

SECTION 00700

GENERAL CONTRACT PROVISIONS

MEMPHIS AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY (MATA)

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1. Non-Collusion - The Bidder guarantees that the Bid submitted is not a product of collusion with any other Bidder and no effort has been made to fix the Bid price of any Bidder or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of any Bid price. An Affidavit of Non-Collusion, as per attached format, must be signed and submitted with Bid. (Exhibit I)
2. Bid Acceptance - Each Bid will be submitted with the understanding that the acceptance, in writing by purchaser of the offer to furnish any or all of the items described herein, shall constitute a Contract between the Bidder and the purchaser, which shall bind the Bidder on his part to furnish and deliver at his Bid price and in accordance with said accepted Bid and specifications.
3. Pricing - The price to be quoted in any Bid submitted shall include all labor, materials, tools, equipment, and other costs necessary to fully complete the project in accordance with the specifications. Anything omitted from such specifications which are clearly necessary for the completion of the item and its appurtenances shall be considered a portion of such Bid item although not directly specified or called for in these specifications. All material shall be new and in no case will used, reconditioned, or obsolete material be accepted unless otherwise specified. Bidder should note discounts, if any. Freight charges must be included in Bid price.
4. Terms of Payment - Payment for the specified items shall be net thirty (30) days after acceptance. Bidder should note any discounts for payment before thirty (30) days.
5. Acceptance of Material - If the item is not acceptable; MATA will furnish a letter of non-acceptance detailing the deficiencies within thirty (30) days after delivery. Acceptance of delivery of an item shall not release the CONTRACTOR from liability for faulty workmanship or materials appearing even after final payment has been made.
6. Approved Equal -
 - a. In all cases, materials must be furnished as specified. Where brand names or specific items are used in the specifications, consider the term "or approved equal" to follow.
 - b. Any unapproved deviations, exceptions, substitutions, alternates, or conditional qualifications contained in a Bid may be cause for its rejection.
 - c. If a potential Bidder feels that his product is an equal to the product specified, he must submit a written request to MATA.
 - d. Requests for approved equals, clarification of specifications, and protest of specifications must be received by MATA, **IN WRITING, NO LATER THAN 4:00 p.m. local time, April 12, 2013 TO ALLOW ANALYSIS OF THE REQUEST.** Any request for an approved equal or protest of the specifications must be fully supported with catalog information, specifications, and illustrations or other pertinent information as evidence that the substitute offer is equal to or better than the specifications' requirement. Where an approved equal is requested, the CONTRACTOR must demonstrate the quality of his product to the Authority and must furnish sufficient information to enable the Authority to determine whether the CONTRACTOR's product is or is not equal to that specified. Such requests may be faxed to (901) 278-9108 or (901) 272-2912. They may also be e-mailed to Shelia Maclin, Contract Administrator, at smaclin@matatransit.com.
 - e. MATA's replies to requests under paragraph (d) above will be post-marked at least fourteen

(14) days before the date scheduled for Bid opening.

- f. A notice of approved equals shall be furnished to all parties receiving specifications so that all Bidders may prepare their Bid accordingly.
 - g. Appeal from the decisions of MATA to approve or disapprove approved equal status shall be submitted in writing to the President/General Manager, MATA, 1370 Levee Road, Memphis, TN 38108, not later than five (5) days from the date of MATA's decision. The appeal shall, at a minimum, identify the decision in question, specify all reasons why the appealing party disagrees with the decision, and shall include all facts and justification, including technical information, in support of its position. The President/General Manager may request additional information from the appealing party, and information or a response from the Bidders which shall likewise be submitted in writing to the President/General Manager not later than ten (10) days from the date of MATA's request. So far as practicable, appeals will be decided upon the basis of the written appeal, information and written response submitted by the appealing party and other Bidders; all parties are urged to make written submissions as complete as possible. Failure of any party to timely respond to a request for information may be deemed by MATA that such party does not desire to participate in the proceeding, does not contest the matter, or does not desire to submit a response; and, in such event, the appeal will proceed and will not be delayed due to the lack of a response. Upon receipt and review of written submissions and any independent investigation deemed appropriate by MATA, the President/General Manager shall either (a) render a decision which shall be final and advise all interested parties of same in writing, or (b) at the sole election of the President/General Manager, conduct an informal hearing at which the interested participating parties will be afforded an opportunity to present their respective positions and facts, documents, justification, and technical information in support thereof. Parties may, but are not required to, be represented by counsel at the informal hearing, which will not be subject to formal rules of evidence or procedure. Following the informal hearing, the President/General Manager shall render a decision, which shall be final and advise all interested parties thereof in writing.
 - h. Changes in the specifications will be made by written addendum by MATA, and will be forwarded to all persons and firms to whom Bid documents have been furnished.
7. Bid Withdrawal -
- a. Each and every Bidder who submits his Bid specifically waives any right to withdraw it except as hereinafter provided. Bidders will be given permission to withdraw any Bid after it has been deposited with MATA, provided any Bidder makes its request by telephone, telegraph, or in writing, twenty-four (24) hours before the time Bids are due. Requests pertaining to withdrawals by telephone or telegraph must be confirmed in writing by the Bidder and must reach the Office of the President/General Manager of MATA not later than one (1) hour prior to the time fixed for submission of Bids.
 - b. No Bidder may withdraw his Bid within ninety (90) days after the date Bids are due.
8. Bid Rejection - MATA reserves the right to waive any minor Bid informalities or irregularities received which do not go to the heart of the Bid or prejudice other Bidders, or to reject, for good and compelling reasons, any and all Bids submitted. Conditional Bids, or those, which take exception to the specifications, may be considered non-responsive and may be rejected.
9. Tax Exemption - MATA is exempt from payment of all Federal, State, and local taxes in connection with the project. Said taxes must not be included in Bid prices. MATA will provide necessary tax exemption certificate to manufacturer, if requested.
10. Bid Evaluation -

- a. Consideration will be given to Bidder's previous experience, price, financial responsibility of Bidder, responsiveness to these specifications, including level of participation of DBEs.
 - b. Bidders may be required to submit duplicate sworn statements of their financial responsibility, technical qualifications, and performance record before a Contract can be awarded to them.
 - c. MATA reserves the right to award Bids singularly or collectively on any of the Bid items.
 - d. The Contract shall be awarded according to Section 5.0 of Section A.
11. Bid Price Form - If MATA includes a Bid Price Form in the IFB, Bids must be submitted on the form provided. Each item should be listed separately on the form. Bids submitted in any other form may be considered non-responsive and may be rejected. Bids may be submitted on any or all items in this Bid request.
12. Protest Procedures - Protests may be made by prospective Bidders whose direct economic interest would be affected by the award of a Contract, or by failure to award a Contract. MATA will consider all protests requested in a timely manner regarding the award of a Contract, whether submitted before or after an award. All protests are to be submitted in writing to the Contracting Officer, Memphis Area Transit Authority, 1370 Levee Road, Memphis, TN 38108. Protest submissions should be concise, logically arranged, and clearly state the grounds for the protest. Protests must include at least the following information:
- 1. Name, address, and telephone number of protestor.
 - 2. Identification of the solicitation or Contract Number.
 - 3. A detailed statement of the legal and factual grounds of protest, including copies of relevant documents.
 - 4. A statement as to what relief is requested.

Protests must be submitted to MATA in accordance with these procedures and time requirements. Protests must be complete and contain all issues that the protestor believes relevant.

- a. Bid protests alleging restrictive specifications or improprieties which are apparent prior to Bid closing time or receipt of Bids must be submitted in writing to the Contracting Officer and must be received seven (7) days prior to Bid closing time or receipt of Bids. If the written protest is not received by the time specified, Bids may be received and award may be made in the normal manner unless the Contracting Officer determines that remedial action is required. Oral protests not followed up by a written protest will be disregarded. The Contracting Officer may request additional information from the appealing party and information or a response from other Bidders, which shall likewise be submitted in writing to the Contracting Officer not later than ten (10) days from the date of MATA's request. So far as practicable, appeals will be decided upon the basis of the written appeal, information, and written response submitted by the appealing party and other Bidders; all parties are urged to make written submissions as complete as possible. Failure of any party to timely respond to a request for information may be deemed by MATA that such party does not desire to participate in the proceeding, does not contest the matter, or does not desire to submit a response; and, in such event, the protest will proceed and will not be delayed due to the lack of a response. Upon receipt and review of written submissions and any independent investigation deemed appropriate by MATA, the Contracting Officer shall either (a) render a decision, or (b) at the sole election of the Contracting Officer, conduct an informal hearing at which the interested participating parties will be afforded an opportunity to present their respective positions and facts, documents, justification, and technical information in support thereof. Parties may, but are not required to, be represented by counsel at the informal hearing, which will not be subject to formal rules of evidence or procedures. Following the informal hearing, the Contracting Officer shall render a decision, which shall be final and

advise all interested parties thereof in writing but no later than ten (10) days from the date of the informal hearing.

- b. Bid protest against the making of an award by the MATA Board must be submitted in writing to the Contracting Officer and received by the Contracting Officer within seven (7) days of the award by the MATA Board. The process for resolving protests listed above in Section (a) will be followed for any protest received under this section.

Notice of the protest and the basis therefore will be given to all prospective Bidders. In addition, when a protest against the making of an award by the MATA Board is received and it is determined to withhold the award pending disposition of the protest, the Bidders whose Bids might become eligible for award shall be requested before expiration of the time for acceptance, to extend or withdraw the Bid.

Where a written protest against the making of an award is received in the time specified, award will not be made prior to seven (7) days after resolution of the protest unless MATA determines that:

1. The item(s) to be procured or service to be performed is urgently required.
2. Delivery or performance will be unduly delayed by failure to make award promptly;
or,
3. Failure to make award will otherwise cause undue harm to MATA or the Federal Government.

- c. Protests made after contract award shall be received no later than seven (7) calendar days afterwards. Protests received after award will be reviewed by the Contracting Officer and MATA's General Counsel.

In instances where the award has been made, the CONTRACTOR shall be furnished with the notice of the protest and the basis therefore. If the CONTRACTOR has not executed the Contract as of the date the protest is received by MATA, the execution of the Contract will not be made prior to seven (7) days after resolution of the protest unless MATA determines that:

1. The item(s) to be procured or service to be performed is urgently required;
2. Delivery or performance will be unduly delayed by failure to make award promptly;
or,
3. Failure to make award will otherwise cause undue harm to MATA or the Federal Government.

The process for resolving protests listed above in Section (a) will be followed for any protest received under this section.

- d. Appeals and requests for reconsideration of the determination of the Contracting Officer of protests under (a), (b) and (c) must be submitted to the President/General Manager and received within seven (7) days after the date of the written determination by the Contracting Officer. The President/General Manager may request additional information from the appealing party and information or a response from other Bidders, which shall likewise be submitted in writing to the President/General Manager not later than ten (10) days from the date of MATA's request. So far as practicable, appeals will be decided upon the basis of the written appeal, information, and written response submitted by the appealing party and other Bidders; all parties are urged to make written submissions as complete as possible. Failure of any party to timely respond to a request for information may be deemed by MATA that such party does not desire to participate in the proceeding, does not contest the matter, or does not desire to submit a response; and, in such event, the appeal will proceed and will not be delayed due to the lack of a response. Upon receipt and review of written submissions and any independent investigation deemed appropriate by MATA, the President/General

Manager shall either (a) render a decision, or (b) at the sole election of the President/General Manager, conduct an informal hearing at which the interested participating parties will be afforded an opportunity to present their respective positions and facts, documents, justification, and technical information in support thereof. Parties may, but are not required to, be represented by counsel at the informal hearing, which will not be subject to formal rules of evidence or procedures. Following the informal hearing, the President/General Manager shall render a decision, which shall be final and advise all interested parties thereof in writing but no later than ten (10) days from the date of the informal hearing.

- e. Under certain limited circumstances, an interested party may protest to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) the award of a Contract pursuant to an FTA grant. FTA's review of any protest will be limited to:
 - 1. Alleged failure of MATA to have written protest procedures or alleged failure to follow such procedures.
 - 2. Alleged violations of a specific Federal requirement that provides an applicable complaint procedure which shall be submitted and processed in accordance with that Federal regulation.
- f. Protestors shall file a protest with FTA not later than five (5) working days after a final decision of MATA's President/General Manager is rendered under the MATA protest procedure. In instances where the protestor alleges that MATA failed to make a final determination on the protest, the protestor shall file a complaint with FTA not later than five (5) Federal working days after the protestor knew or should have known of MATA's failure to render a final determination on the protest.
- g. Submission of Protest to FTA
 - 1. Protests shall be filed with the appropriate FTA Regional Office with a concurrent copy to MATA.
 - 2. The protest filed with FTA shall:
 - (i) Include the name and address of the protestor.
 - (ii) Identify MATA project number and the number of the Contract Solicitation.
 - (iii) Contain a statement of the grounds for the protest and any supporting documentation. This should detail the alleged failure to follow protest procedures or the alleged failure to have procedures and be fully supported to the extent possible.
 - (iv) Include a copy of the local protest filed with MATA and a copy of the MATA decision, if any.
- 13. Correspondence - The Bidder is required to show on all correspondence with MATA and FTA, the following: IFB No. 12-26. Communication with MATA should be mailed directly to Shelia Maclin, Purchasing Manager, MATA, 1370 Levee Road, Memphis, TN 38108, or sent by fax to (901) 274-5866 or (901) 272-2912, or sent by e-mail at smaclin@matatransit.com
- 14. Contract Subletting - No Contract may be assigned, sublet, or transferred without the written consent of MATA.
- 15. Miscellaneous -
 - a. CONTRACTOR warrants that it has not been paid any bonus or commission for the purpose of obtaining this Contract.

- b. Except as otherwise set forth herein, this Contract shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee. All actions, whether sounding in contract or in tort, relating to the validity, construction, interpretation, and enforcement of this Contract shall be instituted and litigated in the courts of the State of Tennessee located in Shelby County, Tennessee, and in no other. In accordance herewith, the parties to this Contract submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of Tennessee, located in Shelby County, Tennessee.
- c. The failure of MATA at any time to insist upon a strict performance of any terms, conditions, and covenants herein shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent breach or default of the terms, conditions, and covenants herein contained.
- d. CONTRACTOR shall not assign any interest or obligation in this Contract, and CONTRACTOR shall not transfer any interest in the same (whether by assignment or novation), without the prior written consent of MATA.
- e. Any proposed change or modification of this Contract shall be submitted in writing to MATA for its prior approval. All changes shall be by written agreement of MATA and CONTRACTOR.
- f. The CONTRACTOR acknowledges that MATA is managed and operated by Mid-South Transportation Management, Inc. (MTM). The CONTRACTOR shall cooperate with and abide by the instructions of MATA and MTM personnel.

16. Extent of Agreement -

- a. The Bid submitted by the CONTRACTOR is incorporated herein by reference as fully set forth verbatim herein. In the event of conflict between this Contract and Bid, the provisions of this Contract shall control.
- b. This Contract, except as set forth in the preceding paragraph, represents the entire and integrated Agreement between MATA and the CONTRACTOR, and supersedes all prior negotiations, statements, instructions, and representations or agreements, whether written or oral. This Contract may not be modified, amended, or assigned except by written agreement duly signed by both parties.
- c. At the election of MATA, the invalidity or illegality of any provisions of this Contract, other than arising from the fiscal inability of MATA to pay the compensation due to the CONTRACTOR as same becomes due, as determined by a court of last resort of competent jurisdiction, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Contract, and this Contract shall remain in full force and effect as if such illegal or invalid provisions were not contained herein.

17. Compliance with Applicable Law -

- a. In the performance of its obligations pursuant to this Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable provisions of Federal, State, and local law in any manner affecting the conduct of the work and all prohibitive orders and instructions issued by the State and Federal Government regarding fortifications, military, and naval establishments and other areas.
- b. To accommodate changing Federal requirements, the CONTRACTOR agrees that Federal requirements may change and the changed requirements will apply to the project as required, unless the Federal Government determines otherwise. All standards or limits within FTA's Master Agreement are minimum requirements, unless modified by FTA.

- c. The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with FTA Circular 4220.1F, "Third Party Contracting Requirements", any revisions or replacement thereof, and applicable Federal regulations or requirements, including FTA third party contracting regulations when promulgated.

18. Audit and Inspection -

- a. The CONTRACTOR shall permit MATA, the Secretary, and Comptroller General of the United States or any of their duly authorized representatives access to all CONTRACTOR records as they request for audits and inspections related to any Contract not awarded on the basis of competitive bidding for a capital or improvement project, as needed for compliance with 49 U.S.C. § 5325(a). The CONTRACTOR shall permit said persons to inspect all work materials, payrolls, and other data with regard to the project, and to audit the books, records, and accounts pertaining to such Contracts with regard to the project. The CONTRACTOR shall provide sufficient access to contract records as needed for compliance with federal regulations or to assure proper project management as determined by FTA.
- b. The CONTRACTOR shall maintain documentation for all charges against MATA under this Contract. The books, records, and documents of the CONTRACTOR, insofar as they relate to work performed or money received under the Contract, shall be maintained in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles for a period three full years from the date of final payment, and shall be subject to audit, at any reasonable time upon reasonable notice, by MATA, the State of Tennessee or the Comptroller of the Treasury or their duly appointed representatives, or a licensed independent public accountant. Further, the records shall be maintained for a period not less than that recommended in the Uniform Manual for Development Districts of Tennessee, published by the Comptroller of the Treasury, State of Tennessee, but not less than three years from the date of final payment.
- c. In the event any Federal or State agency audits MATA, the CONTRACTOR shall provide whatever records, information, and assistance as MATA may reasonably require.
- d. The CONTRACTOR shall provide information and assistance requested by MATA for progress reports required of MATA by Federal or State Government, or agencies.

19. Equal Employment Opportunity - In the performance of its duties hereunder, the CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of disability, race, color, age, creed, sex, religion or national origin. The CONTRACTOR shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their disability, race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The CONTRACTOR shall insert the foregoing provisions (modified only to show the particular contractual relationship) in all subcontracts, except subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials.

20. Interests of Federal and State Governmental Officials -

- a. No member of or delegate to the Congress of the United States shall be admitted to any share or part of this Contract, or to any benefit arising therefrom.
- b. No part of the proceeds hereof shall be paid directly or indirectly to any officer or employee of the State of Tennessee as wages, compensation or gifts in exchange for acting as officer, agent, employee, subcontractor, or consultant to MATA in connection with any work contemplated or performed relative to this Contract.

21. Environmental Requirements -

- a. Environmental Protection. The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all applicable requirements and implementing regulations of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 through 4335 (as restricted by 42 U.S.C. § 5159, if applicable); Executive Order No. 11514, as amended, "Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality," 42 U.S.C. § 4321 note; FTA statutory requirements at 49 U.S.C. § 5324(b); U.S. Council on Environmental Quality regulations pertaining to compliance with NEPA, 40 C.F.R. Parts 1500 through 1508; and joint FHWA/FTA regulations, "Environmental Impact and Related Procedures," 23 C.F.R. Part 771 and 49 C.F.R. Part 622, and other applicable Federal environmental protection regulations that may be promulgated at a later date. The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the applicable provisions of 23 U.S.C. § 139 pertaining to environmental procedures, and, as applicable, 23 U.S.C. § 326, pertaining to State responsibility for categorical exclusions, in accordance with the provisions of joint FHWA/FTA final guidance, "SAFETEA-LU Environmental Review Process (Public Law 109-59)," 71 *Fed. Reg.* 66576 *et seq.*, November 15, 2006, and any applicable Federal directives that may be issued at a later date, except to the extent that FTA determines otherwise in writing.
- b. Air Quality (Applicable to Contracts Exceeding \$100,000) – Except to the extent the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all applicable Federal laws and regulations and follow applicable Federal directives implementing the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 through 7671q. Specifically:
1. The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the applicable requirements of subsection 176(c) of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7506(c); with U.S. EPA regulations, "Determining Conformity of Federal Actions to State or Federal Implementation Plans," 40 C.F.R. Part 93, Subpart A; and with any other applicable Federal conformity regulations that may be promulgated at a later date. To support the requisite air quality conformity finding for the Project, the CONTRACTOR agrees to implement each air quality mitigation or control measure incorporated in the applicable documents accompanying the approval of the Project. The CONTRACTOR further agrees that any Project identified in an applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) as a Transportation Control Measure will be wholly consistent with the design concept and scope of the Project described in the SIP.
 2. U.S. EPA also imposes requirements implementing the Clean Air Act, as amended, that may apply to public transportation operators, particularly operators of large public transportation bus fleets. Accordingly, to the extent they apply to the Project, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with U.S. EPA regulations, "Control of Air Pollution from Mobile Sources," 40 C.F.R. Part 85; U.S. EPA regulations, "Control of Air Pollution from New and In-Use Motor Vehicles and New and In-Use Motor Vehicle Engines," 40 C.F.R. Part 86; and U.S. EPA regulations "Fuel Economy of Motor Vehicles," 40 C.F.R. Part 600, and any revisions thereto.
 3. The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the notice of violating facilities provisions of section 306 of the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7414, and facilitate compliance with Executive Order No. 11738, "Administration of the Clean Air Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with Respect to Federal Contracts, Grants, or Loans," 42 U.S.C. § 7606 note.
- c. Clean Water Requirements (Applicable to Contracts Exceeding \$100,000) - Except to the extent the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all Federal laws and regulations and follow applicable Federal directives implementing the Clean Water Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1251 through 1377. Specifically:
1. The CONTRACTOR agrees to protect underground sources of drinking water consistent with the provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, 42

U.S.C. §§ 300f through 300j-6.

2. The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the notice of violating facilities provisions of section 508 of the Clean Water Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1368, and facilitate compliance with Executive Order No. 11738, "Administration of the Clean Air Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with Respect to Federal Contracts, Grants, or Loans," 42 U.S.C. § 7606 note.

- d. Use of Certain Public Lands. The CONTRACTOR agrees that in implementing its Project, it will not use any publicly owned land from a park, recreation area, or wildlife or waterfowl refuge of national, State, or local significance as determined by the Federal, State, or local officials having jurisdiction thereof, unless the Federal Government makes the findings required by 49 U.S.C. § 303. The CONTRACTOR also agrees to comply with joint FHWA/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.
- e. Wild and Scenic Rivers. The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with applicable provisions of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, as amended, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1271 through 1287, relating to protecting components of the national wild and scenic rivers system, with applicable implementing U.S. Forest Service regulations, "Wild and Scenic Rivers," 36 C.F.R. Part 297, and with applicable implementing U.S. Bureau of Land Management regulations, "Management Areas," 43 C.F.R. Part 8350.
- f. Coastal Zone Management. The CONTRACTOR agrees to assure Project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1451 through 1465.
- g. Wetlands. The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the protections for wetlands addressed in Executive Order No. 11990, as amended, "Protection of Wetlands," 42 U.S.C. § 4321 note.
- h. Floodplains. The CONTRACTOR agrees to facilitate compliance with the flood hazards protections in floodplains in accordance with Executive Order No. 11988, as amended, "Floodplain Management" 42 U.S.C. § 4321 note.
- i. Endangered Species and Fisheries Conservation. The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with applicable protections for endangered species of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 through 1544, and the Magnuson Stevens Fisheries Conservation Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1801 *et seq.*
- j. Historic Preservation. The CONTRACTOR agrees as follows:
1. The CONTRACTOR agrees that in implementing its Project, it will not use any land from a historic site that is on or eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places, unless the Federal Government makes the findings required by 49 U.S.C. § 303.
 2. The CONTRACTOR agrees to encourage compliance with the Federal historic and archaeological preservation requirements of section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. § 470f; Executive Order No. 11593, "Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment," 16 U.S.C. § 470 note; and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974, as amended, 16 U.S.C. §§ 469a through 469c as follows:
 - (a) In accordance with U.S. Advisory Council on Historic Preservation regulations, "Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties," 36 C.F.R. Part 800, the CONTRACTOR agrees to consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer

concerning investigations to identify properties and resources included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places that may be affected by the Project, and agrees to notify FTA of affected properties.

- (b) The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all applicable Federal regulations and directives to avoid or mitigate adverse effects on those historic properties, except to the extent the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing.
- k. Indian Sacred Sites. The CONTRACTOR agrees to facilitate compliance with the preservation of places and objects of religious importance to American Indians, Eskimos, Aleuts, and Native Hawaiians, pursuant to the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1996, in accordance with Executive Order No. 13007, "Indian Sacred Sites," 42 U.S.C. § 1996 note, except to the extent that the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing.
- l. Mitigation of Adverse Environmental Effects. Should the Project cause or result in adverse environmental effects, the CONTRACTOR agrees to take all reasonable steps to minimize the impact of those adverse effects, as required by 49 U.S.C. § 5324(b), and other applicable Federal laws and regulations, including 23 C.F.R. Part 771, 23 C.F.R. Part 774, and 49 C.F.R. Part 622. The CONTRACTOR agrees to implement all environmental mitigation measures that may be identified as commitments in applicable environmental documents (such as environmental assessments, environmental impact statements, memoranda of agreement, and other documents required by 49 U.S.C. § 303). The CONTRACTOR also agrees to comply with any conditions the Federal Government might impose in a finding of no significant impact or a record of decision. The CONTRACTOR agrees that those mitigation measures are incorporated by reference and made part of the Contract. The CONTRACTOR agrees that any deferred mitigation measures will be incorporated by reference and made part of the Contract as soon as agreement with the Federal Government is reached. The CONTRACTOR agrees that any mitigation measures agreed on may not be modified or withdrawn without the express written approval of the Federal Government.
22. Energy Conservation - The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with applicable mandatory energy efficiency standards and policies under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6321 *et seq.*, except to the extent that the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing. As applicable, the CONTRACTOR agrees to perform an energy assessment for any building constructed, reconstructed, or modified with FTA assistance, in compliance with FTA regulations, "Requirements for Energy Assessments," 49 C.F.R. Part 622, Subpart C.
23. Patent Rights – (Applicable to Contracts For Planning, Research, Development and/or Demonstration Projects Only)
- a. General. If any invention, improvement, or discovery of the CONTRACTOR or of any subcontractor, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant at any tier of the Project is conceived or first actually reduced to practice in the course of or under the Project, and that invention, improvement, or discovery is patentable under the laws of the United States of America or any foreign country, the Recipient agrees to notify FTA immediately and provide a detailed report in a format satisfactory to FTA.
- b. Federal Rights. The CONTRACTOR agrees that its rights and responsibilities, and those of each subcontractor, lessee, or other participant at any tier of the Project, pertaining to that invention, improvement, or discovery will be determined in accordance with applicable Federal laws and regulations, including any waiver thereof. Absent a determination in writing to the contrary by the Federal Government, the Recipient agrees to transmit to FTA those rights due the Federal Government in any invention, improvement, or discovery resulting from that subcontract, lease, or arrangement, as specified in 35 U.S.C. §§ 200 *et seq.*, and U.S. Department of Commerce regulations, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under

Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," 37 C.F.R. Part 401, irrespective of the status of the CONTRACTOR, subcontractor, lessee, third party contractor or other participant in the Project (*i.e.*, a large business, small business, State government, State instrumentality, local government, Indian tribe, nonprofit organization, institution of higher education, or individual).

c. License Fees and Royalties. FTA considers income earned from license fees and royalties for patents, patent applications, and inventions produced under the Project to be program income. Except to the extent FTA determines otherwise in writing, as provided in 49 C.F.R. Parts 18 and 19, the CONTRACTOR has no obligation to the Federal Government with respect to that program income, apart from compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 200 *et seq.*, which applies to patent rights developed under a research project.

24. Rights in Data – (Applicable to Contracts For Planning, Research, Development and/or Demonstration Projects Only)

a. Definition. The term "subject data," as used in this Section 18 of the FTA Master Agreement means recorded information, whether or not copyrighted, that is delivered or specified to be delivered under the Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement for the Project. Examples include, but are not limited to: computer software, standards, specifications, engineering drawings and associated lists, process sheets, manuals, technical reports, catalog item identifications, and related information. "Subject data" do not include financial reports, cost analyses, or other similar information used for Project administration.

b. General. The following restrictions apply to all subject data first produced in the performance of the Contract for the Project:

(1) Except for its own internal use, the CONTRACTOR may not publish or reproduce subject data in whole or in part, or in any manner or form, nor may the CONTRACTOR authorize others to do so, without the prior written consent of the Federal Government, unless the Federal Government has previously released or approved the release of such data to the public.

(2) The restrictions on publication of Paragraph 18(b)(1) of the FTA Master Agreement, however, do not apply to a Contract with an institution of higher learning.

c. Federal Rights in Data and Copyrights. The CONTRACTOR agrees to provide to the Federal Government a royalty-free, non-exclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use, for Federal Government purposes the subject data described in this Subsection 18.c of the FTA Master Agreement. As used herein, "for Federal Government purposes," means use only for the direct purposes of the Federal Government. Without the copyright owner's consent, the Federal Government may not provide or otherwise extend to other parties the Federal Government's license to:

(1) Any subject data developed under the Contract for the Project, or under a subcontract, lease, third party contract or other arrangement at any tier of the Project, supported with Federal assistance derived from the Contract for the Project, whether or not a copyright has been obtained; and

(2) Any rights of copyright to which a CONTRACTOR, subcontractor, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant at any tier of the Project purchases ownership using Federal assistance.

d. Special Federal Rights in Data for Research, Development, Demonstration, and Special Studies Projects. In general, FTA's purpose in providing Federal assistance for a research, development, demonstration, or special studies Project is to increase transportation knowledge, rather than limit the benefits of the Project to Project participants. Therefore, when the Project is

completed, the CONTRACTOR agrees to provide a Project report that FTA may publish or make available for publication on the Internet. In addition, the CONTRACTOR agrees to provide other reports pertaining to the Project that FTA may request. The CONTRACTOR agrees to identify clearly any specific confidential, privileged, or proprietary information it submits to FTA. In addition, except to the extent that FTA determines otherwise in writing, the CONTRACTOR to support a research, development, demonstration, or a special studies Project agrees that, in addition to the rights in data and copyrights that it must provide to the Federal Government as set forth in Subsection 18.c of the FTA Master Agreement, FTA may make available to any FTA CONTRACTOR, subcontractor, or other participant at any tier of the Project, either FTA's license in the copyright to the subject data or a copy of the subject data. If the Project is not completed for any reason whatsoever, all data developed under the Project shall become subject data as defined in Subsection 18.a of the FTA Master Agreement and shall be delivered as the Federal Government may direct. This Subsection 18.d, however, does not apply to adaptations of automatic data processing equipment or programs for the CONTRACTOR's use when the costs thereof are financed with Federal assistance through an FTA capital program.

e. License Fees and Royalties. FTA considers income earned from license fees and royalties for copyrighted material, or trademarks produced under the Project to be program income. Except to the extent FTA determines otherwise in writing, as provided in 49 C.F.R. Parts 18 and 19, the CONTRACTOR has no obligation to the Federal Government with respect to that program income, apart from compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 200 *et seq.*, which applies to patent rights developed under a research project.

f. Hold Harmless. Except as prohibited or otherwise limited by State law or except to the extent that FTA determines otherwise in writing, upon request by the Federal Government, the CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify, save, and hold harmless the Federal Government and its officers, agents, and employees acting within the scope of their official duties against any liability, including costs and expenses, resulting from any willful or intentional violation by the CONTRACTOR of proprietary rights, copyrights, or right of privacy, arising out of the publication, translation, reproduction, delivery, use, or disposition of any data furnished under the Project. The CONTRACTOR shall not be required to indemnify the Federal Government for any such liability caused by the wrongful acts of Federal employees or agents.

g. Restrictions on Access to Patent Rights. Nothing in Section 18 of the FTA Master Agreement pertaining to rights in data shall either imply a license to the Federal Government under any patent or be construed to affect the scope of any license or other right otherwise granted to the Federal Government under any patent.

h. Data Developed Without Federal Funding or Support. In connection with the Project, the CONTRACTOR may find it necessary to provide data to FTA developed without any Federal funding or support by the Federal Government. The requirements of Subsections 18.b, 18.c, and 18.d of the FTA Master Agreement do not apply to data developed without Federal funding or support by the Federal Government, even though that data may have been used in connection with the Project. Nevertheless, the CONTRACTOR understands and agrees that the Federal Government will not be able to protect data from unauthorized disclosure unless that data is clearly marked "Proprietary" or "Confidential."

i. Requirements to Release Data. To the extent required by U.S. DOT regulations, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations," at 49 C.F.R. § 19.36(d), or other applicable Federal laws or Federal regulations, the CONTRACTOR understands and agrees that the data and information it submits to the Federal Government may be required to be released in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (or another Federal law or Federal regulation providing access to such records).

25. Vendor Responsibility - It is the intent of these specifications to provide for goods of first quality and

the workmanship must be the best obtainable in the various trades. The design of the goods, which the manufacturer proposes to furnish, must be of substantial and durable construction in all respects. No advantage shall be taken by the Bidder or manufacturer in the omission of any part or detail, which goes to make the product complete and ready for installation and use.

The vendor shall assume responsibility for all materials used in the Bid item whether the vendor manufactures the same or purchased ready-made from a source outside the vendor's company.

26. References - Bidder shall provide with his Bid at least five references for projects similar to that described in this Invitation for Bid. The following must be provided: company name, address and telephone number, fax number, a contact person, and the dates of the contract. The references given should be on contracts within a 12-month period prior to the Bid due date.
27. Delivery - Bids shall provide for delivery of all equipment or supplies to MATA, 1370 Levee Road, Memphis, TN 38108, unless stated otherwise in Sections A or B.
28. Delivery Schedule - Hours of delivery shall be any weekday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., unless stated otherwise in Sections A or B.
29. Preference for United States Products and Services. To the extent applicable, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the following U.S. preference requirements:
 - a. Buy America (Applicable to Contracts Exceeding \$100,000) - The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. § 5323(j), FTA regulations, "Buy America Requirements," 49 C.F.R. Part 661, and implementing guidance FTA may issue. A Buy America certificate (Exhibit II), as per attached format, must be completed and submitted with the Bid or the Bid will be considered non-responsive.

A waiver from the Buy America provision may be sought by MATA if grounds for the waiver exist. Section 165a of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982 permits FTA's participation in this Contract only if iron, steel and manufactured products used in the Contract are produced in the United States.
 - b. Cargo Preference—Use of United States-Flag Vessels. The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with U.S. Maritime Administration regulations, "Cargo Preference—U.S.-Flag Vessels," 46 C.F.R. Part 381, to the extent those regulations apply to the Project. Specifically, the CONTRACTOR agrees:
 1. To utilize privately owned United States-Flag Commercial vessels to ship at least 50% of the gross tonnage (computed separately for dry bulk carriers, dry cargo liners, and tankers) involved, whenever shipping any equipment, materials, or commodities pursuant to this section, to the extent such vessels are available at fair and reasonable rates to United States-Flag Commercial vessels.
 2. To furnish within thirty (30) days following the date of loading for shipments originating within the United States, or within thirty (30) working days following the date of loading for shipment originating outside the United States, a legible copy of a rated, On-Board Commercial Ocean Bill-Of-Lading in English for each shipment of cargo described in paragraph one above to MATA (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, DC 20590, marked with appropriate identification of the project.
 - c. Fly America. The CONTRACTOR understands and agrees that the Federal Government will not participate in the costs of international air transportation of any persons involved in or property acquired for the Project unless that air transportation is provided by U.S.-flag air carriers to the

extent service by U.S.-flag air carriers is available, consistent with the requirements of the International Air Transportation Fair Competitive Practices Act of 1974, as amended, 49 U.S.C. § 40118, and U.S. General Services Administration (U.S. GSA) regulations "Use of United States Flag Air Carriers," 41 C.F.R. §§ 301.131 through 301.143.

30. Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters (Applicable to Contracts Exceeding \$25,000) - Unless otherwise permitted by law, any person that is debarred, suspended, or voluntarily excluded may not take part in a federally covered transaction, either as participant or a principal, during the period of debarment, suspension, or voluntary exclusion. Accordingly, neither FTA nor MATA may enter into any transaction with such debarred, suspended or voluntarily excluded persons during such period.

A certification process has been established by 49 CFR, Part 29 as a means to ensure that debarred, suspended, or voluntarily excluded persons do not participate in a federally assisted project. Each CONTRACTOR and subcontractor must provide to MATA a signed certification in compliance with 49 CFR, Part 29 as part of this Contract. (Exhibit III)

31. Prohibited Interests - No member, officer, or employee of MATA, MTM, First Transit, Inc., or the City of Memphis during his or her tenure or one year thereafter shall have interests, direct, or indirect in this Contract or the proceeds thereof, or if a conflict, real or apparent, as defined in MATA's Code of Ethics, would be involved.

32. Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act, as amended (Applicable to Construction Contracts) - The CONTRACTOR shall comply with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act, 18 U.S.C. 874 and 40 U.S.C. 276c, and U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) regulations, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in part by Loans or Grants from the United States", 29 C.F.R. Part 3. In addition to other requirements that may apply:

- a. The CONTRACTOR will not induce, 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 that employee is otherwise entitled.
- b. MATA agrees to report every suspected or reported violation of the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act or its Federal implementing regulations to FTA.

33. Termination of Contract -

- a. MATA may terminate this Contract without cause by giving fifteen (15) days written notice to the CONTRACTOR thereof, and specifying the effective date of termination.

If the Contract is terminated by MATA as provided herein, the CONTRACTOR will be paid for its satisfactory services completed through the date of termination specified by MATA.

- b. If, through any cause, the CONTRACTOR shall fail to fulfill in timely and proper manner its obligations under this Contract, or shall violate any of the covenants, agreements, or stipulations of this Contract, MATA shall thereupon have the right to terminate this Contract by giving written notice to the CONTRACTOR for such termination and specifying the effective date of such termination. In the event of termination, the CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work through the date of termination specified by the MATA.
- c. In the event of default by the CONTRACTOR, MATA shall be entitled to all of its reasonable expenses, and its costs to include, but not limited to its reasonable attorney's fees incurred by reason of such default.
- d. In addition to the foregoing, MATA reserves the right to cancel any services or portion of

services to be provided hereunder upon written notice to the CONTRACTOR specifying the canceled services and the effective date of such cancellation. In the event of such cancellation, the CONTRACTOR shall be compensated for satisfactory work completed and, further, the compensation due to the CONTRACTOR hereunder shall be reduced accordingly effective said cancellation date.

34. Employment of Contractor - MATA hereby agrees to engage the CONTRACTOR, and the CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to perform the services hereafter set forth in connection with the project.
35. Interest of the Contractor - The CONTRACTOR covenants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services required to be performed under this Contract. The CONTRACTOR further covenants that in the performance of this Contract no person having any such interest shall be employed.
36. Independent Contractor - The CONTRACTOR is at all times an independent contractor and in no wise shall be deemed to be in joint venture, partnership, or other relationship with MATA.
37. Indemnification - The CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, save, defend, and hold MATA, the City of Memphis, TN, First Transit, Inc. and MTM, their officers, agents and employees free from all losses, damages, claims, and expenses in any wise arising or resulting from the actions and omissions of the CONTRACTOR, its employees, agents, or contractors in the performance of its services hereunder.
38. Cost Analysis - MATA reserves the right to conduct a cost or price analysis for any purchase. MATA may be required to perform a cost analysis when competition is lacking for any purchase. Sole source procurements or procurements which result in a single Bid being received will be subject to a cost analysis which will include the appropriate verification of cost data, the evaluation of specific elements of costs and the projection of the data to determine the effect on Bid prices. MATA may require a pre-award audit, and potential contractors shall be prepared to submit data relevant to the proposed work which will allow MATA to sufficiently determine that the proposed price is fair, reasonable, and in accordance with Federal, State, and local regulations. Procurements resulting in a single Bid will be treated as a negotiated procurement and MATA reserves the right to negotiate with the single Bidder to achieve a fair and reasonable price. If both parties cannot agree upon a negotiated price, MATA reserves the right to reject the single Bid.

Contract change orders or modifications will be subject to a cost analysis.

39. False or Fraudulent Statements or Claims - The CONTRACTOR acknowledges and agrees that:
 - a. The Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. §§ 3801 *et seq.* and U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 C.F.R. Part 31, apply to its activities in connection with the Project. Accordingly, by executing the Contract, the CONTRACTOR certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, or it may make in connection with the Project covered by the Contract. In addition to other penalties that may apply, the CONTRACTOR also acknowledges that if it makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, certification, assurance, or representation to the Federal Government, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose on the CONTRACTOR the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.
 - b. If the CONTRACTOR makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, certification, assurance, or representation to the Federal Government or includes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in any agreement with the Federal Government in connection with a project authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 or any other Federal law, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose on the CONTRACTOR the

penalties of 49 U.S.C. § 5323(1), 18 U.S.C. § 1001, or other applicable Federal law to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

40. No Contingency Fees - The CONTRACTOR shall warrant that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the CONTRACTOR for the purpose of securing business, for the breach or violation of which warranty MATA shall have the right to annul said Contract without liability or, in its discretion, to deduct from the Contract price or consideration the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee.
41. Excluded Facilities - The CONTRACTOR shall comply with the provisions of 40 CFR Part 15 which prohibit the use of facilities included on the Environmental Protection Agency list of violating facilities.
42. Federal Changes - 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 FTA Master Agreement dated October 1, 2010, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of this contract. The CONTRACTOR's failure to so comply shall constitute a material breach of this contract.
43. Lobbying Requirements (Applicable to Contracts Exceeding \$100,000) - Federal regulations require MATA to include certifications from contractors. Accordingly, the CONTRACTOR must sign the attached certification. (Exhibit IV)

By executing this Contract, the CONTRACTOR certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that:

- a. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid 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, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- b. If any funds other than Federal appropriate funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall complete and submit Office of Management and Budget Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- c. The CONTRACTOR shall insert the language of this certification in all subcontracts, and require that all subcontractors at any tier 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 Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. 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.

44. Recycled Products - The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all the requirements of Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recover 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.
45. No Government Obligation

- a. MATA and the CONTRACTOR acknowledge and agree that, notwithstanding any concurrence by the Federal Government in or approval of the solicitation or award of the underlying contract, absent the express written consent by the Federal Government, the Federal Government is not a party to this contract and shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities to MATA, CONTRACTOR, or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the underlying contract.
 - b. The CONTRACTOR agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract. It is further agreed that the clause shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to its provisions.
46. Incorporation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Terms - The preceding provisions include, in part, certain Standard Terms and Conditions required by DOT, whether or not expressly set forth in the preceding contract provisions. All contractual provisions required by DOT, as set forth in FTA Master Agreement (17), dated October 1, 2010, 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 MATA requests, which would cause MATA to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions.
47. Access Requirements for Persons with Disabilities - The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5301(d) which expresses the Federal policy that the elderly and persons with disabilities have the same right as other persons to use mass transportation service and facilities, and that special efforts shall be made in planning and designing those services and facilities to implement those policies. The CONTRACTOR also agrees to comply with all applicable requirements of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps, and with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 *et seq.*, which requires the provision of accessible facilities and services, and with the following Federal regulations, including any amendments thereto:
- a. U.S. DOT regulations, "Transportation Services for Individuals with Disabilities (ADA)," 49 C.F.R. Part 37;
 - b. U.S. DOT regulations "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs and Activities Receiving or Benefiting from Federal Financial Assistance," 49 C.F.R. Part 27;
 - c. Joint U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board/U.S. DOT regulations, "Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Accessibility Specifications for Transportation Vehicles," 36 C.F.R. Part 1192 and 49 C.F.R. Part 38;
 - d. U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services," 28 C.F.R. Part 35;
 - e. U.S. DOJ regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability by Public Accommodations and in Commercial Facilities," 28 C.F.R. Part 36;
 - f. U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) regulations, "Accommodations for the Physically Handicapped," 41 C.F.R. Subpart 101-19;
 - g. U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, "Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act," 29 C.F.R. Part 1630;
 - h. U.S. Federal Communications Commission regulations, "Telecommunications Relay Services and Related Customer Premises Equipment for the Hearing and Speech Disabled," 47 C.F.R. Part 64, Subpart F; and

- i. FTA regulations, "Transportation for Elderly and Handicapped Persons," 49 C.F.R. Part 609; and
- j. Any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

48. Disputes, Breaches, Defaults or Other Litigation (Applicable to Contracts Exceeding \$100,000)

- a. Except as otherwise provided in this Contract, any dispute concerning a question of fact arising under this Contract which is not disposed of by agreement shall be decided by the Contracting Officer, who shall reduce his decision to writing and mail or otherwise furnish a copy thereof to the CONTRACTOR. The Contracting Officer may consult with the Construction Manager if one has been appointed for this project. The decision of the Contracting Officer shall be final and conclusive unless, within ten (10) days from the receipt of such copy, the CONTRACTOR mails or otherwise furnishes to the Contracting Officer a written appeal addressed to the President/General Manager of MATA. The President/General Manager shall review the dispute, related documents and the Contracting Officer's Final Decision. The President/General Manager may consult with the Construction Manager and the Contracting Officer. The decision of the President/General Manager shall be final and conclusive unless, within 10 days from the date of the receipt of such copy, the CONTRACTOR mails or otherwise furnishes to the Contracting Officer a written appeal addressed to the Board of the Memphis Area Transit Authority. The decision of the Board or its duly authorized representative for the determination of such appeals shall be final and conclusive unless in proceedings initiated by either party for review of such decision in a court of competent jurisdiction, the Court determines the decision to have been fraudulent, or capricious, or arbitrary, or so grossly erroneous as necessarily to imply bad faith, or is not supported by substantial evidence. In connection with any appeal proceeding under this Article, the CONTRACTOR shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to offer evidence in support of his appeal. Pending final decision of a dispute hereunder, the CONTRACTOR shall proceed diligently with the performance of the Contract and in accordance with the Contracting Officer's decision.
- b. This Section 48 does not preclude consideration of questions of law in connection with decisions provided for in Paragraph a. above. Nothing in this Contract, however, shall be construed as making final the decisions of the Board or its representative on a question of law.

49. Nondiscrimination - Title VI of the Civil Rights Act - The CONTRACTOR will comply and will assure the compliance by subcontractors under this project with all provisions prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. Section 2000d *et seq.*, and with U.S. DOT regulations, "Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation - Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act," 49 C.F.R. Part 21 and the assurances by MATA pursuant thereto.

50. Disadvantaged Business Enterprises - To the extent authorized by Federal law, the CONTRACTOR agrees to facilitate participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) in the Project and assures that each subcontractor, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant at any tier of the Project will facilitate participation by DBEs in the Project to the extent applicable as follows:

- a. The CONTRACTOR agrees and assures that it shall comply with section 1101(b) of SAFETEA-LU, 23 U.S.C. § 101 note, and U.S. DOT regulations, "Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs," 49 C.F.R. Part 26.
- b. The CONTRACTOR agrees and assures that it shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, or national origin in the award and performance of any subcontract, lease, third party contract, or other arrangement supported with Federal assistance derived from U.S. DOT in the administration of its Contract and shall comply with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 26. The CONTRACTOR agrees to take all necessary and reasonable steps as set forth in 49 C.F.R. Part 26

to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of all subcontracts, leases, third party contracts, and other arrangements supported with Federal assistance derived from U.S. DOT.

51. Prompt Payment - The CONTRACTOR agrees to pay each subcontractor under this prime contract for satisfactory performance of its contract no later than 10 days from receipt of each payment the prime contractor receives from MATA. The CONTRACTOR agrees further to return retainage payments to each subcontractor within 10 days after the subcontractor's work is satisfactorily completed. Any delay or postponement of payment from the above referenced time frame may occur only for good cause following written approval of MATA. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors. If the CONTRACTOR determines the work to be unsatisfactory, it must notify MATA's Contracting Officer, Project Manager and DBE Liaison Officer immediately, in writing, and state the reasons. Failure to comply with this requirement will be construed to be a breach of contract and subject to contract termination.
52. Nondiscrimination in Federal Public Transportation Programs - The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply, and assures the compliance of each subcontractor, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant at any tier of the Project, with the provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 5332, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age, and prohibits discrimination in employment or business opportunity.
53. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act - The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply, and assures the compliance of each subcontractor, lessee, third party contractor, and other participant at any tier of the Project, with the employee protection requirements for non-construction employees of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, as amended, 40 U.S.C. §§ 3701 *et seq.*, in particular with the wage and hour requirements of section 102 of that Act at 40 U.S.C. § 3702, and with implementing U.S. DOL regulations, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Governing Federally Financed and Assisted Construction (also Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Non-construction Contracts Subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act)," 29 C.F.R. Part 5.
54. National Intelligent Transportation Systems Architecture and Standards - To the extent applicable, the CONTRACTOR agrees to conform to the National Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture and Standards as required by SAFETEA-LU § 5307(c), 23 U.S.C. § 512 note, and follow the provisions of FTA Notice, "FTA National ITS Architecture Policy on Transit Projects," 66 *Fed. Reg.* 1455 *et seq.*, January 8, 2001, and any other implementing directives FTA may issue at a later date, except to the extent FTA determines otherwise in writing.
55. Seismic Safety (Applicable to Design and/or Construction Contracts Only) - The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7701 *et seq.*, with Executive Order No. 12699, "Seismic Safety of Federal and Federally-Assisted or Regulated New Building Construction," 42 U.S.C. § 7704 note, and with U.S. DOT regulations, "Seismic Safety," 49 C.F.R. Part 41, (specifically, 49 C.F.R. § 41.117), and any implementing guidance FTA may issue.
56. Environmental Justice. The CONTRACTOR agrees to facilitate compliance with the policies of Executive Order No. 12898, "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations," 42 U.S.C. § 4321 note; and DOT Order 5620.3, "Department of Transportation Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations," 62 *Fed. Reg.* 18377 *et seq.*, April 15, 1997, except to the extent that the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing.