and agents for losses arising from work performed by Contractor.

C. Other Requirements. Contractor agrees to deposit with District, at or before the effective date of this Agreement, certificates of insurance necessary to satisfy District that the insurance provisions of this contract have been complied with. The District may require that Contractor furnish District with copies of original endorsements effecting coverage required by this Exhibit "C". The certificates and endorsements are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. District reserves the right to inspect complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, at any time.

1. Contractor shall furnish certificates and endorsements from each subcontractor identical to those Contractor provides.

2. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by District. At the option of District, either the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects District or its respective elected or appointed officers, officials, employees and volunteers, or the Contractor shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration, defense expenses and claims.

3. The procuring of such required policy or policies of insurance shall not be construed to limit Contractor's liability hereunder nor to fulfill the indemnification provisions and requirements of this Agreement.

**EXHIBIT “D”
FEDERAL PROVISIONS**

1. Incorporation of FTA Terms - The following provisions include, in part, certain Standard Terms and Conditions required by DOT, whether or not expressly set forth in the preceding contract provisions. All contractual provisions required by DOT, as set forth in FTA Circular 4220.1F 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 District requests which would cause District to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions.
2. Access to Records. The following access to records requirements apply to this Agreement:
 - a. Where the District is the FTA Recipient or a subgrantee of the FTA Recipient in accordance with 49 C. F. R. 18.36(i), the Contractor agrees to provide the District, the FTA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions. 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.C. 5302(a)1, which is receiving federal financial assistance through the programs described at 49 U.S.C. 5307, 5309 or 5311.
 - b. 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.
 - c. The Contractor agrees to maintain all books, records, accounts and reports required under this contract for a period of not less than three 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 Contractor agrees to maintain same until the District, 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. Reference 49 CFR 18.39(i)(11).

3. Civil Rights.

- a. *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. § 6102, section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12132, 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, creed, national origin, sex, age, or disability. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing requirements FTA may issue.
- b. *Equal Employment Opportunity* - The following equal employment opportunity requirements apply to the Agreement:
 - i. Race, Color, Creed, National Origin, Sex - In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, 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 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, creed, national origin, sex, 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.
 - ii. Age - In accordance with section 4 of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § § 623 and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees to refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for reason of age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

- iii. Disabilities - In accordance with section 102 of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12112, the Contractor agrees that it will comply with the requirements of 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, pertaining to employment of persons with disabilities. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
 - c. 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.
4. Disadvantaged Business Enterprises.
 - a. This Agreement is subject to the requirements of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26, Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs. The national goal for participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) is 10%. The District's overall goal for DBE participation is 3.1 %. A separate goal has not been established for this procurement.
 - b. The Contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this Agreement. The Contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of this DOT-assisted contract. Failure by the Contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this Agreement, which may result in the termination of this Agreement or such other remedy as District deems appropriate. Each subcontract the contractor signs with a subcontractor must include the assurance in this paragraph (see 49 CFR 26.13(b)).
 - c. Contractor will be required to report its DBE participation obtained through race-neutral means throughout the period of performance of this Agreement.
 - d. Contractor is required to pay its subcontractors performing work related to this Agreement for satisfactory performance of that work no later than 30 days after the Contractor's receipt of payment for that work from the District. In addition, the Contractor may not hold retainage from its subcontractors.
 - e. The Contractor must promptly notify District whenever a DBE subcontractor performing work related to this Agreement is terminated or fails to complete its work, and must make good faith efforts to engage another DBE subcontractor to perform at least the same amount of work. The Contractor

may not terminate any DBE subcontractor and perform that work through its own forces or those of an affiliate without prior written consent of District.

5. Energy Conservation - The Contractor agrees to comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.
6. Federal Changes – Contractor shall at all times comply with all applicable FTA regulations, policies, procedures and directives, including without limitation those listed directly or by reference in the Master Agreement between District 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 Agreement.
7. No Obligation By The Federal Government
 - a. The District and Contractor acknowledge and agree that, notwithstanding any concurrence by the Federal Government in or approval of the solicitation or award of the Agreement, absent the express written consent by the Federal Government, the Federal Government is not a party to this Agreement and shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities to the District, Contractor, or any other party (whether or not a party to that Agreement) pertaining to any matter resulting from the Agreement.
 - b. 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.
8. Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts.
 - a. 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 actions pertaining to this Project. Upon execution of the Agreement, 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 Agreement or the FTA assisted project for which the Services are being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, the Contractor further 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 on the Contractor to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

- b. The Contractor also acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, 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. § 5307, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 49 U.S.C. § 5307(n)(1) on the Contractor, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.
 - c. 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.
9. Notification to FTA; Flow Down Requirement – If a current or prospective legal matter that may affect the Federal Government emerges, the Recipient must promptly notify the FTA Chief Counsel and FTA Regional Counsel for the Region in which the Recipient is located. The Recipient must include a similar notification requirement in its Third Party Agreements and must require each Third Party Participant to include an equivalent provision in its subagreements at every tier, for any agreement that is a “covered transaction” according to 2 C.F.R. §§ 180.220 and 1200.220.
 - (1) The types of legal matters that require notification include, but are not limited to, a major dispute, breach, default, litigation, or naming the Federal Government as a party to litigation or a legal disagreement in any forum for any reason.
 - (2) Matters that may affect the Federal Government include, but are not limited to, the Federal Government’s interests in the Award, the accompanying Underlying Agreement, and any Amendments thereto, or the Federal Government’s administration or enforcement of federal laws, regulations, and requirements.
 - (3) *Additional Notice to U.S. DOT Inspector General.* The Recipient must promptly notify the U.S. DOT Inspector General in addition to the FTA Chief Counsel or Regional Counsel for the Region in which the Recipient is located, if the Recipient has knowledge of potential fraud, waste, or abuse occurring on a Project receiving assistance from FTA. The notification provision applies if a person has or may have submitted a false claim under the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3729, et seq., or has or may have committed a criminal or civil violation of law pertaining to such matters as fraud, conflict of interest, bid rigging, misappropriation or embezzlement, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving federal assistance. This responsibility occurs whether the Project is subject to this Agreement or another agreement between the Recipient and FTA, or an agreement involving a principal, officer, employee, agent, or Third Party Participant of the Recipient. It also applies to subcontractors at any tier. Knowledge, as used in this paragraph, includes, but is not limited to, knowledge

of a criminal or civil investigation by a Federal, state, or local law enforcement or other investigative agency, a criminal indictment or civil complaint, or probable cause that could support a criminal indictment, or any other credible information in the possession of the Recipient. In this paragraph, “promptly” means to refer information without delay and without change. This notification provision applies to all divisions of the Recipient, including divisions tasked with law enforcement or investigatory functions.

10. Seat Belt Use. The Recipient agrees to implement Executive Order No. 13043, “Increasing Seat Belt Use in the United States,” April 16, 1997, 23 U.S.C. § 402 note, (62 Fed. Reg. 19217), by: (1) Adopting and promoting on-the-job seat belt use policies and programs for its employees and other personnel that operate company-owned vehicles, company-rented vehicles, or personally operated vehicles; and
- (2) Including a “Seat Belt Use” provision in each third party agreement related to the Award.
11. Distracted Driving, Including Text Messaging While Driving – The Recipient agrees to comply with: (1) Executive Order No. 13513, “Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving,” October 1, 2009, 23 U.S.C. § 402 note, (74 Fed. Reg. 51225);
- (2) U.S. DOT Order 3902.10, “Text Messaging While Driving,” December 30, 2009; and
- (3) The following U.S. DOT Special Provision pertaining to Distracted Driving: (i) *Safety.* The Recipient 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 Recipient owns, leases, or rents, or a privately-owned vehicle when on official business in connection with the Award, or when performing any work for or on behalf of the Award;
- (ii) *Recipient Size.* The Recipient agrees to conduct workplace safety initiatives in a manner commensurate with its size, such as establishing new rules and programs to prohibit text messaging while driving, re-evaluating the existing programs to prohibit text messaging while driving, and providing education, awareness, and other outreach to employees about the safety risks associated with texting while driving; and
- (iii) *Extension of Provision.* The Recipient agrees to include the preceding Special Provision of section 34(b)(3)(i) – (ii) of this Master Agreement in its third party agreements, and encourage its Third Party Participants to comply with this Special Provision, and include this Special Provision in each third party subagreement at each tier supported with federal assistance.

12. Buy America - The Vendor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j) and 49 C.F.R. Part 661, which provide that Federal funds may not be obligated unless 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, and include final assembly in the United States for 15 passenger vans and 15 passenger wagons produced by Chrysler Corporation, and microcomputer equipment and software. Separate requirements for rolling stock are set out at 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(C) and 49 C.F.R. 661.11. Rolling stock must be assembled in the United States and have a 60 percent domestic content.

A bidder or offeror must submit to the FTA recipient the appropriate Buy America certification (below) with all bids or offers on FTA-funded contracts, except those subject to a general waiver. Bids or offers that are not accompanied by a completed Buy America certification must be rejected as nonresponsive. This requirement does not apply to lower tier subcontractors.

Certification requirement for procurement of steel, iron, or manufactured products.

Certificate of Compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(1)

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 CFR Part 661.5.

Date _____

Signature _____

Company Name _____

Title _____

Certificate of Non-Compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(1)

The bidder or offeror hereby certifies that it cannot comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(1) and 49 C.F.R. 661.5, but it may qualify for an exception pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(A), 5323(j)(2)(B), or 5323(j)(2)(D), and 49 C.F.R. 661.7.

Date _____

Signature _____

Company Name _____

Title _____

Certification requirement for procurement of buses, other rolling stock and associated equipment.

Certificate of Compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(C).

The bidder or offeror hereby certifies that it will comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(C) and the regulations at 49 C.F.R. Part 661.11.

Date _____

Signature _____

Company Name _____

Title _____

Certificate of Non-Compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(C)

The bidder or offeror hereby certifies that it cannot comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(C) and 49 C.F.R. 661.11, but may qualify for an exception pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(A), 5323(j)(2)(B), or 5323(j)(2)(D), and 49 C.F.R. 661.7.

Date _____

Signature _____

Company Name _____

Title _____

13. Recovered Materials - The Vendor agrees to comply with all the requirements of Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 6962), including but not limited to the regulatory provisions of 40 CFR Part 247, and Executive Order 12873, as they apply to the procurement of the items designated in Subpart B of 40 CFR Part 247.

14. Fly America - The Contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. 40118 (the "Fly America" Act) in accordance with the General Services Administration's regulations at 41 CFR Part 301-10, which provide that recipients and subrecipients of Federal funds and their contractors are required to use U.S. Flag air carriers for U.S Government-financed international air travel and transportation of their personal effects or property, to the extent such service is available, unless travel

by foreign air carrier is a matter of necessity, as defined by the Fly America Act. The Contractor shall submit, if a foreign air carrier was used, an appropriate certification or memorandum adequately explaining why service by a U.S. flag air carrier was not available or why it was necessary to use a foreign air carrier and shall, in any event, provide a certificate of compliance with the Fly America requirements. The Contractor agrees to include the requirements of this section in all subcontracts that may involve international air transportation.

15. Prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment.

(a) Recipients and subrecipients are prohibited from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to:

(1) Procure or obtain;

(2) Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or

(3) Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in [Public Law 115–232](#), section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

(i) For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

(ii) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.

(iii) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

(c) In implementing the prohibition under [Public Law 115–232](#), section 889, subsection (f), paragraph (1), heads of executive agencies administering loan, grant, or subsidy programs shall prioritize available funding and technical support to assist affected businesses, institutions and organizations as is reasonably necessary for those affected entities to transition from covered

communications equipment and services, to procure replacement equipment and services, and to ensure that communications service to users and customers is sustained.

16. Suspension and Debarment

- a. This Agreement is a covered transaction for purposes of 49 CFR Part 29. As such, the Contractor is required to verify that none of the Contractor, its principals, as defined at 49 CFR 29.995, or affiliates, as defined at 49 CFR 29.905, are excluded or disqualified as defined at 49 CFR 29.940 and 29.945.
- b. The Contractor is required to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C and must include the requirement to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.
- c. By signing this Agreement, the Contractor certifies as follows: The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by District. If it is later determined that the Contractor knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to District, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The Contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of 49 CFR 29, Subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the term of this Agreement. The Contractor further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

17. Clean Air - The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 et seq. The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the District and understands and agrees that the District will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to FTA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office. The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

18. Clean Water - The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq . The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the District and understands and agrees that the District will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to FTA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office. The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

19. Lobbying – Contractor 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 District, 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 shall also disclose the name of any registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 who has made lobbying contacts on its behalf with non-Federal funds with respect to that Federal contract, grant or award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

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

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of 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 making lobbying contacts to 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 was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction 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 and not more than \$100,000 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. A 3801, *et seq.*, *apply* to this certification and disclosure, if any.

Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

Date

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