

LAKELAND AREA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT STANDARD CONTRACT

CONTRACT # FY-\_\_

for

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THIS AGREEMENT (hereinafter, the "Contract") is made as of the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 201x (the "Effective Date") by and between:

THE LAKELAND AREA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT (hereinafter referred to as the "District"), an independent special taxing district in Polk County, Florida, whose street address is 1212 George Jenkins Blvd., Lakeland, Florida 33815.

and

\_\_\_\_\_, a State of \_\_\_\_\_ for-profit corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor"), with its principal place of business located at \_\_\_\_\_ and a Federal Employer Identification Number of \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the District was created to perform functions necessary for the achievement of an integrated, efficient and well-balanced public transportation system, and to take all steps and actions necessary or convenient for the conduct of its business; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to obtain goods and/or services (collectively, the "Services"), according to the requirements in the Request for Proposal # FY-xxx (hereinafter referred to as the "Solicitation") and as further described herein; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor has submitted a proposal or response in connection with the Solicitation, which has been selected by the District (hereinafter referred to as the "Response"); and

WHEREAS, the Contractor warrants to the District that it is qualified and duly licensed to furnish the Services in Florida and meet the obligations set forth in the Solicitation, the Response, and the documents detailing the scope of services attached hereto as Exhibit "A" (the "Scope of Services"), and as hereinafter stated; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor warrants that the representations made by it in its Response to the Solicitation remain valid, accurate and binding upon it; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor desires to render the Services and meet the obligations set forth in the

Solicitation, the Response, and the Scope of Services and upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Contract Documents, as defined herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

1. RECITALS. The Recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by this reference.

2. DEFINITIONS. Terms not defined in the Contract Documents shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in applicable state, local or federal regulations, including but not limited to the District Policies and Procedures. If there is a conflict between any defined terms, the reasonable interpretation of said term by the District shall govern.

3. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. For the purposes of this Contract, the following documents are collectively referred to herein as the "Contract Documents":

- a) The third-party contracting requirements in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Circular 4220.1F as well as the applicable "Federally Required and Other Model Clauses" which are available on the FTA web site; and
b) This Contract together with all Exhibits and attachments hereto; and
c) The Solicitation; and
d) The Contractor's Response.

In the event of a conflict between the terms of the Contract Documents, the order of precedence is as set forth above. In addition, to the extent any of the terms of the Response conflict or in the reasonable opinion of the District are not relevant to the remaining Contract Documents, then, in that event, the provisions contained in the Response shall not be applicable and a part of the Contract Documents. Contract Documents shall further include any later amendments or change orders.

4. FURNISHING OF SERVICES. In regard to the Services to be furnished by the Contractor:

- (a) Furnishing of Services. The Contractor shall furnish to the District the Services in compliance with the Contract Documents.

**(b) Required Approved Task/Work Orders and Notice to Proceed.**

The Contractor shall not proceed with any work required under this Contract without a written notice to proceed from the District (hereinafter referred to as a "Notice to Proceed"), which may constitute provision of a signed contract/task work order to the Contractor. Proposed task orders drafted by the Contractor shall be requested by the District, and there is no minimum number of tasks that the District is obligated to request. Each task order shall detail the scope of work, products used, assigned staff, including the project manager, any subcontractors, schedule of performance, and cost detail for each of the foregoing items. Any work performed or expenses incurred by the Contractor prior to receipt of a Notice to Proceed shall be entirely at the Contractor's risk.

**(c) Type of Contract.** The Contract shall be defined as the following:

Definite Delivery, Definite Quantity with a Firm, fixed unit price

Cost-plus percentage of cost contracts are prohibited by federal law (see: 46 Comp. Gen. 612 (B-159713; FTA C.42201F)). If the Contractor engages any subcontractors on a cost-plus percentage of cost contract type basis, the Contractor shall be deemed to be in material breach of the Contract and the District may terminate for cause under the provisions set forth below.

**5. NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT.** The Contractor shall not provide Services of an amount that would be greater than the "Not To Exceed Amount" (as defined below), unless otherwise agreed in writing by the District. The Contractor shall also not be required to provide Services in excess of said Amount, except as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents.

**6. TERM.**

**(a) Initial Term.** Subject to the further provisions set forth in this paragraph, the initial term of this Contract shall be for a period of a 6 months commencing on the date specified in the Notice to Proceed (NTP).

**(b) Option Term.** The District shall have the option to extend this Contract by a supplemental agreement signed by the parties for 0 renewal terms of 0 months, under the terms and conditions set forth in the Contract Documents. The District may extend a supplemental agreement to the Contractor to exercise the option term, if it is in the best interests of the District, 180 days prior to the expiration of the initial term. The Contractor must accept or reject in writing the supplemental agreement within 30 days following receipt of the supplemental agreement.

**(c) Termination.** The District shall have the right to terminate this Contract in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 10 below.

**7. PAYMENT.**

**(a) Payment.** The District agrees to pay the Contractor for the Services the amount provided in the Scope of Services.

**(b) Maximum Contract Amount.** In any event, the total amount to be paid by the District pursuant to any [Contract Work or Task Orders / this Contract](#) for the Services shall not exceed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter referred to as the "Not to Exceed Amount") without the further written agreement of the District.

**(c) Procedure for Invoicing.** Invoicing for services must be rendered in accordance with the District Purchasing Policies and the Florida Prompt Payment statute, posted on the LAMTD web site, on a monthly basis, or as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents. The invoice must be sent to: Accounts Payable, 1212 George Jenkins Blvd., Lakeland FL 33815.

**(d) Time of Payment by the District.** Consistent with the Florida Prompt Payment Statute (F.S. Ch. 218.70, et seq.), and further subject to the terms and conditions provided herein, the District shall make full payment within net 45 days after receipt and approval by the District of the Contractor's invoice, unless otherwise stated herein.

**(e) Prohibited Costs.** The District may request additional documentation from the Contractor prior to payment of any invoice or bill from the Contractor. The District may disallow and deduct any cost for which proper documentation is not provided. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Contract or any other document, the provisions of Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) 31.201 through 31.205 regarding "Allowable Costs" govern, and are hereby incorporated by reference herein. Such prohibited costs include, but are not limited to: general advertising/public relations; alcoholic beverages; bad debts; contingency reserves; contributions and donations; dividends or other profit distributions; excess depreciation; entertainment; fines, penalties, and mischarging costs; first-class/business class air travel; goodwill amortization; insurance for catastrophic losses; interest and related taxes for refinancing; legal judgments, fines, and related attorney's fees; lobbying costs; losses on other contracts; organization expenses and related taxes for reorganizing; certain taxes for federal income and excess profits; relocation cost; dues, memberships, conferences, and subscriptions.

**(f) Receipt of Payment by Contractor as Release of the District.** The acceptance by the Contractor, its successors, or assigns, of any progress or final payment due pursuant to this Contract, shall constitute a full and complete release of the District from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action whatsoever

that the Contractor, its successors, or assigns may have against the District in connection with the Services performed hereunder, through the date that the Services are rendered and for which such payment is made.

**(g) Subcontractors.** In the event the Contractor is utilizing any subcontractors for the furnishing of Services (which must be approved by the District prior to engaging the subcontractor in any work pursuant to this Contract), then, upon request by the District, the Contractor shall further provide to the District copies of billings and other invoices which may be received from any such subcontractors and, in addition, the Contractor will obtain releases from time to time in favor of the District from any subcontractor(s) for work so performed by that subcontractor. The District shall have the right from time to time to directly contact and discuss with the subcontractor any work performed by that Subcontractor under the Contract Documents, but the District will not have any liability or obligation to said subcontract or said subcontractor.

#### **8. CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATIONS.**

**(a)** The Contractor shall, for the consideration set forth herein, and at its sole cost and expense, as an independent Contractor, provide all labor, materials, equipment, tools, supplies and incidentals necessary to perform this Contract in the manner and to the full extent as set forth in the Contract Documents.

**(b)** Contractor will render its Services in accordance with the industry standard of care, skill and diligence exercised by members of the same profession providing similar services under similar conditions at the locale of the project and at the time the Services are to be performed. The Contractor's performance shall be considered acceptable when:

**(i)** The Contractor's performance has been inspected and approved by the District and, if applicable, all punch-list items have been properly corrected to the District's satisfaction; and

**(ii)** If applicable the Contractor has delivered to the District the Contractor's final affidavit in form acceptable to the District (which would incorporate a full and general release of the District), if any, as well as a final affidavit and release from any subcontractor; and

**(iii)** All the other duties and obligations to be performed by the Contractor under the Contract Documents have been satisfactorily met or performed, including the delivery to the District of any materials or documentation relating to the Services, including any warranty materials.

**(c)** The Contractor shall conform to all applicable governmental requirements and regulations, whether or not such requirements and regulations are specifically set forth in the Contract Documents. The Contractor in this regard understands that the District is a public agency which receives both federal and state funding.

Therefore, the Contract Documents and the performance by the Contractor shall be subject to any applicable rules and regulations promulgated by the Federal Transit Administration ("FTA") and/or the Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT").

**(d)** The Contractor shall pay license fees and all sales, consumer, use and other similar taxes relating to the Contract, and the matters to be performed thereunder. The District is exempt from payment of Florida sales and use taxes. The District will sign an exemption certificate submitted by the Contractor, if required. The Contractor shall not be exempted from paying sales tax to its suppliers for materials used to fulfill contractual obligations with the District, nor is the Contractor authorized to use the District's tax exemption number in securing such materials. The District reserves the right to "direct buy" any materials to be furnished by the Contractor under the Contract Documents and, if the District requests, the parties will enter into an appropriate agreement reflecting said direct purchase, the effect of which will be for the District to directly purchase those materials. Accordingly, the contract amount will be reduced by the amount of the purchase price paid by the District for said materials, in addition to the delivery cost of those materials to be physically acquired and/or delivered to the Contractor, with full warranties regarding those materials as if those materials were purchased from the Contractor. Any bonds furnished by the Contractor will apply to those materials.

**(e)** The Contractor shall be responsible for payment of its employee(s)' Federal Insurance Contributions Act ("FICA") and Social Security benefits with respect to this Contract, to the extent applicable.

**(f)** Unless otherwise expressly set forth in the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall be responsible to secure, at the Contractor's expense, all necessary permits and approvals. The Contractor shall promptly furnish copies of all such permits and approvals to the District as and when obtained.

**(g)** The Contractor shall be responsible to coordinate all tests and inspections necessary for the proper execution and timely completion of this Contract.

**(h)** The Contractor shall be required to obtain and maintain during the term of the Contract at its sole expense, any and all insurance required under the Contract Documents or as may be otherwise reasonably required by the District and, if applicable, to show the District as an additional insured under said insurance and to furnish appropriate certificates to the District. The required insurances are: **Automobile Liability Insurance** shall be maintained by the Contractor with a combined single limit of not less than the statutory minimum required by Florida law, as well as Bodily Injury and Property Damage coverages required by the laws in the State of Florida, as to the ownership, maintenance, and use of all owned, non-owned, leased or hired vehicles. "Lakeland Area Mass

Transit District" will be named as additional insured. **Professional Liability Insurance** shall be maintained by the Contractor with an each occurrence limit of not less than \$100,000.00 protecting the Contractor against claims of LAMTD for negligence, errors, mistakes or omissions in the performance of services to be performed and furnished by the Contractor. **Workers Compensation** shall be maintained by the Contractor for all employees engaged in the work under this Contract required by the laws of the State of Florida. **Employers Liability Insurance** shall be maintained by the Contractor at limits not less than the following and shall include a waiver of subrogation in favor of LAMTD: \$500,000 for each accident; \$500,000 for disease (each employee); \$500,000 for diseases in the aggregate.

(i) The Contractor, at the request of the District, shall further provide to the District such other information as the District may reasonably request from time to time. Further, the Contractor shall at the District's request meet and have its employees and representatives meet with the District from time to time, regarding any of the Services to be rendered under the Contract.

(j) Should either party to the Contract suffer injury or damage to person or property because of any act or omission of the party or of any of their employees, agents or others for whose acts they are legally liable, a claim for damages therefore shall be made in writing to such other party within a reasonable time after the first observance of such injury or damage.

(k) Goods required for daily consumption, or where the delivery is an emergency, a replacement, or is overdue, the convenience of the District shall govern. If, in calculating the number of calendar days from the order date, the delivery date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, delivery shall be made not later than next succeeding business day.

## **9. NON-DISCRIMINATION/CIVIL RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS.**

The following requirements apply to the underlying contract:

(1) Nondiscrimination - In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, section 303 of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6102, section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12132, and 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, creed, national origin, sex, age, or disability. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing requirements FTA may issue.

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

Race, Color, Creed, National Origin, Sex - In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, 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. Parts 60 et seq., (which implement Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note), and with any applicable Federal statutes, executive orders, regulations, and Federal policies that may in the future affect construction activities undertaken in the course of the project. 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, creed, national origin, sex, or age. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

(3) Age - In accordance with section 4 of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 623 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) Access Requirements to Individuals with Disabilities - In accordance with section 102 of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12112, the Contractor agrees that it will comply with the requirements of U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, "Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act," 29 C.F.R. Part 1630, pertaining to employment of persons with disabilities. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq. and 49 U.S.C. 322; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. 794; Section 16 of the Federal Transit Act, as amended, 49 U.S.C. app. 1612; and the following regulations and any amendments thereto:

A) U.S. DOT regulations, "Transportation Services for Individuals with Disabilities (ADA)," 49 C.F.R. Part 37;

- B) U.S. DOT regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs and Activities Receiving or Benefiting from Federal Financial Assistance," 49 C.F.R. Part 27;
- C) U.S. DOT regulations, "Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Accessibility Specifications for Transportation Vehicles," 49 C.F.R. Part 39;
- D) Department of Justice (DOJ) regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services," 28 C.F.R. Part 36;
- E) DOJ Regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability by Public Accommodations and in Commercial Facilities," 28 C.F.R. Part 36;
- F) General Services Administration regulations, "Construction and Alteration of Public Buildings," "Accommodations for the Physically Handicapped," 41 C.F.R. Part 101-10;
- G) Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) "Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act," 29 C.F.R. Part 1630;
- H) Federal Communications Commission regulations, "Telecommunications Relay Services and Related Customer Premises Equipment for the Hearing and Speech Disabled," 47 C.F.R. Part 64, Subpart F; and
- I) FTA regulations, "Transportation for Elderly and Handicapped Persons," 49 C.F.R. Part 609.

(5) The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA, modified only if necessary to identify the affected parties.

**10. TERMINATION. Default by the Contractor.**

The District may, in its sole and absolute discretion, by written notice of default to the Contractor, terminate all or any part of this Contract if (i) the Contractor fails to perform the Services described herein, within the time specified herein or any extension thereof; or (ii) if the Contractor fails to satisfy any of the other material provisions of the Contract, or so fails to make progress as to endanger performance of this Contract in accordance with its terms; and in either of these two circumstances does not cure such failure within a period of ten (10) days (or such longer period as the Contracting Officer may in his/her absolute discretion authorize in writing) after receipt of notice from the Contracting Officer specifying such failure. In the event that the District elects to waive its remedies for any breach by the Contractor of any covenant, term or condition of this Contract, such waiver by the District shall not limit the District's remedies for any succeeding breach of that or of any other term, covenant, or condition of this Contract.

**(a) Termination by the District for Convenience.**

This Contract may be terminated by the District in its absolute discretion, in whole or in part, whenever the Executive Director or the District shall determine that such termination is in the best interest of the District. Any such termination shall be effected by delivery of a notice of termination by the District to the Contractor, specifying the extent to which performance of work under the Contract is terminated, and the date upon which such termination becomes effective. The Contractor shall be paid its costs, including contract closeout costs, and profit on work performed up to the time of termination. The Contractor shall promptly submit its claim for final payment to the District. Settlement of claims by the Contractor under this paragraph shall be in accordance with the provisions set forth in Part 49 of Title 48 of the Federal Acquisition Regulations (48 C.F.R. 49), except that wherever the word "Government" appears it shall be deleted and the word "District" shall be substituted in lieu thereof.

**(b) Default by the District.** In the event the District is in default under this Contract, the Contractor shall first provide written notice to the District of said condition alleged by the Contractor to be a default, and the District shall have a reasonable period of time, not to exceed sixty days, within which to cure said default. During said period, the Contractor shall continue to provide the services to the District.

**(c) Remedies for Default by the Contractor.** If this Contract is terminated by the District for default by the Contractor, the District shall, except as otherwise expressly set forth in the Contract Documents, retain any and all remedies available to it against the Contractor. By way of illustration and not limitation, the District may proceed to obtain the remaining Services from another third party and thereby recover from the Contractor any "excess costs" incurred by the District in so doing.

**11. DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** Providing there is no conflict with Part 49 of Title 48 of the Federal Acquisition Regulations (48 C.F.R. 49), the District may elect to refer any and all disagreements, disputes, controversies or claims with the Contractor ("Legal Dispute(s)") to the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") provided, however, that nothing in this paragraph shall in any way limit the right of the District to terminate this Agreement under paragraph 10 hereof. On filing for such arbitration, the District shall appoint one arbitrator, the Contractor shall appoint a second arbitrator, and AAA shall appoint a third arbitrator. Once a claim in arbitration has been filed, the parties shall have sixty (60) days to conduct discovery pursuant to the discovery rules of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Tampa Division, and the parties agree that the arbitrators shall enforce such discovery rules in a manner in which such rules would be enforced in such court and that the mandatory

disclosures under Rule 26 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure shall apply. Once such sixty (60) day discovery period has ended, each of the parties shall have an additional fifteen (15) days to file a written brief which shall not exceed fifty (50) pages and which shall support such party's position in the Legal Dispute. The arbitrators shall then render a binding decision regarding the Legal Dispute based on such written briefs. Notwithstanding the foregoing, either party may seek appropriate injunctive relief from any court of appropriate jurisdiction for any threatened or actual breach, which may cause immediate and irreparable harm. The parties hereby consent and agree that any action, suit or proceeding arising in connection with any Legal Dispute relating to this Contract shall be brought only in the exclusive jurisdiction of 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida or the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Tampa Division; provided, however, that any Legal Dispute arising out of this Contract shall first be subject to the District's option to refer such Legal Dispute to the AAA as provided in this paragraph 11.

**12. NOTICES.** All notices shall be made to the addresses listed in the preamble to this Contract, unless otherwise provided below:

- (a) The Contractor's primary point of contact for daily operations, or project manager, regarding the Services pursuant to this Contract is: Joe Cheney, Project Mgr. (name)  
1212 George Jenkins Blvd., Lakeland, FL 33815,  
863-327-1328 (phone),  
JCheney@ridecitrus.com (e-mail).  
The District reserves the right to require the Contractor to assign a new staff member to manage the project at the District's sole discretion, should progress completing performance under this contract become unsatisfactory.
- (b) The Contractor's primary point of contact for legal notice and authority to modify or act under this Contract, is: Lisa Harris, Contract Specialist,  
1212 George Jenkins Blvd., Lakeland, FL 33815  
863-327-1314 (phone),  
lharris@ridecitrus.com (e-mail).
- (c) The Contractor may appoint other individuals upon written notice to, and approval by, the District. The Contractor shall provide written notice to the District promptly with respect to any changes to the aforesaid contact information.
- (d) As of the date hereof, the District designates Lisa Harris, Contract Specialist (the "Contracting Officer"), (863) 327-1314, 1212 George Jenkins Blvd., Lakeland FL 33815, as the primary point of contact for issues pertaining to contractual changes, modifications and overall Contractor performance.
- (e) The District and the Contractor may change its own staff designations upon written notice to the

other party. The designated District staff member shall not have the authority to modify this Contract except in accordance with applicable rules and regulations, including, but not limited to the District's Policies and Procedures. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no such change, modification or amendment shall be valid or binding upon the District, if the authorizing representative of the District executing such instrument has exceeded its authority, pursuant to the applicable District Policies and Procedures.

### **13. MISCELLANEOUS.**

- (a) **Captions and Headings.** The captions and headings provided herein are for convenience of reference only and are not intended to be used in construing the terms and provisions hereof.
- (b) **Number and Gender.** Whenever herein the singular or plural is used the same shall include the other where appropriate. Words of any gender shall include all genders when the context so requires.
- (c) **Multiple Counterparts.** This Contract may be executed in a number of identical counterparts each of which is an original and all of which constitute collectively one agreement. In making proof of this Contract in any legal action, it shall not be necessary to produce or account for more than one such counterpart.
- (d) **Attorney Fees.** In the event of any legal action, including arbitration proceedings, seeking enforcement of this Contract, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees and the costs of such proceedings from the other party, including without limitation fees and costs associated with any trial, appellate or bankruptcy proceeding.
- (e) **Waiver Of Jury Trial.** EACH PARTY HEREBY AGREES NOT TO ELECT A TRIAL BY JURY OF ANY ISSUE TRIABLE OF RIGHT BY JURY, AND WAIVES ANY RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY FULLY TO THE EXTENT THAT ANY SUCH RIGHT SHALL NOW OR HEREAFTER EXIST WITH REGARD TO THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, OR ANY CLAIM, COUNTERCLAIM OR OTHER ACTION ARISING IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. THIS WAIVER OF RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IS GIVEN KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY BY EACH PARTY, AND IS INTENDED TO ENCOMPASS INDIVIDUALLY EACH INSTANCE AND EACH ISSUE AS TO WHICH THE RIGHT TO A TRIAL BY JURY WOULD OTHERWISE ACCRUE.
- (f) **Assignment.** The District has selected the Contractor to render the Services based in substantial part on the personal qualifications of the Contractor; as such, the Contractor may not assign or transfer any right or obligation of this Contract in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of

the District, which consent may be granted or withheld in the sole discretion of the District. The Contractor may utilize subcontractors as otherwise permitted and provided in the Contract Documents. Any assignment or transfer of any obligation under this Contract without the prior written consent of the District shall be void *ab initio*, and shall not release the Contractor from any liability or obligation under the Contract, or cause any such liability or obligation to be reduced to a secondary liability or obligation.

(g) **Survival and Severability.** Should any provision of this Contract be determined to be illegal or in conflict with any laws of the State of Florida or the Federal government, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be impaired.

(h) **No Third-Party Beneficiary.** It is specifically agreed that this Contract is not intended by any of the provisions of any part of this Contract to establish in favor of any other party, the public or any member thereof, the rights of a third-party beneficiary hereunder, or to create or authorize any private right of action by any person or entity not a signatory to this Contract to enforce this Contract or any rights or liabilities arising out of the terms of this Contract.

14. **AMENDMENT OF CONTRACT.** This Contract may not be modified or amended without the prior written consent of the party to be charged by said amendment or modification. This provision may not itself be changed orally. The Contractor specifically is aware and understands that any material or substantial change to this Contract may require approval of the District's Governing Board for any such change to be valid.

15. **DISTRICT APPROVAL.** Execution of this Contract, including the exhibits and attachments hereto, is contingent upon the approval by the District Governing Board, and applicable governing rules and procedures of the District.

16. **ENTIRE CONTRACT.** This Contract, including the Contract Documents referenced above, together with any exhibits or attachments hereto constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

17. **ACCESS TO RECORDS AND REPORTS.** In accordance with 49 C. F. R. 18.36(i), the Contractor agrees to provide the District, the Federal Transit Administration (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 the FTA Administrator's authorized representatives including any PMO Contractor access to Contractor's records and construction sites (if any) 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. In accordance with 49 CFR 18.39(i)(11), the Contractor agrees to maintain all books, records, accounts and reports required under this contract for a period of not less than seven years or fifteen years should the Contract involves the performance of capital improvements<sup>1</sup>, after the date of termination or expiration of this contract, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this contract, in which case Contractor agrees to maintain same until the District, 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. 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.

18. **ENERGY CONSERVATION.** The Contractor agrees to comply with 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.

19. **FEDERAL CHANGES.** 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 the District 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.

20. **PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR RELATED ACTS.**

(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

<sup>1</sup> Florida Statutes 119 and 257, *et seq.*

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.

**21. INCORPORATION OF FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) TERMS.** Whether or not expressly set forth in the preceding contract provisions, all standard terms and conditions required by the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) are hereby incorporated by reference. All contractual provisions required by DOT, 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 Contract. The Contractor shall not perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any District requests which would cause the District to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions.

**22. CLEAN WATER**

(1) 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 to report each violation to the District and understands and agrees that the District will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to FTA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office.

(2) 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.

**23. CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING**

The Contractor certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that:

(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 Contractor 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.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 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.

**24. CLEAN AIR**

(1) 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 to report each violation to the District and understands and agrees that the District will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure



notification to FTA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office.

(2) 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.

**25. [reserved]**

**26. SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT**

(1) This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 49 CFR Part 29. As such, the Contractor is required to verify that none of the Contractor, its principals, as defined at 49 CFR 29.995, or affiliates, as defined at 49 CFR 29.905, are excluded or disqualified as defined at 49 CFR 29.940 and 29.945. The Contractor is required to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C and must include the requirement to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

(2) The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by the District. If it is later determined that the Contractor knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to the District, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

(3) 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.

(4) The Contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certifications and disclosures. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. A 3801, et seq., apply to this certification and disclosure.

**27. PUBLIC RECORDS.** The District is subject to Florida's Government in the Sunshine Law, Chapter 286, Florida Statutes (the "Sunshine Law") and the Public Records Act, Chapter 119, Florida Statutes (the "Public Records Act"). It is possible that the Contractor, as a result of the Contract, may also be subject to the Sunshine Law and the Public Records Act and, if so, the Contractor will promptly respond in accordance with the statute to any and all third party requests for "public records," as that term is defined in the Public Records Act. In regard to any such request, the Contractor will promptly notify the District. The District's determination as to the necessity of such response shall be presumptively correct.

**28. NO WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY.** Nothing contained in this Contract shall be construed to

waive the sovereign immunity of the District under Chapter 768, Florida Statutes, and any amendments thereof, or under any other provision of law.

**29. NO OBLIGATION BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.**

(1) The District 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 District, 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.

**30. DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES.**

a) This contract is subject to the requirements of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26, *Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs*. The national goal for participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) is 10%. The agency's overall goal for DBE participation is 2%. A separate contract goal of 0% DBE participation has been established for this procurement.

b) The Contractor 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 this DOT-assisted contract. 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 District deems appropriate. Each subcontract the Contractor signs with a subcontractor must include the assurance in this paragraph (see 49 CFR 26.13(b)).

c) *If a separate contract goal has been established, the Contractors are required to document sufficient DBE participation to meet these goals or, alternatively, document adequate good faith efforts to do so, as provided for in 49 CFR 26.53.* Award of this contract is conditioned on submission of the following, concurrent with and accompanying sealed bid or initial proposal, prior to award:

1. The names and addresses of DBE firms that will participate in this contract;
2. A description of the work each DBE will perform;
3. The dollar amount of the participation of each DBE firm participating;
4. Written documentation of the bidder/offeror's commitment to use a DBE subcontractor whose

participation it submits to meet the contract goal;  
5. Written confirmation from the DBE that it is participating in the contract as provided in the prime Contractor's commitment; and

6. If the contract goal is not met, evidence of good faith efforts to do so. The Contractor has presented the information required above as a matter of responsiveness with initial proposals prior to contract award (see 49 CFR 26.53(3)).

d) *If no separate contract goal has been established, the Contractor is required to report its DBE participation obtained through race-neutral means throughout the period of performance, if it has obtained DBE subcontractors for the Services under this Contract.*

e) The Contractor is required to pay its DBE subcontractors performing work related to this contract for satisfactory performance of that work no later than 30 days after the Contractor's receipt of payment for that work from the District. In addition, the Contractor may not hold retainage from its subcontractors and is required to return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within 30 days after the subcontractor's work related to this contract is satisfactorily completed. The Contractor is required to return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within 30 days after incremental acceptance of the subcontractor's work by the District and Contractor's receipt of the partial retainage payment related to the subcontractor's work.

f) The Contractor must promptly notify the District whenever a DBE subcontractor performing work related to this contract is terminated or fails to complete its work, and must make good faith efforts to engage another DBE subcontractor to perform at least the same amount of work. The Contractor may not terminate any DBE subcontractor and perform that work through its own forces or those of an affiliate without prior written consent of the District.

**31. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.** In performing this contract, the Contractor agrees that time is of the essence.

**32. UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS.** This Contract shall be immediately terminated for cause according to Section 10 should the Contractor, after exhausting its right to appeals, be found liable or guilty by any state or federal authority concerning violations of any immigration employment laws or regulations, if the violation involved labor connected to the performance of this contract.

**33. HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA).** Contractor shall not use or disclose Protected Health Information in violation of the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information ("Privacy Rule") (45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164) under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. The definitions set forth in

the Privacy Rule are incorporated by reference into this Contract (45 C.F.R. §§ 160.103 and 164.501).

**34. OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT.** No member of or delegate to Congress, or a member of the District's governing body, shall be admitted to any share or part of this contract or to any benefit arising from it. However, this clause does not apply to this contract to the extent that this contract is made with a corporation for the corporation's general benefit.

**35. FLY AMERICA REQUIREMENTS.** 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.

**36. BUY AMERICA REQUIREMENTS.** 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. Rolling stock must be assembled in the United States and have a 60 percent domestic content.

**37. CARGO PREFERENCE - USE OF UNITED STATES-FLAG VESSELS.** The Contractor agrees:  
(1) 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;  
2) 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 District (through the Contractor in the case of a subcontractor's bill-of-lading.)  
(3) 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.

**39. DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING.** The Contractor agrees to participate in the District's drug and alcohol program established in compliance with 49 CFR 655.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the authorized signatories named below have executed this Contract on behalf of the parties as of the Effective Date.

**Lakeland Area Mass Transit District**

**[firm]**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Tom Philips  
Title: Executive Director

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Approved as to form and correctness:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Ben Darby  
Title: District General Counsel

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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