

# FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

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## FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

As a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grantee, the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS), a California Public Agency, is required to inform the Contractor and any Subcontractor of the following information:

### 1. **INCORPORATION OF FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) TERMS**

*(APPLICABLE TO ALL CONTRACTS AND SUBCONTRACTS)*

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

### 2. **FEDERAL CHANGES**

*(APPLICABLE TO ALL CONTRACTS AND SUBCONTRACTS)*

The Contractor shall at all times comply with all applicable FTA regulations, policies, procedures, and directives, including without limitation those listed directly or by reference in the Master Agreement between MTS and FTA, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of this contract. Contractor shall also ensure compliance by subcontractors at any tier of any applicable change to federal requirements.

### 3. **NO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS TO THIRD PARTIES**

*(APPLICABLE TO ALL CONTRACTS AND SUBCONTRACTS)*

Notwithstanding any concurrence by the Federal Government in or approval of the solicitation or award of the underlying Contract, absent the express written consent by the Federal Government, the Federal Government is not a party to this Contract and shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities to Contractor or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the underlying Contract. The Contractor agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by the FTA.

### 4. **PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS AND RELATED ACTS**

*(APPLICABLE TO ALL CONTRACTS AND SUBCONTRACTS)*

The Contractor acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq. and U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 C.F.R. part 31, apply to its actions pertaining to this Contract. Upon execution of the underlying contract, the Contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, pertaining to the underlying contract or the FTA assisted project for which this contract work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, the Contractor further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program

Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 on the Contractor to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate. The Contractor also acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the Federal Government under a contract connected with a project that is financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance originally awarded by FTA under the authority of 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 49 U.S.C. § 5323(l) on the Contractor, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate. The Contractor agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

**5. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION**

*(APPLICABLE TO ALL CONTRACTS AND SUBCONTRACTS EXCEEDING \$25,000)*

The Contractor shall comply and facilitate compliance with U.S. DOT regulations, "Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment," 2 C.F.R. part 1200, which adopts and supplements the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (U.S. OMB) "Guidelines to Agencies on Government wide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," 2 C.F.R. part 180. Contractor shall verify that its principals, affiliates, and subcontractors are eligible to participate in this federally funded contract and are not presently declared by any Federal department or agency to be: a) Debarred from participation in any federally assisted Award; b) Suspended from participation in any federally assisted Award; c) Proposed for debarment from participation in any federally assisted Award; d) Declared ineligible to participate in any federally assisted Award; e) Voluntarily excluded from participation in any federally assisted Award; or f) Disqualified from participation in any federally assisted Award. The Contractor agrees to include a provision requiring compliance to this section in its lower tier covered transactions.

**6. RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING**

*(APPLICABLE TO ALL CONTRACTS AND SUBCONTRACTS EXCEEDING \$100,000)*

The Contractor and their subcontracts at every tier certifies 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. The Contractor and their subcontracts at every tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award.

**7. CLEAN AIR ACT AND FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT**

*(APPLICABLE TO ALL CONTRACTS AND SUBCONTRACTS exceeding \$100,000)*

The Contractor and any Subcontractor agrees: 1) It will not use any violating facilities; 2) It will report the use of facilities placed on or likely to be placed on the U.S. EPA "List of Violating Facilities;" 3) It will report violations of use of prohibited facilities to FTA; and 4) It will comply with the inspection and other requirements of the Clean Air Act, as amended, (42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 – 7671q); and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended, (33 U.S.C. §§ 1251-1387).

## 8. ENERGY CONSERVATION

*(APPLICABLE TO ALL CONTRACTS AND SUBCONTRACTS)*

The Contractor and any Subcontractor agrees to comply with the mandatory energy efficiency standards and policies within the applicable state energy conservation plans issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6321 et seq and 49 C.F.R. part 622, subpart C.

## 9. RECYCLED PRODUCTS

*(APPLICABLE TO OPERATIONS, CONSTRUCTION AND GOODS CONTRACTS AND SUBCONTRACTS INVOLVING ITEMS DESIGNATED BY THE EPA, WHERE THE PURCHASE PRICE OF THE ITEM EXCEEDS \$10,000 OR THE VALUE OF THE QUANTITY ACQUIRED DURING THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR EXCEEDED \$10,000)*

The Contractor and any Subcontractor agrees to provide a preference for those products and services that conserve natural resources, protect the environment, and are energy efficient by complying with and facilitating compliance with Section 6002 of the State Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. § 6962, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), "Comprehensive Procurement Guideline for Products Containing Recovered Materials," 40 C.F.R. part 247. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the U.S. EPA at 40 C.F.R. part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

## 10. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS

*(APPLICABLE TO ALL CONTRACTS)*

- a. General. Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable environmental and resource use laws, regulations, and requirements, and follow applicable guidance, now in effect or that may become effective in the future, including state and local laws, ordinances, regulations, and requirements and follow applicable guidance.
- b. National Environmental Policy Act. An Award of federal assistance requires the full compliance with applicable environmental laws, regulations, and requirements. Accordingly, the Contractor agrees that it will: (1) Comply and facilitate compliance with federal laws, regulations, and requirements, including, but not limited to: (a) Federal transit laws, such as 49 U.S.C. § 5323(c)(2), and 23 U.S.C. § 139, (b) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 et seq., as limited by 42 U.S.C. § 5159, and CEQ's implementing regulations 40 C.F.R. part 1500 – 1508, (c) Joint FHWA and FTA regulations, "Environmental Impact and Related Procedures," 23 C.F.R. part 771 and 49 C.F.R. part 622, (d) Executive Order No. 11514, as amended, "Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality," March 5, 1970, 42 U.S.C. § 4321 note, and (e) Other federal environmental protection laws, regulations, and requirements applicable to the Recipient or the Award, the accompanying Underlying Agreement, and any Amendments thereto. (2) Follow the federal guidance identified herein to the extent that the guidance is consistent with applicable authorizing legislation: (a) Joint FHWA and FTA final guidance, "Interim Guidance on MAP-21 Section 1319, Accelerated Decision making in

Environmental Reviews,” January 14, 2013, (b) Joint FHWA and FTA final guidance, “SAFETEA-LU Environmental Review Process (Pub. L. 109-59),” 71 Fed. Reg. 66576, November 15, 2006, and (c) Other federal environmental guidance applicable to the Recipient or the Award, the accompanying Underlying Agreement, and any Amendments thereto.

- c. Environmental Justice. Contractor agrees to promote environmental justice by following: (1) Executive Order No. 12898, “Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations,” February 11, 1994, 42 U.S.C. § 4321 note, as well as facilitating compliance with that Executive Order, (2) U.S. DOT Order 5610.2, “Department of Transportation Actions To Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations,” 62 Fed. Reg. 18377, April 15, 1997, and (3) The most recent edition of FTA Circular 4703.1, “Environmental Justice Policy Guidance for Federal Transit Administration Recipients,” August 15, 2012, to the extent consistent with applicable federal laws, regulations, requirements, and guidance.
- d. Other Environmental Federal Laws. Contractor agrees that it will comply or facilitate compliance with all applicable federal laws, regulations, and requirements, and will follow applicable guidance, including, but not limited to, the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, Executive Order No. 11990 relating to “Protection of Wetlands,” and Executive Order Nos. 11988 and 13690 relating to “Floodplain Management.”
- e. Use of Certain Public Lands. Contractor agrees it will comply with U.S. DOT laws, specifically 49 U.S.C. § 303 (often referred to as “section 4(f)”), and joint FHWA and FTA regulations, “Parks, Recreation Areas, Wildlife and Waterfowl Refuges, and Historic Sites,” 23 C.F.R. part 774, and referenced in 49 C.F.R. part 622.
- f. Historic Preservation. The Contractor agrees that it will: (1) Comply with U.S. DOT laws, including 49 U.S.C. § 303 (often referred to as “section 4(f)”), which requires certain findings be made before an Award may be undertaken if it involves the use of any land from a historic site that is on or eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. (2) Encourage compliance with the federal historic and archaeological preservation requirements of section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, 54 U.S.C. § 306108. (3) Comply with the Archeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974, as amended, 54 U.S.C. § 312501 et seq. (4) Comply with U.S. Advisory Council on Historic Preservation regulations, “Protection of Historic Properties,” 36 C.F.R. part 800. (5) Comply with federal requirements and follow federal guidance to avoid or mitigate adverse effects on historic properties.
- g. Indian Sacred Sites. The Contractor agrees that it will facilitate compliance with federal efforts to promote the preservation of places and objects of religious importance to American Indians, Eskimos, Aleuts, and Native Hawaiians, and facilitate compliance with the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1996, and Executive Order No. 13007, “Indian Sacred Sites,” May 24, 1996, 42 U.S.C. § 3161 note.

## 11. ADA ACCESS

*(APPLICABLE TO ALL CONTRACTS)*

The Contractor shall comply with all applicable requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), 42 USC Section 12101 et seq; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 USC Section 794; 49 USC Section 5301(d), which prohibit discrimination on the basis of handicaps, with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq., which requires that accessible facilities and services be made available to persons with disabilities, including any subsequent amendments to that Act, and with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4151 et seq., which requires that buildings and public accommodations be accessible to persons with disabilities, including any subsequent amendments to that Act.

## 12. CIVIL RIGHTS

*(APPLICABLE TO ALL CONTRACTS)*

- a. Subcontract. The Contractor shall include these requirements in each subcontract entered into as part thereof.
- b. 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, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, or age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing requirements FTA may issue.
- c. 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.
- d. Age. In accordance with the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 621- 634, 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.

- e. 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. § A-27 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.

**13. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY IN CONSTRUCTION WORK**

(APPLICABLE TO ALL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS EXCEEDING \$10,000)

Contractor agrees to comply with DOL regulations, Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity" (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 C.F.R. part 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, "Amending Executive Order No. 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," and implementing regulations at 41 C.F.R. part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor" for all construction work, as defined in 41 C.F.R. Part 60-1.3.

The goals and timetables for minority and female participation, expressed in percentage terms for the contractor's aggregate workforce in each trade on all construction work in the covered area of San Diego, County of San Diego, State of California, are as follows:

<b>TIMETABLES</b>	<b>GOALS FOR MINORITY PARTICIPATION FOR EACH TRADE</b>	<b>GOALS FOR FEMALE PARTICIPATION IN EACH TRADE</b>
	<b>16.9%</b>	<b>6.9%</b>

These goals are applicable to all Contractor's construction work (whether or not that portion is Federal or federally-assisted) performed in the covered area. Although a contractor is required to make good faith efforts to meet their goals, the goals are not quotas and no sanctions are imposed solely for failure to meet them.

The Contractor's compliance with the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4 shall be based on its implementation of the Equal Opportunity Clause, specific affirmative action obligations required by the specifications set forth in 41 CFR 60-4.3(a), and its efforts to meet the goals. The hours of minority and female employment and training shall be substantially uniform throughout the length of the contract, and in each trade, and the contractor shall make a good faith effort to employ minorities and women evenly on each of its projects. The transfer of minority or female employees or trainees from contractor to contractor or from project to project, for the sole purpose of meeting the Contractor's goals, shall be a violation of the contract, the Executive Order, and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4. Compliance with the goals will be measured against the total work hours performed.

The Contractor shall provide written notification to the Director OFCCP, within 10 working days of award of any construction subcontract in excess of \$10,000 at any tier for construction work under the Contract. The notification shall list the name, address, and telephone number of the subcontractor; employer identification number of the subcontractor; estimated dollar amount of the subcontract; estimated starting and completion dates of subcontract; and the geographical area in which the subcontract is to be performed.

**14. CONTRACTOR ASSURANCE**

*(APPLICABLE TO ALL CONTRACTS)*

The Contractor and Subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The Contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the Contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as MTS 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 non-responsible. Each subcontract the Contractor signs with a Subcontractor must include the assurance in this paragraph.

**15. SEISMIC SAFETY**

*(APPLICABLE TO ALL CONSTRUCTION AND ARCHITECTURAL & ENGINEERING CONTRACTS AND SUBCONTRACTS FOR NEW BUILDINGS OR ADDITIONS TO EXISTING BUILDINGS)*

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

**16. DAVIS-BACON AND COPELAND ANTI-KICKBACK ACTS**

*(APPLICABLE TO ALL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS OVER \$2,000)*

Contractor shall comply with the Davis-Bacon Act and the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act. Under 49 U.S.C. § 5333(a), prevailing wage protections apply to laborers and mechanics employed on FTA assisted construction, alteration, or repair projects. The Contractor will comply with the Davis-Bacon Act, 40 U.S.C. §§ 3141-3144, and 3146-3148 as supplemented by DOL regulations at 29 C.F.R. part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Governing Federally Financed and Assisted Construction." In accordance with the statute, the Contractor shall pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, the Contractor agrees to pay wages not less than once a week. The Contractor shall also comply with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. § 3145), as supplemented by DOL regulations at 29 C.F.R. part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in part by Loans or Grants from the United States." In accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 874, the Contractor is prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled.

**17. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT**

*(APPLICABLE TO ALL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS THAT EMPLOY LABORERS OR MECHANICS OVER \$ 100,000 )*

A. Overtime requirements. For all contracts in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers, the Contractor shall comply with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 3701- 3708), as supplemented by the DOL regulations at 29 C.F.R. part 5. Under 40 U.S.C. § 3702 of the Act, the Contractor shall compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer, including watchmen and guards, on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. § 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchase of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or to contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

B. Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (A) of this Section the Contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such Contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (A) of this Section, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (A) of this Section.

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

D. Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth above in paragraph (A) through (D) of this Section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (A) through (D) of this Section.

## **18. CARGO PREFERENCE**

*(APPLICABLE TO ALL CONTRACTS AND SUBCONTRACTS INVOLVING EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, OR COMMODITIES WHICH MAY BE TRANSPORTED BY OCEAN VESSELS)*

- a. 46 U.S.C. 55305 and 46 C.F.R. Part 381 which imposes U.S. cargo preference requirements on the shipment of foreign made goods shall apply to this procurement. The Contractor shall utilize privately owned United States-flagged commercial vessels to ship at least 50 percent of the gross tonnage (competed separately for dry bulk carriers, dry cargo liners, and tankers) involved, whenever shipping any equipment, materials, or commodities



pursuant to this contract, to the extent such vessels are available at fair and reasonable rates for United States-flagged commercial vessels.

- b. The Contractor shall furnish within 20 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 United States, a legible copy of a rated, "onboard" commercial ocean bill-of-lading in English for each shipment of cargo described in paragraph (A) above to MTS (through the prime Contractor in the case of subcontractor bills-of-lading) and to the Division of National Cargo, Office of Market Development, Maritime Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590, marked with appropriate identification of the project.
- c. The Contractor shall insert the substance of the provisions of this clause in all subcontracts issued pursuant to this contract when the subcontract may involve the transport of equipment, material or commodities by ocean vessel.

## **19. FLY AMERICA REQUIREMENTS**

*(APPLICABLE TO ALL CONTRACTS AND SUBCONTRACTS TRANSPORTING PERSONS OR PROPERTY BY AIR OUTSIDE THE U.S.)*

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

## **20. SAFE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

*(APPLICABLE TO ALL CONTRACTS)*

- a. Seat Belt Use. The Contractor is encouraged to adopt and promote on-the-job seat belt use policies and programs for its employees and other personnel that operate company-owned vehicles, company- rented vehicles, or personally operated vehicles. The terms "company-owned" and "company-leased" refer to vehicles owned or leased either by the Contractor or MTS.
- b. Distracted Driving. The Contractor 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 Contactor owns, leases, or rents, or a privately-owned vehicle when on official business in connection with the work performed under this Contract. The Contractor 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.

**21. EXCLUSIONARY OR DISCRIMINATORY SPECIFICATIONS**

*(APPLICABLE TO ALL CONTRACTS AND SUBCONTRACTS)*

Apart from inconsistent requirements imposed by federal statute or regulations, MTS shall comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5323 (h)(2) by refraining from using any federal assistance awarded by FTA to support procurements using exclusionary or discriminatory specifications.

**22. GEOGRAPHIC RESTRICTIONS**

*(APPLICABLE TO ALL CONTRACTS AND SUBCONTRACTS)*

MTS shall refrain from using state or local geographic preferences, except those expressly mandated or encouraged by federal statute, and as permitted by federal procurement rules.

**23. VETERANS PREFERENCE / EMPLOYMENT**

*(APPLICABLE TO ALL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS)*

Per MAP-21 at 49 USC 5325 (k), the Contractor shall give a hiring preference, to the extent practicable, to veterans (as defined in 5 USC 2108) who have the requisite skills and abilities to perform the construction work required under the Contract. This provision shall not be understood, construed or enforced in any manner that would require the Contractor to give a preference to any veteran over any equally qualified applicant who is not a member or any racial or ethnic minority, female, an individual with a disability, or a former employee.

**24. BUY AMERICA**

*(APPLICABLE TO PURCHASE OF MORE THAN \$150,000 OF IRON, STEEL, MANUFACTURED GOODS OR ROLLING STOCK)*

The Contractor's attention is directed to the "Buy America" requirements set forth in Section 165 of the federal Surface Transportation Act of 1982, and the FTA regulations implementing Section 165 (49 C.F.R. Part 661). Information on "Buy America" requirements (49 C.F.R. Part 661) is available for review at the MTS office. Contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j), as amended by the FAST Act, and FTA regulations 49 C.F.R. Part 661, which provide that Federal funds may not be obligated unless steel, iron, and manufactured products used in FTA-funded projects are produced in the United States, unless a waiver has been granted by FTA or the product is subject to a general waiver. 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) and 49 C.F.R. 661.11. Rolling stock must be assembled in the United States and have a 60 percent domestic content. Contractor shall submit to MTS with its Bid the appropriate Buy America certification included as part of the Bid Documents and Forms, except those subject to a general waiver. MTS will reject as nonresponsive Bids or offers that are not accompanied by a completed Buy America certification. This requirement does not apply to lower tier subcontractors.