

**Fort Bend County**  
(Name of Subrecipient)

**Fiscal Year 2012 Grant Application Part II  
(Certifications & Assurances)**



**Public Transportation Division (PTN)**

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The inclusion of federal funding into this grant application requires the applicant to certify to several federal regulations. The documents included here are required but may not be all-inclusive of the regulations the applicant will be required to follow.

### 1. Primary Contacts

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### 2. Checklist

Check the item after ensuring it has been completed.

<b>Subrecipient Review</b>	<b>TxDOT Review</b>	<b>Federal / State Documents</b>
		A. FY 2012 Certifications and Assurances
		B. Lobbying Certification required for each applicant exceeding \$100,000
		C. Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement)
		D. Lower Tier Participant Debarment Certification
		E. U.S. Department of Labor Special Section 5333(b) Waiver Certification

#### TxDOT Review

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Typed/Printed Name of Public Transportation Coordinator

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Field Office

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Signature

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Date

## **A. FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2012 CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS - PREFACE**

*In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 5323(n) and before the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) may award Federal transit assistance (funding or funds) to support a project, an authorized representative (You) must provide certain certifications and assurances required by Federal law or regulation. You must provide all certifications and assurances required to support your application for FTA funding during Federal fiscal year (FY) 2012.*

*We request that you read each certification and assurance carefully. We can award FTA funding only if you provide adequate certifications and assurances as required by Federal law or regulation.*

*The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has consolidated the certifications and assurances into 24 groups. At a minimum, you must provide the assurances in Group 01. If your Applicant requests more than \$100,000, you must also provide the Lobbying certification in Group 02, unless your Applicant is an Indian tribe or organization or a tribal organization. Depending on the nature of the project, you may need to provide some of the certifications and assurances in Groups 03 through 24. FTA and TxDOT understand and agree that not every provision of these certifications and assurances will apply to every Applicant or every project we fund.*

*You also understand and agree that these certifications and assurances are special pre-award requirements and do not include all Federal requirements that may apply to you. The FTA Master Agreement MA(18) for Federal Fiscal Year 2012, <http://www.fta.dot.gov/documents/18-Master.pdf>, contains a list of most of those requirements.*

*Except in limited circumstances, you are ultimately responsible for compliance with the certifications and assurances that apply to itself or its project irrespective of subrecipient participation in the project. Because many FY 2012 certifications and assurances will require compliance, we strongly recommend that you take appropriate measures to assure the validity of your certifications and assurances. You understand and agree that when you apply for funding 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 you select on your behalf.*

*Federal FY 2012 changes:*

- The Preface has been amended to identify the Web site for our FY 2012 Master Agreement <Http://www.fta.gov/documents/18-Master.pdf>.*
- Certification (02) has been amended to clarify that the lobbying certification does not apply to an Indian tribe, tribal organization, or other Indian organization for consistency with the applicability provision of the "Byrd" lobbying amendment at 31 U.S.C. 1352 (g)(1)(B).*
- References have been added to various acts of the Authority Section of Federal Register Preamble to reflect the extended effective date of FTA's authorizing legislation through March 31, 2012.*

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### GROUP 01. ASSURANCES REQUIRED FOR EACH APPLICANT

*You must select the following assurances in Group 01 on behalf of your Applicant unless we expressly determine otherwise in writing.*

#### *A. Assurance of Authority of the Applicant and Its Representative.*

Both you and the Applicant's attorney who sign these certifications, assurances, and agreements, affirm that both the Applicant and you as its authorized representative may, under their State, local, or Indian tribal law and regulations, and the Applicant's by-laws or internal rules, undertake the following activities on behalf of the Applicant:

1. Execute and file its application for Federal funds,
2. Execute and file its certifications, assurances, and agreements binding its compliance, and
3. Execute Grant Agreements or Cooperative Agreements, or both, with FTA.

#### *B. Standard Assurances.*

The Applicant assures that:

1. It has sufficient authority under its State, local, or Indian tribal law, regulations by-laws and internal rules to carry out each FTA funded project as required by Federal laws and regulations,
2. It will comply with all applicable Federal statutes and regulations to carry out any FTA funded project,
3. It is under a continuing obligation to comply with the terms and conditions of the FTA Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement for the project, including the FTA Master Agreement incorporated by reference and made part of the latest amendment to Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement,
4. It recognizes that Federal laws and regulations may be modified from time to time and those modifications may affect project implementation,
5. It 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, and
6. It agrees that the most recent Federal laws, regulations, and directives will apply to the project, unless FTA determines otherwise in writing.

#### *C. Intergovernmental Review Assurance.*

*This assurance does not apply to Indian tribe or organization or a tribal organization that applies for funding under FTA's Tribal Transit Program, 49 U.S.C. 5311(c)(1).*

The Applicant assures that it has or will submit each Federal funding application to the appropriate State and local agencies for intergovernmental review to facilitate compliance with U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) regulations, "Intergovernmental Review of Department of Transportation Programs and Activities," 49 CFR part 17.

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### D. Nondiscrimination Assurance.

1. The Applicant assures that it will comply with the following laws and regulations so that no person in the United States will be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in any U.S. DOT or FTA funded program or activity (particularly in the level and quality of transportation services and transportation-related benefits on the basis of race, color, national origin, creed, sex, or age:
  - a. Federal transit law, specifically 49 U.S.C. 5332 (prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age, and in employment or business opportunity),
  - b. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000d, and
  - c. 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.
2. As required by 49 CFR 21.7, the Applicant assures that:
  - a. It will comply with 49 U.S.C. 5332, 42 U.S.C. 2000d, and 49 CFR part 21 in the manner:
    - (1) It conducts each project,
    - (2) It undertakes property acquisitions, and
    - (3) It operates the project facilities, including:
      - (a) Its entire facilities, and
      - (b) Its facilities operated in connection with its project,
  - b. This assurance applies to its entire project and entire facilities, including facilities operated in connection with its project,
  - c. It will promptly take the necessary actions to carry out this assurance, including:
    - (1) Notifying the public that discrimination complaints about transportation-related services or benefits may be filed with U.S. DOT or FTA, and
    - (2) Submitting information about its compliance with these provisions to U.S. DOT or FTA upon their request,
  - d. If it transfers FTA funded real property, structures, or improvements to another party, any deeds and instruments recording that transfer will contain a covenant running with the land assuring nondiscrimination:
    - (1) While the property is used for the purpose that the Federal funding is extended,
    - (2) While the property is used for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits,
  - e. The United States has a right to seek judicial enforcement of any matter arising under:
    - (1) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 2000d,
    - (2) U.S. DOT regulations, 49 CFR part 21, and
    - (3) This assurance,
  - f. It will make any changes in its Title VI implementing procedures as U.S. DOT or FTA may request to comply with:
    - (1) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 2000d,
    - (2) U.S. DOT regulations, 49 CFR part 21, and
    - (3) Federal transit law, 49 U.S.C. 5332,
  - g. It will extend the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5332, 42 U.S.C. 2000d, and 49 CFR part 21 to each third party participant, including:
    - (1) Any subrecipient,
    - (2) Any transferee,
    - (3) Any third party contractor or subcontractor at any tier,

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- (4) Any successor in interest,
  - (5) Any lessee, or
  - (6) Any other participant in the project,
- h. It will include adequate provisions to extend the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5332, 42 U.S.C. 2000d, and 49 CFR part 21 to each third party agreement, including:
- (1) Each subagreement,
  - (2) Each property transfer agreement,
  - (3) Each third party contract or subcontract at any tier,
  - (4) Each lease, or
  - (5) Each participation agreement,
- i. The assurances it has made will remain in effect for the longest of the following:
- (1) As long as Federal funding is extended to the project,
  - (2) As long as the Project property is used for a purpose for which the Federal funding is extended,
  - (3) As long as the Project property is used for a purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits, or
  - (4) As long as the Applicant retains ownership or possession of the project property.

### *E. Assurance of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability.*

1. The Applicant assures that it and its project implementation and operations will comply with all applicable requirements of:
- a. The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. 794, *et seq.*,
  - b. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 12101 *et seq.*,
  - c. U.S. DOT regulations, specifically 49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38, and
  - d. Any other applicable Federal laws that may be enacted or Federal regulations that may be promulgated,
2. As required by U.S. DOT regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs and Activities Receiving or Benefiting from Federal Financial Assistance," 49 CFR part 27, specifically 49 CFR 27.9, the Applicant assures that:
- a. The following prohibition against discrimination on the basis of disability is a condition to the approval or extension of any FTA funding awarded to:
    - (1) Construct any facility,
    - (2) Obtain any rolling stock or other equipment,
    - (3) Undertake studies,
    - (4) Conduct research, or
    - (5) Participate in or obtain any benefit from any FTA administered program,
  - b. In any program or activity receiving or benefiting from Federal funding FTA or any entity within U.S. DOT administers, no otherwise qualified people with a disability will, because of their disability, be:
    - (1) Excluded from participation,
    - (2) Denied benefits, or
    - (3) Otherwise subjected to discrimination.

### *F. Suspension and Debarment.*

1. 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

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(U.S. OMB) "Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," 2 CFR part 180, permit certifications to assure the Applicant acknowledges that:

2. The Applicant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that, it, its principals, and first tier subrecipients:
  - a. Are eligible to participate in covered transactions of any Federal department or agency and are not presently:
    - (1) Debarred,
    - (2) Suspended,
    - (3) Proposed for debarment,
    - (4) Declared ineligible, or
    - (5) Voluntarily excluded, or
    - (6) Disqualified,
  - 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:
    - (1) 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,
    - (2) Violation of any Federal or State antitrust statute, or
    - (3) 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 the preceding Section 2.b of this certification,
  - d. Have not had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default within a three-year period preceding this certification,
  - e. Will promptly provide any information to the FTA if at a later time any information contradicts the statements of subparagraphs (1) through (4) above, and
  - f. Will treat each lower tier contract or lower tier subcontract under the Project as a covered lower tier contract for purposes of 2 CFR part 1200 and 2 CFR part 180 if it:
    - (1) Equals or exceeds \$25,000,
    - (2) Is for audit services, or
    - (3) Requires the consent of a Federal official,
  - g. Will require that each covered lower tier contractor and subcontractor:
    - (1) Comply with the Federal requirements of 2 CFR part 1200 and 2 CFR part 180, and
    - (2) Assure that each lower tier participant in the Project is not presently declared by any Federal department or agency to be:
      - (a) Debarred from participation in the federally funded project,
      - (b) Suspended from participation in the federally funded project,
      - (c) Proposed for debarment from participation in the federally funded project,
      - (d) Declared ineligible to participate in the federally funded project,
      - (e) Voluntarily excluded from participation in the federally funded project, or
      - (f) Disqualified from participation in the federally funded Project.
3. The Applicant will provide a written explanation indicated on its Signature Page or a page attached in FTA's TEAM if it or any of its principals, including any of its first tier subrecipients or lower tier participants, is unable to certify to the preceding statements in this certification.

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### G. U.S. OMB Assurances in SF-424B and SF-424D.

(These assurances are consistent with U.S. OMB assurances required in SF-424B and SF-424D.)

#### 1. Administrative Activities. The Applicant assures that:

a. For every project described in any application it submits, it has adequate resources to properly plan, manage, and complete the project, including:

- (1) The legal authority to apply for Federal funding, and
- (2) The institutional capability,
- (3) The managerial capability, and
- (4) The financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost).

b. It will give access and the right to examine project-related materials, including but not limited to:

- (1) FTA,
- (2) The Comptroller General of the United States, and,
- (3) If appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative,

c. It will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.

d. It will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that:

- (1) Results in a personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain, or
- (2) Presents the appearance of a personal or organizational conflict of interest or personal gain.

#### 2. Project Specifics. The Applicant assures that:

a. Following receipt of FTA award, it will begin and complete Project work within the applicable time periods,

b. For FTA funded construction projects:

- (1) It will comply with FTA provisions concerning the drafting, review, and approval of construction plans and specifications
- (2) It will to the extent practicable provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to assure that the completed work conforms with the approved plans and specifications,
- (3) It will include a covenant in the title of federally funded real property acquired to assure nondiscrimination during the useful life of the project,
- (4) To the extent FTA requires, it will record the Federal interest in the title to FTA assisted real property or interests in real property, and
- (5) To the extent practicable, without permission and instructions from FTA, it will not alter the site of the FTA funded construction project or facilities by:
  - (a) Disposing of the underlying real property or other interest in the site and facilities,
  - (b) Modifying the use of the underlying real property or other interest in the site and facilities, or
  - (c) Changing the terms of the underlying real property title or other interest in the site and facilities.

c. It will furnish progress reports and other information as FTA or the State may require.

#### 3. Statutory and Regulatory requirements. The Applicant assures that:

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a. It will comply with all applicable Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination including, but not limited to the:

- (1) Prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 2000d,
- (2) Prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of sex of:
  - (a) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1681 – 1683, and 1685 – 1687, and
  - (b) U.S. DOT regulations, “Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance,” 49 CFR part 25,
- (3) Prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of age in federally assisted programs of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6101 – 6107,
- (4) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability,
- (5) Prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of disability of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. 794,
- (6) Nondiscrimination requirements relating to the sale, rental, or financing of housing of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 3601 *et seq.*,
- (7) Prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of drug abuse of the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972, as amended, 21 U.S.C. 1101 *et seq.*,
- (8) Prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse of the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention Act of 1970, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4541 *et seq.*,
- (9) Confidentiality requirements for the records of alcohol and drug abuse patients of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 290dd – 290dd-2, and
- (10) Nondiscrimination provisions of any other statute(s) that may apply to the project,

b. Regardless of whether Federal funding has been provided for any of the real property acquired for Project purposes, it will provide for fair and equitable treatment of displaced persons or persons whose property is acquired as a result of federally assisted programs, and:

- (1) It has the necessary legal authority under State and local law to comply with:
  - (a) The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (Uniform Relocation Act) 42 U.S.C. 4601 *et seq.*, as specified by sections 210 and 305 of that Act, 42 U.S.C. 4630 and 4655, respectively, and
  - (b) U.S. DOT regulations, “Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition for Federal and Federally Assisted Programs,” 49 CFR part 24, specifically 49 CFR 24.4.
- (2) It has complied with or will comply with the Uniform Relocation Act and implementing U.S. DOT regulations including but not limited to doing the following:
  - (a) It will adequately inform each affected person of the benefits, policies, and procedures provided for in 49 CFR part 24,
  - (b) As required by 42 U.S.C. 4622, 4623, and 4624, and 49 CFR part 24, it will provide fair and reasonable relocation payments and assistance for displacement, resulting from any FTA funded project, of:
    1. Families and individuals,
    2. Partnerships, corporations, or associations,
  - (c) As provided by 42 U.S.C. 4625 and 49 CFR part 24, it will provide relocation assistance programs offering the services described in to the U.S. DOT regulations to such

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displaced:

1. Families and individuals,
2. Partnerships, corporations, or associations,

(d) As required by 42 U.S.C. 4625(c)(3), within a reasonable time before displacement it will make available comparable replacement dwellings to families and individuals,

(e) It will:

1. Carry out the relocation process to provide displaced persons with uniform and consistent services, and
2. 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) It 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) It will pay or reimburse property owners for their necessary expenses as specified in 42 U.S.C. 4653 and 4654, understanding that FTA will provide Federal funding for its eligible costs of providing payments for those expenses, as required by 42 U.S.C. 4631,

(h) It will execute the necessary implementing amendments to third party contracts and subagreements financed with FTA funding, and

(i) It will execute, furnish, and be bound by such additional documents as FTA may determine necessary to effectuate or implement these assurances, and

(j) It will incorporate these assurances by reference into and make them a part of any third party contract or subagreement, or any amendments thereto, relating to any FTA funded project involving relocation or land acquisition, and

(k) It will provide in any affected document that these relocation and land acquisition provisions must supersede any conflicting provisions,

c. To the extent practicable, it 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,

d. It will, to the extent practicable, comply with the protections for human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by Federal funding of:

(1) The National Research Act, Pub. L. 93-348, July 12, 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 289 *et seq.*, and

(2) U.S. DOT regulations, "Protection of Human Subjects," 49 CFR part 11,

e. It will, to the extent practicable, comply with the labor standards and protections for federally funded projects of:

(1) The Davis-Bacon Act, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 3141 *et seq.*,

(2) Sections 1 and 2 of the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act, as amended, 18 U.S.C. 874, and 40 U.S.C. 3145, respectively,

(3) The Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 3701 *et seq.*,

f. It will, to the extent practicable, comply with any applicable environmental standards that may be prescribed to implement the following Federal laws and executive orders, including but not limited to the following:

(l) It will comply with the institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321 – 4335 and

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- Executive Order No. 11514, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321 note,
- (2) It will comply with notification of violating facilities pursuant to Executive Order No. 11738, 42 U.S.C. 7606 note,
  - (3) It will comply with protection of wetlands pursuant to Executive Order No. 11990, 42 U.S.C. 4321 note,
  - (4) It will comply with evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with Executive Order No. 11988, 42 U.S.C. 4321 note,
  - (5) It will comply with an 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 – 1465,
  - (6) It will comply with 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 – 7671q,
  - (7) It will comply with protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 300f – 300j-6,
  - (8) It will comply with protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1531 – 1544, and
  - (9) It will comply with 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),
  - (10) It will comply with 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 – 1287, and
  - (11) It will comply with and facilitate compliance with
    - (a) Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 470f,
    - (b) The Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 469 – 469c, and
    - (c) Executive Order No. 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), 16 U.S.C. 470 note,
- g. To the extent practicable, it will comply with Federal requirements for the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held or used for research, teaching, or other activities supported by Federal funding of:
- (1) The Animal Welfare Act, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 2131 *et seq.*, and
  - (2) U.S. Department of Agriculture regulations, "Animal Welfare," 9 CFR subchapter A, parts 1, 2, 3, and 4,
- h. To the extent practicable, before accepting delivery of any FTA funded building it will obtain a certificate of compliance with the seismic design and construction requirements of U.S. DOT regulations, "Seismic Safety," 49 CFR part 41, specifically 49 CFR 41.117(d),
- i. To the extent practicable, it and its subrecipients located in special flood hazard areas will comply with section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4012a(a), by:
- (1) Participating in the Federal flood insurance program,
  - (2) Purchasing flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition

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- is \$10,000 or more,
- j. To the extent practicable, it will comply with:
- (1) The Hatch Act, 5 U.S.C. 1501 – 1508, 7324 – 7326, which limits 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, and
  - (2) 49 U.S.C. 5307(k)(2) and 23 U.S.C. 142(g), which provide an exception from Hatch Act restrictions for a nonsupervisory employee of a public transportation system (or of any other agency or entity performing related functions) receiving FTA funding to whom the Hatch Act does not otherwise apply,
- k. It will have performed the financial and compliance audits as required by:
- (1) The Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, 31 U.S.C. 7501 *et seq.*,
  - (2) U.S. OMB Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations," Revised, and
  - (3) The most recent applicable U.S. OMB A-133 Compliance Supplement provisions for the U.S. DOT, and
- l. It will, to the extent practicable, 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.

### GROUP 02. LOBBYING CERTIFICATION

*You must select the following certifications in Group 02 if you apply on behalf of your Applicant for a Federal grant or cooperative agreement exceeding \$100,000, or a loan (including a line of credit), loan guarantee, or loan insurance exceeding \$150,000, except if you are applying on behalf of an Indian tribe, tribal organization, or other Indian organization or if we determine otherwise in writing. As required by 31 U.S.C. 1352 and U.S. DOT regulations, "New Restrictions on Lobbying," specifically 49 CFR 20.110, you and your Applicant understand that:*

- a. The lobbying restrictions of your certification apply your Applicant's requests for:
- (1) \$100,000 or more in Federal funding for a grant or cooperative agreement, and
  - (2) \$150,000 or more in Federal funding for a loan, line of credit, or loan guarantee,
- b. Its certification covers the lobbying activities of:
- (1) It,
  - (2) Its principals, and
  - (3) Its first tier subrecipients:

Therefore, on behalf of your Applicant, you certify to the best of your knowledge and belief, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been or will be paid by or on its behalf to any person:
  - a. To influence or attempt to influence:
    - (1) An officer or employee of any Federal agency,
    - (2) A Member of Congress, an employee of a member of Congress, or an officer or employee of Congress,
  - b. Regarding the award of a:
    - (1) Federal grant or cooperative agreement, or

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- (2) Federal loan, line of credit, loan guarantee, or loan insurance
2. It will submit a complete OMB Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (Rev. 7-97)," in accordance with its instructions, if any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been or will be paid to any person:
  - a. To influence or attempt to influence:
    - (1) An officer or employee of any Federal agency,
    - (2) A Member of Congress, an employee of a Member of Congress, or an officer or employee of Congress, or
  - b. Regarding any application for a:
    - (1) Federal grant or cooperative agreement,
    - (2) Federal loan, line of credit, loan guarantee, or loan insurance, and
3. It will include the language of this certification in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers including, but not limited to:
  - a. Subcontracts,
  - b. Subgrants,
  - c. Subagreements, and
  - d. Third party contracts under a:
    - (1) Federal grant or cooperative agreement, or
    - (2) Federal loan, line of credit, loan guarantee, or loan insurance, and
4. It understands that:
  - a. This certification is a material representation of fact that the Federal Government relies on, and
  - b. It must submit this certification before the Federal Government may award funding for a transaction covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352, including a:
    - (1) Federal grant or cooperative agreement, or
    - (2) Federal loan, line of credit, loan guarantee, or loan insurance, and
5. It also understands that any person who does not file a required certification will be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

### **GROUP 03. PROCUREMENT COMPLIANCE**

*We request that you provide the following procurement certification, on behalf of your Applicant by selecting Group 03, especially if your Applicant is a State, local, or Indian tribal government with a certified procurement system, as provided in 49 CFR 18.36(g)(3)(ii).*

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 approved otherwise in writing.

### **GROUP 04. PROTECTIONS FOR PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

*You must select the following certifications in Group 04 on behalf of your Applicant if it is a State, local, or Indian tribal government and you are applying for or will apply for 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 funding to:*

- *Acquire property of a private transit operator, or*
- *Operate public transit in competition with or in addition to a private transit provider.*

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As required by 49 U.S.C. 5323(a)(1), the Applicant certifies that:

1. Before it:
  - a. Acquires the property or an interest in the property of a private provider of public transportation, or
  - b. Operates public transportation equipment or facilities:
    - (1) In competition with transportation service provided by an existing public transportation company, or
    - (2) In addition to transportation service provided by an existing public transportation company,
2. It has or will have:
  - a. Determined that the funding 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.

### **GROUP 05. PUBLIC HEARING**

*You must select the following certifications in Group 05 on behalf of your Applicant if you apply for 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 funding for a capital project that will substantially affect a community or its transit service.*

As required by 49 U.S.C. 5323(b), the Applicant certifies that:

1. Before submitting an application for a capital project that:
  - a. Will substantially affect:
    - (1) A community, or
    - (2) The public transportation service of a community, and
  - b. Also will affect:
    - (1) Significant economic interests,
    - (2) Significant social interests, or
    - (3) Significant environmental interests,

It will:

  - (1) Provide an adequate opportunity for public review and comment on the project, after giving notice that:
    - (a) Includes a concise description of the proposed project; and
    - (b) Has been published in a newspaper of general circulation in the geographic area the project.
  - (2) Hold a public hearing on the project if the project affects:
    - (a) Significant economic, interests,
    - (b) Significant social, interests, or
    - (c) Significant environmental interests,
2. It will have considered the economic, social, and environmental effects of the project, and
3. It will have determined that the project is consistent with official plans for developing the community.

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### **GROUP 06. ACQUISITION OF ROLLING STOCK FOR USE IN REVENUE SERVICE**

*You must select the following certification on behalf of your Applicant in Group 06 if you apply for 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 funding to acquire any rolling stock for use in revenue service.*

The Applicant certifies that in procuring revenue service rolling stock, it will comply with:

1. Federal transit law, specifically 49 U.S.C. 5323(m),
2. FTA regulations, "Pre-Award and Post-Delivery Audits of Rolling Stock Purchases," 49 CFR part 663, specifically 49 CFR 663.7, as modified by amendments authorized by section 3023(k) of SAFETEA-LU, including the requirements to:
  - a. Conduct or cause to be conducted the required preaward and post delivery reviews, and
  - b. Maintain on file the certifications required by 49 CFR part 663, subparts B, C, and D.

### **GROUP 07. ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL ASSETS BY LEASE**

*You must select the following certifications in Group 07 if you apply on behalf of your Applicant for 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 funding to acquire capital assets by lease.*

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

1. It will not use Federal funding authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 to finance the cost of leasing any capital asset until:
  - a. It performs calculations demonstrating that leasing the capital asset would be more cost-effective than purchasing or constructing a similar asset, and
  - b. It completes these calculations before the later of:
    - (1) Entering into the lease, or
    - (2) Receiving a capital grant for the asset, and
2. It will not enter into a capital lease for which FTA can provide only incremental Federal funding unless it has adequate financial resources to meet its future lease obligations if Federal funding is not available.

### **GROUP 08. BUS TESTING**

*You must select the following certification in Group 08 if you apply on behalf of your Applicant for 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 funding to acquire any new or newly configured bus or a bus with new major components.*

The Applicant certifies that:

1. It will comply with Federal transit law, specifically 49 U.S.C. 5318,
2. FTA regulations, "Bus Testing," 49 CFR part 665, specifically 49 CFR 665.7, requires that
  - a. Before:
    - (1) Spending any Federal funds to acquire:
      - (a) The first bus of any new bus model,
      - (b) The first bus with a new major change in configuration or components, or

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(2) Authorizing final acceptance of a new bus model or a bus model with a major change in components or configuration:

b. It will:

- (1) Ensure that the bus model has been tested at FTA's bus testing facility, and
- (2) Have received a copy of the test report prepared on the bus model.

### **GROUP 09. CHARTER SERVICE AGREEMENT**

*You must enter in the Charter Service Agreement in Group 09 on behalf of your Applicant if you apply for funding to acquire or operate transit facilities and equipment, unless your Applicant qualifies for an exception under Federal law and regulations.*

As required by 49 U.S.C. 5323(d) and (g) and FTA regulations, "Charter Service," 49 CFR part 604, specifically 49 CFR 604.4, the Applicant understands and agrees that:

1. Except in certain circumstances described in its regulations, FTA's "Charter Service" regulations restrict transportation by charter service using facilities and equipment acquired by FTA for transportation projects with Federal funding derived from:
  - (1) Federal transit laws, 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, or
  - (2) 23 U.S.C. §§ 133 or 142,
2. FTA's charter service restrictions extend to:
  - a. The Applicant when it becomes a recipient of Federal funding under:
    - (1) Federal transit laws, 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, or
    - (2) 23 U.S.C. §§ 133 or 142,
  - b. Any third party participant that receives Federal funding derived from:
    - (1) Federal transit laws, 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, or
    - (2) 23 U.S.C. §§ 133 or 142,
  - c. A third party participant includes a:
    - (1) Subrecipient at any tier,
    - (2) Lessee,
    - (3) Third party contractor or subcontractor at any tier, and
    - (4) Other participant in the project,
3. Neither the Applicant nor any third party participant involved in its Project will engage in charter service operations, except as permitted under:
  - a. Federal transit laws, specifically 49 U.S.C. § 5323(d) and (g),
  - b. FTA regulations, "Charter Service," 49 C.F.R. Part 604,
  - c. Any other Federal Charter Service regulations, or
  - d. Federal directives, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.
4. The Applicant agrees that the latest Charter Service Agreement it has selected in its latest annual Certifications and Assurances is incorporated by reference in and made part of the underlying Agreement accompanying an award of FTA funding.
5. The Applicant agrees that:
  - a. FTA may require corrective measures or impose remedies on it or any subrecipient that has engaged in a pattern of violations of FTA's Charter Service regulations by:
    - (1) Conducting charter operations prohibited by Federal transit laws and FTA's Charter Service regulations, or

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- (2) Otherwise violating the Applicant's Charter Service Agreement it has elected in its latest annual Certifications and Assurances.
- b. These corrective measures and remedies may include:
  - (1) Barring it or any third party participant operating public transportation under the Project that has provided prohibited charter service from receiving FTA funds, or
  - (2) Withholding an amount of Federal funds as provided by Appendix D to FTA's Charter Service regulations.

### **GROUP 10. SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT**

*You must enter in the School Transportation Agreement in Group 10 on behalf of your Applicant if you apply for funding to acquire or operate transit facilities and equipment, unless your Applicant qualifies for an exception under Federal law and regulations.*

As required by 49 U.S.C. 5323(f) and (g) and FTA regulations, "School Bus Operations," 49 CFR part 605, to the extent consistent with 49 U.S.C. 5323(f) and (g), the Applicant understands and agrees that:

1. FTA's "School Bus Operations" regulations restrict school bus service as defined in the FTA regulations using facilities and equipment acquired with Federal funding derived from:
  - (1) Federal transit laws, 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, or
  - (2) 23 U.S.C. §§ 133 or 142,
2. FTA's school bus operations restrictions extend to:
  - a. The Applicant when it becomes a recipient of Federal funding under:
    - (1) Federal transit laws, 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, or
    - (2) 23 U.S.C. §§ 133 or 142,
  - b. Any third party participant that receives Federal funding derived from:
    - (1) Federal transit laws, 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, or
    - (2) 23 U.S.C. §§ 133 or 142,
  - c. A third party participant includes a:
    - (1) Subrecipient at any tier,
    - (2) Lessee,
    - (3) Third party contractor or subcontractor at any tier, and
    - (4) Other participant in the project,
3. Neither the Applicant nor any third party participant involved in its Project will engage in school transportation operations in competition with private operators of school transportation, except as permitted under:
  - a. Federal transit laws, specifically 49 U.S.C. § 5323(f) and (g),
  - b. FTA regulations, "School Bus Operations," 49 C.F.R. Part 605, to the extent consistent with 49 U.S.C. § 5323(f) and (g),
  - c. Any other Federal School Transportation regulations, or
  - d. Federal directives, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.
4. The Applicant agrees that the latest School Transportation Agreement it has selected in its latest annual Certifications and Assurances is incorporated by reference in and made part of the underlying Agreement accompanying an award of FTA funding.

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5. The Applicant agrees that FTA will bar the Applicant or any third party participant that has violated this School Transportation Agreement from receiving Federal transit funding in an amount FTA considers appropriate.

### **GROUP 11. DEMAND RESPONSIVE SERVICE**

*You must select the following certification in Group 11 on behalf of your Applicant if your Applicant operates demand responsive service and you apply for 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 funding to acquire non rail transit vehicles.*

As required by U.S. DOT regulations, "Transportation Services for Individuals with Disabilities (ADA)," 49 CFR part 37, specifically 49 CFR 37.77(d), the Applicant certifies that:

1. The following public transportation services it offers are equivalent in level and quality of service:
  - a. Its demand responsive service offered to individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs,
  - b. Its service offered to individuals without disabilities,
2. Viewed in its entirety, the Applicant's service for individuals with disabilities is:
  - a. Provided in the most integrated setting feasible, and
  - b. Equivalent to the service it offers individuals without disabilities 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.

### **GROUP 12. ALCOHOL MISUSE AND PROHIBITED DRUG USE**

*You must select the following certification in Group 12 on behalf of your Applicant if FTA regulations, "Prevention of Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use in Transit Operations," 49 CFR part 655, require your Applicant to provide a certification concerning its activities to prevent alcohol misuse and prohibited drug use in its public transportation operations.*

As required by FTA regulations, "Prevention of Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use in Transit Operations," specifically 49 CFR part 655, subpart I, the Applicant certifies that it:

1. Has established and implemented:
  - a. An alcohol misuse program and
  - b. An anti-drug program, and
2. Has complied with or will comply with all applicable requirements of this part.

### **GROUP 13. INTEREST AND OTHER FINANCING COSTS**

*You must select the following certification in Group 13 if the your Applicant intends to reimburse interest or other financing costs with Urbanized Area Formula Program, Capital Investment*

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*Program, or Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program funding.*

The Applicant certifies that:

1. It will not seek reimbursement for interest or other financing costs:
  - a. Unless it is eligible to receive Federal funding for those costs,
  - b. 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, and
2. It will comply with:
  - a. Urbanized Area Formula Program interest provisions of 49 U.S.C. 5307(g)(3),
  - b. Capital Investment Program provisions of 49 U.S.C. 5309(g)(2)(B)(iii),
  - c. Capital Investment Program provisions of 49 U.S.C. 5309(g)(3)(B)(iii),
  - d. Capital Investment Program provisions of 49 U.S.C. 5309(i)(2)(C), and
  - e. Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program provisions of 49 U.S.C. 5320(h)(2)(C).

### **GROUP 14. INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS**

*Select the following assurance in Group 14 if you apply on behalf of your Applicant for an Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) project or a project in support of an ITS project. An Applicant for ITS project funding that fails to provide this assurance, without providing other documentation assuring its commitment to comply with applicable Federal ITS standards and protocols, may be ineligible for award of Federal funding for that 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." The Applicant assures that:

1. As provided in subsection 5307(c) of SAFETEA-LU, 23 U.S.C. 512 note:
  - a. "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, [will] conform to the national architecture, applicable standards or provisional standards, and protocols developed under subsection (a) [of section 5307 of SAFETEA-LU]."
  - b. ITS standards will not apply if it obtains an exception to subsection 5307(c) of SAFETEA-LU, 23 U.S.C. 512 note.
2. 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, if supported with Federal funding not derived from:
  - a. Title 49, United States Code, or
  - b. Title 23, United States Code.
3. To facilitate compliance with subsection 5307(c) of 23 U.S.C. 512 note, except as the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing, the Applicant assures that it will comply with:
  - a. FTA Notice, "FTA National ITS Architecture Policy on Transit Projects," 66 FR 1455, January 8, 2001, specifically:
    - (1) Applicable provisions of Section V (Regional ITS Architecture, and
    - (2) Section VI (Project Implementation), and
  - b. Other FTA policies that may be issued in connection with any ITS project it undertakes

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financed with funds authorized under Title 49 or Title 23, United States Code,

### **GROUP 15. URBANIZED AREA FORMULA PROGRAM**

*You must select the following certifications and assurances in Group 15 if you apply on behalf of your Applicant for Urbanized Area Formula Program funding, 49 U.S.C. 5307. Your 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, unless FTA determines otherwise in writing. Consequently, we strongly encourage your Applicant 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 it has made.*

*Each Applicant is required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(J) to spend at least one (1) percent of its Urbanized Area Formula Program funding for public transportation security projects, unless it has certified that such expenses are not necessary. Information about its intentions must be recorded in the "Security" tab page of the TEAM-Web "Project Information" window when it submits its Urbanized Area Formula Program application in TEAM-Web.*

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

The following certifications apply to each Applicant for funding under the Urbanized Area Formula Program authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5307. The Applicant certifies that:

1. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(A), it has or will have the:
  - a. Legal capacity to carry out its proposed projects,
  - b. Financial capacity to carry out its proposed projects,
  - c. Technical capacity to carry out its proposed projects,
  - d. Safety aspects of its proposed projects, and
  - e. Security aspects of its proposed projects,
2. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(B), it has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of project equipment and facilities,
3. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(C), it will maintain the project equipment and facilities adequately,
4. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(D), it will ensure that the following individuals will be charged not more than fifty (50) percent of the peak hour fare for transportation during non-peak hours using or involving project facilities or equipment supported under 49 U.S.C. 5307:
  - a. Elderly individuals,
  - b. Individuals with disabilities, or
  - c. Individuals presenting a Medicare card issued to himself or herself pursuant to title II or

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- title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 *et seq.* or 42 U.S.C. 1395 *et seq.*),
5. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(E), when carrying out a procurement under 49 U.S.C. 5307, it will:
- a. Use competitive procurement (as defined or approved by FTA),
  - b. Not use exclusionary or discriminatory specifications in its procurements,
  - c. Comply with applicable Buy America laws, and
  - d. Comply with the:
    - (1) General provisions for FTA programs of 49 U.S.C. 5323, and
    - (2) Third party procurement requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5325,
6. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(F), it has complied with or will comply with 49 U.S.C. 5307(c) because it:
- a. Has informed or will inform the public of the amounts of its Urbanized Area Formula Program funds available under 49 U.S.C. 5307, and the projects it proposes to undertake,
  - b. Has developed or will develop, in consultation with interested parties including private transportation providers, the projects proposed to be funded,
  - c. Has published or will publish a list of its projects in a way that affected citizens, private transportation providers, and local elected officials will have an opportunity to examine and submit comments on the proposed projects and its performance,
  - 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 coordination of transportation services assisted under 49 U.S.C. 5336 with federally assisted transportation services supported by a Federal Government source other than U.S. DOT,
  - 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. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(G), it:
- a. Has or will have the amount of funds required for the local share,
  - b. Will provide the local share funds from approved non-Federal sources except as permitted by Federal law, and
  - c. Will provide the local share funds when needed,
8. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(H), it will comply with:
- a. The requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5301(a) for public transportation systems that:
    - (1) Maximize the safe, secure, and efficient mobility of people,
    - (2) Minimize environmental impacts, and,
    - (3) Minimize transportation-related fuel consumption and reliance on foreign oil,
  - b. The requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5301(d) for special efforts to:
    - (1) Design public transportation for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities, and
    - (2) Provide public transportation for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities, and
  - c. The requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5303 – 5306 for:
    - (1) Metropolitan and State Planning, and
    - (2) Private enterprise participation,
9. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(I), it has a locally developed process to solicit and consider public comment before:

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- a. Raising a fare, or
  - b. Implementing a major reduction of public transportation,
10. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(J), if it serves an urbanized area with a population of at least 200,000:
- a. Each fiscal year, it will spend at least one (1) percent of its 49 U.S.C. 5307 funding for public transportation security projects (limited to capital projects in the case of an Applicant serving an urbanized area with a population of 200,000 or more), or
  - b. That fiscal year, it will certify that such expenses for transportation security projects are not necessary,
  - c. Public transportation security projects include:
    - (1) Increased lighting in or adjacent to a public transportation system (including bus stops, subway stations, parking lots, and garages),
    - (2) Increased camera surveillance of an area in or adjacent to that system,
    - (3) Emergency telephone line or lines to contact law enforcement or security personnel in an area in or adjacent to that system, and
    - (4) Any other project intended to increase the security and safety of an existing or planned public transportation, and
11. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(K), if it serves an urbanized area with a population of at least 200,000:
- a. Each fiscal year, it or all the Recipients of 49 U.S.C. 5307 funding in its urbanized area will spend at least one (1) percent of that funding for transit enhancements, as defined in 49 U.S.C. 5302(a),
  - b. It will include in its quarterly report for the fourth quarter of the preceding Federal fiscal year a list of the projects during that Federal fiscal year using those 49 U.S.C. 5307 funds, and
  - c. The report of its transit enhancement projects is or will be incorporated by reference and made part of its certifications and assurances.

### **GROUP 16. CLEAN FUELS GRANT PROGRAM**

*You must select the following certifications and assurances in Group 16 if you apply on behalf of your Applicant for Clean Fuels Grant Program funding, 49 U.S.C. 5308. Your 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, unless FTA determines otherwise in writing. Consequently, we strongly encourage your Applicant 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 it has made.*

The following certifications apply to each Applicant for funding under the Clean Fuels Grant Program authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5308:

1. As required by FTA regulations, "Clean Fuels Grant Program, 49 CFR part 624, specifically 49 CFR 624.7, the Applicant certifies it will operate vehicles purchased with Federal funding provided under the Clean Fuels Grant Program, 49 U.S.C. 5308 only with clean fuels.
2. Under 49 U.S.C. 5308(d)(1), the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307 apply to the Clean Fuels Grant Program. To comply with those requirements, as specified under 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1), the Applicant certifies that:

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- a. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(A), it has or will have the:
- (1) Legal capacity to carry out its proposed projects,
  - (2) Financial capacity to carry out its proposed projects,
  - (3) Technical capacity to carry out its proposed projects,
  - (4) Safety aspects of its proposed projects, and
  - (5) Security aspects of its proposed projects,
- b. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(B), it has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of project equipment and facilities,
- c. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(C), it will maintain the project equipment and facilities adequately,
- d. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(D), it will ensure that the following individuals will be charged not more than fifty (50) percent of the peak hour fare for transportation during non-peak hours using or involving project facilities or equipment supported under 49 U.S.C. 5308:
- (1) Elderly individuals,
  - (2) Individuals with disabilities, or
  - (3) Individuals 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.*),
- e. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(E), when carrying out a procurement under 49 U.S.C. 5308, it will:
- (1) Use competitive procurement (as defined or approved by FTA),
  - (2) Not use exclusionary or discriminatory specifications in its procurements,
  - (3) Comply with applicable Buy America laws, and
  - (4) Comply with the general provisions for FTA programs of 49 U.S.C. 5323, and
  - (5) Comply with the third party procurement requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5325,
- f. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(F), it has complied with or will comply with 49 U.S.C. 5307(c) because it:
- (1) Has informed or will inform the public of the amounts of its Clean Fuels Grant Program funds available under 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 projects proposed to be funded,
  - (3) Has published or will publish a list of its projects in a way that affected citizens, private transportation providers, and local elected officials will have an opportunity to examine and submit comments on the proposed projects and its performance,
  - (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 coordination of transportation services assisted under 49 U.S.C. 5336 with federally assisted transportation services supported by a Federal government source other than U.S. DOT,
  - (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. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(G), it:
- (1) Has or will have the amount of funds required for the local share,
  - (2) Will provide the local share funds from approved non-Federal sources except as permitted by Federal law, and
  - (3) Will provide the local share funds when needed,

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- h. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(H), it will comply with:
- (1) The requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5301(a) for public transportation systems that:
    - (a) Maximize the safe, secure, and efficient mobility of people,
    - (b) Minimize environmental impacts, and
    - (c) Minimize transportation-related fuel consumption and reliance on foreign oil,
  - (2) The requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5301(d) for special efforts to:
    - (a) Design public transportation for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities, and
    - (b) Provide public transportation for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities, and
  - (3) The requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5303 – 5306 for:
    - (a) Metropolitan and State Planning, and
    - (b) Private enterprise participation, and
- i. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(I), it has a locally developed process to solicit and consider public comment before:
- (1) Raising a fare, or
  - (2) Implementing a major reduction of public transportation.

### **GROUP 17. ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM AND PILOT PROGRAM**

*You must select the following certifications and assurances in Group 17 if you apply on behalf of your State or State organization as the direct Applicant for Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Formula Grant Program funding 49 U.S.C. 5310, and, if qualified, for Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Pilot Program funding, subsection 3012(b) of SAFETEA-LU. Only a State or a State organization acting as the Recipient on behalf of a State may be a direct recipient of this funding. Your State or State organization 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, unless FTA determines otherwise in writing. Consequently, we strongly encourage your State or State organization Applicant 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 it has made.*

The following certifications and assurances apply to each State or State organization serving as Applicant for funding and each subrecipient of funding under the Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Formula Grant Program authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5310, and the Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Pilot Program authorized under subsection 3012(b) of SAFETEA-LU.

1. The State or State organization Applicant assures that:
  - a. Each subrecipient is:
    - (1) 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
    - (2) A public body that has met the statutory requirements to receive Federal funding authorized for 49 U.S.C. 5310,
  - b. The State or State organization Applicant can conclude from information in a private

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nonprofit subrecipient's application for 49 U.S.C. 5310 funding that:

(1) The transit service provided or offered to be provided by existing public or private transit operators cannot meet the special needs of elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities, because it is:

- (a) Unavailable,
- (b) Insufficient, or
- (c) Inappropriate,

c. As required by 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, the project has been or will have been coordinated with private nonprofit providers of services under 49 U.S.C. 5310,

d. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5310(d)(2)(C), the Applicant certifies that allocations to subrecipients 49 U.S.C. 5310 funding or subsection 3012(b) funding will be distributed on a fair and equitable basis, and

e. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5310(d)(2)(B) and subsection 3012(b)(2) of SAFETEA-LU, the Applicant certifies that:

(1) The projects it has selected or will select for funding under that program were derived from a public transit-human services transportation plan that has been:

- (a) Locally developed, and
- (b) Coordinated, and

(2) That locally developed, coordinated plan was produced through a process that included:

- (a) Representatives of public, private, and nonprofit transportation providers,
- (b) Representatives of public, private, and nonprofit human services providers, and
- (c) Participation by the public.

2. As permitted by 49 U.S.C. 5310(d), the Federal Transit Administrator has selected certain requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307 to be appropriate for the Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Formula Grant Program authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5310, and the Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Pilot Program authorized by subsection 3012(b) of SAFETEA-LU, 49 U.S.C. 5310 note, of which some require certifications. Therefore, as specified under 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1), the State or State organization Applicant certifies that:

a. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(A), it and each subrecipient has or will have the:

- (1) Legal capacity to carry out its proposed projects,
- (2) Financial capacity to carry out its proposed projects,
- (3) Technical capacity to carry out its proposed projects,
- (4) Safety aspects of its proposed projects, and
- (5) Security aspects of its proposed projects,

b. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(B), it and each subrecipient has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of project equipment and facilities,

c. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(C), it and each subrecipient will maintain the project equipment and facilities adequately,

d. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(E), when carrying out a procurement under the Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Formula Grant Program authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5310, or the Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Pilot Program authorized by subsection 3012(b) of SAFETEA-LU, 49 U.S.C. 5310 note, it and each subrecipient will:

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- (1) Use competitive procurement (as defined or approved by FTA),
  - (2) Not use exclusionary or discriminatory specifications in its procurements,
  - (3) Comply with applicable Buy America laws, and
  - (4) Comply with the general provisions for FTA programs of 49 U.S.C. 5323, and
  - (5) Comply with the third party procurement requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5325,
- e. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(G), it and each subrecipient:
- (1) Has or will have the amount of funds required for the local share,
    - (a) As required by 49 U.S.C. 5310(c), and
    - (b) Subsections 3012(b)(3) and (4) of SAFETEA-LU, if applicable,
  - (2) Will provide the local share funds from approved non-Federal sources except as permitted by Federal law, and
  - (3) Will provide the local share funds when needed, and
- f. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(H), it and each subrecipient will comply with:
- (1) The requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5301(a) for public transportation systems that:
    - (a) Maximize the safe, secure, and efficient mobility of people,
    - (b) Minimize environmental impacts, and
    - (c) Minimize transportation-related fuel consumption and reliance on foreign oil,
  - (2) The requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5301(d) for special efforts to:
    - (a) Design public transportation for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities, and
    - (b) Provide public transportation for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities, and
  - (3) The requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5303 – 5306 for:
    - (a) Metropolitan and State Planning, and
    - (b) Private enterprise participation.

### **GROUP 18. NONURBANIZED AREA FORMULA PROGRAM FOR STATES**

*You must select the following certifications and assurances in Group 18 if you apply on behalf of your Applicant for Nonurbanized Area Formula Program funding, 49 U.S.C. 5311(b). Your 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, unless FTA determines otherwise in writing. Consequently, we strongly encourage your Applicant 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 it has made.*

*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 funding. Separate certifications and assurances have been established in Group 22 for an Indian tribe that is an Applicant for Tribal Transit Program funding, 49 U.S.C. 5311(c)(1).*

The following certifications and assurances apply to each State or State organization serving as the Applicant for funding under the Nonurbanized Area Formula Program authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5311. The Applicant assures that:

1. It has or will have the necessary legal, financial, and managerial capability to:

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- a Apply, receive and disburse 49 U.S.C. 5311(c)(1) funding, and
- b. Carry out each project, including the:
  - (1) Safety aspects of its proposed projects, and
  - (2) Security aspects of its proposed projects,
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,
4. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5311(b)(2)(C)(i), its program has provided for a fair distribution of Federal funding authorized for 49 U.S.C. 5311 within the State, including Indian reservations within the State,
5. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5311(b)(2)(C)(ii), its program provides or will provide the maximum feasible coordination of public transportation service to receive funding under 49 U.S.C. 5311 with transportation service assisted by other Federal sources,
6. The projects in its Nonurbanized Area Formula Program are included in:
  - a. The Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, and
  - b. To the extent applicable, a metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program,
7. It has or will have the amount of funds required for the local share, as required by 49 U.S.C. 5311(g), and
  - (1) Will provide the local share funds from approved non-Federal sources except as permitted by Federal law, and
  - (2) Will provide the local share funds when needed, and
8. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5311(f), each fiscal year:
  - a. It will spend at least fifteen (15) percent of its 49 U.S.C. 5311 funding available that fiscal year to develop and support intercity bus transportation within the State, with eligible activities including:
    - (1) Planning and marketing for intercity bus transportation,
    - (2) Capital grants for intercity bus shelters,
    - (3) Joint-use stops and depots,
    - (4) Operating grants through purchase-of-service agreements, user-side subsidies, and demonstration projects, and
    - (5) Coordinating rural connections between small public transportation operations and intercity bus carriers, or
  - b. It will provide to the Federal Transit Administrator a certification of the State's chief executive officer that:
    - (1) After consulting with the affected intercity bus service providers about the intercity bus needs of the State,
    - (2) The State's intercity bus service needs are being met adequately.

### **GROUP 19. JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE (JARC) FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM**

*You must select the following certifications and assurances in Group 19 if you apply on behalf of your Applicant for Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Formula Grant funding, 49 U.S.C. 5316. Your 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, unless FTA determines otherwise in writing. Consequently, we*

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*strongly encourage your Applicant 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 it has made.*

The following certifications and assurances apply to each Applicant for and subrecipient of funding under the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Formula Grant funding authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5316.

1. The Applicant certifies that:

a. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5316(d)(4), it will make awards of JARC funding on a competitive basis following:

(1) An areawide solicitation in cooperation with the appropriate metropolitan planning organization for applications for funding under 5316(c)(1)(A) (see 49 U.S.C. 5316(d)(1)), and

(2) A statewide solicitation for applications for JARC funding under 49 U.S.C. 5316(c)(1)(B) or 49 U.S.C. 5316(c)(1)(C), (see 49 U.S.C. 5316(d)(2)) and

b. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5316(f)(2), any allocations to subrecipients of funding authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5316 will be distributed on a fair and equitable basis,

c. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5316(g)(3):

(1) The projects it has selected or will select for funding under that program were derived from a public transit-human services transportation plan that has been:

(a) Locally developed, and

(b) Coordinated,

(2) That locally developed, coordinated plan was produced through a process that included:

(a) Representatives of public, private, and nonprofit transportation providers,

(b) Representatives of public, private, and nonprofit human services providers, and

(c) Participation by the public, and

d. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5316(g)(2), 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, and

e. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5316(c)(3), before using funds apportioned for projects serving an area other than that for which funding was apportioned under 49 U.S.C. 5316(c)(1)(B) or (C):

(1) The State's chief executive officer, or his or her designee, will have certified that all the JARC program objectives of 49 U.S.C. 5316 are being met in the area from which the funding would be derived,

(2) If the State has a statewide program for meeting the JARC program objectives of 49 U.S.C. 5316, the funds can be used for projects anywhere in the State.

2. Under 49 U.S.C. 5316(f)(1), the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307 apply to the JARC Program, authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5316. Therefore, as specified under 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1), the Applicant certifies that

a. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(A), it and each subrecipient has or will have the:

(1) Legal capacity to carry out its proposed projects,

(2) Financial capacity to carry out its proposed projects,

(3) Technical capacity to carry out its proposed projects,

(4) Safety aspects of its proposed projects, and

(5) Security aspects of its proposed projects,

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- b. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(B), it and each subrecipient has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of project equipment and facilities,
- c. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(C), it and each subrecipient will maintain the project equipment and facilities adequately,
- d. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(D), it and each subrecipient will ensure that the following individuals will be charged not more than fifty (50) percent of the peak hour fare for transportation during non-peak hours using or involving project facilities or equipment supported under 49 U.S.C. 5316:
- (1) Elderly individuals,
  - (2) Individuals with disabilities, or
  - (3) Individuals 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.*),
- e. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(E), when carrying out a procurement under the JARC Program, 49 U.S.C. 5316, it will:
- (1) Use competitive procurement (as defined or approved by FTA),
  - (2) Not use exclusionary or discriminatory specifications in its procurements,
  - (3) Comply with applicable Buy America laws,
  - (4) Comply with the general provisions for FTA programs of 49 U.S.C. 5323, and
  - (5) Comply with the third party procurement requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5325,
- f. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(F), it and each subrecipient has complied with or will comply with 49 U.S.C. 5307(c) because it:
- (1) Has informed or will inform the public of the amount of its JARC Program funds available under 49 U.S.C. 5316, and the projects it proposes to undertake,
  - (2) Has developed or will develop, in consultation with interested parties including private transportation providers, the projects proposed to be funded,
  - (3) Has published or will publish a list of its projects in a way that affected citizens, private transportation providers, and local elected officials will have an opportunity to examine and submit comments on the proposed projects and its performance,
  - (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 coordination of transportation services assisted under 49 U.S.C. 5336 with federally assisted transportation services supported by a Federal government source other than U.S. DOT,
  - (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. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(G), it and each subrecipient:
- (1) Has or will have the amount of funds required for the local share,
  - (2) Will provide the local share funds from approved non-Federal sources except as permitted by Federal law, and
  - (3) Will provide the local share funds when needed,
- h. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(H), it and each subrecipient will comply with:
- (1) The requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5301(a) for public transportation systems that:
    - (a) Maximize the safe, secure, and efficient mobility of people,
    - (b) Minimize environmental impacts, and
    - (c) Minimize transportation-related fuel consumption and reliance on foreign oil,

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- (2) The requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5301(d) for special efforts to:
  - (a) Design public transportation for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities, and
  - (b) Provide public transportation for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities, and
- (3) The requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5303 – 5306 for:
  - (a) Metropolitan and State Planning, and
  - (b) Private enterprise participation, and
- i. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(I), it and each subrecipient has a locally developed process to solicit and consider public comment before:
  - (1) Raising a fare, or
  - (2) Implementing a major reduction of public transportation.

### **GROUP 20. NEW FREEDOM PROGRAM**

*You must select the following certifications and assurances in Group 20 if you apply on behalf of your Applicant for New Freedom Program funding, 49 U.S.C. 5317. Your 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, unless FTA determines otherwise in writing. Consequently, we strongly encourage your Applicant 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 it has made.*

1. The Applicant certifies that:

- a. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5317(d)(4), it will make awards of New Freedom funding on a competitive basis following:
  - (1) An areawide solicitation in cooperation with the appropriate metropolitan planning organization for applications for funding under 5317(c)(1)(A) (see 49 U.S.C. 5317(d)(1)), and
  - (2) A statewide solicitation for applications for JARC funding under 49 U.S.C. 5317(c)(1)(B) or 49 U.S.C. 5317(c)(1)(C), (see 49 U.S.C. 5317(d)(2)),
- b. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5317(e)(2), any allocations to subrecipients of funding authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5317 will be distributed on a fair and equitable basis,
- c. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5317(f)(3):
  - (1) The projects it has selected or will select for funding under that program were derived from a public transit-human services transportation plan that has been:
    - (a) Locally developed, and
    - (b) Coordinated,
  - (2) That locally developed, coordinated plan was produced through a process that included:
    - (a) Representatives of public, private, and nonprofit transportation providers,
    - (b) Representatives of human services public, private, and nonprofit providers, and
    - (c) Participation by the public, and
- d. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5316(f)(2), 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.

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2. As permitted by 49 U.S.C. 5317(e)(1), the Federal Transit Administrator has selected certain requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5310 and 49 U.S.C. 5307 to be appropriate for the New Freedom Program, of which some require certifications. Therefore, as specified under 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1), the Applicant certifies that:

- a. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(A), it and each subrecipient has or will have the:
  - (1) Legal capacity to carry out its proposed projects,
  - (2) Financial capacity to carry out its proposed projects,
  - (3) Technical capacity to carry out its proposed projects,
  - (4) Safety aspects of its proposed projects, and
  - (5) Security aspects of its proposed projects,
- b. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(B), it and each subrecipient has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of project equipment and facilities,
- c. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(C), it and each subrecipient will maintain the project equipment and facilities adequately,
- d. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(E), when carrying out a procurement under the New Freedom Program authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5317, it and each subrecipient will:
  - (1) Use competitive procurement (as defined or approved by FTA),
  - (2) Not use exclusionary or discriminatory specifications in its procurements,
  - (3) Comply with applicable Buy America laws, and
  - (4) Comply with the general provisions for FTA programs of 49 U.S.C. 5323, and
  - (5) Comply with the third party procurement requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5325,
- e. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(G), it and each subrecipient:
  - (1) Has or will have the amount of funds required for the local share,
  - (2) Will provide the local share funds from approved non-Federal sources except as permitted by Federal law, and
  - (3) Will provide the local share funds when needed, and
- f. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(H), it will comply with:
  - (1) The requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5301(a) for public transportation systems that:
    - (a) Maximize the safe, secure, and efficient mobility of people,
    - (b) Minimize environmental impacts, and
    - (c) Minimize transportation-related fuel consumption and reliance on foreign oil,
  - (2) The requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5301(d) for special efforts to:
    - (a) Design public transportation for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities, and
    - (b) Provide public transportation for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities, and
  - (3) The requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5303 – 5306 for:
    - (a) Metropolitan and State Planning, and
    - (b) Private enterprise participation.

### **GROUP 21. PAUL S. SARBANES TRANSIT IN PARKS PROGRAM**

*You must select the following certifications and assurances in Group 21 if you apply on behalf of your Applicant for Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program (Parks Program) funding, 49 U.S.C. 5320.*

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The following certifications apply to each Applicant for funding under the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program (Parks Program) authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5320:

1. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5320(e)(D), the Applicant assures that it will consult with the appropriate Federal land management agency during the planning process.
2. As permitted by 49 U.S.C. 5320(i), the Federal Transit Administrator has selected certain requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307 to be appropriate for the Parks Program, of which some require certifications. Therefore as specified under 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1), the Applicant certifies that:
  - a. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(A), it has or will have the:
    - (1) Legal capacity to carry out its proposed projects,
    - (2) Financial capacity to carry out its proposed projects,
    - (3) Technical capacity to carry out its proposed projects,
    - (4) Safety aspects of its proposed projects, and
    - (5) Security aspects of its proposed projects,
  - b. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(B), it has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of project equipment and facilities,
  - c. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(C), it will maintain the project equipment and facilities adequately,
  - d. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(E), when carrying out a procurement under the Parks Program, 49 U.S.C. 5320, it will:
    - (1) Use competitive procurement (as defined or approved by FTA),
    - (2) Not use exclusionary or discriminatory specifications in its procurements,
    - (3) Comply with applicable Buy America laws, and
    - (4) Comply with the general provisions for FTA programs of 49 U.S.C. 5323, and
    - (5) Comply with the third party procurement requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5325,
  - e. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(F) and 49 U.S.C. 5320(e)(2)(C), it 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 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 considered or will consider the comments and views received, especially those of private transportation providers, in preparing its final list of projects, and
    - (6) Has made or will make the final list of projects available to the public,
  - f. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(G), it:
    - (1) Has or will have the amount of funds required for the local share,
    - (2) Will provide the local share funds from approved non-Federal sources except as permitted by Federal law, and
    - (3) Will provide the local share funds when needed,
  - g. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(H), it will comply with:
    - (1) The requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5301(a) for public transportation systems that:

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- (a) Maximize the safe, secure, and efficient mobility of people,
- (b) Minimize environmental impacts, and
- (c) Minimize transportation-related fuel consumption and reliance on foreign oil,
- (2) The requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5301(d) for special efforts to:
  - (a) Design public transportation for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities, and
  - (b) Provide public transportation for elderly individuals with disabilities, and
- (3) The requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5303 – 5306 for:
  - (a) Metropolitan and State Planning, and
  - (b) Private enterprise participation, and
- h. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(I), it has a locally developed process to solicit and consider public comment before:
  - (1) Raising a fare, or
  - (2) Implementing a major reduction of public transportation.

### **GROUP 22. TRIBAL TRANSIT PROGRAM**

*You must select the following certifications and assurances in Group 22 if you apply on behalf of your Applicant for Tribal Transit Program funds, 49 U.S.C. 5311(c)(1).*

As permitted by 49 U.S.C. 5311(c)(1) the Federal Transit Administrator has established terms and conditions for direct grants funded under FTA's Tribal Transit Program authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5311(c)(1) for Indian tribal governments. To ensure compliance with those requirements, the Indian tribal government serving as the Applicant certifies and assures that:

1. It has or will have the necessary legal, financial, and managerial capability to:
  - a. Apply, receive and disburse 49 U.S.C. 5311(c)(1) funding, and
  - b. Carry out each project, including the:
    - (1) Safety aspects of its proposed projects, and
    - (2) Security aspects of its proposed projects,
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,
4. Its project will achieve maximum feasible coordination with transportation service assisted by other Federal sources,
5. It will:
  - a. Have a procurement system that complies with U.S. DOT regulations, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments," 49 C.F.R. part 18, specifically 49 CFR 18.36, or
  - b. Inform FTA promptly that its procurement system does not comply with those U.S. DOT regulations, and
6. It will comply with the certifications, assurances, and agreements in:
  - a. Group 08 (Bus Testing),
  - b. Group 09 (Charter Bus Agreement),
  - c. Group 10 (School Transportation Agreement),
  - d. Group 11 (Demand Responsive Service),
  - e. Group 12 (Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use), and

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f. Group 14 (National Intelligent Transportation Systems Architecture and Standards).

### GROUP 23. TIFIA PROJECTS

*You must select the following certifications and assurances in Group 23 if you apply on behalf of your Applicant for Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) credit assistance authorized under 23 U.S.C. chapter 6.*

The following certifications apply to each Applicant for funding under the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) Program authorized under 23 U.S.C. chapter 6:

1. Federal transit law, specifically 49 U.S.C. 5323(o) requires an Applicant for TIFIA credit assistance funded under 23 U.S.C. chapter 6 and its project to comply with 49 U.S.C. 5307. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1), the Applicant certifies that:

a. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(A), it has or will have the:

- (1) Legal capacity to carry out its proposed projects,
- (2) Financial capacity to carry out its proposed projects,
- (3) Technical capacity to carry out its projects,
- (4) Safety aspects of its proposed projects, and
- (5) Security aspects of its proposed projects,

b. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(B), it has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of project equipment and facilities,

c. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(C), it will maintain the project equipment and facilities adequately,

d. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(D), it will ensure that the following individuals will be charged not more than fifty (50) percent of the peak hour fare for transportation during non-peak hours using or involving project facilities or equipment supported under 23 U.S.C. chapter 6:

- (1) Elderly individuals,
- (2) Individuals with disabilities, or
- (3) Individuals 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.*),

e. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(E), when carrying out a procurement supported with TIFIA funding under 23 U.S.C. chapter 6, it will:

- (1) Use competitive procurement (as defined or approved by FTA),
- (2) Not use exclusionary or discriminatory specifications in its procurements,
- (3) Comply with applicable Buy America laws, and
- (4) Comply with the general provisions for FTA programs of 49 U.S.C. 5323, and
- (5) Comply with the third party procurement requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5325,

f. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(F), it has complied or will comply with 49 U.S.C. 5307(c) because it:

- (1) Has informed or will inform the public of the amounts of its TIFIA credit assistance available under 23 U.S.C. chapter 6, and the projects it proposes to undertake,
- (2) Has developed or will develop, in consultation with interested parties including private transportation providers, the projects it proposes to fund,
- (3) Has published or will publish a list of its projects in a way that affected citizens,

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- private transportation providers, and local elected officials will have an opportunity to examine and submit comments on the proposed projects and its performance,
- (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 coordination of transportation services assisted under 49 U.S.C. 5336 with federally assisted transportation services supported by a Federal government source other than U.S. DOT,
  - (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. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(G), it:
- (1) Has or will have the amount of funds required for the local share,
  - (2) Will provide the local share funds from approved non-Federal sources except as permitted by Federal law, and
  - (3) Will provide the local share funds when needed,
- h. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(H), the Applicant will comply with:
- (1) The requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5301(a) for public transportation systems that:
    - (a) Maximize the safe, secure, and efficient mobility of people,
    - (b) Minimize environmental impacts, and
    - (c) Minimize transportation-related fuel consumption and reliance on foreign oil,
  - (2) The requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5301(d) for special efforts to:
    - (a) Design public transportation for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities, and
    - (b) Provide public transportation for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities, and
  - (3) The requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5303 – 5306
    - (a) Metropolitan and State Planning, and
    - (b) Private enterprise participation,
- i. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(I), it has a locally developed process to solicit and consider public comment before:
- (1) Raising a fare, or
  - (2) Implementing a major reduction of public transportation,
- j. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(J), if it serves an urbanized area with a population of at least 200,000:
- (1) Each fiscal year it will spend at least one (1) percent of its funding attributed to 49 U.S.C. 5307 for public transportation security projects, or
  - (2) That fiscal year, it will certify that such expenses for transportation security projects are not necessary,
  - (3) Public transportation security projects include:
    - (a) Increased lighting in or adjacent to a public transportation system (including bus stops, subway stations, parking lots, and garages),
    - (b) Increased camera surveillance of an area in or adjacent to that system,
    - (c) Emergency telephone line or lines to contact law enforcement or security personnel in an area in or adjacent to that system, and
    - (d) Any other project intended to increase the security and safety of an existing or planned public transportation, and

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k. As required by required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(K), if it serves an urbanized area with a population of at least 200,000:

- (1) Each fiscal year, it or all the Recipients of 49 U.S.C. 5307 funding in its urbanized area will spend at least one (1) percent of that funding for transit enhancements, as defined at 49 U.S.C. 5302(a),
- (2) It will include in its quarterly report for the fourth quarter of the preceding Federal fiscal year a list of the projects during that Federal fiscal year using those 49 U.S.C. 5307 funds, and
- (3) The report of its transit enhancement projects is or will be incorporated by reference and made part of its certifications and assurances.

2. Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. 5323(o) requires an Applicant for TIFIA credit assistance funded under 23 U.S.C. chapter 6 and its project to comply with 49 U.S.C. 5309. As required 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:

- a. It is eligible to receive Federal funding for those expenses, and
- b. 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.

### **GROUP 24. DEPOSITS OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL FUNDING TO STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANKS**

*We request that you select the following certifications and assurances in Group 24 if you apply for 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 funding on behalf of a State Applicant that intends to deposit the funding in a State Infrastructure Bank (SIB). Unless we determine otherwise in writing, the State Applicant itself is ultimately responsible for compliance with its certifications and assurances even though the SIB and a subrecipient may participate in a project financed with our funds deposited in the SIB. Consequently, we encourage the Applicant to take appropriate measures to obtaining sufficient documents from the SIB and each subrecipient, to assure the validity of all certifications and assurances the State Applicant has made.*

The following certifications apply to each Applicant for funding under the State Infrastructure Bank Program authorized under 23 U.S.C. 610. The State organization, serving as the Applicant for funding for its State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) Program, assures the agreement of both its SIB and each recipient of SIB funding (subrecipient) that each public transportation project financed with SIB funds will be administered in accordance with:

1. The applicable Federal laws establishing the various SIB programs since 1995:
  - a. Section 1602 of SAFETEA-LU, now codified in 23 U.S.C. 610, or
  - b. Section 1511 of TEA-21, 23 U.S.C. 181 note, or
  - c. Section 350 of the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995, as amended, 23 U.S.C. 181,
2. The Cooperative Agreement establishing the State's SIB program between:
  - a. The State Applicant and Federal parties (FHWA, FRA, and FTA), or
  - b. The State Applicant and Federal parties (FHWA and FTA), APPENDIX A

3. The Grant Agreement with the State Applicant that provides FTA funding for the SIB, except that any provision of the FTA Master Agreement incorporated by reference into that Grant Agreement will not apply if it conflicts with any provision of:

- a. Section 1602 of SAFETEA-LU, now codified in 23 U.S.C. 610,
- b. 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
- c. Federal guidance pertaining to the SIB Program,
- d. The Cooperative Agreement establishing the State's SIB Program, or
- e. The FTA Grant Agreement,

4. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5323(o), Federal transit laws, specifically 49 U.S.C. 5307 and 49 U.S.C. 5309, apply to any project under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 that receives SIB support or financing under 23 U.S.C. 610 (or any support from 23 U.S.C. 601 – 608.). Therefore:

a. To comply with 49 U.S.C. 5307, specifically 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1), the Applicant certifies that:

- (1) As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(A), it has or will have the:
  - (a) Legal capacity to carry out its proposed projects,
  - (b) Financial capacity to carry out its proposed projects,
  - (c) Technical capacity to carry out its proposed projects,
  - (d) Safety aspects of its proposed projects, and
  - (e) Security aspects of its proposed projects,
- (2) As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(B), it has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of project equipment and facilities,
- (3) As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(C), it will maintain the project equipment and facilities adequately,
- (4) As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(D), it will ensure that the following individuals will be charged not more than fifty (50) percent of the peak hour fare for transportation during non-peak hours using or involving project facilities or equipment supported under 23 U.S.C. chapter 6:
  - (a) Elderly individuals,
  - (b) Individuals with disabilities, or
  - (c) Individuals 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.*),
- (5) As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(E), when carrying out a procurement supported by the SIB program, 23 U.S.C. 610, it will:
  - (a) Use competitive procurement (as defined or approved by FTA),
  - (b) Not use exclusionary or discriminatory specifications in its procurements,
  - (c) Comply with applicable Buy America laws, and
  - (d) Comply with the general provisions for FTA programs of 49 U.S.C. 5323, and
  - (e) Comply with the third party procurement requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5325,
- (6) As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(F), it has complied with or will comply 49 U.S.C. 5307(c) because it:
  - (a) Has informed or will inform the public of the amounts of its SIB funding under 23 U.S.C. 610, and the projects it proposes to undertake,
  - (b) Has developed or will develop, in consultation with interested parties including private transportation providers, the projects proposed to be funded,
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(e) Has assured or will assure that the proposed projects provide for coordination of transportation services assisted under 49 U.S.C. 5336 with federally assisted transportation services supported by a Federal government source other than U.S. DOT,

(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) As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(G), it:

(a) Has or will have the amount of funds required for the local share,

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(8) As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(H), the Applicant will comply with:

(a) The requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5301(a) for public transportation systems that:

1 Maximize the safe, secure, and efficient mobility of people,

2 Minimize environmental impacts, and

3 Minimize transportation-related fuel consumption and reliance on foreign oil,

(b) The requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5301(d) for special efforts to:

1 Design public transportation for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities, and

2 Provide public transportation for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities, and

(c) The requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5303 – 5306 for:

1 Metropolitan and State Planning, and

2 Private enterprise participation,

(9) As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(I), it has a locally developed process to solicit and consider public comment before:

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(a) Each fiscal year, it will spend at least one (1) percent of its 49 U.S.C. 5307 funding for public transportation security projects, or

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(c) Public transportation security projects include:

1 Increased lighting in or adjacent to a public transportation system (including bus stops, subway stations, parking lots, and garages),

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(11)As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(K), if it will be using 49 U.S.C. 5307 funds and it serves an urbanized area with a population of at least 200,000:

(a) Each fiscal year, it or all the Recipients of 49 U.S.C. 5307 funding in its urbanized area will spend at least one (1) percent of that funding for transit enhancements, as defined in 49 U.S.C. 5302(a),

(b) It will include in its quarterly report for the fourth quarter of the preceding Federal fiscal year a list of the projects during that Federal fiscal year using those 49 U.S.C. 5307 funds, and

(c) The report of its transit enhancement projects is or will be incorporated by reference and made part of its certifications and assurances.

b. To comply with 49 U.S.C. 5309, specifically 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:

(1) It is eligible to receive Federal funding for those expenses, and

(2) 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.

3. Federal guidance that may be issued and amendments thereto, unless FTA has provided written approval of an alternative procedure or course of action.

**FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2012 CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES  
ADMINISTRATION FOR FEDERAL TRANSIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

**The Applicant agrees to comply with applicable provisions of Categories 01 – 24.**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Description</b>
01.	Assurances Required For Each Applicant.
02.	Lobbying Certification.
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 (JARC) 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.

FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2012 FTA  
CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES SIGNATURE PAGE

AGENDA ITEM  
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(is for FTA assistance and all FTA Grantees with an active capital or formula project)

AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT

Bend County \_\_\_\_\_

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, regulations, executive orders, and directives, and 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 2012.**

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 2012.

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 fraud 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: 1-10-2012

Name Robert E. Hebert  
Authorized Representative of Applicant

AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY  
(Attorney's Signature is Optional)

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: 1/10/2012

Name Roy L. Cordes, Jr.  
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.

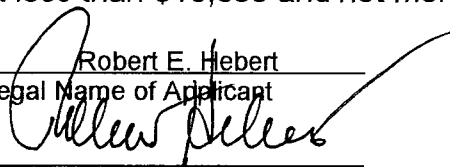
**B. LOBBYING CERTIFICATION REQUIRED FOR EACH APPLICATION EXCEEDING \$100,000**

**(TxDOT requires this form to be completed by all Applicants)**

An Applicant that submits, or intends to submit this fiscal year, an application for Federal assistance exceeding \$100,000 **from all Federal sources** must provide the following certification. FTA may not provide Federal assistance for an application exceeding \$100,000 until the Applicant provides this certification by selecting Category II on the Signature Page.

The undersigned certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- A. As required by 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 for a Federal assistance exceeding \$100,000:
  - (1) No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement; and
  - (2) If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Lobbying Certification", in accordance with its instructions; and
  - (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclosure accordingly.
- B. The Applicant understands that this certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed and that submission of this certification is a prerequisite for providing Federal assistance for a transaction covered by 31 U.S.C. 13 52. 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.

Robert E. Hebert  
Legal Name of Applicant  
  
Signature of Certifying Official

Title County Judge

Date: 1-10-2012

Approved by OMB  
0348-0046





## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, LOBBYING CERTIFICATION

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make a payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a follow-up report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the Federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitation for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Include prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action. (b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10 (a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
11. The certifying official shall sign and date the form; print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, as amended, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB Control Number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is OMB No. 0348-0046. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, DC 20503.

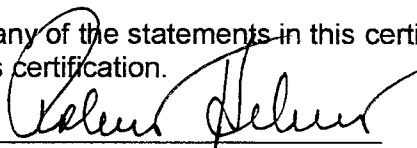
**C. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION (NONPROCUREMENT)**

**(TxDOT requires this form to be completed by all Applicants)**

**Applicability to Contracts**

2 CFR Part 180 and Part 1200, prohibits FTA recipients and sub-recipients from contracting for goods and services from organizations that have been suspended or debarred from receiving Federally-assisted contracts. As part of their applications each year, recipients are required to submit a certification to the effect that they will not enter into contracts \$25,000 and over with suspended or debarred contractors and that they will require their contractors (and their subcontractors) to make the same certification to them.

- (1) The Subrecipient 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);
  - (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 Subrecipient certifies that it and its principals, including its first tier subrecipients 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 Subrecipient 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)(2), it will promptly provide any necessary information to FTA;
- (4) Where the Subrecipient is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such Subrecipient shall attach an explanation to this certification.



Signature of Certifying Official  
Robert E. Hebert  
County Judge  
Title

1-10-2012  
Date

**D. LOWER TIER PARTICIPANT DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION**

**(TxDOT requires this form to be completed by all Applicants)**

Pursuant to 2 CFR Part 180 and Part 1200, Subrecipients are required to pass this requirement on to subcontractors seeking subcontracts \$25,000 or over. Thus, the terms "lower tier covered participant" and "lower tier covered transaction" include both contractors and subcontractors and contracts and subcontracts.

Robert Hebert

\_\_\_\_\_, being duly sworn or under penalty of perjury  
(insert name of certifying official)

under the laws of the United States, certifies that neither

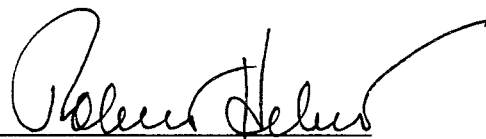
**Fort Bend County** \_\_\_\_\_, nor its principals are presently:  
(insert name of lower tier participant)

- debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment,
- declared ineligible,
- or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency

Where the above identified lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the above statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall indicate below to whom the exception applies, the initiating agency, and dates of action.

Exceptions will not necessarily result in denial of award, but will be considered in determining contractor responsibility. Providing false information may result in criminal prosecution or administrative sanctions.

EXCEPTIONS:



Signature of Certifying Official  
Robert E. Hebert

Title: County Judge

Date: 1-10-2012

## **E. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR SPECIAL SECTION 5333(B) CERTIFICATION**

### **(TxDOT requires this form to be completed by ALL §5311 and JARC Subrecipients)**

The following language shall be made part of the contract of assistance with the State or other public body charged with allocation and administration of funds provided under 49 U.S.C. Section 5311:

#### **A. General Application**

The Public Body agrees that, in the absence of waiver by the Department of Labor, the terms and conditions of this warranty, as set forth below, shall apply for the protection of the transportation related employees of any employer providing transportation services assisted by the Project ("Recipient"), and the transportation related employees of any other surface public transportation providers in the transportation service area of the Project.

The Public Body shall provide to the Department of Labor and maintain at all times during the Project an accurate, up-to-date listing of all existing transportation providers which are eligible Recipients of transportation assistance funded by the Project, in the transportation service area of the Project, and any labor organizations representing the employees of such providers.

Certification by the Public Body to the Department of Labor that the designated Recipients have indicated in writing acceptance of the terms and conditions of the warranty arrangement will be sufficient to permit the flow of Section 5311 funding in the absence of a finding of non-compliance by the Department of Labor.

#### **B. Standard Terms and Conditions**

- (1) The Project shall be carried out in such a manner and upon such terms and conditions as will not adversely affect employees of the Recipient and of any other surface public transportation provider in the transportation service area of the Project. It shall be an obligation of the Recipient and any other legally responsible party designated by the Public Body to assure that any and all transportation services assisted by the Project are contracted for and operated in such a manner that they do not impair the rights and interests of affected employees. The term "Project," as used herein, shall not be limited to the particular facility, service or operation assisted by Federal funds, but shall include any changes, whether organizational, or otherwise, which are a result of the assistance provided. The phrase "as a result of the Project," shall when used in this arrangement, include events related to the Project occurring in anticipation of, during, and subsequent to the Project and any program of efficiencies or economies related thereto; provided, however, that volume rises and falls of business, or changes in volume and character of employment brought about by causes other than the Project (including any economies or efficiencies unrelated to the Project) are not within the purview of this arrangement.

An employee covered by this arrangement, who is not dismissed, displaced or otherwise worsened in his position with regard to his employment as a result of the Project, but who is dismissed, displaced or otherwise worsened solely because of the total or partial termination of the Project, discontinuance of Project services, or exhaustion of Project funding shall not be deemed eligible for a dismissal or displacement allowance within the meaning of paragraphs (6) and (7) of the Model agreement or applicable provisions of substitute comparable arrangements.

- (2)(a) Where employees of a Recipient are represented for collective bargaining purposes, all Project services provided by that Recipient shall be provided under and in accordance with any collective bargaining agreement applicable to such employees which is then in effect.
- (2)(b) The Recipient or legally responsible party shall provide to all affected employees sixty (60) days' notice of intended actions which may result in displacements or dismissals or rearrangements of the working forces. In the case of employees represented by a union, such notice shall be provided by certified mail through their representatives. The notice shall contain a full and adequate statement of the proposed changes, and an estimate of the number of employees affected by the intended

changes, and the number and classifications of any jobs in the Recipient's employment available to be filled by such affected employees.

- (2)(c) The procedures of this subparagraph shall apply to cases where notices involve employees represented by a union for collective bargaining purposes. At the request of either the Recipient or the representatives of such employees negotiations for the purposes of reaching agreement with respect to the applications of the terms and conditions of this arrangement shall commence immediately. If no agreement is reached within twenty (20) days from the commencement of negotiations, any party to the dispute may submit the matter to dispute settlement procedures in accordance with paragraph (4) of this warranty. The foregoing procedures shall be complied with and carried out prior to the institution of the intended action.
- (3) For the purpose of providing the statutory required protections including those specifically mandated by 49 U.S.C. Section 5333(b)<sup>1</sup>, the public Body will assure as a condition of the release of funds that the Recipient agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of the National (Model) Section 5333(b) Agreement executed July 23, 1975, identified below<sup>2</sup>, provided that other comparable arrangements may be substituted therefore, if approved by the Secretary of Labor and certified for inclusion in these conditions.
- (4) Any dispute or controversy arising regarding the application, interpretation, or enforcement of any of the provisions of this arrangement which cannot be settled by and between the parties at interest within thirty (30) days after the dispute or controversy first arises, may be referred by any such party to any final and binding disputes settlement procedure acceptable to the parties, or in the event they cannot agree upon such procedure, to the Department of Labor or an impartial third party designated by the Department of Labor for final and binding determination. The compensation and expenses of the impartial third party, and any other jointly incurred expenses, shall be borne equally by the parties to the proceeding and all other expenses shall be paid by the party incurring them.

In the event of any dispute as to whether or not a particular employee was affected by the Project, it shall be his obligation to identify the Project and specify the pertinent facts of the Project relied upon. It shall then be the burden of either the Recipient or other party legally responsible for the application of these conditions to prove that factors other than the Project affected the employees. The claiming employee shall prevail if it is established that the Project had an effect upon the employee even if other factors may also have affected the employee.

- (5) The Recipient or other legally responsible party designated by the Public Body will be financially responsible for the application of these conditions and will make the necessary arrangements so that any employee covered by these arrangements, or the union representative of such employee, may file claim of violation of these arrangements with the Recipient within sixty (60) days of the date he is terminated or laid off as a result of the Project, or within eighteen (18) months of the date his position with respect to his employment is otherwise worsened as a result of the Project. In the latter case, if the events giving rise to the claim have occurred over an extended period, the 18-month limitation shall be measured from the last such event. No benefits shall be payable for any period prior to six (6) months from the date of the filing of any claim.
- (6) Nothing in this arrangement shall be construed as depriving any employee of any rights or benefits which such employee may have under existing employment or collective bargaining agreements, nor shall this arrangement be deemed a waiver of any rights or any union or of any represented employee derived from any other agreement or provision of federal, state or local law.
- (7) In the event any employee covered by these arrangements is terminated or laid off as a result of the Project, he shall be granted priority of employment or reemployment to fill any vacant position within the control of the Recipient for which he is, or by training or retraining within a reasonable period, can become qualified. In the event training or retraining is required by such employment or reemployment, the Recipient or other legally responsible party designated by the Public Body shall provide or provide for such training or retraining at no cost to the employee.

- (8) The Recipient will post, in a prominent and accessible place, a notice stating that the Recipient has received federal assistance under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 and has agreed to comply with the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Section 5333(b). This notice shall also specify the terms and conditions set forth herein for the protection of employees. The Recipient shall maintain and keep on file all relevant books and records in sufficient detail as to provide the basic information necessary to the proper application, administration, and enforcement of these arrangements and to the proper determination of any claims arising thereunder.
- (9) Any labor organization which is the collective bargaining representative of employees covered by these arrangements, may become a party to these arrangements by serving written notice of its desire to do so upon the Recipient and the Department of Labor. In the event of any disagreement that such labor organization represents covered employees, or is otherwise eligible to become a party to these arrangements, as applied to the Project, the dispute as to whether such organization shall participate shall be determined by the Secretary of Labor.
- (10) In the event the Project is approved for assistance under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53, the foregoing terms and conditions shall be made part of the contract of assistance between the federal government and the Public Body or Recipient of federal funds; provided, however, that this arrangement shall not merge into the contract of assistance, but shall be independently binding and enforceable by and upon the parties thereto, and by any covered employee or his representative, in accordance with its terms, nor shall any other employee protective agreement merge into this arrangement, but each shall be independently binding and enforceable by and upon the parties thereto, in accordance with its terms.

### **C. Waiver**

As part of the grant approval process, either the Recipient or other legally responsible party designated by the Public Body may in writing seek from the Secretary of Labor a waiver of the statutory required protections. The Secretary will waive these protections in cases, where at the time of the requested waiver, the Secretary determines that there are no employees of the Recipient or of any other surface public transportation providers in the transportation service area who could be potentially affected by the Project. A 30-day notice of proposed waiver will be given by the Department of Labor and in the absence of timely objection, the waiver will become final at the end of the 30-day notice period. In the event of timely objection, the Department of Labor will review the matter and determine whether a waiver shall be granted. In the absence of waiver, these protections shall apply to the Project.

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<sup>1</sup> Such protective arrangements shall include, without being limited to, such provisions as may be necessary for (1) the preservation of rights, privileges, and benefits (including continuation of pension rights and benefits) under existing collective bargaining agreements or otherwise; (2) the continuation of collective bargaining rights; (3) the protection of individual employees against a worsening of their positions with respect to their employment; (4) assurances of employment to employees of acquired mass transportation systems and priority of reemployment of employees terminated or laid off; and (5) paid training and retraining programs. Such arrangements shall include provisions protecting individual employees against a worsening of their positions with respect to their employments which shall in no event provide benefits less than those established pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 11347 [the codified citation of Section 5(2)(f) of the Act of February 4, 1887 (24 Stat. 379), as amended].

<sup>2</sup> For purposes of this warranty agreement, paragraphs (1); (2); (5); (15); (22); (23); (24); (26); (27); (28); and (29) of the Model Section 5333(b) Agreement, executed July 23, 1975 are to be omitted.



Department of Labor U.S.C. § 5333(b) Waiver Certification

Name of Agency : \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. Who is the Grantee? Subrecipient(s) of funds must be clearly identified.
2. What is the amount of funding to be awarded?
3. What activities will be undertaken with the funds? Provide a complete project description of the activities to be carried out under the project (i.e. what type of service will be provided).
4. Where will the project be carried out? Identify the location of the project in the geographic area, including jurisdictional boundaries such as counties or cities.
5. What service provider will carry out the project? If the applicant is not providing all of the service, identify subrecipients or contractors if known at the time of application.
6. What other transit providers are in the service area? Identify all transit providers who compete with, feed into, or provide service adjacent to the funded service or capital project. Please provide contact information.

Subcontractors:

Other Transit Providers:

7. What labor organizations represent employees of the recipient, the subrecipients, and other transit providers in the service area? Please identify the transit provider and the labor union's contact information.

[ ] The attached information for the Department of Labor U.S.C. § 5333(b) Certification is true and correct. No additional changes are required.

[ ] The attached information for the Department of Labor U.S.C. § 5333(b) Certification is incorrect. The correct information has been provided above. (Please provide the correct information under the appropriate section listed above.)

Handwritten signature of Robert E. Hebert

Authorized Signature

1-10-2012

Date

Robert E. Hebert, County Judge, Fort Bend County