

STATE OF TEXAS                      §  
COUNTY OF FORT BEND          §

**AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FINANCIAL AND  
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING SERVICES FOR FORT BEND COUNTY PUBLIC  
TRANSPORTATION  
RFP 21-024**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made and entered into by and between Fort Bend County, Texas, a public body corporate and politic of the State of Texas acting by and through the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court (hereinafter referred to as "County") and Tindale-Oliver & Associates, Inc., dba Tindale Oliver, a company authorized to conduct business in the State of Texas, (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor").

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, County desires that Contractor provide ongoing financial and transportation planning services for Fort Bend County (hereinafter "Services") pursuant to RFP 21-024; and

WHEREAS, Contractor represents that it is qualified and desires to perform such services;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions set forth below, the parties agree as follows:

## AGREEMENT

## Section 1. Scope of Work

Contractor shall render Services to County as defined in the Scope of Work (attached hereto as Exhibit A).

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## **Section 2.        Personnel**

2.1 Contractor represents that it presently has, or is able to obtain, adequate qualified personnel in its employment for the timely performance of the Scope of Work required under this Agreement and that Contractor shall furnish and maintain, at its own expense, adequate and sufficient personnel, in the opinion of County, to perform the Scope of Work when and as required and without delays.

2.2 All employees of Contractor shall have such knowledge and experience as will enable them to perform the duties assigned to them. Any employee of Contractor who, in the opinion of County, is incompetent or by his conduct becomes detrimental to the project shall, upon request of County, immediately be removed from association with the project.

2.3 All work provided under this agreement shall conform to and be in the format required by federal and state funding agencies. Guidelines and requirements of the Federal Transit Administration, the Federal Highways Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and the Texas Department of Transportation are applicable to these projects. Other federal and local funding sources may impose additional and/or differing requirements.

## **Section 3.        Compensation and Payment**

3.1 Contractor's fees shall be calculated using the Pricing Sheet which lists the rates set for personnel (attached hereto as Exhibit B). All travel expenses shall be calculated in accordance with the Fort Bend County Travel Policy (attached hereto as Exhibit D).

3.3 The Maximum Compensation for the performance of Services within the Scope of Work described in Exhibit A is one million, two hundred fifty thousand dollars and no/100 (\$1,250,000.00). In no case shall the amount paid by County under this Agreement exceed the Maximum Compensation without an approved Amendment.

3.4 All performance of the Scope of Work by Contractor including any changes in the Scope of Work and revision of work satisfactorily performed will be performed only when approved in advance and authorized in writing by County.

3.5 County will pay Contractor based on the following procedures: Upon completion of the tasks identified in the Scope of Work, Contractor shall submit to County

two (2) original copies of invoices showing the amounts due for services performed in a form acceptable to County. County shall review such invoices and approve them within 30 calendar days with such modifications as are consistent with this Agreement and forward same to the Auditor for processing. County shall pay each such approved invoice within thirty (30) calendar days. County reserves the right to withhold payment pending verification of satisfactory work performed.

#### **Section 4.        Limit of Appropriation**

4.1 Contractor clearly understands and agrees, such understanding and agreement being of the absolute essence of this Agreement, that County shall have available the total maximum sum of one million, two hundred fifty thousand dollars and no/100 (\$1,250,000.00), specifically allocated to fully discharge any and all liabilities County may incur.

4.2 Contractor does further understand and agree, said understanding and agreement also being of the absolute essence of this Agreement, that the total maximum compensation that Contractor may become entitled to and the total maximum sum that County may become liable to pay to Contractor shall not under any conditions, circumstances, or interpretations thereof exceed one million, two hundred fifty thousand dollars and no/100 (\$1,250,000.00).

4.3 Non-appropriations clause It is specifically understood and agreed that in the event no funds or insufficient funds are appropriated by Fort Bend County under this Agreement, Fort Bend County shall notify all necessary parties that this Agreement shall thereafter terminate and be null and void on the last day of the fiscal period for which appropriations were made without penalty, liability or expense to Fort Bend County.

#### **Section 5.        Time of Performance**

5.1 The time for performance of this Agreement shall be effective upon the signature of the County and remain in effect for a period of five years and shall end no later than September 7, 2026, with an option to renew for two (2) successive one-year terms. Contractor shall complete the tasks described in the Scope of Work within this time or within such additional time as may be extended by the County.

5.2 Services described in a written and executed Work Authorization shall be completed in accordance with the schedules provided in the Work Authorization or within such additional time as may be extended in writing by the County.

## **Section 6. Work Authorizations**

6.1 County will issue Work Authorizations to authorize all work provided by Contractor under this Agreement. Contractor must sign and return a Work Authorization to the Director of Public Transportation within fourteen (14) working days after receipt. Refusal of Contractor to accept a Work Authorization shall be grounds for termination of this Agreement by County.

6.2 This Agreement authorizes the Director of Public Transportation to execute and approve all Work Authorizations on behalf of the County.

6.3 Each Work Authorization shall specify the types of Services to be performed and shall include: (a) a period of performance with a beginning and ending date; (b) a full description of the work to be performed; (c) a project or work schedule with milestones; (d) a cost not to exceed amount; and (e) a Work Authorization budget calculated using rates set forth in Exhibit B (Pricing Sheet).

6.4 Contractor shall not include additional terms and conditions in the Work Authorization. In the event of any conflicting terms and conditions between the Work Authorization and this Agreement, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall prevail and govern the work and costs incurred.

6.5 Contractor shall not provide any Services under this Agreement or begin any work until authorized by County in a fully executed Work Authorization. County will not pay any items of cost that are not included in a fully executed Work Authorization. Costs incurred by Contractor before a Work Authorization is fully executed or after the completion date specified in the Work Authorization shall not be subject to payment or reimbursement.

6.6 All services provided by Contractor must be completed on or before the completion date specified in the Work Authorization, and no Work Authorization completion date shall extend beyond the contract period set forth in Section 5 of this Agreement.

6.7 County reserves the right to negotiate hours, staffing, and other service requirements before issuance of each Work Authorization.

6.8 In the event Contractor determines or reasonably anticipates that the work authorized in a Work Authorization cannot be completed before the specified completion date, Contractor shall promptly notify the Director of Public Transportation and County may, at its sole discretion, extend the Work Authorization period by execution of an amended Work Authorization.

6.9 Work Authorizations are issued at the discretion of County. While it is County's intent to issue Work Authorizations hereunder, Contractor shall have no cause of action conditioned upon the lack or number of Work Authorizations issued.

6.10 Each Work Authorization shall be signed by both parties and shall become a part of this Agreement. No Work Authorizations will waive County or Contractor's responsibilities and obligations established in this Agreement. Contractor shall promptly notify County of any event that will affect completion of the Work Authorization.

6.11 Before additional work may be performed or additional costs incurred, a new or amended Work Authorization shall be enacted in writing. County shall not be responsible for actions by Contractor or any costs incurred by Contractor including reimbursable expenses prior to the execution of the Work Authorization. Contractor shall allow adequate time for review and approval of the supplemental Work Authorization by County prior to expiration of the Work Authorization.

6.12 Under no circumstances shall a Work Authorization be allowed to extend beyond this Agreement's expiration date as detailed in Section 5, unless an appropriate contract extension has been approved by the County and set forth in writing, nor will the cost not to exceed amount stated in the Work Authorization exceed the funds available under this Agreement as set forth in Section 3 unless an appropriate contract amendment has been approved by the County and set forth in writing. Any changes to Section 3 or Section 5 of this Agreement must be approved in writing by the County Commissioners Court.

6.13 Upon satisfactory completion of the Work Authorization as determined by County, Contractor shall submit the deliverables as specified in the executed Work Authorization to County for review and acceptance.

**Section 7.        Limits of Subcontractors**

7.1     The County has approval rights over the use and/or removal of all subcontractors and/or vendor(s). Subcontractors shall conform to all County policies. Any changes in subcontractors must be approved in writing by FBC County Public Transportation Director.

7.2     Any dispute between the Contractor and subcontractors, including any payment dispute, will be promptly remedied by the Contractor. Failure to promptly remedy or to make prompt payment to subcontractor may result in the withholding of funds from the Contractor by the County for any payments owed to the subcontractor.

**Section 8.        Modifications and Waivers**

8.1     The parties may not amend or waive this Agreement or any subsequent Work Authorization, except by a written agreement executed by both parties.

8.2     No failure or delay in exercising any right or remedy or requiring the satisfaction of any condition under this Agreement, and no course of dealing between the parties, operates as a waiver or estoppel of any right, remedy, or condition.

8.3     The rights and remedies of the parties set forth in this Agreement are not exclusive of, but are cumulative to, any rights or remedies now or subsequently existing at law, in equity, or by statute.

**Section 9.        Dispute Resolution**

9.1     The parties shall attempt in good faith to resolve promptly any dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement by negotiation between the parties. In the event the dispute cannot be settled through negotiation, the parties agree to submit the dispute to mediation.

9.2     The party requesting mediation shall notify the other party in writing of the dispute and the desire to be mediated. If the parties are unable to resolve their differences within ten (10) days of the receipt of such notice, such dispute shall be submitted for mediation.

9.3     Each party shall be responsible for its own costs associated with the mediation.

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9.4 The requirement to seek mediation shall be a condition required before filing an action at law or in equity, unless to do so would prevent either party from seeking relief in a court of law or equity under any applicable statute of limitations.

9.5 Performance During Dispute - Unless otherwise directed by County, Contractor shall continue performance under the Agreement while matters in dispute are being resolved.

9.6 Claims for Damages - Should either party to the Agreement suffer injury or damage to person or property because of any act or omission of the party or of any of his employees, agents or others for whose acts he is legally liable, a claim for damages therefor shall be made in writing to such other party within a reasonable time after the first observance of such injury of damage.

## **Section 10. Termination**

### **10.1 Termination for Convenience**

10.1.1 County may terminate this Agreement at any time upon thirty (30) days written notice.

### **10.2 Termination for Default**

10.2.1 County may terminate the whole or any part of this Agreement for cause in the following circumstances:

10.2.2 If Contractor fails to perform services within the time specified in the Scope of Work or any extension thereof granted by the County in writing;

10.2.3 If Contractor materially breaches any of the covenants or terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement or fails to perform any of the other provisions of this Agreement or so fails to make progress as to endanger performance of this Agreement in accordance with its terms, and in any of these circumstances does not cure such breach or failure to County's reasonable satisfaction within a period of ten (10) calendar days after receipt of notice from County specifying such breach or failure

10.2.4 If, after termination, it is determined for any reason whatsoever that Contractor was not in default, or that the default was excusable, the rights and obligations

of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the County in accordance with Section 11.1 above.

10.3 Upon termination of this Agreement, County shall compensate Contractor in accordance with Section 3, above, for those services which were provided under this Agreement prior to its termination and which have not been previously invoiced to County. Contractor's final invoice for said services will be presented to and paid by County in the same manner set forth in Section 3 above.

10.4 If County terminates this Agreement as provided in this Section, no fees of any type, other than fees due and payable at the Termination Date, shall thereafter be paid to Contractor.

#### **Section 11. Ownership and Reuse of Documents**

All documents, data, reports, research, graphic presentation materials, etc., developed by Contractor as a part of its work under this Agreement, shall become the property of County upon completion of this Agreement, or in the event of termination or cancellation thereof, at the time of payment under Section 3 for work performed. Contractor shall promptly furnish all such data and material to County on request.

#### **Section 12. Inspection of Books and Records**

Contractor will permit County, or any duly authorized agent of County, to inspect and examine the books and records of Contractor for the purpose of verifying the amount of work performed under the Scope of Work. County's right to inspect survives the termination of this Agreement for a period of four years.

#### **Section 13. Insurance**

13.1 Prior to commencement of the Services, Contractor shall furnish County with properly executed certificates of insurance which shall evidence all insurance required and provide that such insurance shall not be canceled, except on 30 days' prior written notice to County. Contractor shall provide certified copies of insurance endorsements and/or policies if requested by County. Contractor shall maintain such insurance coverage from the time Services commence until Services are completed and provide replacement certificates, policies and/or endorsements for any such insurance expiring prior to completion of Services. Contractor shall obtain such insurance written on an Occurrence



form from such companies having Bests rating of A/VII or better, licensed or approved to transact business in the State of Texas, and shall obtain such insurance of the following types and minimum limits:

13.1.1 Workers' Compensation insurance. Substitutes to genuine Workers' Compensation Insurance will not be allowed.

13.1.2 Employers' Liability insurance with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per injury by accident, \$1,000,000 per injury by disease, and \$1,000,000 per bodily injury by disease.

13.1.3 Commercial general liability insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the annual aggregate. Policy shall cover liability for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage and products/completed operations arising out of the business operations of the policyholder.

13.1.4 Business Automobile Liability insurance with a combined Bodily Injury/Property Damage limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each accident. The policy shall cover liability arising from the operation of licensed vehicles by policyholder.

13.2 County and the members of Commissioners Court shall be named as additional insured to all required coverage except for Workers' Compensation. All Liability policies including Workers' Compensation written on behalf of Contractor shall contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of County and members of Commissioners Court.

13.3 If required coverage is written on a claims-made basis, Contractor warrants that any retroactive date applicable to coverage under the policy precedes the effective date of the contract; and that continuous coverage will be maintained or an extended discovery period will be exercised for a period of 2 years beginning from the time that work under the Agreement is completed.

#### **Section 14. Indemnity**

**14.1 CONTRACTOR SHALL INDEMNIFY AND DEFEND COUNTY AGAINST ALL LOSSES, LIABILITIES, CLAIMS, CAUSES OF ACTION, AND OTHER EXPENSES, INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS FEES, ARISING FROM ACTIVITIES OF CONTRACTOR, ITS AGENTS, SERVANTS, SUBCONTRACTORS OR EMPLOYEES, PERFORMED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT THAT RESULT FROM**

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**THE NEGLIGENT ACT, ERROR, OR OMISSION OF CONTRACTOR OR ANY OF CONTRACTOR'S AGENTS, SUBCONTRACTORS, SERVANTS OR EMPLOYEES.**

14.2 Contractor shall timely report all such matters to Fort Bend County and shall, upon the receipt of any such claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgment, not later than the fifteenth day of each month; provide Fort Bend County with a written report on each such matter, setting forth the status of each matter, the schedule or planned proceedings with respect to each matter and the cooperation or assistance, if any, of Fort Bend County required by Contractor in the defense of each matter.

14.3 Contractor's duty to defend, indemnify and hold Fort Bend County harmless shall be absolute. It shall not abate or end by reason of the expiration or termination of any contract unless otherwise agreed by Fort Bend County in writing. The provisions of this Section shall survive the termination of the contract and shall remain in full force and effect with respect to all such matters no matter when they arise.

14.4 In the event of any dispute between the parties as to whether a claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgment appears to have been caused by or appears to have arisen out of or in connection with acts or omissions of Contractor, Contractor shall nevertheless fully defend such claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgment until and unless there is a determination by a court of competent jurisdiction that the acts and omissions of Contractor are not at issue in the matter.

14.5 Contractor's indemnification shall cover, and Contractor agrees to indemnify Fort Bend County, in the event Fort Bend County is found to have been negligent for having selected Contractor to perform the work described in this request.

14.6 The provision by Contractor of insurance shall not limit the liability of Contractor under this agreement.

14.7 Loss Deduction Clause - Fort Bend County shall be exempt from, and in no way liable for, any sums of money which may represent a deductible in any insurance policy. The payment of deductibles shall be the sole responsibility of Contractor and/or trade contractor providing such insurance.

14.8 Contractor shall cause all subcontractors engaged in work performed under this Agreement, to agree to indemnify County and to hold County harmless from all claims that may arise from said contractor or subcontractor's operations. Such provisions shall be

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in form satisfactory to County.

**Section 15. Confidential and Proprietary Information**

15.1 Contractor acknowledges that it and its employees or agents may, in the course of performing their responsibilities under this Agreement, be exposed to or acquire information that is confidential to County. Any and all information of any form obtained by Contractor or its employees or agents from County in the performance of this Agreement shall be deemed to be confidential information of County ("Confidential Information"). Any reports or other documents or items (including software) that result from the use of the Confidential Information by Contractor shall be treated with respect to confidentiality in the same manner as the Confidential Information. Confidential Information shall be deemed not to include information that (a) is or becomes (other than by disclosure by Contractor) publicly known or is contained in a publicly available document; (b) is rightfully in Contractor's possession without the obligation of nondisclosure prior to the time of its disclosure under this Agreement; or (c) is independently developed by employees or agents of Contractor who can be shown to have had no access to the Confidential Information.

15.2 Contractor agrees to hold Confidential Information in strict confidence, using at least the same degree of care that Contractor uses in maintaining the confidentiality of its own confidential information, and not to copy, reproduce, sell, assign, license, market, transfer or otherwise dispose of, give, or disclose Confidential Information to third parties or use Confidential Information for any purposes whatsoever other than the provision of Services to County hereunder, and to advise each of its employees and agents of their obligations to keep Confidential Information confidential. Contractor shall use its best efforts to assist County in identifying and preventing any unauthorized use or disclosure of any Confidential Information. Without limitation of the foregoing, Contractor shall advise County immediately in the event Contractor learns or has reason to believe that any person who has had access to Confidential Information has violated or intends to violate the terms of this Agreement and Contractor will at its expense cooperate with County in seeking injunctive or other equitable relief in the name of County or Contractor against any such person. Contractor agrees that, except as directed by County, Contractor will not at any time during or after the term of this Agreement disclose, directly or indirectly, any Confidential Information to any person, and that upon termination of this Agreement or at County's request,

Contractor will promptly turn over to County all documents, papers, and other matter in Contractor's possession which embody Confidential Information.

15.3 Contractor acknowledges that a breach of this Section, including disclosure of any Confidential Information, or disclosure of other information that, at law or in equity, ought to remain confidential, will give rise to irreparable injury to County that is inadequately compensable in damages. Accordingly, County may seek and obtain injunctive relief against the breach or threatened breach of the foregoing undertakings, in addition to any other legal remedies that may be available. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the covenants contained herein are necessary for the protection of the legitimate business interest of County and are reasonable in scope and content.

15.4 Contractor in providing all services hereunder agrees to abide by the provisions of any applicable Federal or State Data Privacy Act.

15.5 Contractor expressly acknowledges that County is subject to the Texas Public Information Act, TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. §§ 552.001 *et seq.*, as amended, and notwithstanding any provision in the Agreement to the contrary, County will make any information related to the Agreement, or otherwise, available to third parties in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act. Any proprietary or confidential information marked as such provided to County by Consultant shall not be disclosed to any third party, except as directed by the Texas Attorney General in response to a request for such under the Texas Public Information Act, which provides for notice to the owner of such marked information and the opportunity for the owner of such information to notify the Attorney General of the reasons why such information should not be disclosed. The terms and conditions of the Agreement are not proprietary or confidential information.

## **Section 16. Independent Contractor**

16.1 In the performance of work or services hereunder, Contractor shall be deemed an independent contractor, and any of its agents, employees, officers, or volunteers performing work required hereunder shall be deemed solely as employees of contractor or, where permitted, of its subcontractors.

16.2 Contractor and its agents, employees, officers, or volunteers shall not, by performing work pursuant to this Agreement, be deemed to be employees, agents, or servants of County and shall not be entitled to any of the privileges or benefits of County employment.

Section 17. Notices

17.1 Each party giving any notice or making any request, demand, or other communication (each, a “Notice”) pursuant to this Agreement shall do so in writing and shall use one of the following methods of delivery, each of which, for purposes of this Agreement, is a writing: personal delivery, registered or certified mail (in each case, return receipt requested and postage prepaid), or nationally recognized overnight courier (with all fees prepaid).

17.2 Each party giving a Notice shall address the Notice to the receiving party at the address listed below or to another address designated by a party in a Notice pursuant to this Section:

County: Fort Bend County Public Transportation Department  
Attn: Director  
301 Jackson St.  
Richmond, Texas 77469

With a copy to: Fort Bend County  
Attn: County Judge  
401 Jackson Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Richmond, Texas 77469

Contractor: Tindale Oliver  
ATTN: Richard Dreyer, Project Manager  
1000 N. Ashley Drive, Suite 400  
Tampa, FL 33602

17.3 A Notice is effective only if the party giving or making the Notice has complied with subsections 17.1 and 17.2 and if the addressee has received the Notice. A Notice is deemed received as follows:

17.3.1 If the Notice is delivered in person, or sent by registered or certified mail or a nationally recognized overnight courier, upon receipt as indicated by the date on the signed receipt.

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17.3.2 If the addressee rejects or otherwise refuses to accept the Notice, or if the Notice cannot be delivered because of a change in address for which no Notice was given, then upon the rejection, refusal, or inability to deliver.

**Section 18.      Compliance with Laws**

Contractor shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations, and the orders and decrees of any courts or administrative bodies or tribunals in any matter affecting the performance of this Agreement, including, without limitation, Worker's Compensation laws, minimum and maximum salary and wage statutes and regulations, licensing laws and regulations. When required by County, Contractor shall furnish County with certification of compliance with said laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, orders, and decrees above specified.

**Section 19.      Performance Warranty**

19.1 Contractor warrants to County that Contractor has the skill and knowledge ordinarily possessed by well-informed members of its trade or profession practicing in the greater Houston metropolitan area and Contractor will apply that skill and knowledge with care and diligence to ensure that the Services provided hereunder will be performed and delivered in accordance with the highest professional standards.

19.2 Contractor warrants to County that the Services will be free from material errors and will materially conform to all requirements and specifications contained in Exhibit A.

**Section 20.      Assignment and Delegation**

20.1 Neither party may assign any of its rights under this Agreement, except with the prior written consent of the other party. That party shall not unreasonably withhold its consent. All assignments of rights are prohibited under this subsection, whether they are voluntarily or involuntarily, by merger, consolidation, dissolution, operation of law, or any other manner.

20.2 Neither party may delegate any performance under this Agreement.

20.3 Any purported assignment of rights or delegation of performance in violation of this Section is void.

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**Section 21.      Applicable Law**

The laws of the State of Texas govern all disputes arising out of or relating to this Agreement. The parties hereto acknowledge that venue is proper in Fort Bend County, Texas, for all legal actions or proceedings arising out of or relating to this Agreement and waive the right to sue or be sued elsewhere. Nothing in the Agreement shall be construed to waive the County's sovereign immunity.

**Section 22.      Successors and Assigns**

County and Contractor bind themselves and their successors, executors, administrators and assigns to the other party of this Agreement and to the successors, executors, administrators and assigns of the other party, in respect to all covenants of this Agreement.

**Section 23.      Third Party Beneficiaries**

This Agreement does not confer any enforceable rights or remedies upon any person other than the parties.

**Section 24.      Severability**

If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions remain in full force, if the essential terms and conditions of this Agreement for each party remain valid, binding, and enforceable.

**Section 25.      Publicity**

Contact with citizens of Fort Bend County, media outlets, or governmental agencies shall be the sole responsibility of County. Under no circumstances whatsoever, shall Contractor release any material or information developed or received in the performance of the Services hereunder without the express written permission of County, except where required to do so by law.

**Section 26.      Captions**

The section captions used in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and do not affect the interpretation or construction of this Agreement.

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**Section 27. Conflict**

If there is a conflict between this Agreement and any attached item, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

**Section 28. Certain State Law Requirements for Contracts:**

The contents of this Section are required by Texas Law and are included by County regardless of content.

28.1 Agreement to Not Boycott Israel Chapter 2271 Texas Government Code. By signature below, Contractor verifies that if Contractor employs ten (10) or more full-time employees and this Agreement has a value of \$100,000 or more, Contractor does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of this Agreement.

28.2 Texas Government Code Section 2251.152 Acknowledgment. By signature below, Contractor represents pursuant to Section 2252.152 of the Texas Government Code, that Contractor is not listed on the website of the Comptroller of the State of Texas concerning the listing of companies that are identified under Section 806.051, Section 807.051 or Section 2253.153.

**Section 29. Drug-Free Workplace**

Contractor shall provide any and all notices as may be required under the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, 28 CFR Part 67, Subpart F, to their employees and all subcontractors to insure that the County maintains a drug-free workplace.

**Section 30. Escalation**

Contractor may apply for a price increase to Fort Bend County. Written documentation supporting price increase request must be provided. No application for a price increase may be submitted within the first two (2) years of the contract. Rate increases equaling more than fifteen (15) percent over the originally contracted rate will not be considered throughout the term of this Agreement.

**Section 31. Force Majeure**

Neither party shall be liable or responsible to the other party, nor be deemed to have defaulted under or breached this Agreement, for any failure or delay in fulfilling or

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performing any term of this Agreement when and to the extent such failure or delay is caused by or results from acts beyond the impacted party's ("Impacted Party") control, including, but not limited to, the following force majeure events ("Force Majeure Events"): (a) acts of God; (b) a natural disaster (fires, explosions, earthquakes, hurricane, flooding, storms, explosions, infestations), epidemic, or pandemic; (c) war, invasion, hostilities (whether war is declared or not), terrorist threats or acts, riot or other civil unrest; (d) government order or law; (e) actions, embargoes or blockades in effect on or after the date of this Agreement; (f) action by any governmental authority; (g) national or regional emergency; (h) strikes, labor stoppages or slowdowns or other industrial disturbances; and (i) shortage of adequate power or transportation facilities. The Impacted Party shall give Notice in writing within three (3) business days of the Force Majeure Event to the other party disclosing the estimated length of delay and the cause of the delay. The Impacted Party shall use diligent efforts to end the failure or delay and ensure the effects of such Force Majeure Event are minimized. The Impacted Party shall resume the performance of its obligations as soon as reasonably practicable after the removal of the cause. In the event that the Impacted Party's failure or delay remains uncured for a period of ten (10) days following Notice given by it, the other party may thereafter terminate this Agreement upon Notice.

### **Section 32. Human Trafficking**

By acceptance of this contract, Contractor acknowledges that Fort Bend County is opposed to human trafficking and that no County funds will be used in support of services or activities that violate human trafficking laws.

### **Section 33. Federal Clauses**

Contractor understands and acknowledges that this Agreement may be totally or partially funded with federal and or state funds. As a condition of receiving these funds, Contractor represents that it is and will remain in compliance with all federal and or state terms as stated below. These terms flow down to all third party contractors and their subcontracts at every tier that exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, unless a particular award term or condition specifically indicates otherwise. The Contractor shall require that these clauses shall be included in each covered transaction at any tier.

#### **33.1 Access for Individuals with Disabilities (ADA Access).**

The Contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. § 5301(d), which states the Federal policy that elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities have the same right as other individuals to use public transportation services and facilities, and that special efforts shall be made in planning and designing those services and facilities to implement transportation accessibility rights for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities. The Contractor also agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, with 29 U.S.C. § 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability; with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq., which requires that accessible facilities and services be made available to individuals with disabilities; and with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4151 et seq., which requires that buildings and public accommodations be accessible to individuals with disabilities, and any subsequent amendments to these laws. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable implementing Federal regulations and directives and any subsequent amendments thereto, as follows:

- (1) U.S. DOT regulations, "Transportation Services for Individuals with Disabilities (ADA), 49 C.F.R. Part 37;
- (2) 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;
- (3) Joint U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance board (U.S. ATBCB)/U.S. DOT regulations, "Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Accessibility Specifications for Transportation Vehicles," 36 C.F.R. Part 1192 and 49 C.F.R. Part 38;
- (4) U.S. DOJ regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services," 28 C.F.R. Part 35;
- (5) U.S. DOJ regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability by Public Accommodations and in Commercial Facilities," 28 C.F.R. Part 36;
- (6) U.S. General Services Administration (U.S. GSA) regulations, "Accommodations for the Physically Handicapped," 41 C.F.R. Subpart 101-19;

- (7) U.S. EEOC, "Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act," 29 C.F.R. Part 1630;
- (8) U.S. Federal Communications Commission regulations, "Telecommunications Relay Services and Related Customer Premises Equipment for the Hearing and Speech Disabled," 47 C.F.R. Part 64, Subpart F; and
- (9) U.S. ATBCB regulations, "Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility Standards," 36 C.F.R. Part 1194; FTA regulations, "Transportation for Elderly and Handicapped Persons", 49 C.F.R. Part 609; and
- (10) U.S. DOT regulations, "Transportation for Individuals with Disabilities: Passenger Vessels," 49 C.F.R. Part 39;
- (11) FTA Circular 4710.1, "Americans with Disabilities Act: Guidance"; and
- (12) Federal civil rights and nondiscrimination directives implementing the foregoing regulations, except to the extent the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing.

### 33.2 Access to Records and Reports.

The Contractor agrees to provide County, 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 the Agreement 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. 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.

The Contractor agrees to comply and will require all subcontractors of any tier to comply with the record retention requirements in accordance with 2 C.F.R. 200.333. The Contractor agrees to retain, and will require its subcontractors of all tiers to retain, complete

and readily accessible records related in whole or in part to the contract, including, but not limited to, all books, records, accounts, statistics, leases, subcontracts, arrangements other than third party arrangements of any type, reports, and supporting materials related to those records required under the Agreement for a period of not less than three years after the date of termination or expiration of the Agreement, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of the Agreement, in which case Contractor agrees to maintain same until County, 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.

### 33.3 Civil Rights Requirements.

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, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, status as a parent or disability. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing requirements FTA may issue.

Equal Employment Opportunity - The following equal employment opportunity requirements apply to the Agreement:

Race, Color, Creed, National Origin, Sex -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, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or status as a parent. 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.

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.

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 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.

#### 33.4 Clean Air.

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 County and understands and agrees that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to FTA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office. The Contractor agrees it will not use any violating facilities. It will report the use of facilities placed on or likely to be placed on the U.S. EPA "List of Violating Facilities". It will report violations of use of prohibited facilities to FTA.

The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

#### 33.5 Clean Water.

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 County and understands and agrees that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to FTA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office. The Contractor agrees it will not use any violating facilities. It will report the use of facilities placed on or likely to be placed on the

U.S. EPA “List of Violating Facilities”. It will report violations of use of prohibited facilities to FTA.

The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

### 33.6 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise DBE.

The Agreement 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 including 49 C.F.R. Part 26, Section 1101(b) of MAP-21 (23 U.S.C. § 101 note). The national goal for participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) is 10%. **A separate contract goal has not been established for this procurement.**

The Contractor and each third party subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of the Agreement. The Contractor and each third party subcontractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 26 in the award and administration of this FTA-assisted contract. The Contractor and each third party subcontractor must comply with 49 C.F.R. Part 26. Failure by the Contractor and any of its third party subcontractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of the Agreement, which may result in the termination of the Agreement or such other remedy as County 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. Each subcontract the Contractor signs with a subcontractor must include the assurance in this paragraph (see 49 C.F.R. 26.13(b)).

Contractor shall report its DBE participation obtained through race-neutral means throughout the period of performance.

The Contractor is required to pay its subcontractors performing work related to the Agreement for satisfactory performance of that work no later than 30 days after the Contractor’s receipt of payment for that work from County. In addition, the Contractor is required to return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within 30 days after the subcontractor’s work related to the Agreement is satisfactorily completed.

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The Contractor must promptly notify County whenever a DBE subcontractor performing work related to the Agreement 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 the prior written consent of County.

### 33.7 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 Award, or when performing any work for or behalf of the County.

### 33.8 Environmental Protections.

The Contractor agrees to, and assures that it will, comply with all applicable environmental and resource use laws, regulations, and requirements, and follow applicable guidance, now in effect or that may become effective in the future, including state and local laws, ordinances, regulations, and requirements and follow applicable guidance.

### 33.9 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.

### 33.10 Environmental Justice.

The Contractor agrees to, and assures that it will, promote environmental justice by following: (1) Executive Order No. 12898, "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations," February 11, 1994, 42 U.S.C. § 4321 note, as well as facilitating compliance with that Executive Order, (2) U.S. DOT Order

5610.2, "Department of Transportation Actions To Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations," 62 Fed. Reg. 18377, April 15, 1997, and (3) the most recent edition of FTA Circular 4703.1, "Environmental Justice Policy Guidance for Federal Transit Administration Recipients," August 15, 2012, to the extent consistent with applicable federal laws, regulations, requirements, and guidance.

### 33.11 Government-wide Debarment and Suspension.

The Contractor shall comply and facilitate compliance with U.S. FTA 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 Government wide 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:

- 1) Debarred from participation in any federally assisted Award;
- 2) Suspended from participation in any federally assisted Award;
- 3) Proposed for debarment from participation in any federally assisted Award;
- 4) Declared ineligible to participate in any federally assisted Award;
- 5) Voluntarily excluded from participation in any federally assisted Award; or
- 6) Disqualified from participation in any federally assisted Award.

By signing this Agreement, Contractor certifies as follows:

The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by the County. If it is later determined by the County that the Contractor knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to County, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The Contractor 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 Contractor further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

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### 33.12 Incorporation of FTA Terms.

The provisions in this Section include, in part, certain Standard Terms and Conditions required by FTA, whether or not expressly set forth in the provisions of this Section. All contractual provisions required by FTA, as set forth in FTA Circular 4220.1E, 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 the Agreement. The Contractor shall not perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any County requests which would cause County to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions.

### 33.13 Lobbying.

Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the certification required by 49 C.F.R. Part 20, "New Restrictions on Lobbying." Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier shall also disclose the name of any registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 who has made lobbying contacts on its behalf with non-Federal funds with respect to that Federal contract, grant or award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.

### 33.14 No Government Obligation to Third Parties.

County and Contractor acknowledge and agree that, notwithstanding any concurrence by the Federal Government in or approval of the solicitation or award of the Agreement, absent the express written consent by the Federal Government, the Federal Government is not a party to the Agreement and shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities to County, the Contractor, or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the Agreement. The Contractor agrees to include this 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.

#### 33.15 Notice to Third Party Participants.

Federal requirements that apply to the County or the Award, the accompanying Award Agreement or any Amendments thereto may change due to changes in federal law, regulation, other requirements, or guidance, or changes in the Recipient's Award Agreement including any information incorporated by reference and made part of that Award Agreement will apply to the Contractor and any other Third-Party Agreements.

#### 33.16 FTA Interest.

Contractor understands and agrees that FTA has a vested interest in the settlement of any violation of federal law, regulation, or disagreement involving federal funds used towards this Agreement, including, but not limited to, a default, breach, major dispute, or litigation, and FTA reserves the right to concur in any settlement or compromise.

#### 33.17 Notification to FTA.

Contractor understands that if a current or prospective legal matter that may affect the Federal Government emerges, the County must promptly notify the FTA Chief Counsel, or FTA Regional Counsel for the Region in which the County is located. (1) The types of legal matters that require notification include, but are not limited to, a 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 federal funds used towards this Agreement, or the Federal Government's administration or enforcement of federal laws, regulations, and requirements.

#### 33.18 Duty to Report False Claims.

If the County has credible evidence that Contractor or other person has submitted a false claim under the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3729 et seq., or has committed a criminal

or civil violation of law pertaining to such matters as fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving federal assistance, the County must promptly notify the U.S. FTA Inspector General, in addition to the FTA Chief Counsel or Regional Counsel for the Region in which the County is located.

### 33.19 Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements and Related Acts.

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 Agreement 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 Agreement or the FTA assisted project for which the Agreement 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.

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.

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.

### 33.20 Prompt Payment.

The Contractor is required to pay its subcontractors performing work related to this Agreement for satisfactory performance of that work no later than 30 days after the Contractor's receipt of payment for that work from County. In addition, the Contractor is

required to return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within 30 days after the subcontractor's work related to this Agreement is satisfactorily completed.

#### 33.21 Resource Recovery.

The Contractor agrees to comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 C.F.R. part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

#### 33.22 Safe Operation of Vehicles.

Contractor shall encourage their employees and other personnel that operate company-owned vehicles, company rented-vehicles, or personally operated vehicles to adopt on-the-job seat belt policies and programs.

#### 33.23 Sensitive Security Information.

Each third party contractor must protect, and take measures to ensure that its subcontractors at each tier protect, "sensitive security information" made available during the administration of a third party contract or subcontract to ensure compliance with 49 U.S.C. Section 40119(b) and implementing FTA regulations, "Protection of Sensitive Security Information," 49 CFR Part 15, and with 49 U.S.C. Section 114(r) and implementing Department of Homeland Security regulations, "Protection of Sensitive Security Information," 49 CFR Part 1520.

#### 33.24 Texting While 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 Award, or when performing any work for or behalf of the County.

### 33.25 Child Support

Per Texas Family Code 231.006, a child support obligor or business entity remains ineligible to receive payments from state funds under a contract to provide property, materials, or services; or a state funded loan until: (1) All arrearages have been paid; (2) the obligor is in compliance with a written repayment agreement or court order as to any existing delinquency; or (3) the court of continuing jurisdiction over the child support order has granted the obligor an exemption from ineligibility as part of a court-supervised effort to improve earnings and child support payments.

Before payment can be released Contractor will supply County with the name and social security number of the individual or sole proprietor and each partner, shareholder, or owner with an ownership interest of at least 25 percent of the business entity.

Contractor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this contract, bid, or application is not ineligible to receive the specified grant, loan, or payment and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

### **Section 34.      Required Certifications and Forms**

Contractor has completed and submitted required forms and certification attached hereto as Exhibit C.

### **Section 35.      Exhibits**

The Exhibits attached to this Agreement, which consists of the following and are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth verbatim:

Exhibit A	Scope of Work
Exhibit B	Pricing Sheet
Exhibit C	Signed Forms

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Exhibit D Fort Bend County Travel Policy

**Section 36. Entire Agreement**

This instrument contains the entire Agreement between the parties hereto relating to the rights herein granted and the obligation herein assumed. Any oral representations or modifications concerning this instrument shall be of no force or effect excepting a subsequent modification in writing signed by all the parties hereto.

IN TESTIMONY OF WHICH, THIS AGREEMENT shall be effective upon execution of all parties.

**FORT BEND COUNTY**

**TINDALE-OLIVER &  
ASSOCIATES, INC.**

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KP George, County Judge

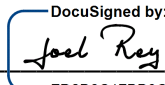
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ATTEST:

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Laura Richard, County Clerk

Reviewed by:

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Perri D'Armond  
Fort Bend County Public Transportation Director

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Authorized Agent- Signature  
Joel R. Rey, P.E., AICP  
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Authorized Agent- Printed Name  
Principal/Vice President  
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Title  
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### AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that funds are available in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to accomplish and pay the obligation of Fort Bend County under this contract.

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Robert Ed Sturdivant, County Auditor

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# **EXHIBIT A**

## **Scope of Work**



## **RFP 21-024 Financial & Transportation Planning Scope of Work**

### **1. Financial Planning.**

- 1.1 Prepare research including but not limited to funding source rules, funding regulations, and policy i.e. MAP 21 vs FAST Act. Research can be conducted using the information available from the FBT department or outside resources.
- 1.2 Recommendations on financing mechanisms from various providers, agencies, corporations, etc. These activities shall include financial applications, documentation, and/or compliance, as well as the development of processes, procedures, and models that can be applied to properly control and manage financing mechanisms and financial assistance activities.
- 1.3 Formulate strategies and assist in qualifying for funding from various resources including but not limited to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Activities will include grant writing, preparation of grant applications, filing applications, follow-through to completion of the award, supporting documentation, project benefits, reporting, research, and consultation regarding the project financing, correspondence, compliance, and issues that may arise. Further activities shall include preparation of pre-award authority documentation, letter of no prejudice, meeting attendance and coordination, public participation, reporting, and assistance with routine grant management and day-to-day financial activities.
- 1.4 Assist with the identification of local match opportunities (transportation development credits, land donation, advanced spending authority, etc.).
- 1.5 A comprehensive evaluation of existing and future services. Work in this broad category may include route planning, service change data, and cost analysis. These in-depth analyses should identify strengths and weaknesses and provide a recommendation for improving the effectiveness and efficiency of our transit operations.

## **2. Transit Planning.**

- 2.1 Activities to include coordination with the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC), amendments to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).
- 2.2 Assist in developing planning scenarios, recommendations for the implementation and continuation of public transportation services. The consultant will research any associated issues related to service implementation and/or continuation with federal and local funding. Other services may include but not be limited to preparation of planning documents and reports, preparation of operating plans, preparation and conduct of related public meetings/hearings, and if required, serve as the County's representative at meetings and/or during negotiations. Associated research, funding scenarios, financing options, service planning, recommendations, coordination among agencies, meeting attendance, etc. will be required.
- 2.3 Short and Long Range Planning. For planning purposes, the short-range plan is to include projects for implementation in the next five (5) years. Placement of projects in the short-range plan will require more detailed data and information than that required for the long-range plan. At a minimum, one review and update will be required; however, reviews of active projects, updates, and/or responses to requests for information concerning programmed projects could occur more often. Evaluate the financial and operational necessity, feasibility, and impact of projects. Activities shall also include but are not limited to:
  - 2.3.1 The update may include service, fleet, facility, maintenance, and staffing required by service growth estimates of existing and projected metropolitan and rural service areas.
  - 2.3.2 Provide related data collection activity and/or data analysis elements needed to provide appropriate resources and backup materials for projects as required by Fort Bend County and/or planning agencies. It may also be required to complete and submit varying forms and documentation to planning agencies.

2.3.3 Assist the Transit Director, County Engineer, County Commissioners, and other stakeholders to identify projects for inclusion in the long-range plan.

2.3.4 Assist with legal and financial issues.

## 2.4 Project Development.

2.4.1 Assist Fort Bend County to initiate and complete efforts to include Transit Oriented Development projects and public/private partnerships as viable options and projects within the County. Provide recruitment assistance, data, and information regarding Fort Bend County activities. Facilitate private sector, Fort Bend County, and local municipal government interface regarding development objectives. Coordinate and interface between local governments, property owners, and interested investors.

2.4.2 Assist Fort Bend County in exploring and developing residential projects within the County that include transportation access and design amenities. Analyze available grant funding programs and assist County staff in the development of project funding frameworks. As required, serve as a liaison between the County, project developers, and funding agencies.

## 2.5 Agreement Development.

2.5.1 Assist with legal and financial issues through the development of data and documentation to support the preparation of local, state, and federal grants related to funding projects.

2.5.2 Assist with the development of solicitations i.e. Request for Proposals (RFP). Provide guidance on procurements to ensure compliance with federal, state, and local requirements and address federal project management requirements.

2.5.3 Revenue Agreements. Assist in the development of policies and procedures applicable to federal, state, and local guidelines and regulations, solicitations, and related activities. Work with County Officials, staff, and contractors with negotiations, as well as act as liaison with vendor representatives. Elements of this task will be requested on an as-needed basis throughout the contract period and will include but not be limited to the following:

2.5.3.1 Concessions

#### 2.5.3.2 Advertising Policy

#### 2.5.4 Sample Work Authorizations may include the following:

##### 2.5.4.1 Short and Long Term Financial Analysis

##### 2.5.4.2 Alternative Alignment and Mode Cost Analysis

##### 2.5.4.3 Transit Mode Planning (fixed route, commuter, ADA, demand response, rail, etc.)

##### 2.5.4.4 Conceptual Cost Estimation (Facilities Planning)

##### 2.5.4.5 Geographic Information System (ArcView)

##### 2.5.4.6 Public Participation Plan

##### 2.5.4.7 Transportation Modeling

##### 2.5.4.8 Traffic Analysis

# **EXHIBIT B**

## **Pricing Sheet**

## Pricing Sheet

<b>FIRM</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Loaded Rate</b> (includes overhead and profit)
<b>Tindale Oliver</b>	Principal	\$256.00
	Project Manager	\$205.47
	Project Planner	\$127.11
	Planner	\$82.00
	Senior Transit Specialist	\$234.55
	Chief Planner	\$175.00

<b>FIRM</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Loaded Rate</b> (includes overhead and profit)
<b>** Halff &amp; Associates</b>	Principal	\$212.71
	Project Manager	\$179.97
	Senior Transit Planner	\$106.97

<b>FIRM</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Loaded Rate</b> (includes overhead and profit)
<b>** Schweiger Consulting</b>	Principal	\$217.40

<b>FIRM</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Loaded Rate</b> (includes overhead and profit)
<b>** Trans4mind</b>	Principal	\$150.02

\*\* Subcontractor

# **EXHIBIT C**


## **Signed Forms**



**COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT**  
**Fort Bend County, Texas**  
**Vendor Information**

Debbie Kaminski, CPPB  
 County Purchasing Agent

Office (281) 341-8640

Legal Company Name (top line of W9)	Tindale-Oliver & Associates, Inc.	
Business Name (if different from legal name)	Tindale Oliver	
Federal ID # or S.S. #	59-2929811	
Type of Business	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation/LLC <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietor/Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Exempt Organization	
Publicly Traded Business	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Ticker Symbol _____	
Remittance Address	1000 N. Ashley Drive, Suite 400	
City/State/Zip	Tampa, FL 33602	
Physical Address	1000 N. Ashley Drive, Suite 400	
City/State/Zip	Tampa, FL 33602	
Phone/Fax Number	Phone: 813-224-8862      Fax: 813-226-2106	
Contact Person	William L. Ball, AICP, Chief Operating Officer	
E-mail	BBall@tindaleoliver.com	
Check all that apply to the company listed above and provide certification number.	DBE-Disadvantaged Business Enterprise _____ Certification # _____ SBE-Small Business Enterprise _____ Certification # _____ HUB -Texas Historically Underutilized Business _____ Certification # _____ WBE-Women's Business Enterprise _____ Certification # _____	
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NAICs codes (Please enter all that apply)	541310, 541330, 541611, 541614, and 54169	
Signature of Authorized Representative		
Printed Name	William L. Ball, AICP	
Title	Chief Operating Officer	
Date	November 25, 2020	

**THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE SOLICITATION RESPONSE.**



**Form W-9**  
(Rev. October 2018)  
Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

## Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

► Go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9) for instructions and the latest information.

Give Form to the  
requester. Do not  
send to the IRS.

Print or type.  
See Specific Instructions on page 3.

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank. Tindale-Oliver & Associates, Inc.	
2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes.  <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ► _____ <b>Note:</b> Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ► _____	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):  Exempt payee code (if any) _____  Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____  (Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)
5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions. 1000 N. Ashley Drive, Suite 400	Requester's name and address (optional)
6 City, state, and ZIP code Tampa, FL 33602	
7 List account number(s) here (optional)	

### Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

**Note:** If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number									
				-					
or									
Employer identification number									
5	9	-	2	9	2	9	8	1	1

### Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign  
Here

Signature of  
U.S. person ►

*Linda J. Tindale*

Date ►

January 1, 2020

### General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

**Future developments.** For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9).

### Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See *What is backup withholding*, later.

Job No.: RFP 21-024**TAX FORM/DEBT/ RESIDENCE CERTIFICATION**  
(for Advertised Projects)Taxpayer Identification Number (T.I.N.): 59-2929811Company Name submitting Bid/Proposal: Tindale-Oliver & Associates, Inc., dba Tindale OliverMailing Address: 1000 N. Ashley Drive, Suite 400, Tampa, FL 33602

Are you registered to do business in the State of Texas?    Yes    No

If you are an individual, list the names and addresses of any partnership of which you are a general partner or any assumed name(s) under which you operate your business  
  
  

- I. **Property:** List all taxable property in Fort Bend County owned by you or above partnerships as well as any d/b/a names. Include real and personal property as well as mineral interest accounts. (Use a second sheet of paper if necessary.)

Fort Bend County Tax Acct. No.\*Property address or location\*\*  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  

\* This is the property account identification number assigned by the Fort Bend County Appraisal District.

\*\* For real property, specify the property address or legal description. For business personal property, specify the address where the property is located. For example, office equipment will normally be at your office, but inventory may be stored at a warehouse or other location.

- II. **Fort Bend County Debt** - Do you owe any debts to Fort Bend County (taxes on properties listed in I above, tickets, fines, tolls, court judgments, etc.)?

Yes    No ☒    If yes, attach a separate page explaining the debt.

- III. **Residence Certification** - Pursuant to Texas Government Code §2252.001 *et seq.*, as amended, Fort Bend County requests Residence Certification. §2252.001 *et seq.* of the Government Code provides some restrictions on the awarding of governmental contracts; pertinent provisions of §2252.001 are stated below:

(3) "Nonresident bidder" refers to a person who is not a resident.

(4) "Resident bidder" refers to a person whose principal place of business is in this state, including a contractor whose ultimate parent company or majority owner has its principal place of business in this state.

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is a Resident Bidder of Texas as defined in Government Code §2252.001.  
[Company Name]

Tindale-Oliver & Associates, Inc.,

I certify that dba Tindale Oliver is a Nonresident Bidder as defined in Government Code §2252.001 and our principal place of business is \_\_\_\_\_  
[Company Name]

Tampa, Florida  
[City and State]



Attachment A.

**CERTIFICATION  
OF  
RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING**  
(Required for contracts over \$100,000.)

I, William L. Ball, AICP, Chief Operating Officer, hereby certify on behalf of  
(Name) (Title)  
the Tindale-Oliver & Associates, Inc., dba Tindale Oliver, that:  
(Company Name)

- (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 any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress, regarding the award of Federal assistance, or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal assistance agreement, 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 influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with any application for Federal assistance, federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL: "Disclosure of Form to Report Lobbying," including information required by the instructions accompanying the form, which form may be amended to omit such information as authorized by 49 CFR Part 20.110.
- (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 undersigned understands that this certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed and that submission of this certification is a prerequisite for providing Federal assistance for a transaction covered by 49 CFR Part 20.110. 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.

Executed this 25 day of November, 2020.

Signed:



Printed Name:

William L. Ball, AICP, Chief Operating Officer

Company Name:

Tindale-Oliver & Associates, Inc., dba Tindale Oliver

## Attachment B.

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING GOVERNMENT-WIDE DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION**

This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 49 CFR Part 29. As such, the Bidder/Offeror 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 Bidder/Offeror is required to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C and must include the requirement to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

By signing and submitting its bid or proposal, the bidder or proposer certifies as follows:

The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by Fort Bend County. If it is later determined that the bidder or proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to Fort Bend County, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 49 CFR 29, Subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

DATE November 25, 2020

SIGNATURE William L. Ball

COMPANY Tindale-Oliver & Associates, Inc., dba Tindale Oliver

NAME William L. Ball, AICP

TITLE Chief Operating Officer

Attachment C.

Approved by OMB  
0348-0046**Disclosure of Lobbying Activities**Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352  
(See following page for public burden disclosure)

<b>1. Type of Federal Action:</b> a. contract _____ b. grant c. cooperative agreement d. loan e. loan guarantee f. loan insurance	<b>2. Status of Federal Action:</b> a. bid/offer/application _____ b. initial award c. post-award	<b>3. Report Type:</b> a. initial filing _____ b. material change  <b>For material change only:</b> Year _____ quarter _____ Date of last report _____
<b>4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity:</b> _____ Prime _____ Subawardee Tier _____, if Known:  Congressional District, if known:	<b>5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is Subawardee,</b> Enter Name and Address of Prime:  Congressional District, if known:	
<b>6. Federal Department/Agency:</b>	<b>7. Federal Program Name/Description:</b>  CFDA Number, if applicable: _____	
<b>8. Federal Action Number, if known:</b>	<b>9. Award Amount, if known:</b> \$	
<b>10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant</b> <i>(if individual, last name, first name, MI):</i>	<b>b. Individuals Performing Services</b> <i>(including address if different from No. 10a)</i> <i>(last name, first name, MI):</i>	
<b>11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.</b>	<b>Signature:</b> <u>William L. Ball</u> <b>Print Name:</b> William L. Ball, AICP <b>Title:</b> Chief Operating Officer <b>Telephone No.:</b> (813) 224-8862 <b>Date:</b> November 25, 2020	
<b>Federal Use Only</b>	<b>Authorized for Local Reproduction</b> <b>Standard Form - LLL (Rev. 7-97)</b>	



## Attachment E.



## Consolidated Certification Form

Form PTN-130  
(Rev. 4/19)  
Page 1 of 9**I. GENERAL:**

The undersigned vendor certifies to abide by these clauses and include the following clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds. Vendors are certifying by reference the entire list of FTA's current fiscal year Certifications and Assurances (for fiscal year: **2020** ), and shall download the same at: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grantee-resources/certifications-and-assurances/certifications-assurances>

**A. Access to Third Party Contract Records (ALL)**

As required by 49 U.S.C. § 5325(g). The VENDOR agrees provide sufficient access to records as needed to assure proper project management and compliance with Federal laws and regulations.

**B. Interest of Members of or Delegates to Congress (ALL)**

The vendor certifies that no member of or delegate to the Congress of the United States (US) shall be admitted to any share or part of this contract or to any benefit arising therefrom.

**C. Prohibited Interest (ALL)**

The vendor certifies that no member, officer or employee of the Public Body or of a local public body during his or her tenure or one year thereafter shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in this contract or the proceeds thereof.

**D. Cargo Preference - Use of United States-Flag Vessels (property transported on ocean vessels)**

The vendor agrees: a. to use privately owned US -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 US-Flag commercial vessels; b. to furnish within 20 working days following the date of loading for shipments originating within the US or within 30 working days following the date of loading for shipments originating outside the US, a legible copy of a rated, "on-board" commercial ocean bill-of-lading in English for each shipment of cargo to the Division of National Cargo, Office of Market Development, Maritime Administration, Washington, DC 20590 and to the FTA recipient (through the contractor in the case of a subcontractor's bill-of-lading).

**E. Energy Conservation (ALL)**

The vendor 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.

**F. No Obligation by the Federal Government. (ALL)**

The Purchaser and vendor 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).

**G. Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts (ALL)**

The vendor 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. The vendor certifies truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it makes pertaining to the FTA-assisted project. The vendor 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 as deemed appropriate. The vendor acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious or fraudulent claim, statement submission, or certification to the Federal Government relating to the FTA-assisted project, per 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, as deemed appropriate.

**H. Contract Work Hours (all over 100K)**

(1) **Overtime requirements** - No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.

(2) **Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages** - In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section, the contractor & any subcontractor responsible therefore shall be liable for unpaid wages and shall be liable to the United States for liquidated damages which shall be computed for each individual laborer, mechanic, watchman or guard employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day that an individual was required / permitted to work over 40 hours in a workweek without payment of overtime wages required by the clause in paragraph (1) of this section.

(3) **Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages** - The purchaser shall upon its own action or upon written request of the Department of Labor (DOL) withhold or cause to be withheld, from any money payable for work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any contract or 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 to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as set-forth in paragraph (2) of this section.

(4) **Subcontracts** - The contractor or subcontractor shall include the clauses set forth in this section and require the same from 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 these clauses.

(5) **Payrolls and basic records** - Payrolls and related basic records shall be maintained by the contractor during the course of the work and preserved for three years thereafter for all laborers and mechanics working at the work site (or under the United States Housing Act of 1937 or the Housing Act of 1949, in the construction or development of the project). Such records shall contain the name, address and social security number of each worker, his or her correct classification, hourly rates of wages paid (including rates of contributions or costs anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits or cash equivalents thereof of the types described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act), daily and weekly number of hours worked, deductions made and actual wages paid. Whenever the Secretary of Labor has found under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(iv) that the wages of any laborer or mechanic include the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing benefits under a plan or program described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act, the contractor shall maintain records showing that the commitment to provide such benefits is enforceable, that the plan or program is financially responsible, that the plan or program has been communicated in writing to the laborers or mechanics affected, and records of the costs anticipated or actual costs incurred in providing such benefits. Contractors employing apprentices or trainees under approved programs shall maintain written evidence of registration of apprenticeship programs, certification of trainee programs, registration of the apprentices and trainees, and ratios & wage rates prescribed in applicable programs.

#### **I. Civil Rights (over 10K)**

(1) **Nondiscrimination** - In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act (CRA), 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 vendor 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 vendor 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:

(a) **Race, Color, Creed, National Origin, Sex** - In accordance with Title VI of the CRA, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §2000e, and Federal transit laws at 49 U.S.C. §5332, the vendor agrees to comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements of U.S. DOL regulations, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, DOL," 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 vendor agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed & treated during employment without regard to their race, color, creed, national origin, sex or age. Action shall include but not be limited to employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment, layoff, termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The vendor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

(b) **Age** - In accordance with section 4 of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 (29 U.S.C. §§623 and 49 U.S.C. §5332), the vendor agrees to refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for reason of age. and comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

(c) **Disabilities** - In accordance with section 102 of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. §12112), the contractor agrees to 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. and to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

**J. Incorporation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Terms (ALL)**

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

**K. Application of Federal, State, & Local Laws, Regulations, & Directives (Federal Changes) (ALL)**

The VENDOR agrees that Federal laws and regulations control project award and implementation. The VENDOR understands and agrees that unless the recipient requests FTA approval in writing, the VENDOR may incur a violation of Federal laws or regulations or this agreement if it implements an alternative procedure or course of action not approved by FTA. The VENDOR understands and agrees that Federal laws, regulations, and directives applicable on the date on which Federal assistance is awarded may be modified from time to time. In particular, new Federal laws, regulations, and directives may become effective after the date the project agreement is effective, and might apply to that project agreement. The VENDOR agrees that the most recent versions of such Federal laws, regulations, and directives will apply to the administration of the project at any particular time.

**L. Right of the State Government to Terminate (ALL)**

Upon written notice, the VENDOR agrees that the State Government may suspend or terminate all or any part of State assistance if terms of the project agreement are violated, if the State Government determines that the purposes of the laws authorizing the Project would not be adequately served by the continuation of State assistance for the Project, if reasonable progress on the Project is not made, if there is a violation of the project agreement that endangers substantial performance of the Project, or if the State Government determines that State assistance has been willfully misused by failing to make appropriate use of Project property. Termination of State assistance for the Project will not typically invalidate obligations properly incurred before the termination date to the extent those obligations cannot be canceled. The State Government reserves the right to require the refund of the entire amount of State assistance provided for the Project or a lesser amount.

**M. Disputes, Breaches, Defaults, or Other Litigation (over 150K)**

The VENDOR agrees that FTA has a vested interest in the settlement of any dispute, breach, default, or litigation involving the Project. Accordingly:

**a. Notification to FTA.** The VENDOR is aware that recipients of Federal assistance must notify FTA in writing of any current or prospective major dispute, breach, default, or litigation that may affect the Federal Government's interests in the Project or the administration or enforcement of Federal laws or regulations. If the Federal Government is to be named as a party to litigation for any reason, in any forum, the appropriate FTA Regional Counsel is to be notified in writing before doing so.

**b. Federal Interest in Recovery.** The VENDOR is aware that the Federal Government retains the right to a proportionate share, based on the percentage of the Federal share awarded for the Project, of proceeds derived from any third party recovery.

**c. Enforcement.** The VENDOR agrees to pursue its legal rights and remedies available under any third party contract or available under law or regulations.

**d. FTA Concurrence.** The VENDOR is aware that FTA reserves the right to concur in any compromise or settlement of any claim involving the Project.

**e. Alternative Dispute Resolution.** The VENDOR is aware that FTA encourages the use of alternative dispute resolution procedures, as may be appropriate.

**f. Agency Process.**

Transit agency enters dispute resolution process here.



**N. Fly America (foreign air transport or travel)**

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 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.

**O. Recycled Products (all products)**

The contractor agrees to comply with all the requirements of Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 6962), including but not limited to the 40 CFR Part 247, and Executive Order 12873, as they apply to the procurement of the items designated in Subpart B of 40 CFR 247.

**P. Access for Individuals with Disabilities (ALL)**

The VENDOR agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. § 5301(d), which states the Federal policy that elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities have the same right as other individuals to use public transportation services and facilities, and that special efforts shall be made in planning and designing those services and facilities to implement transportation accessibility rights for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities. The VENDOR also agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, with 29 U.S.C. § 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability; with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 *et seq.*, which requires that accessible facilities and services be made available to individuals with disabilities; and with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4151 *et seq.*, which requires that buildings and public accommodations be accessible to individuals with disabilities; and with other laws and amendments thereto pertaining to access for individuals with disabilities that may be applicable. In addition, the VENDOR agrees to comply with applicable implementing Federal regulations any later amendments thereto, and agrees to follow applicable Federal directives except to the extent FTA approves otherwise in writing. Among those regulations and directives are: (1) U.S. DOT regulations, "Transportation Services for Individuals with Disabilities (ADA)," 49 C.F.R. Part 37; (2) 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; (3) Joint U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (U.S. ATBCB)/U.S. DOT regulations, "Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Accessibility Specifications for Transportation Vehicles," 36 C.F.R. Part 1192 and 49 C.F.R. Part 38; (4) U.S. DOJ regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services," 28 C.F.R. Part 35; (5) U.S. DOJ regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability by Public Accommodations and in Commercial Facilities," 28 C.F.R. Part 36; (6) U.S. General Services Administration (U.S. GSA) regulations, "Accommodations for the Physically Handicapped," 41 C.F.R. Subpart 101-19; (7) U.S. EEOC, "Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act," 29 C.F.R. Part 1630; (8) U.S. Federal Communications Commission regulations, "Telecommunications Relay Services and Related Customer Premises Equipment for the Hearing and Speech Disabled," 47 C.F.R. Part 64, Subpart F; (9) U.S. ATBCB regulations, "Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility Standards," 36 C.F.R. Part 1194; (10) FTA regulations, "Transportation for Elderly and Handicapped Persons," 49 C.F.R. Part 609; and (11) Federal civil rights and nondiscrimination directives implementing the foregoing Federal laws and regulations, except to the extent the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing.

**Q. Debarment and Suspension (over 25K)**

The vendor hereby certifies that it and its principals have not presently or within a three year period been debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal agency; and the vendor hereby certifies that it and its principals have not presently or within a three-year period been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for the commission of a fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain or performing a public (Federal, state or local) transaction; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements or receiving stolen property.

**R. Clean Water & Air (over 150K)**

The vendor 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 vendor 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 vendor 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 the FTA and the EPA.

**S. Non-Lobbying (over 150K)**

The undersigned certifies to the best of his or her 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 any officer or employee of an agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee 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 influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit standard form LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions.

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.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, USC. 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.

**T. Lobbying and Disclosure Certification**

Name of Company Tindale-Oliver & Associates, Inc., dba Tindale Oliver	Printed Name of Person Completing Form William L. Ball, AICP, Chief Operating Officer
Date November 25, 2020	Signature 



**U. CERTIFICATION TO PURCHASER:**

- A. The undersigned vendor certifies that the manufactured good(s) furnished will meet or exceed the specifications, and/or that services rendered will comply with the terms of the solicitation or contract.
- B. The undersigned vendor certifies that it has read all of the bid, proposal, or contract documents and agrees to abide by the terms, certifications, and conditions thereof.

Name of Company Tindale-Oliver & Associates, Inc., dba Tindale Oliver	Address 1000 N. Ashley Drive, Suite 400, Tampa, FL 33602
	Printed Name of Person Completing Form William L. Ball, AICP, Chief Operating Officer
Telephone (813) 224-8862	Signature <i>William L. Ball</i>
Date November 25, 2020	SS# or Tax ID # 59-2929811
Description of Commodity or Service Construction or Architectural & Engineering Projects; Transit Operations or Management Projects and Intelligent Transportation System or Research & Development	
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Information	Type of Organization (circle)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship <input type="checkbox"/> General Proprietorship
Is your firm a DBE? <input type="checkbox"/> (yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (no)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Partnership
If yes, what type?	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited Proprietorship

**V. Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Certification (Transit Vehicle Manufacturer or TVM)**

The vendor will provide products compliant with 49 CFR 26.49 regarding the vehicle manufacturer's overall DBE goal.

Name of manufacturer of vehicle(s) to be delivered: Not Applicable

**W. Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) Race-Neutral Required Clauses (Non-TVM):**

The DBE rules set forth in 49 CFR Part 26 apply to all contracts funded in whole or in part with Federal DOT funds. Contracts and subcontracts must contain the clauses listed in 49 CFR 26.13 and 49 CFR 26.29. Sub-recipients with contracts that contain a DBE goal must coordinate with their PTC in order to ensure solicitations and contracts comply with DBE requirements.

**49 CFR 26.13 -- What assurances must recipients and contractors make?**

Each contract you sign with a contractor (and each subcontract the prime contractor signs with a subcontractor) must include the following assurance:

The contractor, sub recipient 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 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 CFR 26.29 -- What Prompt Payment Mechanisms Must Recipients Have?**

Grantees must establish a contract clause requiring prime contractors to pay subcontractors for satisfactory performance no later than 30 days from receipt of each payment the grantee makes to the prime contractor. This clause must require the prompt return of retainage payments from the prime contractor to the subcontractor within 30 days after the subcontractor's work is satisfactorily completed. For more information on these please review 49 CFR 26.29 and the FTA Best Practice Procurement Manual.

X. Altoona Test Certification (for rolling stock purchases) (Check one of the following): **Not Applicable**

- ☐ The vehicle has been Altoona tested, report number: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ The vehicle is exempt from testing IAW 49 CFR 665.
- ☐ The vehicle is currently being tested at Altoona.

Funds will not be released until the purchasing agency gets a copy of the Altoona test report, as appropriate, per 49 CFR 665.

Y. **Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) Certification (for rolling stock purchases)**

Any vehicles provided by the vendor will comply with all applicable FMVSS. The vendor shall submit 1) manufacturer's FMVSS self-certification sticker information that the vehicle complies with relevant FMVSS or 2) manufacturer's certified statement that the contracted buses will not be subject to FMVSS regulations.

FMVSS Certification **Not Applicable**

Name of Company	Printed Name of Person Completing Form
Date	Signature

Z. Buy America (Check where applicable): (over \$150K rolling stock, construction, materials)

- ☐ The vendor or offeror hereby certifies it will comply with the requirements of 49 USC 5323(j) and the applicable regulations in 49 CFR 661, providing Buy America compliant manufactured goods or rolling stock.
- ☐ The vendor or offeror cannot comply with the requirements 49 USC 5323(j), but may qualify for an exception to the requirement pursuant to the regulations in 49 CFR 661.

Buy America Certification **Not Applicable**

Name of Company	Printed Name of Person Completing Form
Date	Signature

II. **SPECIAL PROJECT TYPE PROVISIONS - the following addenda are attached and endorsed as appropriate:**

- A. Construction or Architectural & Engineering Projects ☐
- B. Transit Operations or Management Projects ☐
- C. Intelligent Transportation System or Research & Development ☒



## Consolidated Certification Form Addendum C - Planning, Research & Development, or ITS Projects

### A. Rights in Data -

The following requirements apply to each contract involving experimental, developmental or research work:

(1) The term "subject data" used in this clause means recorded information, whether or not copyrighted, that is delivered or specified to be delivered under the contract. The term includes graphic or pictorial delineation in media such as drawings or photographs; text in specifications or related performance or design-type documents; machine forms such as punched cards, magnetic tape, or computer memory printouts; and information retained in computer memory. Examples include, but are not limited to: computer software, engineering drawings and associated lists, specifications, standards, process sheets, manuals, technical reports, catalog item identifications, and related information. The term "subject data" does not include financial reports, cost analyses, and similar information incidental to contract administration.

(2) The following restrictions apply to all subject data first produced in the performance of the contract to which this Attachment has been added:

(a) Except for its own internal use, the Purchaser or Contractor may not publish or reproduce subject data in whole or in part, or in any manner or form, nor may the Purchaser or Contractor authorize others to do so, without the written consent of the Federal Government, until such time as the Federal Government 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.

(b) In accordance with 49 C.F.R. §18.34 and 49 C.F.R. §19.36, 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 in subsections (2)(b)1 and (2)(b)2 of this clause below. As used in the previous sentence, "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. 1. Any subject data developed under that contract, whether or not a copyright has been obtained; and 2. Any rights of copyright purchased by the Purchaser or Contractor using Federal assistance in whole or in part provided by FTA.

(c) When FTA awards Federal assistance for experimental, developmental, or research work, it is FTA's general intention to increase transportation knowledge available to the public, rather than to restrict the benefits resulting from the work to participants in that work. Therefore, unless FTA determines otherwise, the Purchaser and the Contractor performing experimental, developmental, or research work required by the underlying contract to which this Attachment is added 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 that 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 the underlying contract, is not completed for any reason whatsoever, all data developed under that contract shall become subject data as defined in subsection (a) of this clause and shall be delivered as the Federal Government may direct. This subsection (c), however, does not apply to adaptations of automatic data processing equipment or programs for the Purchaser or Contractor's use whose costs are financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA for transportation capital projects.

(d) Unless prohibited by state law, upon request by the Federal Government, the Purchaser and the Contractor agree 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 Purchaser or 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. Neither the Purchaser nor 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.

(e) 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.

(f) Data developed by the Purchaser or Contractor and financed entirely without using Federal assistance provided by the Federal Government that has been incorporated into work required by the underlying contract to which this Attachment has been added is exempt from the requirements of subsections (b), (c), and (d) of this clause, provided that the Purchaser or Contractor identifies that data in writing at the time of delivery of the contract work.



(g) Unless FTA determines otherwise, 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 provided by FTA.

(3) Unless the Federal Government later makes a contrary determination in writing, irrespective of the Contractor's status (i.e., a large business, small business, state government or state instrumentality, local government, nonprofit organization, institution of higher education, individual, etc.), the Purchaser and the Contractor agree to take the necessary actions to provide, through FTA, those rights in that invention due the Federal Government as described in U.S. Department of Commerce regulations, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," 37 C.F.R. Part 401.

(4) The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract for experimental, developmental, or research work financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

#### **B. Patent Rights -**

The following requirements apply to each contract involving experimental, developmental, or research work:

(1) General - If any invention, improvement, or discovery is conceived or first actually reduced to practice in the course of or under the contract to which this Attachment has been added, and that invention, improvement, or discovery is patentable under the laws of the United States of America or any foreign country, the Purchaser and Contractor agree to take actions necessary to provide immediate notice and a detailed report to the party at a higher tier until FTA is ultimately notified.


(2) Unless the Federal Government later makes a contrary determination in writing, irrespective of the Contractor's status (a large business, small business, state government or state instrumentality, local government, nonprofit organization, institution of higher education, individual), the Purchaser and the Contractor agree to take the necessary actions to provide, through FTA, those rights in that invention due the Federal Government as described in U.S. Department of Commerce regulations, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," 37 C.F.R. Part 401.

(3) The Contractor also agrees to include the requirements of this clause in each subcontract for experimental, developmental, or research work financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

#### **C. National Intelligent Transportation Systems Architecture and Standards -**

To the extent applicable, the Recipient agrees to conform to the National Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture and Standards as required by SAFETEA-LU §5307(c), 23 U.S.C. §512 note, and follow the provisions of FTA Notice, "FTA National ITS Architecture Policy on Transit Projects," 66 Fed. Reg. 1455 et seq., January 8, 2001, and any other implementing directives FTA may issue at a later date, except to the extent FTA determines otherwise in writing.

#### Planning, Research & Development, ITS Project Certification

Name of Company Tindale-Oliver & Associates, Inc., dba Tindale Oliver	Printed Name of Person Completing Form William L. Ball, AICP, Chief Operating Officer
Date November 25, 2020	Signature 

# **EXHIBIT D**

# Fort Bend County Travel Policy

Approved in Commissioners' Court on November 3, 2009

Effective November 4, 2009

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The Commissioners' Court allocates funds annually for the payment of travel expenditures for county employees and officials within the individual departmental budgets. Travel expenditures paid from these budgets must serve a public purpose for Fort Bend County. These expenditures may be paid directly to the vendor or provided as a reimbursement to the employee/official upon completion of their travel. Advance payments to vendors may be accommodated by issuance of a check or use of a County procurement card. Eligible expenditure categories under this policy include: Lodging, meals, transportation, registration fees, and other fees (with justification). Each category is further defined below.

## CONTRACT RATES:

Fort Bend County is a 'Cooperative Purchasing Participating Entity' with the State of Texas. This program is also known as TPASS (Texas Procurement and Support Services) State Travel Management Program (STMP). This gives County employees and officials access to the contract rates negotiated by the State for hotels and rental cars. Procurement procedures for these contract services are explained within the categories below.

## OUT OF STATE TRAVEL:

**Authorization:** The traveler must obtain Commissioners' Court approval for out-of-state travel before departure. The duration must include travel days along with the event scheduled days. To prevent delays in processing travel reimbursement, ensure that the travel duration is accurately defined when submitting the agenda request.

**Documentation:** The traveler must provide an excerpt from the Commissioners' Court minutes (<http://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/index.aspx?page=55>) with the travel reimbursement form.

## LODGING (In and Out of State):

### Hotel:

Hotel reimbursements are limited to the Federal Travel Regulations set forth by US General Services Administration (GSA) by location not including taxes. The rates are set annually and vary by month and location. The maximum rates for lodging per day can be found at:

[http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/104877?utm\\_source=OGP&utm\\_medium=print-radio&utm\\_term=perdiem&utm\\_campaign=shortcuts](http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/104877?utm_source=OGP&utm_medium=print-radio&utm_term=perdiem&utm_campaign=shortcuts) based on travelers destination.

Fort Bend County is a 'Cooperative Purchasing Participating Entity' with the State of Texas. This gives County employees and officials access to the contract rates negotiated by the State for hotels. Participating hotels can be found at: [https://portal.cpa.state.tx.us/hotel/hotel\\_directory/index.cfm](https://portal.cpa.state.tx.us/hotel/hotel_directory/index.cfm) (be sure to check the correct fiscal year).



**Traveler must verify confirmed rate matches the negotiated contract rates found on the State's website listed above and does not exceed the GSA daily allowance.**

If the organizer of a conference/seminar has negotiated discount rates with a hotel(s), the traveler may choose these lodging services without penalty but the traveler must reserve the room at the group rate and provide documentation of the group rate with reimbursement request.

The traveler will be responsible for the excess charge over the GSA per diem rate for the city/county even if using the State rate. The Auditor's Office will deduct from the travelers' reimbursement any excess charges over the GSA per diem rate. Travel websites including but not limited to Expedia and Travelocity should not be used to book lodging.

**Travel Days:** If the traveler must leave before 7:00AM to arrive at the start of the event and/or return to the County after 6:00PM after the event concludes, an additional night's lodging is allowable before and/or after the event.

**Additional fees allowable:** Self-parking

**Additional fees allowable with justification:** Valet parking is allowable if an extreme hardship exists due to physical disability of the traveler or if no self-parking is available.

**Fees not allowable:** Internet, phone charges, laundry, safe fees

**Gratuities:** Gratuities are not reimbursable for any lodging services.

**Overpayments by County:** Any lodging overpayment by the County must be reimbursed by the hotel before processing a reimbursement to the traveler for any of the categories addressed in this policy. Prepaid lodging services should be accurately calculated or underestimated by excluding the taxes to prevent delays in processing travel reimbursements.

**Procurement Card:** The traveler may use the procurement card to make lodging reservations. Contact Purchasing to arrange or use the procurement card assigned to the department or traveler.

**Documentation:** **A final settled hotel bill with a zero balance from the front desk is required even if lodging is paid by the procurement card. The hotel bill left under the door is not acceptable.** The hotel bill should be scrutinized before traveler departs to make sure all charges are valid and notify hotel of any invalid charges and resolve issues before departing. Make sure all parking has been added to your bill and all personal incidentals have been paid by traveler. Any invalid charges will be the responsibility of the traveler. A copy of the itemized hotel statement must be submitted with the travel reimbursement claim if the traveler used a County procurement card to purchase lodging services or prepaid by County check. Event agenda/documentation or a letter from the traveler describing the event/meeting is required. If utilizing conference negotiated hotel rates, documentation of rates is required.

**Changes/Modifications to Reservation** – Any modifications including cancellation of reservation, the traveler must obtain a confirmation number and note the name of the person they spoke with in case the hotel charges the traveler. If the traveler does not obtain a confirmation number then any expenses incurred will be the responsibility of the traveler. Expenses resulting from changes or modifications to travel reservations will be paid by the County if the traveler produces documentation that a family emergency exists.

**County Exemption Status** – Fort Bend County Employees traveling on County Business are not exempt from State and local hotel taxes, state taxes, etc. with the exception of District Judges and the District Attorney.

**MEALS:**

**Texas:** Meals including gratuities will be reimbursed to the traveler at a flat rate of \$36/day. The travelers per diem on the departure day and final day of travel will be at 75% of the per diem which is \$27/day.

**Out-of-state:** Meals including gratuities will be reimbursed to the traveler at a flat rate of \$48/day. The travelers per diem on the departure day and final day of travel will be at 75% of the per diem which is \$36/day.

**Late Night Arrival** – If a traveler arrives in Fort Bend County between midnight and 6am the traveler will receive a full day per diem for the previous day.

**Day trips:** Meals will not be reimbursed for trips that do not require an overnight stay.

**Procurement Card:** No meal purchases are allowed on any County procurement card.

**Documentation:** No meal receipts are required for reimbursement. Event agenda/documentation or a letter from the traveler describing the event/meeting is required.

**TRANSPORTATION:**

**Personal Vehicle:** Use of personal vehicle will be reimbursed at the current rate/mile set by Commissioners' Court. Mileage should be calculated using the County office location of the traveler and the event location. Mileage may not be calculated using the traveler's home. Mileage should be calculated using an employee's vehicle odometer reading or by a readily available online mapping service for travel out of Fort Bend County. If using the mileage of an online mapping service, state which mapping service was used or provide a printout of your route detailing the mileage. For local travel, odometer readings or mapping service details are not required. Departments should develop a mileage guide for employees for local travel points, if a department does not have a mileage guide, the Auditor's Office will determine if the mileage listed is reasonable.

**Allowable expenses:** Parking and tolls with documentation.

**County Vehicle:** Fuel purchases when using a County vehicle should be made with the County Procurement card if available. Original receipts will accompany the Procurement Card statement but a copy must be provided with the travel reimbursement request.

**Allowable expenses:** Parking and tolls with documentation required.

**Airfare:** Airfare is reimbursable at the lowest available rate based on 14 day advance purchase of a discounted coach/economy full-service seat based on the required arrival time for the event. The payment confirmation and itinerary must be presented with the travel reimbursement form. The traveler will be responsible for the excess charges of an airline ticket purchase other than a coach/economy seat. When using Southwest Airlines a traveler should choose the "wanna get away" flight category.

**Allowable Expenses:** Bag fees. Fare changes are allowable if business related or due to family emergency.

**Unallowable Expenses/Fees:** Trip insurance, Early Bird Check In, Front of the line, Leg Room, Fare changes for personal reasons.

**Rental Car:** Rental cars are limited to the negotiated TPASS rates listed at: <http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/stmp/stmp-rental-car-contract/vendor-comparison/>. The contact information for Avis is listed here: <http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/stmp/stmp-rental-car-contract/Avis/>. The contact information for Enterprise is listed here: <http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/stmp/stmp-rental-car-contract/Enterprise/>. When making a reservation traveler should provide the County's

██████████ The traveler will not be reimbursed for any amount over the negotiated contract rates if a non-contract company is used at a higher rate. The traveler should

select a vehicle size comparable to the number of County travelers. The traveler may use a non-contract vendor at an overall rate lower than the contract rates with no penalty. The original contract/receipt must be presented with the travel reimbursement form or a copy if a County procurement card is used. . The traveler will be responsible for any excess charges not included in the TPASS rates or for choosing a vehicle size not comparable with the number of travelers on the trip. Insurance is included in the negotiated TPASS rates, if a traveler chooses to take out additional insurance the cost is on the traveler.

**Enterprise:**

● [REDACTED]  
 ● [REDACTED]  
 ● [REDACTED]

**Avis:**

● [REDACTED]  
 ● [REDACTED]

**Unallowable Fees/Charges:** GPS, prepaid fuel, premium radio, child safety seats, additional insurance, one way rentals.

**Allowable expenses:** Parking and tolls allowed with documentation.

**Other Transportation:** Other forms of transit (bus, taxi, train) are reimbursable with an original receipt.

**Gratuities:** Gratuities are permitted if original receipt includes gratuity (20% maximum allowed) for any transportation services.

**Procurement Card:** The traveler may use a County procurement card to make transportation reservations for air travel and rental car services. Contact Purchasing to arrange or use the procurement card assigned to the department or traveler.

**Documentation:** Original receipts are required for all transportation reimbursements paid by the traveler. Transportation services obtained with a County procurement card require a copy of the receipt. Additional requirements are noted within each category above. Event agenda/documentation or a letter from the traveler describing the event/meeting is required.

**REGISTRATION:**

**Registration fees:** Registration fees are reimbursable for events that serve a Fort Bend County purpose. Registration fees for golf tournaments, tours, guest fees and other recreational events are not reimbursable.

**Procurement Card:** The traveler may use a County procurement card to register for an event. Contact Purchasing to arrange or use the procurement card assigned to the department or traveler.

**Documentation:** An original receipt must be obtained upon registration and submitted with the reimbursement request if paid by the traveler. A copy of the receipt must be provided if registration is paid on a County procurement card. Event agenda/documentation or a letter from the traveler describing the event/meeting is required.

**GRANTS:**

Travel expenditures from Federal and State grants must also conform to the granting agency's funding requirements.

**TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT FORM:**

The traveler must use the current travel reimbursement form (<http://econnect/index.aspx?page=55>) for all travel related services addressed in this policy. No other expenditures may be submitted for reimbursement on the travel reimbursement form. After completing all required information, the travel form must be signed/dated by the traveler and the department head/elected official. Travel reimbursement request should be submitted within 30 days from when traveler returns from trip. Mileage reimbursement request should be submitted no less frequently than quarterly. Mileage reimbursement request for the fourth quarter should be submitted no later than October 30th for yearend processing.

**EXCLUSIONS:**

If the traveler has custody of a person pursuant to statute or court order or if the traveler is required by court or legal entity to appear at a particular time and place the traveler will not be penalized for accommodations that require a 14 day advance purchase ticket if travel is required with less than 14 days' notice.

If the traveler has custody of a person pursuant to statute to court order the traveler will not be held to the 75% per diem on the departure and final day of travel.