

SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

Request for Proposals (RFP)

For WATSONVILLE TRANSIT PLANNING STUDY

METRO RFP No. 11-07

Date Issued: December 1, 2010

Proposal Deadline: 5:00 P.M., January 4, 2011



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PART I

INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS

1. **GENERAL:** These instructions form a part of the contract documents and shall have the same force as any other portion of the contract. Failure to comply may subject the proposal to immediate rejection.
2. **OFFEROR RESPONSIBILITY:** METRO has made every attempt to provide all information needed by offerors for a thorough understanding of project terms, conditions, and requirements. It is expressly understood that it is the responsibility of offerors to examine and evaluate the work required under this RFP and the terms and conditions under which the work is performed. By submitting a proposal, Offeror represents that it has investigated and agrees to all terms and conditions of this RFP.
3. **DELIVERY OF PROPOSALS TO METRO:** Proposals (1 original and 5 copies) must be delivered to METRO Purchasing Office, 110 Vernon Street, Suite 100, Santa Cruz, California, 95060 on or before the deadline noted in the RFP.

Any contract or purchase order entered into as a result of this RFP shall incorporate the RFP and the proposal submitted by successful offeror. In the event of conflict between the proposal and any other contract document, the other contract document shall prevail unless specified otherwise by METRO. Telephone or electronic proposals will not be accepted.

4. **LATE PROPOSALS:** Proposals received after the date and time indicated herein shall not be accepted and shall be returned to the Offeror unopened.

Requests for extensions of the proposal closing date or time will not be granted. Offerors mailing proposals should allow sufficient mail time to ensure timely receipt of their proposals before the deadline, as it is the offerors responsibility to ensure that proposals arrive before the closing time.

5. **MULTIPLE PROPOSALS:** An offeror may submit more than one proposal. At least one of the proposals shall be complete and comply with all requirements of this RFP. However, additional proposals may be in abbreviated form, using the same format, but providing only the information that differs in any way from the information contained in the master proposal. Master proposals and alternate proposals should be clearly labeled.
6. **PARTIAL PROPOSALS:** No partial proposals shall be accepted.
7. **WITHDRAWAL OR MODIFICATION OF PROPOSALS:** Proposals may not be modified after the time and date proposals are opened. Proposals may be withdrawn by Offeror before proposal opening upon written request of the official who is authorized to act on behalf of the Offeror.
8. **CHANGES TO THE RFP RECOMMENDED BY OFFERORS:** All requests for clarification or modification of the RFP shall be made in writing. Offerors are required to provide the value of each proposed modification and a brief explanation as to why the change is requested. Value shall be defined as the cost or savings to METRO and the advantage to METRO of the proposed change.
9. **ADDENDA:** Modifications to this RFP shall be made only by written addenda issued to all RFP holders of record. Verbal instructions, interpretations, and changes shall not serve as official expressions of METRO, and shall not be binding. All cost adjustments or other changes resulting from said addenda shall be taken into consideration by offerors and included in their proposals.
10. **OFFEROR'S PROPOSAL TO METRO:** Offerors are expected to thoroughly examine the scope of work and terms and conditions of the RFP. Offerors' terms, conditions, and prices shall constitute a firm offer to METRO

that cannot be withdrawn by the Offeror for ninety (90) calendar days after the closing date for proposals, unless a longer time period is specified by METRO in the RFP.

11. **SINGLE OFFEROR RESPONSIBILITY:** Single Offeror responsibility is required under this RFP. Each Offeror responding to this RFP must respond to all professional services and provide all materials, equipment, supplies, transportation, freight, special services, and other work described or otherwise required herein.
12. **EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS:** Offeror may be required upon request of METRO to substantiate that Offeror and its proposed subcontractors have the skill, experience, licenses, necessary facilities, and financial resources to perform the contract in a satisfactory manner and within the required time.
13. **SUBCONTRACTING:** The requirement for single-point responsibility does not prohibit subcontracts or joint ventures provided that the single successful Offeror assumes the following responsibilities: (1) serves as the sole general contractor with METRO; (2) assumes full responsibility for the performance of all its subcontractors, joint venturers, and other agents; (3) provides the sole point of contact for all activities through a single individual designated as project manager; (4) submits information with its proposal documenting the financial standing and business history of each subcontractor or joint venturer; and, (5) submits copies of all subcontracts and other agreements proposed to document such arrangement.

Without limiting the foregoing, any such legal documents submitted under item "5" above must (a) make METRO a third-party beneficiary thereunder; (b) grant to METRO the right to receive notice of and cure any default by the successful offeror under the document; and (c) pass through to METRO any and all warranties and indemnities provided or offered by the subcontractor or similar party.

14. **EVALUATION CRITERIA AND AWARD OF CONTRACT:** The award of the contract will be made to the responsible Offeror whose proposal is most advantageous to METRO. Specific evaluation criteria are identified in the Specifications section of the RFP.
15. **METRO'S PREROGATIVE:** METRO reserves the right to contract with any single firm or joint venture responding to this RFP (without performing interviews), based solely upon its evaluation and judgment of the firm or joint venture in accordance with the evaluation criteria. This RFP does not commit METRO to negotiate a contract, nor does it obligate METRO to pay for any costs incurred in preparation and submission of proposals or in submission of a contract.

METRO reserves and holds at its discretion the following rights and options in addition to any others provided by the Public Utility Code, Section 98000 and the Public Contract Code: (1) to reject any or all of the proposals; (2) to issue subsequent requests for proposals; (3) to elect to cancel the entire request for proposals; (4) to waive minor informalities and irregularities in proposals received; (5) to enter into a contract with any combination of one or more prime contractors, subcontractors, or service providers; (6) to approve or disapprove the use of proposed subcontractors and substitute subcontractors; (7) to negotiate with any, all, or none of the respondents to the RFP.

16. **EXECUTION OF CONTRACT:** The final contract shall be executed by the successful offeror and returned to METRO Administrative Office no later than ten (10) calendar days after the date of notification of award by METRO. All required bonds and insurance certificates shall also be submitted by this deadline. In the event successful offeror does not submit any or all of the aforementioned documents on or before the required deadline, METRO may award the contract to another offeror; in such event, METRO shall have no liability and said party shall have no remedy of any kind against METRO.
17. **DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES:** The Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit METRO has adopted a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Policy to promote the participation of disadvantaged business enterprises (DBE) in all areas of METRO contracting to the maximum extent practicable. Consistent with the DBE Policy, the successful offeror selected for this project shall take all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that DBE firms have the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in the performance of this project and any subcontracting opportunities thereof.

18. NONDISCRIMINATION: The Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District will not discriminate with regard to race, color, creed, ancestry, national origin, religion, sex, sexual preference, marital status, age, medical condition or disability in the consideration for award of contract.

19. PUBLIC RECORDS ACT:

- A. Responses to this IFB shall be subject to the provisions of the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections §6250 et. seq.).
- B. The Bidder may label information as “Trade Secret”, “Confidential” or “Proprietary”. METRO will not advise as to the nature or content of documents entitled to protection from disclosure under the California Public Records Act. METRO will use its best efforts to inform the Contractor of any request for any documents provided by the Bidder to METRO marked “Trade Secret”, “Confidential”, or “Proprietary”. However, it is incumbent on the Contractor to assert any rights to confidentiality and to seek and obtain a court order prohibiting the release of such information.
- C. Under no circumstances, will METRO be responsible or liable to the Bidder or any other party for the disclosure of any such labeled information, whether the disclosure is required by law or a court order or occurs through inadvertence, mistake, or negligence on the part of METRO or its officers, employees, agents, and/or Contractors.
- D. The Bidder, at its sole expense and risk, shall be responsible for prosecuting or defending any action concerning the information contained in the IFB and shall hold METRO harmless from all costs and expenses, including attorney’s fees, in connection with such actions.

***ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS ARE SET FORTH IN
OTHER SECTIONS OF THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS***

PART II

GENERAL INFORMATION FORM

WATSONVILLE TRANSIT PLANNING STUDY SERVICES

RFP No. 11-07

(To be completed by the offeror and placed at the front of your proposal)

Legal Name of Firm

Date

Firm's Address

Telephone Number

FAX Number

Type of Organization (Partnership, Corporation, etc.)

Tax ID Number

Offeror understands and agrees that, by his/her signature, if awarded the contract for the project, he/she is entering into a contract with METRO that incorporates the terms and conditions of the entire Request for Proposals package, including the General Conditions section of the Request for Proposals. Offeror understands that this proposal constitutes a firm offer to METRO that cannot be withdrawn for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of the deadline for receipt of proposals. If awarded the contract, offeror agrees to deliver to METRO the required insurance certificates within ten (10) calendar days of the Notice of Award.

Signature of Authorized Principal

Name of Principal-in-Charge and Title

Name of Project Manager and Title

Name, Title, Email Address and Phone Number of Person To Whom Correspondence Should be Directed

Addresses Where Correspondence Should Be Sent

Areas of Responsibility of Prime Contractor

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**CERTIFICATION OF PROPOSED CONTRACTOR REGARDING DEBARMENT,
SUSPENSION AND OTHER INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION**

(Contractor) _____ certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

Have not within a three year period preceding this bid been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements or receiving stolen property;

Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (2) of this certification; and

Have not within a three year period preceding this bid had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.

If the Proposed Subcontractor is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, it shall attach an explanation to this certification.

(Contractor) _____, CERTIFIES OR AFFIRMS THE TRUTHFULNESS AND ACCURACY OF THE CONTENTS OF THE STATEMENTS SUBMITTED ON OR WITH THIS CERTIFICATION AND UNDERSTANDS THAT THE PROVISIONS OF 31 U.S.C. SECTIONS 3801 ET. SEQ. ARE APPLICABLE THERETO.

Signature and Title of Authorized Official

LOBBYING CERTIFICATION
(Only for Contracts above \$100,000)

Lobbying Certification for Contracts Grants, Loans and Cooperative Agreements (Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 20, Appendix A)

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

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal Contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal Contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for making lobbying contacts to an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal Contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form--LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions and as amended by "Government wide Guidance for New Restrictions on Lobbying," 61 Fed. Reg. 1413 (1/19/96).

(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 31 U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995). Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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

Firm Name _____

Signature of Authorized Official _____

Name and Title of Authorized Official _____

Date _____

BUY AMERICA PROVISION
(Only for Contracts above \$100,000)

This procurement is subject to the Federal Transit Administration Buy America Requirements in 49 CFR part 661.

A Buy American Certificate, as per attached format, must be completed and submitted with the bid. A bid which does not include the certificate will be considered non-responsive.

A false certification is a criminal act in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1001. Should this procurement be investigated, the successful bidder/proposer has the burden of proof to establish that it is in compliance.

A waiver from the Buy America Provision may be sought by SCMTD if grounds for the waiver exist.

Section 165(a) of the Surface Transportation Act of 1982 permits FTA participation on this contract only if steel and manufactured products used in the contract are produced in the United States.

BUY AMERICA CERTIFICATE

The bidder hereby certifies that it will comply with the requirements of Section 165(a) or (b) (3) of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, and the applicable regulations in 49 CFR Part 661.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Company Name: _____

Title: _____

OR

The bidder hereby certifies that it cannot comply with the requirements of Section 165(a) or (b) (3) of the Surface Transportation Act of 1982, but may qualify for an exception to the requirement pursuant to Section 165(b)(2) or (b)(4) of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, as amended, and regulations in 49 CFR 661.7.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Company Name: _____

Title: _____

CONTRACTOR'S NAME _____ CONTRACTOR'S ADDRESS _____
 DBE GOAL FROM CONTRACT _____ % _____
 FED. NO. _____
 COUNTY _____ PROPOSAL AMOUNT \$ _____
 AGENCY _____ PROPOSAL OPENING DATE _____
 CONTRACT NO. _____ DATE OF DBE CERTIFICATION _____
 SOURCE ** _____

This information must be submitted during the initial negotiations with METRO. By submitting a proposal, offeror certifies that he/she is in compliance with METRO's policy. Failure to submit the required DBE information by the time specified will be grounds for finding the proposal non-responsive.

CONTRACT ITEM NO.	ITEM OF WORK AND DESCRIPTION OF WORK OR SERVICES TO BE SUBCONTRACTED OR MATERIALS TO BE PROVIDED *	CERTIFICATION FILE NUMBER	NAME OF DBE	DOLLAR AMOUNT DBE ***	PERCENT DBE
TOTAL CLAIMED DBE PARTICIPATION				\$ _____	_____ %

 SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTOR

 DATE

 AREA CODE/TELEPHONE

(Detach from proposal if DBE information is not submitted with proposal.)

- * If 100% of item is not to be performed or furnished by DBE, describe exact portion, including plan location of work to be performed, of item to be performed or furnished by DBE.
- ** DBE's must be certified on the date proposals are opened.
- *** Credit for a DBE supplier who is not a manufacturer is limited to 60% of the amount paid to the supplier.

NOTE: Disadvantaged business must renew their certification annually by submitting certification questionnaires in advance of expiration of current certification. Those not on a current list cannot be considered as certified.

ITEM OF WORK AND DESCRIPTION OF	DOLLAR	PERCENT
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CONTRACT
ITEM NO.

WORK OR SERVICES TO BE SUBCONTRACTED
OR MATERIALS TO BE PROVIDED *

CERTIFICATION
FILE NUMBER

NAME OF DBE

AMOUNT
DBE ***

DBE

TOTAL CLAIMED DBE
PARTICIPATION

\$ _____

 %

PART III

SPECIFICATIONS FOR WATSONVILLE TRANSIT PLANNING STUDY

1. INTRODUCTION

The Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) is requesting proposals from qualified firms to undertake the following activities related to the Watsonville Transit Planning Study.

The Santa Cruz METRO staff will work with a consultant to conduct a transit planning study outlining recommendations for improved transit service within the city and surrounding rural areas of Watsonville, California. The study will be derived from surveys of stakeholders and service data analysis by the consultant and Santa Cruz METRO staff, and will be presented to the Board of Directors and Metropolitan Planning Organization (Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, or AMBAG) by March 31, 2012.

2. BACKGROUND

Watsonville is located in the southern part of Santa Cruz County, encompassing a total area of 6.4 square miles. As of the 2000 census, Watsonville's population was 44,265, nearly three times of that in the early 1970s, which was the last time a transit planning study was performed. Since the 2000 census, Watsonville has grown an additional 17.3% to a population of 52,882 (www.dof.ca.gov). Watsonville has officially been designated an economic enterprise zone by the California Department of Housing and Community Development. (www.caez.org) the unemployment rate in December 2009 was 18.2% (www.bls.com). Watsonville is also located between Salinas and San Jose, two cities with major gang problems, gangs which are at war over the Watsonville "turf." For the residents of the city, the safety of the transit system is also a concern. The goal of the study is to make recommendations that preserve and improve the transit system in Watsonville so that it is more efficient (and therefore more green) and which improve the quality of life in the community by addressing any issues such as access and integration with other systems that Watsonville residents use.

As the city has grown and population density has increased; reasons for transit use may have shifted as have ridership patterns. The planning study will be designed to collect both physical surveying data and anecdotal data from transit users and other stakeholders in the community, such as government and non-profit organizations, and other businesses and groups who serve Watsonville. These recommendations will benefit not only Santa Cruz METRO, as the planning information will be provided to AMBAG, Caltrans District V and other transit systems who serve the area (such as Monterey-Salinas Transit) when the report is completed, or by March 31, 2012.

3. PROJECT OVERVIEW

- 1) Consultant will work with Santa Cruz METRO Planning staff to discuss survey methods to gather data for the study. Survey methods may include, but are not limited to: riding all routes serving the Watsonville area to observe ridership patterns; review of past ridership data collected from the area, including data from Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST); creation of materials to be used to interview users of transit; identification of all stakeholders such as local non-profits and mapping of strategy for gathering data necessary for study.

Deliverable and Documentation: Written document including a more detailed schedule for all planning study activities, including presentation of final document to the Santa Cruz METRO Board of Directors, Caltrans District V and AMBAG. This will also include a progress checklist for internal monitoring of grant activities. (MILESTONE)

- 2) Consultant will work with planning and scheduling staff to gather and review existing and historical data about Santa Cruz METRO's and MST's service to Watsonville and identify information gaps.

Documentation: *Documentation will include organization of referenced materials for back-up of final report.*

- 3) Outreach to stakeholders identified in Task 2 to schedule interviews and other public input activities for the study will be performed by Santa Cruz METRO staff, who will communicate results to the consultant.

Documentation: *Documentation will include records of meetings and other outreach activities scheduled with stakeholders, such as interviews and presentations.*

- 4) Consultant will work with Planning, Scheduling and Survey staff to gather data re: on-time performance, bus ridership and route calibration in at least ten (10) separate physical survey samples which will consist of at least 30-40 hours spent by Santa Cruz METRO staff on-board Santa Cruz METRO fixed-routes serving Watsonville, in addition to surveying connectivity to MST routes.

Deliverable and Documentation: *Completion of 30-40 hours of physical surveying. Survey data will be presented to Planning staff and consultant for discussion and for use in the final report. (MILESTONE)*

- 5) Consultant will supervise the development of materials for Santa Cruz METRO staff to use in conducting on-board interviews with transit users, separate from the above survey so as not to interfere with data collection. Consultant will supervise 1-2 interviews and Santa Cruz METRO staff will interview a sample of 15-20 transit users from Santa Cruz METRO and MST to gather anecdotal data for the study.

Deliverable and Documentation: *Completion of 15-20 interviews with transit users and compilation of information gathered into a document for use in the final report. (MILESTONE)*

- 6) Consultant and Santa Cruz METRO staff will prepare interview questions and interview stakeholders and/or conduct other outreach activities as identified in Task 3.2.

Deliverable and Documentation: *Completion of interviews with stakeholders and compilation of information gathered into a document for use in the final report. (MILESTONE)*

- 7) Consultant will produce draft report for review and discussion with Santa Cruz METRO staff for their input regarding changes and corrections to be incorporated in the final study report.

Deliverable and Documentation: *Draft report for review.*

- 8) Incorporate changes and make corrections to report. Produce final report, including the following elements: methodology used; review of historical and existing data about the geographic area, demographics and transit use; results of physical survey of routes and transit users; results of input solicited from other stakeholders; synthesis of all data and information collected into a set of recommendations for future planning of improved service to the area.

Deliverable and Documentation: *Final written report as described above. (MILESTONE)*

- 9) Consultant and Santa Cruz METRO staff will prepare presentation of report and recommendations to the Santa Cruz METRO Board of Directors and MST for review and then will forward final report to AMBAG and Caltrans District V.

Deliverables and Documentation: *Presentation of report; Board of Directors' meeting minutes. (MILESTONE)*

SANTA CRUZ METRO WILL:

- A. Monitor ongoing progress of project and prepare and provide quarterly reports to AMBAG and/or Caltrans district project manager as required. Oversee ongoing contract management.
- B. Act as fiscal manager for project, including providing invoicing and ensuring proper documentation of expenditures and timely use of funds.
- C. Report quarterly on Consultant progress, and milestone completion to AMBAG and/or Caltrans district project manager as required.

Deliverables and Documentation: Agency supervisory and grants' management staff to provide complete quarterly reports to AMBAG and/or Caltrans District V project manager.

Selection of the Successful Offeror:

Selection of the successful offeror will be based on information provided in response to the RFP and a variety of factors to include:

EVALUATION CRITERIA	POINTS POSSIBLE
1. Understanding of the Service Requirements	25
2. Experience and capability of the firm	25
3. Cost Proposal	25
4. References	15
5. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation	10
Total Possible Points	100

Oral interviews may be conducted to assist in the final selection.

- 1. METRO reserves the right to make the selection within ninety (90) calendar days from the date proposals are opened, during which period proposals shall not be withdrawn.
- 2. METRO reserves the right to delay making a selection in order to permit proper study and analysis of all proposals received and/or rejects any or all proposals received.
- 3. METRO reserves the right to investigate the qualifications of all firms under consideration, or confirm any part of the information furnished by the firm, and to require further evidence of managerial, financial or professional capabilities, which are considered necessary for the successful performance of the contract.
- 4. METRO reserves the right to enter negotiations based on Initial Proposals, without regard to Oral Presentations. Officers should submit their best proposal to METRO, with this in mind.

3. PROJECT SCHEDULE

The anticipated schedule of activities related to this RFP is as follows:

1. Distribution of RFP	December 1, 2010
2. Pre-proposal Meeting at the Santa Cruz METRO Admin Building 110 Vernon Street, Santa Cruz, CA Santa Cruz Conference Room.	December 10, 2010 at 10:00 am. Santa Cruz Conference Room
3. Deadline for RFI/Questions	December 17, 2010
4. Proposal Submittal Deadline	January 4, 2011 at 5:00 PST
5. Evaluation of Proposal and Recommendation to the Board	January 5- 14th
6. Board Approval of Award of Contract	January 28, 2011
7. Effective Start Date of Contract	February 5, 2011

PART IV

GENERAL CONDITIONS TO THE CONTRACT

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.01 Governing Law & Compliance with All Laws

This Contract is governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of California. Each party will perform its obligations hereunder in accordance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations now or hereafter in effect. Contractor shall ensure throughout the terms of this Agreement that all federal, state and local laws and requirements are met including any requirements METRO is obligated to perform because of receipt of grant funding. Contractor shall also be required to fulfill its obligation as a federal and/or state and/or local sub-recipient of grant funding.

1.02 Right to Modify Contract

METRO may extend the term of this Contract, expand the Scope of Work, or otherwise amend the Contract. Any such extension, expansion or amendment shall be effective only upon written agreement of the parties in accordance with Section 13.14.

2. TERMINATION

2.01 Termination for Convenience

2.01.01 The performance of Work under this Contract may be terminated by METRO upon fifteen (15) days' notice at any time without cause for any reason in whole or in part, whenever METRO determines that such termination is in METRO's best interest.

2.01.02 Upon receipt of a notice of termination, and except as otherwise directed by METRO, the Contractor shall: (1) stop work under the Contract on the date and to the extent specified in the notice of termination; (2) place no further orders or subcontracts for materials, services, or facilities, except as may be necessary for completion of such portion of the Work under the Contract as is not terminated; (3) terminate all orders and subcontracts to the extent that they relate to the performance of work terminated by the notice of termination; (4) assign to METRO in the manner, at the time, and to the extent directed by METRO all of the rights, title, and interest of the Contractor under the orders and subcontracts so terminated, in which case METRO shall have the right, at its discretion, to settle or pay any or all claims arising out of the termination of such orders and subcontracts; (5) settle all outstanding liabilities and claims arising out of such termination or orders and subcontracts, with the approval or ratification of METRO, to the extent METRO may require, which approval or ratification shall be final for all the purposes of this clause; (6) transfer title to METRO and deliver in the manner, at the time, and to the extent, if any, directed by METRO the fabricated or unfabricated parts, work in progress, completed work, supplies and other material produced as a part of, or acquired in connection with the performance of, the work terminated and the completed or partially completed plans, drawings, information and other property which, if the Contract had been completed, would have been required to be furnished to METRO; (7) use its best efforts to sell, in the manner, at the time, to the extent, and at the price(s) directed or authorized by METRO, any property of the types referred to above provided, however, that the Contract shall not be required to extend credit to any purchaser, and may acquire any such property under the conditions prescribed by and at a price(s) approved by METRO, and provided further, that the proceeds of any such transfer or disposition shall be applied in reduction of any payments to be made to METRO to the Contractor under this Contract or shall otherwise be credited to the price or cost of the Work covered by this Contract or paid in such other manner as METRO may direct; (8) complete performance of such part of the Work as

shall not have been terminated by the notice of termination; and (9) take such action as may be necessary, or as METRO may direct, for the protection or preservation of the property related to this Contract which is in the possession of the Contractor and in which METRO has or may acquire an interest.

2.02 Termination for Default

2.02.01 METRO may, upon written notice of default to the Contractor, terminate the whole or any part of this Contract if the Contractor: (1) fails to complete the Scope of Work within time period stated in the Specifications section of the IFB; (2) fails to perform any of the other provisions of the Contract; or (3) fails to make progress as to endanger performance of this Contract in accordance with its provisions.

2.02.02 If the Contract is terminated in whole or in part for default, METRO may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as METRO may deem appropriate, supplies or services similar to those so terminated. Without limitation to any other remedy available to METRO, the Contractor shall be liable to METRO for any excess costs for such similar supplies or services, and shall continue the performance of this Contract to the extent not terminated under the provisions of this clause.

2.02.03 If, after notice of termination of this Contract under the provisions of this clause, it is determined for any reason that the Contractor was not in default under the provisions of this clause, or that the default was excusable under the provisions of this clause, the rights and obligations of Contractor and METRO shall be considered to have been terminated pursuant to termination for convenience of METRO pursuant to Article 2.01 from the date of Notification of Default.

2.03 No Limitation

The rights and remedies of METRO provided in this Article 2 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

3. FORCE MAJEURE

3.01 General

Neither party hereto shall be deemed to be in default of any provision of this Contract, or for any failure in performance, resulting from acts or events beyond the reasonable control of such party. For purposes of this Contract, such acts shall include, but not be limited to, acts of God, civil or military authority, civil disturbance, war, strikes, fires, other catastrophes, or other "force majeure" events beyond the parties' reasonable control; provided, however, that the provisions of this Section 3 shall not preclude METRO from canceling or terminating this Contract (or any order for any product included herein), as otherwise permitted hereunder, regardless of any force majeure event occurring to Contractor.

3.02 Notification by Contractor

Contractor shall notify METRO in writing as soon as Contractor knows, or should reasonably know, that a force majeure event (as defined in Section 3.01) has occurred that will delay completion of the Scope of Work. Said notification shall include reasonable proofs required by METRO to evaluate any Contractor request for relief under this Article 3. METRO shall examine Contractor's notification and determine if the Contractor is entitled to relief. METRO shall notify the Contractor of its decision in writing. METRO's decision regarding whether or not the Contractor is entitled to force majeure relief shall be final and binding on the parties.

3.03 Losses

Contractor is not entitled to damages, compensation, or reimbursement from METRO for losses resulting from any "force majeure" event.

4. PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Contractor shall at all times during the term of this Contract possess the technical ability, experience, financial ability, overall expertise, and all other skills, licenses, and resources necessary to perform and complete the scope of work in a timely, professional manner so as to meet or exceed the provisions of this Contract.

5. PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS

5.01 Independent Contractor

No relationship of employer and employee is created by this Contract. In the performance of its work and duties, Contractor is at all times acting and performing as an independent contractor in the practice of its profession. METRO shall neither have nor exercise control or direction over the methods by which Contractor performs services pursuant to this Contract (including, without limitation, its officers, shareholders, and employees); provided, however, that Contractor agrees that all work performed pursuant to this Contract shall be in strict accordance with currently approved methods and practices in its profession, and in accordance with this Contract. The sole interest of METRO is to ensure that such services are performed and rendered in a competent and cost effective manner.

5.02 Benefits

Contractor (including, without limitation, its officers, shareholders, subcontractors and employees) has no claim under this Contract or otherwise against METRO for social security benefits, workers' compensation benefits, disability benefits, unemployment benefits, vacation pay, sick leave, or any other employee benefit of any kind.

6. INDEMNIFICATION FOR DAMAGES, TAXES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

6.01 Scope

Contractor shall exonerate, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless METRO (which for the purpose of Articles 6 and 7 shall include, without limitation, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers) from and against:

6.01.01 Any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, defense costs, or liability of any kind or nature which METRO may sustain or incur or which may be imposed upon it for injury to or death of persons, or damage to property as a result of, or arising out of, or in any manner connected with the Contractor's negligence, recklessness or willful misconduct under the provisions of this Contract. Such indemnification includes any damage to the person(s) or property (ies) of Contractor and third persons.

6.01.02 Any and all Federal, state and local taxes, charges, fees, or contributions required to be paid with respect to Contractor, Contractor's officers, employees and agents engaged in the performance of this Contract (including, without limitation, unemployment insurance, social security, and payroll tax withholding).

7. INSURANCE

7.01 General

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

7.02 Types of Insurance and Minimum Limits

Contractor shall obtain and maintain during the term of this Contract:

- (1) Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance in conformance with the laws of the State of California (not required for Contractor's subcontractors having no employees).
- (2) Contractors vehicles used in the performance of this Contract, including owned, non-owned (e.g. owned by Contractor's employees), leased or hired vehicles, shall each be covered with Automobile Liability Insurance in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000.00 combined single limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage.
- (3) 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:
 - (a) Contractual liability coverage adequate to meet the Contractor's indemnification obligations under this contract.
 - (a) Full Personal Injury coverage.
 - (a) Broad form Property Damage coverage.
 - (a) A cross-liability clause in favor of METRO.
- (4) Contractor shall obtain and maintain Professional Liability Insurance coverage in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000.00.

7.03 Other Insurance Provisions

- (1) As to all insurance coverage required herein, any deductible or self-insured retention exceeding \$5,000.00 shall be disclosed to and be subject to written approval by METRO.
- (2) If any insurance coverage required hereunder is provided on a "claims made" rather than "occurrence" form, Contractor shall maintain such insurance coverage for three (3) years after expiration of the term (and any extensions) of this Contract.
- (3) All required Automobile Liability Insurance and Comprehensive or Commercial General Liability Insurance shall contain the following endorsement as a part of each policy: "The Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District is hereby added as an additional insured as respects the operations of the named insured."
- (4) All the insurance required herein shall contain the following clause: "It is agreed that this insurance shall not be canceled until thirty (30) days after METRO shall have been given written notice of such cancellation or reduction."
- (5) Contractor shall notify METRO in writing at least thirty (30) days in advance of any reduction in any insurance policy required under this Contract.
- (6) Contractor agrees to provide METRO at or before the effective date of this Contract with a certificate of insurance of the coverage required.
- (6) All insurance shall be obtained from brokers or carriers authorized to transact business in California and are satisfactory to METRO.

8. SINGLE PROPOSAL

If only one proposal is received in response to the RFP, Offeror may be required to submit to METRO within five (5) days of METRO demand, a detailed cost proposal. METRO may conduct a cost or price analysis of the cost proposal to determine if the proposal price(s) are fair and reasonable. Offeror shall cooperate with METRO in compiling and submitting detailed information for the cost and price analysis.

9. NO DISCRIMINATION

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

10. DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

The Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District has adopted a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Policy to promote the participation of disadvantaged business enterprises (DBE's) in all areas of METRO contracting to the maximum extent practicable. Consistent with the DBE Policy, the Contractor shall take all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that DBE firms have the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in the performance of this project and any subcontracting opportunities thereof.

I. PROMPT PAYMENT

11.01 Prompt Progress Payment to Subcontractors

The prime contractor or subcontractor shall pay to any subcontractor not later than 10-days of receipt of each progress payment, in accordance with the provision in Section 7108.5 of the California Business and Professions Code concerning prompt payment to subcontractors. The 10-days is applicable unless a longer period is agreed to in writing. Any delay or postponement of payment over 30-days may take place only for good cause and with METRO's prior written approval. Any violation of Section 7108.5 shall subject the violating contractor or subcontractor to the penalties, sanctions, and other remedies of that Section. This requirement shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or judicial remedies, otherwise available to the contractor or subcontractor in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the contractor, deficient subcontractor performance, and/or noncompliance by a subcontractor. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors.

A. Prompt Payment of Withheld Funds to Subcontractors

METRO shall hold retainage from the prime contractor and shall make prompt and regular incremental acceptances of portions, as determined by METRO of the contract work and pay retainage to the prime contractor based on these acceptances. The prime contractor or subcontractor shall return all monies withheld in retention from all subcontractors within 30 days after receiving payment for work satisfactorily completed and accepted including incremental acceptances of portions of the contract work by METRO. Any delay or postponement of payment may take place only for good cause and with METRO's prior written approval. Any violation of these provisions shall subject the violating prime contractor to the penalties, sanctions, and other remedies specified in Section 7108.5 of the California Business Professions Code. This requirement shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or judicial remedies, otherwise available to the contractor or subcontractor in the event of: a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the contractor; deficient subcontractor performance; and/or noncompliance by a subcontractor. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors.

Prime subcontractors must include the prompt payment language of paragraph 1 in all subcontracts, regardless of subcontractor's DBE status. Failure of a prime contractor to uphold prompt payment requirements for subcontractors will result in METRO withholding reimbursement for completed work.

12. RESERVED

13. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

13.01 Successors and Assigns

The Contract shall inure to the benefit of, and be binding upon, the respective successors and assigns, if any, of the parties hereto, except that nothing contained in this Article shall be construed to permit any attempted assignment which would be unauthorized or void pursuant to any other provision of this Contract.

13.02 Survival of Rights and Obligations

In the event of termination, the rights and obligations of the parties which by their nature survive termination of the services covered by this Contract shall remain in full force and effect after termination. Compensation and revenues due from one party to the other under this Contract shall be paid; loaned equipment and material shall be returned to their respective owners; the duty to maintain and allow inspection of books, accounts, records and data shall be extended as provided in Section 13.15; and the hold harmless agreement contained in Article 6 shall survive.

13.03 Limitation on METRO Liability

METRO's liability is, in the aggregate, limited to the total amount payable under this Contract.

13.04 Drug and Alcohol Policy

Contractor shall not use, possess, manufacture, or distribute alcohol or illegal drugs during the performance of the Contract or while on METRO premises or distribute same to METRO employees.

13.05 Publicity

Contractor agrees to submit to METRO all advertising, sales promotion, and other public matter relating to any service furnished by Contractor wherein METRO's name is mentioned or language used from which the connection of METRO's name therewith may, within reason, be inferred or implied. Contractor further agrees not to publish or use any such advertising, sales promotion or publicity matter without the prior written consent of METRO.

13.06 Consent to Breach Not Waiver

No provision hereof shall be deemed waived and no breach excused, unless such waiver or consent shall be in writing and signed by the party claimed to have waived or consented. Any consent by any party to, or waiver of, a breach by the other, whether express or implied, shall not constitute a consent to, waiver of, or excuse for any other different or subsequent breach.

13.07 Attorneys' Fees

In the event that suit is brought to enforce or interpret any part of this Contract, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover as an element of its costs of suit, and not as damages, a reasonable attorney's fee to be fixed by the court. The "prevailing party" shall be the party who is entitled to recover its costs of suit, whether or not the suit proceeds to final judgment. A party not entitled to recover its costs shall not recover attorney's fees. No sum for attorney's fees shall be counted in calculating the amount of a judgment for purposes of determining whether a party is entitled to recover its costs or attorney's fees.

13.08 No Conflict of Interest

Contractor represents that it currently has no interest, and shall not have any interest, direct or indirect, that would conflict in any manner with the performance of services required under this Contract.

13.09 Prohibition of Discrimination against Qualified Handicapped Persons

Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, pertaining to the prohibition of discrimination against qualified handicapped persons in federally-assisted programs.

13.10 Cal OSHA/Hazardous Substances

13.10.01 Contractor shall comply with California Administrative Code Title 8, Section 5194, and shall directly (1) inform its employees of the hazardous substances they may be exposed to while performing their work on METRO property, (2) ensure that its employees take appropriate protective measures, and (3) provide METRO's Manager of Facility Maintenance with a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for all hazardous substances to be used on METRO property.

13.10.02 Contractor shall comply with Cal OSHA regulations and the Hazardous Substance Training and Information Act. Further, said parties shall indemnify METRO against any and all damage, loss, and injury resulting from non-compliance with this Article.

13.10.03 Contractor will comply with the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65) California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.5 - 25249.13. Contractor will ensure that clear and reasonable warnings are made to persons exposed to those chemicals listed by the State of California as being known to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity.

13.10.04 Contractor shall be solely responsible for any hazardous material, substance or chemical released or threatened release caused or contributed to by Contractor. Contractor shall be solely responsible for all clean-up efforts and costs.

13.11 Non-Assignment of Contract

The Contractor shall not assign, transfer, convey, sublet, or otherwise dispose of the Contract or Contractor's right, title or interest in or to the same or any part thereof without previous written consent by METRO; and any such action by Contractor without METRO's previous written consent shall be void.

13.12 No Subcontract

Contractor shall not subcontract or permit anyone other than Contractor or its authorized staff and subcontractors to perform any of the scope of work, services or other performance required of Contractor under this Contract without the prior written consent of METRO. Any such action by Contractor without METRO's previous consent shall be void.

13.13 Severability

If any provision of this Contract is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect, and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated.

13.14 All Amendments in Writing

No amendment to this Contract shall be effective unless it is in writing and signed by duly authorized representatives of both parties.

13.15 Audit

This Contract is subject to audit by Federal, State, or METRO personnel or their representatives at no cost for a period of four (4) years after the date of expiration or termination of the Contract. Requests for audits shall be made in writing, and Contractor shall respond with all information requested within ten (10) calendar days of the date of the request. During the four-year period that the Contract is subject to audit, Contractor shall maintain detailed records substantiating all costs and expenses billed against the Contract.

13.16 Smoking Prohibited

Contractor, its employees and agents shall not smoke in any enclosed area on METRO premises or in a METRO vehicle.

13.17 Responsibility for Equipment

13.17.01 METRO shall not be responsible nor held liable for any damage to person or property consequent upon the use, or misuse, or failure of any equipment used by Contractor, or any of its employees, even though such equipment be furnished, rented or loaned to Contractor by METRO.

13.17.02 Contractor is responsible to return to METRO in good condition any equipment, including keys, issued to it by METRO pursuant to this Agreement. If the contractor fails or refuses to return METRO-issued equipment within five days of the conclusion of the contract work METRO shall deduct the actual costs to repair or replace the equipment not returned from the final payment owed to contractor or take other appropriate legal action at the discretion of METRO.

13.18 Grant Contracts

13.18.01 Contractor shall ensure throughout the terms of this Agreement that all federal, state and local laws and requirements are met including any requirements METRO is obligated to perform because of receipt of grant funding. Contractor shall also be required to fulfill its obligation as a federal and/or state and/or local sub-recipient of grant funding.

13.19 Time of the Essence

13.19.01 Time is of the essence in this Contract

PART V
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT
FOR WATSONVILLE TRANSIT PLANNING STUDY (11-07)

THIS CONTRACT is made effective on _____, 2010 between the SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT, a political subdivision of the State of California ("METRO"), and _____ ("Contractor").

1. RECITALS

1.01 METRO's Primary Objective

METRO is a public entity whose primary objective is providing public transportation and has its principal office at 110 Vernon Street, Suite 100, Santa Cruz, California 95060.

1.02 METRO's Need for WATSONVILLE TRANSIT PLANNING STUDY

METRO has the need for WATSONVILLE TRANSIT PLANNING STUDY. In order to obtain these services, METRO issued a Request for Proposals, dated December 1, 2010, setting forth specifications for such services. The Request for Proposals is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit "A".

1.03 Contractor's Proposal

Contractor is a firm/individual qualified to provide WATSONVILLE TRANSIT PLANNING STUDY and whose principal place of business is _____. Pursuant to the Request for Proposals by METRO, Contractor submitted a proposal for WATSONVILLE TRANSIT PLANNING STUDY, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit "B."

1.04 Selection of Contractor and Intent of Contract

On _____, METRO selected Contractor as the offeror whose proposal was most advantageous to METRO, to provide the WATSONVILLE TRANSIT PLANNING STUDY described herein. This Contract is intended to fix the provisions of these services.

METRO and Contractor agree as follows:

2. INCORPORATED DOCUMENTS AND APPLICABLE LAW

2.01 Documents Incorporated in this Contract

The documents below are attached to this Contract and by reference made a part hereof. This is an integrated Contract. This writing constitutes the final expression of the parties' contract, and it is a complete and exclusive statement of the provisions of that Contract, except for written amendments, if any, made after the date of this Contract in accordance with Section 13.14.

A. Exhibit "A"

Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District's "Request for Proposals" dated December 1, 2010

B. Exhibit "B" (Contractor's Proposal)

Contractor's Proposal to METRO for WATSONVILLE TRANSIT PLANNING STUDY, signed by Contractor and dated January 4, 2011.

2.02 Conflicts

Where in conflict, the provisions of this writing supersede those of the above-referenced documents, Exhibits "A" and "B". Where in conflict, the provisions of Exhibit "A" supercede Exhibit "B".

2.03 Recitals

The Recitals set forth in Article 1 are part of this Contract.

3. DEFINITIONS

3.01 General

The terms below (or pronouns in place of them) have the following meaning in the contract:

3.01.01 CONTRACT - The Contract consists of this document, the attachments incorporated herein in accordance with Article 2, and any written amendments made in accordance with Section 13.14.

3.01.02 CONTRACTOR - The Contractor selected by METRO for this project in accordance with the Request for Proposals issued December 1, 2010.

3.01.03 CONTRACTOR'S STAFF - Employees of Contractor.

3.01.04 DAYS - Calendar days.

3.01.05 OFFEROR - Contractor whose proposal was accepted under the terms and conditions of the Request for Proposals issued December 1, 2010.

3.01.06 PROVISION - Any term, agreement, covenant, condition, clause, qualification, restriction, reservation, or other stipulation in the contract that defines or otherwise controls, establishes, or limits the performance required or permitted by either party.

3.01.07 SCOPE OF WORK (OR "WORK") - The entire obligation under the Contract, including, without limitation, all labor, equipment, materials, supplies, transportation, services, and other work products and expenses, express or implied, in the Contract.

4. TIME OF PERFORMANCE

4.01 Term

The term of this Contract will be for a period not to exceed one (1) year and shall commence upon the issuance of the contract by METRO.

At the option of METRO, this contract agreement may be renewed for four (4) additional one (1) year terms upon mutual written consent.

5. COMPENSATION

5.01 Terms of Payment

METRO shall compensate Contractor in an amount not to exceed the amounts/rates agreed upon by METRO. METRO shall reasonably determine whether work has been successfully performed for purposes of payment. Compensation shall be made within thirty (30) days of METRO written approval of Contractor's written invoice for said work. Contractor understands and agrees that if he/she exceeds the \$_____ maximum amount payable under this contract, that it does so at its own risk.

5.02 Invoices

Contractor shall submit invoices with a purchase order number provided by METRO on a monthly basis. Contractor's invoices shall include detailed records showing actual time devoted, work accomplished, date work accomplished, personnel used, and amount billed per hour. Expenses shall only be billed if allowed under the Contract. Telephone call expenses shall show the nature of the call and identify location and individual called. Said invoice records shall be kept up-to-date at all times and shall be available for inspection by METRO (or any grantor of METRO, including, without limitation, any State or Federal agency providing project funding or reimbursement) at any time for any reason upon demand for not less than four (4) years after the date of expiration or termination of the Contract. Under penalty of law, Contractor represents that all amounts billed to METRO are (1) actually incurred; (2) reasonable in amount; (3) related to this Contract; and (4) necessary for performance of the project.

6. NOTICES

All notices under this Contract shall be deemed duly given upon delivery, if delivered by hand; or three (3) days after posting, if sent by registered mail, receipt requested, to a party hereto at the address hereinunder set forth or to such other address as a party may designate by notice pursuant hereto.

METRO

Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District
110 Vernon Street
Suite 100
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Attention: General Manager

CONTRACTOR

Attention: _____

7. AUTHORITY

Each party has full power and authority to enter into and perform this Contract and the person signing this Contract on behalf of each has been properly authorized and empowered to enter into this Contract. Each party further acknowledges that it has read this Contract, understands it, and agrees to be bound by it.

Signed on _____

METRO - SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

Leslie R. White
General Manager

CONTRACTOR -

By _____

Approved as to Form:

Margaret Rose Gallagher
District Counsel

SAMPLE
CONTRACT

PART VI

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

1.0 GENERAL

This Contract is subject to the terms of a financial assistance contract between the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) of the United States Department of Transportation.

2.0 INTEREST TO MEMBERS OF OR DELEGATES TO CONGRESS

In accordance with 18 U.S.C. 431, no member of, nor delegates to, the Congress of the United States shall be admitted to a share or part of this Contract or to any benefit arising therefrom.

3.0 INELIGIBLE CONTRACTORS

Neither Contractor, subcontractor, nor any officer or controlling interest holder of Contractor or subcontractor, is currently, or has been previously, on any debarred bidders list maintained by the United States Government.

4.0 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (Not applicable to contracts for standard commercial supplies and raw materials)

In connection with the execution of this Contract, the Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or application for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, age (40 or over), national origin, pregnancy, ancestry, marital status, medical condition, physical handicap, sexual orientation, or citizenship status. The Contractor shall take affirmative action to insure that applicants employed and that employees are treated during their employment, without regard to their race, religion, color, sex national origin, etc. Such actions 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. Contractor further agrees to insert a similar provision in all subcontracts, except subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials.

5.0 TITLE VI CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor, for itself, its assignees and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor"), agrees as follows:

5.1 Compliance with Regulations

The Contractor shall comply with the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "DOT") Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21, as they may be amended from time to time (hereinafter referred to as the "Regulations"), which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Contract.

5.2 Nondiscrimination

The Contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the Contract, shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, religion, color, sex, age or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The Contractor shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited in Section 21.5 of the Regulations, including employment practices when the Contract covers a program set forth in Appendix B of the regulations.

5.3 Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment

In all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by the Contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by the Contractor of the Contractor's obligations under this Contract and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, religion, color, sex, age or national origin.

5.4 Information and Reports

The Contractor shall provide all information and reports required by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto, and shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by METRO or the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Regulations, orders and instructions. Where any information is required or a Contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, the Contractor shall so certify to METRO, or the Federal Transit Administration, as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

5.5 Sanctions for Noncompliance

In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this Contract, METRO shall impose such contract sanctions as it or the Federal Transit Administration may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:

- (a) Withholding of payments to the Contractor under the Contract until the Contractor complies; and/or,
- (b) Cancellation, termination or suspension of the Contract, in whole or in part.

5.6 Incorporation of Provisions

The Contractor shall include the provisions of Paragraphs (1) through (6) of this section in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as METRO or the Federal Transit Administration may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance; provided, however, that in the event a Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or supplier as a result of such direction, the Contractor may require METRO to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of METRO, and, in addition, the Contractor may request the services of the Attorney General in such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

6.0 CLEAN AIR AND FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACTS (Applicable only to contracts in excess of \$100,000)

Contractor shall comply with all applicable standards, orders or requirements issued under Section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 USC 1857[h]), Section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency Regulations (40 CFR, Part 15), which prohibit the use under non-exempt Federal contracts, grants or loans of facilities included on the EPA List of Violating Facilities. Contractor shall report all violations to FTA and to the USEPA Assistant Administrator for Enforcement (EN0329).

7.0 CONSERVATION

Contractor shall recognize 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 (42 USC Section 6321, et seq.).

8.0 AUDIT AND INSPECTION OF RECORDS (Applicable only to sole source or negotiated contracts in excess of \$10,000)

Contractor agrees that METRO, the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their duly authorized representatives shall, for the purpose of audit and examination, be permitted to inspect all work, materials, payrolls and other data and records with regard to the project, and to audit the books, records and accounts with regard to the project. Further, Contractor agrees to maintain all required records for at least three years after METRO makes final payments and all other pending matters are closed.

9.0 LABOR PROVISIONS (Applicable only to contracts of \$2,500.00 or more that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers)

9.1 Overtime Requirements

No Contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any work week in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of eight (8) hours in any calendar day or in excess of forty (40) hours in such work week unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half (1 1/2) times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours in any calendar day or in excess of forty (40) hours in such work week, whichever is greater.

9.2 Violation; Liability for Unpaid Wages; Liquidated Damages

In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in subparagraph (b)(1) of 29 CFR Section 5.5, the Contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefore shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such Contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for METRO of Columbia or a territory, to such district or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in subparagraph (b)(1) of which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of eight (8) hours in excess of the standard work week of forty (40) hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in subparagraph (b)(1) of 29 CFR Section 5.5.

9.3 Withholding for Unpaid Wages and Liquidated Damages

DOT or METRO shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any monies payable on account of work performed by the Contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime Contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime Contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such Contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in subparagraph (b)(2) of 29 CFR Section 5.5.

9.4 Non-construction Grants

The Contractor or subcontractor shall maintain payrolls and basic payroll records during the course of the work and shall preserve them for a period of three (3) years from the completion of

the Contract for all laborers and mechanics, including guards and watchmen, working on the Contract. Such records shall contain the name and address of each such employee, social security number, correct classifications, hourly rates of wages paid, daily and weekly number of hours worked, deductions made and actual wages paid. Further, METRO shall require the contracting officer to insert in any such contract a clause providing that the records to be maintained under this paragraph shall be made available by the Contractor or subcontractor for inspection, copying or transcription by authorized representatives of DOT and the Department of Labor, and the Contractor or subcontractor will permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job.

9.5 Subcontracts

The Contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in subparagraph (1) through (5) of this paragraph and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in subparagraphs (1) through (5) of this paragraph.

10.0 CARGO PREFERENCE (Applicable only to Contracts under which equipment, materials or commodities may be transported by ocean vehicle in carrying out the project)

The Contractor agrees:

- 10.1 To utilize privately owned United States-flag commercial vessels to ship at least fifty percent (50%) of the gross tonnage (computed separately for dry bulk carriers, dry cargo liners and tankers) involved, whenever shipping any equipment, materials or commodities pursuant to this section, to the extent such vessels are available at fair and reasonable rates for United States- flag commercial vessels.
- 10.2 To furnish within 30 days following the date of loading for shipments originating within the United States, or within thirty (30) working days following the date of loading for shipment 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 paragraph (1) above, to METRO (through the prime Contractor in the case of subcontractor bills-of-lading) and to the Division of National Cargo, Office of Market Development, Maritime Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington D. C. 20590, marked with appropriate identification of the project.
- 10.3 To insert the substance of the provisions of this clause in all subcontracts issued pursuant to this Contract.

11.0 BUY AMERICA PROVISION

This procurement is subject to the Federal Transportation Administration Buy America Requirements in 49 CFR 661. A Buy America Certificate, if required format (see Form of Proposal or Bid Form) must be completed and submitted with the proposal. A proposal that does not include the certificate shall be considered non-responsive. A waiver from the Buy America Provision may be sought by METRO if grounds for the waiver exist. Section 165a of the Surface Transportation Act of 1982 permits FTA participation on this Contract only if steel and manufactured products used in the Contract are produced in the United States. In order for rolling stock to qualify as a domestic end product, the cost of components produced in the United States must exceed sixty percent (60%) of the cost of all components, and final assembly must take place in the United States.

12.0 DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) PARTICIPATION

12.1 Policy

It is the policy of the U.S. Department of Transportation that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises as defined in 49 CFR Part 26 shall have the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts financed in whole or in part with Federal funds under this Agreement. Consequently, the DBE requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 apply to this Agreement.

12.2 DBE Obligation

METRO and Contractor agree to insure that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises as defined in 49 CFR Part 26 have the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts and subcontracts under this Agreement. In this regard, METRO and Contractor shall take all necessary and reasonable steps in accordance with 49 CFR Part 26 to insure that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises have the maximum opportunity to compete for and perform Contracts. METRO and Contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, age or sex in the award and performance of DOT-assisted Contracts.

12.3 Transit Vehicle Manufacturers

Transit vehicle manufacturers must certify compliance with DBE regulations.

13.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No employee, officer or agent of METRO shall participate in selection or in the award of administration of a contract if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved. Such a conflict would arise when (1) the employee, officer or agent; (2) any member of his or her immediate family; (3) his or her partner; or (4) an organization that employs, or is about to employ, has a financial or other interest in the firm selected for award. METRO's officers, employees or agents shall neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors or anything of monetary value from Contractors, potential Contractors or parties of sub agreements.

14.0 MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSION REQUIREMENTS (Applicable only to Contracts involving the purchase of new motor vehicles)

The Contractor must provide a certification that:

- (a) The horsepower of the vehicle is adequate for the speed, range, and terrain in which it will be required and also to meet the demands of all auxiliary equipment.
- (b) All gases and vapors emanating from the crankcase of a spark-ignition engine are controlled to minimize their escape into the atmosphere.
- (c) Visible emission from the exhaust will not exceed No. 1 on the Ringlemann Scale when measured six inches (6") from the tail pipe with the vehicle in steady operation.
- (d) When the vehicle has been idled for three (3) minutes and then accelerated to eighty percent (80%) of rated speed under load, the opacity of the exhaust will not exceed No. 2 on the Ringlemann Scale for more than five (5) seconds, and not more than No. 1 on the Ringlemann Scale thereafter.

15.0 MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS (Applicable only to contracts involving the purchase of new motor vehicles)

The Contractor will assure that the motor vehicles purchased under this contract will comply with the Motor Vehicle Safety Standards as established by the Department of Transportation at 49 CFR Parts 390 and 571.

16.0 DEBARRED BIDDERS

The Contractor, including any of its officers or holders of a controlling interest, is obligated to inform METRO whether or not it is or has been on any debarred bidders' list maintained by the United States Government. Should the Contractor be included on such a list during the performance of this project, Contractor shall so inform METRO.

17.0 PRIVACY (Applicable only to Contracts involving the administration of any system of records as defined by the Privacy Act of 1974, on behalf of the Federal Government)

17.1 General

METRO and Contractor agree:

- (a) To comply with the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a (the Act) and the rules and regulations issued pursuant to the Act when performance under the Contract involves the design, development or operation of any system of records on individuals to be operated by METRO, its contractors or employees to accomplish a Government function.
- (b) To notify the Government when METRO or Contractor anticipates operating a system of records on behalf of the Government in order to accomplish the requirements of this Agreement, if such system contains information about individuals which information will be retrieved by the individual's name or other identifier assigned to the individual. A system of records subject to the Act may not be employed in the performance of this Agreement until the necessary approval and publication requirements applicable to the system have been carried out. METRO or Contractor, as appropriate, agrees to correct, maintain, disseminate, and use such records in accordance with the requirements of the Act, and to comply with all applicable requirements of the Act.
- (c) To include the Privacy Act Notification contained in this Agreement in every subcontract solicitation and in every subcontract when the performance of Work under the proposed subcontract may involve the design, development or operation of a system of records on individuals that is to be operated under the Contract to accomplish a Government function; and
- (d) To include this clause, including this paragraph in all in, subcontracts under which Work for this Agreement is performed or which is awarded pursuant to this Agreement or which may involve the design, development, or operation of such a system of records on behalf of the Government.

17.2 Applicability

For purposes of the Privacy Act, when the Agreement involves the operation of a system of records on individuals to accomplish a Government function, METRO, third party contractors and any of their employees are considered to be employees of the Government with respect to the Government function and the requirements of the Act, including the civil and criminal penalties for violations of the Act, are applicable except that the criminal penalties shall not apply with regard to contracts effective prior to September 27, 1975. In addition, failure to comply with the provisions of the Act or of this clause will make this Agreement subject to termination.

17.3 Definitions

The terms used in this clause have the following meanings:

- (a) "Operation of a system of records" means performance of any of the activities associated with maintaining the system of records on behalf of the Government including the collection, use and dissemination of records.

- (b) "Records" means any item, collection or grouping of information about an individual that is maintained by METRO or Contractor on behalf of the Government, including, but not limited to, his education, financial transactions, medical history, and criminal or employment history and that contains his name, or the identifying number, symbol or other identifying particular assigned to the individual, such as a finger or voice print or a photograph.
- (c) "System of records" on individuals means a group of any records under the control of METRO or Contractor on behalf of the Government from which information is retrieved by the name of the individual or by some identifying number, symbol or other identifying particular assigned to the individual.

18.0 PATENT RIGHTS (Applicable only to research and development contracts)

If any invention, improvement or discovery of METRO or contractors or subcontractors is conceived or first actually reduced to practice in the course of or under this project which invention, improvement, or discovery may be patentable under the Patent Laws of the United States of America or any foreign country, METRO (with appropriate assistance of any contractor or subcontractor involved) shall immediately notify the Government (FTA) and provide a detailed report. The rights and responsibilities of METRO, third party contractors and subcontractors and the Government with respect to such invention will be determined in accordance with applicable Federal laws, regulations, policies and any waivers thereof.

19.0 RIGHTS IN DATA (Applicable only to research and development contracts)

The term "subject data" as used herein means recorded information, whether or not copyrighted, that is delivered or specified to be delivered under this Contract. The term includes graphic or pictorial delineation in media such as drawings or photographs; text in specifications or related performance or design-type documents, machine forms such as punched cards, magnetic tape or computer memory printouts; and information retained in computer memory. Examples include, but are not limited to, engineering drawings and associated lists, specifications, standards, process sheets, manuals, technical reports, catalog item identifications and related information. The term does not include financial reports, cost analyses and similar information incidental to contract administration.

All "subject data" first produced in the performance of this Agreement shall be the sole property of the Government. METRO and Contractor agree not to assert any rights at common law or equity and not to establish any claim to statutory copyright in such data. Except for its own internal use, METRO and Contractor shall not publish or reproduce such data in whole or in part, or in any manner or form, nor authorize others to do so, without the written consent of the Government until such time as the Government may have released such data to the public. This restriction, however, does not apply to Agreements with academic institutions.

METRO and Contractor agree to grant and do hereby grant to the Government and to its officers, agents, and employees acting within the scope of their official duties, a royalty-free, non-exclusive and irrevocable license throughout the world:

- (a) To publish, translate, reproduce, deliver, perform, use and dispose of, in any manner, any and all data not first produced or composed in the performance of this Contract but which is incorporated in the work furnished under this Contract; and
- (b) To authorize others so to do.

METRO and Contractor shall indemnify and save and hold harmless the Government, its officers, agents, and employees acting within the scope of their official duties against any liability, including costs and expenses, resulting from any willful or intentional violation by METRO and Contractor of proprietary rights, copyrights or rights of privacy, arising out of the publication, translation, reproduction, delivery, performance, use, or disposition of any data furnished under this Contract.

Nothing contained in this clause shall imply a license to the Government under any patent or be construed as affecting the scope of any license or other right otherwise granted to the Government under any patent.

The third and fourth paragraphs under Section 19.0 above are not applicable to material furnished to METRO or Contractor by the Government and incorporated in the work furnished under the Contract, provided that such incorporated material is identified by METRO or Contractor at the time of delivery of such work.

In the event that the project, which is the subject of this Agreement, is not completed, for any reason whatsoever, all data generated under that project shall become subject data as defined in the Rights in Data clause in this Contract and shall be delivered as the Government may direct. This clause shall be included in all subcontracts under this Contract.

20.0 NEW RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING

20.1 Prohibition

- (a) Section 1352 of Title 31, U.S. Code, provides in part that no appropriated funds may be expended by the recipient of a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement to pay 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 any of the following covered Federal actions: 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.
- (b) The prohibition does not apply as follows:
 - (i) Agency and legislative liaison by Own Employees.
 - (ii) Professional and technical services by Own Employees.
 - (iii) Reporting for Own Employees.
 - (iv) Professional and technical services by Other than Own Employees.

20.2 Disclosure

- (a) Each person who requests or receives from an agency a Federal contract shall file with that agency a certification, included in Form of Proposal or Bid Forms, that the person has not made, and will not make, any payment prohibited by Section 20.1 of this clause.
- (b) Each person who requests or receives from an agency a Federal contract shall file with that agency a disclosure form, Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," if such person has made or has agreed to make any payment using non- appropriated funds (to include profits from any covered Federal action), which would be prohibited under Section 20.1 of this clause if paid for with appropriated funds.
- (c) Each person shall file a disclosure form at the end of each calendar quarter in which there occurs any event that requires disclosure or that materially affects the accuracy of the information contained in any disclosure form previously filed by such person under paragraph (c)(2) of this section. An event that materially affects the accuracy of the information reported includes:
 - (i) a cumulative increase of \$25,000 or more in the amount paid or expected to be paid for influencing or attempting to influence a covered Federal action; or

- (ii) a change in the person(s) or individual(s) influencing or attempting to influence a covered Federal action; or
- (iii) a change in the officer(s), employee(s), or Member(s) contacted to influence or attempt to influence a covered Federal action.
- (d) Any person who requests or receives from a person referred to in paragraph (c)(i) of this section a subcontract exceeding \$100,000 at any tier under a Federal contract shall file a certification, and a disclosure form, if required, to the next tier above.
- (e) All disclosure forms, but not certifications, shall be forwarded from tier to tier until received by the person referred to in paragraph (c)(i) of this section. That person shall forward all disclosure forms to the agency.

20.3 Agreement

In accepting any contract resulting from this solicitation, the person submitting the offer agrees not to make any payment prohibited by this clause.

20.4 Penalties.

- (a) Any person who makes an expenditure prohibited under Section 20.1 of this clause shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 for each such expenditure.
- (b) Any person who fails to file or amend the disclosure form to be filed or amended if required by this clause, shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.
- (c) Contractors may rely without liability on the representations made by their sub- contractors in the certification and disclosure form.

20.5 Cost allowability

Nothing in this clause is to be interpreted to make allowable or reasonable any costs which would be unallowable or unreasonable in accordance with Part 31 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation. Conversely, costs made specifically unallowable by the requirements in this clause will not be made allowable under any of the provisions of Part 31 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

PART VII

SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT PROTEST PROCEDURES

POLICY

It is the policy of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) that it is responsible for resolving all Pre-Bid, Pre-Award and Post-Award Procurement Protest disputes arising out of third party procurements using good administrative practices and sound business judgment. It is METRO's intention that its procurement process provides for fair and open competition in compliance with federal and state laws and METRO policies.

METRO has established these Pre-Bid, Pre-Award and Post-Award Procurement Protest Policy and Procedures so that all procurement protests/disputes are filed, processed and resolved in a manner consistent with the requirements of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Circular (4220.1F) *Third Party Contracting Guidance*, dated December 1, 2008, which are on file at METRO's Administrative Offices, 110 Vernon Street, Suite 100, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, and available upon request.

APPLICABILITY

This regulation is applicable to all METRO employees. This regulation is applicable to any Interested Party as defined herein who has a protest/dispute against METRO in the Pre-Bid, Pre-Award and Post-Award procurement phase.

DEFINITIONS

"Common Grant Rules" refers to the Department of Transportation regulations "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments," 49 CFR Part 18, which apply to Federal grants and cooperative agreements with governmental recipients of Federal assistance including Indian tribal governments.

"Interested Party" means a party that is an actual or prospective bidder or offeror whose direct economic interest would be affected by the award or failure to award the third party contract at issue. A subcontractor does not qualify as an "interested party".

"Protest" means a formal declaration of disapproval or objection issued by a concerned person, group, or organization that arises during the procurement process. A Protest is a potential bidder's or contractor's remedy for correcting a perceived wrong in the procurement process. See "Types of Protests" below.

"Protester" means a person, group, or organization that files a formal declaration of disapproval or objection. A protester must qualify as an "interested party".

"Types of Protests": There are three basic types of Protests pursuant to this regulation, based on the time in the procurement cycle when they occur:

- a.) A pre-bid or solicitation phase Protest is received prior to the bid opening or proposal due date. Pre-bid protests are those based on the content of the initial Notice and/or solicitation published by METRO requesting bids from vendors or other interested parties.
- b.) A pre-award Protest is a protest against making an award and is received after receipt of proposals or bids, but before award of a contract.
- c.) A post-award Protest is a protest received after award of a contract. A post-award Protest must be received within 5 business days of the making of the award. A post-award Protest generally alleges a violation of applicable federal or state law and/or METRO policy or procedures relative to the seeking, evaluating and/or awarding of the contract.

STANDARDS.

All Protests must be filed in writing with the METRO Administrative Offices, Finance Manager, Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District, 110 Vernon Street, Suite 100, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, or electronically at financemanager@scmtd.com . No other location is acceptable.

A Protest must be in writing and set forth the specific grounds of the dispute and shall be fully supported with technical data, test results, or other pertinent information related to the subject being protested. The Protest shall include the name and contact information of the Protester, solicitation/contract number or description, and what remedy the Protester is seeking. The Protester is responsible for adhering to this regulation.

A Protester must exhaust all of METRO's administrative remedies before pursuing a protest with the FTA.

METRO's Finance Manager shall make a determination on the Protest generally within ten (10) working days from receipt of the Protest. The Decision of the Finance Manager must be in writing and shall include a response to each substantive issue raised in the Protest.

Any Decision by the Finance Manager may be appealed to the Board of Directors. The Protester has the right within five (5) business days of receipt of the Finance Manager's Decision to file an appeal restating the basis of the Protest and the grounds of the appeal. In the appeal, the Protester is only permitted to raise information and issues previously provided in the Protest or discovered after the Protest was submitted to the Finance Manager for Decision and directly related to the grounds of the Protest. The Protester shall be provided with at least 72-hour notification of when the Board of Directors will hear the Appeal. The Protestor may appear, be represented and present evidence and testimony at the Appeal Hearing. The Board of Directors' decision shall constitute METRO's final administrative determination.

In the event that the Protester is not satisfied with METRO's Board of Directors' final administrative determination, he/she may proceed within 90 days of the final decision to State Court for judicial relief. The Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Santa Cruz is the appropriate judicial authority having the jurisdiction over Protest(s) and Appeal(s).

At any time, the Protester may request reconsideration of METRO's Final Decision if data or information becomes available that was not previously known, or there has been an error of law or regulations.

The Protester may withdraw its Protest or Appeal at any time before METRO issues a final decision.

If METRO postpones the date of proposal submission because of a Protest or Appeal of the solicitation specifications, addenda, dates or any other issue relating to the procurement, METRO will notify, via addendum, all parties who are on record as having obtained a copy of the solicitation documents that a Protest/Appeal had been filed, and the due date for proposal submission shall be postponed until METRO has issued its final Decision.

Reviews of Protests by FTA are limited to 1) METRO's failure to have or follow its protest procedures, or its failure to review a complaint or Protest; or 2) violations of Federal law or regulation.

A Protest Appeal to the FTA must be filed in accordance with the provisions of FTA Circular 4220.1F. Any appeal to the FTA shall be made not later than five (5) working days after a final decision is rendered under METRO's protest procedure. Protest appeals should be filed with:

Federal Transit Administration
Regional Administrator Region IX
201 Mission Street, Suite 1650
San Francisco, CA 94105-1839

Telephone: (415) 744-3133
Fax: (415) 744-2726

METRO RESPONSIBILITIES TO FTA

METRO's Finance Manager will notify the FTA when he/she receives a third party contract protest to which the

FTA Circular (4420.1F) *Third Party Contracting Guidance* applies, and will keep the FTA informed about the status of the Protest including any appeals.

METRO's Finance Manager will provide the following information to FTA:

- a. Subjects: A list of Protests involving third party contracts and potential third party contracts that:
 - (a) Have a value exceeding \$100,000, or
 - (b) Involve controversial matter, irrespective of amount, or
 - (c) Involve a highly publicized matter, irrespective of amount.
- b. Details: The following information about each Protest:
 - (a) A brief description of the Protest,
 - (b) The basis of disagreement, and
 - (c) If open, how far the Protest has proceeded, or
 - (d) If resolved, the agreement or decision reached, and
 - (e) Whether an appeal has been taken or is likely to be taken.
- c. When and Where: METRO will provide this information:
 - (a) In its next quarterly Milestone Progress Report, and
 - (b) At its next Project Management Oversight review, if any.
- d. FTA Officials to Notify: When METRO's Board of Directors denies a bid Protest, and an appeal is likely to occur, METRO's Finance Manager will inform the FTA Regional Administrator for Region IX, or the FTA Associate Administrator for the program office administering a headquarters project directly about the likely appeal.

METRO's Finance Manager will disclose information about any third party procurement Protest to FTA upon request. FTA reserves the right to require METRO to provide copies of a particular Protest or all Protests, and any or all related supporting documents, as FTA may deem necessary.