

# FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

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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. ACCESS TO RECORDS, REPORTS AND SITES**

*(APPLICABLE TO ALL CONTRACTS AND SUBCONTRACTS)*

The Contractor and any Subcontractor shall retain complete and readily accessible records related in whole or in part to the contract, including, but not limited to, data, documents, reports, statistics, sub-agreements, leases, subcontracts, arrangements, other third party agreements of any type and supporting materials related to those records. The Contractor agrees to comply with the record retention requirements in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.333. The Contractor shall maintain all books, records, accounts and reports required under this Contract for a period of at 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 records shall be maintained until the disposition of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto. Contractor shall provide sufficient access to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation, Comptroller General of the U.S., FTA, DOT Office of Inspector General, the State, MTS or any of their authorized representatives to inspect and audit records pertaining to the performance of this Contract as reasonably may be required. The Contractor shall also permit FTA and its contractors access to the sites of performance under this contract as reasonably may be required. The Contractor agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

**6. 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.

**7. 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.

**8. 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).

**9. AIR POLLUTION AND FUEL ECONOMY**

*(PURCHASE OF REVENUE SERVICE ROLLING STOCK)*

The Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal air pollution control and fuel economy regulations, such as EPA regulations, "Control of Air Pollution from Mobile Sources," 40 CFR Part 85; EPA regulations, "Control of Air Pollution from New and In-Use Motor Vehicles and New and In-Use Motor Vehicle Engines," 40 CFR Part 86; and EPA regulations, "Fuel Economy of Motor Vehicles," 40 CFR Part 600.

**10. 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.

**11. 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.

## **12. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS**

*(APPLICABLE TO ALL CONTRACTS)*

### **12.1. 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.

### **12.2. 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.

### **12.3. 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.

#### **12.4. 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.”

#### **12.5. 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.

#### **12.6. 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.

#### **12.7. 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.

### **13. 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.

## **14. CIVIL RIGHTS**

*(APPLICABLE TO ALL CONTRACTS)*

### **14.1. SUBCONTRACT**

The Contractor shall include these requirements in each subcontract entered into as part thereof.

### **14.2. 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.

### **14.3. 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.

### **14.4. 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.

### **14.5. 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.

**15. VETERANS EMPLOYMENT**

*(APPLICABLE TO ALL CONTRACTS AND SUBCONTRACTS)*

Recipients and subrecipients of Federal financial assistance under this chapter 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 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 former employee.

**16. 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.

**17. 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.

**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)*

### **20.1. 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.

### **20.2. 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 Contractor 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. 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.

**22. TRANSIT EMPLOYEE PROTECTIVE ARRANGEMENT**

*(APPLICABLE TO EACH CONTRACT FOR TRANSIT OPERATIONS)*

The Contractor agrees to comply with the following employee protective arrangements of 49 U.S.C. § 5333(b):

- A. U.S. DOL Certification. Under this Contract or any Amendments thereto that involve public transportation operations that are supported with federal assistance, a certification issued by U.S. DOL is a condition of the Contract.
- B. Special Warranty. When the Contract involves public transportation operations and is supported with federal assistance appropriated or made available for 49 U.S.C. § 5311, U.S. DOL will provide a Special Warranty for its Award, including its Award of federal assistance under the Tribal Transit Program. The U.S. DOL Special Warranty is a condition of the Contract.
- C. Special Arrangements. The conditions of 49 U.S.C. § 5333(b) do not apply to Contractors providing public transportation operations pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 5310. FTA reserves the right to make case-by-case determinations of the applicability of 49 U.S.C. § 5333(b) for all transfers of funding authorized under title 23, United States Code (flex funds), and make other exceptions as it deems appropriate, and, in those instances, any special arrangements required by FTA will be incorporated herein as required.
- D. The contractor shall include the substance of this clause in each subcontract that may involve operating public transit services.

**23. 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 70 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.

## **24. SCHOOL BUS OPERATIONS**

*(APPLICABLE TO ALL BUS OPERATIONAL CONTRACTS)*

The contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. 5323(f), and 49 C.F.R. part 604, and not engage in school bus operations using federally funded equipment or facilities in competition with private operators of school buses, except as permitted under: 1. Federal transit laws, specifically 49 U.S.C. § 5323(f); 2. FTA regulations, "School Bus Operations," 49 C.F.R. part 605; 3. Any other Federal School Bus regulations; or 4. Federal guidance, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing. If Contractor violates this School Bus Agreement, FTA may: 1. Bar the Contractor from receiving Federal assistance for public transportation; or 2. Require the contractor to take such remedial measures as FTA considers appropriate. When operating exclusive school bus service under an allowable exemption, the contractor may not use federally funded equipment, vehicles, or facilities. The Contractor should include the substance of this clause in each subcontract or purchase under this contract that may operate public transportation services.

## **25. MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY**

*(APPLICABLE TO ALL BUS OPERATIONAL CONTRACTS)*

### **25.1. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

The Contractor agrees it will comply with the economic and insurance registration requirements of the: (1) U.S. Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (U.S. FMCSA) regulations, "Minimum Levels of Financial Responsibility for Motor Carriers," 49 C.F.R. part 387, if it is engaged in operations requiring compliance with 49 C.F.R. part 387, it is engaged in interstate commerce, and it is not within a defined commercial zone, and (2) The provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 31138(e)(4), which supersede inconsistent provisions of 49 C.F.R. part 387.

### **25.2. U.S. FMCSA REQUIREMENTS**

The Contractor agrees it will comply with: (1) The safety requirements of U.S. FMCSA regulations, "Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations," 49 C.F.R. parts 390 – 397, to the extent applicable; and (2) The driver's license requirements of U.S. FMCSA regulations, "Commercial Driver's License Standards, Requirements, and Penalties," 49 C.F.R. part 383, and "State Compliance with Commercial Driver's License," 49 C.F.R. part 384, to the extent applicable, with the substance abuse requirements and guidance of U.S. FMCSA's regulations, "Drug and Alcohol Use and Testing Requirements," 49 C.F.R. part 382, and implementing federal guidance, to the extent applicable.

## **26. DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING REQUIREMENTS**

*(APPLICABLE TO ALL BUS OPERATIONAL CONTRACTS)*

The Contractor agrees to establish and implement a drug and alcohol testing program that complies with 49 C.F.R. Part 655, produce any documentation necessary to establish its compliance with Part 655, and permit any authorized representative of the United States Department of Transportation or its operating administrations, any California regulation agency,

or MTS, to inspect the facilities and records associated with the implementation of the drug and alcohol testing program as required under 49 C.F.R. Part 655 and review the testing process. The Contractor agrees further to certify annually its compliance with Part 655 when requested by MTS and to submit the Management Information System (MIS) reports before March 1 annually to MTS. To certify compliance the Contractor shall use the "Substance Abuse Certifications" in the "Annual List of Certifications and Assurances for Federal Transit Administration Grants and Cooperative Agreements," which is published annually in the Federal Register.

## **27. PRIVACY ACT REQUIREMENTS**

*(APPLICABLE TO ALL BUS OPERATIONAL CONTRACTS)*

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

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

## **28. CHARTER SERVICE**

*(APPLICABLE TO EACH CONTRACT FOR TRANSIT OPERATIONS)*

The contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. 5323(d), 5323(r), and 49 C.F.R. part 604, which provides that recipients and subrecipients of FTA assistance are prohibited from providing charter service using federally funded equipment or facilities if there is at least one private charter operator willing and able to provide the service, except as permitted under: 1. Federal transit laws, specifically 49 U.S.C. § 5323(d); 2. FTA regulations, "Charter Service," 49 C.F.R. part 604; 3. Any other federal Charter Service regulations; or 4. Federal guidance, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.

The contractor agrees that if it engages in a pattern of violations of FTA's Charter Service regulations, FTA may require corrective measures or impose remedies on it. These corrective measures and remedies may include: 1. Barring it or any subcontractor operating public transportation under its Award that has provided prohibited charter service from receiving federal assistance from FTA; Withholding an amount of federal assistance as provided by Appendix D to part 604 of FTA's Charter Service regulations; or 3. Any other appropriate remedy that may apply. The contractor shall also include the substance of this clause in each subcontract that may involve operating public transit services.