

San Benito County Local Transportation Authority

Request for Proposals #2014-04

Bus stop Improvement Plan

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SECTION 1: INVITATION AND BACKGROUND

San Benito County Local Transportation Authority (LTA) is soliciting proposals for qualified firms to develop a bus stop improvement plan for its County Express public transit service.

The project area is located in San Benito County, a rural and agricultural community in the Central Coast Region, south of Silicon Valley. The County is surrounded by the Counties of Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Monterey, Fresno and Merced. Land area is 1,389 square miles. Terrain varies from flat valley floor, to hilly rangeland in the east, to 5,450 foot peaks far south. The City of Hollister where the County seat is located is at an elevation of 229 feet. The north and northwest segments of the County are comprised of urban areas, leaving the southern portion of the County primarily rural. The population in the County was 55,269 according to the 2010 U.S. Census. The County has two incorporated cities – Hollister, population 35,000, and San Juan Bautista, population 1,700 – and various unincorporated communities (Aromas, Tres Pinos, Panoche, Ridgemark, and Paicines). Major transportation routes bisecting the County include State Routes 101, 129, 156 and 25.

SECTION 2: INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPONDENTS

2.1 Responding to RFP

Respondents shall submit a completed Proposal with appropriate attachments or explanatory materials in response to LTA RFP #2014-04. All attachments shall be identified with the Respondent's name, the RFP number and page number. No oral, telegraph, telephone, facsimile, electronic responses or photocopies will be accepted. Proposals must be completed in ink, typewritten, or word-processed.

2.2 RFP Documents

The following exhibits, in addition to this RFP and the Official Proposal Form set forth in Section 4 of this RFP, are included as a part of this RFP:

- Exhibit A – Respondent Fact Sheet
- Exhibit B – Acknowledgment of Addenda Form
- Exhibit C – Customer References
- Exhibit D – Designation of Subcontractors
- Exhibit E – Non-Collusion Declaration
- Exhibit F – Standard Contract
- Exhibit G – Federal Clauses

2.3 RFP Process Schedule

The following is an anticipated RFP schedule. The LTA may change the estimated dates and process as deemed necessary.

The proposed schedule for the submittal reviews and notification is as follows:

Activity	Date
Release RFP online at: www.SanBenitoCountyExpress.org	December 19, 2014
Deadline for Written Questions	6:00 PM, PST, January 5, 2015
Last Date for Release of Updates and Addenda online at: www.SanBenitoCountyExpress.org	5:00 PM, PST, January 9, 2015
Deadline for Proposals	11:00 AM, PST January 15, 2015
Approximate Award Date	February 19, 2015

2.4 Submission of Proposals

Respondent shall submit the Proposal on the form(s) provided by and made available at the LTA Office, at the address set forth below. All items shall be filled in and the signatures of all persons signing shall be written and printed in longhand. Respondent shall submit one (1) original and two (2) hard copies and an electronic copy on CD-Rom of the completed Proposal, including all applicable supporting documentation, including but not limited to the Exhibits set forth in Section 5 of this RFP, addressed and delivered to the office and individual named below:

Mary Gilbert, Interim Executive Director
San Benito County Local Transportation Authority
330 Tres Pinos Road, Suite C7
Hollister, California 95023

All Proposals must be received by no later than **11:00 AM, PST, on January 15, 2015**. Proposals received after the above date and time will be rejected and will be returned unopened. Facsimile transmission of Proposals will not be accepted. Proposals must be signed by the Respondent or by a duly authorized officer of the Respondent, delivered along with all required documents, sealed and plainly addressed to the agency representative specified in this RFP.

All costs of the preparation of a Proposal shall be the sole responsibility of the Respondent. All materials submitted in response to the Request for Proposal become the property of LTA and shall not be returned.

All Proposals shall remain firm for at least ninety (90) calendar days after the Proposal Due Date or unless otherwise specified. Within ninety (90) calendar days after the Proposal Due Date, a purchase order and/or a contract may be awarded by the LTA to the highest ranked Respondent, as it may deem proper in its absolute discretion. The time for awarding a purchase order and/or contract may be extended at the sole discretion of the LTA, if required to evaluate Proposals or for such other purposes as the LTA may determine, unless the Respondent objects to such extension in writing, submitted with the Proposal.

A responsive Proposal shall be limited in length to **no more than 15 double-sided pages**, and 12 point size font. Page limit is not inclusive of cost Proposal, certification forms, or résumés. Submissions beyond the page limit will not be considered.

A responsive Proposal shall include, at a minimum, the following items:

- The fully completed and executed Official Proposal Form set forth in Section 4 of this RFP

- Fully completed and executed Exhibits A through E of this RFP
- A cover letter
- A brief description of the Respondent's experience, including the year the firm was established, type of firm (partnership, corporation, etc.), and a statement of the Respondent's qualifications for performing the subject services, demonstrating Respondent has at least two (2) years' of experience providing the services described in Section 3: Scope of Work
- An organizational chart depicting the individual or team proposed by the Respondent and a brief summary of the qualifications and experience of each member proposed as the project team, demonstrating each has at least two (2) years' of experience providing the services described in Section 3: Scope of Work
- A concise, but detailed description on the Respondent's approach to meet the requirements set forth in Section 3: Scope of Work
- A schedule for each task identified in Section 3: Scope of Work
- The relevant qualifications and experience of any Subcontractors to be used
- Customer references for the Respondent and each Subcontractor to be used
- A cost proposal that includes all charges. The cost proposal must be submitted in a separate sealed envelope and will not be used as part of the evaluation criteria. The cost Proposal shall not be included in the compact disc.
- Other relevant information that will assist the LTA in selecting the most qualified Respondent(s).

2.5 Proprietary Information

All information appearing within the Proposal may be subject to public inspection. Any proprietary information must be clearly marked as such and submitted in a separate sealed envelope and referenced only within the body of the Proposal.

2.6 Point of Contact

All questions regarding this RFP shall be directed to Betty LiOwen, Transportation Planner betty@sanbenitocog.org or by facsimile at 831.636.4160 with the subject: "LTA RFP 2014-04" followed by a brief description. No other individual has the authority to respond to any questions submitted unless specifically authorized by Mary Gilbert, Interim Executive Director or her designee. Failure to adhere to this process may disqualify the Respondent.

2.7 Interpretation

Should any discrepancies or omissions be found in the RFP specifications/requirements, or doubt as to their meaning, the Respondent shall notify the LTA in writing at once (e-mail is acceptable). The LTA will post addenda with further instruction or clarification on www.SanBenitoCountyExpress.org for all interested parties to view. LTA shall not be held

responsible for oral interpretations. Questions must be received at least seven (7) days before the Proposal due date and will be answered via Addenda.

2.8 Questions

Questions must be received by **January 5, 2015 at 6:00 PM, PST**. All Addenda issued shall be incorporated into the contract. It is the Respondent's responsibility to check the website to obtain the most current information regarding this RFP.

2.9 Updates and Addenda

No one is authorized to amend any of these documents in any respect by an oral statement or to make any representation or interpretation in conflict with their provisions. Any changes to these documents will be issued in writing via Addendum by Mary Gilbert or her designee, to be posted on the LTA's website at www.SanBenitoCountyExpress.org for all interested parties to view, and to be faxed, emailed, or mailed to all prospective Respondents known by the LTA, if and when necessary. All Addenda issued shall be incorporated into the contract. Respondents shall be responsible for monitoring the LTA's website at www.SanBenitoCountyExpress.org to obtain the most current information regarding this RFP. Current information may be in the form of an update or a formal Addendum. The last day for updates and Addenda to be posted on the above mentioned website is **January 9, 2015, at 5:00 PM, PST**.

2.10 Late Responses

All responses to the RFP must be delivered in person or received by mail no later than **11:00 AM, PST, on January 15, 2015**. Respondents shall be responsible for the timely delivery of their Proposals. Proposals received after the deadline will not be accepted and will be unopened and discarded.

2.11 Multiple Proposals

Only one Proposal will be accepted from any one person, partnership, corporation or other entity; however, several alternatives may be included in one Proposal.

2.12. Proposal Evaluation Criteria

If an award is made, it will be made to the responsive Proposal by a responsible Respondent that offers LTA the greatest value based on an analysis involving a number of criteria. An Evaluation Committee consisting of LTA staff will review each Proposal for completeness and content. Each Proposal will be evaluated based upon the relevant experience of the Respondent. The Evaluation Committee will review and rank the Proposals and may conduct interviews, if necessary. The rankings will be based upon the evaluation criteria that may include, but is not necessarily limited to the following:

- **Organization:** Does the Respondent offer the breadth and quality of services required for the anticipated project? Does the Respondent's organizational structure show sufficient depth for its present workload?
- **Staff:** Do the qualifications of key personnel to be assigned to the anticipated projects coincide with project requirements? Do assigned personnel have requisite education, experience, and professional qualifications?
- **Experience:** Has the Respondent demonstrated the ability to successfully provide services for projects of a similar complexity and nature as described herein?

- **Technical Approach:** How does the Respondent intend to achieve the budget and project delivery goals for the anticipated project? How will the Respondent perform the Scope of Work specified in Section 3 of this RFP? Will the firm be able to perform the Scope of Work within a timely manner?
- **Reputation:** Are the Respondent's references from past clients and associates favorable? Does the Respondent show financial and operational stability?
- **Cost:** Is the proposed budget cost effective?

2.13 Selection Procedure

The LTA shall perform an initial review of all Proposals to determine responsiveness as specified in Paragraph 2.4 in this RFP. The Evaluation Committee will review all responsive Proposals and will rank Proposals in descending order of preference. The Evaluation Committee will then select the preferred Proposal, that best meets the needs as set forth in this RFP, is the best qualified, and is able to provide the requested services as follows:

- **PRE-SELECTION:** The Evaluation Committee will review and screen the Proposals for completeness. Proposals that are incomplete, or improperly written, may be considered non-responsive and may be rejected. Each Proposal will be evaluated for its completeness and responsiveness to the Evaluation Criteria set forth in Section 2.12 above, and to the Scope of Services outlined in Section 3 of this RFP. Based upon the scores of responsive Proposals, the Evaluation Committee will set a competitive range and invite Respondents in the competitive range to participate in an in-person interview. Top ranking Respondents will be asked to prepare an oral presentation of their Proposal to the Evaluation Committee. References may be contacted by any person of the Evaluation Committee. The Evaluation Committee reserves the right to evaluate the interview and presentation, and to reevaluate the initial Proposal based upon new information provided during the interview component.
- **SELECTION:** Award of a contract shall not be based on cost alone, but on the strength of qualifications of the Respondent and the Respondents' capability of providing the services outlined in the RFP. The Evaluation Committee will rank the Proposals based upon the interview, compliance with the RFP terms and conditions, quality and performance of the services offered based on previous contracts, reference checks for the same or similar services, and the capacity of the Respondent to perform the required services.
- **NEGOTIATIONS:** Staff will enter into negotiations with the highest ranked Respondent, regarding the terms of a contract consistent with the RFP and the Proposal, which will be submitted to the LTA Board of Directors for approval. The successful Respondent will be expected to enter into the agreement appended as Exhibit F to this RFP. No modifications to the general terms and conditions of the standard contract appended as Exhibit F to this RFP will be considered. If an agreement is not reached within a reasonable time after the highest ranked Proposal is identified, the LTA reserves its right to terminate negotiations with the highest ranked Respondent and begin negotiations with the next highest ranked Respondent, suspend the process entirely or request new Proposals. This process will continue until an agreement is reached or all Proposals are rejected.

All Respondents may be notified of the Proposal which is ranked highest. No other information will be released.

The evaluation of the Proposals shall be within the sole judgment and discretion of the Evaluation Committee. LTA reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals received pursuant to the RFP. Award of a contract is contingent on funding availability and the LTA Board of Directors' approval. The LTA is under no obligation to award any contract. There shall be no appeal of any decision of the LTA, or any LTA representative.

2.14 Reservations

The LTA reserves the right to do the following at any time and for its own convenience, at its sole discretion:

- Reject any and all Proposals, without indicating any reason for such rejection
- Waive or correct any minor or inadvertent defect, irregularity or technical error in the RFP or any RFP procedure, in any Proposal, or in any subsequent negotiation process
- Terminate this RFP and issue a new RFP anytime thereafter
- Procure any materials or services specified in the RFP by other means
- Extend any or all deadlines specified in the RFP, including deadlines for accepting Proposals, by issuance of an Addendum at any time prior to the deadline for receipt of Proposals
- Disqualify any Respondent on the basis of any real or perceived conflict of interest or evidence of collusion that is disclosed by the Proposal or other data available to the LTA. Such disqualification is at the sole discretion of the LTA
- Reject the Proposal of any Respondent that is in breach of or in default under any other agreement with the LTA
- Reject any Respondent deemed by the LTA to be non-responsive, unreliable, unqualified, or non-responsible

2.15 Notification of Modification or Withdrawal of Proposals

The Respondent may modify or withdraw a Proposal by submitting a written request for its modification or withdrawal to a LTA representative at any time prior to the Proposal submission deadline. The withdrawal shall be signed by the Respondent or an authorized agent of the Respondent.

The Respondent may thereafter submit a new Proposal prior to the deadline. All Proposals not modified or withdrawn prior to the deadline will become the LTA's property. Modifications of a Proposal offered in any manner, oral or written, will not be considered after the deadline.

2.16 Notice of Intent to Award

Notice of Intent to Award may be issued upon receipt of all required documents.

2.17 Contractor Responsibility and Performance

The LTA will consider the Contractor to be the sole point of contact with regard to all contractual matters.

Contractor shall provide the services of one (1) or more qualified contract manager(s) responsible for assuring that the services provided under the contract are satisfactory. It is desirable that the

Contractor have local representation to provide on-site consultation/problem resolution if required.

2.18 Insurance

The Contractor, at its sole cost and expense, for the full term of this contract (and extensions thereof), shall obtain and maintain at minimum all of the following insurance coverage. Such insurance coverage shall be primary coverage as respects the LTA and any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the LTA shall be in excess of the Contractor's insurance coverage and shall not contribute to it.

1. Types of Insurance and Minimum Limits

- a) Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance in conformance with the laws of the State of California.
- b) The Contractor's vehicles used in the performance of this contract, including owned, non-owned (e.g. owned by the Contractor's employees), leased or hired vehicles, shall each be covered with Automobile Liability Insurance in the minimum amount of \$500,000 combined single limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage.
- c) The Contractor shall obtain and maintain Comprehensive General Liability Insurance coverage in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000.00 combined single limit, including bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage. Such insurance coverage shall include, without limitation:
 - (i) Contractual liability coverage adequate to meet the Contractor's indemnification obligations under this Request;
 - (ii) Full Personal Injury coverage;
 - (iii) Broad form Property Damage coverage, and
 - (iv) A cross-liability clause in favor of the LTA.

2. Other Insurance Provisions

- a. As to all insurance coverage required herein, any deductible or self-insured retention exceeding \$5,000 shall be disclosed to and be subject to written approval by the LTA.
- b. All required Automobile Liability Insurance, Comprehensive or Commercial General Liability Insurance or Professional Liability Insurance shall contain the following endorsement as a part of each policy:

"The San Benito County Local Transportation Authority is hereby added as an additional insured as respects the operations of the named insured."
- c. All the insurance required herein shall contain the following clause:

"It is agreed that these policies shall not be canceled nor the coverage reduced until thirty (30) days after the San Benito County Local Transportation Authority ("LTA") shall have received written notice of such cancellation or reduction. The notice shall be deemed effective the date delivered to the LTA as evidenced by properly validated return receipt. Such notice shall be sent to: San Benito County Local Transportation Authority, 330 Tres Pinos Road Suite C7, Hollister, CA 95023".

- d. The prospective Contractor agrees to provide the LTA at or before the effective date of any award resulting from this RFP with a certificate of insurance of the coverage required.
- e. All required insurance policies shall be endorsed to contain the following clause: This Insurance shall not be cancelled until after thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to:

San Benito County Local Transportation Authority
Mary Gilbert, Interim Executive Director
330 Tres Pinos Road, Suite C7
Hollister, CA 95023

The Contractor agrees to provide its insurance broker(s) with a full copy of these insurance requirements and provide the LTA on or before the effective date of this contract Certificates of Insurance for all required coverage. By submitting a Proposal, the proposing Respondent agrees to provide the insurance specified in Paragraph 2.18 of this RFP.

2.19 Pre-Award Conference

If requested, successful Respondent(s) shall meet with the LTA representatives prior to the Award of Contract to review the specifications and finalize the initiation of the proposed contract.

2.20 Execution of Agreement

Upon successful reference checks, evaluations and receipt of all required documents, the agreement must be executed by both parties. The successful Respondent will be expected to enter into the agreement appended as Exhibit F to this RFP, with other terms and conditions specified in this RFP, including but not limited to Exhibit G (Federal Clauses) incorporated therein. No modifications to the general terms and conditions of the standard contract appended as Exhibit F to this RFP, except for those set forth in Exhibit G, will be considered. Submittal of a Proposal shall constitute concurrence with the terms and conditions set forth in the LTA's standard contract and in this RFP.

2.21 Cost of Service

The LTA reserves the right to negotiate the proposed cost with the successful Respondent prior to contract signing. Agreed to costs and cash discounts are to be firm through the end of the contract term. Upon renewal, rates may be adjusted by mutual agreement. Any subsequent cost increase will be no more than the change in the Consumer Price Index for the San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose, CA area for the twelve (12) months preceding the agreement's expiration date. However, in the case of an announced cost decrease, such decrease shall be passed on to the LTA.

~ END SECTION 2 ~

SECTION 3: SCOPE OF WORK

The specifications described below set forth the requirements for the quality of work to be provided hereunder. The services to be provided shall meet or exceed the specifications attached hereto. As used herein, the term "scope work" refers to the articles, equipment, materials, supplies and labor as specified, designated or otherwise required by the RFP. Additional terms, conditions and requirements pertaining to the methods and manner of performing the work are described elsewhere in the RFP.

The scope of work is described below. The selected consultant will be expected to perform all technical and other analyses necessary to complete the scope of work.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

The Contractor shall be responsible for preparing meeting materials and other project documents as appropriate. The Contractor shall submit weekly email status reports to the LTA Project Manager outlining upcoming deadlines and tasks. The Contractor's project manager or any key personnel shall not be changed without written approval of the LTA. The following deliverables shall be provided by the Contractor:

Deliverables

- Project kick-off meeting
- One community workshop, two workshops with drivers and dispatchers, and one on-board survey. Community workshop and onboard survey shall be conducted in English and Spanish
- Develop Administrative Draft, Draft, and Final Bus Stop Improvement Plan ("BSIP")
- Presentation of the Draft BSIP to LTA Board of Directors
- Updated project schedule
- Project meeting materials
- Project documents and correspondence as necessary
- Weekly status reports emailed to LTA Project Manager
- Monthly invoicing based on deliverables and progress summary

BUS STOP IMPROVEMENT PLAN ("BSIP") ELEMENTS

The LTA has envisioned the Bus Stop Improvement Plan ("BSIP") to be a strategic capital improvement plan for County Express Bus Stops. The BSIP would also provide insight in the prioritization of the types and locations of bus stop improvements for each bus stop. It is anticipated that the BSIP will work in conjunction with the Short- and Long-Range Transit Plan while using elements described in the Transit Design Guidelines to make strategic bus stop improvements.

The BSIP would include a detailed inventory of all Fixed Route and Intercounty bus stops and shall have at a minimum the following elements for each bus stop:

- Presence of signage, bench, shelter, garbage can, and/or pedestrian level lighting
- Condition of signage, bench, shelter, garbage can, and/or pedestrian level lighting
- ADA accessibility at the bus stop and 1/4 mile to bus stop
- 1/4 mile walkability
- Estimated cost of improvement

The Contractor will evaluate and provide recommended improvements for each bus stop based upon projected usage, location and aesthetics with cost estimates as applicable. The Contractor shall develop a priority bus stop improvement list, sensitive to available funding scenarios.

OPTIONAL GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) TASK

In addition to the development to the BSIP tasks listed above, the LTA would like the Contractor to provide the bus stop inventory and recommended improvements on a GIS layer. This task is optional and may be included in the final scope of work with the successful respondent if within the project budget.

Respondents are not required to propose to perform the optional GIS task in the proposal.

~ END SECTION 3 ~

SECTION 4: OFFICIAL PROPOSAL FORM

The undersigned offers and agrees to furnish all work, materials, supplies, equipment and other incidentals required to complete the services subject to this Request for Proposals, for the costs stated and in conformance with all requirements, conditions and instructions. All hours are approximate and there is no guarantee that all hours will be met. No minimum or maximum hours apply to the resulting contract. The respondent is to consider the estimated number of hours as only a ball park figure based on prior history for the same services.

Have you complied with all specifications, requirements, terms and conditions of this RFP?

Yes No

A “no” answer requires a detailed explanation giving reference to all deviations to be submitted on company letterhead in attachment form. All exceptions must reference the RFP paragraph and section number followed by an explanation

Executed in _____, California, on _____, _____

Signature _____ Title _____

Print Name _____

Name of Company _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Date _____

I declare under penalty of perjury that I have not been a party with any other Respondent to offer a fixed cost in conjunction with this Request for Proposal.

~ END SECTION 4 ~

SECTION 5: EXHIBITS

Exhibit A – Respondent Fact Sheet

Name of Company _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Date _____

Contractor Tax ID#: |_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_*

Contractor's License #: _____ Type: _____
(as applicable)

Contractor Does Business As: Individual Partnership Corporation
 Government Fiduciary Other

Contractor is a: California Resident Non-Resident of California
 San Benito County Resident Non-Resident of San Benito County

1) Is your firm authorized to do business in the State of California? Yes No

2) Is your firm a State of California registered small business? Yes No

3) Local Business Yes No

4) This firm has been in continuous business under the present name for _____ years.

5) Annual sales volume: _____

6) Net worth of business: \$ _____

A completed W9 Taxpayer form will be required from an awarded vendor not on the Local Transportation Authority's or Council of San Benito Governments' vendor lists.

~ END EXHIBIT A ~

Exhibit B – Acknowledgement of Addenda Form

_____ (Respondent or Proposed Subcontractor Business Name)

hereby acknowledges receipt of all Addenda through and including:

Addendum No. _____ , dated _____ .

Addendum No. _____ , dated _____ .

Addendum No. _____ , dated _____ .

Addendum No. _____ , dated _____ .

Addendum No. _____ , dated _____ .

Addendum No. _____ , dated _____ .

Addendum No. _____ , dated _____ .

Addendum No. _____ , dated _____ .

Authorized Representative Name and Title: _____

Authorized Representative Signature: _____

Date _____

~ END EXHIBIT B ~

Exhibit C – Customer References

List and submit with this Proposal four (4) customer references, two (2) of which should be in the San Benito County area, for whom you have furnished similar product or services.

1. Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Telephone No.: _____

2. Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Telephone No.: _____

3. Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Telephone No.: _____

4. Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Telephone No.: _____

~ END EXHIBIT C ~

Exhibit D – Designation of Subcontractors

Respondent shall complete the form below for each Sub-Contractor. A Sub-Contractor is one who: (1) performs Work or labor; or (2) provides a service to the Respondent. If there are no Sub-Contractors, please state "NONE".

SUBCONTRACTORS		
NAME	LOCATION OF BUSINESS	WORK

SIGNATURE BLOCK
Respondent Signature: _____ Date: _____
Respondent's Name & Title (Print): _____

~ END EXHIBIT D ~

Exhibit E – Non-Collusion Declaration

TO BE EXECUTED BY RESPONDENT AND SUBMITTED WITH THE PROPOSAL

I, _____, am the
Name
_____ of _____,
Position/Title Company

the party making the foregoing Proposal that the Proposal is not made in the interest of, or on behalf of, any undisclosed person, partnership, company, association, organization, or corporation; that the Proposal is genuine and not collusive or sham; that the Respondent has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other Respondent to put in a false or sham Proposal; and has not directly or indirectly colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed with any Respondent or anyone else to put in a sham Proposal, or that anyone shall refrain from responding; that the Respondent has not in any manner directly or indirectly, sought by agreement, communication, or conference with anyone to fix the Proposal price of the Respondent or any other Respondent, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of the Proposal price, or of that of any other Respondent, or to secure any advantage against the public body awarding the contract of anyone interested in the proposed contract; that all statements contained in the Proposal are true; and, further, that the Respondent has not, directly or indirectly, submitted his or her Proposal price or any breakdown thereof, or the contents thereof, or divulged information or data relative thereto, or paid, and will not pay, any fee to any corporation, partnership, company association, organization, Proposal depository, or to any member or agent thereof to effectuate a collusive or sham Proposal.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct:

Date Signature

~ END EXHIBIT E ~

Exhibit F – Standard Contract

The following is a copy of the Standard Contract used by the LTA for contracting with consultants or individuals for professional services. This document shall serve as the basis for a contract with the successful consultants (s) or individual(s). *Respondents should not respond to this RFP if they cannot agree to the standard contract terms and conditions.*

The SAN BENITO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ("LTA") and _____ ("CONTRACTOR") enter into this contract which shall be effective on the date stated in Paragraph 1.

1. Duration of Contract.

This contract shall commence on _____, and end on _____ unless sooner terminated as specified herein.

2. Scope of Services.

CONTRACTOR, for LTA's benefit shall perform the services specified on Attachment A to this contract. Attachment A is made a part of this contract.

3. Compensation for Services.

In consideration for CONTRACTOR'S performance, LTA shall pay compensation to CONTRACTOR according to the terms specified in Attachment B. Attachment B is made a part of this contract.

4. General Terms and Conditions.

The rights and duties of the parties to this contract are governed by the general terms and conditions mutually agreed to and listed in Attachment C. Attachment C is made a part of this contract.

5. Insurance Limits.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain the following insurance policy limits of coverage consistent with the further insurance requirements specified in Attachment C.

- (a) Comprehensive general liability insurance: \$1,000,000
- (b) Professional liability insurance: \$1,000,000
- (c) Comprehensive motor vehicle liability insurance: \$1,000,000

6. Termination.

The number of days of advance written notice required for termination of this contract is thirty (30) days.

7. Specific Terms and Conditions. (check one)

- There are no additional provisions to this contract.
- The rights and duties of the parties to this contract are additionally governed by the specific, additional terms mutually agreed to and listed in Attachment D. Attachment D is made a part of this contract.

8. Information about Contract Administrators.

The following names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers are the pertinent information for the respective contract administrators for the parties.

Contract Administrator for LTA:

Name: Mary Gilbert

Title: Interim Executive Director

Address: 330 Tres Pinos Road, Ste. C7

Hollister, California 95023

Phone No.: (831) 637-7665

Fax No.: (831) 636-4160

Contract Administrator for CONTRACTOR:

Name:

Title:

Address:

SIGNATURES

APPROVED BY CONTRACTOR:

Name:

Title: Chair

Date:

Name:

Title:

Date:

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

San Benito County Counsel's Office

By:

Shirley L. Murphy, Deputy County Counsel

Date:

ATTACHMENT A
Scope of Services

This section has been intentionally left blank as the scope of services will be provided following selection of a qualified Respondent.

~ END ATTACHMENT A ~

ATTACHMENT B
Payment Schedule

B-1. BILLING

Charges for services rendered pursuant to the terms and conditions of this contract shall be invoiced on the following basis: (check one)

- One month in arrears.
- Upon the complete performance of the services specified in Attachment A.
- The basis specified in paragraph B-4.

B-2. PAYMENT

Payment shall be made by LTA to CONTRACTOR at the address specified in paragraph 7 of this contract, net thirty (30) days from the invoice date.

B-3. COMPENSATION

LTA shall pay to CONTRACTOR: (check one)

- a total lump sum payment of \$ _____, or
- a total sum not to exceed \$ _____.

for services rendered pursuant to the terms and conditions of this contract and pursuant to any special compensation terms specified in this attachment, Attachment B.

B-4. SPECIAL COMPENSATION TERMS: (check one)

- There are no additional terms of compensation.
- The following specific terms of compensation shall apply: (Specify)

1) CONTRACTOR shall invoice monthly at an hourly rate for services rendered pursuant to B-4 and of this Contract. CONTRACTOR shall provide a monthly progress report as a part of the monthly invoice which tracks tasks specified in Attachment A, Scope of Services, with services completed by CONTRACTOR. The monthly progress report shall include the following:

- Description of the tasks in progress or achieved
- Description of the tasks still to be achieved
- Percentage of work still anticipated for each task for the completion of the project

2) The LTA shall have the right to retain 10% of the total contracted amount until the project is deemed completed by the CONTRACTOR and the LTA.

(Insert any additional specific terms of compensation.)

~ END ATTACHMENT B ~

ATTACHMENT C
General Terms and Conditions

C-1. INDEMNIFICATION.

CONTRACTOR and LTA each agree to indemnify, defend and save harmless the other party and the other party's officers and employees, from and against any and all claims and losses whatsoever arising out of, or in any way related to, the indemnifying party's performance under this contract, including, but not limited to, claims for property damage, personal injury, death, and any legal expenses (such as attorneys' fees, court costs, investigation costs, and experts' fees) incurred by the indemnitee in connection with such claims or losses. A party's "performance" includes the party's action or inaction and the action or inaction of that party's officers and employees.

C-2. GENERAL INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.

Without limiting CONTRACTOR'S duty to indemnify LTA, CONTRACTOR shall comply with the insurance coverage requirements set forth in the contract and in this attachment. Those insurance policies mandated by Paragraph C-3 shall satisfy the following requirements:

- (a) Each policy shall be issued by a company authorized by law to transact business in the State of California.
- (b) Each policy shall provide that LTA shall be given notice in writing at least thirty (30) days in advance of any change, cancellation, or nonrenewal thereof.
- (c) The comprehensive motor vehicle and comprehensive general liability policies shall each provide an endorsement naming the County of San Benito and its officers, agents and employees as additional insureds.
- (d) The required coverage shall be maintained in effect throughout the term of this contract.

CONTRACTOR shall require all Subcontractors performing work under this contract to obtain substantially the identical insurance coverage required of CONTRACTOR pursuant to this agreement.

C-3. INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS.

If required by paragraph 5 of the contract, CONTRACTOR shall maintain the following insurance policies in full force and effect during the term of this contract:

- (a) Comprehensive general liability insurance. CONTRACTOR shall maintain comprehensive general liability insurance, covering all of CONTRACTOR'S operations with a combined single limit of not less than the amount set out in paragraph 5 of this contract.
- (b) Professional liability insurance. CONTRACTOR shall maintain professional liability insurance with liability limits of not less than the amount set out in paragraph 5 of this contract.
- (c) Comprehensive motor vehicle liability insurance. CONTRACTOR shall maintain comprehensive motor vehicle insurance covering all motor vehicles (including owned, non-owned and hired) used in providing services under this contract, with a combined single limit of not less than the amount set out in Paragraph 5 of this contract.

- d) Workers' compensation insurance. CONTRACTOR shall maintain a workers' compensation plan covering all of its employees as required by California Labor Code Section 3700, either through workers' compensation insurance issued by an insurance company or through a plan of self-insurance certified by the State Director of Industrial Relations. If CONTRACTOR elects to be self-insured, the certificate of insurance otherwise required by this contract shall be replaced with a consent to self-insure issued by the State Director of Industrial Relations.

C-4. CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE.

Prior to the commencement of performance of services by CONTRACTOR and prior to any obligations of LTA, CONTRACTOR shall file certificates of insurance with LTA, showing that CONTRACTOR has in effect the insurance required by this contract. CONTRACTOR shall file a new or amended certificate promptly after any change is made in any insurance policy which would alter the information on the certificate then on file. In lieu of providing proof of insurance, CONTRACTOR may provide proof of self-insurance meeting requirements equivalent to those imposed herein. CONTRACTOR warrants that CONTRACTOR'S self-insurance provides substantially the same protection to LTA as the insurance required herein. CONTRACTOR further agrees to notify LTA in the event any change in self-insurance occurs that would alter the obligations undertaken in this contract within thirty (30) days of such change.

C-5. RECORDS TO BE MAINTAINED.

CONTRACTOR shall keep and maintain accurate records of all costs incurred and all time expended for work under this contract. CONTRACTOR shall contractually require that all of CONTRACTOR'S Subcontractors performing work called for under this contract also keep and maintain such records. All such records, whether kept by CONTRACTOR or any SUBCONTRACTOR, shall be made available to LTA or its authorized representative, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), or any duly authorized representative of the Federal Government or officials of the State of California for review or audit during normal business hours, upon reasonable advance notice given by LTA, its authorized representative, or officials of the State of California.

C-6. RETENTION OF RECORDS.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain and preserve all records related to this contract for a period of three years from the close of the fiscal year in which final payment under this contract is made. CONTRACTOR shall also contractually require the maintenance of such records in the possession of any third party performing work related to this contract for the same period of time. Such records shall be retained beyond the three-year period, if any audit involving such records is then pending, until the audit findings are resolved. The obligation to insure the maintenance of the records beyond the initial three year period shall arise only if the LTA notifies CONTRACTOR of the commencement of an audit prior to the expiration of the three year period.

C-7. TITLE TO DOCUMENTS; COPYRIGHT.

All reports and other materials collected or produced by the CONTRACTOR or any Subcontractor of CONTRACTOR shall, after completion and acceptance of the contract, become the property of LTA, and shall not be subject to any copyright claimed by the CONTRACTOR, SUBCONTRACTOR, or their agents or employees. CONTRACTOR may retain copies of all such materials exclusively for administrative purposes. Any use of completed or uncompleted documents for other projects by CONTRACTOR, any Subcontractor, or any of their agents or employees, without the prior written consent of LTA is prohibited.

C-8. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR and its officers and employees, in the performance of this contract, are independent CONTRACTORS in relation to LTA and not officers or employees of LTA. Nothing in this contract shall create any of the rights, powers, privileges or immunities of any officer or employee of LTA. CONTRACTOR shall be solely liable for all applicable taxes or benefits, including, but not limited to, federal and state income taxes, Social Security taxes, or ERISA retirement benefits, which taxes or benefits arise out of the performance of this contract. CONTRACTOR further represents to LTA that CONTRACTOR has no expectation of receiving any benefits incidental to employment.

C-9. CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

CONTRACTOR covenants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, financial or otherwise, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of the services hereunder. CONTRACTOR further covenants that, in the performance of this contract, no Subcontractor or person having such an interest shall be used or employed.

C-10. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws now, or hereafter, in force, and with any applicable regulations, in performing the work and providing the services specified in this contract. This obligation includes, without limitation, the acquisition, and maintenance of any permits, licenses, or other entitlements necessary to perform the duties imposed expressly or impliedly under this contract.

C-11. NONDISCRIMINATION.

CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate in the employment of persons necessary to perform this contract on any legally impermissible basis, including on the basis of the race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, age, sex, or disability of such person.

C-12. BANKRUPTCY.

CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify LTA in the event that CONTRACTOR ceases conducting business in the normal manner, becomes insolvent, makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, suffers or permits the appointment of a receiver for its business or assets, or avails itself of, or becomes subject to, any proceeding under the Federal Bankruptcy Act or any other statute of any state relating to insolvency or protection of the rights of creditors.

C-13. PROHIBITION AGAINST ASSIGNMENT AND DELEGATION OF DUTIES.

Except as specifically authorized herein, no rights under this contract may be assigned and no duties under this contract may be delegated by CONTRACTOR without the prior written consent of LTA, and any attempted assignment or delegation without such consent shall be void.

C-14. NEGOTIATED CONTRACT.

This contract has been arrived at through negotiation between the parties. Neither party is to be deemed the party which prepared this contract within the meaning of California Civil Code Section 1654.

C-15. SEVERABILITY.

Should any provision herein be found or deemed to be invalid, this contract shall be construed as not containing such provision, and all other provisions which are otherwise lawful shall remain in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this contract are declared to be severable.

C-16. ENTIRE CONTRACT.

This contract is the entire agreement of the parties. There are no understandings or agreements pertaining to this contract except as are expressly stated in writing in this contract or in any document attached hereto or incorporated herein by reference.

C-17. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.

Time is of the essence in the performance of this contract.

C-18. TERMINATION.

Either party may terminate this contract, with or without cause, at any time. In order to terminate this contract, the terminating party shall give advance written notice to the other party. The termination shall be effective no earlier than the expiration of the number of days specified in paragraph 6 of this contract. The termination notice shall be made as specified in paragraph C-19, below. In the event of termination, LTA shall pay CONTRACTOR for all work satisfactorily performed prior to the effective date of the termination.

C-19. NOTICES.

Notices to the parties in connection with the administration of this contract shall be given to the parties' contract administrator personally, by regular mail, or by facsimile transmission as more particularly specified in this paragraph. Notices will be deemed given on:

- (a) The day the notice is personally delivered to the contract administrator or the office of the party's contract administrator; or
- (b) Five days after the date the notice is deposited in the United States mail, addressed to a party's contract administrator as indicated in this contract, with first-class postage fully prepaid; or
- (c) On the day that the notice is transmitted by facsimile to a party's facsimile number specified in paragraph 8 of this contract, provided that an original of such notice is deposited in the United States mail, addressed to a party's contract administrator as indicated in this contract, on the same day as the facsimile transmission is made.

C-20. RESPONSIBILITY OF CONTRACT ADMINISTRATORS.

All matters concerning this contract which are within the responsibility of the parties shall be under the direction of, or shall be submitted to, the respective contract administrators or to the party's employee specified, in writing, by the contract administrator. A party may, in its sole discretion, change its designation of its contract administrator and shall promptly give written notice to the other party of any such change.

C-21. MATERIALITY.

The parties consider each and every term, covenant, and provision of this contract to be material and reasonable.

C-22. WAIVER.

Waiver by either party of a breach of any covenant of this contract will not be construed to be a continuing waiver of any subsequent breach. LTA's receipt of consideration with knowledge of CONTRACTOR'S violation of a covenant does not waive its right to enforce any covenant of this contract. The parties shall not waive any provisions of this contract unless the waiver is in writing and signed by all parties.

C-23. AUTHORITY AND CAPACITY.

CONTRACTOR and CONTRACTOR'S signatory each warrant and represent that each has full authority and capacity to enter into this contract.

C-24. BINDING ON SUCCESSORS.

All of the conditions, covenants and terms herein contained shall apply to, and bind, the heirs, successors, executors, administrators and assigns of CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR and all of CONTRACTOR'S heirs, successors, executors, administrators, and assigns shall be jointly and severally liable under this contract.

C-25. CUMULATION OF REMEDIES.

All of the various rights, options, elections, powers and remedies of the parties shall be construed as cumulative, and no one of them exclusive of any other or of any other legal or equitable remedy which a party might otherwise have in the event of a breach or default of any condition, covenant or term by the other party. The exercise of any single right, option, election, power or remedy shall not, in any way, impair any other right, option, election, power or remedy until all duties and obligations imposed shall have been fully performed.

C-26. INDEPENDENT ADVICE.

Each party hereby represents and warrants that in executing this contract it does so with full knowledge of the rights and duties it may have with respect to the other. Each party also represents and warrants that it has received independent legal advice from its attorney with respect to the matters set forth in this contract and the rights and duties arising out of this contract, or that such party willingly foregoes any such consultation.

C-27. NO RELIANCE ON REPRESENTATIONS.

Each party hereby represents and warrants that it is not relying, and has not relied, upon any representation or statement made by the other party with respect to the facts involved or its rights or duties. Each party understands and agrees that the facts relevant, or believed to be relevant to this contract may hereunder turn out to be other than, or different from the facts now known to such party as true, or believed by such party to be true. The parties expressly assume the risk of the facts turning out to be different and agree that this contract shall be effective in all respects and shall not be subject to rescission by reason of any such difference in facts.

C-28. REDUCTION OF CONSIDERATION.

CONTRACTOR agrees that LTA shall have the right to deduct from any payments specified in Attachment B any amount owed to LTA by CONTRACTOR as a result of any obligation arising prior to, or after, the execution of this contract. For purposes of this paragraph, obligations arising prior to, or after, the execution of this contract may include, without limitation, any property tax, secured or unsecured, which tax is in arrears. If LTA exercises the right to reduce the consideration specified in Attachment B, LTA, at the time of making a reduced payment, shall give CONTRACTOR notice of the amount of any off-set and the reason for the reduction.

C-29. COUNTERPARTS.

This contract may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original. The counterparts shall together constitute one contract.

~ END ATTACHMENT C ~

~ END EXHIBIT F ~

Exhibit G – Federal Clauses

The following is a copy of the federal clauses that may be applicable to the contract to be entered between the LTA and the consultant selected pursuant to this RFP. Only those provisions set forth below that are applicable to this project will be inserted into Attachment D to the Standard Contract set forth in Exhibit F to this RFP. To the extent there are any conflicts between the applicable federal clauses set forth below and the standard terms and conditions set forth in Attachment C to the contract (Exhibit F to this RFP), the federal clauses will control. *Respondents should not respond to this RFP if they cannot agree to the applicable terms and conditions set forth in the following federal clauses.*

Energy Conservation

For all Contracts except micro-purchases (\$3,000 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2,000) Contractor shall comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency, stated in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy & Conservation Act.

Access to Records and Reports

Applicability – As shown below. These requirements do not apply to micro-purchases (\$3,000 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2,000).

The following access to records requirements apply to this Contract:

1. Where the purchaser is not a State but a local government and is an FTA recipient or a subgrantee of FTA recipient in accordance with 49 CFR 18.36(i), contractor shall provide the purchaser, the FTA, the US Comptroller General or their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers and contractor records which are pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions. Contractor shall also, pursuant to 49 CFR 633.17, provide authorized FTA representatives, including any PMO contractor, access to contractor's records and construction sites pertaining to a capital project, defined at 49 USC 5302(a)1, which is receiving FTA assistance through the programs described at 49 USC 5307, 5309 or 5311.
2. Where the purchaser is a State and is an FTA recipient or a subgrantee of FTA recipient in accordance with 49 CFR 633.17, contractor shall provide the purchaser, authorized FTA representatives, including any PMO Contractor, access to contractor's records and construction sites pertaining to a capital project, defined at 49 USC 5302(a)1, which receives FTA assistance through the programs described at 49 USC 5307, 5309 or 5311. By definition, a 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 an FTA recipient or a subgrantee of FTA recipient in accordance with 49 CFR 19.48, contractor shall provide the purchaser, the FTA, the US Comptroller General or 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.

4. Where a purchaser which is an FTA recipient or a subgrantee of FTA recipient in accordance with 49 USC 5325(a) enters into a contract for a capital project or improvement (defined at 49 USC 5302(a)1) through other than competitive bidding, contractor shall make available records related to the contract to the purchaser, the Secretary of USDOT and the US Comptroller General or any authorized officer or employee of any of them for the purposes of conducting an audit and inspection.
5. Contractor shall permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.
6. Contractor shall maintain all books, records, accounts and reports required under this contract for a period of not less than three (3) years after the date of termination or expiration of this contract, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this contract, in which case contractor agrees to maintain same until the recipient, FTA Administrator, US Comptroller General, or any of their authorized representatives, have disposed of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto. Re: 49 CFR 18.39(i)(11).

FTA does not require the inclusion of these requirements in subcontracts.

Federal Changes

For all Contracts except micro-purchases (\$3,000 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2,000) Contractor shall comply with all applicable FTA regulations, policies, procedures and directives, including without limitation those listed directly or by reference in the Master Agreement between the purchaser and FTA, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of the contract. Contractor's failure to comply shall constitute a material breach of the contract.

Recycled Products

For all contracts for items designated by the EPA, when the purchaser or contractor procures \$10,000 or more of one of these items during the current or previous fiscal year using Federal funds, 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.

No Government Obligation to Third Parties

Applicability – All contracts except micro-purchases (\$3,000 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2,000).

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

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

Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts

Applicability – All contracts except micro-purchases (\$3,000 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2,000).

- (1) Contractor acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 USC 3801 et seq. and USDOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 CFR 31, apply to its actions pertaining to this project. Upon execution of the underlying contract, 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 FTA assisted project for which this contract work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, contractor further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submittal, or certification, the US Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act (1986) on contractor to the extent the US Government deems appropriate.
- (2) If contractor makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submittal, or certification to the US Government under a contract connected with a project that is financed in whole or in part with FTA assistance under the authority of 49 USC 5307, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 USC 1001 and 49 USC 5307(n)(1) on contractor, to the extent the US Government deems appropriate.
- (3) Contractor shall include the above two clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with FTA assistance. The clauses shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to the provisions.

Termination

Applicability – All Contracts over \$10,000, except contracts with nonprofit organizations and institutions of higher learning, where the threshold is \$100,000.

- a. Termination for Convenience (General Provision) the recipient may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, at any time by written notice to contractor when it is in the recipient's best interest. Contractor shall be paid its costs, including contract close-out costs, and profit on work performed up to the time of termination. Contractor shall promptly submit its termination claim to the recipient. If contractor is in possession of any of the recipient's property, contractor shall account for same, and dispose of it as the recipient directs.
- b. Termination for Default [Breach or Cause] (General Provision) If contractor does not deliver items in accordance with the contract delivery schedule, or, if the contract is for services, and contractor fails to perform in the manner called for in the contract, or if contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of the contract, the recipient may terminate this contract for default. Termination shall be effected by serving a notice of termination to contractor setting forth the manner in which contractor is in default. Contractor shall only be paid the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or for services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in the contract. If it is later determined by the recipient that

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 contractor, the recipient, after setting up a new delivery or performance schedule, may allow contractor to continue work, or treat the termination as a termination for convenience.

- c. Opportunity to Cure (General Provision) the recipient in its sole discretion may, in the case of a termination for breach or default, allow contractor an appropriately short period of time in which to cure the defect. In such case, the notice of termination shall state the time period in which cure is permitted and other appropriate conditions. If contractor fails to remedy to the recipient's satisfaction the breach or default or any of the terms, covenants, or conditions of this Contract within ten (10) days after receipt by contractor or written notice from the recipient setting forth the nature of said breach or default, the recipient 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 the recipient from also pursuing all available remedies against contractor and its sureties for said breach or default.
- d. Waiver of Remedies for any Breach In the event that the recipient elects to waive its remedies for any breach by contractor of any covenant, term or condition of this Contract, such waiver by the recipient shall not limit its remedies for any succeeding breach of that or of any other term, covenant, or condition of this Contract.
- e. Termination for Convenience (Professional or Transit Service Contracts) the recipient, by written notice, may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, when it is in the recipient's interest. If the contract is terminated, the recipient shall be liable only for payment under the payment provisions of this contract for services rendered before the effective date of termination.
- f. Termination for Default (Supplies and Service) If contractor fails to deliver supplies or to perform the services within the time specified in this contract or any extension or if the contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of this contract, the recipient may terminate this contract for default. The recipient shall terminate by delivering to contractor a notice of termination specifying the nature of default. Contractor shall only be paid the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner or performance set forth in this contract. If, after termination for failure to fulfill contract obligations, it is determined that contractor was not in default, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if termination had been issued for the recipient's convenience.
- g. Termination for Default (Transportation Services) If contractor fails to pick up the commodities or to perform the services, including delivery services, within the time specified in this contract or any extension or if contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of this contract, the recipient may terminate this contract for default. The recipient shall terminate by delivering to contractor a notice of termination specifying the nature of default. Contractor shall only be paid the contract price for services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in this contract.

If this contract is terminated while contractor has possession of the recipient's goods, contractor shall, as directed by the recipient, protect and preserve the goods until surrendered to the recipient or its agent. Contractor and the recipient shall agree on payment for the preservation and protection of goods. Failure to agree on an amount shall

be resolved under the Dispute clause. If, after termination for failure to fulfill contract obligations, it is determined that contractor was not in default, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if termination had been issued for the recipient's convenience.

- h. Termination for Default (Construction) If contractor refuses or fails to prosecute the work or any separable part, with the diligence that will insure its completion within the time specified, or any extension, or fails to complete the work within this time, or if contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of this contract, the recipient may terminate this contract for default. The recipient shall terminate by delivering to contractor a notice of termination specifying the nature of default. In this event, the recipient may take over the work and complete it by contract or otherwise, and may take possession of and use any materials, appliances, and plant on the work site necessary for completing the work. Contractor and its sureties shall be liable for any damage to the recipient resulting from contractor's refusal or failure to complete the work within specified time, whether or not contractor's right to proceed with the work is terminated. This liability includes any increased costs incurred by the recipient in completing the work.

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

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

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

- i. Termination for Convenience or Default (Architect & Engineering) the recipient may terminate this contract in whole or in part, for the recipient's convenience or because of contractor's failure to fulfill contract obligations. The recipient shall terminate by delivering to contractor a notice of termination specifying the nature, extent, and effective date of termination. Upon receipt of the notice, contractor shall (1) immediately discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise), and (2) deliver to the recipient all data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and other information and materials accumulated in performing this contract, whether completed or in process. If termination is for the recipient's convenience, it shall make an equitable adjustment in the contract price but shall allow no anticipated profit on unperformed services. If termination is for contractor's failure to fulfill contract obligations, the recipient may complete the work by contract or otherwise and contractor shall be liable for any additional cost incurred by the recipient. If, after termination for failure to fulfill contract obligations, it is determined that contractor was not in default, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if termination had been issued for the recipient's convenience.

- j. Termination for Convenience or Default (Cost-Type Contracts) the recipient may terminate this contract, or any portion of it, by serving a notice of termination on contractor. The notice shall state whether termination is for convenience of the recipient or for default of contractor. If termination is for default, the notice shall state the manner in which contractor has failed to perform the requirements of the contract. Contractor shall account for any property in its possession paid for from funds received from the recipient, or property supplied to contractor by the recipient. If termination is for default, the recipient may fix the fee, if the contract provides for a fee, to be paid to contractor in proportion to the value, if any, of work performed up to the time of termination. Contractor shall promptly submit its termination claim to the recipient and the parties shall negotiate the termination settlement to be paid to contractor. If termination is for the recipient's convenience, contractor shall be paid its contract closeout costs, and a fee, if the contract provided for payment of a fee, in proportion to the work performed up to the time of termination.

If, after serving a notice of termination for default, the recipient determines that contractor has an excusable reason for not performing, such as strike, fire, flood, events, which are not the fault of and are beyond the control of contractor, the recipient after setting up a new work schedule, may allow contractor to continue work, or treat the termination as a termination for convenience.

Government Wide Debarment and Suspension (Non Procurement)

Applicability – Contracts over \$25,000. 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 contractors, 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.

By signing and submitting its bid or proposal, the bidder or proposer certifies as follows: The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by the recipient. If it is later determined that the bidder or proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to the recipient, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 49 CFR 29, Subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

Contracts Involving Federal Privacy Act Requirements

When a grantee maintains files on drug and alcohol enforcement activities for FTA, and those files are organized so that information could be retrieved by personal identifier, the Privacy Act requirements apply to all contracts except micro-purchases (\$3,000 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2,000).

The following requirements apply to the Contractor and its employees that administer any system of records on behalf of the Federal Government under any contract:

- (1) The Contractor agrees to comply with, and assures the compliance of its employees with, the information restrictions and other applicable requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a. Among other things, the Contractor agrees to obtain the express consent of the Federal Government before the Contractor or its employees operate a system of records on behalf of the Federal Government. The Contractor understands that the requirements of the Privacy Act, including the civil and criminal penalties for violation of that Act, apply to those individuals involved, and that failure to comply with the terms of the Privacy Act may result in termination of the underlying contract.
- (2) The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract to administer any system of records on behalf of the Federal Government financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

Civil Rights Requirements

For all contracts except micro-purchases (\$3,000 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2,000), the following requirements apply to the underlying contract:

- (1) Nondiscrimination - In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 USC 2000d, Sec. 303 of the Age Discrimination Act (1975), as amended, 42 USC 6102, Sec. 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act (1990), 42 USC 12132, and 49 USC 5332, contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age or disability. Contractor shall also comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other 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 USC 2000e, and 49 USC 5332, contractor shall comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements of USDOL, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, USDOL," 41 CFR 60 et seq., (implementing Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," 42 USC 2000e), and any applicable Federal statutes, executive orders, regulations, and policies that may in the future affect construction activities undertaken in the course of the project. Contractor shall 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, contractor shall comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
 - (b) Age - In accordance with Sec. 4 of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (1967), as amended, 29 USC 623 and 49 USC 5332, contractor shall refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for reason of age. Contractor shall also comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

(c) Disabilities - In accordance with Sec. 102 of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as amended, 42 USC 12112, contractor shall comply with the requirements of US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), Regulations to Implement Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 29 CFR 1630, pertaining to employment of persons with disabilities. Contractor shall also comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

(3) Contractor shall include these requirements in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with FTA assistance, modified only if necessary to identify the affected parties.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise

Contracts over \$3,000 awarded on the basis of a bid or proposal offering to use DBEs shall comply with the following requirements:

- a. 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 10%. The recipient's overall goal for DBE participation is listed elsewhere. If a separate contract goal for DBE participation has been established for this procurement, it is listed elsewhere.
- b. 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 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 municipal corporation deems appropriate. Each subcontract the contractor signs with a subcontractor must include this assurance.
- c. If a separate contract goal has been established, Bidders/offers 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.
- d. If no separate contract goal has been established, the successful bidder/offeror will be required to report its DBE participation obtained through race-neutral means throughout the period of performance.
- e. 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 recipient. In addition, the contractor may not hold retainage from its subcontractors or must return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within 30 days after the subcontractor's work related to this contract is satisfactorily completed or must return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within 30 days after incremental acceptance of the subcontractor's work by the recipient and contractor's receipt of the partial retainage payment related to the subcontractor's work.
- f. The contractor must promptly notify the recipient 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 recipient.

Incorporation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Terms

All contracts except micro-purchases (\$3,000 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2,000) shall comply with all applicable FTA terms and conditions.

The preceding provisions include, in part, certain Standard Terms & Conditions required by USDOT, whether or not expressly stated in the preceding contract provisions. All USDOT-required contractual provisions, as stated in FTA Circular 4220.1F, are hereby incorporated by reference. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, all FTA mandated terms shall be deemed to control in the event of a conflict with other provisions contained in this Agreement. The contractor shall not perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any request that would cause the recipient to be in violation of FTA terms and conditions.

Full and Open Competition

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. § 5325(a) all procurement transactions shall be conducted in a manner that provides full and open competition.

Prohibition Against Exclusionary or Discriminatory Specifications

Apart from inconsistent requirements imposed by Federal statute or regulations, the contractor shall comply with the requirements of 49 USC 5323(h)(2) by refraining from using any FTA assistance to support procurements using exclusionary or discriminatory specifications.

Conformance with ITS National Architecture

Contractor shall conform, to the extent applicable, to the National Intelligent Transportation Standards architecture as required by SAFETEA-LU Section 5307(c), 23 U.S.C. Section 512 note and follow the provisions of FTA Notice, "FTA National Architecture Policy on Transit Projects," 66 Fed. Reg. 1455 et seq., January 8, 2001, and any other implementing directives FTA may issue at a later date, except to the extent FTA determines otherwise in writing.

Access Requirements for Persons with Disabilities

Contractor shall comply with 49 USC 5301(d), stating Federal policy that the elderly and persons with disabilities have the same rights as other persons to use mass transportation services and facilities and that special efforts shall be made in planning and designing those services and facilities to implement that policy. Contractor shall also comply with all applicable requirements of Sec. 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (1973), as amended, 29 USC 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), as amended, 42 USC 12101 et seq., which requires that accessible facilities and services be made available to persons with disabilities, including any subsequent amendments thereto.

Notification of Federal Participation

To the extent required by law, in the announcement of any third party contract award for goods and services (including construction services) having an aggregate value of \$500,000 or more, contractor shall specify the amount of Federal assistance to be used in financing that acquisition of goods and services and to express that amount of Federal assistance as a

percentage of the total cost of the third party contract.

Interest of Members or Delegates to Congress

No members of, or delegates to, the US Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of this contract nor to any benefit arising therefrom.

Ineligible Contractors and Subcontractors

Any name appearing upon the Comptroller General's list of ineligible contractors for federally-assisted contracts shall be ineligible to act as a subcontractor for contractor pursuant to this contract. If contractor is on the Comptroller General's list of ineligible contractors for federally financed or assisted construction, the recipient shall cancel, terminate or suspend this contract.

Other Contract Requirements

To the extent not inconsistent with foregoing Federal requirements, this contract shall also include those standard clauses attached hereto, and shall comply with the recipient's Procurement Guidelines, available upon request from the recipient.

Compliance with Federal Regulations

Any contract entered pursuant to this solicitation shall contain the following provisions: All USDOT-required contractual provisions, as set forth in FTA Circular 4220.1F, are incorporated by reference. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, FTA mandated terms shall control in the event of a conflict with other provisions contained in this Agreement. Contractor shall not perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any grantee request that would cause the recipient to be in violation of FTA terms and conditions. Contractor shall comply with all applicable FTA regulations, policies, procedures and directives, including, without limitation, those listed directly or incorporated by reference in the Master Agreement between the recipient and FTA, as 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.

Real Property

Any contract entered into shall contain the following provisions: Contractor shall at all times comply with all applicable statutes and USDOT regulations, policies, procedures and directives governing the acquisition, use and disposal of real property, including, but not limited to, 29 CFR 18.31, 49 CFR 24 Subpart B, FTA Circular 5010.1D, and FTA Master Agreement, as they may be amended or promulgated during the term of this contract. Contractor's failure to so comply shall constitute a material breach of this contract.

Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency

To the extent applicable and except to the extent that FTA determines otherwise in writing, the Recipient agrees to comply with the policies of Executive Order No. 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency," 42 U.S.C. § 2000d 1 note, and with the provisions of U.S. DOT Notice, "DOT Guidance to Recipients on Special Language Services to Limited English Proficient (LEP) Beneficiaries," 70 Fed. Reg. 74087, December 14, 2005.

Environmental Justice

The Recipient agrees to comply with the policies of Executive Order No. 12898, "Federal Actions

to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations," 42 U.S.C. § 4321 note, except to the extent that the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing.

Environmental Protections

Compliance is required with any applicable Federal laws imposing environmental and resource conservation requirements for the project. Some, but not all, of the major Federal laws that may affect the project include: the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Clean Air Act; the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act; as well as environmental provisions with Title 23 U.S.C., and 49 U.C. chapter 53. The U.S. EPA, FHWA and other federal agencies may issue other federal regulations and directives that may affect the project. Compliance is required with any applicable Federal laws and regulations in effect now or that become effective in the future.

Geographic Information and Related Spatial Data

Any project activities involving spatial data or geographic information systems activities financed with Federal assistance are required to be consistent with the National Spatial Data Infrastructure promulgated by the Federal Geographic Data Committee, except to the extent that FTA determines otherwise in writing.

Federal Single Audit Requirements for State Administered Federally Aid Funded Projects Only

Non Federal entities that expend \$500,000 or more in a year in Federal awards from all sources are required to comply with the Federal Single Audit Act provisions contained in U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular No. A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non Profit Organizations. Non Federal entities that expend Federal awards from a single source may provide a program specific audit, as defined in the Circular. Non Federal entities that expend less than \$500,000 in a year in Federal awards from all sources are exempt from Federal audit requirements for that year, except as noted in 3052.215(a), but records must be available for review or audit by appropriate officials of the Federal and State agencies.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Identification Number

The municipal project sponsor is required to identify in its accounts all Federal awards received and expended, and the Federal programs under which they were received. Federal program and award identification shall include, as applicable, the CFDA title and number, award number and year, name of the Federal agency, and name of the pass through entity.

CFDA number for the Federal Transportation Administration

A Recipient covered by the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations," agrees to separately identify the expenditures for Federal awards under the Recovery Act on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) and the Data Collection Form (SF-SAC) required by OMB Circular A-133. The Recipient agrees to accomplish this by identifying expenditures for Federal awards made under Recovery Act separately on the SEFA, and as separate rows under Item 9 of Part III on the SF-SAC by CFDA number, and inclusion of the prefix "ARRA" in identifying the name of the Federal program on the SEFA and as the first characters in Item 9d of Part III on the SF-SAC.

~ END EXHIBIT G ~

~ END SECTION 5 ~