

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Project Request #: RFP T2025-01

Date of Invitation: Monday, December 16, 2024

Proposal Submittal Deadline: Thursday, January 30, 2025, 4:00 P.M. EST

Purpose: For the purchase of provision of public transportation services in the City of Seneca and outlying rural areas of Oconee County.

Proposals will be received at: City of Seneca City Hall
221 E. North First Street
PO Box 4773
Seneca SC, 29679

Project Name: Public Transit Services

Project Location: City of Seneca and surrounding area

City/County/State: Seneca, Oconee County, South Carolina 29678

Response Deadline: Thursday, January 30, 2025, 4:00 P.M. EST

Introduction

The City of Seneca (herein, Owner/City) is requesting proposals/quotations for transit operating services, specifically demand response shared ride services. The objective of this project is to receive proposals associated with operating and managing the transit system for the City of Seneca and surrounding rural areas in the county.

Proposals/quotations must be submitted on the form contained herein and may be submitted electronically. The submitted proposals shall reference Project Number: RFP T2025-01 and be clearly labeled on the face of the envelope and cover sheet.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all proposals/quotations, or any part thereof, negotiate changes in quotes, accept any quotes or any part thereof, waive minor informalities or defects in any quotes, and not to award a contract if it is in its best interest.

The Owner shall not be held responsible for the Bidder's lack of understanding of what is required by the solicitation. Should a Bidder not understand any aspect or require further explanation or clarification regarding the intent or requirements, it shall be the responsibility of the Bidder to seek guidance from the Owner's designated Project Representative by the deadline date of Monday, January 13, 2025, after which questions and requests for clarification will not be allowed. All responses to questions regarding this proposal will be posted on the City of Seneca website as an addendum to this proposal.

An Agreement/Contract resulting from this solicitation may be awarded to the responsive Bidder whose proposal conforming to this solicitation appears to be the most advantageous to the Owner.

This solicitation is not to be construed as a commitment of any kind nor does it commit the City of Seneca to pay for any costs incurred in the submission of an offer, or for any incurred cost prior to the execution of a valid Agreement/Contract.

Please direct all questions concerning this Request for Proposal to:

City of Seneca Planning and Development
250 East North Second Street
PO Box 4773
Seneca, SC 29679
Telephone: 864.885.2726
Email: hstrother@seneca.sc.us

Questions must be submitted in print form prior to 4:00pm E.S.T. on Monday, January 13, 2025. Questions submitted after that date and time will not be due a response.

BIDDER/RESPONDER TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Prospective Bidders are cautioned to pay particular attention to the clause.

Bidder/Responder imposed terms and conditions which conflict with the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposal are considered counteroffers and, as such, will cause the Owner to consider the proposal non-responsive. If a Bidder attaches additional terms and conditions as a part of the proposal/quotations, such attachments must be accompanied by a disclaimer stating that in the event of conflict between the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposal and the terms and conditions of the Bidder/Responder, the terms and conditions of this Request of Proposal will prevail.

Proposer RFP Evaluation Procedures (Pre-Proposal, Pre-Award, and Post-Award Protest Procedures)

This section establishes procedures for Proposers to seek clarification or review of the technical specifications, evaluation procedures and addenda. Absent any request for clarification or review of the technical specifications, evaluation procedures, or addenda, the interpretation of the Procuring Agency on the Proposal documents shall be final and controlling. Any protest shall include name of protestor; solicitation/contract number or description, and statement of grounds for protest. Any protest shall be mailed, or hand delivered to the office of:

City of Seneca Planning & Development
Designated Representative: Heather Strother
250 East North Second Street
P.O. Box 4773, Seneca, SC 29679
Telephone: 864.885.2726
Email: hstrother@seneca.sc.us

Any unapproved deviations, exceptions, substitutions, alterations, or conditional qualifications contained in a Proposal may be cause for its rejection.

- 1) PRE-PROPOSAL PROTEST** - Requests for clarification of specifications, and protest of specifications must be received by the Procuring Agency, in writing, by **4:00 pm EST on Monday, December 23, 2024**. Any request for protest of the specifications must be fully supported with specifications and illustrations or other pertinent information as evidence that the substitute offered is equal to or better than the specifications requirement. The Procuring Agency shall consider requests and take one of the following actions:
 - a) Reject the request because it does not meet the requirements of the Procuring Agency.
 - b) Approve the request.
 - c) Require the Proposer to supply additional information to make a proper determination.

A notice shall be furnished to all parties receiving specifications so that all Proposers may respond accordingly.

- 2) PRE-AWARD PROTEST** - A Pre-Award Protest must be received by the Procuring Agency, in writing, by **4:00 pm EST on Tuesday, January 21, 2025**. Any protest must be fully supported with documentation. The Procuring Agency shall consider protests and take one of the following actions:
 - a) Reject the protest because the requirements of the Procuring Agency are not being met.
 - b) Approve the request.
 - c) Require the Proposer to supply additional information relating to the protest to make a proper determination.

3) POST-AWARD PROTEST (SC Code § 11-35-4210 (2023)) - A Post-Award Protest must be received by the Procuring Agency, in writing, by **4:00 pm EST on Thursday, February 27, 2025**. Any protest must be fully supported with documentation. The Procuring Agency shall consider protests and take one of the following actions:

- a) Reject the protest because the requirements of the Procuring Agency are not being met.
- b) Approve the request.
- c) Require the Proposer to supply additional information relating to the protest to make a proper determination.

4) PROTESTS:

- a) If you are aggrieved in connection with the solicitation or award of the contract, you may be entitled to protest. To protest the solicitation or an amendment, your written protest must be received within fifteen Days of the date the applicable solicitation document is issued. To protest an award,
 - i) written notice of your intent to protest must be received within seven Business Days of the date the award notice is posted, and
 - ii) your actual written protest must be received within fifteen Days of the date the award notice is posted. Both protests and notices of intent to protest must be received by the designated party.
- b) Additionally, you will need to include the address for the Chief Procurement Officer for the State: PROTEST - CPO - MMO ADDRESS (MAR 2024): Any protest must be addressed to the Chief Procurement Officer, Materials Management Office, and submitted in writing
 - i) by email to protest-mmo@mmo.state.sc.us, or
 - ii) by post or delivery to 1201 Main Street, Suite 600, Columbia, SC 29201.

5) Appeals of decisions regarding Pre-Proposal, Pre-Award, or Post-Award Protests shall be submitted in writing to the Procuring Agency not later than three (3) days from the date of the response of the Procuring Agency. 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 Procuring Agency may request additional information from the appealing party which shall be submitted in writing to the Procuring Agency not later than five (5) working days following receipt of the request for information.

Appeals will be decided based on the written appeal, information and written responses submitted by the appealing party, and information submitted by other Proposers. All parties shall make written submissions as complete as possible. Failure of any party to timely respond to a request for information may be construed that such party does not wish to participate in the proceeding, does not contest the matter or does not desire to submit a response. In such event, the appeal will proceed and will not be delayed due to a lack of a response.

6) Upon receipt and review of written submissions and any independent investigation as deemed appropriate, the Procuring Agency shall either:

- a) Render a decision which shall be final and advise all interested parties of same in writing; or

- b) At the discretion of the Procuring Agency, conduct an informal hearing at which the interested participating parties will be afforded an opportunity to present their respective positions, facts, documents, justification, and technical information in support thereof.

Following the informal hearing, the Procuring Agency shall render a decision, which shall be final and advise all interested parties thereof in writing. Parties dissatisfied with the final decision of the Procuring Agency, whether following review of the written submission or informal hearing, may utilize the appeal procedure set forth in FTA Circular 4220.1D.

DEFINITIONS

“Owner” “City” means City of Seneca (Authorized representative: Planning-Development Department).

“Contract” “Agreement” means a contract for services issued to formalize the accepted Proposal.

“Contractor” means the person(s), firm(s), or corporations(s) selected, by the Owner, to carry out all duties, obligations, work and service described in the Request for Proposals and all associated documentation, which may also include mutually agreed revisions subsequent to the submission of a Proposal. Both “Contractor” and “Proponent” are complementary in terms of duties, obligations and responsibilities at the Request of Proposals stage, through evaluation process, execution and delivery of the services.

“Responder” “Bidder” “Proponent” means anyone submitting a valid response to this Request for Proposals.

“Proposals/Quotations” means the submission by the Proponent.

“RFP” “Request for Proposals” shall mean the solicitation of cost estimates to complete a designated work; including complete set documents, specifications, addenda incorporated therein, and included in the Request for Proposals.

“Services” means and includes the provision by the selected Proponent of all services, work, duties and expectations as further described in the RFP. This will also mean the whole of the work, tools, materials, labor, equipment, travel, and all that is required to be completed and furnished by the Contractor.

“Supply” “Provide” shall mean supply and pay for and provide and pay for the equipment, goods, materials or other items to be provided by the Contractor/Vendor to the Owner under the Contract.

“Shall” “Must” “Will” “Mandatory” means a requirement that is required to be met.

I. BACKGROUND /SUMMARY/or INTRODUCTION

The City of Seneca will offer shared ride demand response transportation services five days a week. Current hours of operation are from 6:20 am to 6:20 pm Monday through Friday.

It is the intent of this specification to secure a contract for professional transit operating and management services, which will provide all administration, labor, and technology necessary to conduct efficient and safe operations.

The contractor will be responsible for the management and day-to-day operation of the City of Seneca's demand response transit service and for consultation and recommendations to the City on public transportation policy matters. The Contractor shall optimize cost effectiveness; increase ridership; provide superior customer service, financial stability, staff development, innovation, and provide on-time pick-ups and drop-offs. The Contractor shall present a positive image of the fleet and system including cleanliness, safety, and passenger satisfaction.

Demand response shared ride services to provide life sustaining transportation, which includes

- Food: transportation to qualified grocery stores
- Medical: transportation to doctors, pharmacies, physical therapy, and other qualified medical practices
- Work: Transportation to and from qualified places of employment
 - There will be a co-payment of \$5 per transportation event

II. SCOPE OF WORK

The City of Seneca is soliciting proposals from qualified contractors to provide operation and management services for its demand response transit service. The specifications listed are the minimum required by the City. Contractors shall commit to providing services that are consistent with these specifications.

The Seneca Transit Authority through contractor procurement will offer non-emergent transportation to City and County citizens through on-demand reservation services. Eligible rides are non-emergency medical appointments, prescription drop-off/pick-up, essential shopping to include groceries, prescriptions or any other life sustaining purchase, and job related transportation. All rides will be free to the rider with the exception of regular work transportation which will include a nominal fee of \$5 per work event.

Reservations will be made through an application service provided by the Contractor where riders will register personal information including contact information and an address. The service model is an on demand pick up service, therefore riders will be required to provide an address. Clients of Abuse or Homeless shelters may utilize addresses of their respective shelters.

1) Scheduling of work. Once a contract is awarded, the contractor shall provide the City with its operating and management services for one year and three months, beginning April 1, 2025, with the option of renewing the contract annually up to four additional times, for one year each time. As the City receives grant funds to operate the system, it will be necessary for the City to request proposals again after 5 years and three months.

2) Work Required. The Contractor shall furnish licensed and trained drivers in accordance with contractor requirements under its employ to cover all qualified transportation services to schedule and manage trips effectively; and manage and operate the system. The Contractor shall create and retain performance/repair records for each City bus and allow the City access to that information. The contractor shall be responsible for all regular, routine, and required maintenance on all the contractor provided and/or City buses within the time recommended by the manufacturer. The contractor shall be financially responsible for all aforementioned maintenance and repairs. The contractor shall report any accidents/incidents involving City sponsored trips as soon as possible.

3) Supplies and Equipment. The contractor shall furnish all required fleet vehicles necessary for proper service operations, including sufficient fleet capacity to meet the needs of the City of Seneca. The contractor shall work with the City to identify any additional vehicle purchase needs for addition to the fleet as determined by ridership assessments. The City will work to obtain additional grant funding for capital vehicle purchases while the contractor will provide the required match to purchase the vehicles. Contractor shall utilize a combination of cars, vans, and smaller busses while providing ADA wheelchair accessible vehicles. After all FTA and SCDOT Useful Life requirements have been met, the City shall title ownership interest to the contractor.

4) Contractor Employee Requirements

- a) The Contractor is responsible for all wages, benefits, and liability for its employees.
 - i) **Supervision of Work** - Contractor shall be responsible for providing supervision to assure competent and satisfactory performance of the services required under the contract.
 - ii) **Primary Contact** – Contractor shall designate a person that will be the primary point of contact for the services. The City shall be provided with a telephone number for reaching the primary contact in the event of an emergency. When the primary contact is unavailable, the City shall be provided the name and means to contact the backup single point of contact.

5) Contractor Responsibilities: Once awarded and approved, the City and Contractor will sign a separate operations contract incorporating all RFP and service delivery requirements, to which the Contractor shall be responsible for the completion of all work set out in the Contract. All work is subject to inspection, evaluation, and acceptance by City of Seneca. The City may employ all reasonable means to ensure that the work is progressing and being performed in compliance with the Contract.

6) Qualifications – Special Standards of Responsibility (Mar 2015):

- a) This section establishes special standards of responsibility. UNLESS YOU POSSESS THE FOLLOWING MANDATORY MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS, DO NOT SUBMIT AN OFFER: Only service providers with a minimum of five (5) years' experience in operating demand-response transit systems shall be qualified to provide a proposal.
- b) Provide a detailed, narrative statement with adequate information to establish that you meet all the requirements stated in subparagraph (a) above. Include all appropriate documentation. If you intend for us to consider the qualifications of your key personnel, predecessor business(es), or subcontractor(s), explain the relationship between you and such person or entity.

7) CONTENTS OF OFFER (RFP)

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

8) Technical Qualifications

The Contractor proposal shall illustrate their ability to provide the required services and demonstrate Contractor's comprehension of the objectives and scope of services from the RFP.

The Technical Proposal shall be a separate, clearly marked section (or attachment), and shall not exceed 10 pages. The Technical Proposal shall include material supporting the Technical Qualifications of the Contractor and include a brief narrative of the background and general qualifications of the Contractor. The narrative should describe any specific transit management experience. The Technical Proposal shall identify the qualifications and experience of its key management and operations staff. Contractor shall identify its methods for Safety and Security of personnel and passengers. Contractor shall identify its methods for Training of Drivers and other staff. Contractor shall provide information and/or formal documents regarding its policies for handling passenger complaints and incidents. Contractor shall provide a description of plans and procedures to ensure quality and efficiency, and marketing to increase ridership.

9) Price/Cost Proposal

The Price/Cost Proposal shall be a separate, clearly labelled document or attachment and shall include information requested in Appendix C. The Price/Cost Proposal shall identify the dollar amounts and/or percentage of the proposal broken down into monthly costs showing budgeted amounts affixed to its administrative costs, operating costs, and capital costs (technician cost and parts costs). Payments over the course of the contract shall be made monthly on a reimbursement model.

The Respondent is invited to describe any aspects of its organization or proposal which, by way of background, experience, unique qualifications, or other basis, sets it apart from the competition in its ability to accomplish this Scope of Services.

Respondents shall provide a fixed cost for the project identified in the scope of work. Cost shall be broken down to reflect the Contractor's administrative costs, operating costs, and capital costs for providing services to the City. Contractor shall be responsible for providing paratransit services and including that cost in the proposal. The contractor shall maintain drivers' insurance for the City's vehicles and all costs associated with such. The contractor shall notify the City of all incidents involving a City bus.

III. EVIDENCE OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Contractor shall submit evidence of financial responsibility. This may be a credit rating from a qualified firm preparing credit rating or a bank reference. The City reserves the right to confirm and request clarification of all financial information provided (including requesting audited financial statements by an independent Certified Public Accountant) or to request documentation of the Contractor's ability to comply with all of the requirements in the Proposal Documents. Incomplete disclosures may result in a proposal being deemed non-responsive.

IV. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Proposers are advised that their proposals should represent their company's best efforts and most complete responses to this solicitation. Proposals should demonstrate comprehension of the purpose and services requested in the RFP. Cursory responses or responses which merely reiterate the contents of the RFP will be considered unacceptable. Evidence of experience, capability, and qualifications that clearly demonstrate and support the Proposer's claims is essential. The absence of such evidence will adversely influence evaluation of the proposal. Due to the specific experience and qualifications needed to provide the services requested, price will not be the only mitigating factor in determining the best qualified proposal received in response to the City's request for proposals.

The City of Seneca retains the right to request any additional information pertaining to the company's ability, qualifications, procedures, and personnel used to accomplish all work under the contract as it deems necessary to ensure safe and satisfactory work.

QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFEROR (MAR 2015): (1) To be eligible for award, you must have the capability in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability which will assure good faith performance. We may also consider a documented commitment from a satisfactory source that will provide you with a capability. We may consider information from any source at any time prior to award. We may elect to consider (i) key personnel, any predecessor business, and any key personnel of any predecessor business, including any facts arising prior to the date a business was established, and/or (ii) any subcontractor you identify. (2) You must promptly furnish satisfactory evidence of responsibility upon request. Unreasonable failure to supply requested information is grounds for rejection. (3) Corporate subsidiaries are cautioned that the financial capability of an affiliated or parent company will not be considered in determining financial capability; however, we may elect to consider any "Standard Clauses & Provisions."

QUALIFICATIONS – REQUIRED INFORMATION (MAR 2015): Submit the following information or documentation for you and for any subcontractor (at any tier level) that you identify pursuant to the clause titled Subcontractor – Identification. Err on the side of inclusion. You represent that the information provided is complete.

(a) The general history and experience of the business in providing work of similar size and scope. (b) Information reflecting the current financial position. Include the most current financial statement and financial statements for the last two fiscal years. If the financial statements have been audited in accordance with the following requirements, provide the audited version of those statements. [Reference Statement of Financial Accounting Concepts No. 5 (FASB, December, 1984), as amended.] (c) A detailed, narrative statement listing the three most recent, comparable contracts (including contact information) which have been performed. For each contract, describe how the supplies or services

provided are similar to those requested by this solicitation, and how they differ. (d) A list of every business for which supplies or services substantially similar to those sought with this solicitation have been provided, at any time during the past three years. (e) A list of every South Carolina public body for which supplies or services have been provided at any time during the past three years, if any. (f) List of failed projects, suspensions, debarments, and significant litigation

V. PAYMENT

After award, any invoices must be fully itemized and provide sufficient information for approving payment and for auditing purposes. Invoices shall reference contract name and project number and shall be mailed to the

City of Seneca at the following address:

City of Seneca
Planning and Development
PO Box 4773
Seneca, SC 29679-4774

The City of Seneca will make payment to the vendor within 30 days of receipt of a correct and complete invoice.

VI. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. CONTRACTOR'S LIABILITY INSURANCE – GENERAL:

(a) Without limiting any of the obligations or liabilities of Contractor, Contractor shall procure from a company or companies lawfully authorized to do business in South Carolina and with a current A.M. Best rating of no less than A: VII, and maintain for the duration of the contract, insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work and the results of that work by the contractor, his agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors.

(b) Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

(1) Commercial General Liability (CGL): Insurance Services Office (ISO) Form CG 00 01 12 07 covering CGL on an "occurrence" basis, including products-completed operations, personal and advertising injury, with limits no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit. This contract shall be considered to be an "insured contract" as defined in the policy.

(2) Auto Liability: ISO Form Number CA 00 01 covering any auto (Code 1), or if Contractor has no owned autos, hired, (Code 8) and non-owned autos (Code 9), with limits no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage.

(3) Worker's Compensation: As required by the State of South Carolina, with Statutory Limits, and Employer's Liability Insurance with limit of no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease.

(c) Every applicable Using Governmental Unit, and the officers, officials, employees and volunteers of any of them, must be covered as additional insureds on the CGL policy with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the Contractor including materials, parts or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General liability coverage can be provided in the form of an endorsement to the Contractor's insurance at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or if not available, through the addition of both CG 20 10 and CG 20 37 if a later edition is used.

(d) For any claims related to this contract, the Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the State, every applicable Using Governmental Unit, and the officers, officials, employees and volunteers of any of them. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the State, every applicable Using Governmental Unit, or the officers, officials, employees and volunteers of any of them, shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

(e) Prior to commencement of the work, the Contractor shall furnish the State with original certificates and amendatory endorsements or copies of the applicable policy language effecting coverage required by this section. All certificates are to be received and approved by the State before work commences. However, failure to obtain the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive the Contractor's obligation to provide them. The State reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by this section, at any time.

(f) Should any of the above described policies be cancelled before the expiration date thereof, notice will be delivered in accordance with the policy provisions. In addition, the Contractor shall notify the State immediately upon receiving any information that any of the coverages required by this section are or will be changed, cancelled, or replaced.

(g) Contractor hereby grants to the State and every applicable Using Governmental Unit a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer of said Contractor may acquire against the State or applicable Using Governmental Unit by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance. Contractor agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to effect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not the State or Using Governmental Unit has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer.

(h) Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the State. The State may require the Contractor to purchase coverage with a lower deductible or retention or provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses within the retention.

(i) The State reserves the right to modify these requirements, including limits, based on the nature of the risk, prior experience, insurer, coverage, or other special circumstances.

2. Business License:

Virtually every contractor that does business with the City must obtain a City of Seneca business License. The business license requirement applies whether or not the contractor has an office within the City limits. Vendor must apply for a City business license and show proof of application within seven days of being selected as the intended contractor.

3. Conflict of Interest:

In the sole judgment of the City, any and all proposals are subject to disqualification on the basis of a conflict of interest. The City may not contract with a vendor if the vendor or an employee, officer or director of the vendor's firm, or any immediate family member of the preceding, has served as an elected official, employee, board or commission member of the City who influences the making of the contract. The City, at its sole option, may disqualify any proposal on the basis of such a conflict of interest. Please identify any person associated with the firm that has a potential conflict of interest.

4. FTA & SCDOT Requirements:

Contractor must sign and submit all certifications and assurances attached to this RFP. Contractor must be in compliance with all applicable state and federal regulations and requirements. These can be found in Appendix E.

VII. SCHEDULE (dates are subject to change)

- Public Notice of RFP:
- End "question period"
- Deadline for Proposals
- Issue "Intent to Award"
- Award of Contract

IX. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

Proposals will be evaluated using the following rubric. Respondents are required to submit the financial proposal in a separate sealed envelope. Financial proposals will be evaluated after the technical submissions have been evaluated and ranked.

EVALUATION FACTORS – PROPOSALS : Offers will be evaluated using only the factors stated below. Evaluation factors are stated in the relative order of importance, with the first factor being the most important. Once evaluation is complete, all responsive offerors will be ranked from most advantageous to least advantageous.

EVALUATION RUBRIC

Financial Proposal	25 Points
Qualification/Experience	25 Points
Capacity (adequate fleet and drivers)	25 Points
Clearly defined budget to include demonstration of local match	25 Points
Total	100 Points

All proposals will be scored by an evaluation committee made up of multiple members from the City of Seneca staff who will evaluate the proposals individually.

Thank you for your interest in working with the City of Seneca for this service. We look forward to receiving your proposal.

Certification Regarding Debarment & Other Responsibility Matters

Signed copies of the Certification Regarding Debarment and Other Responsibility Matters must be included in the proposal package.

By submitting a Proposal, the responder/bidder certifies, to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, that:

I. Responder and/or any of its Principals

(A) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any state or federal agency;

(B) Have not, within a three-year period preceding this proposal, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, state, or local) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of proposals; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and

(C) Are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission or any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph I (B) of this provision.

II. Bidder has not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, had one or more contracts terminated for default by any public (Federal, state, or local) entity.

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

(B) Bidder will provide immediate written notice to the Owner if, at any time prior to contract award, Bidder learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

(C) If the Bidder is unable to certify the representations stated in paragraphs (I), Bidder must submit a written explanation regarding its inability to make the certification. The certification will be considered in connection with a review of the Bidders responsibility. Failure of the Bidder to furnish additional information as requested by the Owner may render the Proposal non-responsive.

(D) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by paragraph (A) of this provision. The knowledge and information of a Bidder is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

(E) The certification in paragraph I (A) of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making award. If it is later determined that the Bidder knowingly or in bad faith rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the City of Seneca Planning and Development, the Owner, may terminate the Contract resulting from this solicitation for default.

Authorized Signature

Date

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM
City of Seneca Project: RFP T2024-01

Note: Failure to provide the information requested in this questionnaire may be cause for rejection of the solicitation on the basis of non-responsiveness.

Name of Your Business: _____

Street Address: _____

Mailing Address if Different: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Mailing Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

How many years has the business been under the above name? _____

Previous business name(s) if any: _____

My Proposal Acceptance Period is _____ Days. (Proposals providing less than thirty (30) calendar days for acceptance may be considered non-responsive and may be rejected.)

Are you acting as a broker or the primary supplier in this transaction?

Primary Supplier Broker

Business Information (Please check all that apply):

My business is Individual

My business is a Partnership

My business is a Non-Profit

My business is a Joint-Venture

My business is a Corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of

My business is full-time

My business is part-time

Completed by: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PROPOSAL QUOTE FORM Project: RFP T2024-01 Transit Services

The Proposer represents and warrants for the attached proposal that:

- 1. It has sufficiently informed itself in all matters affecting the performance of the work, or the furnishing of the labor, supplies, material, or equipment called for in carrying out the Project.
- 2. Its proposal has been thoroughly checked for errors and omissions and all prices and fees percentages stated are complete and correct statements of its proposal for performing all project work required by the contract documents.
- 3. Its proposal is genuine, not sham or collusive, nor made in the interest of any person not herein named; that it has not induced or solicited any other Proposer to submit a sham proposal or to refrain from proposing; and that it has not in any illegal manner sought to secure for himself any advantage over any other Proposer.
- 4. Its proposal is valid for ninety (90) days following the proposal due date.

TOTAL QUOTE FOR MONTHLY COST _____ Dollars (\$) _____ .00)

Amounts are shown both in words and figures. If any discrepancy; the amount shown in words shall govern. The above quote prices includes all labor, materials, and equipment, as required; cleaning, removal, overhead, profit, fees, insurance, etc., to cover the several kinds called for. Monthly budget breakdown is specified within the proposal.

COMPANY NAME

SIGNATURE BY AND FOR THE BIDDER

COMPANY ADDRESS

PRINTED NAME OF ABOVE BIDDER

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER

CONTACT EMAIL

DATE OF QUOTE

City of Seneca Planning & Development reserves the right to reject any or all quotes and to waive any irregularities as deemed necessary.

**THE FOLLOWING PAGES ARE REQUIRED
FEDERAL AND STATE CERTIFICATIONS**

By signing and submitting its bid or proposal, the bidder or proposer certifies that they are compliant with all applicable FTA/SCDOT certifications and clauses listed below and the following pages and in FTA C 4220.IF:

If it is later determined that the bidder or proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to the municipal corporation, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with these requirements.

Date of Signature

Signature of bidder

DUNS & SAM.GOV

The bidder or proposer in order to bid on FTA funded projects must be an active, current member in good standing with no debarments at www.sam.gov (System for Award Management)

In order to register at SAM.gov you must have a DUNS number which can be obtained at www.dnd.com

All bidders, proposers not with an active, current registration or debarred at sam.gov will be considered non-responsive, non-responsible and will not be considered for this solicitation.

Appendix E

All Bidders are required to comply with the State and Federal statutes included in this appendix. The following are mentioned in title only, however bidders must research and comply with the applicable statutes in each of the following:

- CHAPTER 7 DEMAND RESPONSIVE SERVICE FROM FTA
- TITLE VI ASSURANCE AS REQUIRED BY 49 CFR PART 21
- DBE ASSURANCES AS REQUIRED BY 49 CFR PART 26
- CIVIL RIGHTS-RELATED TERMS FROM FTA MASTER AGREEMENT

(BIDDERS ARE REQUESTED TO RETAIN THESE CLAUSES FOR FUTURE REFERENCE)

Charter Bus Requirements – Applicability – Operational Service Contracts except micro-purchases (less than \$2,500) Contractor shall comply with 49 USC 5323(d) and 49 CFR 604, which state 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 under one of the exceptions at 49 CFR 604.9. Any charter service provided under with or detract from the provision of mass transportation.

Energy Conservation – Applicability – All Contracts except micro-purchases (less than \$2,500)

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

Clean Water – Applicability – All Contracts and Subcontracts over \$100,000

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

Lobbying – Applicability - Construction/Architectural and Engineering/Acquisition of Rolling Stock/Professional Service Contract/Operational Service Contract/Turnkey contracts except micro-purchases (less than \$2,500)

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

Access to Records and Reports– Applicability – As shown below. These requirements do not apply to micro-purchases (less than \$2,500)

The following access to records requirements apply to this Contract:

1. Where the purchaser is not a State but a local government and is an FTA recipient or a subgrantee of FTA recipient in accordance with 49 CFR 18.36(i), contractor shall provide the purchaser, the FTA, the US Comptroller General or their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers and contractor records which are pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions. Contractor shall also, pursuant to 49 CFR 633.17, provide authorized FTA representatives, including any PMO contractor, access to contractor's records and construction sites pertaining to a capital project, defined at 49 USC 5302(a)1, which is receiving FTA assistance through the programs described at 49 USC 5307, 5309 or 5311.
2. Where the purchaser is a State and is an FTA recipient or a sub grantee of FTA recipient in accordance with 49 CFR 633.17, contractor shall provide the purchaser, authorized FTA representatives, including any PMO Contractor, access to contractor's records and construction sites pertaining to a capital project, defined at 49 USC 5302(a)1, which receives FTA assistance through the programs described at 49 USC 5307, 5309 or 5311. By definition, a capital project excludes contracts of less than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$100,000.
3. Where the purchaser enters into a negotiated contract for other than a small purchase or under the simplified acquisition threshold and is an institution of higher education, a hospital or other non-profit organization and is an FTA recipient or a sub grantee of FTA recipient in accordance with 49 CFR 19.48, contractor shall provide the purchaser, the FTA, the

US Comptroller General or their authorized representatives, access to any books, documents, papers and record of the contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions.

4. Where a purchaser which is an FTA recipient or a subgrantee of FTA recipient in accordance with 49 USC 5325(a) enters into a contract for a capital project or improvement (defined at 49 USC 5302(a)1) through other than competitive bidding, contractor shall make available records related to the contract to the purchaser, the Secretary of USDOT and the US Comptroller General or any authorized officer or employee of any of them for the purposes of conducting an audit and inspection.

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

6. Contractor shall maintain all books, records, accounts and reports required under this contract for a period of not less than three (3) years after the date of termination or expiration of this contract, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this contract, in which case contractor agrees to maintain same until the municipal corporation, FTA Administrator, US Comptroller General, or any of their authorized representatives, have disposed of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto. Re: 49 CFR 18.39(i)(11). FTA does not require the inclusion of these requirements in subcontracts.

Federal Changes – Applicability – All Contracts except micro-purchases (less than \$2,500)

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

Performance and Payment Bonding Requirements (Non-Construction)

The Contractor may be required to obtain performance and payment bonds when necessary to protect the (Recipient's) interest.

(a) The following situations may warrant a performance bond:

1. (Recipient) property or funds are to be provided to the contractor for use in performing the contract or as partial compensation (as in retention of salvaged material).
2. A contractor sells assets to or merges with another concern, and the (Recipient), after recognizing the latter concern as the successor in interest, desires assurance that it is financially capable.
3. Substantial progress payments are made before delivery of end items starts.
4. Contracts are for dismantling, demolition, or removal of improvements.

(b) When it is determined that a performance bond is required, the Contractor shall be required to obtain performance bonds as follows:

1. The penal amount of performance bonds shall be 100 percent of the original contract price, unless the (Recipient) determines that a lesser amount would be adequate for the protection of the (Recipient).

2. The (Recipient) may require additional performance bond protection when a contract price is increased. The increase in protection shall generally equal 100 percent of the increase in contract price. The (Recipient) may secure additional protection by directing the Contractor to increase the penal amount of the existing bond or to obtain an additional bond. (c) A payment bond is required only when a performance bond is required, and if the use of payment bond is in the (Recipient's) interest.

(d) When it is determined that a payment bond is required, the Contractor shall be required to obtain payment bonds as follows:

1. The penal amount of payment bonds shall equal:

(i) Fifty percent of the contract price if the contract price is not more than \$1 million;

(ii) Forty percent of the contract price if the contract price is more than \$1 million but not more than \$5 million; or (iii) Two and one half million if the contract price is increased.

Advance Payment Bonding Requirements

The Contractor may be required to obtain an advance payment bond if the contract contains an advance payment provision and a performance bond is not furnished. The (recipient) shall determine the amount of the advance payment bond necessary to protect the (Recipient).

PROMPT PAYMENT - PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTORS, SUBCONTRACTORS, AND SUPPLIERS: PROMPT PAYMENT

In accordance with [South Carolina State Code of Laws, Title 29, Chapter 6, Payments to Contractors, Subcontractors, and Suppliers](#):

Time and manner of making payment to contractors and subcontractors. When a contractor or a subcontractor has performed in accordance with the provisions of his contract, the owner shall pay the contractor by mailing via first class mail or delivering the undisputed amount of any pay request within twenty-one days of receipt by the owner of any pay request based upon work completed or service provided under the contract, and the contractor shall pay to his subcontractor and each subcontractor shall pay to his subcontractor, within seven days of receipt by the contractor or subcontractor of each periodic or final payment, by mailing via first class mail or delivering the full amount received for that subcontractor's work and materials based on work completed or service provided under the subcontract.

Clean Air – Applicability – All contracts over \$100,000

Contractor shall comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations pursuant to the Clean Air Act, 42 USC 7401 *et seq.* Contractor shall report each violation to the recipient and understands and agrees that the recipient will, in turn, report each violation as required to FTA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office. (2) Contractor shall include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with FTA assistance.

Contract Work Hours & Safety Standards Act – Applicability – Contracts over \$100,000

- (1) **Overtime requirements** - No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of 40 hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in such workweek.
- (2) **Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages** - In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in para. (1) of this section, contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefore shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in para. (1) of this section, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of 40 hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in para. (1) of this section.
- (3) **Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages** - the recipient shall upon its own action or upon written request of USDOL withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours & Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in para. (2) of this section.
- (4) **Subcontracts** - Contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. Prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in this section.

No Government Obligation to Third Parties - Applicability – All contracts except micro-purchases (less than \$2,500)

- (1) the recipient and contractor acknowledge and agree that, notwithstanding any concurrence by the US Government in or approval of the solicitation or award of the underlying contract, absent the express written consent by the US Government, the US Government is not a party to this contract and shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities to the recipient, the contractor, or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the underlying contract.
- (2) Contractor agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with FTA assistance. It is further agreed that the clause shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to its provisions.

Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts – Applicability – All contracts except micropurchases (less than \$2,500)

- (1) Contractor acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 USC 3801 *et seq.* and USDOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 CFR 31, apply to its actions pertaining to this project. Upon execution of the underlying contract, contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, pertaining to the underlying contract or FTA assisted project for which this contract work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, contractor further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submittal, or certification, the US Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act (1986) on contractor to the extent the US Government deems appropriate.
- (2) If contractor makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submittal, or certification to the US Government under a contract connected with a project that is financed in whole or in part with FTA assistance under the authority of 49 USC 5307, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 USC 1001 and 49 USC 5307(n)(1) on contractor, to the extent the US Government deems appropriate.
- (3) Contractor shall include the above two clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with FTA assistance. The clauses shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to the provisions.
 - a. **Termination for Convenience (General Provision)** the municipal corporation may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, at any time by written notice to contractor when it

is in the municipal corporation's best interest. Contractor shall be paid its costs, including contract close-out costs, and profit on work performed up to the time of termination. Contractor shall promptly submit its termination claim to the municipal corporation. If contractor is in possession of any the municipal corporation property, contractor shall account for same, and dispose of it as the municipal corporation directs.

b. **Termination for Default [Breach or Cause] (General Provision)** If contractor does not deliver items in accordance with the contract delivery schedule, or, if the contract is for services, and contractor fails to perform in the manner called for in the contract, or if contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of the contract, the municipal corporation may terminate this contract for default. Termination shall be effected by serving a notice of termination to contractor setting forth the manner in which contractor is in default. Contractor shall only be paid the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or for services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in the contract. If it is later determined by the municipal corporation that contractor had an excusable reason for not performing, such as a strike, fire, or flood, events which are not the fault of or are beyond the control of contractor, the municipal corporation, after setting up a new delivery or performance schedule, may allow contractor to continue work, or treat the termination as a termination for convenience.

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

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

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

f. **Termination for Default (Supplies and Service)** If contractor fails to deliver supplies or to perform the services within the time specified in this contract or any extension or if the contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of this contract, the municipal corporation may terminate this contract for default. the municipal corporation shall terminate by delivering

to contractor a notice of termination specifying the nature of default. Contractor shall only be paid the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner or performance set forth in this contract. If, after termination for failure to fulfill contract obligations, it is determined that contractor was not in default, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if termination had been issued for the municipal corporation's convenience.

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

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

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

1. Delay in completing the work arises from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of contractor. Examples of such causes include: acts of God, acts of the municipal corporation, acts of another contractor in the performance of a contract with the recipient, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes; and

2. Contractor, within 10 days from the beginning of any delay, notifies the municipal corporation in writing of the causes of delay. If in the municipal corporation's judgment, delay is excusable, the time for completing the work shall be extended. the municipal corporation's judgment shall be final and conclusive on the parties, but subject to appeal under the Disputes clauses.

If, after termination of contractor's right to proceed, it is determined that contractor was not in default, or that the delay was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties will be the same as if termination had been issued for the municipal corporation's convenience. in whole or in part, for the municipal corporation's convenience or because of contractor's failure to fulfill contract obligations. the municipal corporation shall terminate by delivering to contractor a notice of termination specifying the nature, extent, and effective date of termination. Upon receipt of the notice, contractor shall (1) immediately discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise), and (2) deliver to the municipal corporation all data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and other information and materials accumulated in performing this contract, whether completed or in process. If termination is for the municipal corporation's convenience, it shall make an equitable adjustment in the contract price but shall allow no anticipated profit on unperformed services. If termination is for contractor's failure to fulfill contract obligations, the municipal corporation may complete the work by contract or otherwise and contractor shall be liable for any additional cost incurred by the municipal corporation.

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

j. Termination for Convenience or Default (Cost-Type Contracts) the municipal corporation may terminate this contract, or any portion of it, by serving a notice or termination on contractor. The notice shall state whether termination is for convenience of the municipal corporation or for default of contractor. If termination is for default, the notice shall state the manner in which contractor has failed to perform the requirements of the contract. Contractor shall account for any property in its possession paid for from funds received from the municipal corporation, or property supplied to contractor by the municipal corporation. If termination is for default, the municipal corporation may fix the fee, if the contract provides for a fee, to be paid to contractor in proportion to the value, if any, of work performed up to the time of termination. Contractor shall promptly submit its termination claim to the municipal corporation and the parties shall negotiate the termination settlement to be paid to contractor. If termination is for the municipal corporation's convenience, contractor shall be paid its contract close-out costs, and a fee, if the contract provided for payment of a fee, in proportion to the work performed up to the time of termination. If, after serving a notice of termination for default, the municipal corporation determines that contractor has an excusable reason for not performing, such as strike, fire, flood, events which are not the fault of and are beyond the control of contractor, the municipal corporation, after setting up a new work schedule, may allow contractor to continue work, or treat the termination as a termination for convenience.

Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) – Applicability – Contracts over \$25,000

This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 49 CFR Part 29. As such, the contractor is required to verify that none of the contractors, its principals, as defined at 49 CFR 29.995, or affiliates, as defined at 49 CFR 29.905, are excluded or disqualified as defined at 49 CFR 29.940 and 29.945. The contractor is required to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C and must include the requirement to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into. By signing and submitting its bid or proposal, the bidder or proposer certifies as follows: The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by the municipal corporation. If it is later determined that the bidder or proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to the municipal corporation, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 49 CFR 29, Subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

Contracts Involving Federal Privacy Act Requirements – Applicability - When a grantee maintains files on drug and alcohol enforcement activities for FTA, and those files are organized so that information could be retrieved by personal identifier, the Privacy Act requirements apply to all contracts except micro-purchases (less than \$2,500)

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:

- (1) 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.
- (2) The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract to administer any system of records on behalf of the Federal Government financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

Civil Rights Requirements– Applicability – All contracts except micro-purchases (less than \$2,500) The following requirements apply to the underlying contract:

(1) Nondiscrimination - In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 USC 2000d, Sec. 303 of the Age

Discrimination Act (1975), as amended, 42 USC 6102, Sec. 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act (1990), 42 USC 12132, and 49 USC 5332, contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Contractor shall also comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other requirements FTA may issue.

(2) Equal Employment Opportunity - The following equal employment opportunity requirements apply to the underlying contract:

a) Race, Color, Creed, National Origin, Sex - In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 USC 2000e, and 49 USC 5332, contractor shall comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements of USDOL, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, USDOL," 41 CFR 60 *et seq.*, (implementing Executive

Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," 42 USC 2000e), and any applicable Federal statutes, executive orders, regulations, and policies that may in the future affect construction activities undertaken in the course of the project. Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. In addition, contractor shall comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

(b) Age - In accordance with Sec. 4 of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (1967), as amended, 29 USC 623 and 49 USC 5332, contractor shall refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for reason of age. Contractor shall also comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

(c) Disabilities - In accordance with Sec. 102 of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as amended, 42 USC 12112, contractor shall comply with the requirements of US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), Regulations to Implement Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 29 CFR 1630, pertaining to employment of persons with disabilities. Contractor shall also comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

(3) Contractor shall include these requirements in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with FTA assistance, modified only if necessary to identify the affected parties.

Breaches and Dispute Resolution – Applicability – All contracts over \$100,000

Disputes arising in the performance of this contract which are not resolved by agreement of the parties shall be decided in writing by the municipal corporation's authorized representative. This decision shall be final and conclusive unless within ten days from the date of receipt of its copy, contractor mails or otherwise furnishes a written appeal to the municipal corporation's CEO. In connection with such appeal, contractor shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to offer evidence in support of its position. The decision of the municipal corporation's CEO shall be binding upon contractor and contractor shall abide by the decision.

Performance During Dispute - Unless otherwise directed by the municipal corporation, contractor shall continue performance under this contract while matters in dispute are being resolved.

Claims for Damages - Should either party to the contract suffer injury or damage to person or property because of any act or omission of the party or of any of his employees, agents or others for whose acts he is legally liable, a claim for damages therefore shall be made in writing to such other party within ten days after the first observance of such injury or damage. **Remedies** - Unless this contract provides otherwise, all claims, counterclaims, disputes and other matters in question between the municipal corporation and contractor arising out of or relating to this agreement or its breach will be decided by arbitration if the parties mutually agree, or in a court of competent jurisdiction within New York State.

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

Transit Employee Protective Provisions – Applicability – Contracts for transit operations except micro-purchases (less than \$2,500)

(1) Contractor shall comply with applicable transit employee protective requirements as follows:

(a) General Transit Employee Protective Requirements - To the extent that FTA determines that transit operations are involved, contractor shall carry out transit operations work on the underlying contract in compliance with terms and conditions determined by USDOL to be fair and equitable to protect the interests of employees employed under this contract and to meet the employee protective requirements of 49 USC A 5333(b), and USDOL guidelines at 29 CFR 215, and any amendments thereto. These terms and conditions are identified in USDOL's letter of certification to FTA applicable to the municipal corporation's project from which FTA

assistance is provided to support work on the underlying contract. Contractor shall carry out that work in compliance with the conditions stated in that USDOL letter. The requirements of this subsection (1), however, do not apply to any contract financed with FTA assistance either for projects for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities authorized by 49 USC 5310(a)(2), or for projects for non-urbanized areas authorized by 49 USC 5311. Alternate provisions for those projects are set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of this clause.

(b) Transit Employee Protective Requirements for Projects Authorized by 49 USC 5310(a)(2) for Elderly Individuals & Individuals with Disabilities - If the contract involves transit operations financed in whole or in part with FTA assistance authorized by 49 USC 5310(a)(2), and if USDOT has determined or determines in the future that the employee protective requirements of 49 USC 5333(b) are necessary or appropriate for the state and the public body subrecipient for which work is performed on the underlying contract, contractor shall carry out the Project in compliance with the terms and conditions determined by USDOL to meet the requirements of 49 USC 5333(b), USDOL guidelines at 29 CFR 215, and any amendments thereto. These terms and conditions are identified in USDOL's letter of certification to FTA, the date of which is set forth in the Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement with the state. Contractor shall perform transit operations in connection with the underlying contract in compliance with the conditions stated in that USDOL letter.

(c) Transit Employee Protective Requirements for Projects Authorized by 49 USC 5311 in Non Urbanized Areas - If the contract involves transit operations financed in whole or in part with FTA assistance authorized by 49 USC 5311, the contractor shall comply with the terms and conditions of the Special Warranty for the Non Urbanized Area Program agreed to by USDOT and USDOL, dated May 31, 1979, and the procedures implemented by USDOL or any revision thereto.

(2) Contractor shall also include any applicable requirements in each subcontract involving transit operations financed in whole or in part with FTA assistance.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) – Applicability – Contracts over \$250,000 (exclusive of transit vehicle purchases)

To the extent authorized by Federal law, the Recipient agrees to facilitate participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) in the Project and assures that each subrecipient, lessee, and third party contractor at any tier of the Project will facilitate participation by DBEs in the Project to the extent applicable. Therefore: (1) The Recipient agrees and assures that it will 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. (2) The Recipient 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 third party contract, or sub agreement supported with Federal assistance derived from U.S. DOT in the administration of its DBE program and will comply with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 26. The Recipient agrees to take all necessary and reasonable steps set forth in 49 C.F.R. Part 26 to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of all third party contracts and

sub agreements supported with Federal assistance derived from U.S. DOT. As required by 49 C.F.R. Part 26 and approved by

U.S. DOT, the Recipient's DBE program, if any, is incorporated by reference and made part of the Grant Agreement or

Cooperative Agreement for the Project. The Recipient agrees that implementation of this DBE program is a legal obligation, and that failure to carry out that DBE program shall be treated as a violation of the Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement for the Project and the Master Agreement. Upon notification by U.S. DOT to the Recipient of its failure to implement its approved DBE program, U.S. DOT may impose sanctions as provided for under 49 C.F.R. Part 26 and may, in appropriate cases, refer the matter for enforcement under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and/or the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act, 31 U.S.C. §§ 3801 *et seq.*

Incorporation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Terms – Applicability – All contracts except micro-purchases (less than \$2,500)

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

Drug & Alcohol Testing – Applicability – Operational service contracts except micro-purchases (less than \$2,500) The Contractor agrees to comply with the following Federal substance abuse regulations: a. Drug-Free Workplace. U.S. DOT regulations, "Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (Grants)," 49 C.F.R. Part 29, Subpart F, as modified by 41 U.S.C. §§§§ 702 *et seq.* b. Alcohol Misuse and Drug Use. FTA regulations, "Prevention of Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use in Transit Operations," 49 CFR Part 655, to the extent applicable.

Other Federal Requirements

Prohibition Against Exclusionary or Discriminatory Specifications – Apart from inconsistent requirements imposed by Federal statute or regulations, the contractor shall comply with the requirements of 49 USC 5323(h)(2) by refraining from using any FTA assistance to support procurements using exclusionary or discriminatory specifications.

Access Requirements for Persons with Disabilities – Contractor shall comply with 49 USC 5301(d), stating Federal policy that the elderly and persons with disabilities have the same rights as other persons to use mass transportation services and facilities and that special efforts shall be made in planning and designing those services and facilities to implement that policy. Contractor shall also comply with all applicable requirements of Sec. 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (1973), as amended, 29 USC 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), as amended, 42 USC 12101 *et seq.*, which requires that accessible facilities and services be made available to persons with disabilities, including any subsequent amendments thereto.

Notification of Federal Participation – To the extent required by law, in the announcement of any third party contract award for goods and services (including construction services) having an aggregate value of \$500,000 or more, contractor shall specify the amount of Federal assistance to be used in financing that acquisition of goods and services and to express that amount of Federal assistance as a percentage of the total cost of the third party contract.

Interest of Members or Delegates to Congress - No members of, or delegates to, the US Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of this contract nor to any benefit arising therefrom.

Ineligible Contractors and Subcontractors - Any name appearing upon the Comptroller General's list of ineligible contractors for federally-assisted contracts shall be ineligible to act as a subcontractor for contractor pursuant to this contract. If contractor is on the Comptroller General's list of ineligible contractors for federally financed or assisted construction, the recipient shall cancel, terminate or suspend this contract.

Other Contract Requirements - To the extent not inconsistent with the foregoing Federal requirements, this contract shall also include those standard clauses attached hereto, and shall comply with the recipient's Procurement Guidelines, available upon request from the recipient.

Compliance With Federal Regulations - Any contract entered pursuant to this solicitation shall contain the following provisions: All USDOT-required contractual provisions, as set forth in FTA Circular 4220.1F, are incorporated by reference. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, FTA mandated terms shall control in the event of a conflict with other provisions contained in this Agreement. Contractor shall not perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any grantee request that would cause the recipient to be in violation of FTA terms and conditions. Contractor shall comply with all applicable FTA regulations, policies, procedures and directives, including, without limitation, those listed directly or incorporated by reference in the Master Agreement between the municipal corporation and FTA, as may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of this contract. Contractor's failure to so comply shall constitute a material breach of this contract.

PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATION AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT

In accordance with [2 CFR §200.216](#), grant recipients or subrecipients, in the performance of this Contract, are prohibited from procuring or obtaining telecommunication or video surveillance equipment, services, or systems produced by:

- Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
- Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency. To the extent applicable and except to the extent that FTA determines otherwise in writing, the Recipient agrees to comply with the policies of Executive Order No. 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency," 42 U.S.C. § 2000d-1 note, and with the provisions of U.S. DOT Notice, "DOT Guidance to Recipients on Special Language Services to Limited English Proficient (LEP) Beneficiaries," 66 *Fed. Reg.* 6733 *et seq.*, January 22, 2001.

Environmental Justice. The Recipient agrees to comply with the policies of Executive Order No. 12898, "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations," 42 U.S.C. § 4321 note, except to the extent that the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing

Federal Single Audit Requirements For State Administered Federally Aid Funded Projects Only

Non-Federal entities that expend \$500,000 or more in a year in Federal awards from all sources are required to comply with the Federal Single Audit Act provisions contained in U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular No. A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations. Non-Federal entities that expend Federal awards from a single source may provide a program specific audit, as defined in the Circular. Non-Federal entities that expend less than \$500,000 in a year in Federal awards from all sources are exempt from Federal audit requirements for that year, except as noted in '3052.215(a), but records must be available for review or audit by appropriate officials of the Federal agency, the New York State Department of Transportation, the New York State Comptroller's Office and the U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO). Non-Federal entities are required to submit a copy of all audits, as described above, within 30 days of issuance, to the New York State Department of Transportation, Contract Audit Bureau, 50 Wolf Rd, Albany, NY 12232.

Assignability Clause. The Recipient agrees to comply with applicable third party procurement requirements of 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, and ensure that for piggybacking purchases made with FTA-assistance, that contract utilized contains assignability clause that authorizes such piggybacking purchases.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Identification Number

The recipient project sponsor is required to identify in its accounts all Federal awards received and expended, and the Federal programs under which they were received. Federal program and award identification shall include, as applicable, the CFDA title and number, award number and year, name of the Federal agency, and name of the pass-through entity.

The CFDA number for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Elderly and Disabled Program (Section 5310) is 20.513, Rural & Small Urban Program (Section 5311) is 20.509, Job Access and Reverse Commute Program (Section 5316) is 20.516, and New Freedom Program (Section 5317) is 20.521.

These are some additional SCDOT Clauses:

AWARD NOTIFICATION: Notice regarding any award, cancellation of award, or extension of award will be posted at the location and on the date specified on the Cover Page or, if applicable, the most recent notice of extension of award. Should the contract resulting from this Solicitation have a total or potential value more than one hundred thousand dollars, such notice will be sent electronically to all Offerors responding to the Solicitation. Unless a written notice of intent to protest is timely filed pursuant to Section 11-35-4210(1)(b) or the award is otherwise suspended or canceled, the award will be effective on the calendar day (including weekends and holidays) immediately following the seventh business day after such notice is given.

BID / PROPOSAL AS OFFER TO CONTRACT : By submitting Your Bid or Proposal, You are offering to enter into a contract with the Using Governmental Unit(s). Without further action by either party, a binding contract shall result upon final award. Any award issued will be issued to, and the contract will be formed with, the entity identified as the Offeror on the Cover Page. An Offer may be submitted by only one legal entity; “joint bids” are not allowed.

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

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

(1) The prices in this offer have been arrived at independently, without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other offeror or competitor relating to—

(i) Those prices;

(ii) The intention to submit an offer; or

(iii) The methods or factors used to calculate the prices offered.

(2) The prices in this offer have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the offeror, directly or indirectly, to any other offeror or competitor before bid opening (in the case of a sealed bid solicitation) or contract award (in the case of a negotiated solicitation) unless otherwise required by law; and

(3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the offeror to induce any other concern to submit or not to submit an offer for the purpose of restricting competition.

(b) Each signature on the offer is considered to be a certification by the signatory that the signatory-

(1) Is the person in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices being offered in this bid or proposal, and that the signatory has not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification; or

(2)(i) Has been authorized, in writing, to act as agent for the offeror's principals in certifying that those principals have not participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification [As used in this subdivision (b)(2)(i), the term "principals" means the person(s) in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices offered in this bid or proposal];

(ii) As an authorized agent, does certify that the principals referenced in subdivision (b)(2)(i) of this certification have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification; and

(iii) As an agent, has not personally participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this certification.

(c) If the offeror deletes or modifies paragraph (a)(2) of this certification, the offeror must furnish with its offer a signed statement setting forth in detail the circumstances of the disclosure.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

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

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR UNFAIR COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

("OCI FAQ for Contractors" is available at www.procurement.sc.gov)

- (a) You certify that, after reasonable inquiry, to the best of your knowledge and belief: (1) your offer identifies any services that relate to either this solicitation or the work and that have already been performed by you, a proposed subcontractor, or an affiliated business or consultant of either; and (2) there are no relevant facts or circumstances that may give rise to an actual or potential organizational conflict of interest, as defined in S.C. Code Ann. Reg. 19-445.2127, or that your offer identifies and explains any unfair competitive advantage you may have in competing for the proposed contract and any actual or potential conflicts of interest that may arise from your participation in this competition or your receipt of an award.
- (b) If you, a proposed subcontractor, or an affiliated business or consultant of either, have an unfair competitive advantage or an actual or potential conflict of interest, the State may withhold award. Before withholding award on these grounds, the State will notify you of the concerns and provide a reasonable

opportunity for you to respond. The State may consider efforts to avoid or mitigate such concerns, including restrictions on future activities.

(c) The certification in paragraph (a) of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which the State will rely when considering your offer for award.

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

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

PRICING: (a) Fixed Price. If a fixed price is required, award will not be made on an Offer if the total possible price to the State cannot be determined. (b) Price Reasonableness: Any offer may be rejected if the Procurement Officer determines in writing that it is unreasonable as to price. S.C. Code Ann. Reg. 19-445.2070E. (c) Unbalanced Pricing. The State will analyze all offers with separately priced line items or subline items to determine if the prices are unbalanced. Unbalanced pricing exists when, despite an acceptable total evaluated price, the price of one or more line items is significantly over or understated. The responsible procurement officer may reject an offer as unreasonably priced if she determines that unbalanced pricing increases performance risk (e.g., it is so unbalanced as to be tantamount to allowing an advance payment) or could result in payment of unreasonably high prices

PROHIBITED COMMUNICATIONS AND DONATIONS

Violation of these restrictions may result in disqualification of your offer, suspension or debarment, and may constitute a violation of law.

(a) During the period between publication of the solicitation and final award, *you must not communicate, directly or indirectly, with the Using Governmental Unit or its employees, agents or officials regarding any aspect of this procurement activity*, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Procurement Officer. All communications must be solely with the Designated Representative.

(b) You are advised to familiarize yourself with Regulation 19-445.2165, which restricts donations to a governmental entity with whom you have or seek to have a contract. *You represent that your offer discloses any gifts made, directly or through an intermediary, by you or your named subcontractors to or for the benefit of the Using Governmental Unit during the period beginning eighteen months prior to the Opening Date*

RESPONSIVENESS: (a) Award will not be made on a nonresponsive offer. An offer is nonresponsive (i) if it does not constitute an unambiguous offer to enter into a contract with the State, or (ii) if it imposes conditions inconsistent with, or does not unambiguously agree to, the solicitation's material requirements. (b) Bid as Specified. Offers for supplies or services other than those specified will not be considered unless authorized by the Solicitation.

DISCLOSURE OF YOUR BID / PROPOSAL & SUBMITTING CONFIDENTIAL DATA

(a) Any person submitting a document in response or with regard to any solicitation or other request must "comply with instructions provided in the solicitation for marking information exempt from public disclosure. Information not marked as required by the applicable instructions may be disclosed to the public." IF YOU IDENTIFY YOUR ENTIRE RESPONSE AS EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE, OR IF YOU DO NOT SUBMIT A REDACTED COPY AS REQUIRED, THE STATE MAY, IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION, DETERMINE YOUR BID OR PROPOSAL NONRESPONSIVE AND INELIGIBLE FOR AWARD.

(b) By submitting a response to this solicitation or request, Offeror agrees to the public disclosure of every page, or portion thereof, of every document regarding this solicitation or request that was submitted at any time prior to entering into a contract (including, but not limited to, documents contained in a response, documents submitted to clarify a response, and documents submitted during negotiations), unless the page, or portion thereof, was redacted and conspicuously marked "Trade Secret" or "Confidential" or "Protected", (2) agrees that any information not redacted and marked, as required by these bidding instructions, as a "Trade Secret" is not a trade secret as defined by the Trade Secrets Act, and (3) agrees that, notwithstanding any claims or markings otherwise, any prices, commissions, discounts, or other financial figures used to determine the award, as well as the final contract amount, are subject to public disclosure.

(c) If your offer includes any information that you claim is exempt from public disclosure, you must submit one complete copy of your offer from which you have removed or concealed such information (the redacted copy). Except for the information removed or concealed, the redacted copy must be identical to your original offer.

(d) Do not mark your entire response (bid, proposal, quote, etc.) as confidential, trade secret, or protected. If only portions of a page are subject to some protection, do not redact the entire page. The redacted copy must reflect the same pagination as the original and show the empty space from which information was redacted. The Procurement Officer must be able to view, search, copy and print the redacted copy without a password. If your response, or any part thereof, is improperly marked as confidential or trade secret or protected, the State may, in its sole discretion, determine it nonresponsive.

(e) On the redacted copy, you must identify the basis of your claim by marking each redaction as follows: You must separately mark with the word "CONFIDENTIAL" every page, or portion thereof, that you redacted and claim as exempt from public disclosure because it is either (1) a trade secret as defined in Section 30-4-40(a)(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, or (2) privileged and confidential, as that phrase is used in Section 11-35-410. You must separately mark with the words "TRADE SECRET" every page, or portion thereof, that you redacted and claim as exempt from public disclosure as a trade secret pursuant to Section 39-8-20 of the Trade Secrets Act. You must separately mark with the word "PROTECTED" every page, or portion thereof, that you redacted and claim as exempt from public disclosure pursuant to Section 11-35-1810. All markings must be conspicuous; use color, bold, underlining, or some other method in order to conspicuously distinguish the mark from the other text.

(f) In determining whether to release documents, the State will detrimentally rely on your redaction and marking of documents, as required by these bidding instructions, as being either "Confidential" or "Trade Secret" or "Protected". By submitting a response, you agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the State of South Carolina, its agencies, officers and employees, from every claim, demand, loss, expense, cost, damage or injury, including attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from withholding information

by the State of South Carolina or any of its agencies, that you have redacted or marked as "Confidential" or "Trade Secret" or "Protected". (All references to S.C. Code of Laws.)

MINORITY PARTICIPATION :

Is the bidder a South Carolina Certified Minority Business? Yes No

Is the bidder a Minority Business certified by another governmental entity? Yes No

If so, please list the certifying governmental entity: _____

Will any of the work under this contract be performed by a SC certified Minority Business as a subcontractor? Yes No

If so, what percentage of the total value of the contract will be performed by a SC certified Minority Business as a subcontractor? _____

Will any of the work under this contract be performed by a minority business certified by another governmental entity as a subcontractor? Yes No

If so, what percentage of the total value of the contract will be performed by a minority business certified by another governmental entity as a subcontractor? _____

If a certified Minority Business is participating in this contract, please indicate all categories for which the Business is certified:

Traditional minority

Traditional minority, but female

Women (Caucasian females)

Hispanic minorities

DOT referral (Traditional minority)

DOT referral (Caucasian female)

Temporary certification

SBA 8 (a) certification referral

Other minorities (Native American, Asian, etc.)

(If more than one minority contractor will be utilized in the performance of this contract, please provide the information above for each minority business.)

The Department of Administration, Division of Small and Minority Business Contracting and Certification, publishes a list of certified minority firms. The Minority Business Directory is available at the following URL: <http://smbcc.sc.gov> (.) [04-4015-4]

AWARD CRITERIA – PROPOSALS: Award will be made to the highest ranked, responsive and responsible offeror whose offer is determined to be the most advantageous to the State.

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

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS & ORDER OF PRECEDENCE: (a) Any contract resulting from this solicitation shall consist of the following documents: (1) a Record of Negotiations, if any, executed by you and the Procurement Officer, (2) the solicitation, as amended, (3) documentation of clarifications or discussions of an offer, if applicable, (4) your offer, (5) any statement reflecting the State’s final acceptance (a/k/a “award”), and (6) purchase orders. These documents shall be read to be consistent and complementary. Any conflict among these documents shall be resolved by giving priority to these documents in the order listed above. (b) The terms and conditions of documents (1) through (5) above shall

apply notwithstanding any additional or different terms and conditions in any other document, including without limitation, (i) a purchase order or other instrument submitted by the State, (ii) any invoice or other document submitted by Contractor, or (iii) any privacy policy, terms of use, or end user agreement. Except as otherwise allowed herein, the terms and conditions of all such documents shall be void and of no effect. (c) No contract, license, or other agreement containing contractual terms and conditions will be signed by any Using Governmental Unit. Any document signed or otherwise agreed to by persons other than the Procurement Officer shall be void and of no effect.

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

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

OPEN TRADE: During the contract term, including any renewals or extensions, Contractor will not engage in the boycott of a person or an entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with whom South Carolina can enjoy open trade, as defined in SC Code Section 11-35-5300.

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

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

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS: During the term of the contract, contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of laws, codes, ordinances, rules, regulations, and tariffs.

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

CONTRACTOR’S USE OF STATE PROPERTY : Upon termination of the contract for any reason, the State shall have the right, upon demand, to obtain access to, and possession of, all State properties, including, but not limited to, current copies of all State application programs and necessary documentation, all data, files, intermediate materials and supplies held by the contractor. Contractor shall not use, reproduce, distribute, display, or sell any data, material, or documentation owned exclusively by the State without the State’s written consent, except to the extent necessary to carry out the work.

DEFAULT – SHORT FORM : The state may terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for cause in the event of any default by the contractor, or if the contractor fails to comply with any material contract terms and conditions, or fails to provide the state, upon request, with adequate assurances of future performance. In the event of termination for cause, the state shall not be liable to the contractor for any amount for supplies or services not accepted, and the contractor shall be liable to the state for any and all rights and remedies provided by law. If it is determined that the state improperly terminated this contract for default, such termination shall be deemed a termination for convenience.

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

PERFORMANCE BOND REQUIRED : Within ten (10) days after award, contractor shall provide a performance bond in the full amount of the contract sum, issued by a surety company licensed in South Carolina, with an "A" minimum rating of performance as stated in the most current publication of "Best's key rating guide, property liability" which shall show a financial strength rating of at least five (5) times the contract amount. Each bond must be accompanied by a "power of attorney" authorizing the attorney-in-fact to bind the surety and certified to include the date of the performance bond.

PRICE ADJUSTMENTS :

- (1) Method of Adjustment. Any adjustment in the contract price made pursuant to a clause in this contract shall be consistent with this Contract and shall be arrived at through whichever one of the following ways is the most valid approximation of the actual cost to the Contractor (including profit, if otherwise allowed):
- (a) by agreement on a fixed price adjustment before commencement of the pertinent performance or as soon thereafter as practicable;
 - (b) by unit prices specified in the Contract or subsequently agreed upon;
 - (c) by the costs attributable to the event or situation covered by the relevant clause, including profit if otherwise allowed, all as specified in the Contract; or subsequently agreed upon;
 - (d) in such other manner as the parties may mutually agree; or,
 - (e) in the absence of agreement by the parties, through a unilateral initial written determination by the Procurement Officer of the costs attributable to the event or situation covered by the clause, including profit

if otherwise allowed, all as computed by the Procurement Officer in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, subject to the provisions of Title 11, Chapter 35, Article 17 of the S.C. Code of Laws. (2) Submission of Price or Cost Data. Upon request of the Procurement Officer, the contractor shall provide reasonably available factual information to substantiate that the price or cost offered, for any price adjustments is reasonable, consistent with the provisions of Section 11-35-1830.

PRICE ADJUSTMENT - LIMITED -- AFTER INITIAL TERM ONLY : Upon approval of the Procurement Officer, prices may be adjusted for any renewal term. Prices shall not be increased during the initial term. Any request for a price increase must be received by the Procurement Officer at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the applicable term and must be accompanied by sufficient documentation to justify the increase. If approved, a price increase becomes effective starting with the term beginning after approval. A price increase must be executed as a change order. Contractor may terminate this contract at the end of the then current term if a price increase request is denied. Notice of termination pursuant to this paragraph must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than fifteen (15) days after the Procurement Officer sends contractor notice rejecting the requested price increase.

PRICE ADJUSTMENTS – LIMITED BY CPI “OTHER GOODS & SERVICES”: Upon request and adequate justification, the Procurement Officer may grant a price increase up to, but not to exceed, the unadjusted percent change for the most recent 12 months for which data is available, that is not subject to revision, in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all urban consumers (CPI-U), “Other Goods & Services” for services, as determined by the Procurement Officer. The Bureau of Labor and Statistics publishes this information on the web at www.bls.gov

PRICING DATA – AUDIT – INSPECTION: (a) Cost or Pricing Data. Upon Procurement Officer’s request, you shall submit cost or pricing data, as defined by 48 C.F.R. Section 2.101 (2004), prior to either (1) any award to contractor pursuant to 11-35-1530 or 11-35-1560, if the total contract price exceeds \$500,000, or (2) execution of a change order or contract modification with contractor which exceeds \$100,000. Your price, including profit or fee, shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the state finds that such price was increased because you furnished cost or pricing data that was inaccurate, incomplete, or not current as of the date agreed upon between parties. (b) Records Retention. You shall maintain your records for three years from the date of final payment, or longer if requested by the chief Procurement Officer. The state may audit your records at reasonable times and places. As used in this subparagraph (b), the term “records” means any books or records that relate to cost or pricing data submitted pursuant to this clause. In addition to the obligation stated in this subparagraph (b), you shall retain all records and allow any audits provided for by 11-35-2220(2). (c) Inspection. At reasonable times, the state may inspect any part of your place of business which is related to performance of the work. (d) Instructions Certification. When you submit data pursuant to subparagraph (a), you shall (1) do so in accordance with the instructions appearing in Table 15-2 of 48 C.F.R. Section 15.408 (2004) (adapted as necessary for the state context), and (2) submit a Certificate of Current Cost or Pricing Data, as prescribed by 48 CFR Section 15.406-2(a) (adapted as necessary for the state context). (e) Subcontracts. You shall include the above text of this clause in all of your subcontracts. (f) Nothing in this clause limits any other rights of the state.

TERM OF CONTRACT – OPTION TO RENEW : At the end of the initial term, and at the end of each renewal term, this contract shall automatically renew for a period of year(s), month(s), and day(s), unless contractor receives notice that the state elects not to renew the contract at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of renewal. Regardless, this contract expires no later than the last date stated on the final statement of award.

CERTIFICATION

NO SCDOT COMMISSIONER INTEREST OR
RECENT SCDOT EMPLOYEE INTEREST

As a condition precedent to the execution of this Agreement, the undersigned, who is an authorized representative of the CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT certifies on behalf of the CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT, that during the procurement and award of this Agreement, and as an ongoing obligation under this Agreement until the end of the contract period, CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT represents and agrees to comply with the following provisions:

1. In accordance Section 23 of Act 40 of 2017 (now codified as Section 57-1-350(G) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended):
 - a) No member of the SCDOT Commission has an interest, direct or indirect, in the proposal or bid submitted to SCDOT for this Project, during the member's term of appointment and for one year after the termination of the appointment.
 - b) No member of the SCDOT Commission will have an interest, direct or indirect, in any contract, franchise, privilege, or other benefit granted or awarded by the Department relating in any way to this Project (through subcontractors, consultants, vendor, or suppliers) during the member's term of appointment and for one year after the termination of the appointment.
2. In accordance with SCDOT Departmental Directive 45(a) regarding Post-employment Restrictions on Qualification-Based Procurements dated August 13, 2015 and amended June 2, 2017:

No current or former employee, who served in a management level position or above, may work on or invoice for services performed on this Project within 365 days after their last day of employment with SCDOT. For the purposes of this bright line rule, "management level position" is defined as any SCDOT Pay Band 7 and above position, which includes, but is not limited to, Directors, Assistant Directors, District Engineering Administrators, District-level Engineers, Program Managers, Assistant Program Managers and Resident-level Engineers.

CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT hereby certifies that it and all of its consultants, sub-consultants, contractors, vendors, suppliers, employees and agents will comply with the above provisions.

CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT

By : _____ (Signature)

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Its: _____