Interurban Transit Authority

Request for Proposal (RFP) for Dispatch Software and MDT Tablet System

RFP # ITA 2017-1

Section 1

Direct Questions To: Phyllis Yff, Executive Director
                    pyff@saugatuckinterurban.org
Please direct questions via email by April 7, 2017

Date Issued: March 21, 2017

Proposal Due: April 21, 2017

Proposer Name: ____________________________________________

Price: $________________________

1st Three years (Total) of subscriptions/fees $________________________

Submit one (1) copy via email to: Phyllis Yff pyff@saugatuckinterurban.org

Or submit three (3) hard copies to: Phyllis Yff, Executive Director
Interurban Transit Authority
100 Wiley Road, P.O. Box 649
Douglas, MI 49406

PROPOSER READ AND COMPLETE

The undersigned certifies that he/she offers to furnish the materials and services in strict accordance with the requirements of this proposal and that the prices submitted are correct.

Company Name: ____________________________________________ Federal ID # __________________________

Print Name and Title: _________________________________________

__________________________________________  __________________________
Signature                                      Date
SECTION II

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Interurban Transit Authority’s (hereinafter referred to as the “ITA”) mission is to provide safe, reliable, efficient, and cost effective public transportation for the people and the communities of Saugatuck, Douglas, and Saugatuck Township. Our employees serve the public with a high standard of quality, safety, and responsiveness. We provide door-to-door, demand response service in the 30 square mile township/cities area. Providing over 65,000 rides annually, ITA serves students, adults, seniors and persons with disabilities in 5 lift equipped vehicles and 2 non lift vehicles. Around 80% of these rides are booked the same day, with the remaining 20% scheduled in advance. With a growing ridership, the ITA would like to increase communication effectiveness with customers and operators, reduce human error and more effectively capture operations data.

SCOPE OF WORK

Project Objectives

The ITA is requesting proposals from qualified vendors for the purchase and installation of a complete dispatch software and mobile data terminal system of tablets in its 7 vehicles and at its 1 dispatch workstation. Initial training must be included in the proposal. The software must be user friendly with an emphasis on simplicity in operation and reporting. The system must include GPS technology and use tablets to perform the mobile data terminal function.

SPECIFICATIONS

The selected dispatch system must be capable of the following:

- Offer the ability to quickly book trips from pick up to drop off
- Support a passenger default address along with other pick up addresses
- Be able to suspend and reactivate a standing ride when needed and flag additional standing rides scheduled for the same day
- Automatically update the trips in the dispatch screen
- Send scheduling for customer trips to the correct vehicle no longer than 30 seconds after the data is entered
- Allow for modifying, adding or canceling rides to any run/bus with immediate updating
- Allow the dispatcher to choose the bus and the driver for pickup, with optional input from the software for scheduling rides, and must be able to copy rides and automatically switch pick up & drop off for return trip
- Have a bus-running-late notification (i.e. 15 minutes) to dispatchers
- Allow dispatchers to move easily between all major components of the system without having to exit, turn off, or minimize other major components
- Must be able to track or time stamp changes from different dispatchers from any ride and be able to be viewed or printed by appropriate persons to track changes (auditing)
- Have options for different colors on the dispatch screen for cancels, no shows, open rides, on board passengers, or dropped off passengers
- Have access to Google or equivalent maps to provide navigation assistance to the dispatcher. Map access must not require no more than one mouse click for the user
• Vendor is responsible for supplying up to date maps at least every two years, or other reasonable interval of time through the mapping provider
• Printed reports must include at least the following: cash over/short, tracking reports for mileage and fuel, MDOT data reports, system wide monthly totals, number of trips based on passenger type, monthly calendars, reports by rides per hour/mile, fares by payment type
• Driver checkout must include a printout of the checkout/fare/ rider activity
• Printed driver logs/reports must show the following: passenger’s name, pick up and drop off address, date, shift time, time of pick up and approximate time of drop off, passenger type, payment type, misc column for notes, start and end mileage, driver’s name, place for driver’s signature, vehicle number, date, empty space for write-in of actual pick and drop off times, place for fares, fuel added, oil added, destinations, date/time ride was taken, phone number, place for directions/notes
• Reports must be easily exportable into an Excel spreadsheet
• Must have the ability to send all ridership information (pickup/drop off times and addresses, messages) to a tablet mounted inside the bus. Drivers will collect data per ride to be sent to the dispatch system
• Must transmit data to and from the vehicle and the channels must be adequate to allow transmission of data in real time
• Scheduling software must fully integrate with the tablet interface
• Tablets must be able to be purchased in a retail outlet for replacement if needed
• Tablets must be portable and easily removed from the vehicle for replacement or overnight storage
• Tablets, when turned on, must display: current odometer, drivers log/manifest, driver ID, and be able to transmit/receive message
• Tablets must be able to record a pick-up, boarding and departure of passengers, flag a no-show, input fare data, record drop off time, pick up time
• Tablets must have integrated mapping and turn-by-turn navigation using free, available, navigation software
• Tablets must notify dispatchers of fare collected (cash, ticket, adult punch, half fare punch, office punch, office half fare punch, no show fee, punch card purchase etc)
• Tablet mounting must not pose a safety hazard to the driver or passengers. Tablets must be installed to minimize the exposure to the elements and to endure the bumps and vibration of the vehicle on rough streets and roads and those caused by driver entering and exiting the bus. Tablets must be simple to securely attach and mount
• Provide appropriate security mechanisms for all aspects of the system

SECTION III

Offer Preparation and Submittal:

Proposal Content

Statement of Proposal: Provide a narrative statement of your proposal indicating, through the use of drawings, diagrams or other material the way in which you propose to satisfy the RFP requirements.
**Organization Structure:** Indicate through the use of organization diagrams and/or narrative statements, the proposed staffing, functioning, and interrelationships with the ITA during the project.

**Prior Experience:** Include descriptions of prior or present projects which would tend to substantiate your qualifications to perform this project. Include three (3) transit industry references with the name, address, and telephone number of the reference’s contact person, and sale/installation date.

**Staff Description:** Identify principal staff by name and qualification.

**Authorized Negotiators:** Provide the names and telephone numbers of personnel authorized to negotiate with ITA regarding the RFP.

**Subcontractors:** Indicate any portion of the proposal to be performed by subcontract. Include similar information as to the qualifications of subcontractors or their employees as is required of the respondent.

**Warranty and support:** Provide a detailed description of product warranty and support. ITA requires on-site training after installation and ongoing training available online or via webinar. ITA requires professional customer support that is available by phone or website 7 days a week.

**Price:** Provide a detailed list of itemized costs related to purchase, installation and training.

**Ongoing Costs:** Provide a detailed, itemized list of ongoing costs for the first three years of operation. Ongoing costs should include all software license and maintenance fees. Ongoing costs must be clearly identified and not included in purchase, installation and training costs.

**Business Organization:** State the full name and address of your organization and, if applicable, the parent or subsidiary entity that will perform or assist in performing the work contained in your proposal or will provide any assistance. Indicate whether you operate as an individual, partnership or corporation; if as a corporation, include the state in which you are incorporated. All respondents must indicate their organization’s federal identification number.

**Proposal Submittal:** Email one (1) copy to pvff@saugatuckinterurban.org or mail/deliver three (3) copies of proposal to ITA, Attn: Phyllis Yff, 100 Wiley Rd, P.O. Box 649, Douglas, MI 49406. THE RFP COVER PAGE SUBMITTED WITH THIS PROPOSAL MUST BE SIGNED IN INK BY AN OFFICIAL OF THE ORGANIZATION authorized to bind the proposer to the RFP provisions and the submitted proposal. THE COMPLETED RFP COVER PAGE MUST BE RETURNED WITH THE PROPOSAL.

Proposals must be received by 4:00 p.m. on April 21, 2017 at ITA administrative offices, 100 Wiley Road, Douglas, MI 49406

**Late submissions will NOT be accepted.**

Submitted proposals and prices must remain valid for 120 days after the proposal due date. Submitted proposals become the property of ITA and will not be returned.
Questions about this RFP must be submitted in writing by email to pyff@saugatuckinterurban.org. Phone calls about the RFP or related issues will not be accepted. All questions and answers related to this RFP will be posted on our website at www.saugatuckinterurban.org and sent to vendors who were sent an RFP, or who have submitted questions or a proposal. All questions and/or comments must be received at least ten (10) working days prior to the proposal due date. Verbal comments are not part of this solicitation.

**MODIFICATIONS AND WITHDRAWALS OF OFFERS:**

Proposals may be withdrawn by written request at any time prior to the due date and time. No proposal may be withdrawn after the due date. Withdrawn proposals may be resubmitted, with or without modifications, up to the due date and time.

**PROPOSAL EVALUATION:**

All proposals will be evaluated by the Selection Committee consisting of the executive director, office manager, and trainer. The Selection Committee may be assisted by other technical personnel as deemed appropriate. Representatives from the firms in a competitive range may be invited to interview in person with the Selection Committee and demonstrate their product before final selection is made. Original scoring of non-price criteria may be modified based on the results of the interview. ITA reserves the right to waive any informality or minor defects, and to reject any and all proposals for sound, documentable business reasons. ITA reserves the right to award to other than the lowest priced proposal and to the proposal offering the Best Value to ITA. The evaluation criteria are equally weighted. Price is relatively less important than the other technical factors as a whole.

**Capability and Qualifications:** The ability of a prospective proposer, relative to the qualifications of personnel assigned to the project, to successfully complete the project. The proposer’s professional and project staff that work on the project must be the same as identified in the proposal.

**Method of Approach:** This refers to the technical soundness of the proposer’s stated approach to the project, the comprehensiveness of the proposed approach, and the techniques to be used.

**Prior Experience:** Evaluation will be based on references, samples of work, and explanations of similar projects.

**Price:** Price will be evaluated using the following formula: Lowest price / price being evaluated x points available = points awarded.

**Ongoing Costs:** Ongoing annual costs will be evaluated using the following formula: Lowest price / price being evaluated x points available = points awarded.

**DURATION OF CONTRACT:**

Work specified in this contract is to be completed by September 30, 2017 with an anticipated start date of June 5, 2017. The selected vendor may have to have an MDOT-approved third-party subcontract.
The federal requirements for this procurement are the Federal Clauses, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES Less Than $100,000, as attached and available on the internet. ITA will issue a Notice To Proceed.

**TERMS OF PAYMENT:** This will be a firm, fixed price contract and ITA will pay for this project on a lump sum basis when project is complete. No payment will be submitted to the State of Michigan for reimbursement until ITA verifies that the project meets the RFP specifications.

The contractor will submit an invoice to Interurban Transit Authority, Attn: Phyllis Yff, Executive Director, 100 Wiley Road, P.O. Box 649, Douglas, MI 49406. Upon acceptance, ITA will place a reimbursement request to the State of Michigan which will take a minimum of forty-five (45) days to be processed. No payment will be made by ITA until the reimbursement check is received by the ITA. All invoices shall be clearly itemized.

ITA is exempt from federal, state and local taxes.

**PROTESTS:**

All protests pertaining to proposal content must be submitted in writing to ITA fifteen (15) business days before the proposal due date. Protests of proposal award must be submitted in writing within five (5) days after award. ITA will respond to all protests within ten (10) days of receiving the protest. ITA is the final arbitrator on any dispute pertaining to proposals, proposal forms, and proposal awards. This “disputes” clause does not preclude consideration of questions of law in connection with decisions provided for above; provided that nothing in this Contract shall be construed as making final the decision of any administrative official, representative, or board on a question of law. Bid protests shall contain:

a) The name and address of the protester  
b) Identification of the project  
c) A statement of the grounds for the protest and any supporting documentation. The grounds for initial protest may be permitted only at the sole discretion of ITA.  
d) The relief desired of ITA

**SECTION IV**

**CONTRACTOR/TRANSIT AUTHORITY FURNISHINGS:**

The contractor shall provide all supervision, labor, materials, supplies, parts, tools, transportation and equipment necessary to perform the scope of this project.

**INDEMNIFICATION PROVISIONS:**

The vendor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless ITA’s, officers, employees and agents, from and against all losses, liabilities, penalties, fines, damages and claims (including taxes), and all related costs and expenses (including reasonable attorney’s fees and disbursements and costs of investigation, litigation, settlement, judgments, interest and penalties), arising from or in connection with any of the following:
a) the product provided, performance of the work, duties, responsibilities, actions or omissions of the vendor
b) breach by the vendor or any representation of warranty made by the vendor in the contract
c) occurrences that the vendor is required to insure against as provided for in this contract
d) death or bodily injury of any person, or the damage, loss or destruction of any real or tangible personal property, in connection with the performance of services by the vendor, by any of its subcontractors, by anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or by anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable; provided, however, that this indemnification obligation shall not apply to the extent, if any, that such death, bodily injury or property damage

e) any claim, demand, action, citation or legal proceeding against ITA, its employees and agents which results from an act or omission of the vendor or any of its subcontractors in its or their capacity as an employer or person

INSPECTION

Final inspection and acceptance of all work, reports, performance, and other deliverables required under this contract shall be performed by ITA. Payment will not be made until ITA issues a written Notice of Acceptance.

ASSIGNMENT:

Neither party may assign, directly or indirectly, all or part of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

SECTION V:

Attached Federal Clauses, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES Less than $100,000.
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INCORPORATION OF FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) TERMS
The preceding provisions include, in part, certain Standard Terms and Conditions required by U.S. DOT, whether or not expressly set forth in the preceding contract provisions. All contractual provisions required by U.S. DOT, as set forth in the Federal Transit Administration (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 { }, hereafter referenced as "CONTRACTOR" shall not perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any { ITA }, hereafter referenced as "AGENCY," requests which would cause AGENCY to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions.

NO GOVERNMENT OBLIGATION TO THIRD PARTIES
No Obligation by the Federal Government.
(1) The AGENCY 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 AGENCY, CONTRACTOR, or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the underlying contract. (2) 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.

FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR CLAIMS
The CONTRACTOR acknowledges and agrees that:
(1) Civil Fraud. 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 the CONTRACTOR’s activities in connection with the Project. By executing the Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement for the Project, the CONTRACTOR certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement it has made, it makes, or it may make in connection with the Project. In addition to other penalties that may apply, the CONTRACTOR also acknowledges that if it makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, certification, assurance, or representation to the Federal Government, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose on the CONTRACTOR the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.
(2) Criminal Fraud. If the CONTRACTOR makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, certification, assurance, or representation to the Federal Government or includes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in any agreement with the Federal Government in connection with a Project authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 or any other Federal law, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose on the CONTRACTOR the penalties of 49 U.S.C. § 5323(f), 18 U.S.C. § 1001, or other applicable Federal law to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

ACCESS TO THIRD PARTY CONTRACT RECORDS
The AGENCY agrees to require, and assures that its CONTRACTOR require, their third party contractors and third party subcontractors at each tier to provide to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation and the Comptroller General of the United States or their duly authorized representatives, access to all third party contract records as required by 49 U.S.C. § 5325(g). The CONTRACTOR further agrees to require, and assures that its subcontractors require, their
third party contractors and third party subcontractors, at each tier, to provide sufficient access to
third party procurement records as needed for compliance with Federal laws and regulations or
to assure proper Project management as determined by FTA.

CHANGES TO FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS
The 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 AGENCY and FTA, as they may be amended or promulgated from
time to time during the term of this contract. The CONTRACTOR’s failure to so comply shall
constitute a material breach of this contract in compliance with 49 CFR Part 18.

TERMINATION (For projects over $10,000)
a. Termination for Convenience (General Provision) The AGENCY may terminate this
contract, in whole or in part, at any time by written notice to the CONTRACTOR when it is in the
Government’s best interest in compliance with 49 U.S.C. Part 18/FTA Circular 4220.1F. 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 AGENCY to be paid. If the CONTRACTOR has any property in its
possession belonging to the AGENCY, the CONTRACTOR will account for the same, and
dispose of it in the manner the AGENCY directs.
b. Termination for Default [Breach or Cause] (General Provision) If the CONTRACTOR
does not deliver supplies in accordance with the contract delivery schedule, or, if the contract is
for services, 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 AGENCY 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 only be paid 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 AGENCY 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 AGENCY, 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.
c. Opportunity to Cure (General Provision) The AGENCY in its sole discretion may, in the
case of a termination for breach or default, allow the CONTRACTOR ten (10) days 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 AGENCY’s satisfaction the breach or default of any of the
terms, covenants, or conditions of this Contract within ten (10) days after receipt by
CONTRACTOR of written notice from AGENCY setting forth the nature of said breach or
default, AGENCY 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
AGENCY from also pursuing all available remedies against CONTRACTOR and its sureties for
said breach or default.
d. Waiver of Remedies for any Breach In the event that AGENCY elects to waive its remedies
for any breach by CONTRACTOR of any covenant, term or condition of this Contract, such
waiver by AGENCY shall not limit AGENCY’s remedies for any succeeding breach of that or of
any other term, covenant, or condition of this Contract.
e. Termination for Convenience (Professional or Transit Service Contracts) The AGENCY,
by written notice, may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, when it is in the Government’s
interest. If this contract is terminated, the AGENCY shall be liable only for payment under the
payment provisions of this contract for services rendered before the effective date of termination.
f. Termination for Default (Supplies and Service) If the CONTRACTOR fails to deliver supplies or to perform the services within the time specified in this contract or any extension or if the CONTRACTOR fails to comply with any other provisions of this contract, the AGENCY may terminate this contract for default. The AGENCY shall terminate by delivering to the CONTRACTOR a Notice of Termination specifying the nature of the default. The CONTRACTOR will only be paid the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner or performance set forth in this contract. If, after termination for failure to fulfill contract obligations, it is determined that the CONTRACTOR was not in default, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the CONTRACTOR.
g. Termination for Default (Transportation Services) If the CONTRACTOR fails to pick up the commodities or to perform the services, including delivery services, within the time specified in this contract or any extension or if the CONTRACTOR fails to comply with any other provisions of this contract, the AGENCY may terminate this contract for default. The AGENCY shall terminate by delivering to the CONTRACTOR a Notice of Termination specifying the nature of default. The CONTRACTOR will only be paid the contract price for services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in this contract. If this contract is terminated while the CONTRACTOR has possession of AGENCY goods, the CONTRACTOR shall, upon direction of the AGENCY, protect and preserve the goods until surrendered to the AGENCY or its agent. The CONTRACTOR and AGENCY shall agree on payment for the preservation and protection of goods. Failure to agree on an amount will be resolved under the Dispute clause. If, after termination for failure to fulfill contract obligations, it is determined that the CONTRACTOR was not in default, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the AGENCY.
h. Termination for Default (Construction) If the CONTRACTOR refuses or fails to prosecute the work or any separable part, with the diligence that will insure 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 provisions of this contract, the AGENCY may terminate this contract for default. The AGENCY shall terminate by delivering to the CONTRACTOR a Notice of Termination specifying the nature of the default. In this event, the AGENCY 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 AGENCY 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 AGENCY in completing the work. The CONTRACTOR's right to proceed shall not be terminated, nor the CONTRACTOR 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 the AGENCY, acts of another CONTRACTOR in the performance of a contract with the CONTRACTOR, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes; and
2. the CONTRACTOR, within [10] days from the beginning of any delay, notifies the AGENCY in writing of the causes of delay. If in the judgment of the AGENCY, the delay is excusable, the time for completing the work shall be extended. The judgment of the AGENCY shall be final and conclusive on the parties, but subject to appeal under the Disputes clauses.
   a. 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 CONTRACTOR.
i. Termination for Convenience or Default (Architect and Engineering) The AGENCY may terminate this contract in whole or in part, for the CONTRACTOR’s convenience or because of the failure of the CONTRACTOR to fulfill the contract obligations. The AGENCY shall terminate by delivering to the CONTRACTOR a Notice of Termination specifying the nature, extent, and effective date of the termination. Upon receipt of the notice, the CONTRACTOR shall (1) immediately discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise), and (2) deliver to the Contracting Officer all data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and other information and materials accumulated in performing this contract, whether completed or in process.

If the termination is for the convenience of the CONTRACTOR, the Contracting Officer shall make an equitable adjustment to the contract price but shall allow no anticipated profit on unperformed services.

If the termination is for failure of the CONTRACTOR to fulfill the contract obligations, the AGENCY may complete the work by contract or otherwise and the CONTRACTOR shall be liable for any additional cost incurred by the AGENCY.

If, after termination for failure to fulfill contract obligations, it is determined that the CONTRACTOR was not in default, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the CONTRACTOR.

j. Termination for Convenience of Default (Cost-Type Contracts) The AGENCY may terminate this contract, or any portion of it, by serving a notice or termination on the CONTRACTOR. The notice shall state whether the termination is for convenience of the AGENCY or for the default of the CONTRACTOR. If the termination is for default, the notice shall state the manner in which the CONTRACTOR has failed to perform the requirements of the contract. The CONTRACTOR shall account for any property in its possession paid for from funds received from the AGENCY, or property supplied to the CONTRACTOR by the AGENCY.

If the termination is for default, the AGENCY may fix the fee, if the contract provides for a fee, to be paid the CONTRACTOR in proportion to the value, if any, of work performed up to the time of termination. The CONTRACTOR shall promptly submit its termination claim to the AGENCY and the parties shall negotiate the termination settlement to be paid the CONTRACTOR. If the termination is for the convenience of the AGENCY, the CONTRACTOR shall be paid its contract close-out costs, and a fee, if the contract provided for payment of a fee, in proportion to the work performed up to the time of termination. If, after serving a notice of termination for default, the AGENCY determines that the CONTRACTOR has an excusable reason for not performing, such as strike, fire, flood, events which are not the fault of and are beyond the control of the CONTRACTOR, the AGENCY, after setting up a new work schedule, may allow the CONTRACTOR to continue work, or treat the termination as a termination for convenience.

CIVIL RIGHTS (For projects over $10,000)
The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all applicable civil rights laws and regulations, in accordance with applicable Federal directives, except to the extent that the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

a. Nondiscrimination in Federal Public Transportation Programs. The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply, and assures the compliance of each subcontractor, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant: at any tier of the Project, with the provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 5332, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age, and prohibits discrimination in employment or business opportunity.

b. Nondiscrimination – Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply, and assures the compliance of each subcontractor, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant at any tier of the Project, with all provisions prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42
U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., and with U.S. DOT regulations, "Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation – Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act," 49 C.F.R. Part 21. Except to the extent FTA determines otherwise in writing, the CONTRACTOR agrees to follow all applicable provisions of the most recent edition of FTA Circular 4702.1A, "Title VI and Title VI-Dependent Guidelines for Federal Transit Administration Recipients," and any other applicable Federal directives that may be issued.

c. Equal Employment Opportunity. The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply, and assures the compliance of each subcontractor, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant at any tier of the Project, with all equal employment opportunity (EEO) provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 5332, with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., and implementing Federal regulations and any later amendments thereto. Except to the extent FTA determines otherwise in writing, the CONTRACTOR also agrees to follow all applicable Federal EEO directives that may be issued. Accordingly:

(1) General. The CONTRACTOR agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, creed, sex, disability, age, or national origin. 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, sex, disability, age, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, employment, upgrading, demotions or transfers, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoffs or terminations; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship.


e. Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age. The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all applicable requirements of:


f. Drug or Alcohol Abuse-Confidentiality and Other Civil Rights Protections. To the extent applicable, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the confidentiality and civil rights protections of the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972, as amended, 21 U.S.C. §§


h. **Environmental Justice.** The CONTRACTOR agrees to facilitate compliance with the policies of Executive Order No. 12898, "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations," 42 U.S.C. § 4321 note, except to the extent that the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing.

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

**DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE**

To the extent authorized by Federal law, the CONTRACTOR agrees to facilitate participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) in the Project and assures that each subcontractor, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant at any tier of the Project will facilitate participation by DBEs in the Project to the extent applicable as follows:


2. The CONTRACTOR agrees and assures that it shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, or national origin in the award and performance of any subagreement, lease, third party contract, or other arrangement supported with Federal assistance derived from U.S. DOT in the administration of its DBE program and shall comply with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 26.

The CONTRACTOR agrees to take all necessary and reasonable steps as set forth in 49 C.F.R. Part 26 to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of all subagreements, leases, third party contracts, and other arrangements supported with Federal assistance derived from U.S. DOT. As required by 49 C.F.R. Part 26, the CONTRACTOR’s DBE program approved by U.S. DOT, if any, is incorporated by reference and made part of the Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement for the Project. The CONTRACTOR agrees that it has a legal obligation to implement its approved DBE program, and that its failure to carry out that DBE program shall be treated as a violation of the Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement for the Project and this Master Agreement. Upon notification by U.S. DOT to the CONTRACTOR of the CONTRACTOR’s failure to implement its approved DBE program, U.S. DOT may impose the sanctions as set forth in 49 C.F.R. Part 26 and may, in appropriate cases, refer the matter to the appropriate Federal authorities for enforcement under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, or the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act, 31 U.S.C. §§ 3801 et seq., or both.

**DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION (For projects over $25,000)**

The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply, and assures the compliance of each subcontractor, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant at any tier of the Project, with Executive Orders Nos. 12549 and 12689, "Debarment and Suspension," 31 U.S.C. § 6101 note, and U.S.
DOT regulations, "Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment," 2 C.F.R. Part 1200, which adopts and supplements the provisions of 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. The CONTRACTOR agrees to, and assures that its subcontractors, lessees, third party contractors, and other participants at any tier of the Project will, review the "Excluded Parties Listing System" at https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/ before entering into any subagreement, lease, third party contract, or other arrangement in connection with the Project.

CARGO PREFERENCE REQUIREMENTS (FOR PROPERTY TRANSPORTED BY OCEAN VESSEL)
Use of United States-Flag Vessels - The CONTRACTOR agrees in compliance with 46 U.S.C. 1241/46 CFR Part 381:
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 MDOT (through the CONTRACTOR in the case of a subcontractor's bill-of-lading.)
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.

FLY AMERICA (FOR FOREIGN AIR TRANSPORT OR TRAVEL)
The CONTRACTOR understands and agrees that the Federal Government will not participate in the costs of international air transportation of any individuals involved in or property acquired for the Project unless that air transportation is provided by U.S.-flag air carriers to the extent such service is available, in compliance with section 5 of the International Air Transportation Fair Competitive Practices Act of 1974, as amended, 49 U.S.C. § 40118, and U.S. GSA regulations, "Use of United States Flag Air Carriers," 41 C.F.R. §§ 301-10.131 through 301-10.143.

ENERGY CONSERVATION
The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with applicable mandatory energy efficiency standards and policies of applicable State energy conservation plans issued in accordance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6321 et seq., except to the extent that the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing. To the extent applicable, the CONTRACTOR agrees to perform an energy assessment for any building constructed, reconstructed, or modified with FTA assistance, as provided in FTA regulations, "Requirements for Energy Assessments," 49 C.F.R. Part 622, Subpart C.

PREFERENCE FOR RECYCLED PRODUCTS (CONTRACTS FOR ITEMS DESIGNATED BY EPA, WHEN PROCURING $10,000 OR MORE PER YEAR)
To the extent applicable, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), "Comprehensive Procurement Guideline for Products Containing Recovered Materials," 40 C.F.R. Part 247, which implements section 5002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6962. Accordingly, the CONTRACTOR agrees to provide a 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.

**NATIONAL INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS) ARCHITECTURE AND STANDARDS (For all ITS projects)**

To the extent applicable, the CONTRACTOR agrees to conform to the National Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture and Standards as required by SAFETEA-LU § 5307(c), 23 U.S.C. § 512 note, and follow the provisions of FTA Notice, "FTA National ITS Architecture Policy on Transit Projects," 86 Fed. Reg. 1455 et seq., January 8, 2001, and any other implementing directives FTA may issue at a later date, except to the extent FTA determines otherwise in writing.

**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 44 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in the administration of programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance; 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; 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; and with other laws and amendments thereto pertaining to access for individuals with disabilities that may be applicable. In addition, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with applicable implementing Federal regulations, and any later amendments thereto, and agrees to follow applicable Federal implementing directives, except to the extent FTA approves otherwise in writing. Among those regulations and directives are:

1. U.S. DOT regulations, "Transportation Services for Individuals with Disabilities (ADA)," 49 C.F.R. Part 37;
10. FTA regulations, "Transportation for Elderly and Handicapped Persons," 49 C.F.R. Part 609; and
(11) Federal civil rights and nondiscrimination directives implementing the foregoing Federal laws and regulations, except to the extent the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing.

**STATE, TERRITORIAL, AND LOCAL LAW**
Should a Federal law pre-empt a State, territorial, or local law, regulation, or ordinance, the CONTRACTOR must comply with the Federal law and implementing regulations. Nevertheless, no provision of the Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement for the Project, or this Master Agreement requires the CONTRACTOR to observe or enforce compliance with any provision, perform any other act, or do any other thing in contravention of State, territorial, or local law, regulation, or ordinance. Thus if compliance with any provision of the Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement for the Project, or this Master Agreement violates or would require the CONTRACTOR to violate any State, territorial, or local law, regulation, or ordinance, the CONTRACTOR agrees to notify FTA immediately in writing. Should this occur, FTA and the CONTRACTOR agree that they will make appropriate arrangements to proceed with or, if necessary, terminate the Project expeditiously.