

**SANTEE WATEREE RTA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**



SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL
2:00 P.M. On Thursday, November 10, 2022 Local
Time.

U. S. MAIL PROPOSALS TO: SANTEE WATEREE RTA
COMPLIANCE OFFICER
P.O. BOX 2462
SUMTER, SC 29151

HAND CARRY/UPS, FEDEX, ETC. PROPOSALS TO:
SANTEE WATEREE RTA
COMPLIANCE OFFICER
129 SOUTH HARVIN STREET
SUMTER, SC 29150

SWRTA 22/23-03 – PROPOSAL NO. TO BE SHOWN ON ENVELOPE

PROPOSAL TITLE: New contract for uniform leasing

DIRECT INQUIRIES TO: Patricia Drakeford at pdrakeford@swrta.com

REASON FOR BIDS: To procure new contract for uniform leasing.

Submit Offer By: 11/10/2022 by 2:00pm Questions Must be Received by: 10/27/2022 by 4:00pm

Number of Copies: 5 **Notice of Award: 11/14/2022**

VENDOR NAME: REQUEST # SWRTA 22/23-03

VENDOR MAILING ADDRESS

FEDERAL I.D. OR SOCIAL SECURITY NO.

CITY, STATE, ZIPCODE

AREA CODE TELEPHONE NUMBER

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE (MANUAL)

I CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPOSAL IS MADE WITHOUT PRIOR UNDERSTANDING, AGREEMENT, CONNECTION WITH ANY CORPORATION, FIRM, OR PERSON SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL FOR THE SAME MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, OR EQUIPMENT, AND IS IN ALL RESPECTS FAIR & WITHOUT COLLUSION OR FRAUD. I AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL CONDITIONS OF THIS PROPOSAL AND CERTIFY THAT I AM AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THIS PROPOSAL FOR THE PROPOSAL.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE (TYPED)

TITLE

DATE

IMPORTANT

DISCUSSIONS/NEGOTIATIONS: BY SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL, VENDOR AGREES THAT DURING THE PERIOD FOLLOWING ISSUANCE OF A PROPOSAL AND PRIOR TO NOTIFICATION OF INTENT AND/OR AWARD OF CONTRACT, VENDOR SHALL NOT DISCUSS THIS PROCUREMENT WITH ANY PARTY EXCEPT MEMBERS OF THE SWRTA'S PROCUREMENT OFFICE OR OTHER PARTIES DESIGNATED IN THIS SOLICITATION. VENDOR SHALL NOT ATTEMPT TO DISCUSS WITH OR ATTEMPT TO DISCUSS WITH OR ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE END USER ANY ASPECTS OF THE PROCUREMENT WITH PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE PROCUREMENT OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROCUREMENT.

BID ACCEPTANCE AND DELIVERY STATEMENT: IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE INVITATION, AND SUBJECT TO ALL CONDITIONS THEREOF, THE ABOVE SIGNED OFFERS AND AGREES, IF THIS PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTED WITHIN 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF OPENING TO FURNISH ANY OR ALL ITEMS/SERVICES QUOTED ON AT PRICES SET FORTH AFTER THE ITEM.

Signatory Page – Exhibit A

Table of Contents

SECTION I

Scope of Solicitation	4
ACQUIRE SERVICES.....	4
MAXIMUM CONTRACT PERIOD - ESTIMATED.....	4
SECTION IIA – Instructions to Offerors – A. General Instructions	4
DEFINITIONS.....	4
AMENDMENTS TO SOLICITATION.....	4
OPENING PROPOSALS.....	5
AWARD NOTIFICATION.....	5
AWARD TO ONE OFFEROR.....	5
BANKRUPTCY NOTICE.....	5
BID/PROPOSAL AS OFFER TO CONTRACT.....	5
BID ACCEPTANCE PERIOD.....	5
BID IN ENGLISH and DOLLARS.....	5
BOARD AS PROCUREMENT AGENT.....	5
CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION.....	5-6
CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS.....	6
CODE OF LAWS AVAILABLE.....	7
COMPLETION OF FORMS/CORRECTION OF ERRORS.....	7
DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR UNFAIR COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE.....	7
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF OFFER.....	7
DRUG FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION.....	7
DUTY TO INQUIRE.....	7
ETHICS CERTIFICATE.....	7
ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION.....	7-8
INDEMNIFICATION-THIRD PARTY CLAIMS.....	8
OMIT TAXES FROM PRICE.....	8
PROTESTS.....	8
QUESTIONS FROM OFFERORS.....	8
SUBCONTRACTOR-IDENTIFICATION.....	8
REJECTION/CANCELLATION.....	9
RESPONSIVENESS/IMPROPER OFFERS.....	9
RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO OFFERORS.....	9
SIGNING YOUR OFFER.....	9
OFFICE CLOSINGS.....	9
SUBMITTING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.....	10
SUBMITTING YOUR OFFER OR MODIFICATION.....	10
TAX CREDIT FOR SUBCONTRACTING WITH DISADVANTAGED SMALL BUSINESSES.....	10
TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER.....	11
VENDOR REGISTRATION MANDATORY.....	11
WITHDRAWAL OR CORRECTION OF OFFER.....	11
SECTION IIB – Instructions to Offerors – B. Special Instructions	11
CONTENTS OF OFFER (RFP) -- SWRTA.....	11
CLARIFICATION.....	11
DISCUSSIONS and NEGOTIATIONS.....	11
SECTION III – Scope of Work/Specifications	12-17
SECTION IV – Information for Offerors to Submit	18
INFORMATION FOR OFFERORS TO SUBMIT -- GENERAL.....	18
BIDDING SCHEDULE.....	18
EVALUATION FACTORS.....	18
SECTION V – Qualifications	19
QUALIFICATION OF OFFEROR.....	19
SECTION VI – Award Criteria	19
AWARD CRITERIA -- PROPOSALS.....	19
SECTION VII – Terms and Conditions – A. General	19

ASSIGNMENT	19
CHOICE-OF-LAW	20
CONTRACT DOCUMENTS and ORDER OF PRECEDENCE	20
DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT	20
DISPUTES.....	20
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY.....	20
FALSE CLAIMS	20
FIXED PRICING REQUIRED.....	21
NON-INDEMNIFICATION.	21
NOTICE.....	21
PAYMENT and INTEREST.....	21
PUBLICITY.....	21
PURCHASE ORDERS.....	21
IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT.....	21
SETOFF	21-22
SURVIVAL OF OBLIGATIONS.....	22
TAXES	22
TERMINATION DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY OF FUNDS	22
THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY.....	22
WAIVER	22
SECTION VII – Terms and Conditions – B. Special	22
BANKRUPTCY.....	22
CHANGES.....	22-23
CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL.....	23
CONTRACTOR’S OBLIGATION... ..	23
DEFAULT	23-24
INDEMNIFICATION – 3 RD PARTY CLAIMS – GENERAL	24
PRICE ADJUSTMENTS.....	24-25
RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES... ..	25
LICENSES & PERMITS.....	25
TERM OF CONTRACT – TERMINATION BY CONTRACTOR.....	25
TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE	25-26
FTA FEDERAL CLAUSES.....	27-34
SECTION VIII. - Attachments to Solicitation	35-37
GOVERNMENT-WIDE DEBARMENT & SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION... ..	35
LOBBYING CERTIFICATION.....	36
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS... ..	37

I. SCOPE OF SOLICITATION

Santee Wateree Regional Transportation Authority (SWRTA) desires to provide uniform lease services for its vehicle operators, dispatcher/schedulers, and maintenance technicians. There are currently 30 operators and dispatcher/schedulers located at three operating locations – Sumter, Orangeburg, and Bishopville. There are six (6) maintenance technicians located in Sumter. The specification covers provisions for furnishing uniform lease to include all labor, transportation, equipment and material necessary to provide the required level of service for the designated SWRTA employees.

ACQUIRE SERVICES

The purpose of this solicitation is to establish a new uniform leasing contract.

MAXIMUM CONTRACT PERIOD

Start date: 11/28/2022 End date: 11/30/2023. Dates provided are estimates only. Any resulting contract will begin on the date specified in the notice of award.

- Other Miscellaneous Information

Contract Term: The initial term of this contract will be for one (1) year with the option to renew for an additional four (4) years.

Proposal Submittal: Offerors should use 12-point font and provide proposals in an 8.5 by 11 inch format.

P

II. INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS - A. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

DEFINITIONS EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED HEREIN, THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS ARE APPLICABLE TO ALL PARTS OF THE SOLICITATION.

AMENDMENT means a document issued to supplement the original solicitation document.

BOARD means the SANTEE WATEREE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD.

BUYER means the Procurement Officer.

CHANGE ORDER means any written alteration in specifications, delivery point, rate of delivery, period of performance, price, quantity, or other provisions of any contract accomplished by mutual agreement of the parties to the contract.

CONTRACT See clause entitled Contract Documents & Order of Precedence.

CONTRACT MODIFICATION means a written order signed by the Procurement Officer, directing the contractor to make changes which the changes clause of the contract authorizes the Procurement Officer to order without the consent of the contractor.

CONTRACTOR means the Offeror receiving an award as a result of this solicitation.

COVER PAGE means the top page of the original solicitation on which the solicitation is identified by number. Offerors are cautioned that Amendments may modify information provided on the Cover Page.

OFFER means the bid or proposal submitted in response to this solicitation. The terms Bid and Proposal are used interchangeably with the term Offer.

OFFEROR means the single legal entity submitting the offer. The term Bidder is used interchangeably with the term Offeror. See bidding provisions entitled Signing Your Offer and Bid/Proposal As Offer To Contract.

ORDERING ENTITY or Using Governmental Unit means SWRTA that has submitted a Purchase Order. **PAGE TWO** means the second page of the original solicitation, which is labeled Page Two.

PROCUREMENT OFFICER means the person, or his successor, identified as such on the Cover Page. **YOU** and **YOUR** means Offeror.

SOLICITATION means this document, including all its parts, attachments, and any Amendments. **SWRTA** means the Using Entity identified on the Cover Page.

SUBCONTRACTOR means any person having a contract to perform work or render service to Contractor as a part of the Contractor's agreement arising from this solicitation.

AMENDMENTS TO SOLICITATION

(a) The Solicitation may be amended at any time prior to opening. All actual and prospective Offerors will be contacted for the issuance of Amendments via email (b) Offerors shall acknowledge receipt of any amendment to

this solicitation (1) by signing and returning the amendment, (2) by identifying the amendment number and date in the space provided for this purpose on Page Two, (3) by letter, or (4) by submitting a bid/proposal that indicates in some way that the bidder received the amendment. (c) If this solicitation is amended, then all terms and conditions which are not modified remain unchanged.

OPENING PROPOSALS-PRICES NOT DIVULGED

In competitive sealed proposals, prices will not be divulged at opening.

AWARD NOTIFICATION

Notice regarding any award or cancellation of award will be posted at the location specified on the Cover Page. If the contract resulting from this Solicitation has a total or potential value of fifty thousand dollars or more, such notice will be sent to all Offerors responding to the Solicitation. Should the contract resulting from this Solicitation have a total or potential value of one hundred thousand dollars or more, such notice will be sent to all Offerors responding to the Solicitation and any award will not be effective until the eleventh day after such notice is given.

AWARD TO ONE OFFEROR

Award will be made to one Offeror.

BANKRUPTCY (a) NOTICE

In the event the Contractor enters into proceedings relating to bankruptcy, whether voluntary or involuntary, the Contractor agrees to furnish written notification of the bankruptcy to the Using Governmental Unit. This notification shall be furnished within five (5) days of the initiation of the proceedings relating to the bankruptcy filing. This notification shall include the date on which the bankruptcy petition was filed, the identity of the court in which the bankruptcy petition was filed, and a listing of all State contracts against which final payment has not been made. This obligation remains in effect until final payment under this Contract. (b) Termination. This contract is voidable and subject to immediate termination by the State upon the contractor's insolvency, including the filing of proceedings in bankruptcy.

BID/PROPOSAL AS OFFER TO CONTRACT

By submitting Your Bid or Proposal, you are offering to enter into a contract with Santee Wateree RTA. Without further action by either party, a binding contract shall result upon final award. Any award issued will be issued to, and the contract will be formed with, the entity identified as the Offeror on the Cover Page. An Offer may be submitted by only one legal entity; "joint bids" are not allowed.

BID ACCEPTANCE PERIOD

In order to withdraw Your Offer after the minimum period specified on the Cover Page, you must notify the Procurement Officer in writing.

BID IN ENGLISH and DOLLARS

Offers submitted in response to this solicitation shall be in the English language and in US dollars, unless otherwise permitted by the Solicitation.

BOARD AS PROCUREMENT AGENT

(a) Authorized Agent. All authority regarding the conduct of this procurement is vested solely with the responsible Procurement Officer. Unless specifically delegated in writing, the Executive Director is the only official authorized to bind the Contractor with regard to this procurement. (b) Purchasing Liability. The Procurement Officer is an employee of the SWRTA acting on behalf of the SWRTA pursuant to the Consolidated Procurement Code. Any contracts awarded as a result of this procurement are between the Contractor and SWRTA. The Board is not a party to such contracts and bears no liability for any party's losses arising out of or relating in any way to the contract.

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION

GIVING FALSE, MISLEADING, OR INCOMPLETE INFORMATION ON THIS CERTIFICATION MAY RENDER YOU SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION UNDER SECTION 16-9-10 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS AND OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS.

(a) By submitting an offer, the offeror certifies that-

(1) The prices in this offer have been arrived at independently, without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any

consultation, communication, or agreement with any other offeror or competitor relating to-

- (i) Those prices;
 - (ii) The intention to submit an offer; or
 - (iii) The methods or factors used to calculate the prices offered.
- (2) The prices in this offer have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the offeror, directly or indirectly, to any other offeror or competitor before bid opening (in the case of a sealed bid solicitation) or contract award (in the case of a negotiated solicitation) unless otherwise required by law; and
- (3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the offeror to induce any other concern to submit or not to submit an offer for the purpose of restricting competition.
- (b) Each signature on the offer is considered to be a certification by the signatory that the signatory-
- (1) Is the person in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices being offered in this bid or proposal, and that the signatory has not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification; or
 - (2)(i) Has been authorized, in writing, to act as agent for the offeror's principals in certifying that those principals have not participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification [As used in this subdivision (b)(2)(i), the term "principals" means the person(s) in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices offered in this bid or proposal];
 - (ii) As an authorized agent, does certify that the principals referenced in subdivision (b)(2)(i) of this certification have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification; and
 - (iii) As an agent, has not personally participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification.
- (c) If the offeror deletes or modifies paragraph (a)(2) of this certification, the offeror must furnish with its offer a signed statement setting forth in detail the circumstances of the disclosure.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

- (a) (1) By submitting an Offer, Offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that-
- (i) Offeror and/or any of its Principals- (A) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any state or federal agency;
 - (B) Have not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, state, or local) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and
 - (C) Are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (a)(1)(i)(B) of this provision.
- (ii) Offeror has not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, had one or more contracts terminated for default by any public (Federal, state, or local) entity.
- (2) "Principals," for the purposes 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 segment, and similar positions).
- (b) Offeror shall provide immediate written notice to the Procurement Officer if, at any time prior to contract award, Offeror learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- (c) If Offeror is unable to certify the representations stated in paragraphs (a)(1), Offer must submit a written explanation regarding its inability to make the certification. The certification will be considered in connection with a review of the Offeror's responsibility. Failure of the Offeror to furnish additional information as requested by the Procurement Officer may render the Offeror nonresponsible.
- (d) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by paragraph (a) of this provision. The knowledge and information of an Offeror is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- (e) The certification in paragraph (a) of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making award. If it is later determined that the Offeror knowingly or in bad faith rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the SWRTA, the Procurement Officer may terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation for default.

CODE OF LAWS AVAILABLE

The South Carolina Code of Laws, including the Consolidated Procurement Code, is available at:
<http://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/statmast.php>

The South Carolina Regulations are available at: <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/coderegs/statmast.php>

COMPLETION OF FORMS/CORRECTION OF ERRORS

All prices and notations should be printed in ink or typewritten. Errors should be crossed out, corrections entered and initialed by the person signing the bid. Do not modify the solicitation document itself (Applicable only to offers submitted on paper.)

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR UNFAIR COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

You warrant and represent that your offer identifies and explains any unfair competitive advantage you may have in competing for the proposed contract and any actual or potential conflicts of interest that may arise from your participation in this competition or your receipt of an award. The two underlying principles are (a) preventing the existence of conflicting roles that might bias a contractor's judgment, and (b) preventing an unfair competitive advantage. If you have an unfair competitive advantage or a conflict of interest, the SWRTA may withhold award. Before withholding award on these grounds, an offeror will be notified of the concerns and provided a reasonable opportunity to respond. Efforts to avoid or mitigate such concerns, including restrictions on future activities, may be considered.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF OFFER

Any offer received after the Procurement Officer of the SWRTA or his designee has declared that the time set for opening has arrived, shall be rejected unless the offer has been delivered to the designated purchasing office or the SWRTA's mail room which services that purchasing office prior to the bid opening. [R.19-445.2070(H)]

DRUG FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION

By submitting an Offer, Contractor certifies that, if awarded a contract, Contractor will comply with all applicable provisions of The Drug-free Workplace Act, Title 44, Chapter 107 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended.

DUTY TO INQUIRE

Offeror, by submitting an Offer, represents that it has read and understands the Solicitation and that its Offer is made in compliance with the Solicitation. Offerors are expected to examine the Solicitation thoroughly and should request an explanation of any ambiguities, discrepancies, errors, omissions, or conflicting statements in the Solicitation. Failure to do so will be at the Offeror's risk. Offeror assumes responsibility for any patent ambiguity in the Solicitation that Offeror does not bring to SWRTA's attention.

ETHICS CERTIFICATE

By submitting an offer, the offeror certifies that the offeror has and will comply with, and has not, and will not, induce a person to violate Title 8, Chapter 13 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended (ethics act). The following statutes require special attention: Section 8-13-700, regarding use of official position for financial gain; Section 8-13-705, regarding gifts to influence action of public official; Section 8-13-720, regarding offering money for advice or assistance of public official; Sections 8-13-755 and 8-13-760, regarding restrictions on employment by former public official; Section 8-13-775, prohibiting public official with economic interests from acting on contracts; Section 8-13-790, regarding recovery of kickbacks; Section 8-13-1150, regarding statements to be filed by consultants; and Section 8-13-1342, regarding restrictions on contributions by contractor to candidate who participated in awarding of contract. The SWRTA may rescind any contract and recover all amounts expended as a result of any action taken in violation of this provision. If contractor participates, directly or indirectly, in the evaluation or award of public contracts, including without limitation, change orders or task orders regarding a public contract, contractor shall, if required by law to file such a statement, provide the statement required by Section 8-13-1150 to the procurement officer at the same time the law requires the statement to be filed.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

By signing your offer, you certify that you will comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and agree to provide to the State upon request any documentation required to establish either: (a) that Title 8, Chapter 14 is inapplicable to you and your subcontractors or sub-subcontractors; or (b) that you and your subcontractors or sub-subcontractors are in compliance with Title 8, Chapter 14. Pursuant to

Section 8-14-60, "A person who knowingly makes or files any false, fictitious, or fraudulent document, statement, or report pursuant to this chapter is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be fined within the discretion of the court or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both." You agree to include in any contracts with your subcontractors language requiring your subcontractors to (a) comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14, and (b) include in their contracts with the sub-subcontractors language requiring the sub-subcontractors to comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14.

INDEMNIFICATION-THIRD PARTY CLAIMS

Notwithstanding any limitation in this agreement, and to the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall defend and hold harmless Indemnitees for and against any and all suits or claims of any character (and all related damages, settlement payments, attorneys' fees, costs, expenses, losses or liabilities) by a third party which are attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property arising out of or in connection with the goods or services acquired hereunder or caused in whole or in part by any act or omission of contractor, its subcontractors, their employees, workmen, servants, agents, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, regardless of whether or not caused in part by an Indemnitee, and whether or not such claims are made by a third party or an Indemnitee; however, if an Indemnitee's negligent act or omission is subsequently determined to be the sole proximate cause of a suit or claim, the Indemnitee shall not be entitled to indemnification hereunder. Contractor shall be given timely written notice of any suit or claim. Contractor's obligations hereunder are in no way limited by any protection afforded under workers' compensation acts, disability benefits acts, or other employee benefit acts. This clause shall not negate, abridge, or reduce any other rights or obligations of indemnity which would otherwise exist. The obligations of this paragraph shall survive termination, cancelation, or expiration of the parties' agreement. This provision shall be construed fairly and reasonably, neither strongly for nor against either party, and without regard to any clause regarding insurance. As used in this clause, "Indemnitees" means the State of South Carolina, its instrumentalities, agencies, departments, boards, political subdivisions and all their respective officers, agents and employees.

OMIT TAXES FROM PRICE

Do not include any sales or use taxes in your price that the SWRTA may be required to pay.

PROTESTS

Any prospective bidder, offeror, contractor, or subcontractor who is aggrieved in connection with the solicitation of a contract shall protest within fifteen days of the date of issuance of the applicable solicitation document at issue. Any actual bidder, offeror, contractor, or subcontractor who is aggrieved in connection with the intended award or award of a contract shall protest within ten days of the date notification of award is posted in accordance with this code. A protest shall be in writing, shall set forth the grounds of the protest and the relief requested with enough particularity to give notice of the issues to be decided, and must be received by the appropriate Chief Procurement Officer within the time provided.

QUESTIONS FROM OFFERORS

(a) Any prospective offeror desiring an explanation or interpretation of the solicitation, drawings, specifications, etc., must request it in writing. Questions must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than five (5) days prior to opening unless otherwise stated on the Cover Page. Label any communication regarding your questions with the name of the procurement officer, and the solicitation's title and number. Oral explanations or instructions will not be binding. Any information given a prospective offeror concerning a solicitation will be furnished promptly to all other prospective offerors as an Amendment to the solicitation, if that information is necessary for submitting offers or if the lack of it would be prejudicial to other prospective offerors. (b) The SWRTA seeks to permit maximum practicable competition. Offerors are urged to advise the Procurement Officer -- as soon as possible -- regarding any aspect of this procurement, including any aspect of the Solicitation that unnecessarily or inappropriately limits full and open competition.

SUBCONTRACTOR-IDENTIFICATION

If you intend to subcontract with another business for any portion of the work and that portion exceeds 10% of your price, your offer must identify that business and the portion of work which they are to perform. Identify potential subcontractors by providing the business name, address, phone, taxpayer identification number, and point of contact. In determining your responsibility, the state may evaluate your proposed subcontractors.

REJECTION/CANCELLATION

The SWRTA may cancel this solicitation in whole or in part. The SWRTA may reject any or all proposals in whole or in part. [SC Code Section 11-35-1710 & R.19-445.2065]

RESPONSIVENESS/IMPROPER OFFERS

- (a) **Bid as Specified.** Offers for supplies or services other than those specified will not be considered unless authorized by the Solicitation.
- (b) **Multiple Offers.** Offerors may submit more than one Offer, provided that each Offer has significant differences other than price. Each separate Offer must satisfy all Solicitation requirements. If this solicitation is an Invitation for Bids, each separate offer must be submitted as a separate document. If this solicitation is a Request for Proposals, multiple offers may be submitted as one document, provided that you clearly differentiate between each offer and you submit a separate cost proposal for each offer, if applicable.
- (c) **Responsiveness.** Any Offer which fails to conform to the material requirements of the Solicitation may be rejected as nonresponsive. Offers which impose conditions that modify material requirements of the Solicitation may be rejected. If a fixed price is required, an Offer will be rejected if the total possible cost to the SWRTA cannot be determined. Offerors will not be given an opportunity to correct any material nonconformity. Any deficiency resulting from a minor informality may be cured or waived at the sole discretion of the Procurement Officer. [R.19- 445.2070 and Section 11-35-1520(13)]
- (d) **Price Reasonableness:** Any offer may be rejected if the Procurement Officer determines in writing that it is unreasonable as to price. [R. 19-445.2070].
- (e) **Unbalanced Bidding.** The SWRTA may reject an Offer as nonresponsive if the prices bid are materially unbalanced between line items or sub-line items. A bid is materially unbalanced when it is based on prices significantly less than cost for some work and prices which are significantly overstated in relation to cost for other work, and if there is a reasonable doubt that the bid will result in the lowest overall cost to the SWRTA even though it may be the low evaluated bid, or if it is so unbalanced as to be tantamount to allowing an advance payment.

RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO OFFERORS

Violation of these restrictions may result in disqualification of your offer, suspension or debarment, and may constitute a violation of the state Ethics Act. (a) After issuance of the solicitation, ***you agree not to discuss this procurement activity in any way with the Using Governmental Unit or its employees, agents or officials.*** All communications must be solely with the Procurement Officer. This restriction may be lifted by express written permission from the Procurement Officer. This restriction expires once a contract has been formed. (b) Unless otherwise approved in writing by the Procurement Officer, ***you agree not to give anything to any Using Governmental Unit or its employees, agents or officials prior to award.***

SIGNING YOUR OFFER

Every Offer must be signed by an individual with actual authority to bind the Offeror. (a) If the Offeror is an individual, the Offer must be signed by that individual. If the Offeror is an individual doing business as a firm, the Offer must be submitted in the firm name, signed by the individual, and state that the individual is doing business as a firm. (b) If the Offeror is a partnership, the Offer must be submitted in the partnership name, followed by the words by its Partner, and signed by a general partner. (c) If the Offeror is a corporation, the Offer must be submitted in the corporate name, followed by the signature and title of the person authorized to sign. (d) An Offer may be submitted by a joint venturer involving any combination of individuals, partnerships, or corporations. If the Offeror is a joint venture, the Offer must be submitted in the name of the Joint Venture and signed by every participant in the joint venture in the manner prescribed in paragraphs (a) through (c) above for each type of participant. (e) If an Offer is signed by an agent, other than as stated in subparagraphs (a) through (d) above, the Offer must state that it has been signed by an Agent. Upon request, Offeror must provide proof of the agent's authorization to bind the principal.

CLOSINGS

If an emergency or unanticipated event interrupts normal government processes (mail delivery) so that offers cannot be received at the SWRTA office designated for receipt of bids by the exact time specified in the solicitation, the time specified for receipt of offers will be deemed to be extended to the same time of day specified in the solicitation on the first work day on which normal government processes resume. In lieu of an automatic extension, an Amendment may be issued to reschedule bid opening. SWRTA picks up all mail from The US Postal Service once daily around 10:00am (excluding weekends and holidays).

SUBMITTING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

(An overview is available at www.procurement.sc.gov) For every document Offeror submits in response to or with regard to this solicitation or request, Offeror must separately mark with the word "CONFIDENTIAL" every page, or portion thereof, that Offeror contends contains information that is exempt from public disclosure because it is either (a) a trade secret as defined in Section 30-4-40(a)(1), or (b) privileged and confidential, as that phrase is used in Section 11-35-410. For every document Offeror submits in response to or with regard to this solicitation or request, Offeror must separately mark with the words "TRADE SECRET" every page, or portion thereof, that Offeror contends contains a trade secret as that term is defined by Section 39-8-20 of the Trade Secrets Act. For every document Offeror submits in response to or with regard to this solicitation or request, Offeror must separately mark with the word "PROTECTED" every page, or portion thereof, that Offeror contends is protected by Section 11-35- 1810. All markings must be conspicuous; use color, bold, underlining, or some other method in order to conspicuously distinguish the mark from the other text. Do not mark your entire response (bid, proposal, quote, etc.) as confidential, trade secret, or protected. If your response, or any part thereof, is improperly marked as confidential or trade secret or protected, the SWRTA may, in its sole discretion, determine it nonresponsive. If only portions of a page are subject to some protection, do not mark the entire page. By submitting a response to this solicitation or request, Offeror (1) agrees to the public disclosure of every page of every document regarding this solicitation or request that was submitted at any time prior to entering into a contract (including, but not limited to, documents contained in a response, documents submitted to clarify a response, and documents submitted during negotiations), unless the page is conspicuously marked "TRADE SECRET" or "CONFIDENTIAL" or "PROTECTED", (2) agrees that any information not marked, as required by these bidding instructions, as a "Trade Secret" is not a trade secret as defined by the Trade Secrets Act, and (3) agrees that, notwithstanding any claims or markings otherwise, any prices, commissions, discounts, or other financial figures used to determine the award, as well as the final contract amount, are subject to public disclosure. In determining whether to release documents, the SWRTA will detrimentally rely on Offeror's marking of documents, as required by these bidding instructions, as being either "Confidential" or "Trade Secret" or "PROTECTED". By submitting a response, Offeror agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the SWRTA, its officers and employees, from every claim, demand, loss, expense, cost, damage or injury, including attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from the State withholding information that Offeror marked as "confidential" or "trade secret" or "PROTECTED". (All references to S.C. Code of Laws.)

SUBMITTING YOUR OFFER OR MODIFICATION

(a) Offers and offer modifications shall be submitted in sealed envelopes or packages (unless submitted by electronic means) - (1) Addressed to the office specified in the Solicitation; and (2) Showing the time and date specified for opening, the solicitation number, and the name and address of the bidder. (b) If you are responding to more than one solicitation, each offer must be submitted in a different envelope or package. (c) Each Offeror must submit the number of copies indicated on the Cover Page. (d) Offerors using commercial carrier services shall ensure that the Offer is addressed and marked on the outermost envelope or wrapper as prescribed in paragraphs (a)(1) and (2) of this provision when delivered to the office specified in the Solicitation. (e) Facsimile or e-mail offers, modifications, or withdrawals, will not be considered unless authorized by the Solicitation. (f) Offers submitted by electronic commerce shall be considered only if the electronic commerce method was specifically stipulated or permitted by the solicitation.

TAX CREDIT FOR SUBCONTRACTING WITH DISADVANTAGED SMALL BUSINESSES

Pursuant to Section 12-6-3350, a taxpayer having a contract with this SWRTA who subcontracts with a socially and economically disadvantaged small business is eligible for an income tax credit equal to four percent of the payments to that subcontractor for work pursuant to the contract. The subcontractor must be certified as a socially and economically disadvantaged small business as defined in Section 11-35-5010 and regulations pursuant to it. The credit is limited to a maximum of fifty thousand dollars annually. A taxpayer is eligible to claim the credit for ten consecutive taxable years beginning with the taxable year in which the first payment is made to the subcontractor that qualifies for the credit. After the above ten consecutive taxable years, the taxpayer is no longer eligible for the credit. A taxpayer claiming the credit shall maintain evidence of work performed for the contract by the subcontractor. The credit may be claimed on Form TC-2, "Minority Business Credit." A copy of the subcontractor's certificate from the Governor's Office of Small and Minority Business (OSMBA) is to be attached to the contractor's income tax return. Questions regarding the tax credit and how to file are to be referred to: SC Department of Revenue, Research and Review, Phone: (803) 898-5786, Fax: (803) 898-5888. Questions regarding subcontractor certification are to be referred to: Governor's Office of Small and Minority Business Assistance, Phone: (803) 734- 0657, Fax: (803) 734-2498.

TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

(a) If Offeror is owned or controlled by a common parent as defined in paragraph (b) of this provision, Offeror shall submit with its Offer the name and TIN of common parent.

(b) Definitions: "Common parent," as used in this provision, means that corporate entity that owns or controls an affiliated group of corporations that files its Federal income tax returns on a consolidated basis, and of which the offeror is a member. "Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)," as used in this provision, means the number required by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to be used by the offeror in reporting income tax and other returns. The TIN may be either a Social Security Number or an Employer Identification Number. (c) If Offeror does not have a TIN, Offeror shall indicate if either a TIN has been applied for or a TIN is not required. If a TIN is not required, indicate whether (i) Offeror is a nonresident alien, foreign corporation, or foreign partnership that does not have income effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States and does not have an office or place of business or a fiscal paying agent in the United States; (ii) Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a state or local government; (iii) Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreign government; or (iv) Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government.

VENDOR REGISTRATION MANDATORY

You must have a state vendor number to be eligible to submit an offer. To obtain a state vendor number, visit www.procurement.sc.gov and select New Vendor Registration. (To determine if your business is already registered, go to "Vendor Search"). Upon registration, you will be assigned a state vendor number. Vendors must keep their vendor information current. If you are already registered, you can update your information by selecting Change Vendor Registration. (Please note that vendor registration does not substitute for any obligation to register with the S.C. Secretary of State or S.C. Department of Revenue. You can register with the agencies at <http://www.scbos.com/default.htm>)

WITHDRAWAL OR CORRECTION OF OFFER

Offers may be withdrawn by written notice received at any time before the exact time set for opening. If the Solicitation authorizes facsimile offers, offers may be withdrawn via facsimile received at any time before the exact time set for opening. A bid may be withdrawn in person by a bidder or its authorized representative if, before the exact time set for opening, the identity of the person requesting withdrawal is established and the person signs a receipt for the bid. The withdrawal and correction of Offers is governed by S.C. Code Section 11-35-1520 and Regulation 19-445.2085.

SAP

II. INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS -- B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

CONTENTS OF OFFER (RFP) -- SWRTA

- (a) Offers should be complete and carefully worded and should convey all of the information requested.
- (b) Offers should be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of Offeror's capabilities to satisfy the requirements of the RFP. Emphasis should be on completeness and clarity of content.
- (c) If your offer includes any comment over and above the specific information requested in the solicitation, you are to include this information as a separate appendix to your offer. Offers which include either modifications to any of the solicitation's contractual requirements or an offeror's standard terms and conditions may be deemed non-responsive and not considered for award.

CLARIFICATION

Pursuant to Section 11-35-1520(8), the Procurement Officer may elect to communicate with you after opening for the purpose of clarifying either your offer or the requirements of the solicitation. Such communications may be conducted only with offerors who have submitted an offer which obviously conforms in all material aspects to the solicitation. Clarification of an offer must be documented in writing and included with the offer. Clarifications may not be used to revise an offer or the solicitation; R.19-445.2080]

DISCUSSIONS and NEGOTIATION

Submit your best terms from a technical standpoint and from cost or price. Your proposal may be evaluated and your offer accepted without any discussions, negotiations, or prior notice. Ordinarily, nonresponsive proposals will be rejected outright. Nevertheless, the SWRTA may elect to conduct discussions, including the possibility of limited proposal revisions, but only for those proposals reasonably susceptible of being selected for award. If improper revisions are submitted, SWRTA may elect to consider only your unrevised initial proposal. ; R.19-445.2095(I)] The SWRTA may also elect to conduct negotiations, beginning with the highest ranked offeror, or seek best and final offers. If negotiations are conducted, the SWRTA may elect to disregard the negotiations and accept your original proposal.

III. SCOPE OF WORK/SPECIFICATIONS

DESCRIPTION

SCOPE OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED

Requirements: The Contractor will be required to provide coverage to SWRTA's area of operations in Sumter, Bishopville and Orangeburg. SWRTA requires short and long sleeve shirts or tunics, shorts, slacks, skirts (long), and jackets for vehicle operators. Short and long sleeve shirts or tunics, slacks, skirts (long), and jackets for dispatcher/schedulers. Short and long sleeve shirts, slacks, coveralls, and jackets for the maintenance technicians. Please keep in mind if tunics are provided, the length needs to be extended to accommodate the size of the employee wearing it. The successful bidder/proposer must set up a procedure for employees to obtain **replacement new uniform items at no charge due to fair wear and tear, or job related damage.** The successful bidder/proposer will have to travel to Sumter and Orangeburg to measure each employee for correct sizes. **NOTE: ALL UNIFORMS ISSUED TO SWRTA EMPLOYEES MUST BE NEW AT THE TIME OF ISSUE AND ALL SUBSEQUENT ISSUE TIMES EVEN FOR REPLACEMENT ITEMS. NO PREVIOUSLY ISSUED, WORN, AND LAUNDERED ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THE SWRTA.**

CLOTHING SPECIFICATIONS:

Vehicle Operators:

The color for vehicle operator uniforms will be a light blue shirt with navy blue trousers or skirts or shorts and navy blue jacket.

Each shirt will have the SWRTA Patch sewn onto the right sleeve – centered on the sleeve – top of patch to be two (2) inches below the seam where the sleeve and shoulder come together. The Santee Wateree RTA will furnish the patches to be sewn on the uniform to the successful bidder.

Dispatcher/Schedulers:

The color for dispatcher/schedulers will be a white shirt with navy blue trousers or skirts (long).

Each shirt or tunic will have the SWRTA Patch sewn onto the right sleeve – centered on the sleeve – top of patch to be 2 inches below the seam where the sleeve and shoulder come together.

SIZE REQUIREMENTS FOR VEHICLE OPERATORS AND DISPATCHER/SCHEDULERS

Following are the size requirements the successful bidder will be required to provide:

Ladies Size 8 to 20 for slacks, skirts (long), tunics, and blouses

Women's size 16 to 30 for slacks, skirts (long), tunics, and blouses Men's regular sizes for slacks and shirts

Men's "Big and Tall" for shirts and slacks

SHIRTS:

VEHICLE OPERATORS AND DISPATCHER/SCHEDULERS:

Edwards or Highlander or equal light blue or white executive type 60/40 cotton/polyester with one open pocket on the left side of the shirt, blouse, and tunic. Shirts must be available in long and short sleeve versions.

Require female shirts for ladies and male shirts for gentleman.

SLACKS:

Navy blue executive style 65/35 polyester/cotton Edwards or Highlander or equal such as RED KAP brand for vehicle

operators, dispatchers and schedulers. Slacks must be standard and also be available with side elastic and belt loops.

SHORTS:

Have the same requirements as vehicle operators and dispatcher/scheduler slacks.

SKIRTS:

Navy blue A-lined, zipper in back with top button, ankle length for vehicle operators, dispatchers and schedulers.

Uniform Jacket Specifications

Bomber style jacket

Weather resistant outer shell

Zip in and out Nylon insulation liner 2-way front center zipper

Optional: In lieu of a jacket, thermal vest, fleece vest, or sweater vest

Button sleeves

Side vents with 10 inch zippers

2 roomy patch pockets and hand warmer pockets Color – Navy blue for Vehicle Operators, Dispatchers/Schedulers

Sizes Small to 7X Large – please note if cost is more for up sizes on quote sheet.

THE SWRTA WILL FURNISH PATCHES FOR JACKETS TO BE SEWN ON AT SAME LOCATION AS SHIRTS, BLOUSES, AND TUNICS.

MAINTENANCE TECHNICIANS:

The color of maintenance technicians will be dark blue shirts with dark blue slacks. The coveralls will be dark blue and the color of the jacket will be dark blue.

The shirts will have Santee Wateree RTA embroidered over the left pocket and the technicians' first name embroidered over the right pocket. **Note: The SUCCESSFUL PROPOSER WILL BE RESPONSIBLE ON A WEEKLY BASIS, FOR PICKING UP TECHNICIANS' UNIFORMS FROM OUR MAINTENANCE FACILITY, LOCATED AT 21 HOLMES GARDNER ROAD, SUMTER, LAUNDERING UNIFORMS AND RETURNING THEM TO THE MAINTENANCE SHOP AT 21 HOLMES GARDNER ROAD.**

SHIRTS: 65/35 polyester cotton weave – solid dark gray shirts. Shirts must be available in long and short sleeve versions. The technician's name embroidered over right pocket and Santee Wateree RTA embroidered over left pocket.

SLACKS: 65/35 polyester cotton weave – dark blue color

COVERALLS: 65/35 polyester cotton weave – same color as jacket. Embroidery to be the same as the technician's shirts.

JACKET: Same dark blue color as shirts. Must have quilted liner. Embroidery to be the same as the technician's shirts.

REPLACEMENT POLICY:

SWRTA requires a replacement mechanism from the successful bidder/proposer whereby vehicle operators, dispatchers/schedulers, and maintenance technicians can replace garments which reach the end of reasonable life or are damaged through no fault due to a work related incident. The cost of this service shall be included in the overall lease per

employee. Any damage/abuse policies must be outlined and prices given. **All replacement uniforms must be new uniforms. No other replacement policy will be accepted.**

SIZING UNIFORMS:

Successful bidder/proposer shall furnish, at no additional charge, a set of sizing slacks, shirts, skirts, shorts, and jacket of the same make as leased for female operators and dispatcher/schedulers. Provider must furnish a complete set, by that we mean, one of each size of each leased item. Items do not have to be new, but must be clean and serviceable. Determining correct size has been a large problem in the past and we feel if we had a set of uniforms for sizing, it will eliminate a lot of work for us and the uniform provider.

AVAILABILITY OF ORDERING INDOOR/OUTDOOR MATS FOR BUILDING, PLEASE PROVIDE PRICING IF AVAILABLE ON COST SHEET ON PG. 19.

Special Provisions:

1. An agency contract will be awarded by Santee Wateree RTA's Procurement Office for the period of one (1) year with the option to extend the contract for four (4) additional years in accordance with the provisions and conditions of this solicitation. There will be no other agreements signed by SWRTA during the duration of the contract to include the optional additional four (4) years as SWRTA is considered a federal entity and the contract issued is binding in the terms of the contract.
2. Award will be made to the highest scoring, responsible and responsive proposer.
3. Drug Free Workplace: (Note: This clause applies to any resultant contract of \$50,000 or more). The State of South Carolina has amended Title 44, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to health, by adding Chapter 107, so as to enact the Drug- Free Workplace Act. (See Act No. 593, 1990 Acts and Joint Resolutions). By submission of a signed solicitation, you are certifying that you will comply with this Act. (See Section 44-107-30). This will certify your compliance with the Act.
4. ***Before award of contract, proposer must be either registered in SAM.gov or in the process.***
5. If you are unable to quote on this project for any reason, please submit a "NO BID" stating the reason for your no bid. A "NO BID" will ensure you receive future bids for like items.
6. See specifications on pages 12-14 and cost sheet on pg. 17
7. See attached required FTA contract clauses and certification in RFP which must be signed and returned with your proposal. Proposer must also include a statement with their proposal on company letterhead stating they have received the clauses and will comply with them.
8. SWRTA reserves the right to add or subtract the number of employees covered by this proposal due to changes in operational requirements.
9. *Any questions regarding this solicitation must be submitted in writing via email to pdrakeford@swrta.com. The cutoff time for questions will be Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 4pm.*
10. Proposers must submit three (3) references with their proposal. See page 16 for the sheet to list references.
11. Proposers must attach to the proposal and informational brochure about the products they are submitting for our consideration.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Proposal condition of price:

Proposal must be fixed for the term of the contract, except the SWRTA shall be advised of any increase, and receive the benefit of, any price decrease. The contractor must disclose at time of proposal any price increases, additional fees or surcharges SWRTA may incur during the duration of the contract for consideration, keeping in mind, the pricing needs to be fixed for the duration of the contract.

Proposal price for vehicle operators and dispatcher uniforms must be the same for one set no matter what the condition of uniform items described in paragraph one (1) on page 19 might be.

REFERENCES

Name of Company _____

Address of Company _____

Service Provided to Company _____

Company Contact Person _____

Name of Company _____

Address of Company _____

Service Provided to Company _____

Company Contact Person _____

Name of Company _____

Address of Company _____

Service Provided to Company _____

Company Contact Person _____

SWRTA QUOTATION NUMBER SWRTA 22/23-03

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	WEEKLY LEASE RATE FOR 5 TOPS AND FIVE BOTTOMS (1 SET)	TOTAL PRICE FOR 35 SETS A WEEK
	UNIFORMS FOR VEHICLE OPERATORS AND DISPATCHER/SCHEDULERS		
1 SET	<p>UNIFORM LEASE CONSISTING OF FIVE (5) SHIRTS OR TUNICS, FIVE (5) SLACKS FOR SKIRTS OR SHORTS AND ONE (1) JACKET PER EMPLOYEE LOCATED AT THREE (3) OPERATING LOCATIONS (SUMTER, ORANGEBURG, AND BISHOPVILLE) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL THE TERMS, CONDITIONS, PROVISIONS AND THE ATTACHED SPECIFICATIONS. SEE NOTE 1.</p> <p>NOTE: VEHICLE OPERATORS AND DISPATCHERS/SCHEDULERS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LAUNDERING THEIR UNIFORMS.</p>		
	UNIFORMS FOR MAINTENANCE TECHNICIANS	PRICE PER WEEK FOR ONE (1) SET	PRICE PER WEEK FOR EIGHT (8) SETS
1 SET	<p>UNIFORM LEASE CONSISTING OF ELEVEN (11) SLACKS, ELEVEN (11) SHIRTS, TWO (2) COVERALLS AND ONE (1) JACKET FOR SEVEN (7) MAINTENANCE TECHNICIANS AND SUPPORT STAFF LOCATED IN SUMTER.</p> <p>NOTE: SUCCESSFUL PROPOSER WILL BE RESPONSIBLE ON A WEEKLY BASIS, FOR PICKING UP TECHNICIANS' UNIFORMS FROM OUR MAINTENANCE FACILITY, LOCATED AT 21 HOLMES GARDNER ROAD, SUMTER, LAUNDERING UNIFORMS AND RETURNING THEM TO THE MAINTENANCE SHOP AT 21 HOLMES GARDNER ROAD.</p>		
	<p>PRICE MUST INCLUDE, AT NO EXPENSE TO SWRTA OR EMPLOYEE, A REPLACEMENT PROVISION FOR REASONABLE WEAR AND TEAR. <u>REASONABLE WEAR AND TEAR REPLACEMENTS WILL BE WITH NEW, NEVER USED UNIFORMS. THIS PROVISION WILL BE NOTED IN THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE SUCCESSFUL PROPOSER AND SWRTA.</u></p> <p>PLEASE SHOW COST OF FLOOR MATS.....</p> <p>PLEASE SHOW COST OF HAND SANITIZERS ON BUSES.....</p> <p>LOST OR DESTROYED GARMENT CHARGES MUST BE SHOWN HERE. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE A SAMPLE OF ALL UNIFORM ITEMS LISTED ON PAGES 12 -14 WITH THEIR PROPOSAL.</p>		

IV. INFORMATION FOR OFFERORS TO SUBMIT

PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:

Questions concerning this RFP will be accepted in writing via mail or email to the office through Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 4:00pm.

Please forward typed written questions via mail or email to:

Patricia Drakeford, Compliance Officer PO Box
2462

Sumter, SC 29151

Fax: 803-938-9867

Email: pdrakeford@swrta.com

PLEASE NOTE IMPORTANT DATES: Proposal/Bidding Schedule

1. Deadline for Questions – 10/27/2022 at 4:00pm
2. Deadline for Submission of Proposal – 11/10/2022 at 2:00PM, should a natural disaster emergency disrupt normal postal delivery so that offers cannot be received at the SWRTA office designated for receipt of proposals by the exact time stated above, the time specified for receipt of offers will be deemed to be extended to the same time of day in the solicitation on the first work day on which mail delivery resumes.
3. Review of Proposals – 11/11-14/2022
4. Negotiations/Notice of Award – 11/14/2022
5. Award Contract -11/25/2022

Submit the Following for Qualification:

1. Title Page to include the RFP subject, name of Proposer's firm, address, telephone number, name of contact person and date.
2. Proposals must be submitted to SWRTA by Thursday, N o v e m b e r 10, 2022 no later than 2:00 PM. Any proposals received after the deadline will be deemed non-responsive.
3. Include Five (5) copies of proposals submitted in a sealed envelope to qualify.
4. Briefly state the Proposer understands the work to be done and make a positive commitment to perform the work as specified.
5. State the names of the persons who will be authorized to make representations for the Proposer, their titles, addresses, and telephone numbers.
6. State that the person signing the letter will be authorized to bind the Proposer.
7. All proposals will become a part of SWRTA's official file.
8. Separate sealed envelope titled "Cost Estimate" to outline the cost for performing the requested work.
9. Cost is to include all items that are listed in the scope on pages 12-14.

The following factors will be used for evaluation, from highest to lowest ranking

Technical Factors

1. Responsiveness of the proposal is clearly stating an understanding of the work to be performed to include the work schedule with timeline for sizing employees.
2. Years of business/experience
3. References

4. Cost of work to be performed
5. Availability of other products such as floor mats, hand sanitizers and vests

Although cost is a significant factor, it will not be a dominant factor. Cost will be given more importance when all other evaluation criteria are relatively equal.

V. QUALIFICATIONS:

1. To be eligible for award of a contract, a prospective contractor or vendor must be responsible. In evaluating an Offeror's responsibility, the State Standards of Responsibility [R.19-445.2125] and information from any other source may be considered. An offeror must, upon request of SWRTA, furnish satisfactory evidence of its ability to meet all contractual requirements. Unreasonable failure to supply information promptly in connection with a responsibility inquiry may be grounds for determining that you are ineligible to receive an award. **Must be registered in SAM.GOV in order to be considered for award of contract.**

Desired Qualification:

- Over five (5) years servicing uniforms for transportation or industrial entities.

VI. AWARD CRITERIA

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR AWARD OF A CONTRACT, A PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR MUST BE RESPONSIBLE. IN EVALUATING AN OFFEROR'S RESPONSIBILITY, THE STATE STANDARDS OF RESPONSIBILITY [R.19-445.2125] AND INFORMATION FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE MAY BE CONSIDERED. AN OFFEROR MUST, UPON REQUEST OF SWRTA, FURNISH SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE OF ITS ABILITY TO MEET ALL CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENTS. UNREASONABLE FAILURE TO SUPPLY INFORMATION PROMPTLY IN CONNECTION WITH A RESPONSIBILITY INQUIRY MAY BE GROUNDS FOR DETERMINING THAT YOU ARE INELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE AN AWARD. S.C. CODE SECTION 11-35-1810. [05-5005-1]

AWARD CRITERIA PROPOSALS:

THE AWARD WILL BE MADE TO THE HIGHEST RANKED, RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE OFFEROR WHOSE OFFER IS DETERMINED TO BE THE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO SANTEE WATEREE RTA.

VII. TERMS AND CONDITIONS -- A. GENERAL

ASSIGNMENT

(a) Contractor shall not assign this contract, or its rights, obligations, or any other interest arising from this contract, or delegate any of its performance obligations, without the express written consent of the responsible procurement officer. The foregoing restriction does not apply to a transfer that occurs by operation of law (e.g., bankruptcy; corporate reorganizations and consolidations, but not including partial asset sales). Notwithstanding the foregoing, contractor may assign monies receivable under the contract provided that the SWRTA shall have no obligation to make payment to an assignee until thirty days after contractor (not the assignee) has provided the responsible procurement officer with (i) proof of the assignment, (ii) the identity (by contract number) of the specific SWRTA contract to which the assignment applies, and (iii) the name of the assignee and the exact address or account information to which assigned payments should be made. (b) If contractor amends, modifies, or otherwise changes its name, its identity (including its trade name), or its corporate, partnership or other structure, or its FEIN, contractor shall provide the procurement officer prompt written notice of such change. (c) Any name change, transfer, assignment, or novation is subject to the conditions and approval required by Regulation 19-445.2180, which does not restrict transfers by operation of law.

CHOICE-OF-LAW

The Agreement, any dispute, claim, or controversy relating to the Agreement, and all the rights and obligations of the parties shall, in all respects, be interpreted, construed, enforced and governed by and under the laws of the State of South Carolina, except its choice of law rules. As used in this paragraph, the term "Agreement" means any transaction or agreement arising out of, relating to, or contemplated by the solicitation.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS and ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

(a) Any contract resulting from this solicitation shall consist of the following documents: (1) a Record of Negotiations, if any, executed by you and the Procurement Officer, (2) documentation regarding the clarification of an offer [e.g., 11-35-1520(8) or 11-35-1530(6)], if applicable, (3) the solicitation, as amended, (4) modifications, if any, to your offer, if accepted by the Procurement Officer, (5) your offer, (6) any statement reflecting the SWRTA's final acceptance (a/k/a "award"), and (7) purchase orders. These documents shall be read to be consistent and complimentary. Any conflict among these documents shall be resolved by giving priority to these documents in the order listed above. (b) The terms and conditions of documents (1) through (6) above shall apply notwithstanding any additional or different terms and conditions in either (i) a purchase order or other instrument submitted by the SWRTA or (ii) any invoice or other document submitted by Contractor. Except as otherwise allowed herein, the terms and conditions of all such documents shall be void and of no effect. (c) No contract, license, or other agreement containing contractual terms and conditions will be signed by any Using Governmental Unit. Any document signed or otherwise agreed to by persons other than the Procurement Officer shall be void and of no effect.

DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT

(a) Discounts for prompt payment will not be considered in the evaluation of offers. However, any offered discount will form a part of the award, and will be taken if payment is made within the discount period indicated in the offer by the offeror. As an alternative to offering a discount for prompt payment in conjunction with the offer, offerors awarded contracts may include discounts for prompt payment on individual invoices.

(b) In connection with any discount offered for prompt payment, time shall be computed from the date of the invoice. If the Contractor has not placed a date on the invoice, the due date shall be calculated from the date the designated billing office receives a proper invoice, provided the state annotates such invoice with the date of receipt at the time of receipt. For the purpose of computing the discount earned, payment shall be considered to have been made on the date that appears on the payment check or, for an electronic funds transfer, the specified payment date. When the discount date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday when Federal Government offices are closed and Government business is not expected to be conducted, payment may be made on the following business day

DISPUTES

(1) Choice-of-Forum. All disputes, claims, or controversies relating to the Agreement shall be resolved exclusively by the appropriate Chief Procurement Officer in accordance with Title 11, Chapter 35, Article 17 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, or in the absence of jurisdiction, only in the Court of Common Pleas for, or a federal court located in, Richland County, State of South Carolina. Contractor agrees that any act by the Government regarding the Agreement is not a waiver of either the Government's sovereign immunity or the Government's immunity under the Eleventh Amendment of the United States' Constitution. As used in this paragraph, the term "Agreement" means any transaction or agreement arising out of, relating to, or contemplated by the solicitation. (2) Service of Process. Contractor consents that any papers, notices, or process necessary or proper for the initiation or continuation of any disputes, claims, or controversies relating to the Agreement; for any court action in connection therewith; or for the entry of judgment on any award made, may be served on Contractor by certified mail (return receipt requested) addressed to Contractor at the address provided as the Notice Address on Page Two or by personal service or by any other manner that is permitted by law, in or outside South Carolina. Notice by certified mail is deemed duly given upon deposit in the United States mail.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Contractor is referred to and shall comply with all applicable provisions, if any, of Title 41, Part 60 of the Code of Federal Regulations, including but not limited to Sections 60-1.4, 60-4.2, 60-4.3, 60-250.5(a), and 60-741.5(a), which are hereby incorporated by reference.

FALSE CLAIMS

According to the S.C. Code of Laws Section 16-13-240, "a person who by false pretense or representation obtains the signature of a person to a written instrument or obtains from another person any chattel, money, valuable security, or other property, real or personal, with intent to cheat and defraud a person of that property is guilty" of a

crime.

FIXED PRICING REQUIRED

Any pricing provided by contractor shall include all costs for performing the work associated with that price. Except as otherwise provided in this solicitation, contractor's price shall be fixed for the duration of this contract, including option terms. This clause does not prohibit contractor from offering lower pricing after award.

NON-INDEMNIFICATION

Any term or condition is void to the extent it requires the State to indemnify anyone.

NOTICE

(A) After award, any notices shall be in writing and shall be deemed duly given (1) upon actual delivery, if delivery is by hand, (2) upon receipt by the transmitting party of automated confirmation or answer back from the recipient's device if delivery is by telex, telegram, facsimile, or electronic mail, or (3) upon deposit into the United States mail, if postage is prepaid, a return receipt is requested, and either registered or certified mail is used. (B) Notice to contractor shall be to the address identified as the Notice Address on Page Two. Notice to SWRTA shall be to the Procurement Officer's address on the Cover Page. Either party may designate a different address for notice by giving notice in accordance with this paragraph.

PAYMENT and INTEREST

(a) Unless otherwise provided in this Solicitation, the SWRTA shall pay the Contractor, after the submission of proper invoices or vouchers, the prices stipulated in this contract for supplies delivered and accepted or services rendered and accepted, less any deductions provided in this contract. Unless otherwise specified herein, including the purchase order, payment shall not be made on partial deliveries accepted by the SWRTA. (b) Unless otherwise provided herein, including the purchase order, payment will be made by check. (c) Notwithstanding any other provision, payment shall be made in accordance with S.C. Code Section 11-35-45, which provides the Contractor's exclusive means of recovering any type of interest from the Owner. Contractor waives imposition of an interest penalty unless the invoice submitted specifies that the late penalty is applicable. Except as set forth in this paragraph, the SWRTA shall not be liable for the payment of interest on any debt or claim arising out of or related to this contract for any reason. (d) Amounts due to SWRTA shall bear interest at the rate of interest established by the South Carolina Comptroller General pursuant to Section 11-35-45 ("an amount not to exceed fifteen percent each year"), as amended. (e) Any other basis for interest, including but not limited to general (pre- and post-judgment) or specific interest statutes, including S.C. Code Ann. Section 34-31-20, are expressly waived by both parties. If a court, despite this agreement and waiver, requires that interest be paid on any debt by either party other than as provided by items (c) and (d) above, the parties further agree that the applicable interest rate for any given calendar year shall be the lowest prime rate as listed in the first edition of the Wall Street Journal published for each year, applied as simple interest without compounding.

PUBLICITY

Contractor shall not publish any comments or quotes by SWRTA employees, or include the SWRTA in either news releases or a published list of customers, without the prior written approval of the Procurement Officer.

PURCHASE ORDERS

Contractor shall not perform any work prior to the receipt of a purchase order from the SWRTA. The SWRTA shall order any supplies or services to be furnished under this contract by issuing a purchase order. Purchase orders may be used to elect any options available under this contract, e.g., quantity, item, delivery date, payment method, but are subject to all terms and conditions of this contract. Purchase orders may be electronic. No particular form is required. An order placed pursuant to the purchasing card provision qualifies as a purchase order.

IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT – ONGOING OBLIGATIONS

(a) You must notify the procurement officer immediately if, at any time during the contract term, you are added to the Iran Divestment Act List. (b) Consistent with Section 11-57-330(B), you shall not contract with any person to perform a part of the Work, if, at the time you enter into the subcontract, that person is on the then-current version of the Iran Divestment Act List.

SETOFF

The SWRTA shall have all of its common law, equitable, and statutory rights of set-off. These rights shall include, but not be limited to, the SWRTA's option to withhold for the purposes of set-off any moneys due to the Contractor under this contract up to any amounts due and owing to SWRTA with regard to this contract, any other contract with any

agency, including any contract for a term commencing prior to the term of this contract, plus any amounts due and owing to SWRTA for any other reason including, without limitation, tax delinquencies, fee delinquencies or monetary penalties relative thereto.

SURVIVAL OF OBLIGATIONS

The Parties' rights and obligations which, by their nature, would continue beyond the termination, cancellation, rejection, or expiration of this contract shall survive such termination, cancellation, rejection, or expiration, including, but not limited to, the rights and obligations created by the following clauses: Indemnification - Third Party Claims, Intellectual Property Indemnification, and any provisions regarding warranty or audit.

TAXES

Any tax the contractor may be required to collect or pay upon the sale, use or delivery of the products shall be paid by the SWRTA, and such sums shall be due and payable to the contractor upon acceptance. Any personal property taxes levied after delivery shall be paid by the SWRTA. It shall be solely the SWRTA's obligation, after payment to contractor, to challenge the applicability of any tax by negotiation with, or action against, the taxing authority. Contractor agrees to refund any tax collected, which is subsequently determined not to be proper and for which a refund has been paid to contractor by the taxing authority. In the event that the contractor fails to pay, or delays in paying, to any taxing authorities, sums paid by the SWRTA to contractor, contractor shall be liable to the SWRTA for any loss (such as the assessment of additional interest) caused by virtue of this failure or delay. Taxes based on Contractor's net income or assets shall be the sole responsibility of the contractor.

TERMINATION DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Payment and performance obligations for succeeding fiscal periods shall be subject to the availability and appropriation of funds therefor. When funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of performance in a subsequent fiscal period, the contract shall be canceled. In the event of a cancellation pursuant to this paragraph, contractor will be reimbursed the resulting unamortized, reasonably incurred, nonrecurring costs. Contractor will not be reimbursed any costs amortized beyond the initial contract term.

THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY

This Contract is made solely and specifically among and for the benefit of the parties hereto, and their respective successors and assigns, and no other person will have any rights, interest, or claims hereunder or be entitled to any benefits under or on account of this Contract as a third party beneficiary or otherwise.

WAIVER

The SWRTA does not waive any prior or subsequent breach of the terms of the Contract by making payments on the Contract, by failing to terminate the Contract for lack of performance, or by failing to strictly or promptly insist upon any term of the Contract. Only the Procurement Officer has actual authority to waive any of the SWRTA's rights under this Contract. Any waiver must be in writing.

VII. TERMS AND CONDITIONS -- B. SPECIAL BANKRUPTCY – GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

(a) All government information (as defined in the clause herein entitled "Information Security - Definitions") shall belong exclusively to the SWRTA, and Contractor has no legal or equitable interest in, or claim to, such information. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that in the event Contractor enters into proceedings relating to bankruptcy, whether voluntary or involuntary, government information in its possession and/or under its control will not be considered property of its bankruptcy estate.

(b) Contractor agrees to notify the SWRTA within forty-eight (48) hours of any determination that it makes to file for bankruptcy protection, and Contractor further agrees to turn over to the SWRTA, before such filing, all government information that is in Contractor's possession in a format that can be readily utilized by the SWRTA.

(c) In order to protect the integrity and availability of government information, Contractor shall take reasonable measures to evaluate and monitor the financial circumstances of any subcontractor that will process, store, transmit or access government information.

CHANGES

(1) Contract Modification. By a written order, at any time, and without notice to any surety, the Procurement Officer may, subject to all appropriate adjustments, make changes within the general scope of this contract in any one or more of the following:

(a) drawings, designs, or specifications, if the supplies to be furnished are to be specially manufactured for the [State] in accordance therewith;

- (b) method of shipment or packing;
- (c) place of delivery;
- (d) description of services to be performed;
- (e) time of performance (i.e., hours of the day, days of the week, etc.); or,
- (f) place of performance of the services. Subparagraphs (a) to (c) apply only if supplies are furnished under this contract. Subparagraphs (d) to (f) apply only if services are performed under this contract.

(2) Adjustments of Price or Time for Performance. If any such change increases or decreases the contractor's cost of, or the time required for, performance of any part of the work under this contract, whether or not changed by the order, an adjustment shall be made in the contract price, the delivery schedule, or both, and the contract modified in writing accordingly. Any adjustment in contract price made pursuant to this clause shall be determined in accordance with the Price Adjustment Clause of this contract. Failure of the parties to agree to an adjustment shall not excuse the contractor from proceeding with the contract as changed, provided that the State promptly and duly make such provisional adjustments in payment or time for performance as may be reasonable. By proceeding with the work, the contractor shall not be deemed to have prejudiced any claim for additional compensation, or an extension of time for completion.

(3) Time Period for Claim. Within 30 days after receipt of a written contract modification under Paragraph (1) of this clause, unless such period is extended by the Procurement Officer in writing, the contractor shall file notice of intent to assert a claim for an adjustment. Later notification shall not bar the contractor's claim unless the State is prejudiced by the delay in notification.

(4) Claim Barred After Final Payment. No claim by the contractor for an adjustment hereunder shall be allowed if notice is not given prior to final payment under this contract.

CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL

The Contractor shall enforce strict discipline and good order among the Contractor's employees and other persons carrying out the Contract. The Contractor shall not permit employment of unfit persons or persons not skilled in tasks assigned to them.

CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATION -- GENERAL

The contractor shall provide and pay for all materials, tools, equipment, labor and professional and non-professional services, and shall perform all other acts and supply all other things necessary, to fully and properly perform and complete the work. The contractor must act as the prime contractor and assume full responsibility for any subcontractor's performance. The contractor will be considered the sole point of contact with regard to all situations, including payment of all charges and the meeting of all other requirements.

DEFAULT

(a) (1) The SWRTA may, subject to paragraphs (c) and (d) of this clause, by written notice of default to the Contractor, terminate this contract in whole or in part if the Contractor fails to:

- (i) Deliver the supplies or to perform the services within the time specified in this contract or any extension;
- (ii) Make progress, so as to endanger performance of this contract (but see paragraph (a)(2) of this clause); or
- (iii) Perform any of the other material provisions of this contract (but see paragraph (a)(2) of this clause).

(2) The SWRTA's right to terminate this contract under subdivisions (a)(1)(ii) and (1)(iii) of this clause, may be exercised if the Contractor does not cure such failure within 10 days (or more if authorized in writing by the Procurement Officer) after receipt of the notice from the Procurement Officer specifying the failure.

(b) If the SWRTA terminates this contract in whole or in part, it may acquire, under the terms and in the manner the Procurement Officer considers appropriate, supplies or services similar to those terminated, and the Contractor will be liable to the SWRTA for any excess costs for those supplies or services. However, the Contractor shall continue the work not terminated.

(c) Except for defaults of subcontractors at any tier, the Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs if the failure to perform the contract arises from causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. Examples of such causes include (1) acts of God or of the public enemy, (2) acts of the SWRTA in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, (3) fires, (4) floods, (5) epidemics, (6) quarantine restrictions, (7) strikes, (8) freight embargoes, and (9) unusually severe weather. In each instance the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor.

(d) If the failure to perform is caused by the default of a subcontractor at any tier, and if the cause of the default is beyond the control of both the Contractor and subcontractor, and without the fault or negligence of either, the Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs for failure to perform, unless the subcontracted supplies or services were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time for the Contractor to meet the required delivery schedule.

(e) If this contract is terminated for default, the SWRTA may require the Contractor to transfer title and deliver to the

SWRTA, as directed by the Procurement Officer, any

(1) completed supplies, and (2) partially completed supplies and materials, parts, tools, dies, jigs, fixtures, plans, drawings, information, and contract rights (collectively referred to as “manufacturing materials” in this clause) that the Contractor has specifically produced or acquired for the terminated portion of this contract. Upon direction of the Procurement Officer, the Contractor shall also protect and preserve property in its possession in which the SWRTA has an interest.

(f) The SWRTA shall pay contract price for completed supplies delivered and accepted. The Contractor and Procurement Officer shall agree on the amount of payment for manufacturing materials delivered and accepted and for the protection and preservation of the property; if the parties fail to agree, the Procurement Officer shall set an amount subject to the Contractor’s rights under the Disputes clause.

Failure to agree will be a dispute under the Disputes clause. The SWRTA may withhold from these amounts any sum the Procurement Officer determines to be necessary to protect the SWRTA against loss because of outstanding liens or claims of former lien holders.

(g) If, after termination, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default, or that the default was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties shall, if the contract contains a clause providing for termination for convenience of the SWRTA, be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the SWRTA. If, in the foregoing circumstances, this contract does not contain a clause providing for termination for convenience of the SWRTA, the contract shall be adjusted to compensate for such termination and the contract modified accordingly subject to the contractor’s rights under the Disputes clause.

(h) The rights and remedies of the SWRTA in this clause are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this contract.

INDEMNIFICATION – THIRD PARTY CLAIMS - GENERAL

Notwithstanding any limitation in this agreement, and to the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall defend and hold harmless Indemnitees for and against any and all suits or claims of any character (and all related damages, settlement payments, attorneys’ fees, costs, expenses, losses or liabilities) by a third party which are attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property arising out of or in connection with the goods or services acquired hereunder or caused in whole or in part by any act or omission of contractor, its subcontractors, their employees, workmen, servants, agents, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, regardless of whether or not caused in part by an Indemnitee, and whether or not such claims are made by a third party or an Indemnitee; however, if an Indemnitee’s negligent act or omission is subsequently determined to be the sole proximate cause of a suit or claim, the Indemnitee shall not be entitled to indemnification hereunder. Contractor shall be given timely written notice of any suit or claim. Contractor’s obligations hereunder are in no way limited by any protection afforded under workers’ compensation acts, disability benefits acts, or other employee benefit acts. This clause shall not negate, abridge, or reduce any other rights or obligations of indemnity which would otherwise exist. The obligations of this paragraph shall survive termination, cancelation, or expiration of the parties’ agreement. This provision shall be construed fairly and reasonably, neither strongly for nor against either party, and without regard to any clause regarding insurance. As used in this clause, “Indemnitees” means the State of South Carolina, its instrumentalities, agencies, departments, boards, political subdivisions and all their respective officers, agents and employees.

PRICE ADJUSTMENTS

Any adjustment in the contract price made pursuant to a clause in this contract shall be consistent with this Contract and shall be arrived at through whichever one of the following ways is the most valid approximation of the actual cost to the Contractor (including profit, if otherwise allowed):

(a) by agreement on a fixed price adjustment before commencement of the pertinent performance or as soon thereafter as practicable;

(b) by unit prices specified in the Contract or subsequently agreed upon;

(c) by the costs attributable to the event or situation covered by the relevant clause, including profit if otherwise allowed, all as specified in the Contract; or subsequently agreed upon;

(d) in such other manner as the parties may mutually agree; or,

in the absence of agreement by the parties, through a unilateral initial written determination by the Procurement Officer of the costs attributable to the event or situation covered by the clause, including profit if otherwise allowed, all as computed by the Procurement Officer in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, subject to the

provisions of Title 11, Chapter 35, Article 17 of the S.C. Code of Laws.

(2) Submission of Price or Cost Data. Upon request of the Procurement Officer, the contractor shall provide reasonably available factual information to substantiate that the price or cost offered, for any price adjustments is reasonable, consistent with the provisions of Section 11-35-1830.

RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES

Neither party is an employee, agent, partner, or joint venture of the other. Neither party has the right or ability to bind the other to any agreement with a third party or to incur any obligation or liability on behalf of the other party.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

During the term of the contract, the Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining, and maintaining in good standing, all licenses (including professional licenses, if any), permits, inspections and related fees for each or any such licenses, permits and /or inspections required by the State, county, city or other government entity or unit to accomplish the work specified in this solicitation and the contract.

TERM OF CONTRACT – TERMINATION BY CONTRACTOR

Contractor may terminate this contract at the end of the initial term, or any renewal term, by providing the Procurement Officer notice of its election to terminate under this clause at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the then current term.

Termination For Convenience

Termination. The Procurement Officer may terminate this contract in whole or in part, for the convenience of the State. The Procurement Officer shall give written notice of the termination to the contractor specifying the part of the contract terminated and when termination becomes effective.

Contractor's Obligations. The contractor shall incur no further obligations in connection with the terminated work and on the date set in the notice of termination the contractor will stop work to the extent specified.

The contractor shall also terminate outstanding orders and subcontracts as they relate to the terminated work. The contractor shall settle the liabilities and claims arising out of the termination of subcontracts and orders connected with the terminated work. The Procurement

Officer may direct the contractor to assign the contractor's right, title, and interest under terminated orders or subcontracts to the State. The contractor must still complete the work not terminated by the notice of termination and may incur obligations as are necessary to do so.

Right to Supplies. The Procurement Officer may require the contractor to transfer title and deliver to the State in the manner and to the extent directed by the Procurement Officer: (a) any completed supplies; and (b) such partially completed supplies and materials, parts, tools, dies, jigs, fixtures, plans, drawings, information, and contract rights (hereinafter called "manufacturing material") as the contractor has specifically produced or specially acquired for the performance of the terminated part of this contract. The contractor shall, upon direction of the Procurement Officer, protect and preserve property in the possession of the contractor in which the State has an interest. If the Procurement Officer does not exercise this right, the contractor shall use best efforts to sell such supplies and manufacturing materials in accordance with the standards of Uniform Commercial Code Section 2-706. Utilization of this Section in no way implies that the State has breached the contract by exercise of the Termination for Convenience Clause.

Compensation. (a) The contractor shall submit a termination claim specifying the amounts due because of the termination for convenience together with cost or pricing data required by Section 11-35-1830 bearing on such claim. If the contractor fails to file a termination claim within one year from the effective date of termination, the Procurement Officer may pay the contractor, if at all, an amount set in accordance with Subparagraph (c) of this Paragraph.

The Procurement Officer and the contractor may agree to a settlement and that the settlement does not exceed the total contract price plus settlement costs reduced by payments previously made by the State, the proceeds of any sales of supplies and manufacturing materials under Paragraph (3) of this clause, and the contract price of the work not terminated;

Absent complete agreement under Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, the Procurement Officer shall pay the contractor the following amounts, provided payments agreed to under Subparagraph (b) shall not duplicate payments under this Subparagraph:

contract prices for supplies or services accepted under the contract;

costs reasonably incurred in performing the terminated portion of the work less amounts paid or to be paid

for accepted supplies or services;
reasonable costs of settling and paying claims arising out of the termination of subcontracts or orders pursuant to Paragraph (2) of this clause. These costs must not include costs paid in accordance with Subparagraph (c)(ii) of this paragraph;

any other reasonable costs that have resulted from the termination. The total sum to be paid the contractor under this Subparagraph shall not exceed the total contract price plus the reasonable settlement costs of the contractor reduced by the amount of payments otherwise made, the proceeds of any sales of supplies and manufacturing materials under Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, and the contract price of work not terminated.

Contractor must demonstrate any costs claimed, agreed to, or established under Subparagraphs (b) and (c) of this Paragraph using its standard record keeping system, provided such system is consistent with any applicable Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

Contractor's failure to include an appropriate termination for convenience clause in any subcontract shall not (i) affect the state's right to require the termination of a subcontract, or (ii) increase the obligation of the state beyond what it would have been if the subcontract had contained an appropriate clause.

VIII. ATTACHMENTS TO SOLICITATION

Debarment and Suspension Certification – See Page 35

Lobbying Certification – See Page 36

Amendment – See Page 37

The SWRTA operates under the regulations of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). There are certain FTA Contract Clauses that apply to any procurement the SWRTA does. The FTA Contract Clauses that apply to this procurement are attached. The proposer must submit in writing with their proposal that they have read the attached clauses and will comply with them.

No Government Obligation to Third Parties

Applicability – All contracts except micro-purchases (\$10,000 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2,000)

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

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

Access to Records and Reports

Applicability – As shown below. These requirements do not apply to micro-purchases (\$10,000 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2,000)

The following access to records requirements apply to this Contract:

1. Where the purchaser is not a State but a local government and is an FTA recipient or a subgrantee of FTA recipient in accordance with 49 CFR 18.36(i), contractor shall provide the purchaser, the FTA, the US Comptroller General or their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers and contractor records which are pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions. Contractor shall also, pursuant to 49 CFR 633.17, provide authorized FTA representatives, including any PMO contractor, access to contractor's records and construction sites pertaining to a capital project, defined at 49 USC 5302(a)1, which is receiving FTA assistance through the programs described at 49 USC 5307, 5309 or 5311.
2. Where the purchaser is a State and is an FTA recipient or a subgrantee of FTA recipient in accordance with 49 CFR 633.17, contractor shall provide the purchaser, authorized FTA representatives, including any PMO Contractor, access to contractor's records and construction sites pertaining to a capital project, defined at 49 USC 5302(a)1, which receives FTA assistance through the programs described at 49 USC 5307, 5309 or 5311. By definition, a capital project excludes contracts of less than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$100,000.
3. Where the purchaser enters into a negotiated contract for other than a small purchase or under the simplified acquisition threshold and is an institution of higher education, a hospital or other non-profit organization and is an FTA recipient or a subgrantee of FTA recipient in accordance with 49 CFR 19.48, contractor shall provide the purchaser, the FTA, the US Comptroller General or their authorized representatives, access to any books, documents, papers and record of the contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions.
4. Where a purchaser which is an FTA recipient or a subgrantee of FTA recipient in accordance with 49 USC 5325(a) enters into a contract for a capital project or improvement (defined at 49 USC 5302(a)1) through other than competitive bidding, contractor shall make available records related to the contract to the purchaser, the Secretary of USDOT and the US Comptroller General or any authorized officer or employee of any of them for the purposes of conducting an audit and inspection.
5. Contractor shall permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.
6. Contractor shall maintain all books, records, accounts and reports required under this contract for a period of not less than three (3) years after the date of termination or expiration of this contract, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this contract, in which case contractor agrees to maintain same until the recipient, FTA Administrator, US Comptroller General, or any of their authorized representatives, have disposed of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto. Re: 49 CFR 18.39(i)(11).

Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts

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

(1) Contractor acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 USC 3801 et seq. and USDOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 CFR 31, apply to its actions pertaining to this project. Upon execution of the underlying contract, contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, pertaining to the underlying contract or FTA assisted project for which this contract work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, contractor further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submittal, or certification, the US Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act (1986) on contractor to the extent the US Government deems appropriate.

(2) If contractor makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submittal, or certification to the US Government under a contract connected with a project that is financed in whole or in part with FTA assistance under the authority of 49 USC 5307, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 USC 1001 and 49 USC 5307(n)(1) on contractor, to the extent the US Government deems appropriate.

(3) Contractor shall include the above two clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with FTA assistance. The clauses shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to the provisions.

Federal Changes

All Contracts except micro-purchases (\$10,000 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2,000)

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

Termination

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

a. Termination for Convenience (General Provision) the recipient may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, at any time by written notice to contractor when it is in the recipient's best interest. Contractor shall be paid its costs, including contract close-out costs, and profit on work performed up to the time of termination. Contractor shall promptly submit its termination claim to the recipient. If contractor is in possession of any of the recipient's property, contractor shall account for same, and dispose of it as the recipient directs.

b. Termination for Default [Breach or Cause] (General Provision) If contractor does not deliver items in accordance with the contract delivery schedule, or, if the contract is for services, and contractor fails to perform in the manner called for in the contract, or if contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of the contract, the recipient may terminate this contract for default. Termination shall be effected by serving a notice of termination to contractor setting forth the manner in which contractor is in default. Contractor shall only be paid the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or for services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in the contract.

If it is later determined by the recipient that contractor had an excusable reason for not performing, such as a strike, fire, or flood, events which are not the fault of or are beyond the control of contractor, the recipient, after setting up

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

c. Opportunity to Cure (General Provision) the recipient in its sole discretion may, in the case of a termination for breach or default, allow contractor an appropriately short period of time in which to cure the defect. In such case, the notice of termination shall state the time period in which cure is permitted and other appropriate conditions. If contractor fails to remedy to the recipient's satisfaction the breach or default or any of the terms, covenants, or conditions of this Contract within ten (10) days after receipt by contractor or written notice from the recipient setting forth the nature of said breach or default, the recipient shall have the right to terminate the Contract without any further obligation to contractor. Any such termination for default shall not in any way operate to preclude the

recipient from also pursuing all available remedies against contractor and its sureties for said breach or default.

d. Waiver of Remedies for any Breach In the event that the recipient elects to waive its remedies for any breach by contractor of any covenant, term or condition of this Contract, such waiver by the recipient shall not limit its remedies for any succeeding breach of that or of any other term, covenant, or condition of this Contract.

e. Termination for Convenience (Professional or Transit Service Contracts) the recipient, by written notice, may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, when it is in the recipient's interest. If the contract is terminated, the recipient shall be liable only for payment under the payment provisions of this contract for services rendered before the effective date of termination.

f. Termination for Default (Supplies and Service) If contractor fails to deliver supplies or to perform the services within the time specified in this contract or any extension or if the contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of this contract, the recipient may terminate this contract for default. The recipient shall terminate by delivering to contractor a notice of termination specifying the nature of default. Contractor shall only be paid the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner or performance set forth in this contract.

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

g. Termination for Default (Transportation Services) If contractor fails to pick up the commodities or to perform the services, including delivery services, within the time specified in this contract or any extension or if contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of this contract, the recipient may terminate this contract for default. The recipient shall terminate by delivering to contractor a notice of termination specifying the nature of default. Contractor shall only be paid the contract price for services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in this contract. If this contract is terminated while contractor has possession of the recipient goods, contractor shall, as directed by the recipient, protect and preserve the goods until surrendered to the recipient or its agent. Contractor and the recipient shall agree on payment for the preservation and protection of goods. Failure to agree on an amount shall be resolved under the Dispute clause. If, after termination for failure to fulfill contract obligations, it is determined that contractor was not in default, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if termination had been issued for the recipient's convenience.

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

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

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

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

If termination for Convenience or Default (Architect & Engineering) the recipient may terminate this contract in whole or in part, for the recipient's convenience or because of contractor's failure to fulfill contract obligations. The recipient shall terminate by delivering to contractor a notice of termination specifying the nature, extent, and effective date of termination. Upon receipt of the notice, contractor shall (1) immediately discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise), and (2) deliver to the recipient all data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and other information and materials accumulated in performing this contract, whether completed or in process. If termination is for the recipient's convenience, it shall make an equitable adjustment in the contract price but shall allow no anticipated profit on unperformed services. If termination is for contractor's failure to fulfill contract obligations, the recipient may complete the work by contract or otherwise and contractor

shall be liable for any additional cost incurred by the recipient.

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

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

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

Civil Rights Requirements

The following Federal Civil Rights laws and regulations apply to all contracts.

1 Federal Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Requirements. These include, but are not limited to:

a) Nondiscrimination in Federal Public Transportation Programs. 49 U.S.C. § 5332, covering projects, programs, and activities financed under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53, prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), disability, or age, and prohibits discrimination in employment or business opportunity.

b) Prohibition against Employment Discrimination. Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, and Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," September 24, 1965, as amended, prohibit discrimination in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

2 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, 20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq. and implementing Federal regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance," 49 C.F.R. part 25 prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex.

3 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age. The "Age Discrimination Act of 1975," as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq., and Department of Health and Human Services implementing regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance," 45 C.F.R. part 90, prohibit discrimination by participants in federally assisted programs against individuals on the basis of age. The Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA), 29 U.S.C. § 621 et seq., and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) implementing regulations, "Age Discrimination in Employment Act," 29 C.F.R. part 1625, also prohibit employment discrimination against individuals age 40 and over on the basis of age.

4 Federal Protections for Individuals with Disabilities. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended (ADA), 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq., prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities in programs, activities, and services, and imposes specific requirements on public and private entities. Third party contractors must comply with their responsibilities under Titles I, II, III, IV, and V of the ADA in employment, public services, public accommodations, telecommunications, and other provisions, many of which are subject to regulations issued by other Federal agencies.

Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity

The Agency is an Equal Opportunity Employer. As such, the Agency agrees to comply with all applicable Federal civil rights laws and implementing regulations. Apart from inconsistent requirements imposed by Federal laws or regulations, the Agency agrees to comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5323(h) (3) by not using any Federal assistance awarded by FTA to support procurements using exclusionary or discriminatory specifications. Under this Contract, the Contractor shall at all times comply with the following requirements and shall include these requirements in each subcontract entered into as part thereof.

1. Nondiscrimination. In accordance with 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, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing

regulations and other implementing requirements FTA may issue.

2. Race, Color, Religion, National Origin, Sex. In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., 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. chapter 60, and Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity in Federal Employment," September 24, 1965, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note, as amended by any later Executive Order that amends or supersedes it, referenced in 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note. The Contractor agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, national origin, or sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity). Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, promotion, 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.

3. Age. In accordance with the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 621634, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (U.S. EEOC) regulations, "Age Discrimination in Employment Act," 29 C.F.R. part 1625, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq., 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, and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees to refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for reason of age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any Implementing requirements FTA may issue.

4. Disabilities. In accordance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 794, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq., the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 4151 et seq., and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against individuals on the basis of disability. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

5. Promoting Free Speech and Religious Liberty. The Contractor shall ensure that Federal funding is expended in full accordance with the U.S. Constitution, Federal Law, and statutory and public policy requirements: including, but not limited to, those protecting free speech, religious liberty, public welfare, the environment, and prohibiting discrimination.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise

The contractor or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 C.F.R. part 26 in the award and administration of DOT assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the Agency deems appropriate, which may include, but is not limited to:

(1) Withholding monthly progress payments; (2) Assessing sanctions; (3) Liquidated damages; and/or (4) Disqualifying the contractor from future bidding as nonresponsible. 49 C.F.R. § 26.13(b).

Prime contractors are required to pay subcontractors for satisfactory performance of their contracts no later than 30 days from receipt of each payment the Agency makes to the prime contractor. 49 C.F.R. § 26.29(a).

Finally, for contracts with defined DBE contract goals, each FTA Recipient must include in each prime contract a provision stating that the contractor shall utilize the specific DBEs listed unless the contractor obtains the Agency's written consent; and that, unless the Agency's consent is provided, the contractor shall not be entitled to any payment for work or material unless it is performed or supplied by the listed DBE. 49 C.F.R. § 26.53(f) (1). It is the policy of the Agency and the United States Department of Transportation ("DOT") that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises ("DBE's"), as defined herein and in the Federal regulations published at 49 C.F.R. part 26, shall have an equal opportunity to participate in DOT assisted contracts.

Incorporation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Terms

All contracts except micro-purchases (\$10,000 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2,000)

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

Government Wide Debarment and Suspension

a. Applicability: This requirement applies to all FTA grant and cooperative agreement programs for a contract in the amount of at least \$25,000

(1) This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such the contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor, its principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995), or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

(2) C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

(3) The accompanying certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by the subrecipient. If it is later determined that the contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to the Agency and subrecipient, 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 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, 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.”

Energy Conservation

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

Contractor shall comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency, stated in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy & Conservation Act.

Notice to FTA and U.S. DOT Inspector General of information related to fraud, waste, abuse, or other legal matters (FTA Master Agreement (25), Sec. 39(b)(3))

The Recipient must promptly notify the U.S. DOT Inspector General in addition to the FTA Chief Counsel or Regional Counsel for the Region in which the Recipient is located, if the Recipient has knowledge of potential fraud, waste, or abuse occurring on a Project receiving assistance from FTA. The notification provision applies if a person has or may have submitted a false claim under the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3729 et seq., or has or may have committed a criminal or civil violation of law pertaining to such matters as fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving federal assistance. This responsibility occurs whether the Project is subject to this Agreement or another agreement between the Recipient and FTA, or an agreement involving a principal, officer, employee, agent, or Third Party Participant of the Recipient. It also applies to subcontractors at any tier.

Knowledge, as used in this paragraph, includes, but is not limited to, knowledge of a criminal or civil investigation by a Federal, state, or local law enforcement or other investigative agency, a criminal indictment or civil complaint, or probable cause that could support a criminal indictment, or any other credible information in the possession of the Recipient

Resolution of Disputes, Breaches, or other Litigation

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 (Recipient)'s [title of employee]. 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 [title of employee]. 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 [title of employee] shall be binding upon the Contractor and the Contractor shall abide by the decision.

Performance During Dispute - Unless otherwise directed by (Recipient), 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 of damage.

Remedies - Unless this contract provides otherwise, all claims, counterclaims, disputes and other matters in question between the (Recipient) 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 (Recipient) 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 (Recipient), (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.

Clean Water – Applicability – All Contracts and Subcontracts over \$100,000. Contractor shall comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 USC 1251 et seq. Contractor shall report each violation to the recipient and understands and agrees that the recipient shall, in turn, report each violation as required to FTA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office. Contractor shall include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with FTA assistance.

Seat Belt Use – Safe Operation of Motor Vehicles

The Recipient agrees to implement Executive Order No. 13043, “Increasing Seat Belt Use in the United States,” April 16, 1997, 23 U.S.C. § 402 note, (62 Fed. Reg. 19217), by:

(1) Adopting and promoting on-the-job seat belt use policies and programs for its employees and other personnel that operate company-owned vehicles, company-rented vehicles, or personally operated vehicles; and (2) Including a “Seat Belt Use” provision in each third-party agreement related to the Award.

Distracting Driving, Including Text Messaging while Driving

(1) Executive Order No. 13513, “Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving,” October 1, 2009, 23 U.S.C. § 402 note, (74 Fed. Reg. 51225); (2) U.S. DOT Order 3902.10, “Text Messaging While Driving,” December 30, 2009; and (3) The following U.S. DOT Special Provision pertaining to Distracted Driving: (i) Safety. The Recipient agrees to adopt and enforce workplace safety policies to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers, including policies to ban text messaging while using an electronic device supplied by an employer, and driving a vehicle the driver owns or rents, a vehicle Recipient owns, leases, or rents, or a privately-owned vehicle when on official business in connection with the Award, or when performing any work for or on behalf of the Award; (ii) Recipient Size. The Recipient agrees to conduct workplace safety initiatives in a manner commensurate with its size, such as establishing new rules and programs to prohibit text messaging while driving, re-evaluating the existing programs to prohibit text messaging while driving, and providing education, awareness, and other outreach to employees about the safety risks associated with texting while driving; and (iii) Extension of Provision. The Recipient agrees to include the preceding Special Provision of section 34(b)(3)(i) – (ii) of this Master Agreement in its third-party agreements and encourage its Third-Party Participants to comply with this Special Provision and include this Special Provision in each third-party sub agreement at each tier supported with federal assistance.

Recycled Products Solid Waste Disposal Act (2CFR 200.322)– Applicability – All contracts for items designated by the EPA, when the purchaser or contractor procures \$10,000 or more of one of these items during the current or previous fiscal year using Federal funds. The contractor agrees to comply with all the requirements of Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 6962), including but not limited to the regulatory provisions of 40 CFR Part 247, and Executive Order 12873, as they apply to the procurement of the items designated in Subpart B of 40 CFR Part 247.

Cargo Preference

The contractor agrees:

- a. to use privately owned United States-Flag commercial vessels to ship at least 50 percent of the gross tonnage (computed separately for dry bulk carriers, dry cargo liners, and tankers) involved, whenever shipping any equipment, material, or commodities pursuant to the underlying contract to the extent such vessels are available at fair and reasonable rates for United States-Flag commercial vessels;
- b. to furnish within 20 working days following the date of loading for shipments originating within the United States or within 30 working days following the date of loading for shipments originating outside the United States, a legible copy of a rated, "on-board" commercial ocean bill-of-lading in English for each shipment of cargo described in the preceding paragraph to the Division of National Cargo, Office of Market Development, Maritime Administration, Washington, DC 20590 and to the FTA Recipient (through the contractor in the case of a subcontractor's bill-of-lading.); and
- c. to include these requirements in all subcontracts issued pursuant to this contract when the subcontract may involve the transport of equipment, material, or commodities by ocean vessel.

BUY AMERICA REQUIREMENTS

The contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j) and 49 C.F.R. part 661 and 2 CFR § 200.322 Domestic preferences for procurements, which provide that Federal funds may not be obligated unless all steel, iron, and manufactured products used in FTA funded projects are produced in the United States, unless a waiver has been granted by FTA or the product is subject to a general waiver. General waivers are listed in 49 C.F.R. § 661.7. Separate requirements for rolling stock are set out at 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(C), 49 U.S.C. § 5323(u) and 49 C.F.R. § 661.11. Domestic preferences for procurements The bidder or offeror must submit to the Agency the appropriate Buy America certification. Bids or offers that are not accompanied by a completed Buy America certification will be rejected as nonresponsive.

VETERANS HIRING PREFERENCE

Veterans Employment - Recipients of Federal financial assistance shall ensure that contractors working on a capital project funded using such assistance give a hiring preference, to the extent practicable, to veterans (as defined in section 2108 of title 5) who have the requisite skills and abilities to perform the construction work required under the contract. This subsection shall not be understood, construed or enforced in any manner that would require an employer to give a preference to any veteran over any equally qualified applicant who is a member of any racial or ethnic minority, female, an individual with a disability, or a former employee.

Lobbying – Applicability – Construction/Architectural and Engineering/Acquisition of Rolling Stock/Professional Service Contract/Operational Service Contract/Turnkey contracts over \$100,000 Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. 1352, as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, P.L. 104-65 [to be codified at 2 U.S.C. § 1601, et seq.] - Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the certification required by 49 CFR part 20, "New Restrictions on Lobbying." Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier shall also disclose the name of any registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 who has made lobbying contacts on its behalf with non-Federal funds with respect to that Federal contract, grant or award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.

Attachment A

GOVERNMENT-WIDE DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION (NONPROCUREMENT)

49 CFR Part 29, Executive Orders 12549, 12689, and 31 U.S.C. 6101 (Contracts over \$25,000)

Background and Applicability

In conjunction with the Office of Management and Budget and other affected Federal agencies, DOT published an update to 49 CFR Part 29 on November 26, 2003. This government-wide regulation implements Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, Executive Order 12689, Debarment and Suspension, and 31 U.S.C. 6101 note (Section 2455, Public Law 103-355, 108 Stat. 3327).

The provisions of Part 29 apply to all grantee contracts and subcontracts at any level expected to equal or exceed \$25,000 as well as any contract or subcontract (at any level) for Federally required auditing services. 49 CFR 29.220(b). This represents a change from prior practice in that the dollar threshold for application of these rules has been lowered from \$100,000 to \$25,000. These are contracts and subcontracts referred to in the regulation as "covered transactions."

Grantees, contractors, and subcontractors (at any level) that enter into covered transactions are required to verify that the entity (as well as its principals and affiliates) they propose to contract or subcontract with is not excluded or disqualified. They do this by (a) Checking the Excluded Parties List System, (b) Collecting a certification from that person, or (c) Adding a clause or condition to the contract or subcontract. This represents a change from prior practice in that certification is still acceptable but is no longer required. 49 CFR 29.300.

Grantees, contractors, and subcontractors who enter into covered transactions also must require the entities they contract with to comply with 49 CFR 29, subpart C and include this requirement in their own subsequent covered transactions (i.e., the requirement flows down to subcontracts at all levels).

Instructions for Certification: By signing and submitting this bid or proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the signed certification set out below.

Suspension and Debarment

This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 49 CFR Part 29. As such, the contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor, its principals, as defined at 49 CFR 29.905, or affiliates, as defined at 49 CFR 29.905, are excluded or disqualified as defined at 49 CFR 29.940 and 29.945.

The contractor is required to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C and must include the requirement to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into. By signing and submitting its bid or proposal, the bidder or proposer certifies as follows:

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

Contractor _____

Signature of Authorized Official _____ Date ____/____/____

Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official _____

Attachment B

CERTIFICATION AND RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING

I, _____ hereby certify

(Name and title of official)

On behalf of _____ that:

(Name of Bidder/Company Name)

- No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the 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.
- The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including sub-contracts, sub-grants and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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

The undersigned certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of the contents of the statements submitted on or with this certification and understands that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. Section 3801, et seq., are applicable thereto.

Name of Bidder/Company Name: _____

Type or print name: _____

Signature of authorized representative: _____

Date ____ / ____ / ____

Signature of notary and SEAL: _____

ATTACHMENT C



ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS

Offerors acknowledges receipt of amendments by indicating amendment number and its date of issue.
(See "Amendments to Solicitation" Provision)

Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date