

STATE OF DELAWARE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



BID PROPOSAL

CONTRACT T202153104.03

**DOVER BUS CANOPY SOLAR PANELS -
READVERTISEMENT**

FTA Funding No. 5339-2021(02)

FTA is providing 80 % of funding for this project

CFDA: 20.526

Advertisement Date: July 1, 2026

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This Bid Proposal and related documents can be viewed on <https://bids.delaware.gov/> and, for subscribers <https://bidx.com/de/main>

Internet Bids for Bidders with Bid Express® accounts can be submitted at [BIDX.com/de](https://bidx.com/de/); **OR**;

Paper Bids with CD will be received in the Bidder's Room at the DelDOT Administration Building, Dover, DE;

ALL BIDS DUE PRIOR TO 2:00 P.M. Local Time, AUGUST 18, 2026

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

A. BIDS DUE: AUGUST 18, 2026 PRIOR TO 2:00 P.M. Local Time – unless changed via Addendum.

BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA:

(a) **Internet** - Bidders with DelDOT Bid Express® accounts can submit bids at www.bidx.com/de/.
OR:

(b) **Paper Bid Delivered To:** Delaware Department of Transportation, Administration Building
North Entrance, Bidders Room, 800 Bay Road, Dover, DE 19901

For paper bids, contact DelDOT at dot-ask@delaware.gov or (302) 760-2031 to request a CD for bidding, required forms, and instructions. Bidders enter their Bid Item prices onto the supplied CD then print the form and deliver in a sealed envelope; the Bid Form, completed CD, and required documents prior to the Bid due date and time.
(CD's cannot be used to submit bids to bidx.com)

Do not submit both Internet and Paper Bids. If so, the Internet bid and documents will be rejected.

BID OPENING: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Date and Time of the Bid Opening. The Bid Opening will be held at the 'Paper Bid Delivered To' address shown above. Bidder bears the risk of late delivery, bids received after the stated time will be returned unopened.

Attendance is not required. DelDOT offers a call-in number to hear the Bid Opening telephonically. The telephone number to call is (302) 504-8986.

When prompted, enter Meeting number (access code): 651 529 280#

It is anticipated the telephone access information will remain the same for all Bid Openings.

B. PRE-BID MEETING: Yes - Refer to; PRE-BID MEETING in PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS NOTES.

C. DBE GOAL: 0% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Percent.

Pursuant to the Interim Final Rule ("IFR") issued by the United States Department of Transportation ("U.S. DOT") on September 30, 2025, this letting does not have a DBE participation goal as all DelDOT DBEs were decertified by the IFR. DelDOT is undertaking the recertification process for DBEs pursuant to the IFR requirements. As DelDOT currently has no certified DBEs, it is not feasible to impose or enforce a DBE participation goal for this letting. Upon completion of DelDOT's DBE recertification process, or upon any modification of the IFR, whether through amendment, clarification, or judicial action, DelDOT reserves the right to revise or reestablish a DBE participation goal for this letting as may be directed by the U.S. DOT and in accordance with applicable federal regulations.

D. OJT TRAINEES: 1 See Prospective Bidder's Notes and posted OJT Manual for details.

E. LOCATION: Kent County

These improvements are more specifically shown on the Location Map(s) of the attached Plans.

F. DESCRIPTION: The improvements consist of furnishing all labor and materials for this project which involves the Installation of solar panels on canopies over the bus parking lot at the DTC Dover Operations and Administration Facility. The project constructs 47,850 SF of steel framed canopy with a galvanized metal roof that will hold 384 solar panels. The system includes one - 1.1 MWh batteries creating a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and a Smart Energy Control Center (ECC) to remotely charge buses. A Microgrid Control System will allow remote monitoring. There is LED lighting under the canopy. 70 bus parking spaces must be reconfigured for the canopy system. The bus parking lot will need to be fog sealed and striped. The site must be kept operational for bus traffic and maintenance at all times. The contractor is responsible for all necessary permits. Follow other incidental construction in accordance with the location, notes and details shown on the plans, and as directed by the Engineer.

G. BUY AMERICA REQUIREMENTS APPLY – Build America, Buy America Act, refer to 'FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION PROVISIONS.

H. COMPLETION TIME: All work on this contract must be complete within 414 Calendar Days.

Extensions of contract time due to weather are specified in the Standard Specifications Section 108.7F, weather days. It is estimated a Notice to Proceed is issued such that work starts on or about October 26, 2026.

- I. **SPECIFICATIONS FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION, DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, JANUARY 2024** apply to this Bid Proposal and Project. The Contractor shall make himself aware of any revisions and corrections and apply them to the applicable item(s) of this contract. The Standard Specifications can be viewed [here](#). Units of Measure can be found at 101.4.
- J. **ATTACHMENTS:** Included as part of this Bid Proposal are; *Project Plans*; *Questions & Answers* (if posted); *Addenda* (if issued), *Referenced Documents*, *Documents Posted with this Bid Proposal*; and *Bid documents mailed to contractors*.
- K. **ADDENDA:** All Addenda are posted on the internet at bids.delaware.gov, and www.bidx.com/de/ and are included as part of the Bid Proposal. The Bidder is responsible to check the Website as needed to ensure that the Bidder is aware of Addenda that are included in the Bid Proposal. If Addenda are issued, the final Addendum will be posted no later than the end of the day two business days prior to the bid date. Each Addendum number and issue date must be entered on the submitted Certification Form. This original Bid Proposal will not be updated, you must refer to each Addendum.
- L. **QUESTIONS:** E-MAIL TO: dot-ask@delaware.gov
Questions regarding this project are to be e-mailed to the above address no less than **six business days** prior to the bid opening date in order to receive a posted response. Please include the Contract number in the subject line. Questions and responses are posted at bids.delaware.gov, and [bidx.com/de/](https://www.bidx.com/de/). The date of the final posted Questions and Answers document must be entered on the submitted Certification Form.
- M. **FLAGGERS:**
 - A. Included in the Bid Proposal are the prevailing wages for highway construction as determined by the Department of Labor of the State of Delaware in accordance with [Title 29 Del. C. §6960](#), relating to wages and the regulations implementing that Section.
 - B. Flaggers must be bid at a minimum equal to the Laborer wage rate and may be bid up to, but not to exceed, 3 times the Laborer wage rate in accordance with the County where the Work is being performed.
 - C. The Department will adjust the bid to the minimum for prices bid below the minimum acceptable bid and to the maximum for prices bid above the maximum allowable bid prior to award of the Contract.
 1. Flagger overtime must be bid at minimum of 1.45 times and may be bid up to a maximum of 4.35 times, the Laborer wage rate in accordance with the County where the Work is being performed.
 2. When a Contract for a Project contains both Federal Davis-Bacon and State of Delaware prevailing wage standards, the employer's minimum wage obligations are determined by whichever standards are higher.
 - D. Overtime:
 1. Payment for overtime will be considered on a weekly basis for time worked in excess of 40 hours for a continuous 7-day period beginning Monday and ending Sunday inclusive.
 2. Time worked on other Projects or Work activities other than flagging will not be counted in the normal 40 hours or the overtime.
 - E. The cost of the flagging operation when performed by others who are not the Contractor's employees will not be included in the 50% subcontracting limit as outlined in Section 108.1.

N. PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS NOTES:

1. **BIDDERS MUST BE REGISTERED** with DelDOT in order to submit a bid. Registrations are now completed online through SimpliGov. To complete registration or for more information, click [here](#). **REVISED**
2. **SURETY BOND** - Each proposal must be accompanied by a deposit of either surety bond or security for a sum equal to at least 10% of the amount bid.

3. **DELAWARE'S CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION ACT** - 19 Del.C. §§ 3601 *et seq*, requires all contractors and subcontractors to register with the Delaware Department of Labor before performing construction services or maintenance. Refer to the GENERAL NOTICES section for further information.
4. **DRUG TESTING** - Regulation 4104; The state Office of Management and Budget has developed regulations that require Contractors and Subcontractors to implement a program of mandatory drug testing for Employees who work on Large Public Works Contracts funded all or in part with public funds pursuant to 29 Del.C. §6908(a)(6). **Refer to the full requirements at the following link:**
<https://regulations.delaware.gov/register/december2017/final/21%20DE%20Reg%20503%2012-01-17.htm>
Note a few of the requirements;
 - * At bid submission - Each bidder must submit with the bid a single signed affidavit certifying that the bidder and its subcontractors has in place or will implement during the entire term of the contract a Mandatory Drug Testing Program that complies with the regulation (*a blank affidavit form is attached*);
 - * At least two business days prior to contract execution - The awarded Contractor shall provide to DelDOT copies of the Employee Drug Testing Program for the Contractor, each participating DBE firm, and all other listed Subcontractors;
 - * Subcontractors - Contractors that employ Subcontractors on the job site may do so only after submitting a copy of the Subcontractor's Employee Drug Testing Program along with the standard required subcontractor information. A Subcontractor shall not commence work until **DelDOT** has approved the program in writing.
5. **PERFORMANCE-BASED RATING SYSTEM** - 29 Del.C. §6962 (c)(12)(a) requires DelDOT to include a performance-based rating system for contractors. The Performance Rating for each Contractor shall be used as a prequalification to bid at the time of bid. Refer to 'General Notices' for details.
6. **NO RETAINAGE** will be withheld on this contract unless through the Performance-Based Rating System.
7. **EXTERNAL COMPLAINT PROCEDURE** can be viewed on DelDOT's Website, [Contractor Compliance/EEO - Delaware Department of Transportation](#) or request a copy by calling (302) 760-2555.

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8. **DBE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS** As a result of the Issuance of the IFR on September 30, 2025, all of DelDOT DBEs were decertified. DelDOT is undertaking the recertification process for DBEs pursuant to the IFR requirements. As DelDOT currently has no certified DBEs, it is not feasible to require the submission of a DelDOT DBE Project Participation Affidavit for this letting. Companies bidding on this letting are NOT required to submit a DBE Project Participation Affidavit with their bid. Once DelDOT has recertified DBEs using the IFR requirements, this requirement will be reinstated.

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9. **DelDOT CERTIFIED DBE UTILIZATION COMMITMENT STATEMENT** As a result of the Issuance of the IFR on September 30, 2025, all DelDOT DBEs were decertified. DelDOT is undertaking the recertification process for DBEs pursuant to the IFR requirements. As DelDOT currently has no certified DBEs, it is not feasible to require the submission of a DelDOT Certified DBE Utilization Commitment Statement for this letting. Companies bidding on this letting are NOT required to submit a DelDOT Certified DBE Utilization Commitment Statement with their bid. Once DelDOT has recertified DBEs using the IFR requirements, this requirement will be reinstated.
10. **FLATWORK CONCRETE TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION TRAINING:**
Section 501.3, 503.3, 505.3, 610.3, 701.3 and 702.3 of the 2024 Standard Specifications require contractors to provide an American Concrete Institute (ACI) or National Ready-Mix Concrete Association (NRMCA) certified concrete flatwork technician to supervise all finishing of flatwork concrete.

11. **ON-THE-JOB TRAINEE(S).** The On-the-Job (OJT) Program Plan and all required documents must be submitted online as soon as possible by the apparent low bidder at deldot.delawareojt.gov. Award of the Contract will not take place until acceptable OJT program plans are received and approved by the Department's Office of Civil Rights. Failure of the apparent low bidder to submit acceptable OJT required documents within ten (10) calendar days of bid opening shall create a rebuttable presumption that the bid is not responsive.

12. **PRE-BID MEETING:** The Pre-Bid Meeting will be held Thursday, July 16, 2026, at Time 10:00A.M. at the DelDOT Administration Building, Bidders Room, 800 Bay Road, Dover, Delaware, 19901. The bidder's representative will be asked to sign-in and identify the name of the bidder they represent. A site visit will directly follow the Pre-Bid Meeting.

In accordance with 29 Del. C. §6962(d)(10)a, at the Pre-Bid Meeting, subcontractor categories will be selected to be included in the bids for performing the work required for this contract. In accordance with Title 29 Del. C. §6962(d)(10)b, a penalty of \$2,000.00 will be withheld from the successful bidder for each occurrence for the failure to utilize any or all of the Subcontractors submitted with the bid.

13. **SIGNAGE LANGUAGE:**

In order to maintain effective communication with the traveling public, only place signs, banners, flags, or other displays within the projects limits that meet the requirements of the latest version of the Delaware Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Any signs or other materials which deviate from the MUTCD, must be preapproved by the Engineer. The only signage and materials which may be displayed upon vehicles and equipment within the Project area are signs denoting the name of the Contractor and any subcontractors and other signs and/or materials required and approved pursuant to the MUTCD and the Engineer. Contractor shall immediately remove any signs or materials within the Project that does not meet these requirements immediately upon notification by the Engineer. Failure to remove signs or other materials following notification from the Engineer will result in Liquidated Damages being assessed in the manner and amount specified in the Standard Specifications section 108.9.A.

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14. **BIDDERS LIST REQUIREMENT:**

Under [49 CFR 26.11](#) DelDOT must collect bidders list information from **ALL** contractors and subcontractors who seek to work on federally assisted contracts. The submitted information **must be complete** and must include the required information for the prime and all (DBE and non-DBE) subcontractors, service providers, manufacturers, distributors, and suppliers.

ALL bidders must complete the [Bidders List Form](#) (attached as an exhibit) and submit it at the time of bid. Late submission of this information will not be accepted. Submitted information must include the following for those being proposed to work on the contract if awarded:

- Firm name;
- Firm address including ZIP code;
- Firm's status as a DBE or non-DBE (SEE NOTE BELOW effective 10-1-2025);
- NAICS code applicable to each scope of work the firm sought to perform in its bid;
- Age of the firm; and
- The annual gross receipts of the firm shown as an approximate range (i.e., \$1-3 million)

This information will be maintained as confidential to the extent allowable by federal and state law.

NOTE: Based upon the IFR issued September 30, 2025, all DelDOT certified DBEs have been decertified. As such, for this letting, bidders should NOT identify in the bidders list whether a proposed contractor or subcontractor is a DBE as no companies have currently been certified as a DBE under the new IFR requirements. That block should be left blank. Bidders will be advised once DBE's have been re-certified pursuant to the requirements of the IFR at which time bidders will be required to provide this information.

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Additionally, pursuant to the IFR, and the guidance letter issued by U.S. DOT on September 30, 2025, DelDOT has been directed not to use of race or sex as presumptions for consideration of a company as a DBE. As such, bidders should NOT identify in the bidders list a proposed contractor or subcontractor's sex or race. Those blocks should be left blank. DelDOT anticipates providing a revised Bidders List Form in the near future, which contains only those sections required by the IFR.

Failure to submit the required bidders list documentation at the time bid will result in the bidder being deemed non-responsive and therefore ineligible for award of the contract.

15. **FTA GRANT NUMBERS** for this project: DE-2023-003-01, DE-2024-005-09, DE-2024-005-14 and DE-2026-002-01
16. **FTA REQUIREMENTS** are posted and **MUST** be signed and submitted with your bid.
17. **1273-23 REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS FEDERAL-AID CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS** is posted with Referenced Documents and part of this Bid Proposal.
18. **PREVAILING WAGE RATES** are posted with Referenced Documents and part of this Bid Proposal.
19. **SPECIAL PROVISIONS LIST** is posted with Referenced Documents and part of this Bid Proposal.
20. **STATEMENTS** are posted with the Referenced Documents and are part of this Bid Proposal.
21. **ITEMS (Quantity Summary Sheets)** are posted with the Referenced Documents and are part of this Bid Proposal.
22. **STEEL COST PRICE ADJUSTMENT FORM** is posted and part of this Bid Proposal.
23. **APPENDIX A.** This project incorporates Appendix A, TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS, which is a part of this contract. Appendix A contains additional specifications required for this project.
24. **REVISED SPEC LANGUAGE:**

The Revised Inspection Framework – January 2026 ([2026 Inspection Framework](#)) shall apply to this contract.

Delete from Section 101.3

Primary inspection. The inspection (formerly referred to as Final Inspection) conducted by the engineer to determine if the contractor has satisfactorily completed the project, or a portion of the project, in accordance with the contract.

Insert within Section 101.3

Acceptance Inspection. The inspection (formerly referred to as Primary Inspection) conducted by the Administering Section, contractor, and accepting section confirming that primary inspection punch list items have been addressed.

Primary inspection. The inspection (formerly referred to as initial inspection) conducted by the Department to review all contract work has been completed in accordance with the Plans, Standard Specifications, Special Provisions, and Standard Construction Details. The inspection is confirmation of the work completed per the contract documents.

Project Acceptance. The Department's notification to the Contractor that the time charges will cease, and construction activities are completed, releasing the contractor from liability and repairs or maintenance to the completed work.

Revise Section 104.12.A as follows.

- A. Before **acceptance** inspection, clean rubbish, excess materials, temporary structures, and equipment from the project, from any publicly owned borrow source used to complete the work, and from areas affected by the contractor in connection with the work within the right-of-way. Cut all grass and weeds taller than 6-inches. The cost of the final cleanup is incidental to Item 763000, **Initial Expense, De-Mobilization**.

Revise Section 105.4.F as follows.

- F. Submit copies of manufacturer's catalog cuts, drawings, wiring diagrams, and other relevant documents with working drawings for electrical and mechanical equipment. After the Department has reviewed all items of a particular system, prepare an instruction book for the particular system. Fasten and bind the items listed below in a leather or heavy plastic cover book with a title clearly shown. Provide five copies of the book to the engineer before **acceptance** inspection. Make the books available when connecting and energizing electrical and mechanical systems. Ensure that the final bound copies reflect changes or adjustments made during the work. Include the following in the instruction book:
1. An equipment list.
 2. A complete description of the equipment.
 3. The sequence of operation including inter-locking and protective features.
 4. The use of by-pass switches.
 5. A detailed description of all wiring circuits.
 6. A recommended spare parts list.
 7. Renewal parts bulletins.
 8. Instruction bulletins for the provided equipment.
 9. Diagrams and drawings of reduced size suitable for binding.
 10. An index listing all items.

Revise Section 105.13.D as follows.

- D. Include the cost of maintenance work during construction and before completion of the **acceptance** inspection punch list in the proposal. The Department will pay the cost of maintenance work occurring after completion of the **acceptance** inspection punch list.

Revise Section 105.14.A as follows.

- A. The engineer may order opening of certain sections of the work to traffic or other use before the contractor completes the work or before the engineer accepts the work. The Department will not consider opening sections of the work as constituting acceptance of the work or a waiver of any contract provisions. The engineer will pay the cost of repairing damage to the work caused by opening work to vehicular traffic unless opening the roadway is due to the fault, or inactivity of, the contractor or the contractor caused the damage. All other maintenance costs including, but not limited to, mowing grass and general cleanup are the contractor's responsibility until completion of the **acceptance** inspection punch list to the Department's satisfaction. Maintenance costs for work involving landscaping and vegetative growth are the contractor's responsibility until final acceptance.

Revise Section 105.16 as follows.

- A. Partial Acceptance.
1. The decision to partially accept a portion of the project is solely at the discretion of the engineer. The engineer may partially accept portions of the work. The Department will not consider partial acceptance as constituting acceptance of the work that has not been partially accepted or a waiver of any contract provisions. The Department will maintain the partially accepted portion of the project, including repairing damage caused by the public.
- B. **Project Acceptance**
1. The Department will cease counting contract time when the project reaches substantial completion as defined in Section 101.3, Definitions.
 2. **Substantial Completion Verification**
 - a. Upon receiving the contractor's notice of substantial completion of the project, the Department will verify all contract items are complete as defined in Section 101.3, Definitions. Items not deemed complete shall be completed by contractor prior to Department issuance of Substantial Completion.
 - b. After issuance of Substantial Completion, request Primary Inspection from the Department.
 - c. The Department will schedule the Primary Inspection within 30 calendar days of the request.
 3. **Primary Inspection**
 - a. The Department/Administering Section will conduct a Primary Inspection with the completion of 105.16.2 Substantial Completion Verification. The Administering Section will note and provide a written punch list by stations and in detail identifying work or conditions requiring correction. The punch list will include ADA inspection deficiencies.

- b. Perform the corrective work noted on the punch list within 30 calendar days upon receipt of the punch list created by the Administering Section, unless the parties mutually agree to extend the time frame.
- c. Upon completion of the primary inspection punch list, request an acceptance inspection from the Department. Prior to acceptance inspection scheduling, the Administering Section will confirm and annotate the primary inspection punch list and ensure ADA Inspection deficiencies have been addressed and documented.
- d. The Administering Section will schedule Acceptance inspection with the Maintenance District within 30 days of confirmation of primary punch list item completion.
- 4. Acceptance (formerly primary) Inspection.
 - a. The Department will conduct an acceptance inspection with the completion of 105.16.B.3, primary inspection. The Administering Section will provide a written punch list identifying deficiencies not satisfactorily addressed from the primary inspection punch list within 7 calendar days of the acceptance inspection.
 - b. Perform the corrective work noted on the punch list within 15 calendar days upon receipt of the punch list created by the Administering Section, unless the parties mutually agree to extend the time frame.
 - c. The Administering Section will verify remediation work and will provide a list with dates that remedial activities were resolved to the Maintenance District when requesting Project Acceptance.
- C. Project Acceptance
 - 1. The Administering Section will notify the Maintenance District that acceptance inspection punch list items have been addressed.
 - 2. The Maintenance District and/or other accepting entities will verify acceptance inspection punch list items have been addressed within 30 calendar days of notice from the Administering Section.
- D. Final Acceptance
 - 1. The engineer will provide final acceptance in writing that will state the acceptance date as defined in Section 101.3, Definitions.
- E. Project Closeout
 - 1. Upon final acceptance, provide the exempted documents, certificates, or proofs of compliance within 90 calendar days.
 - 2. The Department will not issue the final payment until the contractor executes and delivers the required documents.

Revise Section 108.8.K as follows.

- K. Once the Department determines that the work is substantially complete, the Department will suspend time charges and the assessment of liquidated damages. Failure to complete all punch list work identified during the **primary and acceptance** inspections within the timeframes allotted, will result in the Department restarting liquidated damages in accordance with the chart specified in Section 108.9, Schedule of Liquidated Damages. The assessment of post-substantial-completion liquidated damages will continue until project completion.

Revise Section 610.3.9.A.2 as follows.

- 2. The engineer will measure the width, length, and depth of each crack and establish the precise location of the crack termination points relative to permanent reference points on the member. The engineer will monitor and document the growth of individual cracks at an inspection interval the engineer will choose to determine if cracks are active or dormant after **acceptance** inspection.

Revise Section 722.3.2.A as follows.

- A. Provide on-site field instruction by the system manufacturer, at a location determined by the engineer. Provide a minimum of 2 training sessions consisting of installation training before beginning cable barrier construction and maintenance training before **acceptance** inspection. The manufacturer shall establish the training duration and shall provide field training on all aspects of the system. Coordinate the training schedule and location with the engineer. The engineer will advise the appropriate department staff, including construction inspectors and maintenance personnel regarding the training location and schedule. Provide all training materials in both hard copy and electronic PDF format.

Revise Section 722.3.2.C.1 as follows.

1. Hold the maintenance training a minimum of 7 calendar days before **acceptance** inspection of the system. Submit the proposed training date to the engineer a minimum of 14 calendar days prior to the training session date for review and approval. Include the following participants:
 - a. District Maintenance Engineer, or designated representative;
 - b. District Maintenance Superintendent, or designated representative;
 - c. Area Yard Supervisor, or designated representative; and
 - d. District maintenance personnel.

Revise Section 722.3.3.L as follows.

- L. Within 10 calendar days of the **primary** inspection, supply spare parts for the HTCB system. Deliver the parts to the DelDOT maintenance facility as directed by the engineer. Provide an extra supply of the following:
 1. Socketed-type line posts, including post hardware, caps, reflective sheeting, straps, spacers, and socket covers. Include 200 posts and accessories.
 2. Rigging screws and threaded terminals. Provide enough materials to complete 8 turnbuckle assemblies.
 3. Anchor posts including post hardware and caps, reflective sheeting, straps, fittings, spacers, and socket covers. Provide enough materials to complete 3 end anchor installations.
 4. Fitting gaskets or socket covers. Provide 100 socket covers.

Revise Section 843.3.5.C as follows.

- C. Repair defects identified by the Department during **periodic or primary** inspections in accordance with this specification, including all highway lighting systems and components within the project limits. Begin highway lighting system repairs immediately following notice of the lighting system defect unless weather limitations prevent the corrective work. Provide notification to the Department before beginning corrective work.

Revise Section 843.3.5.D as follows.

- D. The Department will not consider the highway lighting system as substantially complete until correction of the deficiencies noted during the primary and **acceptance** inspections. Provide a maintenance bond for item 843001 – Electrical Testing upon substantial completion. Provide a maintenance bond meeting the following requirements:
 1. A bond sum equal to 100 percent of the value of all highway lighting system items the Department paid to the contractor;
 2. With original signatures, in ink, and not mechanical reproductions or facsimiles of any kind, naming the contractor as the principle;
 3. term of 1-year beyond the completion of the highway lighting system work; and
 4. written by a surety or insurance company licensed to write surety bonds in the State of Delaware by the Delaware Department of Insurance.

Revise 911.3.6.G as follows.

- G. Water bi-weekly during the period June 15 through October 1. Continue watering, without interruption, until completing watering of all the plants on the project. Use water in accordance with Section 911.2.9. The Department will allow use of tree watering bags as a part of the watering operation. Remove the tree watering bags before **acceptance** inspection.

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GENERAL NOTICES**CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION ACT**

On July 1, 2021, the Contractor Registration Act, as codified in 19 Del.C. §§ 3601 *et seq*, took effect. This law requires all contractors to register with the Delaware Department of Labor before performing construction services or maintenance. The Contractor Registration Act applies to all contractors that engage in construction and maintenance within the State of Delaware. Additionally, it requires contractors to have Delaware workers' compensation insurance where required, compliance with labor laws, and proof of a state business license. The Delaware Department of Labor's Office of Contractor Registration is responsible for enforcement of the requirements of the Contractor Registration Act. If you have any questions about the contractor registration process, please call 302-430-7739 or email Contract.Registry@delaware.gov. Registration at <https://onestop.delaware.gov/>.

SPECIFICATIONS :

The Delaware specifications entitled "*Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction January 2024*", hereinafter referred to as the *Standard Specifications*; the *Supplemental Specifications* to the Standard Specifications effective as of the advertisement date of this Bid Proposal and hereby included by reference; the *Special Provisions*; *Notes on the Plans*; this *Bid Proposal* including referenced documents; any *Addenda* thereto; and any posted *Questions and Answers*; shall govern the work to be performed under this contract. The Contractor shall make itself aware of these specifications, revisions and corrections, and apply them to the applicable item(s) of this contract.

CLARIFICATIONS :

Under any Section or Item included in the Contract, the Contractor shall be aware that when requirements, responsibilities, and furnishing of materials are outlined in the details and notes on the Plans and in the paragraphs preceding the "Basis of Payment" paragraph in the Standard Specifications or Special Provisions, no interpretation shall be made that such stipulations are excluded because reiteration is not made in the "Basis of Payment" paragraph.

The Department requires the use of various electronic applications for various documentation processes. These processes will be identified, and the Contractor's required use will be detailed during the Preconstruction Meeting. No additional payments will be made to the contractor to use or interface with the applications.

ATTESTING TO NON-COLLUSION :

The Department requires as a condition precedent to acceptance of bids a sworn statement executed by, or on behalf of, the person, firm, association, or corporation to whom such contract is to be awarded, certifying that such person, firm, association, or corporation has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with such contract. The form for this sworn statement is included in the proposal and must be properly executed in order to have the bid considered.

QUANTITIES :

The quantities shown are for comparison of bids only. The Department may increase or decrease any quantity or quantities without penalty or change in the bid price.

PERFORMANCE-BASED RATING SYSTEM

29 Del.C. §6962 (c)(12)(a) requires a Department of Transportation project, excluding a Community Transportation Fund or municipal street aid contract, to include a performance-based rating system. At the time of bid, the Performance Rating for each Contractor shall be used as a prequalification to bid.

Bidders with Performance Rating scores equal to or greater than 85% shall be permitted to bid. Bidders with scores of less than 85% who comply with the retainage requirements of 29 Del.C. §6962 shall be permitted to bid provided the *Agreement to Accept Retainage* (located on the Certification Page) is executed and submitted with the bid. Lack of an executed

Agreement to Accept Retainage will result in the rejection of the bid by the Department. Successful bidders awarded Department contracts who have no performance history within the last five (5) years will be assigned a provisional Performance Rating of 85% at the date of advertisement.

Notification of Performance Rating. The Department shall post publicly the Performance Rating for all Contractors on the Department's [website](#). DelDOT will complete performance-based evaluations on the construction company contracted by the Department to build the project (the "Contractor"). Provisions to appeal Performance Ratings are described in the regulations. The regulations are set forth in Section 2408 of Title 2, Delaware Administrative Code, found [here](#).

EQUALITY OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ON PUBLIC WORKS :

Delaware Code, Title 29, Chapter 69, Section 6962, Paragraph (d), Subsection (7) states;

- a. As a condition of the awarding of any contract for public works financed in whole or in part by State appropriation, such contracts shall include the following provisions:

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

1. The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin. The contractor will take positive steps to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment notices to be provided by the contracting agency setting forth this nondiscrimination clause.
2. The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin.
3. The contractor will ensure employees receive equal pay for equal work, without regard to sex. Employee pay differential is acceptable if pursuant to a seniority system, a merit system, a system which measures earnings by quantity or quality of production, or if the differential is based on any other factor other than sex.

TAX CLEARANCE :

As payments to each vendor or contractor aggregate \$2,000, the Division of Accounting will report such vendor or contractor to the Division of Revenue, who will then check the vendor or contractor's compliance with tax requirements and take such further action as may be necessary to ensure compliance.

LICENSE :

A person desiring to engage in business in this State as a contractor on a project designated to include federal funds, shall obtain a Delaware business license upon making application to the Division of Revenue. Proof of said license compliance to be made prior to, or in conjunction with, the execution of a contract to which he has been named.

SUBCONTRACTOR LICENSE: 29 DEL. C. §6967:

- (c) Any contractor that enters a public works contract must provide to the agency to which it is contracting, within 30 days of entering such public works contract, copies of all occupational and business licenses of subcontractors and/or independent contractors that will perform work for such public works contract. However, if a subcontractor or independent contractor is hired or contracted more than 20 days after the contractor entered the public works contract the occupational or business license of such subcontractor or independent contractor shall be provided to the agency within 10 days of being contracted or hired.

DIFFERING SITE CONDITIONS:

SUSPENSIONS OF WORK and SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE CHARACTER OF WORK:

Differing site conditions: During the progress of the work, if subsurface or latent physical conditions are encountered at the site differing materially from those indicated in the contract or if unknown physical conditions of an unusual nature, differing materially from those ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent in the work provided for in the contract are encountered at the site, the party discovering such conditions shall promptly notify the other party in writing of the specific differing conditions before they are disturbed and before the affected work is performed.

Upon written notification, the engineer will investigate the conditions, and if he/she determines that the conditions materially differ and cause an increase or decrease in the cost or time required for the performance of any work under the contract, an adjustment, excluding loss of anticipated profits, will be made and the contract modified in writing accordingly. The engineer will notify the contractor of his/her determination whether or not an adjustment of the contract is warranted.

No contract adjustment which results in a benefit to the contractor will be allowed unless the contractor has provided the required written notice. No contract adjustment will be allowed under their clause for any effects caused on unchanged work.

Suspensions of work ordered by the engineer: If the performance of all or any portion of the work is suspended or delayed by the engineer in writing for an unreasonable period of time (not originally anticipated, customary or inherent to the construction industry) and the contractor believes that additional compensation and/or contract time is due as a result of such suspension or delay, the contractor shall submit to the engineer in writing a request for adjustment within 7 calendar days of receipt of the notice to resume work. The request shall set forth the reasons and support for such adjustment.

Upon receipt, the engineer will evaluate the contractor's request. If the engineer agrees that the cost and/or time required for the performance of the contract has increased as a result of such suspension and the suspension was caused by conditions beyond the control of and not the fault of the contractor, its suppliers, or subcontractors at any approved tier, and not caused by weather, the engineer will make an adjustment (excluding profit) and modify the contract in writing accordingly. The engineer will notify the contractor of his/her determination whether or not an adjustment of the contract is warranted.

No contract adjustment will be allowed unless the contractor has submitted the request for adjustment within the time prescribed. No contract adjustment will be allowed under this clause to the extent that performance would have been suspended or delayed by any other cause, or for which an adjustment is provided for or excluded under any other term or condition of this contract.

Significant changes in the character of work: The engineer reserves the right to make, in writing, at any time during the work, such changes in quantities and such alterations in the work as are necessary to satisfactorily complete the project. Such changes in quantities and alterations shall not invalidate the contract nor release the surety, and the contractor agrees to perform the work as altered.

If the alterations or changes in quantities significantly change the character of the work under the contract, whether or not changed by any such different quantities or alterations, an adjustment, excluding loss of anticipated profits, will be made to the contract. The basis for the adjustment shall be agreed upon prior to the performance of the work. If a basis cannot be agreed upon, then an adjustment will be made either for or against the contractor in such amount as the engineer may determine to be fair and equitable.

The term "significant change" shall be construed to apply only to the following circumstances:

- (A) When the character of the work as altered differs materially in kind or nature from that involved or included in the original proposed construction, or
- (B) When a major item of work, as defined elsewhere in the contract, is increased in excess of 125 percent or decreased below 75 percent of the original contract quantity. Any allowance for an increase in quantity shall apply only to that portion in excess of 125 percent of original contract item quantity, or in case of a decrease below 75 percent, to the actual amount of work performed.

CONFLICT WITH FEDERAL STATUTES OR REGULATIONS:

Delaware Code, Title 29, Chapter 69, Section 6904, Paragraph (a):

"If any provision of this subchapter conflicts or is inconsistent with any statute, rule or regulation of the federal government applicable to a project or activity, the cost of which is to be paid or reimbursed in whole or in part by the federal government, and due to such conflict or inconsistency the availability of federal funds may be jeopardized, such provision shall not apply to such project or activity."

FEDERAL LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

Federal Regulation 23 CFR § 635.117(b) Labor and employment, states:

"No procedures or requirement shall be imposed by any State which will operate to discriminate against the employment of labor from any other State, possession or territory of the United States, in the construction of a Federal-aid project."

CONVICT PRODUCED MATERIALS:

(a) Materials produced after July 1, 1991, by convict labor may only be incorporated in a Federal-aid highway construction project if such materials have been:

- (1) Produced by convicts who are on parole, supervised release, or probation from a prison or
- (2) Produced in a qualified prison facility and the cumulative annual production amount of such materials for use in Federal-aid highway construction does not exceed the amount of such materials produced in such facility for use in Federal-aid highway construction during the 12-month period ending July 1, 1987.

(b) Qualified prison facility means any prison facility in which convicts, during the 12-month period ending July 1, 1987, produced materials for use in Federal-aid highway construction projects.

RIGHT TO AUDIT

The Department shall have the right to audit the books and records of the contractor or any subcontractor under this contract or subcontract to the extent that the books and records relate to the performance of the contract or subcontract. The books and records shall be maintained by the contractor for a period of 3 years from the date of final payment under the prime contract and by the subcontractor for a period of 3 years from the date of final payment under the subcontract (29 Del.C. §6930)

TO REPORT BID RIGGING ACTIVITIES:

The U. S. Department of Transportation (DOT) operates the below toll-free "hotline" Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. eastern time. Anyone with knowledge of possible bid rigging, bidder collusion, or other fraudulent activities should use the "hotline" to report such activities.

The "hotline" is part of the DOT's continuing effort to identify and investigate highway construction contract fraud and abuse and is operated under the direction of the DOT Inspector General. All information will be treated confidentially and caller anonymity will be respected.

TO REPORT BID RIGGING ACTIVITIES
CALL 1-800-424-9071

NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION
TO ENSURE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
(EXECUTIVE ORDER 11246)

1. The Offeror's or Bidder's attention is called to the "Equal Opportunity Clause" and the "Standard Federal Equal Employment Specifications" set forth herein.
2. The goals and timetables for minority and female participation, expressed in percentage terms for the Contractor's aggregate work force in each trade on all construction work in the covered area, are as follows:

Goals for Minority Participation In
Each Trade

12.3% (New Castle County)
14.5% (Kent & Sussex Counties)

Goals for Female Participation In
Each Trade

6.9% (Entire State)

These goals are applicable to all the Contractor's construction work (whether or not it is Federal or federally assisted) performed in the covered area. If the contractor performs construction work in a geographical area located outside of the covered area, it shall apply the goals established for such geographical area where the work is actually performed. With regard to this second area, the contractor also is subject to the goals for both its federally involved and non-federally involved construction.

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

3. The Contractor shall provide written notification to the Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs within 10 working days of award of any construction subcontract in excess of \$10,000 at any tier for construction work under the contract resulting from this solicitation. The notification shall list the name, address, and telephone number of the subcontractor; employer identification number of the subcontractor; estimated dollar amount of the subcontract; estimated starting and completion dates of the subcontract; and the geographical area in which the subcontract is to be performed.
4. As used in this Notice, and in the contract resulting from this solicitation, the "covered area" is the County specified in the General Description section.

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STANDARD FEDERAL EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS (EXECUTIVE ORDER 11246)

1. As used in these specifications:
 - a. "Covered area" means the geographical area described in the solicitation from which this contract resulted;
 - b. "Director" means Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, United States Department of Labor, or any person to whom the Director delegates authority;
 - c. "Employer identification number" means the Federal Social Security number used on the Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return, U.S. Treasury Department Form 941.
 - d. "Minority" includes:
 - i. Black (all persons having origins in any of the Black African racial groups not of Hispanic origin);
 - ii. Hispanic (all persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American or other Spanish Culture or origin, regardless of race);
 - iii. Asian and Pacific Islander (all persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands); and
 - iv. American Indian or Alaskan Native (all persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North America and maintaining identifiable tribal affiliations through membership and participation or community identification).
2. Whenever the Contractor, or any Subcontractor at any tier, subcontracts a portion of the work involving any construction trade, it shall physically include in each subcontract in excess of \$10,000 the provisions of these specifications and the Notice which contains the applicable goals for DBE participation, and which is set forth in the solicitations from which this contract resulted.
3. If the Contractor is participating (pursuant to 41 CFR 60-4.5) in a Hometown Plan approved by the U.S. Department of Labor in the covered area either individually or through an association, its affirmative action obligations on all work in the Plan area (including goals and timetables) shall be in accordance with that Plan for those trades which have unions participating in the Plan. Contractors must be able to demonstrate their participation in and compliance with the provisions of any such Hometown Plan. Each Contractor or Subcontractor participating in an approved Plan is individually required to comply with its obligations under the EEO clause, and to make a good faith effort to achieve each goal under the Plan in each trade in which it has employees. The overall good faith performance by other Contractors or Subcontractors toward a goal in an approved plan does not excuse any covered Contractor's or Subcontractor's failure to take good faith efforts to achieve the Plan goals and timetables.
4. The Contractor shall implement the specific affirmative action standards provided in paragraphs 7a through 7p of these specifications. The goals set forth in the solicitation from which this contract resulted are expressed as percentages of the total hours of employment and training of minority and female utilization the Contractor should reasonably be able to achieve in each construction trade in which it has employees in the covered area. Covered Construction contractors performing construction work in geographical areas where they do not have a Federal or federally assisted construction contract shall apply the minority and female goals established for the geographical area where the work is being performed. Goals are published periodically in the Federal Register in notice form, and such notices may be obtained from any Office of Federal Contract Compliance Program Office or from the Federal procurement contracting offices. The Contractor is expected to make substantially uniform progress in meeting its goals in each craft during the period specified.
5. Neither the provisions of any collective bargaining agreement, nor the failure by a union with whom the Contractor has a collective bargaining agreement, to refer either minorities or women shall excuse the Contractor's obligations under these specifications, Executive Order 11246, or the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.
6. In order for the nonworking training hours of apprentices and trainees to be counted in meeting the goals, such apprentices and trainees must be employed by the Contractor during the training period, and the Contractor must have made a commitment to employ the apprentices and trainees at the completion of their training, subject to the availability of employment opportunities. Trainees must be trained pursuant to training programs approved by the U.S. Department of Labor.

7. The Contractor shall take specific affirmative actions to ensure equal employment opportunity. The evaluation of the Contractor's compliance with these specifications shall be based upon its effort to achieve maximum results from its actions. The Contractor shall document these efforts fully, and shall implement affirmative action steps at least as extensive as the following:
- a. Ensure and maintain a working environment free of harassment, intimidation, and coercion at all sites, and in all facilities at which the Contractor's employees are assigned to work. The Contractor, where possible, will assign two or more women to each construction project. The Contractor shall specifically ensure that all foremen, superintendents, and other on-site supervisory personnel are aware of and carry out the Contractor's obligation to maintain such a working environment, with specific attention to minority or female individuals working at such sites or in such facilities.
 - b. Establish and maintain a current list of minority and female recruitment sources, provide written notification to minority and female recruitment sources and to community organizations when the Contractor or its unions have employment opportunities available, and maintain a record of the organizations' responses.
 - c. Maintain a current file of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of each minority and female off-the-street applicant and minority or female referral from a union, a recruitment source or community organization and of what action was taken with respect to each such individual. If such individual was sent to the union hiring hall for referral and was not referred back to the Contractor by the union or, if referred, not employed by the Contractor, this shall be documented in the file with the reason therefor, along with whatever additional actions the Contractor may have taken.
 - d. Provide immediate written notification to the Director when the union or unions with which the Contractor has a collective bargaining agreement has not referred to the Contractor a minority person or woman sent by the Contractor, or when the Contractor has other information that the union referral process has impeded the Contractor's efforts to meet its obligations.
 - e. Develop on-the-job training opportunities and/or participate in training programs for the area which expressly include minorities and women, including upgrading programs and apprenticeship and trainee programs relevant to the Contractor's employment needs, especially those programs funded or approved by the Department of Labor. The Contractor shall provide notice of these programs to the sources compiled under 7b above.
 - f. Disseminate the Contractor's EEO policy by providing notice of the policy to unions and training programs and requesting their cooperation in assisting the Contractor in meeting its EEO obligations; by including it in any policy manual and collective bargaining agreement; by publicizing it in the company newspaper, annual report, etc.; by specific review of the policy with all management personnel and with all minority and female employees at least once a year; and by posting the company EEO policy on bulletin boards accessible to all employees at each location where construction work is performed.
 - g. Review, at least annually, the company's EEO policy and affirmative action obligations under these specifications with all employees having any responsibility for hiring, assignment, layoff, termination or other employment decisions including specific review of these items with on-site supervisory personnel such as Superintendents, General Foreman, etc., prior to the initiation of construction work at any job site. A written record shall be made and maintained identifying the time and place of these meetings, persons attending, subject matter discussed, and disposition of the subject matter.
 - h. Disseminate the Contractor's EEO policy externally by including it in any advertising in the news media, specifically including minority and female news media, and providing written notification to and discussing the Contractor's EEO policy with other Contractors and Subcontractors with whom the Contractor does or anticipates doing business.
 - i. Direct its recruitment efforts, both oral and written, to minority, female and community organizations, to schools with minority and female students and to minority and female recruitment and training organizations serving the Contractor's recruitment area and employment needs. Not later than one month prior to the date for the acceptance of applications for apprenticeship or other training by any recruitment source, the Contractor shall send written notification to organizations such as the above, describing the openings, screening procedures, and tests to be used in the selection process.
 - j. Encourage present minority and female employees to recruit other minority persons and women and, where reasonable, provide after school, summer and vacation employment to minority and female youth both on the site and in other areas of a Contractor's work force.

- k. Validate all tests and other selection requirements where there is an obligation to do so under 41 CFR Part 60-3.
 - l. Conduct, at least annually, an inventory and evaluation at least of all minority and female personnel for promotional opportunities and encourage these employees to seek or to prepare for, through appropriate training, etc., such opportunities.
 - m. Ensure that seniority practices, job classifications, work assignments and other personnel practices, do not have a discriminatory effect by continually monitoring all personnel and employment related activities to ensure that the EEO policy and the Contractor's obligations under these specifications are being carried out.
 - n. Ensure that all facilities and company activities are nonsegregated except that separate or single-user toilet and necessary changing facilities shall be provided to assure privacy between the sexes.
 - o. Document and maintain a record of all solicitations of offers for subcontractors from minority and female construction contractors and suppliers, including circulation of solicitations to minority and female contractor associations and other business associations.
 - p. Conduct a review, at least annually, of all supervisors' adherence to and performance under the Contractor's EEO policies and affirmative action obligations.
8. Contractors are encouraged to participate in voluntary associations which assist in fulfilling one or more of their affirmative action obligations (7a through p). The efforts of a contractor association, joint contractor-union, contractor-community, or other similar group of which the Contractor is a member and participant, may be asserted as fulfilling any one or more of its obligations under 7a through p of these Specifications provided that the Contractor actively participates in the group, makes every effort to assure that the group has a positive impact on the employment of minorities and women in the industry, ensures that the concrete benefits of the program are reflected in the Contractor's minority and female work force participating, makes a good faith effort to meet its individual goals and timetables, and can provide access to documentation which demonstrates the effectiveness of actions taken on behalf of the Contractor. The obligation to comply, however, is the Contractor's and failure of such a group to fulfill an obligation shall not be a defense for the Contractor's noncompliance.
9. A single goal for minorities and a separate single goal for women have been established. The Contractor, however, is required to provide equal employment opportunity and to take affirmative action for all minority groups, both male and female, and all women, both minority and non-minority. Consequently, the Contractor may be in violation of the Executive Order if a particular group is employed in a substantially disparate manner (for example, even though the Contractor has achieved its goals for women generally, the Contractor may be in violation of the Executive Order if a specific minority group of women is underutilized).
10. The Contractor shall not use the goals and timetables or affirmative action standards to discriminate against any person because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
11. The Contractor shall not enter into any Subcontract with any person or firm debarred from Government contracts pursuant to Executive Order 11246.
12. The Contractor shall carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of these specifications and of the Equal Opportunity Clause, including suspension, termination and cancellation of existing subcontracts as may be imposed or ordered pursuant to Executive Order 11246, as amended, and its implementing regulations, by the Order of Federal Contract Compliance Programs. Any Contractor who fails to carry out such sanctions and penalties shall be in violation of these specifications and Executive Order 11246, as amended.
13. The Contractor, in fulfilling its obligations under these specifications, shall implement specific affirmative action steps, at least as extensive as those standards prescribed in paragraph 7 of these specifications, so as to achieve maximum results from its efforts to ensure equal employment opportunity. If the Contractor fails to comply with the requirements of the Executive Order, the implementing regulations, or these specifications, the Director shall proceed in accordance with 41 CFR 60-4.8.
14. The Contractor shall designate a responsible official to monitor all employment-related activity to ensure that the company EEO policy is being carried out, to submit reports relating to the provisions hereof as may be required by the Government, and to keep records. Records shall at least include for each employee the name, address, telephone

numbers, construction trade, union affiliation if any, employee identification number when assigned, social security number, race, sex, status (e.g., mechanic, apprentice, trainee, helper, or laborer), dates of changes in status, hours worked per week in the indicated trade, rate of pay, and locations at which the work was performed. Records shall be maintained in an easily understandable and retrievable form; however, to the degree that existing records satisfy this requirement, contractors shall not be required to maintain separate records.

15. Nothing herein provided shall be construed as a limitation upon the application of other laws which establish different standards of compliance or upon the application of requirements for the hiring of local or other area residents (e.g., those under the Public Works Employment Act of 1977 and the Community Development Block Grant Program).

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TRAINING SPECIAL PROVISIONS

This Training Special Provision supersedes subparagraph 7b of the Special Provision entitled "Specific Equal Employment Opportunity Responsibilities", (Attachment 1), and is in implementation of 23 U.S.C. 140(a).

As part of the contractor's equal employment opportunity affirmative action program, training shall be provided as follows:

The contractor shall provide on-the-job training aimed at developing full journeyman in the type of trade or job classification involved.

The number of trainees to be trained under the special provision will be as set forth in the General Description section of this document. In the event the contractor subcontracts a portion of the contract work, he shall determine how many, if any, of the trainees are to be trained by the subcontractor, provided however, that the contractor shall retain the primary responsibility for meeting the training requirements imposed by this special provision. The contractor shall also insure that this Training Special Provision is made applicable to such subcontract. Where feasible, 25 percent of apprentices or trainees in each occupation shall be in their first year apprenticeship or training.

The number of trainees shall be distributed among the work classification on the basis of the contractor's needs and the availability of journeymen in the various classifications within a reasonable area of recruitment. Prior to commencing construction, the contractor shall submit to the Department of Highways and Transportation for approval the number of trainees to be trained in each selected classification and training program to be used. Furthermore, the contractor shall specify the starting time for training in each of the classifications. The contractor will be credited for each trainee employed by him on the contract work who is currently enrolled or becomes enrolled in an approved program and will be reimbursed for such trainees as provided hereinafter.

Training and upgrading of minorities and women toward journeyman status is a primary objective of this Training Special Provision. Accordingly, the contractor shall make every effort to enroll minority trainees and women (e.g., by conducting systematic and direct recruitment through public and private sources likely to yield minority and women trainees) to the extent that such persons are available within a reasonable area of recruitment. The contractor will be responsible for demonstrating the steps that he has taken in pursuance thereof, prior to a determination as to whether the contractor is in compliance with this Training Special Provision. This training commitment is not intended, and not be used, to discriminate against any applicant for training, whether a member of a minority group or not.

No employee shall be employed as a trainee in any classification in which he has successfully completed a training course leading to journeyman status or in which he has been employed as a journeyman. The contractor should satisfy this requirement by including appropriate questions in the employee application or by other suitable means. Regardless of the method used the contractor's records should document the findings in each case.

The minimum length and type of training for each classification will be as established in the training program selected by the contractor and approved by the Department of Highways and Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration. The Department of Highways and Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration shall approve a program if it is reasonably calculated to meet the equal employment opportunity obligations of the contractor and to qualify the average trainee for journeyman status in the classification concerned by the end of the training period. Furthermore, apprenticeship programs registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, or with a State apprenticeship agency recognized by the Bureau and training programs approved but not necessarily sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor, Manpower Administration, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training shall also be considered

acceptable provided it is being administered in a manner consistent with the equal employment obligations of Federal-aid highway construction contracts. Approval or acceptance of a training program shall be obtained from the State prior to commencing work the classification covered by the program. It is the intention of these provisions that the training is to be provided in the construction crafts rather than clerk-typists or secretarial-type positions. Training is permissible in lower level management positions such as office engineers, estimators, timekeepers, etc., where the training is oriented toward construction applications. Training in the laborer classification may be permitted provided that significant and meaningful training is provided and approved by the division office. Some off-site training is permissible as long as the training is an integral part of an approved training program and does not comprise a significant part of the overall training.

Except as otherwise noted below, the contractor will be reimbursed 80 cents per hour of training given an employee on this contract in accordance with an approved training program. As approved by the engineer, reimbursement will be made for training persons in excess of the number specified herein. This reimbursement will be made even though the contractor receives additional training program funds from other sources, provided such other sources does not specifically prohibit the contractor from receiving other reimbursement. Reimbursement for off-site training indicated above may only be made to the contractor where he does one or more of the following and the trainees are concurrently employed on a Federal-aid project; contributes to the cost of the training; provides the instruction of the trainee; or pays the trainee's wages during the off-site training period.

No payment shall be made to the contractor if either the failure to provide the required training, or the failure to hire the trainees as a journeyman, is caused by the contractor and evidences a lack of good faith on the part of the contractor in meeting the requirements of this Training Special Provision. It is normally expected that a trainee will begin his training on the project as soon as feasible after start of work utilizing the skill involved and remain on the project as long as training opportunities exist in his work classification or until he has completed his training program. It is not required that all trainees be on board for the entire length of the contract. A contractor will have fulfilled his responsibilities under this Training Special Provision if he has provided acceptable training to the number of trainees specified. The number trained shall be determined on the basis of the total number enrolled on the contract for a significant period.

Trainees will be paid a least 60 percent of the appropriate minimum journeymen's rate specified in the contract for the first half of the of the training period, 75 percent for the third quarter of the training period, and 90 percent for the last quarter of the training period, unless apprentices or trainees is an approved existing program are enrolled as trainees on this project. In fact case, the appropriate rates approved by the Department of Labor or Transportation in connection with the existing program shall apply to all trainees being trained for the same classification who are covered by this Training Special Provisions.

The contractor shall furnish the trainee a copy of the program he will follow in providing the training.

The contractor shall provide each trainee with a certification showing the type and length of training satisfactorily completed.

The contractor will provide for the maintenance of records and furnish periodic reports documenting his performance under this Training Special Provision.

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INTERMODAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY ACT
& TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT

Recipients of Federal transit funds authorized by Titles I, III, V and VI of ISTEA, Pub. L. 102-240 or by Federal transit laws in Title 49, U.S. Code, or Titles I, III, and V of the TEA-21, Pub. L. 105-178 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) are required to comply with the regulations of 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 26 - Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs.

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DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) PROGRAM SPECIFICATION

DelDOT has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with the regulations of the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), 49 CFR Part 26. The Department has received Federal financial assistance from the USDOT, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the Department has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of DelDOT to ensure that DBEs, as defined in 49 CFR Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in USDOT-assisted contracts. It is also the policy of the DelDOT:

1. To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of USDOT-assisted contracts;
2. To create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for USDOT-assisted contracts;
3. To ensure that the DBE program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
4. To ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are counted as DBEs;
5. To help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in USDOT-assisted contracts;
6. To assist in the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE program and;
7. To promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally assisted contracts and procurement activities.

The following definitions apply to this subpart:

Commercially Useful Function (CUF) means a Commercially Useful Function as defined fully in 49 CFR §26.55, which definition is incorporated herein by reference. CUF is discussed further in the next section.

Committed DBE means a DBE that was identified by the contractor, typically on a DBE Project Participation Affidavit, to assist in making a good faith effort to meet an assigned DBE goal. This also includes any substitute DBE that has subsequently been committed work to meet the assigned contract goal.

Days mean calendar days. In computing any period of time described in this part, the day from which the period begins to run is not counted, and when the last day of the period is a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, the period extends to the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday. Similarly, in circumstances where the DelDOT's offices are closed for all or part of the last day, the period extends to the next day on which the agency is open.

DBE-Conscious means actions or a program that are focused specifically on assisting DBEs in increasing their participation in projects, targeted actions that specifically factor in a firm's certified DBE status to meet a contract goal.

DBE-Neutral means actions, or a program undertaken by DelDOT, that is used to assist all small business concerns.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise or DBE means a for-profit small business concern (1) that is at least 51 percent owned by one or more individuals who are both socially and economically disadvantaged or, in the case of a corporation, in which 51 percent of the stock is owned by one or more such individuals; and, (2) whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more of the socially and economically disadvantaged individuals who own it.

DOT-assisted contract means any contract between a recipient and a contractor (at any tier) funded in whole or in part with DOT financial assistance, including letters of credit or loan guarantees, except a contract solely for the purchase of land.

Good Faith Efforts means efforts to achieve a DBE goal or other requirement of this part which, by their scope, intensity, and appropriateness to the objective, can reasonably be expected to fulfill the program requirement.

Joint Venture means an association of a DBE firm and one or more other firms to carry out a single, for-profit business enterprise, for which the parties combine their property, capital, efforts, skills and knowledge, and in which the DBE is responsible for a distinct, clearly defined portion of the work of the contract and whose share in the capital contribution, control, management, risks, and profits of the joint venture are commensurate with its ownership interest.

NAICS Code means the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) is the standard used by Federal statistical agencies in classifying business establishments for the purpose of collecting, analyzing, and publishing statistical data related to the US business economy.

Non-DBE means any firm that is not a DBE or any entity which has not been certified by DelDOT as a DBE prior to bid closing.

Small Business concern means, with respect to firms seeking to participate as DBEs in DOT-assisted contracts, a small business concern as defined pursuant to section 3 of the Small Business Act and Small Business Administration regulations implementing it (13 CFR part 121) that also does not exceed the cap on average annual gross receipts specified in 49 CFR §26.65(b).

Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Owner (SEDO) means any individual who is a citizen (or lawfully admitted permanent resident) of the United States and who a certifier finds to be socially and economically disadvantaged on a case-by-case basis. A determination that an individual is socially and economically disadvantaged must not be made in whole or in part on race or sex. For that reason, applicants may qualify as socially and economically disadvantaged only if they can meet the relevant criteria as described in 49 CFR §26.67:

- i. Non-presumptive disadvantage. All applicants must demonstrate social and economic disadvantage (SED) affirmatively based on their own experiences and circumstances within American society, and without regard to race or sex
- ii. To satisfy the SED requirement and ensure all determinations of disadvantage are not based in whole or in part on race or sex, an owner must provide the certifier a Personal Narrative (PN) that establishes the existence of disadvantage by a preponderance of the evidence based on individualized proof regarding specific instances of economic hardship, systemic barriers, and denied opportunities that impeded the owner's progress or success in education, employment, or business, including obtaining financing terms available to similarly situated, non-disadvantaged persons.
- iii. The PN must state how and to what extent the impediments caused the owner economic harm, including a full description of type and magnitude, and must establish the owner is economically disadvantaged in fact relative to similarly situated non-disadvantaged individuals.
- iv. The owner must attach to the PN a current Personal Net Worth (PNW) statement and any other financial information the owner considers relevant.

DBE Participation Goals

DelDOT has established an overall annual goal for DBE participation on Federal-aid contracts. DelDOT intends that the goal be met with a combination of DBE-conscious and DBE-neutral efforts. DBE-conscious participation occurs when the contractor uses a percentage of DBEs, as defined herein, to meet the contract-specified goal. DBE-neutral efforts are those that are, or can be, used to assist all small businesses or increase opportunities for all small businesses.

The regulation, 49 CFR, Part 26, also describes DBE-neutral participation as when a DBE wins a prime contract through customary competitive procurement procedures or is awarded a subcontract on a prime contract that does not carry a DBE contract goal.

DelDOT will establish specific goals for each particular DOT-assisted project which will be expressed as a percentage of the total dollar amount of contract bid. The specific contract goal for this contract is listed in the General Description section of this document.

The contractor shall make Good Faith Efforts to meet the goal specified herein with DBEs or establish that it was unable to meet the goal despite making good faith efforts to do so. Prime contractors are encouraged to obtain DBE participation above and beyond any goals that may be set for this project.

DBE Project Participation Affidavit

REVISED

As a result of the Issuance of the IFR on September 30, 2025, all DelDOT DBEs were decertified. DelDOT is undertaking the recertification process for DBEs pursuant to the IFR requirements. As DelDOT currently has no certified DBEs, it is not feasible to require the submission of a DelDOT DBE Project Participation Affidavit for this letting. Companies bidding on this letting are NOT required to submit a DBE Project Participation Affidavit with their bid. As soon as DelDOT is able to begin recertifying DBEs pursuant to the standards set forth in the IFR, this requirement will be reinstated in all lettings.

DBE Subcontract Provisions

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DelDOT continues to reserve the right to approve ALL DBE subcontractors and all substitutions of DBE subcontractors prior to award, and during the of completion of the contract. **ALL DBEs subcontracted (whether submitted for participation credit or not) must be submitted to DelDOT's DBE Program Office for approval.** No contract work shall be performed by a DBE subcontractor until the executed DBE subcontract is approved in writing by DelDOT and DelDOT has issued the required Notice to Proceed. Any DBE subcontract relating to work to be performed pursuant to this contract, which is submitted to DelDOT for approval, must contain all DBE subcontractor information, the requirements contained in this contract, and must be fully executed by the contractor and DBE subcontractor.

Each contract between the prime contractor and each DBE subcontractor shall, at a minimum, include the following:

1. All pertinent provisions and requirements of the prime contract.
2. Assurance that the contractor and subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract.
3. Description of the work to be performed by the DBE subcontractor.
4. The dollar value of each item of work to be completed by the DBE subcontractor and the bid price of each item of work to be completed by the DBE subcontractor.
5. Language indicating that retainage will not be withheld unless the prime contract with DelDOT allows for the withholding of retainage.
6. Language requiring the payment of all funds received from DelDOT for work satisfactorily performed within the time frame contemplated by 49 CFR §26.29.

DelDOT reserves the right to conduct periodic reviews of DBE and non-DBE subcontract documentation to ensure compliance with federal requirements.

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REVISED**CRITICAL DBE
REQUIREMENTS**

As a result of the Issuance of the IFR on September 30, 2025, all DelDOT DBE's were decertified. DelDOT is undertaking the recertification process for DBEs pursuant to the IFR requirements. The decertification of all DBEs impacts some of the critical contract requirements, but others remain in effect as identified below:

1. In the execution of this contract, the successful bidder agrees to comply with the following contract clauses:

Prompt Payment: The prime contractor/consultant receiving payments shall, within 30 days of receipt of any payment, file a statement with DelDOT on a form to be determined by DelDOT that all subcontractors furnishing labor or material have been paid the full sum due them at the stage of the contract, except any funds withheld under the terms of the contract as required by Chapter 8, Title 17 of the Delaware Code, annotated and as amended. Any delay or postponement of payment from the above referenced time frame may occur only for good cause following written approval of DelDOT. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors.

Retainage: The prime contractor agrees to return retainage to each subcontractor within 15 calendar days after the subcontractor's work is satisfactorily completed. Any delay or postponement of payment from the above referenced time frame may occur only for good cause following written approval of DelDOT. This clause covers both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors. As guidance, once a subcontractor has satisfactorily completed the physical work, and has given to the prime contractor a certified statement that all laborers, lower tier contractors, and materialmen who have furnished labor and materials to the subcontractor have been paid all monies due them, the prime contractor shall return retainage to the subcontractor within 15 calendar days.

2. In the execution of this contract, the successful bidder agrees to comply with the following contract assurance and will include this same language in each subcontractor contract:

"The contractor or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such remedy as the recipient deems appropriate." 49 CFR Section 26.13

In addition to this specification, bidders must comply with all provisions of the rules and regulations adopted by the United States Department of Transportation for DBE participation in USDOT and DelDOT Programs (49 CFR Part 26) and the DelDOT Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Plan; each of which is hereby incorporated and made part of this specification. Bidders are also reminded that they must be responsive and responsible bidders in all other aspects aside from the DBE Program in order to be awarded the contract.

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**GUIDANCE FOR GOOD FAITH
EFFORT**

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FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION PROVISIONS

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requirements apply to project participants to the lowest tier necessary to ensure compliance with these requirements. The contractor will need to include applicable Federal requirements in each sub-agreement, lease, third party contract, or other document as necessary.

The requirements listed herein must be adhered to by any firms selected to perform work required under this agreement.

1. ACCESS REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

This clause applies to every FTA funded procurement:

The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), 42 U.S.C. Section 12101 et seq. And 49 U.S.C. Section 322; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. Section 794; Section 16 of the Federal Transit Act, as amended, 49 U.S.C. App. Section 1612; and implementing regulations, as may be amended.

2. AUDIT AND INSPECTION OF RECORDS

This clause applies to every FTA funded procurement:

The Contractor agrees to provide DTC, the FTA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions. Contractor also agrees, pursuant to 49 C. F. R. 633.17 to provide the FTA Administrator or his authorized representatives including any PMO Contractor access to Contractor's records and construction sites pertaining to a major capital project, defined at 49 U.S.C. 5302(a)1, which is receiving federal financial assistance through the programs described at 49 U.S.C. 5307, 5309 or 5311. By definition, a major capital project excludes contracts of less than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$100,000. The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.

3. BONDING – for FTA funded Construction Contracts over \$250,000

For construction or facility improvement procurements, DTC requires:

1. A bid guarantee from each bidder equivalent to five percent of the bid price. The “bid guarantee” must consist of a firm commitment such as a bid bond, certified check, or other negotiable instrument accompanying a bid as assurance that the bidder will, upon acceptance of the bid, execute such contractual documents as may be required within the time specified.
2. A performance bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A “performance bond” is one executed in connection with a contract to secure fulfillment of all the contractor's requirements under such contract.

3. A payment bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A “payment bond” is one executed in connection with a contract to assure payment as required by law of all persons supplying labor and material in the execution of the work provided for in the contract.

4. BREACHES AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

This clause applies to every FTA funded procurement:

Disputes - Disputes arising in the performance of this Contract which are not resolved by agreement of the parties shall be decided in writing by the authorized representative of Delaware Transit Corporation’s Chief Executive Officer. This decision shall be final and conclusive unless within [ten (10)] days from the date of receipt of its copy, the Contractor mails or otherwise furnishes a written appeal to the Chief Executive Officer. In connection with any such appeal, the Contractor shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to offer evidence in support of its position. The decision of the Chief Executive Officer shall be binding upon the Contractor and the Contractor shall abide by the decision.

Performance During Dispute - Unless otherwise directed by Delaware Transit 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 other party or of any of the other parties’ employees, agents or others for whose acts that party is legally liable, a claim for damages therefor shall be made in writing to such other party within a reasonable time after the first observance of such injury of damage. Contractor acknowledges that Delaware Transit Corporation’s liability is limited by law in 2 Del. C. ch. 13.

Remedies - Unless this contract provides otherwise, all claims, counterclaims, disputes and other matters in question between the Delaware Transit Corporation and the Contractor arising out of or relating to this agreement or its breach will be decided by arbitration if the parties mutually agree, or in a court of competent jurisdiction within the State in which the Delaware Transit Corporation is located.

Rights and Remedies - The duties and obligations imposed by the Contract Documents and the rights and remedies available thereunder shall be in addition to and not a limitation of any duties, obligations, rights, and remedies otherwise imposed or available by law. No action or failure to act by the Delaware Transit 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.

5. BUILD AMERICA, BUY AMERICA (BABA)

This clause applies to every FTA funded construction procurements >\$150,000:

The bidder must comply with the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) requirements in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Pub. L. No. 117-58, div. G §§ 70901-17.

The federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act contains Build America, Buy America (BABA) requirements to ensure appropriate programs and projects are covered by Made in America conditions for iron and steel, manufactured products, and construction materials. This program will impact all DelDOT Federal-Aid projects advertised after November 10, 2022.

In accordance with 23 U.S.C. 313 and 23 CFR 635.410, all iron and steel materials permanently incorporated into this project will be produced in the U.S. and all manufacturing processes involving these materials will occur in the U.S., except that a minimal amount of foreign steel or iron materials may be used, provided the cost of the foreign materials does not exceed 0.1 percent of the total Contract cost or \$2,500.00, whichever is greater. If such minimal amount of foreign steel is used, the Contractor shall maintain a record of the costs to ensure that the allowable limit is not exceeded.

Materials determined to be manufactured products are not required to be produced in the U.S. in accordance with the implementation dates included in 23 CFR 635.410. Iron or steel used within manufactured products

permanently incorporated into this project will be produced in the U.S. and all manufacturing processes involving iron and steel will occur in the U.S., except that a minimal amount of foreign steel or iron materials may be used, provided the cost of the foreign materials does not exceed 0.1 percent of the total Contract cost or \$2,500.00, whichever is greater. If such minimal amount of foreign steel is used, the Contractor shall maintain a record of the costs to ensure that the allowable limit is not exceeded.

In accordance with 2 CFR 184, all non-ferrous metals, plastic and polymer-based products, glass, fiber optic cable, optical fiber, lumber, drywall and engineered wood construction material will be produced in the U.S.

DelDOT maintains a list of all pay items, the applicable BABA category designation, and additional guidance at the following address: <https://deldot.gov/Business/prodlists/index.shtml?dc=buyAmerica>

By signing and submitting this proposal and BABA Certification, the bidder certifies that:

“All materials that will be permanently incorporated into this project will meet the Buy America material requirements. At DTC’s request, I/we will provide manufacturer's/supplier's documentation verifying domestic origin as defined in the Contract. All Materials accepted on the basis of such Certificate of Compliance may be sampled by DTC and tested at any time. Use of Material on the basis of Certificate of Compliance shall not relieve the Contractor of responsibility for incorporating Material in the Project conforming to the requirements of the Contract. Any Material not conforming to such requirements will be subject to rejection whether in place or not. DTC reserves the right to refuse to permit the use of Material on the basis of Certificate of Compliance.”

6. BUS TESTING

This clause applies to every FTA funded bus procurement:

49 U.S.C. 5318(e), 49 CFR Part 665

The Contractor agrees to comply with the Bus Testing requirements under 49 U.S.C.

5318(e) and FTA's implementing regulation at 49 C.F.R. Part 665 to ensure that the requisite testing is performed for all new bus models or any bus model with a major change in configuration or components, and that the bus model has achieved a passing score. Upon completion of the testing, the contractor shall obtain a copy of the bus testing reports from the operator of the testing facility and make that report(s) publicly available prior to final acceptance of the first vehicle by the recipient.

7. BUY AMERICA

This clause applies to every FTA funded procurement > \$150,000:

The Contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j) and 49 C.F.R. Part 661, which provide that Federal funds may not be obligated unless steel, iron, and manufactured products used in FTA-funded projects are produced in the United States, unless a waiver has been granted by FTA or the product is subject to a general waiver. General waivers are listed in 49 C.F.R. 661.7 and include final assembly in the United States for 15 passenger vans and 15 passenger wagons produced by Chrysler Corporation, and microcomputer equipment and software. Separate requirements for rolling stock are set out at 49 U.S.C. 5323(j) (2) (C) and 49 C.F.R. 661.11.

A bidder or proposal must submit to the FTA recipient the appropriate Buy America certification with all bids or proposals on FTA-funded contracts, except those subject to a general waiver. Bids or proposals that are not accompanied by a completed Buy America certification must be rejected as nonresponsive.

8. CARGO PREFERENCE

This clause applies to any FTA funded procurement that involve equipment, materials, or commodities that may be transported by ocean vessels:

The bidder agrees: to use privately owned United States-Flag commercial vessels to ship at least 50 percent of the gross tonnage (computed separately for dry bulk carriers, dry cargo liners, and tankers) involved, whenever shipping any equipment, material, or commodities pursuant to the underlying contract to the extent such vessels are available at fair and reasonable rates for United States-Flag commercial vessels; to furnish within 20 working days following the date of loading for shipments originating within the United States or within 30 working days following the date of loading for shipments originating outside the United States, a legible copy of a rated, "on-

board" commercial ocean bill-of-lading in English for each shipment of cargo described in the preceding paragraph to the Division of National Cargo, Office of Market Development, Maritime Administration, Washington, DC 20590 and to the FTA recipient (through the Proposer in the case of a subcontractor's bill-of-lading.); and to include these requirements in all subcontracts issued pursuant to this contract when the subcontract may involve the transport of equipment, material, or commodities by ocean vessel.

9. CHANGES TO FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

This clause applies to every FTA funded procurement:

This project may be financed in part by funds from the Federal Transit Administration. Contractor shall at all times comply with all applicable FTA regulations, policies, procedures and directives, including without limitation those listed directly or by reference in the Master Agreement between DTC and FTA, as they 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.

10. CHARTER BUS REQUIREMENTS

This clause applies to every FTA funded transit operations procurement:

The Contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. 5323(d) and 49 CFR Part 604, which provides that recipients and sub-recipients 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 one of the exceptions must be "incidental," i.e., it must not interfere with or detract from the provision of mass transportation.

11. CIVIL RIGHTS

This clause applies to every FTA funded procurement:

Under this Contract, the Contractor shall at all times comply with the following requirements and shall include these requirements in each subcontract entered into as part thereof.

1. Nondiscrimination. In accordance with Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing requirements FTA may issue.
2. Race, Color, Religion, National Origin, Sex. In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., and Federal transit laws at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements of U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL) regulations, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," 41 C.F.R. chapter 60, and Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity in Federal Employment," September 24, 1965, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note, as amended by any later Executive Order that amends or supersedes it, referenced in 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note. The Contractor agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, national origin, or sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity). Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, promotion, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
3. Age. In accordance with the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 621- 634, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (U.S. EEOC) regulations, "Age Discrimination in Employment Act," 29 C.F.R. part 1625, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq., U.S. Health and Human Services regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance," 45 C.F.R. part 90, and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees to refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for reason of age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
4. Disabilities. In accordance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 794, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq., the Architectural

Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §4151 et seq., and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against individuals with disabilities in programs, activities, and services, and imposes specific requirements on public and private entities. Third party Proposers must comply with their responsibilities under Titles I, II, III, IV, and V of the ADA in employment, public services, public accommodations, telecommunications, and other provisions, many of which are subject to regulations issued by other Federal agencies. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

5. Title VI Compliance. During the performance of any Contract entered into pursuant to these specifications, the Proposer, for itself, its assignees and successor in interest, agrees that it shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. section 2000d) and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations Part 21, as they may be amended from time to time which are incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.
6. EEO. In connection with the execution of this contract, the Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. The Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are tested during their employment without regard to their race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. Such actions shall include, but not limited to the following, employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff, or termination; rates of pay, or other forms of compensation. The Contractor further agrees to insert a similar provision in all subcontracts, except subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials.

12. CLEAN AIR

This clause applies to every FTA funded procurement > \$150,000:

The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 et seq. The Contractor agrees it will not use any violating facilities and it will report the use of facilities placed on or likely to be placed on the U.S. EPA "List of Violating Facilities". The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the Purchaser and understands and agrees that the Purchaser will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to FTA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office.

The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

13. CLEAN WATER REQUIREMENTS

This clause applies to every FTA funded procurement > \$150,000:

The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq. The Contractor agrees it will not use any violating facilities and it will report the use of facilities placed on or likely to be placed on the U.S. EPA "List of Violating Facilities". The Contractor agrees to report each violation to DTC and understands and agrees that DTC will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to FTA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office.

The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

14. CONTRACT TERMINATION

This clause applies to every FTA funded procurement > \$10,000:

1. Termination for Convenience

DTC may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, at any time by written notice to the Contractor. The Contractor shall be paid its costs, including contract close-out costs, and profit on product delivered up to the time of termination. The Contractor shall promptly submit its termination claim for payment. If the Contractor has any property in its possession belonging to DTC, the Contractor will account for the same and dispose of it in the manner DTC directs.

2. Termination for Default

If the Contractor does not deliver supplies in accordance with the contract delivery schedule, or, if the contract is for services, the Contractor fails to perform in the manner called for in the contract, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of the contract, DTC may terminate this contract for default. Termination shall be affected by serving a notice of termination on the Contractor setting forth the manner in which the Contractor is in default. The Contractor will only be paid the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in the contract.

If it is later determined that the Contractor had an excusable reason for not performing, such as a strike, flood, events which are not the fault of or are beyond the control of the Contractor, DTC, after setting up a new delivery or performance schedule, may allow the Contractor to continue work, or treat the termination as a termination of convenience.

In the event DTC exercises its right of termination for default, and if an amount for liquidated damages is set forth, the Contractor shall be liable to DTC for excess costs and, in addition, for liquidated damages in the amount set forth, as fixed, agreed, and liquidated damages for each calendar day of delay, until such time as DTC may reasonably obtain delivery or performance of similar supplies or services.

If the contract is so terminated, the Contractor shall continue performance and be liable to DTC for such liquidated damages for each calendar day of delay until the supplies are delivered or services performed.

The Contractor shall not be liable for liquidated damages resulting from delays such as acts of God, strikes, fire or flood, and events which are not the fault of, or are beyond the control of the Contractor.

15. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

This clause applies to all FTA funded contracts \$25,000 or greater:

The Contractor shall comply and facilitate compliance with U.S. DOT regulations, “Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment,” 2 C.F.R. part 1200, which adopts and supplements the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (U.S. OMB) “Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement),” 2 C.F.R. part 180. These provisions apply to each contract at any tier of \$25,000 or more, and to each contract at any tier for a federally required audit (irrespective of the contract amount), and to each contract at any tier that must be approved by an FTA official irrespective of the contract amount. As such, the Contractor shall verify that its principals, affiliates, and subcontractors are eligible to participate in this federally funded contract and are not presently declared by any Federal department or agency to be:

- a) Debarred from participation in any federally assisted Award;
- b) Suspended from participation in any federally assisted Award;
- c) Proposed for debarment from participation in any federally assisted Award;
- d) Declared ineligible to participate in any federally assisted Award;
- e) Voluntarily excluded from participation in any federally assisted Award; or
- f) Disqualified from participation in any federally assisted Award.

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 DTC. If it is later determined by DTC that the bidder or proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to DTC, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. part 180, subpart C, as supplemented by 2 C.F.R. part 1200, 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.

16. DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

The DBE requirements apply to all FTA funded procurements:

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

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

For Bus Buys - Pursuant to Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26.49, a Proposer, as a condition of being authorized to respond to this solicitation, must certify by completing the Transit Vehicle Manufacturer's (TVM) DBE Certification form in Exhibit B that it has on file with the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) an approved or not disapproved annual disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) subcontracting participation goal.

For contracts with a goal: The contractor shall utilize the specific DBEs listed unless the contractor obtains the DTC's written consent; and that, unless DTC's consent is provided, the contractor shall not be entitled to any payment for work or material unless it is performed or supplied by the listed DBE.

17. DRUG and ALCOHOL TESTING

This clause applies to FTA funded procurements that involve contractors who perform safety-sensitive functions, as defined in 49 CFR Part 655.

The Contractor agrees to comply with all substance abuse requirements as provided for in 49 U.S.C. § 5331, 49 C.F.R. part 655 and 49 C.F.R. part 40. The Contractor agrees to establish and implement a drug and alcohol testing program that complies with 49 C.F.R. part 655, produce any documentation necessary to establish its compliance with part 655, and permit any authorized representative of the United States Department of Transportation or its operating administrations, or DTC, to inspect the facilities and records associated with the implementation of the drug and alcohol testing program as required under 49 C.F.R. part 655 and review the testing process. The Contractor agrees further to certify annually its compliance with parts 655 before [Insert Date before publishing IFB/RFP] and to submit the Management Information System (MIS) reports before [Insert Date before publishing IFB/RFP] to DTC. To certify compliance the Contractor shall use the "Substance Abuse Certifications" in the "Annual List of Certifications and Assurances for Federal Transit Administration Grants and Cooperative Agreements," which is published annually in the Federal Register. The Contractor agrees further to submit for review and approval before contract execution a copy of its Policy Statement developed to implement its drug and alcohol testing program.

18. EMPLOYEE PROTECTIONS

The Davis-Bacon Act and the Copeland "AntiKickback" Act apply to all FTA funded construction or repair procurements in excess of \$2,000.

The Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act apply to all FTA funded procurements in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers:

Prevailing Wage and Anti-Kickback:

For all prime construction, alteration or repair contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by FTA, the Contractor shall comply with the Davis-Bacon Act and the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act. Under 49 U.S.C. § 5333(a), prevailing wage protections apply to laborers and mechanics employed on FTA assisted construction, alteration, or repair projects. The Contractor will comply with the Davis-Bacon Act, 40 U.S.C. §§ 3141-3144, and 3146-3148 as supplemented by DOL regulations at 29 C.F.R. part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Governing Federally Financed and Assisted Construction." In accordance with the statute, the Contractor shall pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination

made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, the Contractor agrees to pay wages not less than once a week. The Contractor shall also comply with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. § 3145), as supplemented by DOL regulations at 29 C.F.R. part 3, “Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in part by Loans or Grants from the United States.” The Contractor is prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled.

DTC will include the following prevailing wage clause:

The Contractor shall pay all mechanics and laborers employed directly upon the site of the work, unconditionally and not less often than once a week and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account, the full amounts accrued at time of payment computed at wage rates not less than those stated in the specifications, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the employer and such laborers and mechanics. The scale of wages to be paid shall be posted by the employer in a prominent and easily accessible place at the site of work, and that there may be withheld from the employer so much of accrued payments as may be considered necessary by the Department of Labor to pay to laborers and mechanics employed by the employer the difference between the rate of wages required by the contract to be paid laborers and mechanics on the work and rates received by such laborers and mechanics to be remitted to the Department of Labor for distribution upon resolution of any claims. Sworn payroll information, as required by the Department of Labor, shall be furnished weekly.

Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards:

For all contracts in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers, the Contractor shall comply with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 3701- 3708), as supplemented by the DOL regulations at 29 C.F.R. part 5. Under 40 U.S.C. § 3702 of the Act, the Contractor shall compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer, including watchmen and guards, on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. § 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchase of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or to contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth herein, the Contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, the Contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of this clause in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by this clause. The FTA shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the Contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime Contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime Contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such Contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in this section. The 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. The prime Contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in this agreement.

Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards for Awards Not Involving Construction:

The Contractor shall comply with all federal laws, regulations, and requirements providing wage and hour protections for non-construction employees, in accordance with 40 U.S.C. § 3702, Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, and other relevant parts of that Act, 40 U.S.C. § 3701 et seq., and U.S. DOL regulations, “Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction

(also Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Non-construction Contracts Subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act),” 29 C.F.R. part 5. The Contractor shall maintain payrolls and basic payroll records during the course of the work and shall preserve them for a period of three (3) years from the completion of the contract for all laborers and mechanics, including guards and watchmen, working on the contract. Such records shall contain the name and address of each such employee, social security number, correct classifications, hourly rates of wages paid, daily and weekly number of hours worked, deductions made, and actual wages paid. Such records maintained under this paragraph shall be made available by the Contractor for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the FTA and the Department of Labor, and the Contractor will permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job. The contractor shall require the inclusion of the language of this clause within subcontracts of all tiers.

19. ENERGY CONSERVATION

This clause applies to every FTA funded procurement:

The Contractor shall recognize mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the State Energy Conservation Plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 US Section 321 et seq.).

20. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY for Construction Contracts

This clause applies to every FTA funded construction procurement:

When undertaking “construction” as recognized by the U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL), Contractor must comply with: (a) U.S. DOL regulations, “Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor,” 41 C.F.R. chapter 60; and (b) Executive Order No. 11246, “Equal Employment Opportunity in Federal Employment,” September 24, 1965, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note (30 Fed. Reg. 12319, 12935), as amended by any later Executive Order that amends or supersedes it, referenced in 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note

21. FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS (FMVSS)

This clause applies to every FTA funded bus procurement:

The Contractor shall submit one (1) manufacturer’s FMVSS self-certification, Federal Motor Vehicles Safety Standards, that the vehicle complies with the FMVSS issued by the National Highway Safety Administration (49CFR Part571).

22. FLY AMERICA REQUIREMENTS

This clause applies to any FTA funded procurement that would include the transportation of persons or property, by air, between a place in the U.S. and a place outside the U.S., or between places outside the U.S.:

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

23. INCORPORATION OF FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) TERMS

This clause applies to every FTA funded procurement:

The preceding provisions include, in part, certain Standard Terms and Conditions required by DOT, whether or not expressly set forth in the preceding contract provisions. All contractual provisions required by FTA, as set forth 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 DTC requests which would cause DTC to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions.

24. INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS)

This clause applies to every FTA funded ITS procurement:

Intelligent transportation system (ITS) property and services must comply with the National ITS Architecture and Standards to the extent required by 23 U.S.C. Section 517(d) and FTA Notice, "FTA National ITS Architecture Policy on Transit Projects," 66 FR 1455 et seq., January 8, 2001, and later published policies or implementing directives FTA may issue.

25. LOBBYING

This clause applies to every FTA funded procurement that is \$100,000 or more. DTC will also include a certification:

The Contractor is required to certify using the Certification of Restrictions on Lobbying Form included in Exhibit A that, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for making lobbying contacts to an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form--LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions [as amended by "Government wide Guidance for New Restrictions on Lobbying," 61 Fed. Reg. 1413 (1/19/96). Note: Language in paragraph (2) herein has been modified in accordance with Section 10 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-65, to be codified at 2 U.S.C. 1601, et seq.)]
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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

Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 1352(c)(1)-(2)(A), any person who makes a prohibited expenditure or fails to file or amend a required certification or disclosure form shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such expenditure or failure.

26. NO GOVERNMENT OBLIGATION TO THIRD PARTIES

This clause applies to every FTA funded procurement:

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

27. NOTICE to FTA AND U.S. INSPECTOR GENERAL OF FRAUD, WASTE, OR ABUSE, OR OTHER LEGAL MATTERS

This clause applies to every FTA funded procurement \$25,000 and above:

If a current or prospective legal matter that may affect the Federal Government emerges, the Contractor must promptly notify DTC who must promptly notify the FTA Chief Counsel and FTA Regional Counsel for the Region in which DTC is located.

1. The types of legal matters that require notification include, but are not limited to, major dispute, breach, default, litigation, or naming the Federal Government as a party to litigation or a legal disagreement in any forum for any reason.
2. Matters that may affect the Federal Government include, but are not limited to, the Federal Government's interests in the Award, the accompanying Underlying Agreement, and any Amendments thereto, or the Federal Government's administration or enforcement of federal laws, regulations, and requirements.
3. Matters that may affect the Federal Government include, but are not limited to, the Federal Government's administration or enforcement of federal laws, regulations, and requirements.
4. DTC must promptly notify the U.S. DOT Inspector General in addition to the FTA Chief Counsel or Regional Counsel for the Region in which DTC is located, if DTC has knowledge of potential fraud, waste, or abuse occurring on a Project receiving assistance from FTA. The notification provision applies if a person has or may have submitted a false claim under the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3729 et. Seq., or has or may have committed a criminal or civil violation of law pertaining to such matters as fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct. This responsibility occurs whether the Project is subject to this Contract or another Contract between the AGENCY and FTA, or a Contract involving a principal, officer, employee, agent, or Third Party Participate of DTC. It also applies to subcontractors at any tier. Knowledge, as used in this paragraph, includes, but is not limited to, knowledge of a criminal or civil investigation by a Federal, state or local law enforcement or other investigative agency, a criminal indictment or civil complaint, or probable cause that could support a criminal indictment, or any other credible information in the possession of the DTC. The Contractor must include this provision in all sub agreements at every tier.

28. PATENT RIGHTS AND RIGHTS IN DATA

This clause applies to any FTA funded procurement that meets the definition of a research-type project under 37 U.S.C. § 401.2, 49 CFR Parts 18 and 19, 2 CFR part 200 Appendix II (F)

This Project is funded through a Federal award with FTA for experimental, developmental, or research work purposes. As such, certain Patent Rights and Data Rights apply to all subject data first produced in the performance of this Contract.

The Contractor shall grant DTC intellectual property access and licenses deemed necessary for the work performed under this contract and in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by FTA or U.S. DOT.

The terms of an intellectual property agreement and software license rights will be finalized prior to execution of the Contract and shall, at a minimum, include the following restrictions:

- Except for its own internal use, the Contractor may not publish or reproduce subject data in whole or in part, or in any manner or form, nor may the Contractor authorize others to do so, without the written consent of FTA, until such time as FTA may have either released or approved the release of such data to the public. This restriction on publication, however, does not apply to any contract with an academic institution.
- For purposes of this agreement, the term "subject data" means recorded information whether or not copyrighted, and that is delivered or specified to be delivered as required by the Contract. Examples of "subject data" include, but are not limited to computer software, standards, specifications,

engineering drawings and associated lists, process sheets, manuals, technical reports, catalog item identifications, and related information, but do not include financial reports, cost analyses, or other similar information used for performance or administration of the Contract.

1. The Federal Government reserves a royalty-free, non-exclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use for "Federal Government Purposes," any subject data or copyright described below. For "Federal Government Purposes," means use only for the direct purposes of the Federal Government. Without the copyright owner's consent, the Federal Government may not extend its Federal license to any other party.
 - a. Any subject data developed under the Contract, whether or not a copyright has been obtained; and
 - b. Any rights of copyright purchased by the Contractor using Federal assistance in whole or in part by the FTA.
2. Unless FTA determines otherwise, the Contractor performing experimental, developmental, or research work required as part of this Contract agrees to permit FTA to make available to the public, either FTA's license in the copyright to any subject data developed in the course of the Contract, or a copy of the subject data first produced under the Contract for which a copyright has not been obtained. If the experimental, developmental, or research work, which is the subject of this Contract, is not completed for any reason whatsoever, all data developed under the Contract shall become subject data as defined herein and shall be delivered as the Federal Government may direct.
3. Unless prohibited by state law, upon request by the Federal Government, the Contractor agrees to indemnify, save, and hold harmless the Federal Government, its officers, agents, and employees acting within the scope of their official duties against any liability, including costs and expenses, resulting from any willful or intentional violation by the Contractor of proprietary rights, copyrights, or right of privacy, arising out of the publication, translation, reproduction, delivery, use, or disposition of any data furnished under that contract. The Contractor shall be required to indemnify the Federal Government for any such liability arising out of the wrongful act of any employee, official, or agents of the Federal Government.
4. Nothing contained in this clause on rights in data shall imply a license to the Federal Government under any patent or be construed as affecting the scope of any license or other right otherwise granted to the Federal Government under any patent.
5. Data developed by the Contractor and financed entirely without using Federal assistance provided by the Federal Government that has been incorporated into work required by the underlying Contract is exempt from the requirements herein, provided that the Contractor identifies those data in writing at the time of delivery of the Contract work.
6. The Contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract for experimental, developmental, or research work financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance.

29. PRE-AWARD AND POST-DELIVERY AUDITS of ROLLING STOCK

This clause applies to every FTA funded bus procurement \$150,000 and above:

The Contractor agrees to comply with 49 USC § 5323(m) and FTA's implementing regulation at 49 CFR Part 663 and to submit the following certifications:

1. Buy America requirements: The Contractor shall complete and submit a declaration certifying either compliance or noncompliance with Buy America. If the recommended Bidder/Proposer certifies compliance with Buy America, it shall submit documentation that lists (1) component and subcomponent parts of the rolling stock to be purchased identified by manufacturer of the parts, their country of origin and costs; and (2) the location of the final assembly point for the rolling stock, including a description of the activities that will take place at the final assembly point and the cost of final assembly.
2. Solicitation specification requirements: The Contractor shall submit evidence that it will be capable of meeting the bid specifications.
3. Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS): The Contractor shall submit (1) manufacturer's FMVSS self-certification, Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, that the vehicle complies with relevant FMVSS or (2) manufacturer's certified statement that the contracted buses will not be subject to FMVSS regulations.

30. PRIVACY ACT

This clause applies to every FTA funded procurement:

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.

31. PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS AND RELATED ACTS

This clause applies to every FTA funded procurement:

1. The Contractor acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq. and U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 C.F.R. Part 31, apply to its actions pertaining to this Project. Upon execution of the underlying contract, the Contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, pertaining to the underlying contract or the FTA assisted project for which this contract work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, the Contractor further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 on the Contractor to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.
2. The Contractor also acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the Federal Government under a contract connected with a project that is financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance originally awarded by FTA under the authority of 49 U.S.C. § 5307, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 49 U.S.C. § 5307(n)(1) on the Contractor, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.
3. The Contractor agrees to include the above two clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA. It is further agreed that the clauses shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to the provisions.

32. PROHIBITED INTEREST

This clause applies to every FTA funded procurement:

No member of, or delegate to, the Congress of the United States shall be admitted to any share or part of this contract or to any benefit arising there from.

No member, officer, or employee of DTC or of a local public body during his tenure or two years thereafter shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in this contract or the proceeds.

33. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT

This clause applies to every FTA funded procurement:

2 CFR Part 200.216

1. DTC and Contractors are prohibited from using federal funds to:
 - a. Procure or obtain;
 - b. Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or
 - c. Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that use covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system.
2. As described in Public Law 115-232, section 889, "Covered telecommunications equipment or services" is:
 - a. Telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities)

- b. For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
 - c. Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.
 - d. Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.
3. The Contractor or subcontractor shall not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services in the performance of this contract.

34. PROMPT PAYMENT

This clause applies to every FTA funded procurement:

The prime contractor agrees to pay each subcontractor under this prime contract for satisfactory performance of its contract no later than 30 days from the receipt of each payment the prime contract receives from the Recipient. The prime contractor agrees further to return retainage payments to each subcontractor within 30 days after the subcontractor's work is satisfactorily completed. Any delay or postponement of payment from the above referenced time frame may occur only for good cause following written approval of the Recipient. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors.

35. PROTEST PROCEDURES

These protest procedures apply to every FTA funded procurement:

Protests based upon restrictive specifications or alleged improprieties in the bidding procedure shall be filed in writing with DTC's Finance Administration Manager at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the bid opening. The protest must clearly specify in writing the grounds and evidence on which the protest is based.

Protests based upon the award of a contract shall be submitted in writing to DTC's Finance Administration Manager no later than ten (10) calendar days following the award of the contract. The protest must clearly specify in writing the grounds and evidence on which the protest is based.

All protests must be filed in writing with DTC's Finance Administration Manager within the time limits set forth above. Protests can be mailed to DTC Finance Administration Manager to 119 Lower Beech Street, Suite 100, Wilmington, DE 19805 or emailed to DOTContractAdministration@delaware.gov. Protests filed after the time limits set forth will not be considered.

Protests shall:

1. Include the name and address of the protester.
2. Identify the bid project (IFB/RFP Number).
3. Provide a statement of the grounds for protest.
4. Include all relevant information and supporting documentation.

Upon receipt of the protest, DTC will review the protest and file a report addressing each issue raised in the protest within ten (10) business days. Upon receipt of the report, DTC's Chief Financial Officer, along with DTC's Legal Counsel, will render a final decision on the protest within ten (10) business days. Notification to the protester of the decision will be made via email or postmarked no later than five (5) business days after the date that the decision was rendered.

If any of the above-mentioned days fall on a holiday or emergency closure, the due date will be the next occurring business day.

FTA will only review protests regarding matters that are primarily of Federal concern. Such request for review must be in writing and filed within five (5) calendar days after the date of notification to the protester of DTC's decision on the protest.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF THE PROTEST.

36. RECORD RETENTION

This clause applies to every FTA funded procurement:

The Contractor agrees to maintain all books, records, accounts and reports required under this contract for a period of not less than three 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 DTC, the FTA Administrator, the Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives, have disposed of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto. Reference 49 CFR 18.39(i)(11).

37. RECYCLED PRODUCTS

This clause applies to any FTA procurement where the value of an EPA designated item exceeds \$10,000:

The contractor agrees to provide a preference for those products and services that conserve natural resources, protect the environment, and are energy efficient by complying with and facilitating compliance with Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6962, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), "Comprehensive Procurement Guideline for Products Containing Recovered Materials," 40 C.F.R. part 247.

38. RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS

This clause applies to FTA funded Research and Development procurements with small business or non-profit entities:

If the Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under [37 CFR § 401.2 \(a\)](#) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of [37 CFR Part 401](#), "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

39. SAFE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

This clause applies to every FTA funded procurement:

Seat Belt Use - The Contractor is encouraged to adopt and promote on-the-job seat belt use policies and programs for its employees and other personnel that operate company-owned vehicles, company-A-60 rented vehicles, or personally operated vehicles. The terms "company-owned" and "company-leased" refer to vehicles owned or leased either by the Contractor or DTC.

Distracted Driving - The Contractor agrees to adopt and enforce workplace safety policies to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers, including policies to ban text messaging while using an electronic device supplied by an employer, and driving a vehicle the driver owns or rents, a vehicle Contractor owns, leases, or rents, or a privately-owned vehicle when on official business in connection with the work performed under this agreement.

40. SCHOOL BUS REQUIREMENTS

This clause applies to any FTA funded procurement that is for operating public transportation service:

Pursuant to 69 U.S.C. 5323(f) and 49 CFR Part 605, recipients and sub-recipients of FTA assistance may not engage in school bus operations exclusively for the transportation of students and school personnel in competition with private school bus operators unless qualified under specified exemptions. When operating exclusive school bus service under an allowable exemption, recipients and sub-recipients may not use federally funded equipment, vehicles, or facilities.

41. SEISMIC SAFETY

This clause applies to FTA funded procurements for the design and/or construction of new buildings or additions to existing buildings:

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

42. SPECIAL NOTIFICATIONS FOR STATES

This clause applies to every FTA funded procurement:

FTA is the Federal agency that is providing the Federal assistance for this program under Sections 5307 and 5339 program. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number is 20.526 and 20.507 and the expected amount is \$ TBD.

43. TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

This clause applies to every FTA funded procurement:

The contractor agrees that it and its employees that participate in the Contract, may not:

1. Engage in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the Contract is in effect;
2. Procure a commercial sex act during the period of time that the Contract is in effect; or
3. Use forced labor in the performance of the Contract or subcontracts awarded thereunder.

44. TRANSIT EMPLOYEE PROTECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS

This clause applies to FTA funded procurements for transit operations performed by employees of contractors and subcontractors recognized by FTA to be a transit operator:

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

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

45. VETERANS PREFERENCE

This clause applies to every FTA funded construction procurement:

As provided in 49 U.S.C. § 5325(k), to the extent practicable, the contractor

1. Will give a hiring preference to veterans, as defined in 5 U.S.C. § 2108, who have the skills and abilities required to perform construction work required under a third-party contract in connection with a Capital Project supported with federal assistance appropriated or made available for 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, and
2. Will not require an employer to give a preference to any veteran over any equally qualified applicant who is a member of any racial or ethnic minority, female, an individual with a disability, or a former employee.

APPENDICES TO THE TITLE VI ASSURANCE

APPENDIX A

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees as follows:

1. **Compliance with Regulations:** The contractor (hereinafter includes consultants) will comply with the Acts and the Regulations relative to Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation, (Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), or Federal Transit Authority (FTA)), as they may be amended from time to time, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.
2. **Non-discrimination:** The contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor will not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Acts and the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of 49 CFR Part 21.
3. **Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment:** In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding, or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials, or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier will be notified by the contractor of the contractor's obligations under this contract and the Acts and the Regulations relative to Non-discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.
4. **Information and Reports:** The contractor will provide all information and reports required by the Acts and the Regulations, and will permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the Recipient or the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), or Federal Transit Authority (FTA) to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Acts, Regulations, and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish the information, the contractor will so certify to the Recipient or the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), or Federal Transit Authority (FTA), as appropriate, and will set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
5. **Sanctions for Noncompliance:** In the event of a contractor's noncompliance with the Non-discrimination provisions of this contract, the Recipient will impose such contract sanctions as it or the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), or Federal Transit Authority (FTA) may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:

withholding payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies;
and/or cancelling, terminating, or suspending a contract, in whole or in part.
6. **Incorporation of Provisions:** The contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs one through five in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Acts and the Regulations. The contractor will take action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the Recipient or the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), or Federal Transit Authority (FTA) may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, that if the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation by a subcontractor, or supplier because of such direction, the contractor may request the Recipient to enter into any litigation to protect the interests of the Recipient. In addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into the litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

APPENDIX E

During the performance of this contract, the contractor or consultant, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees to comply with the following nondiscrimination statutes and authorities; including but not limited to:

Pertinent Non-Discrimination Authorities:

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin); and 49 CFR Part 21.

The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970,(42 U.S.C. § 460 I), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);

Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C. § 324 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex);

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 et seq.), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR Part27;

The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);

Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982,(49 USC §471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex);

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987,(PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,The Age Discrimination Act of 1975and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973,by expanding the definition of the terms "programs or activities" to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not);

Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131 - 12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 C.F.R. parts 37 and 38;

The Federal Aviation Administration's Non-discrimination statute (49 U.S.C. S 41123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex);

Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures nondiscrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs; policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations;

Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100);

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq).

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PREVAILING WAGES

Included in this proposal are the minimum wages to be paid various classes of laborers and mechanics as determined by the Department of Labor of the State of Delaware in accordance with Title 29 Del.C. §6960, relating to wages and the regulations implementing that Section.

REQUIREMENT BY DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FOR SWORN PAYROLL INFORMATION

Title 29 Del.C. §6960 stipulates;

- (b) Every contract based upon these specifications shall contain a stipulation that the employer shall pay all mechanics and laborers employed directly upon the site of the work, unconditionally and not less often than once a week and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account, the full amounts accrued at time of payment, computed at wage rates not less than those stated in the specifications, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the employer and such laborers and mechanics. The specifications shall further stipulate that the scale of wages to be paid shall be posted by the employer in a prominent and easily accessible place at the site of the work, and that there may be withheld from the employer so much of accrued payments as may be considered necessary by the Department of Labor to pay to laborers and mechanics employed by the employer the difference between the rates of wages required by the contract to be paid laborers and mechanics on the work and rates of wages received by such laborers and mechanics to be remitted to the Department of Labor for distribution upon resolution of any claims.
- (c) **Every contract based upon these specifications shall contain a stipulation that sworn payroll information, as required by the Department of Labor, be furnished weekly. The Department of Labor shall keep and maintain the sworn payroll information for a period of 6 months from the last day of the work week covered by the payroll.**

Bidders are specifically directed to note the Department of Labor's prevailing wage regulations implementing §6960 relating to the effective date of the wage rates, at Part VI., Section C., which in relevant part states:

"Public agencies (covered by the provisions of 29 Del.C. §6960) are required to use the rates which are in effect on the date of the publication of specifications for a given project. In the event that a contract is not executed within one hundred twenty (120) days from the date the specifications were published, the rates in effect at the time of the execution of the contract shall be the applicable rates for the project."

PREVAILING WAGE REQUIREMENTS

It is DelDOT's understanding that the Davis-Bacon Act is not a preemptive statute in the broad sense, and does not preempt or displace State of Delaware prevailing wage requirements.

When a contract for a project contains both Federal Davis-Bacon and State of Delaware prevailing wage standards because of concurrent Federal and State coverage, the employer's minimum wage obligations are determined by whichever standards are higher.

Contractors with questions may contact:

Department of Labor, Division of Industrial Affairs, 4425 N. Market Street, Wilmington, DE 19802
Telephone (302) 761-8200 <https://dia.delawareworks.com/labor-law/>

STATE WAGE RATES

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FEDERAL WAGE RATES

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SPECIAL PROVISIONS

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STATEMENTS

UTILITY STATEMENTS

RIGHT-OF-WAY STATEMENTS

ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENTS

RAILROAD STATEMENTS

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LIST OF BUILDING SUBCONTRACTORS

In accordance with 29 Del. C. S6962(d)10a and 10b., a Pre-Bid Meeting will be held to select the subcontractor categories to be included in the bids for performing the work required for this contract.

This proposal is based on work to be performed by the Subcontractors listed below for the categories selected at the Pre-Bid Meeting.

A bid submitted in the name of an individual should list the individual names followed by T/A and the name of the company.

EXAMPLE: John Doe, T/A Doe Contracting Company

In accordance with Title 29, Subsection 6962(d)(10)b of the Delaware Code, a penalty of \$2,000.00 will be withheld from the successful bidder for each occurrence for the failure to utilize any or all of the Subcontractors set forth below:

<u>CATEGORIES</u>	<u>SUBCONTRACTOR</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u> <u>CITY AND STATE</u>
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Sample page only, **DO NOT USE!** This page will be replaced in an Addendum with a listing of the Subcontractor Categories following the Pre-Bid Meeting. You **MUST** use the updated form when submitting your bid. For your bid to be accepted, the updated form must be filled out correctly.

QUANTITY SHEET SUMMARY

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