

**NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

RFP # 63-JGD99981

TITLE: Teaching Skillbuilding Webinars/Workshops

USING DEPARTMENT: Transportation Department

ISSUE DATE: November 9, 2011

DUE DATE: 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 30, 2011

ISSUING AGENCY: North Carolina State University
Purchasing Department
Campus Box 7212
Raleigh, NC 27695

Sealed Proposals subject to the conditions made a part hereof will be accepted until **2:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 30, 2011** for furnishing services described herein.

DELIVERY ADDRESS
RFP No. 63-JGD99981 Attn: Jessica Dalton, C.P.M., CPPB Purchasing Agent North Carolina State University Purchasing Department Administrative Services I Bldg. 2721 Sullivan Drive, Ste 1100 Raleigh NC 27695 (919)515-6890

IMPORTANT NOTE: Indicate firm name, RFP number, and opening date on the front of each sealed proposal envelope or package **(2 copies are required: 1 original/1 copy, marked as such/these may be packaged together)**. Electronically submitted (email/fax) proposals will not be accepted.

Direct all inquiries concerning this RFP to: Jessica Dalton, C.P.M., Purchasing Agent
North Carolina State University
Campus Box 7212
Raleigh, NC 27695
919-515-6890 phone/919-515-3511 fax
email: jessica_dalton@ncsu.edu

NOTE: Questions concerning the RFP requirements shall be submitted in writing. They may be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed (no phone calls) to Jessica Dalton, North Carolina State University, Purchasing Department, Campus Box 7212, Raleigh, NC 27695, fax (919) 515-3511, e-mail address Jessica_dalton@ncsu.edu. **Questions shall be submitted no later than 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 22, 2011.** All questions submitted in writing will be answered in the form of an addendum to this Request for Proposals. No contact with the using department(s) will be allowed during the proposal process. Any vendors contacting the using department(s) directly may subject their proposal to rejection.

1. PURPOSE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION

North Carolina State University's Institute for Transportation Research and Education (ITRE) seeks proposals from qualified vendors to develop and present three (3) webinar/workshops.

ITRE is an inter-institutional research center administered by North Carolina State University. Located within the University's visionary Centennial Campus, ITRE conducts surface, water, and air transportation research, while providing professional training and educational opportunities. The Institute serves all 16 statewide campuses in the University of North Carolina (UNC) system and partners with transportation professionals around the globe.

ITRE is a university-based institute committed to leadership in the study of surface and air transportation issues through fostering analytical thinking, integrating technology in education and research, serving as a catalyst for problem solving, and cultivating professionals and students dedicated to excellence in transportation.

2. CONTRACT PERIOD

Any contract resulting from this proposal shall be effective from time of award through August 31, 2012. At the University's option, and under the same terms and conditions contained herein, this contract may be extended for two (2) additional twelve (12) month periods, not to exceed a total contract period of three (3) years.

3. SCOPE OF WORK

The awarded vendor shall develop three (3) distinct skill-building workshops for public transportation professionals in North Carolina. These workshops are targeted at individuals in director/administrator positions or to individuals who seek to advance to such a position. The workshops shall be designed to build specific skills that are needed in the director position. While the skill will be placed in the larger context of overall leadership, the workshop is narrowly focused on specific skill development. Attendance for each course will be 9-16 students.

Each course will include 4 delivery methods/activities:

1. Introductory webinar. Participants will participate in an introductory webinar, with the assistance of NCSU / ITRE staff using Elluminate and Powerpoint. This webinar will be designed to introduce the topic, create a baseline of learning and build an accountability network among the participants. This webinar will be 2 hours total.
2. Web-based foundation learning. Participants will log on to a website and complete a series of lessons that cover the basic foundation elements for each topic. They will have to answer a series of questions at each stage of the web course to be able to take the next. When they have completed the lessons successfully they can move to the second module. The tool for this web learning experience will be Moodle and provided/hosted by ITRE. Each course will include 4-6 weekly sessions, as dictated by the curriculum. The maximum time to complete each topic should be 45-60 minute self-paced sessions.

3. Gathering specific information regarding their organization. Participants will get specified data points or required information regarding their individual situation. This varies with the topic of the workshop. They must have all of it prior to participating in the workshop and bring it to the class.
4. Day-long application workshop. At the workshop, participants will apply the web-based learning to the information that is specific to their organization. They will practice the skills through interactive activities, leaving the workshop with a clear plan for how they will apply their knowledge and skills in their organization. This workshop will be a minimum of 6-7 hours.

ITRE will advertise the courses, collect registration, secure teaching facilities and organize lunch and snacks for each course.

The specific course titles to be developed and delivered are:

1. Building Relationships with Public Officials at all Levels (1 session)
2. Building and Maintaining Effective Organizations through Good Employees (2 sessions)
3. Budgeting as a Planning Tool for Additional Funding (1 session)

All four (4) sessions shall be delivered between the award of the contract and August 31, 2012. The awarded vendor will work with ITRE to schedule the workshops as needed by ITRE.

DESCRIPTION OF COURSES

1. Building Relationships with Public Officials at all Levels

Day Long Workshop Location: Western North Carolina (Hickory or Asheville areas)

Learning Objectives

- Understanding the role of the public sector in funding public transportation
- Using appropriate protocols and processes for communicating with public officials, both elected officials and public employees
- Presenting the case for public transportation with clarity and persuasiveness
- Guidelines for appearances at public meetings and hearings
- Knowledge of influence strategies and when to use them
- Creating strategies for obtaining additional funding sources

2. Building and Maintaining Effective Organizations through Good Employees

Day Long Workshop Locations: 2 sessions, 1 provided in western North Carolina (Hickory or Asheville areas) AND 1 in Raleigh

Learning Objectives

- Knowing what you want from a good employee
- Determining areas of strength and areas for improvement on an organizational level
- Issues of accountability
- Developing employee incentive strategies
- Motivation and team approaches
- Identifying symptoms of dysfunction and selecting remedies

3. Budgeting as a Planning Tool for Additional Funding

Day Long Workshop Location: Western North Carolina (Hickory or Asheville areas)

Learning Objectives

- Understanding the budget from a strategic standpoint
- Selecting areas of strength and areas for improvement
- Identifying all possible sources of funding for their organization
- Looking into non-traditional sources of income
- Using 'what if' scenarios to select new funding
- Creating strategies for obtaining additional funding sources

The proposal response shall include a complete description of the courses to be provided. This shall include:

1. Introduction and description of the material to be included
2. Agenda for Introductory Webinar
3. General topic / content description for each Web based session
4. Agenda for the day long, in-person workshop

4. VENDOR QUALIFICATIONS / EXPECTATIONS

Proposing contractors shall demonstrate experience in providing services similar in nature and scope to those required herein. The proposal response shall include:

The instructor(s) shall have experience in professional development for each topic. Please provide the following:

1. Resume of instructor(s)
2. Experience using PowerPoint, Elluminate and Moodle in web based learning activities
3. Listing of courses taught in last 3 years

References provided shall demonstrate the required experience and a history of successful execution. It is the proposing vendor's responsibility to provide valid reference information and the University reserves the right to use reference check responses in its evaluation of proposals. Subcontracting of any nature to achieve the parameters of this project is prohibited.

5. PROPOSAL RESPONSE

Note that these workshops are funded by Federal budget dollars; therefore, pages 18-39 contain Federal requirements that are in addition to the University's general contract terms and conditions. By signing and submitting the Execution of Proposal page, the proposing vendor agrees to these additional Federal requirements and must complete and include pages 38 (Attachment A) and 39 (Attachment B) with the proposal response.

The proposal response, at a minimum, must include the following:

- * A detailed proposal addressing Section 3. **SCOPE OF WORK** and Section 4 **VENDOR QUALIFICATIONS**. Please address each item by number. Detailed methods for accomplishing the **SCOPE OF WORK** is required.
- * Completed Reference Page
- * Completed Execution of Proposal Page
- * Cost Proposal
- * Any applicable RFP addenda issued subsequent to this RFP.
- * Insurance Certificate (note coverage requirements listed in General Contract Terms and Conditions, item #19)

Incomplete proposals will not be considered.

6. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Criteria for the selection of a contractor will include but not be limited to the following:

Limiting Criteria:

The proposal response shall include completed:

Proposal addressing the Scope of Work

Execution of Proposal page

Reference pages

Cost proposal page

Certificate of Insurance (demonstrating the required coverage limits)

proposal addressing the items listed herein

any addendum issued subsequent to this RFP and required for return.

Attachment A (Certification Regarding Lobbying) – signed and notarized

Attachment B (Certification Regarding Debarment) – signed and notarized

Proposals meeting the above limiting criteria will then be evaluated for content of the proposal response. Evaluation criteria for the selection of a contractor will include, but not necessarily limited to the following.

Knowledge and use of the three tools – Powerpoint, Elluminate and Moodle	25%
Instructor experience with these and related topics in the last three years	25%
Creativity of each piece of each topic	25%
Cost	25%

ORAL EXPLANATIONS

The University will not be bound by any oral explanations given during or after the competitive process.

7. COST PROPOSAL

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The cost to provide services listed in this RFP document. This includes development and delivery services, management activity costs, labor, travel and transportation, tools, equipment, expenses, and any other costs incurred by the firm. Each workshop will be delivered to 9-16 people.

Workshop development and delivery:

\$_____session X 4 sessions = \$_____total

Additional cost to provide delivery to more than 16 students in one workshop \$_____each

Company Name

Date

ORAL EXPLANATIONS-North Carolina State University will not be bound by oral explanations or instructions given at any time during or after the competitive process.

NOTE: The right is reserved to accept other than the lowest price proposal as may be determined to serve the best interest of the University.

COMPANY NAME _____

REFERENCES

OFFERORS SHALL PROVIDE A MINIMUM OF THREE (3) REFERENCES FOR WHOM THEY HAVE PERFORMED SIMILAR WORK DURING THE PAST THREE (3) YEARS.

(1)	CLIENT NAME	_____
	ADDRESS (Street)	_____
	ADDRESS (City, St, Zip)	_____
	CONTACT NAME	_____
	TELEPHONE/E-MAIL	_____
(2)	CLIENT NAME	_____
	ADDRESS (Street)	_____
	ADDRESS (City, St, Zip)	_____
	CONTACT NAME	_____
	TELEPHONE/E-MAIL	_____
(3)	CLIENT NAME	_____
	ADDRESS (Street)	_____
	ADDRESS (City, St, Zip)	_____
	CONTACT NAME	_____
	TELEPHONE/E-MAIL	_____

THIS PAGE SHALL BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED AS A PART OF YOUR PROPOSAL.

EXECUTION OF PROPOSAL

DATE: _____

The potential Contractor certifies the following by placing an "X" in all blank spaces:

- ___ That this proposal was signed by an authorized representative of the firm.
- ___ That the potential Contractor has determined the cost and availability of all materials and supplies associated with performing the services outlined herein.
- ___ That all labor costs associated with this project have been determined, including all direct and indirect costs.
- ___ That, if required, the potential Contractor has attended the preproposal conference and is aware of the prevailing conditions associated with performing these services.
- ___ That the potential Contractor agrees to the conditions as set forth in this **Request for Proposal** with no exceptions.
- ___ That the potential Contractor can obtain a performance bond, if required herein, and insurance as specified.
- ___ That the proposal is submitted competitively and without collusion, that none of our officers, directors, or owners of an unincorporated business entity has been convicted of any violations of Chapter 78A of the General Statutes, the Securities Act of 1933, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (G.S. 143-59.2), and that we are not an ineligible vendor as set forth in G.S. 143-59.1. False certification is a Class 1 Felony.

Therefore, in compliance with the foregoing **Request for Proposal**, and subject to all terms and conditions thereof, the undersigned offers and agrees, if this proposal is accepted within thirty (30) days from the date of the opening, to furnish the services for the prices quoted during any resulting contract period.

CONTRACTOR _____ ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

CITY AND STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ FAX _____

BY _____ TITLE _____

(Signature)

E-MAIL _____

Type or Printed Name

Federal Identification Number

ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL

DATE: _____

AGENCY _____ CITY AND STATE _____

BY _____ TITLE _____

(Signature)

THIS PAGE SHALL BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED AS A PART OF YOUR PROPOSAL.

GENERAL INFORMATION ON SUBMITTING PROPOSALS

1. **EXCEPTIONS:** All proposals are subject to the terms and conditions outlined herein. All responses shall be controlled by such terms and conditions and the submission of other terms and conditions, price lists, catalogs, and/or other documents as part of an offeror's response will be waived and have no effect either on this Request for Proposals or on any contract that may be awarded resulting from this solicitation. Offeror specifically agrees to the conditions set forth in the above paragraph by signature to the proposal.
2. **PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL:** All proposals must be received by the issuing agency not later than the date and time listed on the cover sheet of this proposal. **Two (2) copies (1 original/1 copy marked as such) of the proposal must be received from each vendor.** Each proposal must be signed and dated by an official authorized to bind the firm. Late proposals will not be considered for award.

Request for Proposals (RFP) are posted to The State of North Carolina Interactive Purchasing System (IPS) www.ips.state.nc.us. An addendum to this RFP may be issued. If required, any subsequent addenda must be signed and submitted prior to the proposal closing. It is the **vendor's responsibility** to verify that all applicable addenda are submitted as required.

3. **ORAL PRESENTATIONS:** During the evaluation and at their option, the evaluators may request oral presentations from any or all offerors for the purpose of clarification or to amplify the materials presented in any part of the proposal. However, offerors are cautioned that the evaluators are not required to request clarification; therefore, all proposals should be complete and reflect the most favorable terms available from the offeror.
4. **PROPOSAL EVALUATION:** Proposals will be evaluated according to the completeness, content, experience with similar projects, ability of the offeror and its staff and cost. The award of a contract to one offeror does not mean that the other proposals lacked merit, but that, all factors considered, the selected proposal was deemed to provide the best value to the University, and/or the State.
5. **COMMENCEMENT OF SERVICES:** After proposals are evaluated, and offer is made, accepted and approved by appropriate authorities, the University will issue a purchase order, a contract or a letter of agreement as an indicator to commence services.
6. **REQUEST FOR OFFERS:** Offerors are cautioned that this is a request for offers, not a request to contract and the University/State reserves the unqualified right to reject any and all offers when such rejection is deemed to be in the best interest of the University or State.
7. **ORAL EXPLANATIONS:** The University shall not be bound by oral explanations or instructions given at any time during the competitive process or after award.
8. **REFERENCE TO OTHER DATA:** Only information which is received in response to this RFP will be evaluated; reference to information previously submitted shall not be evaluated.
9. **ELABORATE PROPOSALS:** Elaborate proposals in the form of brochures or other presentations beyond that necessary to present a complete and effective proposal are not desired.

In an effort to support the sustainability efforts of the State of North Carolina we solicit your cooperation in this effort.

It is desirable that all responses meet the following requirements:

- All submittals and copies are printed on **recycled paper with a minimum post-consumer content of 30%** and indicate this information accordingly on the response.
 - Unless absolutely necessary, all proposals and copies should **minimize or eliminate use of non-recyclable or non re-usable materials** such as plastic report covers, plastic dividers, vinyl sleeves, and GBC binding. Three-ringed binders, glued materials, paper clips, and staples are acceptable.
 - Materials should be submitted in a format which allows for **easy removal and recycling** of paper materials.
10. **COST FOR PROPOSAL PREPARATION:** Any costs incurred by offerors in preparing or submitting offers are the offerors' sole responsibility; the University will not reimburse any offeror for any costs incurred prior to award.

11. **TIME FOR ACCEPTANCE:** Each proposal shall state that it is a firm offer which may be accepted within a period of forty-five (45) days. Although the contract is expected to be awarded prior to that time, the 45-day period is requested to allow for unforeseen delays.
12. **TITLES:** Titles and headings in this RFP and any subsequent contract are for convenience only and shall have no binding force or effect.
13. **CONFIDENTIALITY OF PROPOSALS:** In submitting its proposal the offeror agrees not to discuss or otherwise reveal the contents of the proposal to any source outside of the using or issuing agency, government or private, until after the award of the contract. Offerors not in compliance with this provision may be disqualified, at the option of the State, from contract award. Only discussions authorized by the University are exempt from this provision.
14. **RIGHT TO SUBMITTED MATERIAL:** All responses, inquiries, or correspondence relating to or in reference to the RFP, and all other reports, charts, displays, schedules, exhibits, and other documentation submitted by the offerors shall become the property of the State when received.
15. **OFFEROR'S REPRESENTATIVE:** Each offeror shall submit with its proposal the name, address, and telephone number of the person(s) with authority to bind the firm and answer questions or provide clarification concerning the firm's proposal.
16. **SUBCONTRACTING:** Offerors may propose to subcontract portions of the work provided that their proposals clearly indicate what work they plan to subcontract and to whom and that all information required about the prime contractor is also included for each proposed subcontractor.
17. **PROPRIETARY INFORMATION:** Trade secrets or similar proprietary data which the offeror does not wish disclosed to other than personnel involved in the evaluation or contract administration will be kept confidential to the extent permitted by NCAC T01:05B.1501 and G.S. 132-1.3 if identified as follows: Each page shall be identified in boldface at the top and bottom as "CONFIDENTIAL". Any section of the proposal which is to remain confidential shall also be so marked in boldface on the title page of that section. Cost information may not be deemed confidential. In spite of what is labeled as confidential, the determination as to whether or not it is shall be determined by North Carolina law.
18. **HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESSES:** Pursuant to General Statute 143-48 and Executive Order #150, the University invites and encourages participation in this procurement process by businesses owned by minorities, women, disabled, disabled business enterprises and non-profit work centers for the blind and severely disabled.
19. **PROTEST PROCEDURES:** A party wanting to protest a contract award pursuant to this solicitation must submit a written request to the Director of Purchasing, North Carolina State University, Purchasing Department, Campus Box 7212, Raleigh, NC 27695-7212. This request must be received in the University Purchasing Department within thirty (30) consecutive calendar days from the date of the contract award, and must contain specific sound reasons and any supporting documentation for the protest. NOTE: Contract award notices are sent **only** to those actually awarded contracts, and not to every person or firm responding to this solicitation. Offerors may call the purchaser listed on the first page of this document to obtain a verbal status of contract award. All protests will be handled pursuant to the North Carolina Administrative Code, Title 1, Department of Administration, Chapter 5, Purchase and Contract, Section 5B.1519.
20. **VENDOR REGISTRATION AND SOLICITATION NOTIFICATION SYSTEM:** Vendor Link NC allows vendors to electronically register free with the State to receive electronic notification of current procurement opportunities for goods and services available on the Interactive Purchasing System. Online registration and other purchasing information are available on our Internet web site: <http://www.state.nc.us/pandc/>.
21. **RECIPROCAL PREFERENCE:** G.S. 143-59 establishes a reciprocal preference law to discourage other states from applying in-state preferences against North Carolina's resident offerors. The "Principal Place of Business" is defined as the principal place from which the trade or business of the offeror is directed or managed.
22. **ENTERPRISE-LEVEL IT SYSTEMS OR TECHNOLOGIES:** The University is committed to promote and integrate universal IT accessibility in the delivery of its resources and to develop innovative solutions to accessibility challenges for students, faculty and staff. Vendors must:
 - a. Assure all features, components and sub-systems of the software or IT System contained on this RFP **fully comply** with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794d), (<http://www.section508.gov>);

OR

Detail why any feature, component or sub-system contained in this RFQ does not **fully comply** with Section 508, and the way in which the proposed product is out of compliance;

- b. If the Voluntary Product Accessibility Templates (VPAT) (<http://www.access-star.org/ITI-VPAT-v1.2.html>) are used, they must include compliance checklists for:
 - 1. Technical Standards,
 - 2. Function and Performance Criteria
 - 3. Documentation and Support
- c. The product offered in response to this RFP is subject to an accessibility evaluation by the University.

**NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY
GENERAL CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS
(Contractual and Consultant Services)**

GOVERNING LAW: This contract is made under and shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina.

1. **SITUS:** The place of this contract, its situs and forum, shall be Wake County, North Carolina, where all matters, whether sounding in contract or tort, relating to its validity, construction, interpretation and enforcement shall be determined.
2. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:** The Contractor shall be considered to be an independent contractor and as such shall be wholly responsible for the work to be performed and for the supervision of its employees. The Contractor represents that it has, or will secure at its own expense, all personnel required in performing the services under this agreement. Such employees shall not be employees of, or have any individual contractual relationship with the University.
3. **KEY PERSONNEL:** The Contractor shall not substitute key personnel assigned to the performance of this contract without prior written approval by the University's Contract Administrator. The individuals designated as key personnel for purposes of this contract are those specified in the Contractor's proposal.
4. **SUBCONTRACTING:** Work proposed to be performed under this contract by the Contractor or its employees shall not be subcontracted without prior written approval of the University's Contract Administrator. Acceptance of an offeror's proposal shall include any subcontractor(s) specified therein.
5. **INSPECTION AT CONTRACTOR'S SITE:** The University reserves the right to inspect, at a reasonable time, the equipment/item, plant or other facilities of a prospective contractor prior to contract award, and during the contract term as necessary for the University's determination that such equipment/item, plant or other facilities conform with the specifications/requirements and are adequate and suitable for the proper and effective performance of the contract.
6. **PERFORMANCE AND DEFAULT:** If, through any cause, the Contractor shall fail to fulfill in timely and proper manner the obligations under this agreement, the University shall thereupon have the right to terminate this contract by giving written notice to the Contractor and specifying the effective date thereof. In that event, all finished or unfinished deliverable items under this contract prepared by the Contractor shall, at the option of the University, become its property, and the Contractor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such materials. Notwithstanding, the Contractor shall not be relieved of liability to the University for damages sustained by the University by virtue of any breach of this agreement, and the University may withhold any payment due the Contractor for the purpose of setoff until such time as the exact amount of damages due the University from such breach can be determined.

In case of default by the Contractor, the University may procure the services from other sources and hold the Contractor responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby. The University reserves the right to require performance bond or other acceptable alternative guarantees from successful offeror without expense to the University.

In addition, in the event of default by the Contractor under this contract, the State may immediately cease doing business with the Contractor, immediately terminate for cause all existing contracts the State has with the Contractor, and de-bar the Contractor from doing future business with the State

Upon the Contractor filing a petition for bankruptcy or the entering of a judgment of bankruptcy by or against the Contractor, the University may immediately terminate, for cause, this contract and all other existing contracts the Contractor has with the University.

Neither party shall be deemed to be in default of its obligations hereunder if and so long as it is prevented from performing such obligations by any act of war, hostile foreign action, nuclear explosion, riot, strikes, civil insurrection, earthquake, hurricane, tornado, or other catastrophic natural event or act of God.

7. **GOVERNMENTAL RESTRICTIONS:** In the event any Governmental restrictions are imposed which necessitate alteration of the material, quality, workmanship or performance of the items offered prior to their delivery, it shall be the responsibility of the contractor to notify, in writing, the issuing purchasing office at once, indicating the specific regulation which required such alterations. The University reserves the right to accept any such alterations, including any price adjustments occasioned thereby, or to cancel the contract.
8. **FORCE MAJEURE:** Neither party shall be deemed to be in default of its obligations hereunder if and so long as it is prevented from performing such obligations by an act of war, hostile foreign action, nuclear explosion, earthquake, hurricane, tornado, or other catastrophic natural event or act of God.
9. **TERMINATION:** The University may terminate this agreement at any time by providing written notice to the contractor at least thirty (30) days before the effective date of the termination. In that event, all finished or unfinished deliverable items prepared by the Contractor under this contract shall, at the option of the University, become its property. If the contract is terminated by the University as provided herein, the Contractor shall be paid for services satisfactorily completed, less payment or compensation previously made. All promises, requirements, terms, conditions, provisions, representations, guarantees, and warranties contained herein shall survive the contract expiration or termination date unless specifically provided otherwise herein, or unless superseded by applicable Federal or State statutes of limitations.
10. **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS:** Any and all payments to the Contractor are dependent upon and subject to the availability of funds to the University for the purpose set forth in this agreement.
11. **CONFIDENTIALITY:** Any information, data, instruments, documents, studies or reports given to or prepared or assembled by the Contractor under this agreement shall be kept as confidential and not divulged or made available to any individual or organization without the prior written approval of the University.
12. **CARE OF PROPERTY:** The Contractor agrees that it shall be responsible for the proper custody and care of any property furnished it for use in connection with the performance of this contract or purchased by it for this contract and will reimburse the State for loss of damage of such property.
13. **COPYRIGHT:** No deliverable items produced in whole or in part under this agreement shall be the subject of an application for copyright by or on behalf of the Contractor. In addition, all inventions and the copyright in and to any copyrightable work, including, but not limited to, copy, art, negatives, photographs, designs, text, software, or documentation created as part of the Contractor's performance of this project shall vest in the University, and the Contractor agrees to assign all rights therein to the University. Contractor further agrees to provide University with any and all reasonable assistance which University may require to file patent applications, to obtain copyright registrations, or to perfect its title in any such inventions or works, including the execution of any documents submitted by the University.
14. **ACCESS TO PERSONS AND RECORDS:** The State Auditor shall have access to persons and records as a result of all contracts or grants entered into by State agencies or political subdivisions in accordance with General Statute 147-64.7. The Contractor shall retain all records for a period of three years following completion of the contract. Further, the University Internal Auditor shall have the same access to persons and records.
15. **ASSIGNMENT:** No assignment of the Contractor's obligations nor the Contractor's right to receive payment hereunder shall be permitted. However, upon written request approved by the issuing purchasing authority, the University may:
 - a. Forward the contractor's payment check(s) directly to any person or entity designated by the Contractor, or
 - b. Include any person or entity designated by Contractor as a joint payee on the Contractor's payment check(s).In no event shall such approval and action obligate the University to anyone other than the Contractor and the Contractor shall remain responsible for fulfillment of all contract obligations.
16. **COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS:** The Contractor shall comply with all laws, ordinances, codes, rules, regulations, and licensing requirements that are applicable to the conduct of its business, including those of federal, state, and local agencies having jurisdiction and/or authority.

17. **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** The Contractor shall take affirmative action in complying with all Federal and State requirements concerning fair employment and employment of people with disabilities, and concerning the treatment of all employees without regard to discrimination by reason of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or disability.
18. **SAFETY STANDARDS:** All manufactured items and/or fabricated assemblies subject to operation under pressure, operation by connection to an electric source, or operation involving a connection to a manufactured, natural, or LP gas source shall be constructed and approved in a manner acceptable to the appropriate state inspector which customarily requires the label or re-examination listing or identification marking of the appropriate safety standard organization; such as the American Society of Mechanical Engineers for pressure vessels; the Underwriters Laboratories and /or National Electrical Manufacturers' Association for electrically operated assemblies; or the American Gas Association for gas operated assemblies, where such approvals of listings have been established for the type of device offered and furnished. Further, all items furnished shall meet all requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), and state and federal requirements relating to clean air and water pollution.
19. **INSURANCE:** During the term of the contract, the contractor at its sole cost and expense shall provide commercial insurance of such type and with such terms and limits as may be reasonably associated with the contract. As a minimum, the contractor shall provide and maintain the following coverage and limits:
- a. **Worker's Compensation -** The contractor shall provide and maintain Worker's Compensation Insurance, as required by the laws of North Carolina, as well as employer's liability coverage with minimum limits of \$500,000.00, covering all of Contractor's employees who are engaged in any work under the contract. If any work is subcontracted, the contractor shall require the subcontractor to provide the same coverage for any of its employees engaged in any work under the contract.
 - b. **Commercial General Liability - General Liability Coverage on a Comprehensive Broad Form on an occurrence basis in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000.00 Combined Single Limit.** (Defense cost shall be in excess of the limit of liability).
 - c. **Automobile - Automobile Liability Insurance,** to include liability coverage, covering all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles, used in connection with the contract. The minimum combined single limit shall be \$1,000,000.00 bodily injury and property damage; \$1,000,000.00 uninsured/under insured motorist; and \$1,000.00 medical payment.
- Providing and maintaining adequate insurance coverage is a material obligation of the contractor and is of the essence of this contract. All such insurance shall meet all laws of the State of North Carolina. Such insurance coverage shall be obtained from companies that are authorized to provide such coverage and that are authorized by the Commissioner of Insurance to do business in North Carolina. The contractor shall at all times comply with the terms of such insurance policies, and all requirements of the insurer under any such insurance policies, except as they may conflict with existing North Carolina laws or this contract. The limits of coverage under each insurance policy maintained by the contractor shall not be interpreted as limiting the contractor's liability and obligations under the contract.
20. **ADVERTISING:** Contractor shall not use the existence of this contract or the name of the State of North Carolina or North Carolina State University as part of any advertising without prior written approval from the University.
21. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT:** This contract and any documents incorporated specifically by reference represent the entire agreement between the parties and supersede all prior oral or written statements or agreements. This Request for Proposal, any addenda thereto, and the offeror's response are incorporated herein by reference as though set forth verbatim.
- All promises, requirements, terms, conditions, provisions, representations, guarantees, and warranties contained herein shall survive the contract expiration or termination date unless specifically provided otherwise herein, or unless superseded by applicable Federal or State statutes of limitation.

22. **AMENDMENTS:** This contract may be amended only by written amendments duly executed by the University and the Contractor.
23. **TAXES:** G.S. 143-59.1 bars the Secretary of Administration from entering into contracts with vendors if the vendor or its affiliates meet one of the conditions of G. S. 105-164.8(b) and refuse to collect use tax on sales of tangible personal property to purchasers in North Carolina. Conditions under G. S. 105-164.8(b) include: (1) Maintenance of a retail establishment or office, (2) Presence of representatives in the State that solicit sales or transact business on behalf of the vendor and (3) Systematic exploitation of the market by media-assisted, media-facilitated, or media-solicited means. By execution of the bid document the vendor certifies that it and all of its affiliates, (if it has affiliates), collect(s) the appropriate taxes.
24. **YEAR 2000 COMPLIANCE/WARRANTY:** Vendor shall ensure the product(s) and service(s) furnished pursuant to this agreement ("product" shall include, without limitation, any piece of equipment, hardware, firmware, middleware, custom or commercial software, or internal components, subroutines, and interfaces therein) which perform any date and/or time data recognition function, calculation, or sequencing, will support a four digit year format, and will provide accurate date/time data and leap year calculations on and after December 31, 1999, at the same level of functionality for which originally acquired without additional cost to the user. This warranty shall survive termination or expiration of the agreement.
25. **GENERAL INDEMNITY:** The contractor shall hold and save the University, its officers, agents, and employees, harmless from liability of any kind, including all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any other person, firm, or corporation furnishing or supplying work, services, materials, or supplies in connection with the performance of this contract, and from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any person, firm, or corporation that may be injured or damaged by the contractor in the performance of this contract and that are attributable to the negligence or intentionally tortious acts of the contractor provided that the contractor is notified in writing within 30 days that the State has knowledge of such claims. The contractor represents and warrants that it shall make no claim of any kind or nature against the University's agents who are involved in the delivery or processing of contractor goods to the University. The representation and warranty in the preceding sentence shall survive the termination or expiration of this contract.
26. **OUTSOURCING:** Any vendor or subcontractor providing call or contact center services to the University or State of North Carolina shall disclose to inbound callers the location from which the call or contact center services are being provided.
- If, after award of a contract, the contractor wishes to outsource any portion of the work to a location outside the United States, prior written approval must be obtained from the University agent responsible for the contract.
- Vendor must give notice to the University of any relocation of the vendor, employees of the vendor, subcontractors of the vendor, or other persons performing services under a state contract outside of the United States.
27. **PRICING:** All prices offered herein shall be firm against any increases. Request by the contractor for a cost increase relevant to any contract extension shall be submitted in writing one hundred and eighty (180) days prior to each contract renewal. The University reserves the option of accepting a contractor's proposed cost increase or canceling the service and seeking proposals from other contractors. Requests for cost increases will be indexed to the same percent as any change in the Consumer Price Index/All Urban Consumers for the previous twelve month period of the request.
28. **DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION:** Offeror certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it nor any of its principals a) are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contract by any Federal agency; b) have not within a three year period preceding this award been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of a fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, state or local) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to this submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsifications or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property; and c) are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity with, commission of any of

these offenses enumerated herein. The offer certifies that they have not, within a three year period preceding this offer, had one or more contracts terminated for default by any federal agency.

"Principals" for the purpose of this certification, means officers; directors; owners; partners; and persons having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity (e.g., general manager; plant manager; head of a subsidiary, division, or business segments, and similar positions.)

This certification concerns a matter within the jurisdiction of an agency of the United States and the making of a false, fictitious, or fraudulent certification may render the maker subject to prosecution. Certification of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making an award. If it is later determined that the Offeror knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the University, the University may terminate this agreement for default.

Offeror hereby certifies these conditions and does so by signing the execution page of this quote document.

29. **PERSONAL IDENTIFIERS:** If the University provides the Contractor with personal identifiers as listed in North Carolina General Statute 131-1.10 or any other legally confidential information, Contractor hereby certifies that, pursuant to NCGS 132-1.10, collection of social security number information or other legally confidential information from University is necessary for the performance of Contractor duties and responsibilities on behalf of the University. Contractor further certifies that it shall maintain the confidential and exempt status of any such social security number information, as required by subsection (c)(1) of the statute.

FEDERAL AND STATE REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS
for
PROFESSIONAL and ARCHITECTURAL & ENGINEERING SERVICES

1. General

The work performed under this contract will be financed, in part, by grants provided under programs of the Federal Transit Administration. Citations to federal law, regulation, and guidance references include, but are not limited to, the Master Agreement FTA MA (17), dated October 1, 2010; FTA Circular 4220.1F, dated November 1, 2008; "Best Practices Procurement Manual", updated March 13, 1999 with revisions through October 2005; 49 CFR Part 18 (State and Local Governments) and 49 CFR Part 19 (Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations) and any subsequent amendments or revisions thereto.

**THE FOLLOWING MAY BE USED SYNONYMOUSLY:
 "BIDDER" AND "CONTRACTOR"
 "PURCHASER", "PROCURING AGENCY" AND "OWNER"**

2. Federal Changes

Contractor shall at all times comply with all applicable Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulations, policies, procedures and directives, including without limitation those listed directly or by reference in the Master Agreement between Purchaser and FTA, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of this contract. Contractor's failure to so comply shall constitute a material breach of this contract.

3. Notification of Federal Participation

To the extent required by Federal law, the State of North Carolina agrees that, in administering any Federal assistance Program or Project supported by the underlying Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement, any request for proposals, solicitation, grant application, form, notification, press release, or other publication involving the distribution of FTA assistance for the Program or the Project that it will identify the FTA grant source by listing the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number of the program. The following FTA grant programs will be eligible to participate in this bid, 20.505, 20.507, 20.500, 20.513, 20.509, 20.516, and 20.521. Federal funding assistance up to eighty (80%) percent may be provided.

4. Conflict of Interest

No employee, officer, board member, or agent of the Owner shall participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved. Such a conflict would arise when the employee, officer, board member, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization that employs, or is about to employ any of the above, has a financial or other interest in the firm selected for award.

5. **Lobbying**

Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. 1352, as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, PL 104-65 (2 U.S.C. §1601, et seq.). Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the certification required by 49 CFR part 20, "New Restrictions on Lobbying." Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S. C. 1352. Each tier shall comply with Federal statutory provisions or the extent applicable prohibiting the use of Federal assistance funds for activities designed to influence congress to a State legislature on legislation or appropriations, except through proper official channels. Each tier shall also disclose the name of any registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 who has made lobbying contacts on its behalf with non-Federal funds with respect to that Federal contract, grant or award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.

The requisite "Lobbying Certification" is included as ATTACHMENT A (attach Standard Form-LLL if necessary) and must be executed for contracts of \$100,000 or more and prior to the award of the contract.

6. **Civil Rights**

- (1) **Nondiscrimination** - In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, section 303 of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq., section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12101, and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, or disability. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing requirements FTA may issue.
 - (a) The third party contractor and all lower tiers shall comply with all provisions of FTA Circular 4701.1A, "Title VI and Title VI Dependent Guidelines for Federal Transit Administration recipients", May 13, 2007.
- (2) **Equal Employment Opportunity** - The following equal employment opportunity requirements apply to the underlying contract:
 - (a) Race, Color, Creed, National Origin, Sex - In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, and Federal transit laws at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements of U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL) regulations, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," 41 C.F.R. Parts 60 et seq., (which implement Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, "Amending

Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note), and with any applicable Federal statutes, executive orders, regulations, and Federal policies that may in the future affect construction activities undertaken in the course of the Project. The Contractor agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

(b) Equal Employment Opportunity Requirements for Construction Activities. For activities determined by the U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL) to qualify as "construction," the Contractor agrees to comply and assures the compliance of each subcontractor at any tier of the Project, with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements of U.S. DOL regulations, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," 41 C.F.R. Parts 60 *et seq.*, which implement Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, "Amending Executive Order No. 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," 42 U.S.C. § 2000(e) note, and also with any Federal laws, regulations, and directives affecting construction undertaken as part of the Project.

(3) **Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age** – The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable requirements of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6101 *et seq.*, and with implementing U.S. Health and Human Services regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance, 45 C.F.R. Part 90, which prohibit discrimination against individuals on the basis of age.

The Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA) 29 U.S.C. §§ 621 through 634 and with implementing U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (U.S. EEOC) regulations, "Age Discrimination in Employment Act," 29 C.F.R. Part 1625, which prohibits discrimination against individuals on the basis of age.

(4) **Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex** - The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681 *et seq.*, and with implementing U.S. DOT regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance," 49 C.F.R. Part 25, that prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex.

(5) **Access for Individuals with Disabilities** - The Contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. § 5301(d), which states the Federal policy that elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities have the same right as other individuals to use public transportation services and facilities, and that special efforts shall be made in planning and designing those services and facilities to implement transportation accessibility rights for elderly individuals and individuals with

disabilities. The Contractor also agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, with 29 U.S.C. § 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability; with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 *et seq.*, which requires that accessible facilities and services be made available to individuals with disabilities; and with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4151 *et seq.*, which requires that buildings and public accommodations be accessible to individuals with disabilities. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal regulations and directives and any subsequent amendments thereto, except to the extent the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing, as follows:

- (1) U.S. DOT regulations “Transportation Services for Individuals with Disabilities (ADA)” 49 C.F.R. Part 37;
- (2) U.S. DOT regulations “Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs and Activities Receiving or Benefiting from Federal Financial Assistance,” 49 C.F.R. Part 27;
- (3) Joint U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (U.S. ATBCB) U.S. DOT regulations, “Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Accessibility Specifications for Transportation Vehicles,” 36 C.F.R. Part 1192 and 49 C.F. R. Part 38;
- (4) U.S. DOJ regulations “Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services,” 28 C.F.R. Part 35;
- (5) U.S. DOJ regulations “Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability by Public Accommodations and in Commercial Facilities.” 28 C.F.R. Part 36;
- (6) U.S. GSA regulations “Accommodations for the Physically Handicapped,” 41 C.F.R. Subpart 101-19;
- (7) U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, “Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act,” 29 C.F.R. Part 1630;
- (8) U.S. Federal Communications Commission regulations “Telecommunications Relay Services and Related Customer Premises Equipment for the Hearing and Speech Disabled,” 49 C.F.R. Part 64, Subpart F;
- (9) U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board regulations, “Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility Standards.” 36 C.F.R. Part 1194;
- (10) FTA regulations, “Transportation of Elderly and Handicapped Persons,” 49 C.F.R. part 609; and
- (11) Federal civil rights and nondiscrimination directives implementing the foregoing Federal laws and regulations, except to the extent the Federal

Government determines otherwise in writing.

- (6) **Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency.** The Contractor agrees to comply with Executive Order No. 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency," 42 U.S.C. § 2000d-1 note, and U.S. DOT Notice, "DOT Policy Guidance Concerning Recipients' Responsibilities to Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Persons," 70 *Fed. Reg.* 74087, December 14, 2005, except to the extent that the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing.
- (7) **Environmental Justice.** The Contractor agrees to comply with the policies of Executive Order No. 12898, "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations," 42 U.S.C. § 4321 note; and DOT Order 5620.3, "Department of Transportation Actions To Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations," 62 *Fed. Reg.* 18377 *et seq.*, April 15, 1997, except to the extent that the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing.
- (8) **Drug or Alcohol Abuse-Confidentiality and Other Civil Rights Protections.** To the extent applicable, the Contractor agrees to comply with the confidentiality and other civil rights protections of the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972, as amended, 21 U.S.C. §§ 1101 *et seq.*, with the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4541 *et seq.*, and with the Public Health Service Act of 1912, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 290dd through 290dd-2, and any amendments thereto.
- (9) **Other Nondiscrimination Laws.** The Contractor agrees to comply with applicable provisions of other Federal laws and regulations, and follow applicable directives prohibiting discrimination, except to the extent that the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing.
- (10) The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA, modified only if necessary to identify the affected parties.

7. Contracting with Disadvantaged Business Enterprises

The newest version on the Department of Transportation's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program became effective October 1, 2004.

a. This contract is subject to the requirements of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26, *Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs* and with section 1101(b) of SAFETEA-LU, 23 U.S.C. § 101. The NC Department of Transportation/Public Transportation Division's overall goal for DBE participation is **8.6%**.

b. The contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out

applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of this DOT-assisted contract. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the **Department** deems appropriate. Each subcontract the contractor signs with a subcontractor must include the assurance in this paragraph (see 49 CFR 26.13(b)).

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

c. The contractor is required to pay its subcontractors performing work related to this contract for satisfactory performance of that work no later than 30 days after the contractor's receipt of payment for that work from the **Department**. In addition, **[the contractor may not hold retainage from its subcontractors.] [is required to return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within 30 days after the subcontractor's work related to this contract is satisfactorily completed.] [is required to return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within 30 days after incremental acceptance of the subcontractor's work by the Department and contractor's receipt of the partial retainage payment related to the subcontractor's work.]**

d. The contractor must promptly notify the **Department** whenever a DBE subcontractor performing work related to this contract is terminated or fails to complete its work, and must make good faith efforts to engage another DBE subcontractor to perform at least the same amount of work. The contractor may not terminate any DBE subcontractor and perform that work through its own forces or those of an affiliate without prior written consent of the **Department**.

8. Clean Air Act

(a) The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to Section 306 of the Clean Air Act as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7606, and other applicable provisions of the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 through 7671q. The Contractor agrees to report any violation to the Purchaser and understands and agrees that the Purchaser will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the State and/or FTA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office.

(b) The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal Assistance provided by FTA.

9. Clean Water

(a) The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to Section 508 of the Clean Water Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. § 1368, and other applicable requirements of the Clean Water Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1251 through 1377. The Contractor agrees to report each violation as required to assure notification to FTA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office.

(b) The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

10. Environmental Protection

The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, (NEPA) 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 through 4335 (as restricted by 42 U.S.C. § 5159, if applicable); Executive Order No. 11514, as amended, "Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality," 42 U.S.C. § 4321 note; FTA statutory requirements at 49 U.S.C. § 5324(b); U.S. Council on Environmental Quality regulations pertaining to compliance with NEPA, 40 C.F.R. Parts 1500 through 1508; and joint FHWA FTA regulations, "Environmental Impact and Related Procedures," 23 C.F.R. Part 771 and 49 C.F.R. Part 622; and other applicable Federal environmental protection regulations that may be promulgated at a later date. The Contractor agrees to comply with the applicable provisions of 23 U.S.C. § 139 pertaining to environmental procedures, and 23 U.S.C. § 326, pertaining to Purchaser's responsibility for categorical exclusions, in accordance with the provisions of joint FHWA/FTA final guidance, "SAFETEA-LU Environmental Review Process (Public Law 109-59)," 71 Fed. Reg. 66576 *et seq.* November 15, 2006 and any applicable Federal directives that may be issued at a later date, except to the extent that FTA determines otherwise in writing.

11. Energy Conservation

The Contractor agrees to comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency that are contained in the state energy conservation plans issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, 42 U.S.C. Sect. 6321 *et seq.*

12. Fly America

The Contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. 40118 (the "Fly America" Act) in accordance with the General Services Administration's regulations at 41 CFR Part 301-10, which provide that recipients and subrecipients of Federal funds and their contractors are required to use U.S. Flag air carriers for U.S. Government-financed international air travel and transportation of their personal effects or property, to the extent such service is available, unless travel by foreign air carrier is a matter of necessity, as defined by the Fly America Act. The Contractor shall submit, if a foreign air carrier was used, an appropriate certification or memorandum adequately explaining why service by a U.S. flag air carrier was not available or why it was necessary to use a foreign air carrier and shall, in any event, provide a certificate of compliance with the Fly America requirements. The Contractor agrees to include the requirements of this section in all subcontracts that may involve international air transportation.

13. Debarment and Suspensions

This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 CFR Part 1200, which adopts and supplements the provisions of U.S. Office of Management and

Budget (U.S. OMB) "Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," 2 CFR Part 180. As such, the contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor, its principals, as defined at 2 CFR 180.995, or affiliates, as defined at 2 CFR 180.905, are excluded or disqualified as defined at 2 CFR 180.940, 180.935 and 180.945.

The contractor is required to comply with 2 CFR 180, Subpart C and must include the requirement to comply with 2 CFR 180, Subpart C in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

By signing and submitting its bid or proposal, the bidder or proposer certifies as follows:

The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by the **Procuring Agency**. If it is later determined that the bidder or proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to **Procuring Agency**, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 CFR 180, Subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

The Procuring Agency agrees and assures that its third party contractors and lessees will review the "Excluded Parties Listing System" at <http://epls.gov/> before entering into any subagreement, lease or third party contract.

The Procuring Agency will be reviewing all third party contractors under the Excluded Parties Listing System at <http://epls.gov/> before entering into any contracts.

The requisite Debarment and Suspension Certification is included as ATTACHMENT B (attach additional statement if necessary) and must be executed for contracts of \$25,000 or more and prior to the award of the contract.

14. Termination or Cancellation of Contract

The Owner, by written notice, may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, when it is in the best interest of the project. If this contract is terminated, the Owner shall be liable only for payment under the payment provisions of this contract for services rendered before the effective date of termination.

The Owner may terminate this contract in whole or in part, for the Owner's convenience or because of the failure of the Contractor to fulfill the contract obligations. The Owner shall terminate by delivering to the Contractor a Notice of Termination specifying the nature, extent, and effective date of the termination. Upon receipt of the notice, the Contractor shall (1) immediately discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise), and (2) deliver to the Owner all data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and other information and materials accumulated in performing this contract, whether completed or in process.

If the termination is for the convenience of the Owner shall make an equitable adjustment in the contract price but shall allow no anticipated profit on unperformed services.

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

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

15. Breach of Contract

If the Contractor does not deliver the required services or the Contractor fails to perform in the manner called for in the contract, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of the contract, the Owner may terminate this contract for default. Termination shall be effected by serving a notice of termination on the contractor setting forth the manner in which the Contractor is in default. The contractor will only be paid the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in the contract.

If it is later determined by the Owner that the Contractor had an excusable reason for not performing, such as a strike, fire, or flood, events which are not the fault of or are beyond the control of the Contractor, the Owner, after setting up a new delivery of performance schedule, may allow the Contractor to continue work, or treat the termination as a termination for convenience.

The Owner in its sole discretion may, in the case of a termination for breach or default, allow the Contractor [an appropriately short period of time] in which to cure the defect. In such case, the notice of termination will state the time period in which cure is permitted and other appropriate conditions.

If the Contractor fails to remedy to Owner's satisfaction the breach or default of any of the terms, covenants, or conditions of this Contract within [ten (10) days] after receipt by Contractor of written notice from Owner setting forth the nature of said breach or default, The Owner shall have the right to terminate the Contract without any further obligation to Contractor. Any such termination for default shall not in any way operate to preclude Owner from also pursuing all available remedies against Contractor and its sureties for said breach or default.

16. Resolution of Disputes

Disputes - Disputes arising in the performance of this Contract which are not resolved by agreement of the parties shall be decided in writing by the authorized representative of the Owner. This decision shall be final and conclusive unless within ten (10) days from the date of receipt of its copy, the Contractor mails or otherwise furnishes a written appeal to the authorized representative of the Owner. In connection with any such appeal, the Contractor shall be afforded an

opportunity to be heard and to offer evidence in support of its position. The decision of the authorized representative of the Owner shall be binding upon the Contractor and the Contractor shall abide by the decision.

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

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

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

Rights and Remedies - The duties and obligations imposed by the Contract Documents and the rights and remedies available thereunder shall be in addition to and not a limitation of any duties, obligations, rights and remedies otherwise imposed or available by law. No action or failure to act by the Owner, Architect or Contractor shall constitute a waiver of any right or duty afforded any of them under the Contract, nor shall any such action or failure to act constitute an approval of or acquiescence in any breach thereunder, except as may be specifically agreed in writing.

17. Protest Procedures

To ensure that protests are received and processed effectively the Purchaser shall provide written bid protest procedures upon request. In all instances information regarding the protest shall be disclosed to the N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT). All protest requests and decisions must be in writing. A protester must exhaust all administrative remedies with the Purchaser before pursuing remedies through the NCDOT. Reviews of protests by the NCDOT will be limited to the Purchaser's failure to have or follow its protest procedures, or its failure to review a complaint or protest. An appeal to the NCDOT must be received by the Department within three (3) working days of the date the protester knew or should have known of the violation. An appeal to FTA must be received by the cognizant FTA regional or Headquarters Office within five (5) working days of the date the protester knew or should have known of the violation. Violations of Federal law or regulation will be handled by the complaint process stated within that law or regulation. Violations of State or local law or regulations will be under the jurisdiction of State or local authorities.

18. No Federal Government Obligations to Third Parties

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

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

19. False or Fraudulent Statements or Claims

(1) The Contractor acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. §3801 et seq. and U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 C.F.R. Part 31, apply to its activities in connection with this Project. Accordingly, upon execution of the underlying contract or agreement the Contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, pertaining to the underlying contract or the FTA assisted project for which this contract work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may apply, the Contractor also acknowledges that if it makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the Federal Government, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, on the Contractor to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

(2) The Contractor also acknowledges that if it makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, certification, assurance or representation to the Federal Government or includes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in any agreement involving a project authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 or any other Federal statute, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose on the Contractor the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 or other applicable Federal statute to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

(3) The Contractor agrees to include the above two clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA. It is further agreed that the clauses shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to the provisions.

20. Access to Records and Reports

The Contractor agrees to permit, and require its subcontractors to permit, the U.S. Secretary of Transportation, and the Comptroller General of the United States, and, to the extent appropriate, the State, or their authorized representatives, upon their request to inspect all Project work, materials, payrolls, and other data, and to audit the books, records, and accounts of the Contractor

and its subcontractors pertaining to the Project, as required by 49 U.S.C. § 5325(g).

Contractor also agrees, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 633.17 to provide the FTA Administrator or his authorized representatives including any PMO Contractor access to Contractor's records and construction sites pertaining to a major capital project, defined at 49 U.S. D. 5302(a)1, which is receiving federal financial assistance through the programs described at 49 U.S.C. 5303, 5307, 5309, 5310, 5311, 5316, or 5317.

The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.

The Contractor agrees to maintain all books, records, accounts and reports required under this contract for a period of not less than three (3) years after that date of termination or expiration of this contract, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this contract, in which case Contractor agrees to maintain same until the Purchaser, the FTA Administrator, the Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives have disposed of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto. Reference 49 C.F.R. 18.39 (i)(11).

The State of North Carolina, Office of the State Auditor, now requires that all records now be retained for five (5) years after that date of termination or expiration of this contract, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this contract, in which case Contractor agrees to maintain same until the Purchaser, the FTA Administrator, the Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives have disposed of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto.

21. Patents and Rights in Data

A. Rights in Data - These following requirements apply to each contract involving experimental, developmental, or research work:

(1) The term "subject data" used in this clause means recorded information, whether or not copyrighted, that is delivered or specified to be delivered under the 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: computer software, engineering drawings and associated lists, specifications, standards, process sheets, manuals, technical reports, catalog item identifications, and related information. The term "subject data" does not include financial reports, cost analyses, and similar information incidental to contract administration.

(2) The following restrictions apply to all subject data first produced in the performance of the contract to which this Attachment has been added:

(a) Except for its own internal use, the Purchaser or Contractor may not publish or reproduce subject data in whole or in part, or in any manner or form, nor may the Purchaser or Contractor authorize others to do so, without the written consent of the Federal Government, until such time as the Federal Government may have either released or approved the release of such data to the public; this restriction on publication, however, does not apply to any contract with an academic institution.

(b) In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 18.34 and 49 C.F.R. § 19.36, the Federal Government reserves a royalty-free, non-exclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use, for "Federal Government purposes", any subject data or copyright described in subsections (2)(b)1 and (2)(b)2 of this clause below. As used in the previous sentence, "for Federal Government purposes," means use only for the direct purposes of the Federal Government. Without the copyright owner's consent, the Federal Government may not extend its Federal license to any other party.

1. Any subject data developed under that contract, whether or not a copyright has been obtained; and
2. Any rights of copyright purchased by the Purchaser or Contractor using Federal assistance in whole or in part provided by FTA.

(c) When FTA awards Federal assistance for experimental, developmental, or research work, it is FTA's general intention to increase transportation knowledge available to the public, rather than to restrict the benefits resulting from the work to participants in that work. Therefore, unless FTA determines otherwise, the Purchaser and the Contractor performing experimental, developmental, or research work required by the underlying contract to which this Attachment is added agrees to permit FTA to make available to the public, either FTA's license in the copyright to any subject data developed in the course of that contract, or a copy of the subject data first produced under the contract for which a copyright has not been obtained. If the experimental, developmental, or research work, which is the subject of the underlying contract, is not completed for any reason whatsoever, all data developed under that contract shall become subject data as defined in subsection (a) of this clause and shall be delivered as the Federal Government may direct. This subsection (c), however, does not apply to adaptations of automatic data processing equipment or programs for the Purchaser or Contractor's use whose costs are financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA for transportation capital projects.

(d) Unless prohibited by state law, upon request by the Federal Government, the Purchaser and the Contractor agree to indemnify, save, and hold harmless the Federal 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 the Purchaser or Contractor of proprietary rights, copyrights, or right of privacy, arising out of the publication, translation, reproduction, delivery, use, or disposition, of any data furnished under that contract. Neither the Purchaser nor the Contractor shall be required to indemnify the Federal Government for any such liability arising out of the wrongful act of any employee, official, or agents, of the Federal Government.

(e) Nothing contained in this clause on rights in data shall imply a license to the Federal Government under any patent or be construed as affecting the scope of any license or other right otherwise granted to the Federal Government under any patent.

(f) Data developed by the Purchaser or Contractor and financed entirely without using Federal assistance provided by the Federal Government that has been incorporated into work required by the underlying contract to which this Attachment has been added is exempt from the requirements of subsections (b), (c), and (d) of this clause, provided that the Purchaser or Contractor identifies that data in writing at the time of delivery of the contract work

(g) Unless FTA determines otherwise, the Contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract for experimental, developmental, or research work financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

(3) Unless the Federal Government later makes a contrary determination in writing, irrespective of the Contractor's status (i.e., a large business, small business, state government or state instrumentality, local government, nonprofit organization, institution of higher education, individual, etc.), the Purchaser and the Contractor agree to take the necessary actions to provide, through FTA, those rights in that invention due the Federal Government as described in U.S. Department of Commerce regulations, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," 37 C.F.R. Part 401.

(4) Therefore, when the Project is completed, the Contractor agrees to provide a Project report that FTA may publish or make available for publication on the Internet. In addition, the Contractor agrees to provide other reports pertaining to the Project that FTA may request. The Contractor agrees to identify clearly any specific confidential, privileged, or proprietary information it submits to FTA.

(5) The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract for experimental, developmental, or research work financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

B. Patent Rights - These following requirements apply to each contract involving experimental, developmental, or research work:

(1) General - If any invention, improvement, or discovery is conceived or first actually reduced to practice in the course of or under the contract to which this Attachment has been added, and that invention, improvement, or discovery is patentable under the laws of the United States of America or any foreign country, the Purchaser and Contractor agree to take actions necessary to provide immediate notice and a detailed report to the party at a higher tier until FTA is ultimately notified.

(2) Unless the Federal Government later makes a contrary determination in writing, irrespective of the Contractor's status (a large business, small business, state government or state instrumentality, local government, nonprofit

organization, institution of higher education, individual), the Purchaser and the Contractor agree to take the necessary actions to provide, through FTA, those rights in that invention due the Federal Government as described in U.S. Department of Commerce regulations, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," 37 C.F.R. Part 401.

(3) The Contractor also agrees to include the requirements of this clause in each subcontract for experimental, developmental, or research work financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

22. Privacy

To the extent that the Contractor, or its subcontractors, if any, or any to their respective employees administer any system of records on behalf of the Federal Government, Contractor agrees to comply with, and assure the compliance of its subcontractors, if any, with the information restrictions and other applicable requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. Sect. 552, (the Privacy Act).

The Contractor shall obtain the express consent of the Department and the Federal Government before the Contractor, and any subcontractors, or any of their respective employees operate a system of records on behalf of the Federal Government. Failure to do so may result in termination of the Contract and civil and criminal penalties for violation of the Privacy Act.

The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract to administer any system of records on behalf of the Federal Government financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

23. National Intelligent Transportation Systems Architecture and Standards

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

24. Architectural, Engineering or Related Services

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. § 5325(b), the Contractor agrees to comply with the following requirements pertaining to the procurement of architectural engineering or related services that will be financed with Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 or required by Federal law to be administered in accordance with 49 U.S.C. chapter 53:

- (1) When procuring architectural engineering, or related services, the Contractor agrees that it and its subcontractors at any tier will:

- (a) Negotiate for architectural engineering or related services in the same manner as a contract for architectural engineering, or related services is negotiated under chapter 11 of Title 40, United States Code, or
- (b) Comply with an equivalent State qualifications-based requirement for contracting for architectural engineering, or related services, provided the State has adopted by law such requirement before August 10, 2005.
- (2) Upon awarding a contract for architectural engineering or related services, the Contractor agrees that it and its subcontractors at any tier will:
 - (a) Perform and audit the third party contract or the third party subcontract in compliance with the cost principles of the FAR as set forth in 48 C.F.R. Part 31.
 - (b) Accept the indirect cost rates established by a cognizant Federal or State government agency in accordance with the FAR for one-year applicable accounting periods, if those rates are not currently under dispute.
 - (c) Apply the firm's indirect cost rates, without any limitation by administrative or de facto ceilings, for purposes of contract estimation, negotiation, administration, reporting, and contract payment, after the firm's indirect cost rates are accepted as described in Subsection 15.p(2)(b) of this Master Agreement.
 - (d) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. § 5325(b)(2)(D), the Recipient agrees and assures that it and the members of any group of entities sharing cost or rate data described in Subsection 15.p(2)(c) of this Master Agreement shall:
 - 1. Notify any affected firm before requesting or using that data,
 - 2. Maintain the confidentiality of that data, and assure that it is not accessible or provided to others, and
 - 3. Not disclose that data under any circumstances if doing so is prohibited by 49 U.S.C. § 5325(b) or other law.

25. Seismic Safety

The contractor agrees that any new building or addition to an existing building will be designed and constructed in accordance with the standards for Seismic Safety required in Department of Transportation Seismic Safety Regulations 49 C.F.R. Part 41, and will certify to compliance to the extent required by the regulation the contractor also agrees to ensure that all work performed under this contract including work performed by a subcontractor is in compliance with the standards required by the Seismic Safety Regulations and the certification of compliance issued on the project. *(applicable to A&E contracts)*

26. State and Local Disclaimer

The use of many of the suggested clauses are not governed by Federal law, but are significantly affected by State law. The language of the suggested clauses may need to be modified depending on state law, and that before the suggested clauses are used in the grantees procurement documents, the grantees should consult with their local attorney.

27. Incorporation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Terms

The preceding provisions include, in part, certain Standard Terms and Conditions required by DOT, whether or not expressly set forth in the preceding contract provisions. All contractual provisions required by DOT, as set forth in FTA Circular 4220.1F, dated November 1, 2008, are hereby incorporated by reference. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, all FTA mandated terms shall be deemed to control in the event of a conflict with other provisions contained in this Agreement. The Contractor shall not perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any (name of grantee) requests which would cause (name of grantee) to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions.

28. Hold Harmless

Except as prohibited or otherwise limited by State law, the Contractor agrees to indemnify, save, and hold harmless the Owner of this Contract and its officers, agents, and employees acting within the scope of their official duties against any liability, including all claims, losses, costs and expenses accruing or resulting to any other person, firm, or corporation furnishing or supplying work, services, materials, or supplies in connection with the performance of this contract, and from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any person, firm, or corporation that may be injured or damaged by the contractor or subcontractor in the performance of this contract and that are attributable to the negligence or intentionally tortuous acts of the contractor.

The Contractor represents and warrants that it shall make no claim of any kind or nature against the Owner or its agents who are involved in the delivery or processing of contractor goods to the Owner. The representation and warranty in the preceding sentence shall survive the termination or expiration of this contract.

29. Safe Operation of Motor Vehicles

a. Seat Belt Use.

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 13043, April 16, 1997, 23 U. S. C. § 402, the Contractor is encouraged to adopt and promote on-the-job seat belt use policies and programs for its employees and other personnel that operate company-owned, rented, or personally-operated vehicles and include this provision in any third party subcontracts, leases or similar documents in connection with this project.

b. Distracted Driving, Including Texting While Driving.

Consistent with Executive Order No. 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving," October 1, 2009, 23 U.S.C. Section 402 note, and DOT Order 3902.10, "Text Messaging While Driving," December 30, 2009, FTA encourages each third party contractor to promote policies and initiatives for its employees and other personnel that adopt and promote safety policies to

decrease crashes by distracted drivers, including policies to ban text messaging while driving, and to include this provision in any third party subcontract leases or similar documents in connection with this project.

c. Safety. The Contractor is encouraged to:

- (a) Adopt and enforce workplace safety policies to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers including policies to ban text messaging while driving—

Company-owned or rented vehicles; Privately-owned vehicles when on official Project related business or when performing any work for or on behalf of the Project; or any vehicle, on or off duty, and using an electronic device.

- (b) Education, awareness, and other outreach to employees about the safety risks associated with texting while driving.

c. Definitions

- (1) "Driving" means operating a motor vehicle on a roadway, including while temporarily stationary because of traffic, a traffic light, stop sign, or otherwise. "Driving" does not include being in your vehicle (with or without the motor running) in a location off the roadway where it is safe and legal to remain stationary.
- (2) "Text Messaging" means reading from or entering data into any handheld or other electronic device, including for the purpose of short message service texting, e-mailing, instant messaging, obtaining navigational information, or engaging in any other form of electronic data retrieval or electronic data communication. The term does not include the use of a cell phone or other electronic device for the limited purpose of entering a telephone number to make an outgoing call or answer an incoming call, unless the practice is prohibited by State or local law.

30. Metric System

To the extent required by U.S. DOT or FTA, the Contractor agrees to use the metric system of measurement in its Contract activities as may be required by 49 U.S.C. Sect. 205a et seq.; Executive Order No. 12770, "Metric Usage in Federal Government Programs," 15 U.S.C. Sect. 205a; and other regulations, guidelines and policies issued by U.S. DOT or FTA. To the extent practicable and feasible, the Contractor agrees to accept products and services with dimensions expressed in the metric system of measurement.

31. Geographic Information and Related Spatial Data.

In accordance with U.S. OMB Circular A-16, "Coordination of Geographic Information and Related Spatial Data Activities," August 19, 2002, the Contractor

agrees to implement this Project so that any activities involving spatial data and geographic information systems activities financed directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, by Federal assistance, are consistent with the National Spatial Data Infrastructure promulgated by the Federal Geographic Data Committee, except to the extent that FTA determines otherwise in writing.

32. Exclusionary or Discriminatory Specifications or Requirements

The Contractor agrees that it will comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. Sect. 5325(h) by refraining from using any funds derived from FTA in performance of this Contract to support any sub-contracts using exclusionary or discriminatory specifications or requirements.

33. North Carolina State Ethic's Requirement

Pursuant to Governor Perdue's Executive Order # 24, this section should be included in the terms and conditions of all contracts let by the Governor's Cabinet Agencies and the Office of the Governor:

- 1) "By Executive Order 24, issued by Governor Perdue, and N.C. G.S. § 133-32, it is unlawful for any vendor or contractor (i.e. architect, bidder, contractor, construction manager, design professional, engineer, landlord, offeror, seller, subcontractor, supplier, or vendor), to make gifts or to give favors to any State employee of the Governor's Cabinet Agencies (i.e., Administration, Commerce, Correction, Crime Control and Public Safety, Cultural Resources, Environment and Natural Resources, Health and Human Services, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Revenue, Transportation, and the Office of the Governor). This prohibition covers those vendors and contractors who:

- (1) have a contract with a governmental agency; or
- (2) have performed under such a contract within the past year; or
- (3) anticipate bidding on such a contract in the future.

For additional information regarding the specific requirements and exemptions, vendors and contractors are encouraged to review Executive Order 24 and G.S. Sec. 133-32.

Executive Order 24 also encouraged and invited other State Agencies to implement the requirements and prohibitions of the Executive Order to their agencies. Vendors and contractors should contact other State Agencies to determine if those agencies have adopted Executive Order 24."

To be added near the signature portion of all contracts let by the Governor's Cabinet Agencies and the Office of the Governor:

"N.C.G.S. § 133-32 and Executive Order 24 prohibit the offer to, or acceptance by, any State Employee of any gift from anyone with a contract with the State, or from any person seeking to do business with the State. By execution of any

response in this procurement, you attest, for your entire organization and its employees or agents, that you are not aware that any such gift has been offered, accepted, or promised by any employees of your organization.”

34. Sensitive Security Information

Each third party contractor must protect, and take measures to ensure that its subcontractors at each tier protect, “sensitive security information” made available during the administration of a third party contract or subcontract to ensure compliance with 49 U.S.C. Section 40119(b) and implementing DOT regulations, “Protection of Sensitive Security Information,” 49 CFR Part 15, and with 49 U.S.C. Section 114(r) and implementing Department of Homeland Security regulations, “Protection of Sensitive Security Information,” 49 CFR Part 1520.

ATTACHMENT A

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

(To be submitted with all bids or offers exceeding \$100,000; must be executed prior to Award)

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

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any persons for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding to any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions [as amended by "Government wide Guidance for New Restrictions on Lobbying," 61 Fed. Reg. 1413 (1/19/96). Note: language in paragraph (2) herein has been modified in accordance with Section 10 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-65, to be codified at 2 U.S.C. 1601, *et seq.*.)]
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transactions imposed by 31, U.S.C. 1352 (as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995). Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

[Note: Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352(c)(1)-(2)(A), any person who makes a prohibited expenditure or fails to file or amend a required certification or disclosure form shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 for each such expenditure or failure.]

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

Date

Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

Name and Title of Contractors Authorized Official

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 20____, in the State of _____;
and the County of _____.

Notary Public _____
My Appointment Expires _____

ATTACHMENT B

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION,
INELIGIBILITY and VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION
LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTION

(To be submitted with all bids exceeding \$25,000.)

- (1) The prospective lower tier participant (Bidder/Contractor) certifies, by submission of this bid or proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (2) The prospective Bidder/Contractor also certifies by submission of this bid or proposal that all subcontractors and suppliers (this requirement flows down to all subcontracts at all levels) are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (3) Where the prospective lower tier participant (Bidder/Contractor) is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this bid or proposal.

The lower tier participant (Bidder/Contractor), _____, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of this statement of its certification and disclosure, if any.

DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____

COMPANY _____

NAME _____

TITLE _____

State of _____

County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public _____

My Appointment Expires _____