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Date: 11/23/2010

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Public Transportation

Submitted For:

Paulette Shelton

Submitted By:

Dalia Sister, Public
Transportation

Department:

Public Transportation

Type of Item:

Consent

**Renewal Agreement/
Appointment:**

No

Reviewed by County

Yes

Attorney's Office:

Multiple Originals

Y/N?:

Information

SUMMARY OF ITEM

Authorize County Judge to sign and the Transportation Director to electronically submit on behalf of Fort Bend County the FY11 Federal Certifications and Assurances for Federal Transit Administration Assistance Programs as required by the Federal Transit Administration.

SPECIAL HANDLING

Attachments

Link: CC-11-23-10 FTA FY11_CertsAssurances.pdf

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Information Programs and Services (address above).

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:
(See above).

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

The information is compiled directly from the individual and from Department automated sources.

SYSTEMS EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 7220]

Waiver of Restriction on Assistance to the Government of Saudi Arabia

Pursuant to Section 7041 of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2010 (Division F, Pub. L. 111-117) ("the Act"), I hereby determine that it is in the national interest of the United States to waive Section 7041 of the Act, and hereby waive this restriction.

This determination shall be reported to the Congress, and published in the *Federal Register*.

Dated: February 22, 2010.

Hillary Rodham Clinton,
Secretary of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Federal Fiscal Year 2011 Annual List of Certifications and Assurances for Federal Transit Administration Grants and Cooperative Agreements

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5323(n), FTA is authorized to consolidate the certifications and assurances required by Federal law or regulations for its programs into a single document. FTA is also required by 49 U.S.C. 5323(n) to publish a list of those certifications and assurances annually.

Appendix A of this Notice contains the comprehensive compilation of FTA's Certifications and Assurances applicable to the various Federal assistance programs that FTA will

administer during Federal FY 2011. FTA's Certifications and Assurances for Federal FY 2011 reflect Federal statutory, regulatory, and programmatic changes that have now become effective.

DATES: *Effective Date:* These FTA Certifications and Assurances are effective on October 1, 2010, the first day of Federal FY 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: FTA staff in the appropriate FTA Regional Office or FTA Metropolitan Office listed herein. For copies of other related documents and information, see the FTA Web site at <http://www.fta.dot.gov> or contact FTA's Office of Administration at 202-366-4022.

Region 1: Boston

States served: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Telephone # 617-494-2055.

Region 2: New York

States served: New York and New Jersey. Telephone # 212-668-2170.

Region 3: Philadelphia

States served: Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. Telephone # 215-656-7100.

Region 4: Atlanta

States served: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Territories served: Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Telephone # 404-865-5600.

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States served: Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. Telephone # 206-220-7954.

Chicago Metropolitan Office

Area served: Chicago Metropolitan Area. Telephone # 312-886-1616.

Los Angeles Metropolitan Office

Area served: Los Angeles Metropolitan Area. Telephone # 213-202-3950.

Lower Manhattan Recovery Office

Area served: Lower Manhattan. Telephone # 212-668-1770.

New York Metropolitan Office

Area served: New York Metropolitan Area. Telephone # 212-668-2201.

Philadelphia Metropolitan Office

Area served: Philadelphia Metropolitan Area. Telephone # 215-656-7070.

Washington DC Metropolitan Office

Area served: Washington DC Metropolitan Area. Telephone # 202-219-3562/219-3565.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Purposes

- The purposes of this Notice are to:
- Publish FTA's Federal FY 2011 Certifications and Assurances for Applicants for Federal assistance administered by FTA and the Projects for which they seek Federal assistance awarded by FTA.
 - Highlight the changes within the new FTA Certifications and Assurances for Federal FY 2011 now in effect.
 - Identify locations where these FTA Certifications and Assurances may be viewed, and
 - Provide directions for submitting these FTA Certifications and Assurances for Federal FY 2011 to FTA.

2. Background

a. *FTA's Responsibilities.* Since Federal FY 1995, FTA has been consolidating the various certifications and assurances that may be required of its Applicants and their projects into a single document for publication in the *Federal Register*. FTA intends to continue publishing this document annually, when feasible in conjunction with its publication of the FTA annual apportionment notice, which sets forth the allocations of funds made available by the latest U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) annual appropriations act. Because U.S. DOT's full-year appropriations for Federal FY 2011 were not signed into law on

October 1, 2010 (the first day of Federal FY 2011), and have not yet been signed into law, FTA is proceeding with publication of its Certifications and Assurances for Federal FY 2011.

b. *Applicant's Responsibilities.* Irrespective of whether a project will be financed under the authority of 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, Title 23, United States Code, or another Federal statute, the Applicant must submit Federal FY 2011 Certifications and Assurances to FTA applicable to all projects for which the Applicant seeks funding from FTA during Federal FY 2011.

FTA requests that an Applicant submit all of the twenty-four (24) categories of the Certifications and Assurances that may be needed for all projects for which the Applicant intends to or might seek Federal assistance in the Federal FY 2011. Selecting and submitting these Certifications and Assurances to FTA signifies the Applicant's intent and ability to comply with all applicable provisions thereof.

In order to assure FTA that the Applicant is authorized under State and local law to certify compliance with the FTA Certifications and Assurances it has selected, FTA requires the Applicant to obtain a current (Federal FY 2011) affirmation signed by the Applicant's attorney affirming the legal authority of the Applicant to certify its compliance with the FTA Certifications and Assurances that the Applicant has selected. The Applicant's attorney must sign this affirmation during Federal FY 2011. Irrespective of whether the Applicant makes a single selection of all twenty-four (24) categories of FTA Certifications and Assurances or selects individual categories from the FTA Certifications and Assurances, the Affirmation of Applicant's Attorney from a previous Federal FY is not acceptable, unless FTA expressly determines otherwise in writing.

c. *Effect of Subrecipient Participation.* Absent a written determination by FTA to the contrary, the Applicant itself is ultimately responsible for compliance with the FTA Certifications and Assurances it has selected even though the Project may be carried out in whole or in part by one or more subrecipients. Thus, if subrecipients will be participating in the Project, when the Applicant submits its FTA Certifications and Assurances, the Applicant is also signifying that it will be responsible for compliance, both by itself and by each of its subrecipients, with the provisions of the FTA Certifications and Assurances it has selected. Therefore, in providing Certifications and Assurances that necessarily involve the compliance of any prospective subrecipient, FTA

strongly recommends that the Applicant take appropriate measures, including but not limited to obtaining sufficient documentation from each subrecipient participating in the project, to assure the validity of the Applicant's Certifications and Assurances to FTA.

3. Significant Information about FTA's Certifications and Assurances for Federal FY 2011

a. Legal Implications.

(1) *Binding Commitments.* Because the Applicant is required by Federal law and Federal regulations to comply with the applicable provisions of all FTA Certifications and Assurances it submits, it is important that the Applicant be familiar with the provisions of all twenty-four (24) categories of FTA Certifications and Assurances for Federal FY 2011. The text of those Certifications and Assurances is contained in Appendix A of this Notice, and also appears at <http://www.fta.dot.gov/documents/2011-Certs-Appendix.A.pdf>, and in FTA's electronic award and management system, TEAM-Web, <http://ftateamweb.fta.dot.gov>, at the "Cert's & Assurances" tab of the "View/Modify Recipients" page in the "Recipients" option. Provisions of this Notice supersede conflicting statements in any FTA circular containing a previous version of FTA's annual Certifications and Assurances. The Certifications and Assurances contained in those FTA circulars are merely examples, and are not acceptable or valid for Federal FY 2011.

An Applicant's annual Certifications and Assurances to FTA generally remain in effect for either the duration of the Grant or Cooperative Agreement supporting the Project until the Project is closed out or for the duration of the Project or Project property when a useful life or industry standard is in effect, whichever occurs later. If, however, the Applicant provides Certifications and Assurances to FTA in a later year that differ from the Certifications and Assurances previously provided, the later Certifications and Assurances will apply to the Grant, Cooperative Agreement, Project, or Project property, except to the extent FTA permits otherwise in writing.

(2) *Penalties for Noncompliance.* If the Applicant makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, certification, assurance, or representation to the Federal government or includes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in any agreement with the Federal government in connection

with a Project authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 or any other Federal law, the Federal government reserves the right to impose on the Applicant the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. 3801 *et seq.*, and implementing U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 CFR part 31, or the penalties of 49 U.S.C. 5323(l) invoking the criminal provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1001, or other applicable Federal law to the extent the Federal government deems appropriate.

(3) *FTA's Certifications and Assurances Constitute Only a Partial List of Federal Requirements.* FTA cautions that the FTA Certifications and Assurances required by Federal law and regulations do not address all the Federal requirements that will apply to the Applicant and its Project. FTA's Certifications and Assurances are generally pre-award requirements, *i.e.*, those requirements of Federal law and regulations that the Applicant must fulfill before FTA is legally authorized to award Federal financial assistance to an Applicant.

(4) *Other Federal Requirements.* Because FTA's Certifications and Assurances do not encompass all Federal requirements that will apply to the Applicant and its Project, FTA strongly encourages the Applicant to review the Federal authorizing legislation, regulations, and directives pertaining to the program or programs for which the Applicant seeks Federal assistance. The FTA Master Agreement for Federal FY 2011 at <http://www.fta.dot.gov/documents/17-Master.pdf> identifies a substantial number of those Federal laws, regulations, and directives that apply to Applicants and their various projects.

b. *Importance of FTA's Certifications and Assurances for Federal FY 2011.* Following publication of these Certifications and Assurances, FTA may not award Federal financial assistance through a Federal Grant or Cooperative Agreement until the Applicant submits all of the FTA Certifications and Assurances for Federal FY 2011 pertaining to itself and its project as required by Federal laws and regulations. The Applicant's Certifications and Assurances for Federal FY 2011 will be applicable to all projects for which it seeks Federal assistance during Federal FY 2011 and through the next Federal FY until FTA issues its annual Certifications and Assurances for Federal FY 2012.

c. *Federal FY 2011 Changes.* Apart from minor editorial revisions, significant matters concerning FTA's

Certifications and Assurances include the following:

(1) In the Introductory paragraphs preceding the text of FTA's Certifications and Assurances, the FTA Web site for the FTA Master Agreement for Federal FY 2011 is identified as <http://www.fta.dot.gov/documents/17-Master.pdf>.

(2) Certification (01), Subsection "B" has been revised to add a statement emphasizing that the FTA Master Agreement has always been incorporated by reference and made part of the FTA grant agreement and cooperative agreement and that the Applicant is certifying that it will comply with the edition of the FTA Master Agreement incorporated by reference and made part of the latest amendment to its grant agreement or cooperative agreement, as specified within that agreement.

(3) A new Subsection "F" has been added to Certification (01), reinstating the Government-wide "Suspension and Debarment" certification. Due to serious concerns expressed by the Government Accountability Office, the U.S. DOT Inspector General, and U.S. DOT officials, FTA considers it prudent to re-emphasize the importance of each Applicant identifying its status to FTA with respect to its eligibility for award of any FTA grant, loan (including a line of credit), cooperative agreement, loan guarantee, or loan insurance, or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal grant, loan (including a line of credit), cooperative agreement, loan guarantee, or loan insurance. Former Subsection "F" of Certification (01) has been re-numbered Subsection "G."

(4) The text of Certification (02), "Lobbying Certification," has been revised to substitute the current title of OMB's Standard Form—LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," currently in use.

d. *When to Submit.* All Applicants for FTA formula program or capital program assistance, and current FTA Grantees with an active project financed with FTA formula program or capital program assistance, are expected to provide their FTA Certifications and Assurances for Federal FY 2011 within 90 days from the date of this publication or as soon as feasible after their first application for Federal assistance authorized or made available for Federal FY 2011, whichever is earlier. In addition, FTA encourages Applicants seeking Federal assistance for other projects to submit their FTA Certifications and Assurances to FTA as soon as possible to expedite awards of FTA assistance.

4. Ways to Submit FTA'S Certifications and Assurances

As further explained, FTA will accept an Applicant's Certifications and Assurances submitted either in TEAM-Web at <http://fteamweb.fta.dot.gov>, or on paper containing the text set forth on the Signature Page(s) of Appendix A of this Notice. In order of preference, FTA permits:

a. *Electronic Submission in Team-Web.* An Applicant registered in TEAM-Web must submit its FTA Certifications and Assurances, as well as its applications for Federal assistance in TEAM-Web. FTA prefers that other Applicants for Federal assistance submit their FTA Certifications and Assurances through TEAM-Web.

The TEAM-Web "Recipients" option at the "Cert's & Assurances" tab of the "View/Modify Recipients" page contains fields for selecting among the twenty-four (24) categories of FTA Certifications and Assurances to be submitted. There is also a field for entering a single selection covering all twenty-four (24) categories of FTA Certifications and Assurances.

Within the "Cert's & Assurances" tab is a field for the Applicant's authorized representative to enter his or her personal identification number (PIN), which constitutes the Applicant's electronic signature for the FTA Certifications and Assurances selected. In addition, there is a field for the Applicant's attorney to enter his or her PIN, affirming the Applicant's legal authority to make and comply with the FTA Certifications and Assurances the Applicant has selected. The Applicant's authorized representative may enter his or her PIN in lieu of the Attorney's PIN, provided that the Applicant has a current Affirmation of Applicant's Attorney as set forth in Appendix A of this Notice, written and signed by the attorney in Federal FY 2011.

For more information, the Applicant may contact the appropriate FTA Regional Office or Metropolitan Office listed in this Notice or the TEAM-Web Helpdesk.

b. *Paper Submission.* Only if the Applicant is unable to submit its FTA Certifications and Assurances in TEAM-Web may the Applicant submit its FTA Certifications and Assurances on paper.

If an Applicant is unable to submit its FTA Certifications and Assurances electronically, it must mark the categories of FTA Certifications and Assurances it is making on the Signature Page(s) in Appendix A of this Notice and submit them to FTA. The Applicant may signify compliance with

all categories by placing a single mark in the appropriate space or select the categories applicable to itself and its projects.

The Applicant must enter its signature on the Signature Page(s) and must provide an Affirmation of Applicant's Attorney pertaining to the Applicant's legal capacity to make and comply with the Certifications and Assurances the Applicant has selected. The Applicant may enter its signature in lieu of its Attorney's signature in the Affirmation of Applicant's Attorney section of the Signature Page(s), provided that the Applicant has on file the Affirmation of Applicant's Attorney as set forth in Appendix A of this Notice, written and signed by the attorney and dated in Federal FY 2011.

For more information, the Applicant may contact the appropriate FTA Regional Office or Metropolitan Office listed in this Notice.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. chapter 53; the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), as amended by the SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections Act, 2008, Pub. L. 110-244, June 6, 2008; Title 23, United States Code (Highways); other Federal laws administered by FTA; U.S. DOT and FTA regulations at Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations; and FTA Circulars.

Issued in Washington, DC this 26th day of October 2010.

Peter M. Rogoff,
Administrator.

FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2011 CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

PREFACE

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 5323(n), the following certifications and assurances have been compiled for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) assistance programs. FTA requests each Applicant to provide as many certifications and assurances as needed for all programs for which the Applicant intends to seek FTA assistance during Federal Fiscal Year 2011. Category 01 applies to all Applicants. Category 02 applies to all applications for Federal assistance in excess of \$100,000. Categories 03 through 24 will apply to and be required for some, but not all, Applicants and projects. An Applicant may select a single certification that will cover all the programs for which it anticipates submitting an application. FTA requests each Applicant to read each certification and assurance carefully and select all certifications and assurances that may apply to the programs for which it expects to seek Federal assistance.

FTA and the Applicant understand and agree that not every provision of these certifications and assurances will apply to every Applicant or every project for which FTA provides Federal financial assistance through a Grant Agreement or Cooperative

Agreement. The type of project and the section of the statute authorizing Federal financial assistance for the project will determine which provisions apply. The terms of these certifications and assurances reflect applicable requirements of FTA's enabling legislation currently in effect.

The Applicant also understands and agrees that these certifications and assurances are special pre-award requirements specifically prescribed by Federal law or regulation and do not encompass all Federal laws, regulations, and directives that may apply to the Applicant or its project. A comprehensive list of those Federal laws, regulations, and directives is contained in the FTA Master Agreement MA(17) for Federal Fiscal Year 2011 at the FTA Web site <http://www.fta.dot.gov/documents/17-Master.pdf>. The certifications and assurances in this document have been streamlined to remove most provisions not covered by statutory or regulatory certification or assurance requirements.

Because many requirements of these certifications and assurances will require the compliance of the subrecipient of an Applicant, we strongly recommend that each Applicant, including a State, that will be implementing projects through one or more subrecipients, secure sufficient documentation from each subrecipient to assure compliance, not only with these certifications and assurances, but also with the terms of the Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement for the project, and the applicable Master Agreement for its project, if applicable, incorporated therein by reference. Each Applicant is ultimately responsible for compliance with the provisions of the certifications and assurances applicable to itself or its project irrespective of participation in the project by any subrecipient. The Applicant understands and agrees that when it applies for FTA assistance on behalf of a consortium, joint venture, partnership, or team, each member of that consortium, joint venture, partnership, or team is responsible for compliance with the certifications and assurances the Applicant selects.

FTA strongly encourages each Applicant to submit its certifications and assurances through TEAM-Web, FTA's electronic award and management system, at <http://ftaetamweb.fta.dot.gov>. Twenty-four (24) Categories of certifications and assurances are listed by numbers 01 through 24 in the TEAM-Web "Recipients" option at the "Cert's & Assurances" tab of "View/Modify Recipients." Should the Applicant choose not to submit its certifications and assurances through TEAM-Web, the Applicant may submit its certifications and assurances on paper by submitting the Signature Page(s) at the end of this document, indicating the certifications and assurances it is making on one side of the document or on one page, and signing its affirmation and that of its attorney on the other side or other page.

01. ASSURANCES REQUIRED FOR EACH APPLICANT

Each Applicant for FTA assistance must provide all assurances in this Category "01." Except to the extent that FTA expressly

determines otherwise in writing, FTA may not award any Federal assistance until the Applicant provides the following assurances by selecting Category "01."

A. Assurance of Authority of the Applicant and Its Representative

The authorized representative of the Applicant and the attorney who sign these certifications, assurances, and agreements affirm that both the Applicant and its authorized representative have adequate authority under applicable State, local, or Indian Tribal law and regulations, and the Applicant's by-laws or internal rules to:

- (1) Execute and file the application for Federal assistance on behalf of the Applicant;
- (2) Execute and file the required certifications, assurances, and agreements on behalf of the Applicant binding the Applicant; and
- (3) Execute grant agreements and cooperative agreements with FTA on behalf of the Applicant.

B. Standard Assurances

The Applicant assures that it will comply with all applicable Federal statutes and regulations in carrying out any project supported by an FTA grant or cooperative agreement. The Applicant agrees that it is under a continuing obligation to comply with the terms and conditions of the FTA grant agreement or cooperative agreement, including the FTA Master Agreement that is incorporated by reference and made part of the latest amendment to its grant agreement or cooperative agreement with FTA issued for its project. The Applicant recognizes that Federal laws and regulations may be modified from time to time and those modifications may affect project implementation. The Applicant understands that Presidential executive orders and Federal directives, including Federal policies and program guidance may be issued concerning matters affecting the Applicant or its project. The Applicant agrees that the most recent Federal laws, regulations, and directives will apply to the project, unless FTA issues a written determination otherwise.

C. Intergovernmental Review Assurance

Except if the Applicant is an Indian Tribal government seeking assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5311(c)(1), the Applicant assures that each application for Federal assistance it submits to FTA has been submitted or will be submitted for intergovernmental review to the appropriate State and local agencies as determined by the State. Specifically, the Applicant assures that it has fulfilled or will fulfill the obligations imposed on FTA by U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) regulations, "Intergovernmental Review of Department of Transportation Programs and Activities," 49 CFR part 17. This assurance does not apply to Applicants for Federal assistance under FTA's Tribal Transit Program, 49 U.S.C. 5311(c)(1).

D. Nondiscrimination Assurance

As required by 49 U.S.C. 5332 (which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age, and prohibits discrimination in employment or

business opportunity), by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000d, and by U.S. DOT regulations, "Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation—Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act," 49 CFR part 21 at 21.7, the Applicant assures that it will comply with all requirements imposed by or issued pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5332, 42 U.S.C. 2000d, and 49 CFR part 21, so that no person in the United States, on the basis of race, color, national origin, creed, sex, or age will be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in any program or activity (particularly in the level and quality of transportation services and transportation-related benefits) for which the Applicant receives Federal assistance awarded by the U.S. DOT or FTA.

Specifically, during the period in which Federal assistance is extended to the project, or project property is used for a purpose for which the Federal assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits, or as long as the Applicant retains ownership or possession of the project property, whichever is longer, the Applicant assures that:

(1) Each project will be conducted, property acquisitions will be undertaken, and project facilities will be operated in accordance with all applicable requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5332, 42 U.S.C. 2000d, and 49 CFR part 21, and understands that this assurance extends to its entire facility and to facilities operated in connection with the project;

(2) It will promptly take the necessary actions to effectuate this assurance, including notifying the public that complaints of discrimination in the provision of transportation-related services or benefits may be filed with U.S. DOT or FTA. Upon request by U.S. DOT or FTA, the Applicant assures that it will submit the required information pertaining to its compliance with these provisions;

(3) It will include in each subagreement, property transfer agreement, third party contract, third party subcontract, or participation agreement adequate provisions to extend the requirements imposed by or issued pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5332, 42 U.S.C. 2000d and 49 CFR part 21 to other parties involved therein including any subrecipient, transferee, third party contractor, third party subcontractor at any level, successor in interest, or any other participant in the project;

(4) Should it transfer real property, structures, or improvements financed with Federal assistance provided by FTA to another party, any deeds and instruments recording the transfer of that property shall contain a covenant running with the land assuring nondiscrimination for the period during which the property is used for a purpose for which the Federal assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits;

(5) The United States has a right to seek judicial enforcement with regard to any matter arising under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, U.S. DOT implementing regulations, and this assurance; and

(6) It will make any changes in its Title VI implementing procedures as U.S. DOT or FTA may request to achieve compliance with the requirements imposed by or issued pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5332, 42 U.S.C. 2000d, and 49 CFR part 21.

E. Assurance of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability

As required by U.S. DOT regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs and Activities Receiving or Benefiting from Federal Financial Assistance," at 49 CFR 27.9, the Applicant assures that, as a condition to the approval or extension of any Federal assistance awarded by FTA to construct any facility, obtain any rolling stock or other equipment, undertake studies, conduct research, or to participate in or obtain any benefit from any program administered by FTA, no otherwise qualified person with a disability shall be, solely by reason of that disability, excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise subjected to discrimination in any program or activity receiving or benefiting from Federal assistance administered by the FTA or any entity within U.S. DOT. The Applicant assures that project implementation and operations so assisted will comply with all applicable requirements of U.S. DOT regulations implementing the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. 794, *et seq.*, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 12101 *et seq.*, and implementing U.S. DOT regulations at 49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38, and any other applicable Federal laws that may be enacted or Federal regulations that may be promulgated.

F. Suspension and Debarment

In accordance with the terms of U.S. DOT regulations, "Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment," 2 CFR Part 1200, which adopts and supplements the provisions of U.S. Office of Management and Budget (U.S. OMB) "Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," 2 CFR Part 180:

(1) The Applicant (Primary Participant) certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals, including its first tier subrecipients:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded or disqualified from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

(b) Have not within a three-year period preceding its latest application or proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against any of them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction, or contract under a public transaction; violation of any Federal or State antitrust statute; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making any false statement, or receiving stolen property;

(c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local)

with commission of any of the offenses listed in subparagraph (1)(b) of this certification;

(d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this certification had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

(2) The Applicant (Primary Participant) certifies that it and its principals, including its first tier subrecipients, will treat each lower tier contract or lower tier subcontract under the Project that (a) equals or exceeds \$25,000, (b) is for audit services, or (3) requires the consent of a Federal official, as a covered contract for purposes of 2 CFR Part 1200 and 2 CFR Part 180, and will otherwise comply with the Federal requirements of 2 CFR Part 1200 and 2 CFR Part 180, and will assure that each lower tier participant involved in the Project is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded or disqualified from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency;

(3) The Applicant (Primary Participant) certifies that if, later, it or its principals, including any of its first tier subrecipients, become aware of any information contradicting the statements of subparagraphs (1)(a) through (d) above, it will promptly provide any necessary information to FTA;

(4) If the Applicant (Primary Participant) or any of its principals, including any of its first tier subrecipients or lower tier participants, is unable to certify to the statements within paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) above, the Applicant shall indicate so on its Signature Page or a Page attached in FTA's TEAM system providing a written explanation to FTA.

G. U.S. OMB Assurances

Consistent with U.S. OMB assurances set forth in SF-424B and SF-424D, the Applicant assures that, with respect to itself or its project, the Applicant:

(1) Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial, and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to assure proper planning, management, and completion of the project described in its application;

(2) Will give FTA, the Comptroller General of the United States, and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives;

(3) Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest or personal gain;

(4) Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable project time periods following receipt of FTA approval;

(5) Will comply with all applicable Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination including, but not limited to:

(a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 2000d, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin;

(b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1681 through 1683, and 1685 through 1687, and U.S. DOT regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance," 49 CFR part 25, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex;

(c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability;

(d) The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6101 through 6107, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age;

(e) The Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972, as amended, 21 U.S.C. 1101 *et seq.*, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse;

(f) The Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention Act of 1970, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4541 *et seq.* relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism;

(g) The Public Health Service Act of 1912, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 290dd through 290dd-2., relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records;

(h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 3601 *et seq.*, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental, or financing of housing; and

(i) Any other nondiscrimination statute(s) that may apply to the project;

(6) To the extent applicable, will comply with, or has complied with, the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (Uniform Relocation Act) 42 U.S.C. 4601 *et seq.*, which, among other things, provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or persons whose property is acquired as a result of Federally assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes and displacement caused by the project regardless of Federal participation in any purchase. As required by sections 210 and 305 of the Uniform Relocation Act, 42 U.S.C. 4630 and 4655, and by U.S. DOT regulations, "Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition for Federal and Federally Assisted Programs," 49 CFR 24.4, the Applicant assures that it has the requisite authority under applicable State and local law to comply with the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Act, 42 U.S.C. 4601 *et seq.*, and U.S. DOT regulations, "Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition for Federal and Federally Assisted Programs," 49 CFR part 24, and will comply with that Act or has complied with that Act and those implementing regulations, including but not limited to the following:

(a) The Applicant will adequately inform each affected person of the benefits, policies, and procedures provided for in 49 CFR part 24;

(b) The Applicant will provide fair and reasonable relocation payments and assistance as required by 42 U.S.C. 4622, 4623, and 4624; 49 CFR part 24; and any applicable FTA procedures, to or for families, individuals, partnerships, corporations, or

associations displaced as a result of any project financed with FTA assistance;

(c) The Applicant will provide relocation assistance programs offering the services described in 42 U.S.C. 4625 to such displaced families, individuals, partnerships, corporations, or associations in the manner provided in 49 CFR part 24;

(d) Within a reasonable time before displacement, the Applicant will make available comparable replacement dwellings to displaced families and individuals as required by 42 U.S.C. 4625(c)(3);

(e) The Applicant will carry out the relocation process in such manner as to provide displaced persons with uniform and consistent services, and will make available replacement housing in the same range of choices with respect to such housing to all displaced persons regardless of race, color, religion, or national origin;

(f) In acquiring real property, the Applicant will be guided to the greatest extent practicable under State law, by the real property acquisition policies of 42 U.S.C. 4651 and 4652;

(g) The Applicant will pay or reimburse property owners for their necessary expenses as specified in 42 U.S.C. 4653 and 4654, with the understanding that FTA will provide Federal financial assistance for the Applicant's eligible costs of providing payments for those expenses, as required by 42 U.S.C. 4631;

(h) The Applicant will execute such amendments to third party contracts and subagreements financed with FTA assistance and execute, furnish, and be bound by such additional documents as FTA may determine necessary to effectuate or implement the assurances provided herein; and

(i) The Applicant agrees to make these assurances part of or incorporate them by reference into any third party contract or subagreement, or any amendments thereto, relating to any project financed by FTA involving relocation or land acquisition and provide in any affected document that these relocation and land acquisition provisions shall supersede any conflicting provisions;

(7) To the extent applicable, will comply with the Davis-Bacon Act, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 3141 *et seq.*, the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act, as amended, at 18 U.S.C. 874, and at 40 U.S.C. 3145, and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 3701 *et seq.*, regarding labor standards for Federally assisted projects;

(8) To the extent applicable, will comply with the flood insurance purchase requirements of section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4012a(a), requiring the Applicant and its subrecipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more;

(9) To the extent applicable, will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act, 42 U.S.C. 4831(b), which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in the construction or rehabilitation of residence structures;

(10) To the extent applicable, will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the

terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities on which a construction project supported with FTA assistance takes place without permission and instructions from FTA;

(11) To the extent required by FTA, will record the Federal interest in the title of real property, and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure nondiscrimination during the useful life of the project;

(12) To the extent applicable, will comply with FTA provisions concerning the drafting, review, and approval of construction plans and specifications of any construction project supported with FTA assistance. As required by U.S. DOT regulations, "Seismic Safety," 49 CFR 41.117(d), before accepting delivery of any building financed with FTA assistance, it will obtain a certificate of compliance with the seismic design and construction requirements of 49 CFR part 41;

(13) To the extent applicable, will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site of any project supported with FTA assistance to assure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications, and will furnish progress reports and such other information as may be required by FTA or the State;

(14) To the extent applicable, will comply with any applicable environmental standards that may be prescribed to implement the following Federal laws and executive orders:

(a) Institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321 through 4335 and Executive Order No. 11514, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321 note;

(b) Notification of violating facilities pursuant to Executive Order No. 11738, 42 U.S.C. 7606 note;

(c) Protection of wetlands pursuant to Executive Order No. 11990, 42 U.S.C. 4321 note;

(d) Evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with Executive Order No. 11988, 42 U.S.C. 4321 note;

(e) Assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed pursuant to the requirements of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1451 through 1465;

(f) Conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7401 through 7671q;

(g) Protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 300f through 300j-6;

(h) Protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1531 through 1544; and

(i) Environmental protections for Federal transportation programs, including, but not limited to, protections for parks, recreation areas, or wildlife or waterfowl refuges of national, State, or local significance or any land from a historic site of national, State, or local significance to be used in a transportation project as required by 49 U.S.C. 303(b) and 303(c);

(j) Protection of the components of the national wild and scenic rivers systems, as required under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1271 through 1287; and

(k) Provision of assistance to FTA in complying with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 470f; with the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 469 through 469c; and with Executive Order No. 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), 16 U.S.C. 470 note;

(15) To the extent applicable, will comply with the requirements of the Hatch Act, 5 U.S.C. 1501 through 1508 and 7324 through 7326, which limit the political activities of State and local agencies and their officers and employees whose primary employment activities are financed in whole or part with Federal funds including a Federal loan, grant agreement, or cooperative agreement except, in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(k)(2) and 23 U.S.C. 142(g), the Hatch Act does not apply to a nonsupervisory employee of a public transportation system (or of any other agency or entity performing related functions) receiving FTA assistance to whom that Act does not otherwise apply;

(16) To the extent applicable, will comply with the National Research Act, Pub. L. 93-348, July 12, 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 289 *et seq.*, and U.S. DOT regulations, "Protection of Human Subjects," 49 CFR part 11, regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by Federal assistance;

(17) To the extent applicable, will comply with the Animal Welfare Act, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 2131 *et seq.*, and U.S. Department of Agriculture regulations, "Animal Welfare," 9 CFR subchapter A, parts 1, 2, 3, and 4, regarding the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held or used for research, teaching, or other activities supported by Federal assistance;

(18) Will have performed the financial and compliance audits as required by the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, 31 U.S.C. 7501 *et seq.*, U.S. OMB Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations," Revised, and the most recent applicable U.S. OMB A-133 Compliance Supplement provisions for the U.S. DOT; and

(19) To the extent applicable, will comply with all applicable provisions of all other Federal laws or regulations, and follow Federal directives governing the project, except to the extent that FTA has expressly approved otherwise in writing.

02. LOBBYING CERTIFICATION

An Applicant that submits or intends to submit an application to FTA for any Federal grant, loan (including a line of credit), cooperative agreement, loan guarantee, or loan insurance exceeding \$100,000 is required to provide the following certification. FTA may not award Federal grant, loan (including a line of credit), cooperative agreement, loan guarantee, or loan insurance exceeding \$100,000 until the Applicant provides this certification by selecting Category "02."

A. As required by 31 U.S.C. 1352 and U.S. DOT regulations, "New Restrictions on Lobbying," at 49 CFR 20.110, the Applicant's authorized representative certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that for each application to U.S. DOT or FTA for a Federal grant, loan (including a line of credit), cooperative agreement, or a commitment that the Federal Government to guarantee or insure a loan exceeding \$100,000:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been or will be paid by or on behalf of the Applicant to any person to influence or attempt 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 a Federal grant, loan (including a line of credit), cooperative agreement, loan guarantee, or loan insurance, or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal grant, loan (including a line of credit), cooperative agreement, loan guarantee, or loan insurance;

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been or will be paid to any person to influence or attempt 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 a Federal grant, loan (including a line of credit), cooperative agreement, loan guarantee, or loan insurance, the Applicant assures that it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and

(3) The language of this certification shall be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, subagreements, and contracts under grants, loans (including a line of credit), cooperative agreements, loan guarantees, and loan insurance).

B. The Applicant understands that this certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed by the Federal government and that submission of this certification is a prerequisite for providing a Federal grant, loan (including a line of credit), cooperative agreement, loan guarantee, or loan insurance for a transaction covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. The Applicant also understands that any person who fails to file a 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.

03. PROCUREMENT COMPLIANCE

In accordance with 49 CFR 18.36(g)(3)(ii), each Applicant that is a State, local, or Indian Tribal government that is seeking Federal assistance to acquire property or services in support of its project is requested to provide the following certification by selecting Category "03." FTA also requests other Applicants to provide the following certification. An Applicant for FTA assistance to acquire property or services in support of its project that fails to provide this certification may be determined ineligible for award of Federal assistance for the project, if FTA determines that its procurement

practices and procurement system fail to comply with Federal laws or regulations in accordance with applicable Federal directives.

The Applicant certifies that its procurements and procurement system will comply with all applicable Federal laws and regulations in accordance with applicable Federal directives, except to the extent FTA has expressly approved otherwise in writing.

04. PROTECTIONS FOR PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Each Applicant that is a State, local, or Indian Tribal government that is seeking Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 to acquire any property or an interest in the property of a private provider of public transportation or to operate public transportation equipment or facilities in competition with, or operate public transportation equipment or facilities in addition to, transportation service provided by an existing private provider of public transportation is required to provide the following certification. FTA may not award Federal assistance for such a project until the Applicant provides this certification by selecting Category "04."

As required by 49 U.S.C. 5323(a)(1), the Applicant certifies that before it acquires the property or an interest in the property of a private provider of public transportation or operates public transportation equipment or facilities in competition with, or in addition to, transportation service provided by an existing public transportation company, it has or will have:

A. Determined that the assistance is essential to carrying out a program of projects as required by 49 U.S.C. 5303, 5304, and 5306;

B. Provided for the participation of private companies engaged in public transportation to the maximum extent feasible; and

C. Paid just compensation under State or local law to the company for any franchise or property acquired.

05. PUBLIC HEARING

An Applicant seeking Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 for a capital project that will substantially affect a community or a community's public transportation service is required to provide the following certification. FTA may not award Federal assistance for a capital project of that type until the Applicant provides this certification by selecting Category "05."

As required by 49 U.S.C. 5323(b), for a proposed capital project that will substantially affect a community, or the public transportation service of a community, the Applicant certifies that it has, or before submitting its application, it will have:

A. Provided an adequate opportunity for public review and comment on the proposed project;

B. After providing notice, including a concise description of the proposed project, published in a newspaper of general circulation in the geographic area to be served, held a public hearing on the project if the project affects significant economic, social, or environmental interests;

C. Considered the economic, social, and environmental effects of the proposed project; and

D. Determined that the proposed project is consistent with official plans for developing the community.

06. ACQUISITION OF ROLLING STOCK FOR USE IN REVENUE SERVICE

An Applicant seeking Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 to acquire any rolling stock for use in revenue service is required to provide the following certification. FTA may not award any Federal assistance to acquire such rolling stock until the Applicant provides this certification by selecting Category "06."

As required by 49 U.S.C. 5323(m) and implementing FTA regulations, "Pre-Award and Post-Delivery Audits of Rolling Stock Purchases," 49 CFR part 663, at 49 CFR 663.7, the Applicant certifies that it will comply with the requirements of 49 CFR part 663 as modified by amendments authorized by section 3023(k) of SAFETEA-LU when procuring revenue service rolling stock. Among other things, the Applicant agrees to conduct or cause to be conducted the requisite pre-award and post delivery reviews, and maintain on file the certifications required by 49 CFR part 663, subparts B, C, and D.

07. ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL ASSETS BY LEASE

An Applicant that intends to request the use of Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 to acquire capital assets by lease is required to provide the following certifications. FTA may not provide Federal assistance to support those costs until the Applicant provides this certification by selecting Category "07."

As required by FTA regulations, "Capital Leases," 49 CFR part 639, at 49 CFR 639.15(b)(1) and 49 CFR 639.21, if the Applicant acquires any capital asset by lease financed with Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, the Applicant certifies as follows:

(1) It will not use Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 to finance the cost of leasing any capital asset until it performs calculations demonstrating that leasing the capital asset would be more cost-effective than purchasing or constructing a similar asset; and it will complete these calculations before entering into the lease or before receiving a capital grant for the asset, whichever is later; and

(2) It will not enter into a capital lease for which FTA can provide only incremental Federal assistance unless it has adequate financial resources to meet its future obligations under the lease if Federal assistance is not available for capital projects in the subsequent years.

08. BUS TESTING

An Applicant for Federal assistance appropriated or made available for 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 to acquire any new bus model or any bus model with a new major change in configuration or components is required to provide the following certification. FTA may not provide Federal assistance for the acquisition of any new bus model or bus

model with a major change until the Applicant provides this certification by selecting Category "08."

As required by 49 U.S.C. 5318 and FTA regulations, "Bus Testing," at 49 CFR 665.7, the Applicant certifies that, before expending any Federal assistance to acquire the first bus of any new bus model or any bus model with a new major change in configuration or components, or before authorizing final acceptance of that bus (as described in 49 CFR part 665):

A. The bus model will have been tested at FTA's bus testing facility; and

B. The Applicant will have received a copy of the test report prepared on the bus model.

09. CHARTER SERVICE AGREEMENT

An Applicant seeking Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 (except as permitted by 49 CFR 604.2), or under 23 U.S.C. 133 or 142, to acquire or operate any public transportation equipment or facilities is required to enter into the following Charter Service Agreement. FTA may not provide Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 (except as permitted by 49 CFR 604.2), or under 23 U.S.C. 133 or 142, for such projects until the Applicant enters into this Charter Service Agreement by selecting Category "09."

A. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5323(d) and (g) and FTA regulations at 49 CFR 604.4, the Applicant understands and agrees that it and each subrecipient, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant in the project at any tier may provide charter service for transportation projects that uses equipment or facilities acquired with Federal assistance authorized under the Federal transit laws (except as permitted by 49 CFR 604.2), or under 23 U.S.C. 133 or 142, only in compliance with those laws and FTA regulations, "Charter Service," 49 CFR part 604, the terms and conditions of which are incorporated herein by reference.

B. The Applicant understands and agrees that:

(1) The requirements of FTA regulations, "Charter Service," 49 CFR part 604, will apply to any charter service it or its subrecipients, lessees, third party contractors, or other participants in the project provide;

(2) The definitions of FTA regulations, "Charter Service," 49 CFR part 604, will apply to this Charter Service Agreement; and

(3) A pattern of violations of this Charter Service Agreement may require corrective measures and imposition of remedies, including barring the Applicant, subrecipient, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant in the project that has engaged in that pattern of violations from receiving FTA financial assistance, or withholding an amount of Federal assistance as set forth in FTA regulations, "Charter Service," 49 CFR part 604, Appendix D.

10. SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

An Applicant that is seeking Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 or under 23 U.S.C. 133 or 142 to acquire or operate public transportation

facilities and equipment is required to enter into the following School Transportation Agreement. FTA may not provide Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 or under 23 U.S.C. 133 or 142 for such projects until the Applicant enters into this School Transportation Agreement by selecting Category "10."

A. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5323(f) and (g) and FTA regulations at 49 CFR 605.14, the Applicant understands and agrees that it and each subrecipient, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant in the project at any tier may engage in school transportation operations in competition with private school transportation operators that uses equipment or facilities acquired with Federal assistance authorized under the Federal transit laws or under 23 U.S.C. 133 or 142, only in compliance with those laws and FTA regulations, "School Bus Operations," 49 CFR part 605, to the extent consistent with 49 U.S.C. 5323(f) or (g), the terms and conditions of which are incorporated herein by reference.

B. The Applicant understands and agrees that:

(1) The requirements of FTA regulations, "School Bus Operations," 49 CFR part 605, to the extent consistent with 49 U.S.C. 5323(f) or (g), will apply to any school transportation service it or its subrecipients, lessees, third party contractors, or other participants in the project provide;

(2) The definitions of FTA regulations, "School Bus Operations," 49 CFR part 605 will apply to this School Transportation Agreement; and

(3) If there is a violation of this School Transportation Agreement, FTA will bar the Applicant, subrecipient, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant in the project that has violated this School Transportation Agreement from receiving Federal transit assistance in an amount FTA considers appropriate.

11. DEMAND RESPONSIVE SERVICE

An Applicant that operates demand responsive service and applies for direct Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 to acquire non-rail public transportation vehicles is required to provide the following certification. FTA may not award direct Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 to an Applicant that operates demand responsive service to acquire non-rail public transportation vehicles until the Applicant provides this certification by selecting Category "11."

As required by U.S. DOT regulations, "Transportation Services for Individuals with Disabilities (ADA)," at 49 CFR 37.77(d), the Applicant certifies that its demand responsive service offered to individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, is equivalent to the level and quality of service offered to individuals without disabilities. Viewed in its entirety, the Applicant's service for individuals with disabilities is provided in the most integrated setting feasible and is equivalent with respect to: (1) response time, (2) fares, (3) geographic service area, (4) hours and days of service, (5) restrictions on trip purpose, (6) availability of information and reservation capability, and

(7) constraints on capacity or service availability.

12. ALCOHOL MISUSE AND PROHIBITED DRUG USE

If the Applicant is required by FTA regulations, "Prevention of Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use in Transit Operations," at 49 CFR part 655, to provide the following certification concerning its activities to prevent alcohol misuse and prohibited drug use in its public transportation operations, FTA may not provide Federal assistance to that Applicant until it provides this certification by selecting Category "12."

As required by FTA regulations, "Prevention of Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use in Transit Operations," at 49 CFR part 655, subpart I, the Applicant certifies that it has established and implemented an alcohol misuse and anti-drug program, and has complied with or will comply with all applicable requirements of FTA regulations, "Prevention of Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use in Transit Operations," 49 CFR part 655.

13. INTEREST AND OTHER FINANCING COSTS

An Applicant that intends to request the use of Federal assistance for reimbursement of interest or other financing costs incurred for its capital projects financed with Federal assistance under the Urbanized Area Formula Program, the Capital Investment Program, or the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program is required to provide the following certification. FTA may not provide Federal assistance to support interest or other financing costs until the Applicant provides this certification by selecting Category "13."

As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(g)(3), 5309(g)(2)(B)(iii), 5309(g)(3)(B)(iii), 5309(i)(2)(C), and 5320(h)(2)(C), the Applicant certifies that it will not seek reimbursement for interest or other financing costs unless it is eligible to receive Federal assistance for those costs and its records demonstrate that it has used reasonable diligence in seeking the most favorable financing terms underlying those costs, to the extent FTA may require.

14. INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

An Applicant for FTA assistance for an Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) project, defined as any project that in whole or in part finances the acquisition of technologies or systems of technologies that provide or significantly contribute to the provision of one or more ITS user services as defined in the "National ITS Architecture," is requested to provide the following assurance. FTA strongly encourages any Applicant for FTA financial assistance to support an ITS project to provide this assurance by selecting Category "14." An Applicant for FTA assistance for an ITS project that fails to provide this assurance, without providing other documentation assuring its commitment to comply with applicable Federal ITS standards and protocols, may be determined ineligible for award of Federal assistance for the ITS project.

As used in this assurance, the term Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) project is defined to include any project that in whole or in part finances the acquisition of technologies or systems of technologies that provide or significantly contribute to the provision of one or more ITS user services as defined in the "National ITS Architecture."

A. As provided in subsection 5307(c) of SAFETEA-LU, 23 U.S.C. 512 note, apart from certain exceptions, "Intelligent transportation system projects carried out using funds made available from the Highway Trust Fund, including funds made available under this subtitle to deploy intelligent transportation system technologies, [shall] conform to the national architecture, applicable standards or provisional standards, and protocols developed under subsection (a) [of section 5307 of SAFETEA-LU]." To facilitate compliance with subsection 5307(c) of SAFETEA-LU, 23 U.S.C. 512 note, the Applicant assures it will comply with all applicable provisions of Section V (Regional ITS Architecture) and Section VI (Project Implementation) of FTA Notice, "FTA National ITS Architecture Policy on Transit Projects," at 66 FR 1455 *et seq.*, January 8, 2001, and other FTA policies that may be issued in connection with any ITS project it undertakes financed with funds authorized under Title 49 or Title 23, United States Code, except to the extent that FTA expressly determines otherwise in writing; and

B. With respect to any ITS project financed with Federal assistance derived from a source other than Title 49 or Title 23, United States Code, the Applicant assures that it will use its best efforts to assure that any ITS project it undertakes will not preclude interface with other intelligent transportation systems in the Region.

15. URBANIZED AREA FORMULA PROGRAM

Each Applicant for Urbanized Area Formula Program assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5307 is required to provide the following certifications on behalf of itself and any subrecipients participating in its projects. Unless FTA determines otherwise in writing, the Applicant is ultimately responsible for compliance with its certifications and assurances even though a subrecipient, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant may participate in that project. Consequently, in providing certifications and assurances that involve the compliance of its prospective subrecipients, the Applicant is strongly encouraged to take appropriate measures, including but not limited to obtaining sufficient documentation from each subrecipient, to assure the validity of all certifications and assurances the Applicant has made to FTA. If, however a "Designated Recipient" as defined at 49 U.S.C. 5307(a)(2)(A) enters into a Supplemental Agreement with FTA and a Prospective Grantee, that Grantee is recognized as the Applicant for Urbanized Area Formula Program assistance and must provide the following certifications and assurances.

Each Applicant is required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(f) to expend at least one (1) percent of its Urbanized Area Formula

Program assistance for public transportation security projects, unless the Applicant has certified that such expenditures are not necessary. Information about the Applicant's intentions will be recorded in the "Security" tab page of the TEAM-Web "Project Information" window when the Applicant enters its Urbanized Area Formula Program application in TEAM-Web.

FTA may not award Urbanized Area Formula Program assistance to any Applicant that is required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(K) to expend one (1) percent of its Urbanized Area Formula Program assistance for eligible transit enhancements unless that Applicant's quarterly report for the fourth quarter of the preceding Federal fiscal year has been submitted to FTA and includes the requisite list or the Applicant attaches in TEAM-Web or includes in its quarterly report information sufficient to demonstrate that the Designated Recipients in its area together have expended one (1) percent of the amount of Urbanized Area Program assistance made available to them for transit enhancement projects.

FTA may not award Federal assistance for the Urbanized Area Formula Program to the Applicant until the Applicant provides these certifications and assurances by selecting Category "15."

As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1), the Applicant certifies as follows:

A. In compliance with 49 U.S.C.

5307(d)(1)(A), the Applicant has or will have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out its proposed program of projects, including the safety and security aspects of that program;

B. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(B), the Applicant has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of Project equipment and facilities;

C. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(C), the Applicant will adequately maintain the Project equipment and facilities;

D. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(D), the Applicant will assure that any elderly individual, any individual with disabilities, or any person presenting a Medicare card issued to himself or herself pursuant to title II or title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 *et seq.* or 42 U.S.C. 1395 *et seq.*), will be charged for transportation during non-peak hours using or involving a facility or equipment of a project financed with Federal assistance authorized for 49 U.S.C. 5307, not more than fifty (50) percent of the peak hour fare;

E. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(E), the Applicant, in carrying out a procurement financed with Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5307: (1) will use competitive procurement (as defined or approved by FTA), (2) will not use exclusionary or discriminatory specifications in its procurements, (3) will comply with applicable Buy America laws, and (4) will comply with the general provisions for FTA assistance of 49 U.S.C. 5323 and the third party procurement requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5325;

F. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(F), the Applicant has complied with or will comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307(c). Specifically, the

Applicant: (1) has made available, or will make available, to the public information on the amounts available for the Urbanized Area Formula Program, 49 U.S.C. 5307, and the program of projects it proposes to undertake; (2) has developed or will develop, in consultation with interested parties including private transportation providers, a proposed program of projects for activities to be financed; (3) has published or will publish a proposed program of projects in a way that affected citizens, private transportation providers, and local elected officials have the opportunity to examine the proposed program and submit comments on the proposed program and the performance of the Applicant; (4) has provided or will provide an opportunity for a public hearing to obtain the views of citizens on the proposed program of projects; (5) has assured or will assure that the proposed program of projects provides for the coordination of transportation services assisted under 49 U.S.C. 5336 with transportation services assisted by another Federal government source; (6) has considered or will consider the comments and views received, especially those of private transportation providers, in preparing its final program of projects; and (7) has made or will make the final program of projects available to the public;

G. In compliance with 49 U.S.C.

5307(d)(1)(G), the Applicant has or will have available and will provide the amount of funds required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(e) for the local share, and that those funds will be provided from approved non-Federal sources except as permitted by Federal law;

H. In compliance with 49 U.S.C.

5307(d)(1)(H), the Applicant will comply with: (1) 49 U.S.C. 5301(a) (requirements for public transportation systems that maximize the safe, secure, and efficient mobility of individuals, minimize environmental impacts, and minimize transportation-related fuel consumption and reliance on foreign oil); (2) 49 U.S.C. 5301(d) (special efforts to design and provide public transportation for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities); and (3) 49 U.S.C. 5303 through 5306 (planning and private enterprise requirements);

I. In compliance with 49 U.S.C.

5307(d)(1)(I), the Applicant has a locally developed process to solicit and consider public comment before raising a fare or implementing a major reduction of public transportation;

J. In compliance with 49 U.S.C.

5307(d)(1)(J), each Federal fiscal year, the Applicant will spend at least one (1) percent of its funds authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5307 for public transportation security projects, unless the Applicant has certified to FTA that such expenditures are not necessary. Public transportation security projects include increased lighting in or adjacent to a public transportation system (including bus stops, subway stations, parking lots, and garages), increased camera surveillance of an area in or adjacent to that system, emergency telephone line or lines to contact law enforcement or security personnel in an area in or adjacent to that system, and any other project intended to increase the security and safety of existing or planned public transportation; and

K. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(K), if the Applicant is a Designated Recipient serving an urbanized area with a population of at least 200,000, (1) the Applicant certifies either that it has expended or will expend for transit enhancements as defined at 49 U.S.C. 5302(a)(15) not less than one (1) percent of the amount of the Urbanized Area Formula Assistance it receives this Federal fiscal year, or that at least one Designated Recipient in its urbanized area has certified or will certify that the Designated Recipients within that urbanized area together have expended or will expend for transit enhancements as defined at 49 U.S.C. 5302(a)(15) not less than one (1) percent of the total amounts the Designated Recipients receive each Federal fiscal year under 49 U.S.C. 5307, and (2) either the Applicant has listed or will list the transit enhancement projects it has carried out with those funds, or at least one Designated Recipient in the Applicant's urbanized area has listed or will list the transit enhancement projects carried out with funds authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5307. If the Designated Recipient's quarterly report for the fourth quarter of the preceding Federal fiscal year includes a list of transit enhancement projects the Designated Recipients in its urbanized area have implemented during that preceding Federal fiscal year using those funds, the information in that quarterly report will fulfill the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(K)(ii), and thus that quarterly report will be incorporated by reference and made part of the Designated Recipient's and Applicant's certifications and assurances.

16. CLEAN FUELS GRANT PROGRAM

Each Applicant for Clean Fuels Grant Program assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5308 is required to provide the following certifications on behalf of itself and its subrecipients. Unless FTA determines otherwise in writing, the Applicant is ultimately responsible for compliance with its certifications and assurances even though a subrecipient, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant may participate in that project. Consequently, in providing certifications and assurances that involve the compliance of its prospective subrecipients, the Applicant is strongly encouraged to take the appropriate measures, including but not limited to obtaining sufficient documentation from each subrecipient, to assure the validity of all certifications and assurances the Applicant has made to FTA. FTA may not award Federal assistance for the Clean Fuels Grant Program until the Applicant provides these certifications by selecting Category "16."

As required by 49 U.S.C. 5308(d)(1), which makes the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307 applicable to Clean Fuels Grant Program assistance, and 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1), the designated recipient or the recipient serving as the Applicant on behalf of the designated recipient, or the State or State organization serving as the Applicant on behalf of the State, certifies as follows:

A. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(A), the Applicant has or will have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to

carry out its proposed program of projects, including the safety and security aspects of that program;

B. In compliance with 49 U.S.C.

5307(d)(1)(B), the Applicant has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of project equipment and facilities;

C. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(C), the Applicant will adequately maintain the project equipment and facilities;

D. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(D), the Applicant will assure that any elderly individual, any individual with disabilities, or any person presenting a Medicare card issued to himself or herself pursuant to title II or title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 *et seq.* or 42 U.S.C. 1395 *et seq.*), will be charged for transportation during non-peak hours using or involving a facility or equipment of a project financed with Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5308, not more than fifty (50) percent of the peak hour fare;

E. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(E), the Applicant, in carrying out a procurement financed with Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5308: (1) will use competitive procurement (as defined or approved by FTA), (2) will not use exclusionary or discriminatory specifications in its procurements, (3) will comply with applicable Buy America laws, and (4) will comply with the general provisions for FTA assistance of 49 U.S.C. 5323 and the third party procurement requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5325;

F. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(F), the Applicant has complied with or will comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307(c). Specifically, the Applicant: (1) has made available, or will make available, to the public information on the amounts available for the Clean Fuels Grant Program, 49 U.S.C. 5308, and the projects it proposes to undertake; (2) has developed or will develop, in consultation with interested parties including private transportation providers, the proposed projects to be financed; (3) has published or will publish a list of the proposed projects in a way that affected citizens, private transportation providers, and local elected officials have the opportunity to examine the proposed projects and submit comments on the proposed projects and the performance of the Applicant; (4) has provided or will provide an opportunity for a public hearing to obtain the views of citizens on the proposed projects; (5) has assured or will assure that the proposed projects provide for the coordination of transportation services assisted under 49 U.S.C. 5336 with transportation services assisted by another Federal government source; (6) has considered or will consider the comments and views received, especially those of private transportation providers, in preparing its final list of projects; and (7) has made or will make the final list of projects available to the public;

G. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(G), the Applicant has or will have available and will provide the amount of funds required by 49 U.S.C. 5308(d)(2) for the local share, and that those funds will be provided from approved non-Federal sources except as permitted by Federal law;

H. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(H), the Applicant will comply with: (1) 49 U.S.C. 5301(a) (requirements for public transportation systems that maximize the safe, secure, and efficient mobility of individuals, minimize environmental impacts, and minimize transportation-related fuel consumption and reliance on foreign oil); (2) 49 U.S.C. 5301(d) (special efforts to design and provide public transportation for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities); and (3) 49 U.S.C. 5303 through 5306 (planning and private enterprise requirements);

I. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(I), the Applicant has a locally developed process to solicit and consider public comment before raising a fare or implementing a major reduction of public transportation; and

J. The Applicant certifies it will operate vehicles purchased with Federal assistance provided under the Clean Fuels Grant Program, 49 U.S.C. 5308 only with clean fuels.

17. ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM AND PILOT PROGRAM

Before FTA may award Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Formula Grant Program assistance and, if applicable, Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Pilot Program assistance to a State, the U.S. Secretary of Transportation or his or her designee is required to make the pre-award determinations required by 49 U.S.C. 5310. Because certain information is needed before FTA can make those determinations, each State is requested to provide the following certifications assurances on behalf of itself and its subrecipients. Unless FTA determines otherwise in writing, the State itself is ultimately responsible for compliance with its certifications and assurances even though a subrecipient, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant may participate in that project. Consequently, in providing certifications and assurances that involve the compliance of its prospective subrecipients, the State is strongly encouraged to take the appropriate measures, including but not limited to obtaining sufficient documentation from each subrecipient, to assure the validity of all certifications and assurances the State has made to FTA. A State that fails to provide these certifications and assurances on behalf of itself and its subrecipients may be determined ineligible for a grant of Federal assistance under 49 U.S.C. 5310 if FTA lacks sufficient information from which to make those determinations required by Federal laws and regulations governing the Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Formula Grant Program and, if applicable, the Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Pilot Program authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5310 and section 3012 of SAFETEA-LU, respectively. The State is thus requested to select Category "17."

A. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5310(d), which makes the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307 applicable to the Elderly Individuals and

Individuals with Disabilities Formula Grant Program to the extent that the Federal Transit Administrator or his or her designee determines appropriate, and 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1), the State or State organization serving as the Applicant (State) and that administers, on behalf of the State, the Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Program authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5310, and, if applicable, the Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Pilot Program authorized by subsection 3012(b) of SAFETEA-LU, 49 U.S.C. 5310 note, certifies and assures on behalf of itself and its subrecipients as follows:

(1) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(A), the Applicant has or will have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out its proposed program of projects, including the safety and security aspects of that program;

(2) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(B), the Applicant has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of project equipment and facilities;

(3) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(C), the Applicant will adequately maintain the project equipment and facilities;

(4) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(E), the Applicant, in carrying out a procurement financed with Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5310 or subsection 3012(b) of SAFETEA-LU: (1) will use competitive procurement (as defined or approved by FTA), (2) will not use exclusionary or discriminatory specifications in its procurements, (3) will comply with applicable Buy America laws, and (4) will comply with the general provisions for FTA assistance of 49 U.S.C. 5323 and the third party procurement requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5325;

(5) The State has or will have available and will provide the amount of funds required by 49 U.S.C. 5310(c), and if applicable by subsections 3012(b)(3) and (4) of SAFETEA-LU, for the local share, and that those funds will be provided from approved non-Federal sources except as permitted by Federal law; and

(6) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(H), the Applicant will comply with: (1) 49 U.S.C. 5301(a) (requirements for public transportation systems that maximize the safe, secure, and efficient mobility of individuals, minimize environmental impacts, and minimize transportation-related fuel consumption and reliance on foreign oil); (2) 49 U.S.C. 5301(d) (special efforts to design and provide public transportation for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities); and (3) 49 U.S.C. 5303 through 5306 (planning and private enterprise requirements);

B. The State assures that each subrecipient either is recognized under State law as a private nonprofit organization with the legal capability to contract with the State to carry out the proposed project, or is a public body that has met the statutory requirements to receive Federal assistance authorized for 49 U.S.C. 5310;

C. The private nonprofit subrecipient's application for 49 U.S.C. 5310 assistance contains information from which the State concludes that the transit service provided or

offered to be provided by existing public or private transit operators is unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate to meet the special needs of the elderly and persons with disabilities;

D. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5310(d)(2)(A) and subsection 3012(b)(2) of SAFETEA-LU, the State certifies that, before it transfers funds to a project funded under 49 U.S.C. 5336, that project has been or will have been coordinated with private nonprofit providers of services under 49 U.S.C. 5310;

E. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5310(d)(2)(C), the State certifies that allocations to subrecipients of financial assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5310 or subsection 3012(b) of SAFETEA-LU will be distributed on a fair and equitable basis; and

F. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5310(d)(2)(B) and subsection 3012(b)(2) of SAFETEA-LU, the State certifies that: (1) projects it has selected or will select for assistance under that program were derived from a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan; and (2) the plan was developed through a process that included representatives of public, private, and nonprofit transportation and human services providers and participation by the public.

18. NONURBANIZED AREA FORMULA PROGRAM FOR STATES

The provisions of 49 U.S.C. 5311 establishing the Nonurbanized Area Formula Program for States do not impose, as a pre-condition of award, any explicit certification or assurance requirements established specifically for that program. Only a State or a State organization acting as the Recipient on behalf of a State (State) may be a direct recipient of this Nonurbanized Area Formula Program assistance. Separate certifications and assurances have been established in Category 22 for an Indian Tribe that is an Applicant for Tribal Transit Program assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5311(c)(1).

Before FTA may award Nonurbanized Area Formula Program assistance to a State, the U.S. Secretary of Transportation or his or her designee is required to make the pre-award determinations required by 49 U.S.C. 5311. Because certain information is needed before FTA can make those determinations, each State is requested to provide the following certifications and assurances on behalf of itself and its subrecipients. Unless FTA determines otherwise in writing, the State itself is ultimately responsible for compliance with its certifications and assurances even though a subrecipient, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant may participate in that project. Consequently, in providing certifications and assurances that involve the compliance of its prospective subrecipients, the State is strongly encouraged to take the appropriate measures, including but not limited to obtaining sufficient documentation from each subrecipient, to assure the validity of all certifications and assurances the State has made to FTA. A State that fails to provide these certifications and assurances on behalf of itself and its subrecipients may be

determined ineligible for a grant of Federal assistance under 49 U.S.C. 5311 if FTA lacks sufficient information from which to make those determinations required by Federal laws and regulations governing the Nonurbanized Area Formula Program authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5311. The State is thus requested to select Category "18."

The State or State organization serving as the Applicant and that administers, on behalf of the State (State) the Nonurbanized Area Formula Program for States authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5311, assures on behalf of itself and its subrecipients as follows:

A. The State has or will have the necessary legal, financial, and managerial capability to apply for, receive, and disburse Federal assistance authorized for 49 U.S.C. 5311; and to carry out each project, including the safety and security aspects of that project;

B. The State has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of project equipment and facilities;

C. The State assures that the project equipment and facilities will be adequately maintained;

D. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5311(b)(2)(C)(i), the State's program has provided for a fair distribution of Federal assistance authorized for 49 U.S.C. 5311 within the State, including Indian reservations within the State;

E. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5311(b)(2)(C)(ii), the State's program provides or will provide the maximum feasible coordination of public transportation service to receive assistance under 49 U.S.C. 5311 with transportation service assisted by other Federal sources;

F. The projects in the State's Nonurbanized Area Formula Program are included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and, to the extent applicable, the projects are included in a metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program;

G. The State has or will have available and will provide the amount of funds required by 49 U.S.C. 5311(g) for the local share, and that those funds will be provided from approved non-Federal sources except as permitted by Federal law; and

H. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5311(f), the State will expend not less than fifteen (15) percent of its Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5311 to develop and support intercity bus transportation within the State, unless the chief executive officer of the State, or his or her designee, after consultation with affected intercity bus service providers, certifies to the Federal Transit Administrator, apart from these certifications and assurances herein, that the intercity bus service needs of the State are being adequately met.

19. JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM

Each Applicant for Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Formula Grant Program assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5316 is required to provide the following certifications on behalf of itself and any subrecipient that may be implementing its project. Unless FTA determines otherwise in writing, the Applicant itself is ultimately responsible for compliance with its

certifications and assurances even though a subrecipient, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant may participate in that project. Consequently, in providing certifications and assurances that involve the compliance of its prospective subrecipients, the Applicant is strongly encouraged to take the appropriate measures, including but not limited to obtaining sufficient documentation from each subrecipient, to assure the validity of all certifications and assurances the Applicant has made to FTA. FTA may not award Federal assistance for the JARC Formula Grant Program until the Applicant provides these certifications by selecting Category "19."

A. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5316(f)(1), which makes the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307 applicable to Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) formula grants, and 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1), the Applicant for JARC Formula Program assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5316, certifies on behalf of itself and its subrecipients, if any, as follows:

(1) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(A), the Applicant has or will have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out its proposed program of projects, including the safety and security aspects of that program;

(2) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(B), the Applicant has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of project equipment and facilities;

(3) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(C), the Applicant will adequately maintain the project equipment and facilities;

(4) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(D), the Applicant will assure that any elderly individual, any individual with disabilities, or any person presenting a Medicare card issued to himself or herself pursuant to title II or title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 *et seq.* or 42 U.S.C. 1395 *et seq.*), will be charged for transportation during non-peak hours using or involving a facility or equipment of a project financed with Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5316 not more than fifty (50) percent of the peak hour fare;

(5) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(E), the Applicant, in carrying out a procurement financed with Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5316: (1) will use competitive procurement (as defined or approved by FTA), (2) will not use exclusionary or discriminatory specifications in its procurements, (3) will comply with applicable Buy America laws, and (4) will comply with the general provisions for FTA assistance of 49 U.S.C. 5323 and the third party procurement requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5325;

(6) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5316(f)(1) and 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(F), the Applicant certifies that (1) with respect to financial assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5316, it will conduct in cooperation with the appropriate MPO an areawide solicitation for applications, and make awards on a competitive basis and (2) with respect to financial assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5316, it will conduct a statewide solicitation for applications, and make awards on a competitive basis; and that these activities will be carried out in a manner that

complies with or will comply with 49 U.S.C. 5307(c);

(7) The Applicant has or will have available and will provide the amount of funds required by 49 U.S.C. 5316(h) for the local share, and that those funds will be provided from approved non-Federal sources except as permitted by Federal law; and

(8) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(H), the Applicant will comply with: (1) 49 U.S.C. 5301(a) (requirements for public transportation systems that maximize the safe, secure, and efficient mobility of individuals, minimize environmental impacts, and minimize transportation-related fuel consumption and reliance on foreign oil); and (2) 49 U.S.C. 5301(d) (special efforts to design and provide public transportation for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities); and (3) 49 U.S.C. 5303 through 5306 (planning and private enterprise requirements);

B. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5316(d), the Applicant certifies that (1) with respect to financial assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5316(c)(1)(A), it will conduct in cooperation with the appropriate MPO an areawide solicitation for applications, and make awards on a competitive basis and (2) with respect to financial assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5316(c)(1)(B) or 49 U.S.C. 5316(c)(1)(C), it will conduct a statewide solicitation for applications, and make awards on a competitive basis;

C. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5316(f)(2), the Applicant certifies that any allocations to subrecipients of financial assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5316 will be distributed on a fair and equitable basis;

D. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5316(g)(2), the Applicant certifies that, before it transfers funds to a project funded under 49 U.S.C. 5336, that project has been or will have been coordinated with private nonprofit providers of services;

E. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5316(g)(3), the Applicant certifies that: (1) the projects it has selected or will select for assistance under that program were derived from a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan; and (2) the plan was developed through a process that included representatives of public, private, and nonprofit transportation and human services providers and participation by the public; and

F. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5316(c)(3), before the Applicant uses funding apportioned under 49 U.S.C. 5316(c)(1)(B) or (C) for projects serving an area other than that specified in 49 U.S.C. 5316(2)(B) or (C), the Applicant certifies that the chief executive officer of the State, or his or her designee will have certified to the Federal Transit Administrator, apart from these certifications herein, that all of the objectives of 49 U.S.C. 5316 are being met in the area from which such funding would be derived.

20. NEW FREEDOM PROGRAM

Each Applicant for New Freedom Program assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5317 must provide the following certifications on behalf of itself and any subrecipient that may be implementing its project. Unless FTA determines otherwise in writing, the

Applicant itself is ultimately responsible for compliance with its certifications and assurances even though a subrecipient, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant may participate in that project. Consequently, in providing certifications and assurances that involve the compliance of its prospective subrecipients, the Applicant is strongly encouraged to take the appropriate measures, including but not limited to obtaining sufficient documentation from each subrecipient, to assure the validity of all certifications and assurances the Applicant has made to FTA. FTA may not award Federal assistance for the New Freedom Program until the Applicant provides these certifications by selecting Category "20."

A. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5317(e)(1), which makes the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5310 applicable to New Freedom grants to the extent the Federal Transit Administrator or his or her designee determines appropriate, by 49 U.S.C. 5310(d)(1), which makes the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307 applicable to Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Formula grants to the extent the Federal Transit Administrator or his or her designee determines appropriate, and by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1), the Applicant for New Freedom Program assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5317 certifies and assures on behalf of itself and its subrecipients, if any, as follows:

(1) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(A), the Applicant has or will have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out its proposed program of projects, including the safety and security aspects of that program;

(2) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(B), the Applicant has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of project equipment and facilities;

(3) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(C), the Applicant will adequately maintain the project equipment and facilities;

(4) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(E), the Applicant, in carrying out a procurement financed with Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5317: (1) will use competitive procurement (as defined or approved by FTA), (2) will not use exclusionary or discriminatory specifications in its procurements, (3) will comply with applicable Buy America laws, and (4) will comply with the general provisions for FTA assistance of 49 U.S.C. 5323 and the third party procurement requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5325;

(5) The Applicant has or will have available and will provide the amount of funds required by 49 U.S.C. 5317(g) for the local share, and that those funds will be provided from approved non-Federal sources except as permitted by Federal law; and

(6) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(H), the Applicant will comply with: (1) 49 U.S.C. 5301(a) (requirements for public transportation systems that maximize the safe, secure, and efficient mobility of individuals, minimize environmental impacts, and minimize transportation-related fuel consumption and reliance on foreign oil); (2) 49 U.S.C. 5301(d) (special efforts to design and provide public transportation for elderly individuals and individuals with

disabilities); and (3) 49 U.S.C. 5303 through 5306 (planning and private enterprise requirements);

B. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5317(d), the Applicant certifies that (1) with respect to financial assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5317(c)(1)(A), it will conduct in cooperation with the appropriate MPO an areawide solicitation for applications, and make awards on a competitive basis and (2) with respect to financial assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5317(c)(1)(B) or financial assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5317(c)(1)(C), it will conduct a statewide solicitation for applications, and make awards on a competitive basis;

C. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5317(f)(2), the Applicant certifies that, before it transfers funds to a project funded under 49 U.S.C. 5336, that project has been or will have been coordinated with private nonprofit providers of services;

D. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5317(e)(2), the Applicant certifies that any allocations to subrecipients of financial assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5317 will be distributed on a fair and equitable basis; and

E. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5317(f)(3), the Applicant certifies that: (1) the projects it has selected or will select for assistance under that program were derived from a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan; and (2) the plan was developed through a process that included representatives of public, private, and nonprofit transportation and human services providers and through participation by the public.

21. PAUL S. SARBANES TRANSIT IN PARKS PROGRAM

Each State, Tribal area, or local government authority that is an Applicant for Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program assistance (Applicant) authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5320, is required to provide the following certifications. FTA may not award assistance for the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program to the Applicant until the Applicant provides these certifications by selecting Category "21."

A. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5320(i), which makes the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307 applicable to the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program to the extent the Federal Transit Administrator or his or her designee determines appropriate, and 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1), the Applicant certifies as follows:

(1) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(A), the Applicant has or will have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out its proposed project, including the safety and security aspects of that project;

(2) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(B), the Applicant has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of project equipment and facilities;

(3) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(C), the Applicant will adequately maintain the project equipment and facilities;

(4) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(E), in carrying out a procurement financed with Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5320, the Applicant: (1) will use competitive procurement (as defined or approved by FTA), (2) will not use

exclusionary or discriminatory specifications in its procurements, (3) will comply with applicable Buy America laws, and (4) will comply with the general provisions for FTA assistance of 49 U.S.C. 5323 and the third party procurement requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5325;

(5) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(F) and with 49 U.S.C. 5320(e)(2)(C), the Applicant has complied with or will comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307(c). Specifically, it: (1) has made available, or will make available, to the public information on the amounts available for the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program, 49 U.S.C. 5320, and the projects it proposes to undertake; (2) has developed or will develop, in consultation with interested parties including private transportation providers, projects to be financed; (3) has published or will publish a list of proposed projects in a way that affected citizens, private transportation providers, and local elected officials have the opportunity to examine the proposed projects and submit comments on the proposed projects and the performance of the Applicant; (4) has provided or will provide an opportunity for a public hearing to obtain the views of citizens on the proposed projects; (5) has assured or will assure that the proposed projects provide for the coordination of transportation services assisted under 49 U.S.C. 5336 with transportation services assisted by another Federal government source; (6) has considered or will consider the comments and views received, especially those of private transportation providers, in preparing its final list of projects; and (7) has made or will make the final list of projects available to the public;

(6) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(H), the Applicant will comply with: (1) 49 U.S.C. 5301(a) (requirements for public transportation systems that maximize the safe, secure, and efficient mobility of individuals, minimize environmental impacts, and minimize transportation-related fuel consumption and reliance on foreign oil); (2) 49 U.S.C. 5301(d) (special efforts to design and provide public transportation for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities); and (3) 49 U.S.C. 5303 through 5306 (planning and private enterprise requirements); and

(7) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(I), the Applicant has a locally developed process to solicit and consider public comment before raising a fare or implementing a major reduction of public transportation; and

B. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5320(e)(2)(A), (B), and (D), the Applicant assures that it will:

(1) Comply with the metropolitan planning provisions of 49 U.S.C. 5303;

(2) Comply with the statewide planning provisions of 49 U.S.C. 5304; and

(3) Consult with the appropriate Federal land management agency during the planning process.

22. TRIBAL TRANSIT PROGRAM

Each Applicant for Tribal Transit Program assistance must provide all certifications and assurances set forth below. Except to the

extent that FTA determines otherwise in writing, FTA may not award any Federal assistance under the Tribal Transit Program until the Applicant provides these certifications and assurances by selecting Category "22."

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 5311(c)(1) that authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to establish terms and conditions for direct grants to Indian Tribal governments, the Applicant certifies and assures as follows:

A. The Applicant assures that:

(1) It has or will have the necessary legal, financial, and managerial capability to apply for, receive, and disburse Federal assistance authorized for 49 U.S.C. 5311; and to carry out each project, including the safety and security aspects of that project;

(2) It has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of project equipment and facilities;

(3) The project equipment and facilities will be adequately maintained; and

(4) Its project will achieve maximum feasible coordination with transportation service assisted by other Federal sources;

B. In accordance with 49 CFR 18.36(g)(3)(ii), the Applicant certifies that its procurement system will comply with the requirements of 49 CFR 18.36, or will inform FTA promptly that its procurement system does not comply with 49 CFR 18.36;

C. To the extent applicable to the Applicant or its Project, the Applicant certifies that it will comply with the certifications, assurances, and agreements in Category 08 (Bus Testing), Category 09 (Charter Bus Agreement), Category 10 (School Transportation Agreement), Category 11 (Demand Responsive Service), Category 12 (Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use), and Category 14 (National Intelligent Transportation Systems Architecture and Standards) of this document; and

D. If its application exceeds \$100,000, the Applicant agrees to comply with the certification in Category 02 (Lobbying) of this document.

23. TIFIA PROJECTS

Each Applicant for Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) credit assistance authorized under 23 U.S.C. chapter 6, is required to provide the following certifications. FTA may not award TIFIA credit assistance to the Applicant until the Applicant provides these certifications by selecting Category "23."

A. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5323(o), which makes the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307 applicable to Applicants seeking TIFIA credit assistance authorized under 23 U.S.C. chapter 6, and by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1), the Applicant certifies as follows:

(1) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(A), the Applicant has or will have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out its proposed program of projects, including the safety and security aspects of that program;

(2) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(B), the Applicant has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of project equipment and facilities;

(3) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(C), the Applicant will adequately maintain the project equipment and facilities;

(4) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(D), the Applicant will assure that any elderly individual, any individual with disabilities, or any person presenting a Medicare card issued to himself or herself pursuant to title II or title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 *et seq.* or 42 U.S.C. 1395 *et seq.*), will be charged for transportation during non-peak hours using or involving a facility or equipment of a project financed with Federal assistance authorized under 23 U.S.C. chapter 6, not more than fifty (50) percent of the peak hour fare;

(5) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(E), the Applicant, in carrying out a procurement financed with Federal assistance authorized under 23 U.S.C. chapter 6: (1) will use competitive procurement (as defined or approved by FTA), (2) will not use exclusionary or discriminatory specifications in its procurements, (3) will comply with applicable Buy America laws, and (4) will comply with the general provisions for FTA assistance of 49 U.S.C. 5323 and the third party procurement requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5325;

(6) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(F), the Applicant has complied with or will comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307(c). Specifically, it: (a) Has made available, or will make available, to the public information on the amounts available for TIFIA credit assistance, 23 U.S.C. chapter 6, and the projects it proposes to undertake; (b) has developed or will develop, in consultation with interested parties including private transportation providers, the proposed projects to be financed; (c) has published or will publish a list of projects in a way that affected citizens, private transportation providers, and local elected officials have the opportunity to examine the proposed projects and submit comments on the proposed projects and the performance of the Applicant; (d) has provided or will provide an opportunity for a public hearing to obtain the views of citizens on the proposed projects; (e) has assured or will assure that the proposed projects provide for the coordination of transportation services assisted under 49 U.S.C. 5336 with transportation services assisted by another Federal government source; (f) has considered or will consider the comments and views received, especially those of private transportation providers, in preparing its final list of projects; and (g) has made or will make the final list of projects available to the public;

(7) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(G), the Applicant has or will have available and will provide the amount of funds required for the local share, and that those funds will be provided from approved non-Federal sources except as permitted by Federal law;

(8) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(H), (1) the Applicant will comply with: 49 U.S.C. 5301(a) (requirements for public transportation systems that maximize the safe, secure, and efficient mobility of

individuals, minimize environmental impacts, and minimize transportation-related fuel consumption and reliance on foreign oil); (2) 49 U.S.C. 5301(d) (special efforts to design and provide public transportation for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities); and (3) 49 U.S.C. 5303 through 5306 (planning and private enterprise requirements);

(9) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(I), the Applicant has a locally developed process to solicit and consider public comment before raising a fare or implementing a major reduction of public transportation;

(10) To the extent that the Applicant will be using funds authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5307 for the project, in compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(J), each Federal fiscal year, the Applicant will spend at least one (1) percent of those funds authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5307 for public transportation security projects (this includes only capital projects in the case of an Applicant serving an urbanized area with a population of 200,000 or more), unless the Applicant has certified to FTA that such expenditures are not necessary. Public transportation security projects include increased lighting in or adjacent to a public transportation system (including bus stops, subway stations, parking lots, and garages), increased camera surveillance of an area in or adjacent to that system, emergency telephone line or lines to contact law enforcement or security personnel in an area in or adjacent to that system, and any other project intended to increase the security and safety of an existing or planned public transportation; and

(11) To the extent that the Applicant will be using funds authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5307 for the project, in compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5309(d)(1)(K): (1) An Applicant that serves an urbanized area with a population of at least 200,000 will expend not less than one (1) percent of the amount it receives each Federal fiscal year under 49 U.S.C. 5307 for transit enhancements, as defined at 49 U.S.C. 5302(a), and (2) if it has received transit enhancement funds authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5307(k)(1), its quarterly report for the fourth quarter of the preceding Federal fiscal year includes a list of the projects it has implemented during that Federal fiscal year using those funds, and that report is incorporated by reference and made part of its certifications and assurances; and

B. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5323(o), which makes the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5309 applicable to Applicants seeking TIFIA credit assistance authorized under 23 U.S.C. chapter 6, and by 49 U.S.C. 5309(g)(2)(B)(iii), 5309(g)(3)(B)(iii), and 5309(i)(2)(C), the Applicant certifies that it will not seek reimbursement for interest and other financing costs incurred in connection with the Project unless the Applicant is eligible to receive Federal assistance for those expenses and the Applicant's records demonstrate that it has used reasonable diligence in seeking the most favorable financing terms underlying those costs, to the extent FTA may require.

24. DEPOSITS OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANKS

The State organization that administers the State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) Program on behalf of a State (State) and that is also an Applicant for Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 that it intends to deposit in its SIB is requested to provide the following assurances on behalf of itself, its SIB, and each subrecipient. Unless FTA determines otherwise in writing, the State itself is ultimately responsible for compliance with its certifications and assurances even though the SIB and a subrecipient may participate in that project. Consequently, in providing certifications and assurances that involve the compliance of its SIB and prospective subrecipients, the State is strongly encouraged to take the appropriate measures, including but not limited to obtaining sufficient documentation from the SIB and each subrecipient, to assure the validity of all certifications and assurances the State has made to FTA. FTA may not award Federal assistance for the SIB Program to the State until the State provides these assurances by selecting Category "24."

The State organization, serving as the Applicant (State) for Federal assistance for its State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) Program authorized by section 1602 of SAFETEA-LU, now codified at 23 U.S.C. 610, or by section 1511 of TEA-21, 23 U.S.C. 181 note, or by section 350 of the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995, as amended, 23 U.S.C. 181 note, agrees and assures the agreement of its SIB and the agreement of each recipient of Federal assistance derived from the SIB within the State (subrecipient) that each public transportation project financed with Federal assistance derived from SIB will be administered in accordance with:

A. Applicable provisions of section 1602 of SAFETEA-LU, now codified at 23 U.S.C. 610, or by section 1511 of TEA-21, 23 U.S.C. 181 note, or by section 350 of the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995, as amended, 23 U.S.C. 181;

B. The provisions of the FHWA, FRA, and FTA or the FHWA and FTA cooperative agreement with the State to establish the State's SIB Program;

C. The provisions of the FTA grant agreement with the State that provides Federal assistance for the SIB, except that any provision of the Federal Transit Administration Master Agreement incorporated by reference into that grant agreement will not apply if it conflicts with any provision of section 1602 of SAFETEA-LU, now codified at 23 U.S.C. 610, or section 1511 of TEA-21, 23 U.S.C. 181 note, or section 350 of the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995, as amended, 23 U.S.C. 181 note, or Federal guidance pertaining to the SIB Program, the provisions of the cooperative agreement establishing the SIB Program within the State, or the provisions of the FTA grant agreement;

D. The requirements applicable to projects of 49 U.S.C. 5307 and 5309, as required by 49 U.S.C. 5323(o); and

E. The provisions of applicable Federal guidance that may be issued and

amendments thereto, unless FTA has
provided written approval of an alternative
procedure or course of action.

Selection and Signature Page(s) follow.
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APPENDIX A

**FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2011 CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS***(Signature page alternative to providing Certifications and Assurances in TEAM-Web)*Name of Applicant: Fort Bend CountyThe Applicant agrees to comply with applicable provisions of Categories 01 – 24. X
OR

The Applicant agrees to comply with applicable provisions of the Categories it has selected:

| <u>Category</u> | <u>Description</u> | |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| 01. | Assurances Required For Each Applicant. | _____ |
| 02. | Lobbying. | _____ |
| 03. | Procurement Compliance. | _____ |
| 04. | Protections for Private Providers of Public Transportation. | _____ |
| 05. | Public Hearing. | _____ |
| 06. | Acquisition of Rolling Stock for Use in Revenue Service. | _____ |
| 07. | Acquisition of Capital Assets by Lease. | _____ |
| 08. | Bus Testing. | _____ |
| 09. | Charter Service Agreement. | _____ |
| 10. | School Transportation Agreement. | _____ |
| 11. | Demand Responsive Service. | _____ |
| 12. | Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use. | _____ |
| 13. | Interest and Other Financing Costs. | _____ |
| 14. | Intelligent Transportation Systems. | _____ |
| 15. | Urbanized Area Formula Program. | _____ |
| 16. | Clean Fuels Grant Program. | _____ |
| 17. | Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Formula Program and Pilot Program. | _____ |
| 18. | Nonurbanized Area Formula Program for States. | _____ |
| 19. | Job Access and Reverse Commute Program. | _____ |
| 20. | New Freedom Program. | _____ |
| 21. | Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program. | _____ |
| 22. | Tribal Transit Program. | _____ |
| 23. | TIFIA Projects | _____ |
| 24. | Deposits of Federal Financial Assistance to a State Infrastructure Banks. | _____ |

APPENDIX A

FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2011 FTA CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES SIGNATURE PAGE
(Required of all Applicants for FTA assistance and all FTA Grantees with an active capital or formula project)

AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT

Name of Applicant: Fort Bend CountyName and Relationship of Authorized Representative: Robert E. Hebert, County Judge

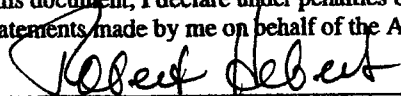
BY SIGNING BELOW, on behalf of the Applicant, I declare that the Applicant has duly authorized me to make these certifications and assurances and bind the Applicant's compliance. Thus, the Applicant agrees to comply with all Federal statutes and regulations, and follow applicable Federal directives, and comply with the certifications and assurances as indicated on the foregoing page applicable to each application it makes to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in Federal Fiscal Year 2011.

FTA intends that the certifications and assurances the Applicant selects on the other side of this document, as representative of the certifications and assurances in this document, should apply, as provided, to each project for which the Applicant seeks now, or may later, seek FTA assistance during Federal Fiscal Year 2011.

The Applicant affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of the certifications and assurances it has made in the statements submitted herein with this document and any other submission made to FTA, and acknowledges that the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, 31 U.S.C. 3801 *et seq.*, and implementing U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 CFR part 31 apply to any certification, assurance or submission made to FTA. The criminal provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1001 apply to any certification, assurance, or submission made in connection with a Federal public transportation program authorized in 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 or any other statute

In signing this document, I declare under penalties of perjury that the foregoing certifications and assurances, and any other statements made by me on behalf of the Applicant are true and correct.

Signature

Date: 11-23-2010Name Robert E. Hebert, Fort Bend County Judge

Authorized Representative of Applicant

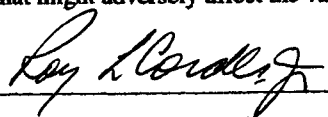
AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY

For (Name of Applicant): Fort Bend County

As the undersigned Attorney for the above named Applicant, I hereby affirm to the Applicant that it has authority under State, local, or tribal government law, as applicable, to make and comply with the certifications and assurances as indicated on the foregoing pages. I further affirm that, in my opinion, the certifications and assurances have been legally made and constitute legal and binding obligations on the Applicant.

I further affirm to the Applicant that, to the best of my knowledge, there is no legislation or litigation pending or imminent that might adversely affect the validity of these certifications and assurances, or of the performance of the project.

Signature

Date: 11/23/2010Name Roy L. Cordes, Jr., Fort Bend County Attorney

Attorney for Applicant

Each Applicant for FTA financial assistance and each FTA Grantee with an active capital or formula project must provide an Affirmation of Applicant's Attorney pertaining to the Applicant's legal capacity. The Applicant may enter its signature in lieu of the Attorney's signature, provided the Applicant has on file this Affirmation, signed by the attorney and dated this Federal fiscal year.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration****[Docket ID PHMSA-2010-0294]****Pipeline Safety: Control Room Management Implementation Workshop****AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.**ACTION:** Notice of workshop.

SUMMARY: PHMSA is conducting a workshop in conjunction with the National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives (NAPSR) on the implementation of pipeline control room management. The workshop is intended to foster an understanding of the Control Room Management Rule issued by PHMSA on December 3, 2009, and is open to the public. Panel discussions will provide insight on topics associated with fatigue management and maximum hours of service, alarm management, and adequate information. Those attending the workshop will have the opportunity to ask questions about the rule while engaging in open discussions with various stakeholders including representatives from the public, regulatory, and industry. This workshop will also provide PHMSA input to further refine guidance material currently in development.

DATES: The workshop will be held on November 17, 2010. Name badge pick up and on-site registration will be available starting at 7:30 a.m., with the workshop taking place from 8 a.m. until approximately 5:15 p.m. Refer to the meeting website for updated agenda and times at <https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/Mtg67.mtg>. The workshop will not be a live webcast, however, all workshop presentations and an audio recording will be available on the PHMSA meeting website. Workshop presentations will also be available on the meeting docket.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2222 West Loop South, Houston, TX 77027. Hotel reservations under the "USDOT CRM Meeting" room block for the nights of November 16 and 17, 2010, can be made at 1-800-316-8645. A daily base rate of \$109.00 is available. The meeting room will be posted at the hotel on the day of the workshop.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Butler at 816-329-3835, or by e-mail at karen.butler@dot.gov.

ADDRESSES: *Registration:* Anyone may attend this free workshop. To help ensure that adequate space is provided, all attendees are encouraged to register for the workshop at <https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/Mtg67.mtg>. Hotel reservations must be made by contacting the hotel directly.

Comments: Anyone may submit written comments, either before or after the workshop. Comments should reference Docket ID PHMSA-2010-0294. Comments may be submitted in the following ways:

- *E-Gov Web Site:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. This site allows the public to enter comments on any Federal Register notice issued by any agency. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.

Hand Delivery: DOT Docket Management System, Room W12-140, on the ground floor of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: Identify the Docket ID at the beginning of your comments. If you submit your comments by mail, submit two copies. If you wish to receive confirmation that PHMSA has received your comments, include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may submit comments at <http://www.regulations.gov>. **Note:** Comments will be posted without changes or edits to <http://www.regulations.gov> including any personal information provided.

Privacy Act Statement: Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received for any of our dockets. You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the Federal Register published April 11, 2000, (65 FR 19477).

Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities: For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance at the meeting, please contact Karen Butler at 816-329-3835, or by e-mail at karen.butler@dot.gov by November 5, 2010.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 3, 2009, (74 FR 63310) PHMSA issued a final rule "Control Room Management/Human Factors" which became effective on February 1,

2010. The final rule amended the Federal pipeline safety regulations to address human factors and other aspects of control room management for certain pipelines where controllers use supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) systems. Under the final rule, pipeline operators must implement methods to reduce the risk associated with controller fatigue. In addition, certain operators must define the roles and responsibilities of controllers and provide controllers with the necessary information, training, and processes to fulfill these responsibilities. Affected operators must also manage alarms, ensure control room considerations are taken into account when changing pipeline equipment or configurations, and review reportable incidents for accidents to determine whether control room actions contributed to the event.

The workshop will include presentations highlighting several topical areas and the sharing of specific solutions based on initial feedback received from stakeholders. The panel format will offer the opportunity for dialogue and sharing of ideas to help PHMSA generate guidance material.

Preliminary Workshop Agenda

The preliminary agenda for the workshop includes:

- (1) Introduction and Overview.
- (2) Definitions and Control Room Specifics.
- (3) Fatigue and Maximum Hours of Service (panel).
- (4) Alarm Management (panel).
- (5) Roles and Responsibilities.
- (6) Adequate Information (panel).
- (7) Remaining Code Sections.
- (8) Open Question and Answer.
- (9) Wrap Up and Path Forward.

Refer to the meeting Web site for a more detailed agenda: <https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/Mtg67.mtg>.

Issued in Washington, DC on October 22, 2010.

Jeffrey D. Wiese,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Eighth Meeting: RTCA Special Committee 221: Aircraft Secondary Barriers and Alternative Flight Deck Security Procedures****AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.**ACTION:** Notice of RTCA Special Committee 221 meeting: Aircraft