

**FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) REQUIREMENTS  
FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS <\$10,000**

**1.01 NO GOVERNMENT OBLIGATION TO THIRD PARTIES**

- A Santa Cruz METRO 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 Santa Cruz METRO, contractor, or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the underlying contract.
- B The contractor agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract 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.

**1.02 PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS AND RELATED ACTS**

- A 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 or 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.
- B 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 the FTA under the authority of 49 U.S.C. § 5307, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 5307(n)(1) on the contractor, the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.
- C The contractor agrees to include the above two clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by the FTA. It is further agreed that the clauses shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to the provisions.

**1.03 ACCESS TO RECORDS AND REPORTS**

- A. In accordance with 49 C.F.R. 18.36(i), contractor agrees to provide Santa Cruz METRO, FTA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their duly authorized representatives with access to any books, documents, papers and record of the contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions. Contractor also agrees, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 633.17 to provide the FTA Administrator or authorized representative 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 programs described at 49 U.S.C. 5307, 5309 or 531.
- B. 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.

- C. 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 Santa Cruz METRO, 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).

#### **1.04 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 Santa Cruz METRO and the 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.

#### **1.05 CIVIL RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS**

- A. 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 and subcontractor agree 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.
- B. Equal Employment Opportunity The following equal employment opportunity requirements apply to this contract:
1. 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 and subcontractor agree 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. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
  2. 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.

3. 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.
  4. In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this agreement or with any of the said rules, regulations or orders, this agreement may be canceled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part. The contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or Federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 September 24, 1965, as amended, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation or order of the Secretary of Labor or as otherwise provided by law.
- C. 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.

#### **1.06 DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE)**

A. Policy

It is the policy of the U.S. Department of Transportation that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises as defined in 49 CFR Part 26 shall have the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts financed in whole or in part with Federal funds under this Agreement. Consequently, the DBE requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 apply to this Agreement.

B. DBE Obligation

Santa Cruz METRO and Contractor agree to insure that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises as defined in 49 CFR Part 26 have the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts and subcontracts under this Agreement. In this regard, Santa Cruz METRO and Contractor shall take all necessary and reasonable steps in accordance with 49 CFR Part 26 to insure that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises have the maximum opportunity to compete for and perform Contracts. Santa Cruz METRO and Contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, age or sex in the award and performance of DOT-assisted Contracts.

The Contractor will be required to report its DBE participation obtained through race-neutral means throughout the period of performance.

C. Prompt Payment and Return of Retainage

- (a) 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 Santa Cruz METRO. In addition, Contractor is required to return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within 30 days after incremental acceptance of the subcontractor's work by Santa Cruz METRO and Contractor's receipt of the partial retainage payment related to the subcontractor's work.
- (b) The Contractor must promptly notify Santa Cruz METRO 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