

NOVEMBER 19, 2021



## INVITATION FOR BIDS

*TRANSIT BUS TIRE LEASE*

GREATER PEORIA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT  
2105 NE JEFFERSON AVE, PEORIA, IL 61603

**INVITATION FOR BID – COVER PAGE**

Issue Date: November 19, 2021  
Title: Transit Bus Tire Lease  
Reference Number: IFB# 2021-15  
Issuing and Using Agency: Greater Peoria Mass Transit District  
Attn: Jamie Arbogast, Procurement  
2105 NE Jefferson Avenue  
Peoria, Illinois 61603

Bids for Furnishing the Product(s)/Service(s) Described Herein Will Be Received Until:  
**2:00 PM on December 30, 2021 (CST)**

All Inquiries for Information Should Be Directed To: Address listed above or Phone (309) 679-8155.

**IF BIDS ARE MAILED OR HAND-DELIVERED, SEND DIRECTLY TO:  
GPMTD PROCUREMENT, 2105 NE JEFFERSON AVENUE, PEORIA, ILLINOIS 61603.**  
The Reference Number, Date and Time of bid submission deadline, as reflected above, must clearly appear on the face of the returned bid package.

In Compliance With This Invitation for Bids And To All Conditions Imposed Therein and Hereby Incorporated By Reference, The Undersigned Offers And Agrees To Furnish The Goods/Services Described Herein In Accordance With The Attached Signed Bid.

Name and Address of Firm:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Signature in ink)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please Print)*

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ FEI/FIN Number: \_\_\_\_\_

DUNS Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## DEFINITION OF WORDS AND TERMS

Words and terms shall be given their ordinary and usual meanings. Where used in the Contract documents, the following words and terms shall have the meanings indicated. The meanings shall be applicable to the singular, plural, masculine, feminine and neuter of the words and terms.

Acceptance or Accepted: Written documentation of GPMTD's determination that the Contractor's Work has been completed in accordance with the Contract.

Addendum/Addenda: Written additions, deletions, clarification, interpretations, modifications or corrections to the solicitation documents issued by GPMTD during the Solicitation period and prior to contract award.

Administrative Change: Documentation provided by GPMTD to Contractor, which reflects internal GPMTD procedures not affecting the Contract terms or Scope of Work.

Best and Final Offer: Best and Final Offer shall consist of the Bidder's revised proposal, the supplemental information, and the Bidder's Best and Final Offer. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency in the items submitted by the Bidder, the items submitted last will govern.

Buyer: Individual designated by GPMTD to conduct the Contract solicitation process, draft and negotiate contracts, resolves contractual issues and supports the Project Manager during Contract performance.

Change Documentation: A written document agreed upon by Project Managers, which if it creates a material change to the Contract term or Scope of Work shall be executed as a Contract Amendment.

Change Order: Written order issued by GPMTD, with or without notice to sureties, making changes in the Work within the scope of this Contract.

Contract Amendment: A written change to the Contract modifying, deleting or adding to the terms or scope of work, signed by both parties, with or without notice to the sureties.

Contract or Contract Documents: The writings and drawings embodying the legally binding obligations between GPMTD and the Contractor for completion of the Work.

Contract Period: The period of time during which the Contractor shall perform the Services or Work under the Contract.

Contract Price: Amount payable to the Contractor under the terms and conditions of the Contract for the satisfactory performance of the Services or Work under the Contract.

Contractor: The individual, association, partnership, firm, company, corporation, or combination thereof, including joint ventures, contracting with GPMTD for the performance of Services or Work under the Contract.

Cost Analysis: The review, evaluation and verification of cost data and the evaluation of the specific elements of costs and profit. Cost analysis is the application of judgment utilizing criteria to project from the data to the estimated costs in order to form an opinion on the degree to which proposed costs represent what the Contract should cost, assuming reasonable economy and efficiency.

Day: Calendar Day.

DBE: Disadvantage Business Enterprise.

Documentation: Technical publications relating to the use of the Work to be provided by Contractor under this Contract, such as reference, user, installation, systems administration and technical guides, delivered by the Contractor to GPMTD.



DOT: Department of Transportation.

Final Acceptance: The point when GPMTD acknowledges that the Contractor has performed the entire Work in accordance with the Contract.

FTA: Federal Transit Administration.

GPMTD: Greater Peoria Mass Transit District.

Person: Includes individuals, associations, firms, companies, corporations, partnerships, and joint ventures.

Price Analysis: The process of examining and evaluating a price without evaluating its separate cost elements and proposed profit.

Procurement Administrator: The individual designated by GPMTD to administer the Contract and be the Contractor's primary point of contact. The Procurement Administrator has no contracting authority.

Project Manager: The individual designated by GPMTD to manage the project on a daily basis and who may represent GPMTD for Contract Administration.

Bidder or Offeror or Bidder: Individual, association, partnership, firm, company, corporation or a combination thereof, including joint ventures, submitting a bid/proposal to perform the Work.

Provide: Furnish without additional charge.

Reference Documents: Reports, specifications, and/or drawings that is available to Bidders for information and reference in preparing bids but not as part of this Contract.

IFB or Solicitation: Invitation for Bids; also known as the solicitation document.

Scope of Work or Statement of Work (SOW): A section of the Invitation for Bids consisting of written descriptions of Services to be performed, or the goods to be provided, or the technical requirements to be fulfilled under this Contract.

Services: The furnishing of labor, time or effort by a Contractor, but not involving the delivery of any specific manufactured good.

Shall or Will: Whenever used to stipulate anything, Shall or Will means mandatory by either the Contractor or GPMTD, as applicable, and means that the Contractor or GPMTD, as applicable, has thereby entered into a covenant with the other party to do or perform the same.

Specifications or Technical Specifications: A Section of the Invitation for Bids consisting of written descriptions of Services to be performed, or the goods to be provided, or the technical requirements to be fulfilled under this Contract.

Subcontractor: The individual, association, partnership, firm, company, corporation, or joint venture entering into an agreement with the Contractor to perform any portion of the Work covered by this Contract.

Submittals: Information that is submitted to the Procurement Administrator in accordance with the Scope of Work/Specifications.

Work: Everything to be provided and done for the fulfillment of the Contract and shall include all goods and services specified under this Contract, including Contract Amendments and settlements

LEGAL NOTICE

November 19, 2021

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
**Transit Bus Tire Lease IFB# 2021-15**

The Greater Peoria Mass Transit District (GPMTD) is seeking bids to provide the furnishing of leased tires for its transit vehicles. The scope of work/specifications is outlined in the Invitation for Bids (IFB). The successful Bidder shall meet the terms and conditions set forth in this document and all other attachments.

The IFB, which includes the procurement schedule, may be obtained by downloading the document from GPMTD's website found at [www.ridecitylink.org/resources/procurement](http://www.ridecitylink.org/resources/procurement) under 'Current Projects'. All interested contractors should complete an Interested Contractors Registration Form (contained in the IFB) and submit to the listed person, via e-mail. All questions should be directed to:

Jamie Arbogast, Procurement  
Greater Peoria Mass Transit District  
2105 NE Jefferson Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61603  
(309) 679-8155  
E-mail: [jarbogast@ridecitylink.org](mailto:jarbogast@ridecitylink.org)

All bids must be received on or before **2:00 pm (CST) on December 30, 2021** at the address listed above.

The right is reserved to accept any proposal/bid or any part or parts thereof or to reject any and all proposals/bids. Acceptance of any proposal/bid is subject to concurrence by the Illinois Department of Transportation and the United States Department of Transportation.

Any contract resulting from these bids is subject to financial assistance contract between the GPMTD and the United States Department of Transportation and the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Contractor will be required to comply with all applicable Equal Employment Opportunity laws and regulations.

Funding provided in whole or in part by the Illinois Department of Transportation "IDOT".

INTERESTED BIDDERS REGISTRATION FORM

**TRANSIT BUS TIRE LEASE  
IFB# 2021-15**

Date: November 19, 2021  
To: INTERESTED BIDDERS  
Subject: Transit Bus Tire Lease IFB# 2021-15

To Bidders:

The INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) and any issued addenda(s) are available for download at [www.ridecitylink.org/resources/procurement](http://www.ridecitylink.org/resources/procurement). Please submit this Form to [jarbogast@ridecitylink.org](mailto:jarbogast@ridecitylink.org) with your completed contact information.

Name of INTERESTED BIDDER: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address/Post Office Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Website Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This Form is requested to ensure that every Interested Contractor receives issued addenda(s) for this INVITATION FOR BIDS. Failure to register this download may result in a rejection of the quotation due to non-compliance with addenda requirements. See **ATTACHMENT C - ADDENDUM PAGE**, which must be completed and submitted with the bid that you provide to the Greater Peoria Mass Transit District.

Thank you for your interest. We look forward to receiving your bid.

Sincerely,  
Jamie Arbogast  
Procurement  
PH: (309)679-8155

## SECTION 1 - INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

### 1-1 Introduction

The Greater Peoria Mass Transit District (GPMTD) is the primary public transportation provider for the Greater Peoria Region. The GPMTD is a municipal corporation within the State of Illinois. GPMTD provides economic, social, and environmental benefits to the community through progressive, customer focused, transportation service by combining state of the art equipment and facilities with professional, well trained staff.

The GPMTD employs approximately 191 full and part-time employees, operates 20 fixed routes within the City of Peoria, City of East Peoria, City of West Peoria, City of Pekin, and Village of Peoria Heights and maintains an active fleet of 53 fixed-route buses. In addition to traditional fixed-route service, GPMTD provides complementary ADA paratransit service (CityLift) within the service area and owns 36 medium duty vans used for CityLift services. GPMTD has three (3) facilities comprised of an Administration Building and Maintenance Building located at 2105 NE Jefferson, and a Transit Center located at 407 SW Adams.

### 1-2 Purpose

The purpose of this Invitation for Bid (IFB) is for the GPMTD to seek qualified bidders for the purpose of furnishing leased bus tires. A detailed scope of work is outlined in section 2.

### 1-3 Bid Submission

The Bidder will submit:

**The Bidder will submit one (1) sealed envelope containing the One (1) Original, complete with all signed affidavits and certifications, bound together.** Oversize pages used for drawings or similar purposes are allowed. The package containing the bid must be clearly marked with the words "**Bid for Transit Bus Tire Lease IFB# 2021-15**" and the time and date bids are due. GPMTD will not accept responsibility for late bids that may be improperly routed in the mail or otherwise delivered after the prescribed date and time.

GPMTD shall not be responsible for unintentional premature opening of a bid that has not been properly addressed and identified per the instructions included with this IFB. All bids are due **NO LATER THAN 2:00 pm (CST), December 30, 2021.**

### 1-4 Bid Format and Required Content

Bids shall be prepared in a clear, concise, and economical manner. Bids should be bound simply, and sections shall be tabbed to coincide with the sections of the IFB and pages should be numbered in each section.

There is no page limitation or minimum document size, any information the Bidder submits is expected to be concise and relevant to the IFB. Illustrations may be included in the bid. Bids that do not adhere to the required format, are difficult to read or are deemed illegible by GPMTD and may be rejected.

**Bids shall adhere to the following format and contain the following items in the order outlined below:**

- A. Invitation for Bid Cover Page (page 2);
- B. Cover Letter, providing the following information:

1. Identification of the Bidder(s), including name, address and telephone number of the appropriate contact person at each company/firm.
2. Proposed working relationship among proposing companies/firms, i.e. prime subcontractors, if applicable.
3. Signature of a person authorized to bind the proposing firm/company to the terms of the bid.

C. Properly completed and executed Attachments (A-O)

1-5 Bid Signature

Each bid shall include the IFB Cover Page signed by a person authorized to bind the proposing firm to the terms of the Contract. Bids signed by an agent are to be accompanied by evidence of that person's authority.

1-6 Inquiries

The Bidder is required to show on all correspondence with the GPMTD the following: "**Bid for Transit Bus Tire Lease IFB# 2021-15**". Any communication with GPMTD should be written and directed to Jamie Arbogast, Procurement, GPMTD, 2105 NE Jefferson Avenue, Peoria, Illinois 61603. Written communication may also be forwarded via email to [jarbogast@ridecitylink.org](mailto:jarbogast@ridecitylink.org). Correspondence will not be accepted by any other means or by any other GPMTD staff member.

1-7 Procurement Schedule

The projected schedule for this procurement is:

Invitation for Bids available:	November 19, 2021
Deadline for questions and clarifications:	December 03, 2021
Deadline for <u>responses</u> to questions and clarifications:	December 10, 2021
Bids due by <b>2:00 pm (CST)</b> :	December 30, 2021
Bid Opening at <b>2:15 pm (CST)</b> :	December 30, 2021
Recommend Contract Award at GPMTD Board Meeting:	January 2022
Anticipated start-up date:	March 01, 2022

1-8 Bid Specifics

The GPMTD reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Any restrictions on the use of data contained within a bid must be clearly stated in the bid itself.

1-9 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Participation

The GPMTD has established a **9%** DBE contract goal. Therefore, a Bidder must, in order to be responsible and/or responsive, make a good faith effort to meet the goal. The Bidder can meet this requirement in either of two ways.

- a. The Bidder can meet the goal, documenting commitments for participation by DBE firms sufficient to for this purpose.
- b. Even if it does not meet the goal, the Bidder can document adequate good faith efforts. This means that the Bidder must show that it took all necessary and reasonable steps to achieve a DBE goal or other requirement of this part, which, by their scope, intensity, and appropriateness to the objective, could reasonably be expected to obtain sufficient DBE participation, even if they were not fully successful.

For Bidders to receive credit for the use of a DBE, the Illinois Unified Certification Program (IL UCP) must certify the proposed DBE prior to submission of the bid. It is the policy of GPMTD that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE's) as defined in 49 CFR Part 26 shall have a level playing field to compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts. Contractor is encouraged to take all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that DBE's have a level playing field to compete for and perform services on the contract, including participation in any subsequent supplemental contracts. If the contractor intends to subcontract a portion of the services on the project, contractor is encouraged to contact DBE's to solicit their interest, capabilities and qualifications.

It is the policy of GPMTD to investigate the full extent of services offered by financial institutions owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals in the community, to make reasonable efforts to use these institutions, and to encourage prime contractors on DOT-assisted contracts to make use of these institutions. Therefore, GPMTD encourages prime contractors to use DBE financial institutions whenever possible.

49 CFR Part 26 requires GPMTD to collect certain data about firms attempting to participate in FTA contracts. This data must be provided on the enclosed **Firm Data Sheet (Attachment G)**.

- A. **Certification** – To be certified as a DBE, a firm must meet all certification eligibility standards. Firms that qualify as a DBE must: 1) be a small business as defined by the Small Business Administration; 2) be at least 51% owned by minorities, women and/or socially and economically disadvantaged adults, and 3) have its day-to-day operations controlled by women or minorities. The Illinois Unified Certification Program (IL UCP) will make its certification decisions based on the facts as a whole. DBE certification entitles contractors to participate in GPMTD's DBE program; however, this certification does not guarantee that the contractor will obtain work with GPMTD.
- B. **Process** – A firm must apply for certification through the IL UCP. Certification guidelines and applications are also available online as PDF's at the following links:

<http://www.idot.illinois.gov/doing-business/certifications/disadvantaged-business-enterprise-certification/index>

- C. **DBE Program** – For information about GPMTD's DBE Program, firms may contact:

Nick Standefer AGM  
Greater Peoria Mass Transit District  
2105 NE Jefferson Avenue  
Peoria, Illinois 61603  
(309)679-8153 or email: [nstandefer@ridecitylink.org](mailto:nstandefer@ridecitylink.org)

#### 1-10 Examination of IFB and Contract Documents

Bidders are expected to examine the Scope of Work, scope of services required, specifications, schedules, compliance requirements and all instructions. Failure to do so will be at the Bidder's risk. It is the intent of these specifications to provide product(s)/service(s) of first quality, and the workmanship must be the best obtainable in the various trades. The product(s)/service(s) proposed must be high quality in all respects. No advantage will be taken by the Bidder in the omission of any part or detail, which goes to make the product/service(s) complete. All manner of workmanship and material used in the production of the services and not herein contained or specified shall be of the industry standard and shall conform to the best practices known in the industry.

Contractor will assume responsibility for all equipment used in the bid item, whether the same is manufactured by the Contractor or purchased ready made from a source outside the Contractor's company. It is the sole responsibility of the Contractor to read the Scope of Work/Specifications and understand them.

The submission of a bid shall constitute an acknowledgment upon which GPMTD may rely on that the Bidder has thoroughly examined and is familiar with the solicitation, instructions and Scope of Work, including any work site identified in the IFB, and has reviewed and inspected all applicable statutes, regulations, ordinances and resolutions addressing or relating to the goods and services to be provided hereunder. The failure or neglect of a Bidder to receive or examine such documents, work sites, statutes, regulations, ordinances, or resolutions shall in no way relieve the Bidder from any obligations with respect to its Bid or to any Contract awarded pursuant to this IFB. No claim for additional compensation will be allowed which is based on lack of knowledge or misunderstanding of this IFB, work sites, statutes, regulations, ordinances, or resolutions.

#### 1-11 Interpretation of IFB and Contract Documents

No oral interpretations as to the meaning of the IFB will be made to any Bidder. Any explanation desired by a Bidder regarding the meaning or interpretation of the IFB, Scope of Work, Specifications, etc., must be requested in writing and with sufficient time allowed (a minimum of fifteen (15) calendar days before the bid due date) for a reply to reach all Bidders before the submission of their bids. Any interpretation or change made will be in the form of an addendum to the IFB, specifications, etc., as appropriate. All addendums will be furnished as promptly as is practicable to all contractors who have registered to submit a bid on this IFB and to whom the IFB has been issued to at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the bid due date. **All addenda will become part of the IFB and any subsequently awarded Contract.** Oral explanations, statements, or instructions given by GPMTD before the award of the Contract will not be binding upon the GPMTD.

#### 1-12 Cost of Bids

GPMTD is not liable for any costs incurred by Bidders in the preparation, presentation, testing, or negotiation of Bids submitted in response to this solicitation.

## SECTION 2 – SCOPE OF WORK

### 2-1 Introduction/Background

Greater Peoria Mass Transit District (GPMTD) seeks bids from qualified vendors to furnish bus tires through a contractual lease. GPMTD's maintenance facility is located at 2105 NE Jefferson St, Peoria IL, 61603. GPMTD currently has 53 buses within its fleet.

### 2-2 General Conditions

All materials used in the manufacture of the tires furnished under this bid shall conform to all U.S. Government and State of Illinois laws and regulations and likewise the manufacturing of the tires furnished shall conform to all federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

No advantage shall be taken by the lessor or his sub-lessor in the omission of any part of detail that goes to make the tires complete and ready for service.

The lessor shall assume responsibility for all material and accessories and warranty used in the furnishing of tires, whether the same is manufactured by the lessor or purchased, ready-made, from a source outside the lessor's company.

The following conditions stated in the contract with the GPMTD's present supplier shall prevail:

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary set forth in said mileage contract, vendor hereby grants to the operator the following option:

1. Upon the expiration of the term of the contract as extended, GPMTD has the right to further extend said contract and continue to use all tires furnished by Firestone under such agreements in GPMTD's possession on the expiration date for a period of 36 months from said expiration date.
2. All terms, conditions and provisions of said contract shall remain in full force and effect during said 36 month period, except that vendor shall be relieved of any requirement to furnish GPMTD with tires during said 36 month period unless requested by GPMTD and agreed to by vendor.
3. The rate or rates per bus mile in effect during such 36-month period shall be the rate or rates in effect for the six (6) month period immediately preceding the commencement date of such 36 month period.
4. It is understood that GPMTD shall continuously use such tires insofar as practicable on its highest mileage runs until such tires are rendered permanently unfit for service during said 36 month period.
5. Upon the expiration of said 36 month period, GPMTD shall pay for any then unused mileage remaining in such tires (tires supplied by vendor) pursuant to the contract at the rate set forth in paragraph (3.) above. The amount of the unused mileage shall be determined by subtracting from the average mileage secured from similar tires (non-recapped or recapped, as the case may be) normally and permanently removed from service during the six month period immediately preceding the expiration of the 36 month period, the mileage run by the particular tire prior to the expiration date of the 36 month period.

#### **GPMTD TIRES**

GPMTD currently owns no regular route tires. New buses may be purchased with tires. The lessor will furnish tires as required by the GPMTD vehicle specifications.



### 2-3 Prices for Lease of Tires

Prices are requested on one option. The price quoted shall include all items requested. Any items omitted from the specifications, which are clearly necessary for the furnishing and maintenance of such tires, shall be considered a portion of such equipment although not directly specified or called for in these specifications, i.e. valve stems, caps, cores, grommets and all necessary repair materials.

The price quoted shall be stated on a per vehicle mile.

The total lease rate shall consist of a mileage rate for lease of tires. The mileage used shall be actual vehicle miles.

### 2-4 Record Keeping

GPMTD will determine the mileage of each bus and shall furnish the lessor with a list of each vehicle together with the monthly mileage for each vehicle at the end of each and every month during the term of the contract and such report or record will be used by the lessor in computing the monthly statement.

GPMTD will pay to the lessor, the lease payment due under the contract within ten (10) working days after receipt of a correct invoice from the lessor. Total miles operated will be reported to lessor by the 15th of the month.

The lessor shall provide GPMTD with monthly reports by tire showing original tread and the reason tires were removed from service during the month.

### 2-5 Material Furnished

Tires furnished shall be new radial type tires. All tires furnished shall meet all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances and regulations.

Lessor will keep on hand a sufficient number of spare tires so that the lessee at all times will have a satisfactory stock of tires to insure continuous operation of its fleet.

At no time shall any tire remain in service on GPMTD buses with less than 4/32 of an inch tread depth when measured in a major tread groove. The measurement shall not be made where the tire bars, bumps, or fillets are located.

Wheel weights required for the balancing of tires within GPMTD's fleet shall be provided by GPMTD. Lessor shall provide valve stems for all tires.

### 2-6 Service Provided

Lessee will furnish all service necessary to properly maintain the tires within the GPMTD's fleet including tires from other suppliers being tested. This service shall consist of the following:

1. Mounting and dismounting tires to and from rims
2. Balancing all tires within the fleet
3. Maintaining proper air pressure of all tires within the fleet
4. Repairing of tire punctures and flat tires
5. Distribution and handling of tires and service equipment
6. Any other service necessary to maintain the tires of the fleet not specifically mentioned herein.

GPMTD will provide service for all road calls. GPMTD will not regroove any tires during this contract.

**2-7 Bonus Accounting**

No bonus provision is requested or will be considered in this request for bids

**2-8 Delivery**

All tires furnished for use by GPMTD shall be delivered directly to GPMTD's service garage. The lessor shall pay for all freight or delivery charge.

Disposal of tires and related materials delivered to GPMTD shall be the responsibility of the lessor.

**2-9 Work Space and Storage of Tires**

GPMTD will furnish adequate storage space and workspace for the storage and maintenance of tires used on its vehicles. The storage of a nominal number of tires will be the responsibility of the lessee.

**2-10 Average Mileage**

GPMTD coaches are currently averaging approximately 40,000 miles per tire before wear necessitates removal from service.

**2-11 Title to Tires and Tires Equipment**

Ownership and title to the leased tires shall remain with the lessor.

**Description of Transit Vehicles**

The following is a description of GPMTD transit vehicles presently in service and the bidder must furnish written certification that the tires furnished under the contract will comply with all federal, state, and local laws for said vehicles. All tires supplied under this agreement shall be a Transit Bus tire with a minimum 55 M.P.H. mile per hour rating that meets or exceeds ISO and GVW requirements.

<b>No. of Units</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>No. of Wheels</b>	<b>Length</b>	<b>Tire Size</b>
46	GILLIG	6	35 ft	315/80R22.5
4	New Flyer Xcelsior	6	40 ft	305/80R22.5
3	Proterra Catalyst 2	6	35 ft	315/80R22.5

GPMTD expects to make purchases of additional buses within the next few years to add to and/or replace various buses currently within its fleet. In anticipation of this, the successful bidder shall be required to provide proper replacement tires for these buses when needed. The mileage rates for such tires shall be negotiated between GPMTD and the successful bidder at the time the buses are purchased.

**2-12 Description of Facilities**

GPMTD operates Maintenance and Operations facilities located within the Peoria City limits. All service and maintenance to tires will be provided by GPMTD.

**2-13 Special Conditions**

GPMTD will award the tire lease contract to one (1) supplier and tires of that supplier shall be used on its buses during the term of the contract. However, the GPMTD reserves the right to test special mileage commercial tires other than the lessor's on not more than five percent (5%) of its fleet.

## 2-14 Removal of Buses from Service

The GPMTD anticipates that it will be operating all of the present number of buses; however, no assurance will be made at this time.

If, during the term of this agreement, GPMTD shall sell, or in any manner dispose of, any buses including the tires thereon, and if said tires are supplied by lessor hereunder, or if for any reason GPMTD shall discontinue its business, or discontinue the use of any such buses, with the exception of storage buses. GPMTD shall purchase the unused mileage in each tire thereon (including spares) at prices to be computed at the negotiated tire lease rates.

## 2-15 Scrap Tires and Tires Disposal

GPMTD reserves the right to use scrap tires for the sole and exclusive purpose of transporting and disposing of the GPMTD's surplus buses when necessary. In this regard, the lessor agrees to the following terms:

Lessor understands that it is the desire of GPMTD to use scrap tires for the sole and exclusive purpose of transporting, storing, and disposing of GPMTD's out of service vehicles. Therefore, the parties agree to the following terms and conditions:

It is understood that in this agreement, a "scrap tire" means any tire furnished under the contract which has been determined by lessor to be permanently unfit for further service under the contract. It is also understood that "storage vehicle" means any vehicle furnished with tires under the contract, which has been determined by GPMTD to be placed in storage.

Lessor will furnish scrap tires to GPMTD, with thirty days written prior notice, for the sole and exclusive purpose of transporting and storing GPMTD's storage vehicles. It is understood that in this instance, the GPMTD will mount and inflate said tires.

In consideration of the accommodation and benefit given under clause two above, GPMTD agrees as follows:

1. GPMTD agrees to use the scrap tire furnished hereunder for the sole and exclusive purpose of transporting, storing, and disposing of GPMTD's surplus vehicles.
2. GPMTD will acquire each scrap tires as is, and lessor makes no warranties as to the condition or fitness for continued use of such tires.
3. GPMTD agrees not to file or assert against lessor any claim, action, or cause of action for loss, liability or damage arising out of GPMTD's use of or possession of scrap tires furnished under this agreement.
4. GPMTD agrees to indemnify and hold lessor harmless against all claims of any party for loss, liability, or damage resulting from lessor's furnishing of scrap tires to GPMTD hereunder.

It is further agreed that the scrap tires provided to GPMTD for storage purposes will be done at no cost to the GPMTD.

It is further agreed that all tires deemed unsuitable by GPMTD for regular route line service, or tires damaged or destroyed, be removed from GPMTD property and disposed of by Lessor. It is further understood that all tire casings be disposed of properly in accordance with all Federal, State, and local environmental laws and, under no circumstances, shall GPMTD be held liable for tire storage, removal or disposal.

## 2-16 Loss and Damage Tire Billing

Cost for damaged tires shall be included in the rate per tire mile. "Damage" means the abuse by partial or total destruction of a tire by means other than normal wear, including but not limited to, irregular wear, damage from brake heat, curbing, road hazards and misalignment. GPMTD agrees to maintain buses' suspension and steering in accordance with bus manufacturers' alignment specifications and keep brakes properly adjusted. Tires that are damaged beyond repair by an accident or fire, or have been lost, sold, or purchased, shall be paid for at the rental rate then in effect based on the remaining tire mileage.

GPMTD is exempt from payment of Illinois State sales and use taxes and taxes must not be included in proposal prices.

## 2-17 Projected Annual Mileage

The projected annual mileage for GPMTD's bus fleet in 2022 is 2,215,000 miles.

## 2-18 Escalation Clause

The bid base rate per tire mile shall be effective from 3/1/2022 through 3/1/2027 with one year option.

The acceptable bid shall be an all-inclusive firm fixed price for (5) five (12) twelve-month periods.

## 2-19 Contract Form

Any contract or leasing agreement entered into between the lessor and GPMTD shall be the "standard industry form" for tire leases of this nature. Such contract or leasing agreement shall be provided by the lessor, must contain all of the leasing and service specifications presented herein, and be in a form acceptable to GPMTD.

## 2-20 Incorporation of Specifications

These specifications shall be incorporated into and made a part of any contract or leasing agreement entered into between the lessor and GPMTD.

In the event of any conflict between the terms and conditions of said contract or leasing agreement and those of the specifications, the terms and conditions of the specifications shall prevail.

## 2-21 Contract Termination

This contract and any modifications(s) thereof may be terminated by GPMTD at its absolute discretion when it determines that necessity requires such termination. Upon such termination, or upon expiration of this agreement, GPMTD may, at its sole election, direct contractor to remove from GPMTD property all new tires and any other Lessor products which have never been mounted which were leased hereunder to the GPMTD and in addition the GPMTD may, at its sole election either:

Pay for all original tread on buses, in GPMTD's garage, in transit or in stock, that have been assigned by Supplier to GPMTD's fleet. Payment for original tires shall be on the basis of the unused mileage remaining in such tires multiplied by the applicable net billing rate per tire mile in effect at said termination date. The unused mileage in each original tread tire.

or

1. On 30 days' written notice prior to the termination date of this agreement, GPMTD may elect to continue to use all tires furnished by lessor under such agreements in effect on the termination or expiration date, for a period of 36 months from said termination or expiration date; and

2. All terms, conditions, and provisions of said agreement shall remain in force and effect during said 36 month period, except that the lessor shall be relieved of any requirement to furnish GPMTD with tires, supplies or services, during said 36 month period unless requested by GPMTD and agreed to by lessor; and
3. The rate or rates per bus mile in effect during such 36 month period shall be the rate or rates in effect for the period immediately preceding and commencement date of such 36 month period; and
4. It is understood that GPMTD shall continuously use such tires insofar as practicable on its highest mileage runs until such tires are rendered permanently unfit for service during said 36 month period; and
5. Upon the expiration of said 36-month period, GPMTD shall pay for any then unused mileage remaining in such tires at the rate set forth in Paragraph (3.) above.

## SECTION 3 – BID SUBMISSION PROVISIONS

### 3-1 Postponement, Amendment and/or Cancellation of Invitation for Bids

The GPMTD reserves the right to revise or amend any portion of this IFB prior to the date and time for the bid delivery. Such revisions and amendments, if any, shall be issued through addenda to this IFB. Copies of such addenda and/or amendments shall be placed on the GPMTD website and will be furnished to the Bidder's email address submitted on the Contractors Registration Form. If the revisions or addenda require changes in requested information or the format for bid submission, the established date for submission of bids contained in this IFB may be postponed by such number of days as, in the GPMTD's opinion, shall enable Bidders adequate time to revise their bids.

GPMTD reserves the right to cancel this IFB at any time or change the date and time for submitting bids by announcing same prior to the date and time established for bid submittal.

### 3-2 Rejection of Bids

GPMTD reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any minor informalities or irregularities.

### 3-3 Clarification of Bids

GPMTD reserves the right to obtain clarification of any point in a bid or to obtain additional information necessary to properly evaluate a particular bid. Failure of a Bidder to respond to such a request for additional information or clarification may result in the bids' rejection.

### 3-4 Approved Equals

In all cases, services and materials must be furnished as specified. Where brand names or specific items are used in the specifications, consider the term "or approved equal" to follow.

Any unapproved deviations, exceptions, substitutions, alternates or conditional qualifications contained in a bid may be cause for its rejection.

If potential Bidders believe that their product is equal to the product specified, they must submit a written request to GPMTD on the provided form (Attachment D) and this request will be approved or rejected by GPMTD at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the due date of bids. Requests for approved equals and clarification of specifications must be received by GPMTD in writing a minimum of fifteen (15) days before the bid opening to allow analysis of the request.

Any request for an approved equal must be fully supported with catalog information, specifications and illustrations, or other pertinent information, as evidence that the substitute offered is equal to or better than the specification. Where an approved equal is requested, the Bidder must demonstrate the equality of this product to GPMTD to determine whether the Bidder's product is or is not equal to that specified.

### 3-5 Modification or Withdrawal of Bids and Late Bids

At any time before the time and date set for submittal of bids, a Bidder may request to withdraw or modify its Bid. Such a request must be made in writing by a person with authority as identified on the IFB Cover Page, provided their identity is made known and a receipt is signed for the bid. All bid modifications shall be made in writing executed and submitted in the same form and manner as the

original bid. Any bid or modification of bid received at GPMTD's office designated in the solicitation after the exact time specified for bid receipt will not be considered.

### 3-6 Errors and Administrative Corrections

GPMTD will not be responsible for any errors in bids. Bidders will only be allowed to alter bids after the submittal deadline in response to requests for clarifications or Best and Final Offers by GPMTD. GPMTD reserves the right to request an extension of the bid period from a Bidder or Bidders.

GPMTD reserves the right to allow corrections or amendments to be made that are due to minor administrative errors or irregularities, such as errors in typing, transposition or similar administrative errors. Erasures or other changes or entries made by the Bidder must be initialed by the person signing the bid.

### 3-7 Compliance with IFB Terms and Attachments

GPMTD intends to award a Contract based on the terms, conditions, and attachments contained in this IFB. Bidders are strongly advised to not take any exceptions. Bidders shall submit bids which respond to the requirements of the IFB. An exception is not a response to an IFB requirement. If an exception is taken, a "Notice of Exception" must be submitted with the bid. The "Notice of Exception" must identify the specific point or points of exception and provide an alternative.

Bidders are cautioned that exceptions to the terms, conditions, and attachments may result in rejection of the bid.

GPMTD may, at its sole discretion, determine that a bid with a Notice of Exception merits evaluation. A bid with a Notice of Exception not immediately rejected, may be evaluated, but its competitive scoring will be reduced to reflect the importance of the exception. Evaluation and negotiation will only continue with the Bidder if GPMTD determines that a Contract in the best interest of GPMTD may be achieved. The Notice of Exception will be used as part of GPMTD's evaluation of the bid, and, therefore, must be made known during the course of the proposing process. Comments and exceptions substantially altering the form agreement will not be considered after conclusion of the bid process and the award of a contract. Failure to submit a marked-up copy of the form agreement with a bid will be interpreted by GPMTD as the Bidder's acceptance of the form agreement provided herein.

### 3-8 Collusion

The Bidder guarantees that the bid submitted is not a product of collusion with any other Bidder, and no effort has been made to fix the bid price of any Bidder or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of any bid price (Affidavit of Non-Collusion). Failure to submit the signed affidavit at the time of bid opening shall be grounds for disqualification of the Bidder's offer.

If GPMTD determines that collusion has occurred among Bidders, none of the bids from the participants in such collusion shall be considered. GPMTD's determination shall be final.

### 3-9 Pricing, Taxes and Effective Date

The price to be quoted in any bid will include all items of labor, materials, tools, equipment, delivery and other costs necessary to fully meet the requirements of GPMTD. Any items omitted, which are clearly necessary for the completion of this project, will be considered a portion of such specifications, although not directly specified.

Price bids shall include all freight charges, FOB to the designated delivery points.

GPMTD is exempt from payment of Federal, Excise and Transportation Tax, and the Illinois Sales, Excise and Use Tax. Bidders will not include these taxes in their proposed price(s). All other government taxes, duties, fees, licenses, permits, royalties, assessments, and charges shall be included in the proposed price.

In the event of a discrepancy between the unit price and the extended amount for a required item, the unit price will govern.

The price quoted by the proposing companies/firms will not change for a period of ninety (90) days, beginning from the date the bid is opened.

### 3-10 Bid Alternatives

Bids shall address all requirements identified in this solicitation. In addition, GPMTD may consider bid alternatives submitted by Bidders that provide enhancements beyond the IFB requirements. Bid alternatives may be considered if deemed to be in GPMTD's best interests. Bid alternatives must be clearly identified.

### 3-11 Single Bid Response

If only one Bid is received in response to the IFB, a sample of two (2) Bids, if available, awarded to the Bidder within the past two (2) years may be requested of the single Bidder. A cost/price analysis and/or audit may be performed of the cost bid in order to determine if the price is fair and reasonable.

### 3-12 Exclusionary or Discriminatory Specifications

GPMTD agrees that it will comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. Section 5323(h) (3) by refraining from using any Federal assistance awarded by the FTA to support procurements using exclusionary or discriminatory specifications. GPMTD further agrees to refrain from using state or local geographic preferences, except those expressly mandated or encouraged by Federal Statute.

### 3-13 Protest Procedures

#### Pre-Bid Protests:

All protests concerning solicitation specifications, criteria and/or procedures shall be submitted in writing (defined as being sent or received via letter or facsimile on official firm/agency letterhead or by electronic mail) to the Board Chair as specified below not later than ten (10) business days prior to the deadline for submission of bids/proposals.

The Board Chair may, within his or her discretion, postpone the deadline for submission of bids/proposals, but in any case, shall provide a written response to all protests not later than five (5) business days prior to the deadline for submission of bids/proposals. If the deadline for submission of bids/proposals is postponed by the Board Chair as the result of a protest the postponement will be announced through an addendum to the solicitation.

The decision by the Board Chair shall be the final agency decision on the matter.

#### Pre-Award Protests:

With respect to protests made after the deadline for submission of bids/proposals but before contract



award by GPMTD, protests shall be limited to those protests alleging a violation of Federal or State law, a challenge to the bids/proposal's evaluation and award process.

Such protests shall be submitted in writing (defined as being sent or received via letter or facsimile on official firm/agency letterhead or by electronic mail) to the Board Chair as specified below not later than five (5) business days after the Recommendation for Contract Award announcement by GPMTD.

The Board Chair, within his or her discretion, postpone the award of the contract, but in any case, shall provide a written response to all protests not later than three (3) business days prior to the date that GPMTD shall announce the contract award.

The decision by the Board Chair shall be the final agency decision on the matter.

Requirements for Protests:

All protests must be submitted to GPMTD in writing (defined as being sent or received via letter or facsimile on official firm/agency letterhead or by electronic mail), with sufficient documentation, evidence and legal authority to demonstrate that the Protestor is entitled to the relief requested. The protest must be certified as being true and correct to the best knowledge and information of the Protestor and be signed by the Protestor. The protest must also include a mailing address to which a response should be sent.

Protests received after the deadlines for receipt of protests specified above are subject to denial without any requirement for review or action by GPMTD.

All protests must be directed in writing (defined as being sent or received via letter or facsimile on official firm/agency letterhead or by electronic mail) to the Board Chair at the address shown in the solicitation documents.

Protest Response:

The Board Chair shall issue written responses to all protests received by the required protest response dates. All protest responses shall be transmitted by first-class U.S. Postal Service to the address indicated in the protest letter.

For convenience, GPMTD will also send a copy of the response to a protest to the Protester by facsimile and/or electronic mail if a facsimile number and/or electronic mail address are indicated in the protest letter. The protest response transmitted by U.S. Postal Service shall be the official GPMTD response to the protest and GPMTD will not be responsible for the failure of the Protester to receive the protest response by either facsimile or electronic mail.

3-14 Insurance Requirements

Contractor shall not commence work until all insurance required under this section has been obtained and the proper insurance verification has been provided to GPMTD.

3-14.1 General Requirements

All insurance policies shall be written with a company or companies licensed to conduct business within the State of Illinois and holding a current Best's Key Rating of A- VII or better. Contractor agrees to name GPMTD as additional insureds on General, Business Automobile and Excess or Umbrella liability policies by endorsement to the policies. Insurance policies shall be endorsed to give GPMTD 30 day's written notice (10 days in case of Workers Compensation) of cancellation for any reason, non-renewal or material change in coverage or limits. In case of non-payment of

premium by Contractor, GPMTD retains the rights but is not obligated to pay any premiums and deduct such amounts from any payments due to the Contractor.

There shall be no exclusions for punitive damages in the General or Business Automobile policies.

Complete, certified copies of all insurance policies applicable to this agreement will be sent to GPMTD within 60 days of each inception or anniversary date, so that these insurance policies may be reviewed by GPMTD. Until copies of policies are received, Evidence of Coverage in the form of an original Certificate of Insurance shall be submitted to GPMTD. The Contractor also agrees to have deficiencies in the insurance policies amended as per the directions of GPMTD or its representative.

Failure to provide the required insurance shall not relieve the Subcontractor of any liability the Prime contractor shall have under this agreement or at law.

Subcontractor's Liability Any portion of the Work to be performed for Contractor by a Subcontractor shall be performed pursuant to an appropriate written subcontract between Contractor and Subcontractor. No subcontract shall relieve Contractor of its obligations under this agreement. Contractor shall remain responsible for all subcontracted Work, and Contractor shall be as fully liable to Owner for the acts and omissions of its Subcontractors, their agents, representatives, and persons directly or indirectly employed by them as it is for the acts and omissions of Contractor's own employees. Any subcontracts between Contractor and Subcontractor will obligate the Subcontractor to the Owner to the same extent as Contractor is obligated to the Owner. The Owner is a third-party beneficiary of such Subcontractor or Subcontractors and in that regard will have the same rights against the Subcontractor as the Contractor would have against the Subcontractor. Such subcontracts will specifically require that the Subcontractor will comply with the insurance provisions of this agreement for the benefit of the Owner, to the same extent that the Contractor is obligated to do so.

**3-14.2 Required Coverages**

Contractor and each of its Subcontractors shall adhere to the following provisions and in those respects shall maintain the following minimum insurance coverage. When the term "Each" is used it refers to the "Contractor" and any Subcontractors hired or engaged by the "Contractor" both separately and collectively.

- A. **Commercial General Liability** (Occurrence Form), Each shall carry Commercial General Liability Insurance on ISO form CG 2010 (10 01) and CG 2037 (10 01) (or a substitute form providing equivalent coverage) which is in a form satisfactory to Owner. Either singly or in combination with Excess or Umbrella Liability Insurance policy **covering all operations** with the following limits:

Each Occurrence (Bodily Injury, Property Damage)	\$1,000,000
Personal and Advertising Injury Limit	\$1,000,000
General Aggregate Limit	\$1,000,000
Products and Completed Operations Aggregate Limit	\$1,000,000
Fire Damage Limit	\$50,000
Medical Payments – Any One Person	\$5,000

Coverage shall include:

Premises/Operations, Independent Contractors, Personal Injury (with Employment Exclusion deleted), Broad Form Property Damage Endorsement, Blanket Contractual Liability (must expressly cover the indemnity provision of this Contract)

B. **Business Automobile Policy** either singly or in combination with Excess or Umbrella Liability Insurance policy **covering all operations** with the following limits:

Owned, Hired or Non-Owned (Per Accident)	\$1,000,000
Medical Payments (Each Person)	\$5,000
Comprehensive (\$5,000 Deductible – Maximum)	Actual Cash Value
Collision (\$5,000 Deductible – Maximum)	Actual Cash Value

In the case of policies that list specific vehicles or specific drivers, proof of coverage is required to be provided to GPMTD for each vehicle or driver before it can be used in service. The Contractor will be fully responsible for all physical damage deductibles to GPMTD owned vehicles. In addition, Contractor will be fully responsible for all rental costs and other costs associated with any vehicles that replace any vehicle that sustains any type of physical damage.

C. **Professional Liability** Professional liability or equivalent with coverage written on an “occurrence” as is and with limits no less than \$10,000,000 per occurrence or claim, and \$10,000,000 policy aggregate. This may not be applicable depending on the contractor.

D. **Umbrella Policy** The required coverage's may be in any combination of primary, excess and umbrella policies. Any excess or umbrella policy must provide excess coverage over underlying insurance on a following-form basis such that when any loss covered by the primary policy exceeds the limits under the primary policy, the excess or umbrella policy becomes effective to cover such loss. This policy should apply to the Commercial General Liability and Motor Vehicle Coverage. Minimum amount \$5,000,000 per occurrence or claim, which may be adjusted dependent on the scope and scale of the project

E. **Other Insurance Provisions** The insurance policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

- a. The District, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds on the CGL policy with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the Contractor including materials, parts, or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations and automobiles owned, leased, hired, or borrowed by or on behalf of the Contractor. General liability coverage can be provided in the form of an endorsement to the Contractor’s insurance (at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10, CG 11 85 or both CG 20 10, CG 20 26, CG 20 33, or CG 20 38; and CG 20 37 forms if later revisions used).
- b. For any claims related to this project, the Contractor’s insurance coverage shall be primary insurance coverage at least as broad as ISO CG 20 01 04 13 as respects the District, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the District, its officers, officials, employees, or volunteers shall be excess of the Contractor’s insurance and shall not contribute with it. Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract, and for 2 years thereafter, insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, his agents, representatives, employees, or subcontractors.

F. **Workers Compensation**

Part A	Statutory
Part B – Employers Liability	
Bodily Injury by Accident	\$500,000
Bodily Injury by Disease (Policy Limit)	\$500,000

Bodily Injury by Disease (Each Employee) \$500,000

All States and Voluntary Compensation endorsements shall be included in the Workers Compensation policy. Workers Compensation shall be provided to all employees of the Contractor.

Workers Compensation Waiver To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor expressly (a) waives the benefits, for itself and all subcontractors of the provisions of any applicable workers compensation law limiting the tort or other liability of any employer on account of injuries to the employer's employees, and expressly (b) assumes proportionate liability in that regard. Contractor also waives any rights and/or claims for subrogation and/or reimbursement by lien or otherwise for itself, and all Subcontractors to recover from GPMTD any amounts paid under any applicable workers compensation law by Contractor, any Subcontractor or their respective workers' compensation insurers.

## SECTION 4 – BID EVALUATION & CONTRACT AWARD

### 4-1 General

GPMTD shall evaluate bid (price) information and award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder(s) that is in the best interest of the GPMTD.

### 4-2 Eligibility for Award

The initial step in the bid review process and the purpose is to gauge the responsiveness of the Bidder. The bids will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- The completeness of the bid,
- The Bidder meets the Scope of Work specifications,
- The Bidder has submitted bid on or before the required due date and time,
- The required forms, certifications, and deliverables have been submitted.

Failure to meet any or all of the above criteria will result in a nonresponsive bid and said bid will be rejected in its entirety.

In order to qualify as a Responsible Bidder, in addition to the other requirements herein provided, a Bidder must be prepared to prove to the satisfaction of the GPMTD that it has the integrity, skill, and experience to faithfully perform the conditions of the Contract and that it has the necessary financial resources to provide the services in a satisfactory manner and within the time specified.

To be considered skilled and experienced, the Bidder must show, among other requirements of the GPMTD, that it has satisfactorily supplied services of the same general type and scope as that which is called for in the IFB.

The Bidder shall maintain at all times, the necessary licenses, permits or certifications required and may be required to furnish evidence of the same.

### 4-3 Contract Award

Contract award, if any, will be made by GPMTD to the responsible Bidder whose bid best meets the requirements of the IFB, and will be the most advantageous to GPMTD with respect to operational plan, quality, and other factors as evaluated by GPMTD. GPMTD shall have no obligations until a Contract is signed between the Bidder and GPMTD.

Contract award will occur when GPMTD signs the Contract or issues a purchase order. No other act of GPMTD shall constitute Contract award. The Contract will establish the Contract value and incorporate the terms of this document but will not be the authorization for Contractor to proceed.

### 4-4 Execution of Contract and Notice to Proceed

The Bidder to whom GPMTD intends to award the Contract shall sign the Contract and return it to GPMTD. Upon authorization by GPMTD's Board of Trustees, or designee, the Contract will be countersigned. Upon receipt by GPMTD of any required documentation and submittals by the Bidder, a Notice to Proceed may be issued, if appropriate.

### 4-5 Public Disclosure of Bids

GPMTD is subject to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Therefore, the contents of this IFB and the Contractor's bid submitted in response to this IFB shall be considered public documents and are subject to the Illinois FOIA statutes. As such, all bids submitted to GPMTD will be available for inspection and copying by the public after the selection process has been concluded. There are,

however, various items that may be exempt under public disclosure laws. If any proprietary, privileged, or confidential information or data is included in the Contractor's bid, each page that contains this information or data should be marked as such (e.g., "Proprietary," "Confidential," "Business Secret," or "Competition Sensitive") in order to indicate your claims to an exemption provided in the Illinois FOIA. It is GPMTD's sole right and responsibility, however, to make the determination whether these items are exempt or not exempt under the Illinois FOIA statutes.

All data, documentation and innovations developed as a result of these contractual services shall become the property of GPMTD.

## SECTION 5 – STANDARD CONTRACTUAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

### 5-1 Administration

This Contract is between GPMTD and the Contractor who will be responsible for providing the goods and/or performing the services described herein. GPMTD is not party to defining the division of work between the Contractor and its Subcontractors, if any, and the Specifications and/or Scope of Services has not been written with this intent.

Contractor represents that it has or will obtain all duly licensed and qualified personnel and equipment required to perform hereunder. Contractor's performance under this Contract may be monitored and reviewed by a Procurement Administrator appointed by GPMTD. Reports and data required to be provided by Contractor shall be delivered to the Procurement Administrator. Questions by Contractor regarding interpretation of the terms, provisions, and requirements of this Contract shall be addressed to the Procurement Administrator for response.

### 5-2 Notification of Delay

Contractor will notify GPMTD's Procurement Administrator as soon as Contractor has, or should have, knowledge that an event has occurred which will delay delivery or start-up of services. Within five days, Contractor will confirm such notice in writing furnishing as many details as is available.

### 5-3 Request for Extension

Contractor agrees to supply, as soon as such data are available, any reasonable proofs that are required by GPMTD's Procurement Administrator to make a decision of any request for extension. GPMTD's Procurement Administrator will examine the request and any documents supplied by Contractor and will determine if Contractor is entitled to an extension and the duration of such extension. GPMTD's Procurement Administrator will notify Contractor of the decision in writing. It is expressly understood and agreed that Contractor will not be entitled to damages or compensation and will not be reimbursed for losses on account of delays resulting from any cause under this provision.

### 5-4 Contract Changes

Any proposed change in the contract including a change in the scope of work will be submitted to GPMTD for its prior written approval and GPMTD will make the change by a Change Order if agreed upon by both parties in writing. Each written Change Order will expressly include any change in the Contract price or delivery schedule. No oral order or conduct by GPMTD will constitute a Change Order unless confirmed in writing by GPMTD.

### 5-5 Instructions by Unauthorized Third Persons

In accordance with subsection 5-4, Contract Changes, of the solicitation, GPMTD's General Manager or his/her authorized representative are the only persons authorized to make changes within the general scope of the Contract.

Any instructions, written or oral, given to Contractor by someone other than GPMTD's General Manager or his/her authorized representative, which are considered to be a change in the Contract, will not be considered as an authorized Contract change. Any action on the part of Contractor taken in compliance with such instructions will not be grounds for subsequent payment or other consideration in compliance with the unauthorized change.

### 5-6 Cost or Price Analysis

GPMTD reserves the right to conduct a cost or price analysis for any purchase. GPMTD may be required to perform a cost analysis when competition is lacking for any purchase. Sole source procurements which result in a single Bid being received will be subject to a cost analysis which will include the appropriate verification of cost data, the evaluation of specific elements of costs and the projection of data to determine the effect on Bid prices. GPMTD may require a Pre-Award Audit and potential Contractors shall be prepared to submit data relevant to the proposed work which will allow GPMTD to sufficiently determine that the proposed price is fair, reasonable, and in accordance with Federal, State and local regulations. Procurements resulting in a single Bid will be treated as a negotiated procurement and GPMTD reserves the right to negotiate with the single Bidder to achieve a fair and reasonable price. If a negotiated price cannot be agreed upon by both parties, GPMTD reserves the right to reject the single Bid. Contract change orders or modifications will be subject to a cost analysis.

### 5-7 Lack of Funds

If expected or actual funding is withdrawn, reduced, or limited in any way prior to the expiration date set forth in this Contract or in any amendment hereto, GPMTD may, upon written notice to Contractor, terminate this Contract in whole or in part. Such termination shall be in accordance with GPMTD's rights to terminate for convenience or default.

### 5-8 Force Majeure

The timely receipt of GPMTD's requirements is essential. If the requirements are not received on time in accordance with the delivery schedule, GPMTD may cancel the unfilled portion of the contract for cause, purchase substitute requirements elsewhere, and recover from Contractor any increased costs, thereby incurred together with all resulting incidental and consequential damages. GPMTD may also terminate for cause, purchase substitute requirements elsewhere and recover costs and damages for breach of Contractor obligations.

The Contractor shall be entitled to a reasonable extension of time from GPMTD for the delays caused by damage to Contractor's and/or GPMTD's property caused by fire, lightning, earthquakes, tornadoes, and other extreme weather conditions or acts of nature, power failures, riots, acts of civil or military authorities of competent jurisdiction, strikes, lockouts, and any other industrial, civil or public disturbances beyond the control of the Contractor and its subcontractors causing the inability to perform the requirements of this Contract. Any delay other than ones mentioned above shall constitute a breach of Contractor's contractual obligations.

### 5-9 Taxes, Licenses, Laws, and Certificate Requirements

Contractor shall maintain and be liable for all taxes, fees, licenses, and costs as may be required by federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations for the conduct of business by Contractor and any subcontractors and shall secure and at all times maintain any and all such valid licenses and permits as may be required to provide the services or supplies under this Contract. If for any reason, Contractor's required licenses or certificates are terminated, suspended, revoked, lapsed, or in any manner modified from their status at the time this Contract becomes effective, Contractor shall immediately notify GPMTD in writing of such condition.

Contractor will give all notices and comply with all federal, state, local and GPMTD laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, standards, and orders of any public authority bearing on the performance of the Contract, including, but not limited to, the laws referred to in these General Provisions of the Contract



and the other Contract Documents. If the Contract Documents are at variance therewith in any respect, any necessary changes shall be adjusted by appropriate modification. Omission of any applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, standards or orders by GPMTD in the Contract Documents shall be construed as an oversight and shall not relieve the Contractor from his obligations to meet such fully and completely. Upon request, Contractor shall furnish to GPMTD certificates of compliance with all such laws, orders and regulations. Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining all necessary permits and licenses required for performance under the Contract.

Applicable provisions of all federal, state, and local laws, and of all ordinances, rules, and regulations shall govern any and all claims and disputes which may arise between person(s) submitting a Bid response hereto and GPMTD, by and through its officers, employees and authorized representatives, or any other persons, natural and otherwise, and lack of knowledge by any Contractor shall not constitute a cognizable defense against the legal effect thereof.

#### 5-10 Defective Work, Materials or Services

When and as often as GPMTD determines that the work, materials, or services furnished under the Contract are not fully and completely in accordance with any requirement of the Contract, it may give notice and description of such non-compliance to Contractor. Within seven (7) calendar days of receiving such written notification, Contractor must supply GPMTD with a written detailed plan which indicates the time and methods needed to bring the work, materials, or services within acceptable limits of the Contract. GPMTD may reject or accept this plan at its discretion. In the event this plan is rejected, the work, materials, or services will be deemed not accepted and returned to Contractor at Contractor's expense. This procedure to remedy defects is not intended to limit or preclude any other remedies available to GPMTD by law, including those available under the Uniform Commercial Code.

#### 5-11 Indemnification and Hold Harmless

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor agrees to indemnify, and hold harmless, and upon request, defend GPMTD, its officers, directors, Board Members, employees, agents, representatives, volunteers, subsidiaries, successors, and assigns ("Indemnitees"), from any claim, liability, damage, expense, suit or demand (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs) for any losses, damages, injuries, or death to any persons including Contractor's employees or any Subcontractor's employees, or for damage or loss to any third-party property, arising out of or in any manner related to, based upon, or in connection with any operations, performance, breach, course or Scope of Work, act, omissions, or presence upon, use, or other encountering of any property, facilities, personnel, vehicles, equipment, or operation of GPMTD by or involving GPMTD, Contractor or any of their employees, agents, representatives, facilities, vehicles, materials, equipment, or Subcontractors (regardless of tier) or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, in any connection with the Work performed by or on behalf of Contractor, regardless of whether the Contractor is a party to any lawsuit. In that regard, this obligation to indemnify includes, without limitation, claims against GPMTD for GPMTD's own negligence or fault.

#### 5-12 Applicable Law and Forum

All work done pursuant to any contract resulting from this IFB will be governed by and construed according to the regulations of the Federal Transit Administration and the laws of the State of Illinois. Further, the successful Bidder shall abide by all federal, state, and local laws, codes, and ordinances governing any areas(s) in which a service is rendered and shall have all required permits, licenses, agreements, tariffs, bonding, and insurance required by same. No claims for additional payment shall

be approved for changes required to comply with any such requirements. Any actions arising here from shall be filed in the County of Peoria, Illinois and the Federal Transit Administration if applicable.

### 5-13 Attorney Fees

In the event either party shall engage the services of an attorney or other professional due to the default of the other party, the defaulting (non-prevailing) party shall pay all legal costs and fees, including attorney's fees, incurred by the non-defaulting (prevailing) party in enforcing its rights.

### 5-14 State Officials and Employees Ethics Act

Greater Peoria Mass Transit District has adopted a policy to adopt the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act. These policies shall apply to GPMTD employees involved in procurement. It is a breach of ethical standards for any GPMTD employee to participate directly or indirectly in a procurement when the employee knows:

- The employee, or any member of the employee's immediate family, has a financial interest pertaining to the procurement;
- A business or organization in which the employee, or any member of the employee's immediate family, has a financial interest pertaining to the procurement; or
- Any other person, business or organization with whom the employee or any member of employee's immediate family is negotiating or has an arrangement concerning prospective employment is involved in the procurement. In addition, any persons acting as members of an evaluation committee for any procurement shall, for the purposes of the procurement, be bound by conditions of this Section. Throughout the bid/proposal evaluation process and subsequent contract negotiations, offerors shall not discuss or seek specific information about this procurement, including but not limited to, the contents of submissions, the evaluation process or the contract negotiations, with members of any evaluation committee, the Board of Trustees, or other Greater Peoria Mass Transit District employees other than the designated procurement officer.

### 5-15 Conflicts of Interest and Non-Competitive Practices

- A. Conflict of Interest – Contractor by entering into this Contract with GPMTD to perform or provide work, services, or materials, has thereby covenanted that it has no direct or indirect pecuniary or proprietary interest, and that it shall not acquire any interest, which conflicts in any manner or degree with the work, services, or materials required to be performed and/or provided under this Contract and that it shall not employ any person or agent having any such interest. In the event that Contractor or its agents, employees or representative's hereafter acquires such a conflict of interest, is shall immediately disclose such interest to GPMTD and take action immediately to eliminate the conflict or to withdraw from this Contract, as GPMTD may require.
- B. Contingent Fees and Gratuities – Contractor, by entering into this Contract with GPMTD to perform or provide work, services, or materials, has thereby covenanted:
  1. No person or selling agency except bona fide employees or designated agents or representatives of Contractor has been or will be employed or retained to solicit or secure this Contract with an agreement or understanding that a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee would be paid; and
  2. No gratuities, in the form of entertainment, gifts, or otherwise, were offered or given by Contractor or any of its agents, employees, or representatives, to any official, member or

employee of GPMTD or other governmental agency with a view toward securing this Contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to the awarding or amending, or the making of any determination with respect to the performance of this Contract.

#### 5-16 Conflicts of Interest – Current and Former Employees

GPMTD seeks to eliminate and avoid actual or perceived conflicts of interest and unethical conduct by current and former GPMTD employees in transactions with GPMTD. Consistent with this policy, no current or former GPMTD employee may contract with, influence, advocate, advise, or consult with a third party about a GPMTD transaction, or assist with the preparation of Bids submitted to GPMTD while employed by GPMTD or within one (1) year after leaving GPMTD's employment, if he/she participated in determining the work to be done or process to be followed while a GPMTD employee.

Furthermore, no member, officer, or employee of GPMTD during their tenure or for two (2) years thereafter will have any financial interests, direct or indirect, in this Contract or the proceeds thereof.

#### 5-17 Other Public Agency Orders

Other federal, state, county, and local entities may utilize the terms and conditions established by this Contract. GPMTD does not accept any responsibility or involvement in the purchase orders or contracts issued by other agencies.

#### 5-18 Severability

Whenever possible, each provision of this Contract shall be interpreted to be effective and valid under applicable law. If any provision is found to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, then such provision or portion thereof shall be modified to the extent necessary to render it legal, valid, and enforceable and have the intent and economic effect as close as possible to the invalid, illegal, and unenforceable provision.

#### 5-19 Non-waiver of Breach

No action or failure to act by GPMTD shall constitute a waiver of any right or duty afforded to GPMTD under the Contract; nor shall any such action or failure to act by GPMTD constitute an approval of, or acquiescence in, any breach hereunder, except as may be specifically stated by GPMTD in writing.

#### 5-20 Use of GPMTD's Name in Contractor Advertising or Public Relations

GPMTD reserves the right to review and approve all GPMTD-related copy prior to publication. Contractor will not allow GPMTD-related copy to be published in Contractor's advertisements or public relations programs until submitting GPMTD-related copy and receiving prior written approval from GPMTD's General Manager or his/her authorized representative. Contractor will agree that published information on GPMTD or its program will be factual, and in no way imply that GPMTD endorses Contractor's firm, service, or product.

## SECTION 6 – SPECIFIC CONTRACTUAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

### 6-1 Contract

Any Contract resulting from this solicitation will be structured as a firm, fixed price contract. The Contract(s) issued by GPMTD may reflect agreed to modification of Contract terms, funding, or other matters subject to subsection 5-4, Contract Changes.

### 6-2 Contract Documents and Precedence

The documents constituting the Contract between GPMTD and Contractor are intended to be complementary so that what is required by any one of them shall be as binding as if called for by all of them. In the event of any conflicting provisions or requirements within the several parts of the Contract Documents, the following order of precedence shall be applied:

- 1) Any required federal, state or local regulations that may not be altered by GPMTD;
- 2) Contract;
- 3) Purchase Order;
- 4) Contract amendments;
- 5) Results of negotiations;
- 6) Solicitation and all issued addenda and approved equals;
- 7) Any optional federal regulations elected by GPMTD as expressly set forth herein;
- 8) Clarifications of and amendments to Contractor's bid as accepted by GPMTD; and
- 9) Contractor's bid and Attachments, and all clarifications and amendments issued prior to contract award.

### 6-3 Contract Term

The term of the Contract arising from this IFB shall be for five (5) years starting March 01, 2022. Two (2) separate one-year options will be available.

### 6-4 Payment Procedures

Payments for services rendered and expenses incurred shall be made after presentation of Contractor's invoices based on tire miles provided by GPMTD. Such invoices shall be computed in accordance with the fee schedule agreed to by GPMTD and Contractor, and incorporated into the final contract, and are due and payable within thirty (30) days of receipt of a correct invoice as agreed upon by GPMTD. Contractor also agrees to supply, with each invoice, additional information as may be requested by GPMTD.

Invoices should clearly identify the GPMTD purchase order number and any prompt payment discount offered to GPMTD for paying within ten (10) days of receipt. GPMTD may, at any time, conduct an audit of any and/or all records kept by the Contractor for this project. Any overpayment uncovered in such an audit may be charged against the Contractor's future invoices. GPMTD may withhold payment for services it believes were improper, failed to meet with project specifications, or are otherwise questionable. Invoices should be submitted to:

Accounts-payable@ridecitylink.org

or

Greater Peoria Mass Transit District  
Accounts Payable  
2105 NE Jefferson Street  
Peoria, IL 61603

#### 6-5 Advance Payment Prohibited

No advance payment shall be made for the work furnished by Contractor pursuant to this Contract.

#### 6-6 Price Adjustments

Price adjustments either upward or downward may be negotiated only at the time of renewal unless GPMTD requests a contract modification.

#### 6-7 Shipping Charges

All prices shall include freight FOB to the designated delivery point. GPMTD shall reject requests for additional compensation for freight charges.

#### 6-8 Delivery Points

This Contract requires all goods and/or services and supervision necessary to furnish the goods and services as set forth herein to be made to any authorized GPMTD-related facility and will be determined at the time of order at the sole discretion of GPMTD.

#### 6-9 Summary Report

Contractor shall, if requested, submit to GPMTD a quarterly report of services provided to GPMTD under this Contract. The report, in a format acceptable to GPMTD, shall identify by item the amount of work completed, the status of the project in relation to the schedule, and any other information that may be relevant to project oversight.

#### 6-10 Warranty Provisions

- A. No Waiver of Warranties and Contract Rights: Conducting of tests and inspections, review of Scope of Work or plans, payment for a work, or acceptance or final acceptance of the work by GPMTD shall not constitute a waiver of any rights under this Contract or in law. The termination of this Contract shall in no way relieve Contractor from its warranty/guarantee responsibility.
- B. Warranty: Contractor warrants that the work performed under this Contract shall be free from defects in material and workmanship and shall conform to all requirements of this Contract. Any work corrected shall be subject to this subsection to the same extent as the work initially provided.
- C. Warranty Applicable to Third Party Suppliers, Vendors, Distributors, and Subcontractors: Contractor shall ensure that the warranty requirements of this Contract are enforceable through and against Contractor's suppliers, vendors, distributors, and subcontractors. Contractor is responsible for liability and expense caused by any inconsistencies or differences between the warranties extended to GPMTD by Contractor and those extended to Contractor by its suppliers, vendors, distributors, and subcontractors. Such inconsistency or difference shall not excuse Contractor's full compliance with its obligations under this Contract. Contractor shall cooperate with GPMTD in facilitating warranty related work by such suppliers, vendors, distributors, and subcontractors.

#### 6-11 Express Warranties for Services

Contractor warrants that the services shall in all material respects conform to the requirements of this Contract. Contractor warrants that qualified professional personnel with in-depth knowledge shall perform the services in a timely and professional manner; and that the services shall conform to the standards generally observed in the industry for similar services. Contractor warrants that the

services shall be in compliance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

#### 6-12 Warranty Remedies

If at any time before Final Acceptance of any work covered by this Contract, Contractor or GPMTD discovers one or more material defects or errors in the work of any other aspect in which the work materially fails to meet the provisions of the warranty requirements herein, Contractor shall, at its own expense and within thirty (30) days of notification of the defect by GPMTD, correct the defect, error, or nonconformity.

Notice Required – GPMTD shall give written notice of any defect to Contractor. If Contractor has not corrected the defect within thirty (30) days after receiving the written notice, GPMTD, in its sole discretion, may correct the defect itself. In the case of an emergency where GPMTD believes delay could cause serious injury, loss, or damage, GPMTD may waive the written notice and correct the defect. In either case, GPMTD shall charge-back the cost for such warranty repair to Contractor.

Contractor is responsible for all costs of repair or replacement in order to restore the work to the applicable Contract requirements or scope of work, including shipping charges, for work found defective before Final Acceptance, regardless of who actually corrects the defect.

#### 6-13 Independent Status of Contractor

In the performance of this Contract, the parties shall be acting in their individual, corporate, or governmental capacities and not as agents, employees, partners, joint ventures, or associates of one another. The parties intend that an independent contractor relationship shall be created by this Contract. The employees or agents of one party shall not be deemed or construed to be the employees or agents of the other party for any purpose whatsoever. Contractor shall not make any claim or right, privilege or benefit, which would accrue to an employee.

#### 6-14 Notices

Any notice which is required to be given hereunder shall be deemed sufficiently given or rendered if such notice is in writing and is delivered personally or sent by certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, or by a national overnight courier service to the following addresses:

Greater Peoria Mass Transit District  
Procurement  
2105 NE Jefferson Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61603

Any notice given hereunder by personal delivery or express mail shall be deemed delivered when received. Any properly addressed notice given herein by certified mail shall be deemed delivered when the return receipt therefore is signed, or refusal to accept the mailing by the addressee is noted thereon by the postal authorities. Either party may, at any time, change its address for the above purposes by sending a notice to the other party stating the change and setting forth the new address.

#### 6-15 Non-Disclosure of Data

Data provided by GPMTD either before or after Contract award shall only be used for its intended purpose. Bidders, vendors, Contractors, and subcontractors shall not utilize or distribute the GPMTD data in any form without the prior express written approval of GPMTD.

#### 6-16 Non-Disclosure Obligation

While providing the work required under this Contract, Contractor might encounter licensed

technology, software, documentation, drawings, schematics, manuals, data, or other materials marked "Confidential," "Proprietary," or "Business Secret." Contractor shall, with regard to such information and material received or used in performance of this Contract, employ practices no less than those used for the protection of Contractor's own confidential information.

The Contract imposes no obligation upon Contractor with respect to confidential information which Contractor can establish that: a) was in the possession of, or was rightfully known by Contractor without an obligation to maintain its confidentiality prior to receipt from GPMTD or a third party; b) is or becomes generally known to the public without violation of this Contract; c) is obtained by Contractor in good faith from a third party having the right to disclose it without an obligation of confidentiality; or, d) is independently developed by Contractor without the participation of individuals who have had access to GPMTD's or the third party's confidential information. Contractor may disclose confidential information if so, required by law, provided that Contractor notifies GPMTD that the third party of such requirement prior to disclosure.

#### 6-17 Public Disclosure Requests

Contracts shall be considered public documents and, with exceptions provided under public disclosure laws, will be available for inspection and copying by the public.

If a Contractor considers any portion of any documents which may be delivered to GPMTD pursuant to this Contract to be protected under the law, Contractor shall clearly identify each such item with words such as "Confidential," "Proprietary," or "Business Secret." If a request is made for disclosure of any such document, GPMTD will determine whether the document should be made available under the law. If the document or parts thereof are determined by GPMTD to be exempt from public disclosure, GPMTD will not release the exempted document. If the document is not exempt from public disclosure law, GPMTD will notify Contractor of the request and allow Contractor five (5) days to take whatever action it deems necessary to protect its interests. If Contractor fails or neglects to take such action within said period, GPMTD will release the document deemed subject to disclosure. By signing a Contract, Contractor assents to the procedure outlined in this paragraph and shall have no claim against GPMTD on account of actions taken under such procedure.

#### 6-18 Ownership of Data

Subject to the rights granted Contractor pursuant to this Agreement, all right, title and interest in and to the data collected and developed during the performance of this contract shall at all times remain the sole and exclusive property of GPMTD. Contractor shall surrender all such data to GPMTD prior to submitting an invoice for final payment.

#### 6-19 Patents and Royalties

Contractor is responsible for paying all license fees, royalties, or the costs of defending claims for the infringement of any intellectual property that may be used in performing this Contract. Before final payment is made on this Contract, Contractor shall, if requested by GPMTD, furnish acceptable proof of a proper release from all such fees or claims.

#### 6-20 Changed Requirements

New federal, state, and local laws, regulations, ordinances, rules, policies, and administrative practices may be established after the date this Contract is established and may apply to this Contract. To achieve compliance with changing requirements, Contractor agrees to accept all changed requirements that apply to this Contract and require subcontractors to comply with revised requirements as well. Changed requirements will be implemented through subsection 5-4, Contract

Changes/ Change Order Procedure.

**6-21 Counterparts**

This Contract may be signed in two (2) counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and which shall together constitute one (1) Contract.

**6-22 Contractual Relationships**

No contractual relationship will be recognized under the Contract other than the contractual relationship between GPMTD and the Prime Contractor.



## SECTION 7 - STATE OF ILLINOIS CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

### 7-1 Interest of Members of in Congress

No member of or delegate to the Illinois General Assembly shall be admitted to any share or part of this contract or to any benefit arising therefrom.

### 7-2 Prohibited Interests

No member, or officer, or employee of the GPMTD or a local public body with financial interest or control in this contract during his tenure or for one year thereafter shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in this contract or the proceeds thereof.

### 7-3 Contract Changes

Any proposed change in this contract shall be submitted to the GPMTD in writing for its prior approval.

### 7-4 Escalation

The Department does not allow escalation clauses as part of specifications or contracts, with the following exceptions, subject to prior concurrence for each contract:

- Procurement for rail vehicles, where the contract price exceeds one year; and
- Procurements of metal product from a mill or manufacturer where quotations based on “price at time of shipment” have historically been used.

### 7-5 Equal Employment Opportunity

The Contractor will be required to comply with all applicable Equal Employment Opportunity laws and regulations.

In the event of the Contractor's non-compliance with the provisions of this Equal Employment Opportunity Clause, the Illinois Human Rights Act and Regulations of the Illinois Department of Human Rights (“Department”), the Contractor may be declared ineligible for future contracts or subcontracts with the State of Illinois or any of its political subdivisions or municipal corporations, and the Contract may be cancelled or voided in whole or in part, and such other sanctions or penalties may be imposed or remedies invoked as provided by statute or regulation. During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

1. That it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, physical or mental handicap unrelated to ability, or an unfavorable discharge from the military service; and further that it will examine all job classifications to determine if minority persons or women are underutilized and will take appropriate affirmative action to rectify such underutilization.
2. That, if it hires additional employees in order to perform this Contract or any portion thereof, it will determine the availability (in accordance with the Department's Rules and Regulations) of minorities and women in the area(s) from which it may reasonably recruit and it will hire for each job classification for which employees are hired in such a way that minorities and women are not underutilized.
3. That, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by it or on its behalf, it will state that all applicants will be afforded equal opportunity without discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin or ancestry, age, physical or mental handicap unrelated to ability, or an unfavorable discharge from military service.

4. That it will send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which it has or is bound by a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, a notice advising such labor organizations or representative of the Contractor's obligations under the Illinois Human Rights Act and the Department's Rules and Regulations. If any such labor organization or representative fails or refuses to cooperate with the Contractor in its efforts to comply with such Act and Rules and Regulations, the Contractor will promptly notify the Department and the contracting agency and will recruit employees from other sources when necessary to fulfill its obligations thereunder.
5. That it will submit reports as required by the Department's Rules and Regulations, furnish all relevant information as may from time to time be requested by the Department or the contracting agency, and in all respects comply with the Illinois Human Rights Act and the Department's Rules and Regulations.
6. That it will permit access to all relevant books, records, accounts and work sites by personnel of the contracting agency and the Department for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with the Illinois Human Rights Act and the Department's Rules and Regulations.
7. That it will include, verbatim or by reference, the provisions of this ITEM in every subcontract it awards under which any portion of the Contract obligations are undertaken or assumed, so that such provisions will be binding upon such subcontractor. In the same manner as with other provisions of this Contract, the Contractor will be liable for compliance with applicable provisions of this clause by such subcontractors; and further it will promptly notify the contracting agency and the Department in the event the subcontractor fails or refuses to comply therewith. In addition, the Contractor will not utilize any subcontractor declared by the Illinois Human Rights Commission to be ineligible for contracts or subcontracts with the State of Illinois or any of its political subdivisions or municipal corporations.

#### 7-6 Financial Assistance

This contract is subject to financial assistance contracts between the GPMTD and the United States Department of Transportation.

#### 7-7 Audit and Inspection of Records

The contractor shall permit the authorized representatives to the GPMTD and the State of Illinois to inspect and audit all data and records of the contractor relating to his performance under the contract.

#### 7-8 Assignment

Assignment of any portion of the work by Subcontract must be approved in advance by the GPMTD.

Contractor shall not assign any interest, obligation, or benefit under or in this Contract or transfer any interest in the same, whether by assignment or notation, without the prior written consent of GPMTD. If an assignment is approved, this Contract shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors of Contractor. This provision shall not prevent Contractor from pledging any proceeds from this Contract as security to a lender. An assignment may be conditioned upon the posting of bonds, securities and the like by the assignee and the assignee must assume the written Contract and be responsible for the obligations and liabilities of Contractor, known and unknown, under this Contract and applicable law.

GPMTD may assign its rights and obligations under the Contract to any successor to the rights and functions of GPMTD or to any governmental agency to the extent required by applicable laws or governmental regulations, or to the extent GPMTD deems necessary or advisable under the circumstances.

7-9 Retention of Records

The contractor shall maintain records to show actual time devoted and cost incurred for a minimum of three (3) years after the completion of the contract.

7-10 Ownership of Records

The GPMTD shall retain ownership of all plans, specifications, and related documents

7-11 Government Inspection

"Representatives of the State of Illinois shall have access to the site of construction and shall have the right to inspect all project works."

7-12 Subcontracts

The contractor shall not enter into any sub-contracts or agreements or start any work by the work forces of the contractor or use any materials from the stores, of the contractor, with respect to this contract, without the prior concurrence of the Illinois Department of Transportation. All such subcontracts, agreements, and force work and materials shall be handled as prescribed for third-party contracts, agreements and force-account work by the IDOT manual for Public Transportation Capital Improvement Grants. All request for concurrence shall be submitted to the GPMTD for approval prior to submittal to IDOT.

7-13 Vendor Registration with Illinois Department of Human Rights

Vendor must provide proof of Registration with the Illinois Department of Human Rights.

**SECTION 8 – FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) REQUIREMENTS****8-1 No Obligation by the Federal Government**

1. The Purchaser 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 Purchaser, 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.

**8-2 Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts**

1. The Contractor acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. § § 3801 et seq. and U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 C.F.R. Part 31, apply to its actions pertaining to this Project. Upon execution of the underlying contract, the Contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, pertaining to the underlying contract or the FTA assisted project for which this contract work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may 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.
2. 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.
3. The Contractor agrees to include the above two clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA. It is further agreed that the clauses shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to the provisions.

**8-3 Access to Records and Reports**

The following access to records requirements apply to this Contract:

1. Where the Purchaser is not a State but a local government and is the FTA Recipient or a sub-grantee of the FTA Recipient in accordance with 49 C. F. R. 18.36(i), the Contractor agrees to provide the Purchaser, 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.

2. Where the Purchaser is a State and is the FTA Recipient or a sub-grantee of the FTA Recipient in accordance with 49 C.F.R. 633.17, Contractor agrees to provide the Purchaser, the FTA Administrator or his authorized representatives, including any PMO Contractor, access to the 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. By definition, a major capital project excludes contracts of less than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$100,000.
3. Where the Purchaser enters into a negotiated contract for other than a small purchase or under the simplified acquisition threshold and is an institution of higher education, a hospital or other non-profit organization and is the FTA Recipient or a sub-grantee of the FTA Recipient in accordance with 49 C.F.R. 19.48, Contractor agrees to provide the Purchaser, FTA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their duly authorized representatives with access to any books, documents, papers and record of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions.
4. Where any Purchaser which is the FTA Recipient or a sub-grantee of the FTA Recipient in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 5325(a) enters into a contract for a capital project or improvement (defined at 49 U.S.C. 5302(a)1) through other than competitive bidding, the Contractor shall make available records related to the contract to the Purchaser, the Secretary of Transportation and the Comptroller General or any authorized officer or employee of any of them for the purposes of conducting an audit and inspection.
5. 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.
6. 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 Purchaser, the FTA Administrator, the Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives, have disposed of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto. Reference 49 CFR 18.39(i)(11).
7. FTA does not require the inclusion of these requirements in subcontracts.

#### 8-4 Changes to Federal Requirements

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 Purchaser and FTA, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of this contract. Contractor's failure to so comply shall constitute a material breach of this contract.

#### 8-5 Termination Provisions

1. **Termination for Convenience (General Provision)** The GPMTD 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. The Contractor shall be paid its costs on work performed up to the time of termination. GPMTD will not be responsible for lost profits or contract closeout cost, if this contract is terminated for convenience. The Contractor shall promptly submit its termination claim to GPMTD to be paid the Contractor. If the Contractor has any property in its possession belonging to the GPMTD, the Contractor will account for the same, and dispose of it in the manner the GPMTD directs.

2. **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 GPMTD may terminate this contract for default. Termination shall be affected 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 GPMTD 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 GPMTD, 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.

3. **Opportunity to Cure (General Provision)** The GPMTD in its sole discretion may, in the case of a termination for breach or default, allow the Contractor 10 business 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 GPMTD'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 GPMTD setting forth the nature of said breach or default, GPMTD 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 GPMTD from also pursuing all available remedies against Contractor and its sureties for said breach or default.

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

5. **Termination for Convenience or Default (Cost-Type Contracts)** The GPMTD may terminate this contract, or any portion of it, by serving a notice of termination on the Contractor. The notice shall state whether the termination is for convenience of the GPMTD 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 GPMTD, or property supplied to the Contractor by the GPMTD. If the termination is for default, the GPMTD 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 GPMTD and the parties shall negotiate the termination settlement to be paid the Contractor.

If the termination is for the convenience of the GPMTD, the Contractor shall be paid a fee, if the contract provided for payment of a fee, in proportion to the work performed up to the time of termination. GPMTD will not be responsible for lost profits or contract closeout cost, if this contract is terminated for convenience.

## 8-6 Civil Rights Requirements

The following requirements apply to the underlying contract:

1. *Nondiscrimination* - In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, section 303 of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 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.

2. *Equal Employment Opportunity* - The following equal employment opportunity requirements apply to the underlying contract:
  - a. *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.
  - b. *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.
  - c. *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.
3. 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.

#### 8-7 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Participation

1. This contract 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 9%. The agency's overall goal for DBE participation is 9%. A separate contract goal for DBE participation has not been established for this procurement.
2. The contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 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 contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the GPMTD deems appropriate. Each subcontract the



contractor signs with a subcontractor must include the assurance in this paragraph (see 49 CFR 26.13(b)).

3. Bidders/Proposers are required to document sufficient DBE participation to meet these goals or, alternatively, document adequate good faith efforts to do so, as provided for in 49 CFR 26.53. Award of this contract is conditioned on submission of the following concurrent with and accompanying an initial bid:
  - a. The names and addresses of DBE firms that will participate in this contract;
  - b. A description of the work each DBE will perform;
  - c. The dollar amount of the participation of each DBE firm participating;
  - d. Written documentation of the bidder/offeror's commitment to use a DBE subcontractor whose participation it submits to meet the contract goal;
  - e. Written confirmation from the DBE that it is participating in the contract as provided in the prime contractor's commitment; and
  - f. If the contract goal is not met, evidence of good faith efforts to do so.

Proposers must present the information required above as a matter of responsiveness with initial bids (see 49 CFR 26.53(3)).

The successful bidder/offeror will be required to report its DBE participation obtained through race-neutral means throughout the period of performance.

4. The contractor is required to pay its subcontractors performing work related to this contract for satisfactory performance of that work no later than 30 days after the contractor's receipt of payment for that work from the GPMTD. In addition, is required to return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within 30 days after the subcontractor's work related to this contract is satisfactorily completed.
5. The contractor must promptly notify the GPMTD, whenever a DBE subcontractor performing work related to this contract 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 the GPMTD.

#### 8-8 Prompt Payment to Subcontractors

The Contractor is required to pay each first tier Subcontractor for all work that the Subcontractor has performed to the satisfaction of the GPMTD, no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the Contractor has received payment from the GPMTD for that work, and each tier of Subcontractors must likewise pay the next lower tier of Subcontractors within thirty (30) calendar days after receiving payment. If this Contract provides for retainage, the Contractor must remit to each first-tier Subcontractor its share of any retainage within thirty (30) days after receipt of such retainage from GPMTD, and each tier of Subcontractors must likewise remit retainage to the next lower tier of Subcontractors within thirty (30) calendar days after receiving payment. If this Contract does not provide for retainage, then neither Contractor nor any Subcontractor may withhold retainage from a Subcontractor. The requirements of this paragraph must be stated in all of the Contractor's subcontracts.

A delay in or postponement of payment to a Subcontractor requires good cause and prior written approval by GPMTD's General Manager or his/her authorized representative. The Contractor is required to include, in each subcontract, a clause requiring the use of appropriate arbitration mechanisms to resolve all payment disputes.

GPMTD will not pay the Contractor for work performed unless and until the Contractor ensures that



each Subcontractor has been promptly paid under all previous payment requests, as evidenced by the filing with the GPMTD of lien waivers (if applicable), canceled checks (if requested), and the Contractor's sworn statement that it has complied with the prompt payment requirements. The Contractor must submit a prompt payment affidavit, (form to be provided by GPMTD) which identifies each Subcontractor (both DBE and non-DBE) and the date and amount of the last payment to such Subcontractor, with every payment request filed with GPMTD, except for the first payment request. Failure to comply with these prompt payment requirements is a breach of the Contract which may lead to any remedies permitted under law, including, but not limited to, Contractor debarment. In addition, Contractor's failure to promptly pay its Subcontractors is subject to the provisions of 50 ILCS 505/9.

#### 8-9 Incorporation of FTA Terms

Incorporation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Terms - The preceding 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 4220.1E 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 (name of grantee) requests which would cause (name of grantee) to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions.

#### 8-10 Suspension and Debarment

This contract 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. 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.

#### 8-11 Disputes, Breaches, Defaults, or Other Litigation

Disputes arising in the performance of this Contract which are not resolved by agreement of the parties shall be decided in writing by the authorized representative of GPMTD's General Manager. This decision shall be final and conclusive unless within five (5) days from the date of receipt of its copy, the Contractor mails or otherwise furnishes a written appeal to the General Manager. In connection with any such appeal, the Contractor shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to offer evidence in support of its position. The decision of the General Manager shall be binding upon the Contractor and the Contractor shall abide by the decision.

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

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

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

Rights and Remedies - The duties and obligations imposed by the Contract Documents and the rights and remedies available thereunder shall be in addition to and not a limitation of any duties,

obligations, rights and remedies otherwise imposed or available by law. No action or failure to act by the GPMTD or the Contractor shall constitute a waiver of any right or duty afforded any of them under the Contract, nor shall any such action or failure to act constitute an approval of or acquiescence in any breach thereunder, except as may be specifically agreed in writing.

#### 8-12 Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. 1352, as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, P.L. 104-65 [to be codified at 2 U.S.C. § 1601, et seq.] - Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the certification required by 49 CFR part 20, "New Restrictions on Lobbying." Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier 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.

#### 8-13 Buy America

The contractor 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.

The equipment to be purchased is subject to the Federal Transit Administration Buy America Requirements in 49 CFR 661. The proposer shall complete the Buy America Certification made part of this procurement, and certify that the products subject to this section used in connection with this contract will comply with the requirements of Section 165 and the regulation as set forth. A bidder or offeror must submit to the FTA recipient the appropriate Buy America certification 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.

#### 8-14 Recycled Products

Recovered Materials - The contractor 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.

#### 8-15 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 Purchaser and understands and agrees that the Purchaser 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.

#### 8-16 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 Purchaser and understands and agrees that the Purchaser 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.

#### 8-17 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.

#### 8-18 Cargo Preference

Cargo Preference - Use of United States-Flag Vessels - The contractor agrees: 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 leading for shipments originating outside the United States, a legible copy of a rated, "on-board" commercial ocean bill-of-lading in English for each shipment of cargo described in the preceding paragraph to the Division of National Cargo, Office of Market Development, Maritime Administration, Washington, DC 20590 and to the FTA recipient (through the contractor in the case of a subcontractor's bill-of-lading.) 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.

#### 8-19 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 sub-recipients 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.

**ATTACHMENT A – Vendor Checklist**

(Verification that all necessary documents are included)

This form must be completed and returned with the technical bid. Failure to return this form may be cause for considering your bid non-responsive.

	<u>Vendor Check-Off</u>	<u>GPMTD Check-Off</u>
Cover Letter	_____	_____
Invitation for Bid Cover Page	_____	_____
Attachment A: Vendor Checklist	_____	_____
Attachment B: Bid Affidavit	_____	_____
Attachment C: Addendum Page	_____	_____
Attachment D: Request for Clarification / Approved Equals	_____	_____
Attachment E: Affidavit of Non-Collusion	_____	_____
Attachment F: Indemnity and Insurance Requirements	_____	_____
Attachment G: Firm Data Sheet	_____	_____
Attachment H: DBE Good Faith Effort	_____	_____
Attachment I: DBE Letter of Intent	_____	_____
Attachment J: DBE Affidavit	_____	_____
Attachment K: DBE Unavailable Certification	_____	_____
Attachment L: Prompt Payment Affidavit	_____	_____
Attachment M: Lobbying Certification	_____	_____
Attachment N: Buy America Certification	_____	_____
Attachment O: Bid Pricing Form	_____	_____

**ATTACHMENT B – Bid Affidavit**

The undersigned hereby declares that he/she has carefully read and examined the Advertisement, the Scope and Terms, the Specifications, Warranty, and Quality Assurance Requirements, with all supporting certificates and affidavits, for the provision of services specified at the prices stated in the fee bid.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Notary Public: \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENT C – Addendum Page**

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the following addenda to this IFB. (Include the number and date for each entry.)

Addendum Number _____	Dated _____
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Failure to acknowledge the receipt of all addenda may cause the bid to be considered non-responsive to this Invitation for Bid, which will require rejection of the bid.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

**ATTACHMENT D – Request for Clarifications / Approved Equals**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposing Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Section of the IFB: \_\_\_\_\_ Page Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Bidder's Request: \_\_\_\_\_

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GPMTD Response: \_\_\_\_\_

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Denied \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENT E – Affidavit of Non-Collusion**

I hereby swear (or affirm) under the penalty for perjury:

1. That I am the Bidder (if the Bidder is an individual), a partner in the bid (if the Bidder is a partnership), or an officer or employee of the proposing corporation having authority to sign on its behalf (if the Bidder is a corporation);
2. That the attached bid has been arrived at by the Bidder independently and have been submitted without collusion and without any agreement, understanding, or planned common course of action with any other vendor or materials, supplies, equipment, or service described in the Invitation for Bids, designed to limit independent bids or competition;
3. That the contents of this bid/proposal has not been communicated by the Bidder or its employees or agents to any person not an employee or agent of the Bidder or its surety on any bond furnished with the bid, and will not be communicated to any such person prior to the official opening of the bid; and
4. That I have fully informed myself regarding the accuracy of the statements made in the affidavit.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public: \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

Bidder's Federal Employer Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number used on Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return)



**ATTACHMENT F – Indemnity and Insurance Requirements**

1. These are the Indemnity and Insurance Requirements for Contractors providing services or supplies to Greater Peoria Mass Transit District (GPMTD). By agreeing to perform the work or submitting a proposal, you verify that you comply with and agree to be bound by these requirements. If any additional Contract documents are executed, the actual Indemnity language and Insurance Requirements may include additional provisions as deemed appropriate by GPMTD.
2. You should check with your Insurance advisors to verify compliance and determine if additional coverage or limits may be needed to adequately insure your obligations under this agreement. These are the minimum required and do not in any way represent or imply that such coverage is sufficient to adequately cover the Contractor’s liability under this agreement. The full coverage and limits afforded under Contractor’s policies of Insurance shall be available to GPMTD and these Insurance Requirements shall not in any way act to reduce coverage that is broader or includes higher limits than those required. The Insurance obligations under this agreement shall be: 1—all the Insurance coverage and limits carried by or available to the Contractor; or 2—the minimum Insurance requirements shown in this agreement, whichever is greater. Any insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits and coverage required, which are applicable to a given loss, shall be available to GPMTD.
3. Contractor shall furnish the GPMTD with original Certificates of Insurance including all required amendatory endorsements (or copies of the applicable policy language effecting coverage required by this clause) and a copy of the Declarations and Endorsement Page of the CGL policy listing all policy endorsements to GPMTD before work begins. GPMTD reserves the right to require full-certified copies of all Insurance coverage and endorsements.

**I. INDEMNIFICATION**

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor agrees to indemnify, and hold harmless, and upon request, defend GPMTD, its officers, directors, Board Members, employees, agents, representatives, volunteers, subsidiaries, successors, and assigns (“Indemnitees”), from any claim, liability, damage, expense, suit or demand (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys’ fees and court costs) for any losses, damages, injuries, or death to any persons including Contractor’s employees or any Subcontractor’s employees, or for damage or loss to any third-party property, arising out of or in any manner related to, based upon, or in connection with any operations, performance, breach, course or scope of Work, act, omissions, or presence upon, use, or other encountering of any property, facilities, personnel, vehicles, equipment, or operation of GPMTD by or involving GPMTD, Contractor or any of their employees, agents, representatives, facilities, vehicles, materials, equipment, or Subcontractors (regardless of tier) or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, in any connection with the Work performed by or on behalf of Contractor, regardless of whether the Contractor is a party to any lawsuit. In that regard, this obligation to indemnify includes, without limitation, claims against GPMTD for GPMTD’s own negligence or fault.

**II. INSURANCE**

All insurance required except for worker’s compensation shall be endorsed to add Greater Peoria Mass Transit District, it’s officials, Board members, employees, agents and volunteers to be added to all liabilities policies as additional insureds. The contractor’s insurer will provide at least 30 days written notice of cancellation.

I have read and understand the above requirements and agree to be bound by them for any work performed for the GPMTD.

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENT G – Firm Data Sheet**

The prime consultant is responsible for submitting the information requested below **for all firms on the project team, both prime and subcontractors**. All firms are to be reported on one combined sheet unless the number of firms requires the use of an additional sheet. Failure to submit complete data will result in the Expression of Interest not being considered.

Firm's Name and Address	Firm's DBE Status*	Firm's Age	Firm's Annual Gross Receipts

\* Y = DBE-Certified by IDOT  
 N = Not DBE-Certified by IDOT

NA = Firm Not Claiming DBE Status  
 IP = DBE-Certification In-Process

**ATTACHMENT H – DBE Good Faith Effort**  
***(For information only – not to be returned)***

1. The GPMTD has established a nine percent (9.0%) goal for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation for this contract. Therefore, a Bidder must, in order to be responsible and responsive, make a good-faith effort to meet the goal. The Bidder can meet this requirement in either of two (2) ways. First, the Bidder can meet or exceed the goal, documenting commitments for participation by DBE firms sufficient for this purpose. Second, even if the Bidder doesn't meet the goal, the Bidder can document its good-faith efforts to meet the goal. This means that the Bidder must show that it took all necessary and reasonable steps to achieve the DBE goal, or other requirement of this part which, by their scope, intensity, and appropriateness to the objective, could reasonably be expected to obtain sufficient DBE participation, even if they were not fully successful.
2. The GPMTD will use the good-faith efforts mechanism as required by 49 CRF part 26. It is up to the GPMTD to make a fair and reasonable judgment whether a Bidder that did not meet the goal made adequate good-faith efforts. The GPMTD will consider the quality, quantity, and intensity of the different kinds of efforts that the Bidder made. The efforts employed by the Bidder should be those that one could reasonably expect a Bidder to take, if the Bidder were actively and aggressively trying to obtain DBE participation sufficient to meet the DBE contract goal. Mere pro forma efforts are not good-faith efforts to meet the DBE contract requirements. As emphasized by the Department of Transportation, GPMTD's determination concerning the sufficiency of the firm's good-faith efforts is a judgment call; meeting quantitative formulas is not required.
3. The GPMTD will not require that a Bidder meet a contract goal (i.e., obtain a specified amount of DBE participation) in order to be awarded a contract, even though the Bidder shows that an adequate good-faith was made. The rule specifically prohibits the GPMTD from ignoring bona fide good-faith efforts.
4. The following is a list of types of actions that the GPMTD will consider as part of the Bidder's good-faith efforts to obtain DBE participation. It is not intended to be a mandatory checklist, nor is it intended to be exclusive or exhaustive. Other factors or types of efforts may be relevant in appropriate cases.
  - a. Soliciting through all reasonable and available means (e.g. attendance at pre-proposal meetings, advertising, and/or written notices) the interest of all certified DBEs who have the capability to perform the work of the contract. The Bidder must solicit this interest within sufficient time to allow the DBEs to respond to the solicitation. The Bidder must determine with certainty whether or not a DBE is certified.
  - b. The DBEs are interested by taking appropriate steps to follow up initial solicitations.
  - c. Selecting portions of the work to be performed by DBEs in order to increase the likelihood that the DBE goals will be achieved. This includes, where appropriate, breaking out contract work items into economically feasible units to facilitate DBE participation, even when the prime contractor might otherwise prefer to perform these work items with its own forces.
  - d. Providing interested DBEs with adequate information about the plans, specifications, and requirements of the contract in a timely manner to assist them in responding to a solicitation.

**ATTACHMENT H – Good-Faith Effort (Continued)**

- e. Negotiating in good-faith with interested DBEs. It is the Bidder's responsibility to make a portion of the work available to DBE subcontractors and suppliers and to select those portions of the work or material needs consistent with the available DBE subcontractors and suppliers, so as to facilitate DBE participation. Evidence of such negotiation includes the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of DBEs that were considered; a description of the information provided regarding the plans and specifications for the work selected for subcontracting; and evidence as to why additional agreements could not be reached for DBEs to perform the work.

A Bidder using good business judgment would consider a number of factors in negotiating with subcontractors, including DBE subcontractors, and would take a firm's price and capabilities, as well as contract goals, into consideration. However, the fact that there may be some additional costs involved in finding and using DBEs is not in itself sufficient reason for a Bidder's failure to meet the contract DBE goal, as long as such costs are reasonable. Also, the ability or desire of a prime contractor to perform the work of a contract with its own organization does not relieve the Bidder of the responsibility to make good-faith efforts. Prime contractors are not, however, required to accept higher quotes from DBEs, if the price difference is excessive or unreasonable.

- f. Not rejecting DBEs as being unqualified without sound reasons based on a thorough investigation of their capabilities. The Contractor's standing within its industry, membership in specific groups, organizations, or associations, and political or social affiliations (for example union vs. non-union employee status) are not legitimate causes for the rejection or non-solicitation of proposals from DBEs in the Contractor's efforts to meet the project goal.
- g. Making efforts to assist interested DBEs in obtaining bonding, lines of credit, or insurance, as required by the recipient or contractor.
- h. Making efforts to assist interested DBEs in obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or related assistance or services.
- i. Effectively using the services of available minority/women community organizations; minority/women contractors' groups; Federal, State, and Local minority/women business assistance offices; and other organizations, as allowed on a case-by-case basis, to provide assistance in the recruitment and placement of DBEs.

**ATTACHMENT I – DBE Letter of Intent**

To: \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Name of Bidder)**

The undersigned intends to perform work in connection with the above project as a DBE (circle one):

Individual \_\_\_\_\_ Corporation \_\_\_\_\_ Partnership \_\_\_\_\_ Joint Venture \_\_\_\_\_

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise status of the undersigned is confirmed:

1. On the reference list of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises dated \_\_\_\_\_; or
2. On the attached Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Identification Statement.

The undersigned is prepared to perform the following work in connection with the above project (Specify in detail particular work items or parts thereof to be performed):

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The DBE contractor will perform this work at the following price: \_\_\_\_\_

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You have projected the following commencement date for such work, and the undersigned is projecting completion of such work as follows:

Items	Projected Commencement Date	Projected Completion Date
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

The above work will not be sublet to a non-Disadvantaged Business Enterprise at any tier. The undersigned will enter into a formal agreement for the above work with you, conditioned upon your execution of a contract with GPMTD.

Name of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENT J – DBE Affidavit**

State of \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is the (sole owner, partner, president, treasurer, or other duly authorized official of a corporation) of

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Official)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of DBE)

and certifies that since the date of its certification through the IL UCP, the certification has not been revoked nor has it expired nor has there been any change in the minority status of

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of DBE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature and Title of Person Making Affidavit)

Sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public)

NOTE: The Bidder must attach the DBE’s most recent certification letter or document to this affidavit.

**ATTACHMENT K – DBE Unavailable Certification**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Title)

of \_\_\_\_\_ certify that on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Bidder/Prime Contractor) (Date)

I contacted the following Disadvantaged Business Enterprise to obtain a proposal to perform the following work item(s):

DBE Organization	Work Items Sought	Form of Proposal Sought (i.e., materials, materials & labor, labor only, etc.)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

To the best of my knowledge and belief, said Disadvantaged Business Enterprise was unavailable for work on this project, or unable to prepare a proposal, for the following reason(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ was offered an opportunity on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise) (Date)

by \_\_\_\_\_ to submit a proposal to perform the above identified work.  
(Bidder)

The above statement is a true and accurate account of why I did not submit a proposal on this project.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Official)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENT L – Prompt Payment Affidavit**

**Complete either (A) or (B), as applicable**

**(A)** The undersigned affirms, to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) The undersigned understands and agrees that the Contractor is required to pay all Subcontractors for all work that any Subcontractor has satisfactorily completed no later than thirty (30) days after the Contractor has received payment from GPMTD for that work.
- (2) The undersigned understands and agrees that the Contractor is required to pay retainage amounts, if any, to a Subcontractor no later than thirty (30) days after the GPMTD has released retainage to the Contractor for that portion of the work.
- (3) The undersigned understands and agrees that any delay in or postponement of payment to any Subcontractor by the Contractor requires the Contractor to demonstrate good cause and to receive prior written approval by GPMTD’s General Manager or his/her authorized representative.
- (4) The undersigned understands and agrees that the GPMTD will not pay the Contractor for Services performed or Deliverables submitted unless and until the Contractor certifies that the Subcontractors have been promptly paid for the work or services they have performed under all previous payment requests, as evidenced by the filing with the GPMTD the Contractor's sworn statement that the Contractor has complied with the prompt payment requirements.

The undersigned solemnly declares and affirms under penalty of perjury that the above and foregoing are true and correct, and that he/she is authorized on behalf of the Contractor to sign this affidavit.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Official’s Name and Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**(B)** The undersigned solemnly declares and affirms under penalty of perjury that no Subcontractors will be used in the performance of the work or services and, as such, the statutory prompt payment requirements are inapplicable. The undersigned further declares that he/she is authorized on behalf of the Contractor to sign this affidavit.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Official’s Name and Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**ATTACHMENT M – Certifications of Compliance with Federal Lobbying Regulations**

The undersigned certifies to the best of his/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 any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with the awarding 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 influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
  
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients 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 Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. 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.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Company Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Official's Title

**ATTACHMENT N – Buy America**

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

The 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

The 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENT O – Bid Pricing Form**

The undersigned hereby declares that he/she has carefully read and examined the Public Notice, the Invitation for Bid, terms, and requirements, with all supporting certificates and affidavits, for the goods and services noted herein, and that he/she will enter into contract negotiations for said provision of goods and services, as specified, using the costs identified herein, as the basis for those contract negotiations.

**Detailed cost information shall be attached and meet the requirements as described in the Bid.**

Tire Size	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5

Tire Size	Option Year 1	Option Year 2

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Official's Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number