



Attachment L: Federally Required Certification Forms

Form 1: Buy America Requirements Certification Form (2 Pages-Page 1)

49 U.S.C. 5323(j)

49 CFR Part 661

The contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j) and 49 C.F.R. Part 661, which provide that Federal funds may not be obligated unless steel, iron, and manufactured products used in FTA-funded projects are produced in the United States, unless a waiver has been granted by FTA or the product is subject to a general waiver. General waivers are listed in 49 C.F.R. 661.7, and include microcomputer equipment and software. Separate requirements for rolling stock are set out at 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(C) and 49 C.F.R. 661.11. Rolling stock must be assembled in the United States and have seventy (70) percent domestic content.

A bidder or offeror must submit to the FTA recipient the appropriate Buy America certification (below) with all bids or offers on FTA-funded contracts, except those subject to a general waiver.

Bids or offers not accompanied by a completed Buy America certification must be rejected as nonresponsive. This requirement does not apply to lower tier subcontractors.

Certification requirement for procurement of steel, iron, or manufactured products.

Certification requirement for procurement of buses, other rolling stock and associated equipment.

Certificate of Compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(C).

The bidder or offeror hereby certifies that it will comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(C).

Date 1/17/2023

Signature

Kristina Pence-Dunow

Printed Name: Kristina Pence-Dunow

Company Name Hometown Manufacturing, Inc.

Title President/CEO



Buy America Requirements Certification Form (2 Pages-Page 2)

Certificate of Non-Compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(C)

The bidder or offeror hereby certifies that it cannot comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(C) and 49 C.F.R. 661.11, but may qualify for an exception pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(A), 5323(j)(2)(B), or 5323(j)(2)(D), and 49 C.F.R. 661.7.

Date _____

Signature _____

Printed Name: _____

Company Name _____

Title _____

N/A



Form 2: Cargo Preference Requirements (1 Pages-Page 1)

46 U.S.C. 1241
46 CFR Part 381

Cargo Preference - Use of United States-Flag Vessels - The contractor agrees: a. *to use privately owned United States-Flag commercial vessels to ship at least 50 percent of the gross tonnage (computed separately for dry bulk carriers, dry cargo liners, and tankers) involved, whenever shipping any equipment, material, or commodities pursuant to the underlying contract to the extent such vessels are available at fair and reasonable rates for United States-Flag commercial vessels;* b. *to furnish within 20 working days following the date of loading for shipments originating within the United States or within 30 working days following the date of leading for shipments originating outside the United States, a legible copy of a rated, "on-board" commercial ocean bill-of-lading in English for each shipment of cargo described in the preceding paragraph to the Division of National Cargo, Office of Market Development, Maritime Administration, Washington, DC 20590 and to the FTA recipient (through the contractor in the case of a subcontractor's bill-of-lading.)* c. *to include these requirements in all subcontracts issued pursuant to this contract when the subcontract may involve the transport of equipment, material, or commodities by ocean vessel.*

The bidder or offeror hereby certifies that it will comply with the Cargo Preference requirements.

Date 1/17/2023

Signature *Kristina Pence-Dunow*

Printed Name: Kristina Pence-Dunow

Company Name Hometown Manufacturing, Inc.

Title President/CEO

Certificate of Non-Compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(C)

The bidder or offeror hereby certifies that it cannot comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(C) and 49 C.F.R. 661.11, but may qualify for an exception pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(A), 5323(j)(2)(B), or 5323(j)(2)(D), and 49 C.F.R. 661.7.

Date _____

Signature _____

Printed Name: *N/A*

Company Name _____

Title _____



Form 3: Energy Conservation Requirements (1 Page-Page 1)

42 U.S.C. 6321 et seq.

49 CFR Part 18

The contractor agrees to comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency, which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

Date 1/17/2023

Signature _____

Printed Name Kristina Pence-Dunow

Company Name Hometown Manufacturing, Inc.

Title President/CEO



Form 4: Clean Water Requirements (1 Page-Page 1)

33 U.S.C. 1251

(1) The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq . The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the Purchaser and understands and agrees that the Purchaser will, in turn, report each violation as required to ensure notification to FTA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office.

(2) The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

Date 1/17/2023

Signature

Printed Name: Kristina Pence-Dunow

Company Name Hometown Manufacturing, Inc.

Title President/CEO



**Form 5: Certification of Compliance with FTA Bus Testing Requirements (2 Pages-
Page 1)**

49 U.S.C. 5318(e), CFR Part 665

Bus Testing - The Contractor [Manufacturer] agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. A 5323(c) and FTA's implementing regulation at 49 CFR Part 665 shall perform the following:

1. A manufacturer of a new bus model or a bus produced with a major change in components or configuration shall provide a copy of the final test report to the recipient at a point in the procurement process specified by the recipient, which will be prior to the recipient's final acceptance of the first vehicle.
2. A manufacturer who releases a report under paragraph 1 above shall provide notice to the operator of the testing facility that the report is available to the public.
3. If the manufacturer represents that the vehicle was previously tested, the vehicle being sold should have the same configuration and major components as the vehicle in the test report, which must be provided to the recipient before the recipient's final acceptance of the first vehicle. If the configuration or components are not identical, the manufacturer shall provide a description of the change and the manufacturer's basis for concluding that it is not a major change requiring additional testing.
4. If the manufacturer represents that the vehicle is "grandfathered" (has been used in mass transit service in the United States before October 1, 1988, and is currently being produced without a major change in configuration or components), the manufacturer shall provide the name and address of the recipient of such a vehicle and the details of that vehicle's configuration and major components.

The undersigned [Contractor/Manufacturer] certifies that the vehicle offered in this procurement complies with 49 U.S.C. A 5323(c) and FTA's implementing regulation at 49 CFR Part 665.

The undersigned understands that misrepresenting the testing status of a vehicle acquired with Federal financial assistance may subject the undersigned to civil penalties as outlined in the Department of Transportation's regulation on Program Fraud Civil Remedies, 49 CFR Part 31. In addition, the undersigned understands that FTA may suspend or debar a manufacturer under the procedures in 49 CFR Part 29.

**49 U.S.C. 5318(e)
49 CFR Part 665**

Certificate of Non-Compliance

The bidder hereby certifies that it complies with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. Section 5323(j)(2)(C) and Section 165(b)(3) of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, as amended, but may qualify for



Certification of Compliance with FTA Bus Testing Requirements (2 Pages-Page 2)

An exception to the requirements consistent with 49 U.S.C. Sections 5323(j)(2)(B) or (j)(2)(D), Sections 165(b)(2) or (b)(4) of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act, as amended, and regulations in 49 C.F.R. 661.7.

Date: 1/17/2023

Signature: _____

Kristina Pence-Dunow

Printed Name: Kristina Pence-Dunow

Company Name: Hometown Manufacturing, Inc.

Title: President/CEO

The bidder hereby certifies that it cannot comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. Section 5323(j)(2)(C) and Section 165(b)(3) of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, as amended, but may qualify for an exception to the requirements consistent with 49 U.S.C. Sections 5323(j)(2)(B) or (j)(2)(D), Sections 165(b)(2) or (b)(4) of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act, as amended, and regulations in 49 C.F.R. 661.7.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Title: _____

N/A



Form 6: Pre-Award and Post-Delivery Audit Requirements (1 Page-Page 1)

49 U.S.C. 5323
49 CFR Part 663

Pre-Award and Post-Delivery Audit Requirements - The Contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. § 5323(l) and FTA's implementing regulation at 49 C.F.R. Part 663 and to submit the following certifications:

1. Buy America Requirements: The Contractor shall complete and submit a declaration certifying compliance or noncompliance with Buy America. If the Bidder/Offeror certifies compliance with Buy America, it shall present documentation that lists 1) component and subcomponent parts of the rolling stock to be purchased identified by the manufacturer of the parts, their country of origin, and costs; and 2) the location of the final assembly point for the rolling stock, including a description of the activities that will take place at the final assembly point and the cost of final assembly.
2. Solicitation Specification Requirements: The Contractor shall submit evidence that it will be capable of meeting the bid specifications.
3. Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS): The Contractor shall submit 1) the manufacturer's FMVSS self-certification sticker information that the vehicle complies with relevant FMVSS or the manufacturer's certified statement the contracted buses will not be subject to FMVSS regulations.

Certificate of Compliance

The bidder hereby certifies that it will comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. Section 5323(j)(2)(C), Section 165(b)(3) of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, as amended, and the regulations of 49 C.F.R. 661.11:

Date: 1/17/2023

Signature: _____

Printed Name: Kristina Pence-Dunow

Company Name: Hometown Manufacturing, Inc.

Title: President/CEO



Form 7:--Certification Regarding Lobbying (2 Page-Page 1)

31 U.S.C. 1352

49 CFR Part 19

49 CFR Part 20

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

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

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for making lobbying contacts to an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form--LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions [as amended by "Government wide Guidance for New Restrictions on Lobbying," 61 Fed. Reg. 1413 (1/19/96). Note: Language in paragraph (2) herein has been modified in accordance with Section 10 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-65, to be codified at 2 U.S.C. 1601, *et seq.*)]
3. The undersigned shall require that this certification's language be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of the fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed b 31, U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995). Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

[Note: Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 1352(c)(1)-(2)(A), any person who makes a prohibited expenditure or fails to file or amend a required certification or disclosure form shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such expenditure or failure.]



Form 7: - (Page 2) Certification Regarding Lobbying (2 Page-Page 2)

The Contractor, Hometown MFG, Inc., certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. A 3801, *et seq.*, apply to this certification and disclosure if any.

Kristina Pence-Dunow Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

Kristina Pence-Dunow Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

1/17/2023 Date

Certificate of Compliance

The bidder hereby certifies that it will comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. Section 5323(j)(2)(C), Section 165(b)(3) of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, as amended, and the regulations of 49 C.F.R. 661.11:

Date: 1/17/2023

Signature: Kristina Pence-Dunow

Printed Name: Kristina Pence-Dunow

Company Name: Hometown MFG, Inc.

Title: President/CEO



Form 8: Access to Records and Reports (1 Page-Page 1)

49 U.S.C. 5325
18 CFR 18.36 (i)
49 CFR 633.17

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 5325, 18 CFR 18.36 (i), and 49 CFR 633.17, the Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, s or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal and State requirements for access to public records and reports.

Date: 1/17/2023

Signature: _____

Printed Name: Kristina Pence-Dunow

Company Name: Hometown MFG, Inc.

Title: President/CEO



Form 9: Federal Changes (1 Page-Page 1)

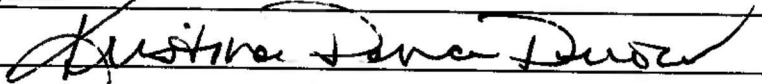
49 CFR Part 18

Federal Changes - Contractor shall at all times comply with all applicable FTA regulations, policies, procedures, and directives, including without limitation those listed directly or by reference in the Master Agreement between Purchaser and FTA, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of this contract. The contractor's failure to so comply shall constitute a material breach of this contract.

Certificate of Compliance

The bidder hereby certifies that it will comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. Section 5323(j)(2)(C), Section 165(b)(3) of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, as amended, and the regulations of 49 C.F.R. 661.11:

Date: 1/17/2023

Signature: 

Printed Name: Kristina Pence-Dunow

Company Name: Hometown MFG, Inc.

Title: President/CEO



Form 10: Clean Air (1 Page-Page 1)

42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq

40 CFR 15.61

49 CFR Part 18

Clean Air - (1) The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 *et seq.* The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the Purchaser and understands and agrees that the Purchaser will, in turn, report each violation as required to ensure notification to FTA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office.

(2) The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

Date: 1/17/2023

Signature: _____

Printed Name: Kristina Pence-Dunow

Company Name: Hometown MFG, Inc.

Title: President/CEO



Form 11: Recycled Products (1 Page-Page 1)

42 U.S.C. 6962

40 CFR Part 247

Executive Order 12873

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

Date: 1/17/2023

Signature: 

Printed Name: Kristina Pence-Dunow

Company Name: Hometown MFG, Inc.

Title: President/CEO



Form 12: No Government Obligations to Third Parties (1 Page-Page 1)

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

The Contractor also agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA. It is further agreed that the clause shall not be modified except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to its provisions.

Date: 1/17/2023

Signature: _____

Kristina Pence-Dunow

Printed Name: Kristina Pence-Dunow

Company Name: Hometown MFG, Inc.

Title: President/CEO



Form 13: Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements and Related Acts (1
Page-Page 1)

31 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.
49 CFR Part 31 18 U.S.C. 1001
49 U.S.C. 5307

The Contractor acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq. and U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 C.F.R. Part 31, apply to its actions pertaining to this Project. Upon execution of the underlying contract, the Contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made; it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, pertaining to the underlying contract or the FTA assisted project for which this contract work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, the Contractor further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 on the Contractor to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

The Contractor also acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the Federal Government under a contract connected with a project that is financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance originally awarded by FTA under the authority of 49 U.S.C. § 5307, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 49 U.S.C. § 5307(n)(1) on the Contractor, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

The Contractor agrees to include the above two clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA. It is further agreed that the clauses shall not be modified except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to the provisions.

Date: 1/17/2023

Signature:

Printed Name: Kristina Pence-Dunow

Company Name: Hometown MFG, Inc.

Title: President/CEO



Form 14: Termination (1 Page-Page 1)

49 U.S.C.Part 18

FTA Circular 4220.1F

The Contractor agrees with the requirements and procedures outlined in 49 U.S.C.Part 18 and FTA Circular 4220.1F regarding Termination.

Date: 1/17/2023

Signature: _____

Kristina Pence-Dunow

Printed Name: Kristina Pence-Dunow

Company Name: Hometown MFG, Inc.

Title: President/CEO



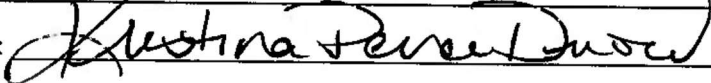
Form 15: Government-Wide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) (1
Page-Page 1)

49 CFR Part 29
Executive Order 12549

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

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

Date: 1/17/2023

Signature: 

Printed Name: Kristina Pence-Dunow

Company Name: Hometown MFG, Inc.

Title: President/CEO



Form 16: Privacy Act (1 Page-Page 1)

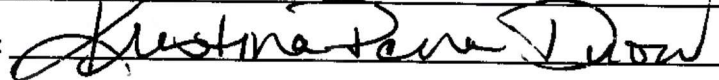
5 U.S.C. 552

The Contractor agrees to comply with, and assures the compliance of its employees with, the information restrictions and other applicable requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974,

5 U.S.C. § 552a. Among other things, the Contractor agrees to obtain the express consent of the Federal Government before the Contractor or its employees operate a system of records on behalf of the Federal Government. The Contractor understands that the requirements of the Privacy Act, including the civil and criminal penalties for violation of that Act, apply to those individuals involved and that failure to comply with the terms of the Privacy Act may result in termination of the underlying contract.

The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract to administer any system of records on behalf of the Federal Government financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

Date: 1/17/2023

Signature: 

Printed Name: Kristina Pence-Dunow

Company Name: Hometown MFG, Inc.

Title: President/CEO



Form 17. Civil Rights Requirements(2 Page-Page 1)

29 U.S.C. § 623, 42 U.S.C. § 2000

42 U.S.C. § 6102, 42 U.S.C. § 12112

42 U.S.C. § 12132, 49 U.S.C. § 5332

29 CFR Part 1630, 41 CFR Parts 60 et seq.

1. *Nondiscrimination* - In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, section 303 of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6102, section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12132, and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, or disability. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing requirements FTA may issue.
2. *Race, Color, Creed, National Origin, Sex* - In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, and Federal transit laws at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements of U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL) regulations, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," 41 C.F.R. Parts 60 *et seq.*, (which implement Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note), and with any applicable Federal statutes, executive orders, regulations, and Federal policies that may in the future affect construction activities undertaken in the course of the Project. The Contractor agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
3. *Age* - In accordance with section 4 of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § § 623 and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees to refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for reason of age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
4. *Disabilities* - In accordance with section 102 of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12112, the Contractor agrees that it will comply with the requirements of U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, "Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act," 29 C.F.R. Part 1630, pertaining to the employment of persons with disabilities. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.



Form 17. (Page 2) Civil Rights Requirements (2 Page-Page 2)

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

Date: 1/17/2023

Signature: _____

Kristina Pence-Dunow

Printed Name: Kristina Pence-Dunow

Company Name: Hometown MFG, Inc.

Title: President/CEO



Form 18: Breaches and Dispute Resolution (1 Page-Page 1)

49 CFR Part 18

FTA Circular 4220.1F

The contractor agrees to comply with the requirements and procedures set forth in 49 CFR Part 18 and FTA Circular 4220.1F concerning Breaches and Dispute Resolution.

Date: 1/17/2023

Signature: _____

Printed Name: Kristina Pence-Dunow

Company Name: Hometown MFG, Inc.

Title: President/CEO



Form 19: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) (3 pages-Page 1)

49 CFR Part 26

Background and Applicability

The newest version of the Department of Transportation's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program became effective on July 16, 2003. The rule provides guidance to grantees on the use of overall and contract goals, the requirement to include DBE provisions in subcontracts, evaluating DBE participation where specific contract goals have been set, reporting requirements, and replacing DBE subcontractors. Additionally, the DBE program dictates payment terms and conditions (including limitations on retainage) applicable to all subcontractors, regardless of whether they are DBE firms or not.

The DBE program applies to all DOT-assisted contracting activities. A formal clause such as that below must be included in all contracts above the micro-purchase level. The requirements of clause subsection b flow down to subcontracts.

A substantial change to the payment provisions in this newest version of Part 26 concerns retainage (see section 26.29). Grantee choices concerning retainage should be reflected in the language choices in clause subsection d.

The following clause incorporates the payment terms and conditions applicable to all subcontractors based on Part 26 and those related only to DBE subcontractors. The suggested language allows for the options available to grantees concerning retainage, specific contract goals, and evaluation of DBE subcontracting participation when specific contract goals have been established.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises

- a. This contract is subject to the requirements of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26, *and Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in the Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs*. The national goal for participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) is 10%. The agency's overall goal for DBE participation is __%. A separate contract goal [of __% DBE participation has] [has not] been established for this procurement.
- b. This contract is subject to the requirements of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26, *Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs*. The national goal for participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) is 10%. The agency's overall goal for DBE participation is 15%. The contractor will make active and aggressive efforts to assist the Department in meeting or exceeding its overall DBE participation. The directory of current DBE firms certified in the State of Georgia can be found at: <http://www.dot.ga.gov/PartnerSmart/Business/Pages/DBE.aspx>

c.



Form 19: (Page 2) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) (3 pages-Page 2)

- d. The contractor shall not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out the applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of this DOT-assisted contract. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as deemed appropriate. Each subcontract the contractor signs with a subcontractor must include the assurance in this paragraph (see 49 CFR 26.13(b)).
- e. *{If a separate contract goal has been established, use the following}* Bidders/offerors are required to document sufficient DBE participation to meet these goals or, alternatively, document adequate good faith efforts to do so, as provided for in 49 CFR 26.53. Award of this contract is conditioned on submission of the following **[concurrent with and accompanying sealed bid] [concurrent with and accompanying an initial proposal] [before award]**:
1. The names and addresses of DBE firms that will participate in this contract;
 2. A description of the work each DBE will perform;
 3. The dollar amount of the participation of each DBE firm participating;
 4. Written documentation of the bidder/offeror's commitment to using a DBE subcontractor whose participation it submits to meet the contract goal;
 5. Written confirmation from the DBE that it is participating in the contract as provided in the prime contractor's commitment; and
 6. If the contract goal is not met, evidence of good faith efforts to do so.

[Bidders][Offerors] must present the information required above **[as a matter of responsiveness] [with initial proposals] [prior to contract award]** (see 49 CFR 26.53(3)).

{If no separate contract goal has been established, use the following} The successful bidder/offeror will be required to report its DBE participation obtained through race-neutral means throughout the performance period.

- f. The contractor must pay its subcontractors performing work related to this contract for satisfactory performance of that work no later than 30 days after the contractor's receipt of payment for that work from the **Authorized Users of the State of Georgia**. In addition, **[the contractor may not hold retainage from its subcontractors.] [is required to return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within 30 days after the subcontractor's work related to this contract is satisfactorily completed.] [is required to return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within 30 days after incremental acceptance of the**



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- g. subcontractor's work by the {insert agency name} and contractor's receipt of the partial retainage payment related to the subcontractor's work.]
- h. The contractor must promptly notify the State of Georgia whenever a DBE subcontractor performing work related to this contract is terminated or fails to complete its work and must make good faith efforts to engage another DBE subcontractor to perform at least the same amount of work. The contractor may not terminate any DBE subcontractor and perform that work through its own forces or those of an affiliate without the prior written consent of the State of Georgia.

The contractor agrees to comply with the requirements and procedures set forth in 49 CFR Part 26 Concerning Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE).

Date: 1/17/2023

Signature: _____

Printed Name: Kristina Pence-Dunow

Company Name: Hometown MFG, Inc.

Title: President/CEO



Form 21: DBE TRANSIT VEHICLE MANUFACTURER CERTIFICATION (1 Page)

Hometown MFG, Inc. (Name of Manufacturer), a TVM, hereby certifies that it has complied with the requirement of Section 26.49 of 49 CFR, Part 26 by submitting a current annual DBE goal to FTA. The goals apply to Federal Fiscal Year 2023 (October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023) and have been approved or not disapproved by FTA.

_____ (Name of Contract Vendor), hereby certifies that the manufacturer of the transit vehicle to be supplied Hometown MFG, Inc. (Name of Manufacturer) has complied with the above referenced requirement of Section 26.49 of 49 CFR Part 26.

Signature *Kristina Pence-Dunow*

Date 1/23/2023

Title Kristina Pence-Dunow

Manufacturer Hometown MFG, Inc.



Form 21: Incorporation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Terms Protests
(1 Page)

FTA Circular 4220.1F

Incorporation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Terms - The preceding provisions include, in part, specific Standard Terms and Conditions required by DOT, whether or not expressly outlined in the prior contract provisions. All contractual provisions required by DOT, as set forth in FTA Circular 4220.1F, are hereby incorporated by reference. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, all FTA-mandated terms shall be deemed to control in the event of a conflict with other provisions contained in this Agreement. The Contractor shall not perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any State of Georgia or its Authorized Users requests which would cause (name of the grantee) to violate the FTA terms and conditions.

The contractor agrees to comply with the requirements and procedures set forth in 49 CFR Part 26 concerning Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE).

Date: 1/17/2023

Signature: _____

Printed Name: Kristina Pence-Dunow

Company Name: Hometown MFG, Inc.

Title: President/CEO



Form 22: Protests (4 pages-Page1)

FTA Circular 4220.1F

- 1) The Recipient's Role and Responsibilities.** The Common Grant Rules charge the recipient with the initial responsibility to resolve protests of third-party contract awards.
 - a) **Protest Procedures.** Apart from other methods, the recipient may have to resolve third-party contract issues, such as mediation or arbitration, the Common Grant Rule for governmental recipients requires the recipient to have protest procedures. While the Common Grant Rule for non-governmental recipient does not impose a similar requirement on a non-governmental recipient, FTA expects each recipient to have appropriate written protest procedures to maintain or acquire the adequate technical capacity to implement the project.

- 2) Responsibilities to FTA.** The recipient's minimum responsibilities to FTA consist of the following:
 - a. **Notify FTA Expeditiously.** The Common Grant Rule for governmental recipients requires a governmental recipient to notify FTA when it receives a third-party contract protest to which this circular applies and to keep FTA informed about the status of the protest. A non-governmental recipient involved in a protest is similarly expected to notify FTA when it receives a third-party contract protest to which the circular applies and to keep the FTA informed about the status of the protest. The recipient is expected to provide the following information:
 1. **Subjects.** A list of protests involving third-party contracts and potential third-party contracts:
 - a. Have a value exceeding \$100,000, or
 - b. Involve a controversial matter, irrespective of the amount, or
 - c. Involve a highly publicized matter, irrespective of the amount.
 2. **Details.** The following information about each protest:
 - a. A brief description of the protest,
 - b. The basis of disagreement, and
 - c. If open, how far has the protest proceeded, or
 - d. If resolved, the agreement or decision reached, and



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e. Whether an appeal has been taken or is likely to be taken.

3. When and where. The recipient should provide this information:

a. In its next quarterly Milestone Progress Report, and

b. At its next Project Management Oversight review, if any.

Small recipients may report less frequently if no protests are outstanding.

4. **FTA Officials to Notify.** When a recipient denies a bid protest, especially if an appeal to FTA is likely to occur, FTA expects the recipient to inform the FTA Regional Administrator for the region administering a regional project or the FTA Associate Administrator for the program office administering a headquarters project directly. FTA also encourages the recipient to keep its FTA project manager informed about protests with which it is involved. In particular, the recipient should contact their project manager about any unusual activity.

(b) Access to Information. FTA expects the recipient to disclose information about any third-party procurement protest to FTA upon request. FTA reserves the right to require the recipient to provide copies of a particular protest or all protests, and any or all related supporting documents as FTA may determine necessary.

b. **FTA's Role and Responsibilities.** FTA has developed an appeals process for reviewing protests of a recipient's procurement decisions.

1) **Requirements for the Protester.** The protester must:

a) Qualify as an "Interested Party." Only an "interested party" qualifies for FTA review of its appeal. An "interested party" is a party that is an actual or prospective bidder or offeror whose direct economic interest would be affected by the award or failure to award the third-party contract at issue.

1. Subcontractors. A subcontractor does not qualify as an "interested party" because it does not have a direct economic interest in the procurement results.

2. Associations or Organizations. An association or organization that does not perform contracts does not qualify as an "interested party" because it does not have a direct economic interest in the procurement results.

b) Exhaust Administrative Remedies. The protester must exhaust its



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- c) administrative remedies by pursuing the recipient's protest procedures to completion before appealing the recipient's decision to FTA.
 - d) **Appeal within Five Days.** The protester must deliver its appeal to the FTA Regional Administrator for the region administering its project or the FTA Associate Administrator for the program office administering its project within five (5) working days of the date when the protester has received actual or constructive notice of the recipient's final decision. Likewise, the protester must provide its appeal to the FTA Regional Administrator for the region administering its project or the FTA Associate Administrator for the program office administering its project within five (5) working days of the date when the protester has identified other grounds for appeal to the FTA. For example, other grounds for appeal include the recipient's failure to have or failure to comply with its protest procedures or failure to review the protest.
- 2) **Extent of FTA Review.** As provided in the Common Grant Rule for governmental recipients, FTA will limit its review of third-party contract protests as follows:
- a) **The Recipient's Procedural Failures.** FTA will consider a protest if the recipient:
 - 1. Does not have protest procedures, or
 - 2. Has not complied with its protest procedures, or
 - 3. Has not reviewed the protest when presented with an opportunity.
 - b) **Violations of Federal Law or Regulations.** FTA will not consider every appeal filed by a protestor of an FTA recipient's protest decision merely because a Federal law or regulation may be involved. Instead, FTA will exercise discretionary jurisdiction over those appeals involving issues important to FTA's overall public transportation program. FTA will refer violations of Federal law for which it does not have primary jurisdiction to the Federal authority having proper jurisdiction.
 - c) **Violations of State or Local Law or Regulations.** FTA will refer violations of State or local law to the State or local authority having proper jurisdiction.

FTA Determinations to Decline Protest Reviews. FTA's determination to decline jurisdiction over a protest does not mean that FTA approves of or agrees with the recipient's decision or that FTA has determined the contract is eligible for Federal participation. FTA's determination means only that FTA



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does not consider the issues presented to be sufficiently important to FTA's overall program that FTA considers a review required.

The contractor agrees to comply with the Federal and State protest procedures.

Date: 1/17/2023

Signature: *Kristina Pence-Dunow*

Printed Name: Kristina Pence-Dunow

Company Name: Hometown MFG, Inc.

Title: President/CEO



Form 23 - Compliance with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Other Federal Requirements and Clauses (1 page)

The (bidder) is responsible for ensuring its compliance with all applicable Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requirements. Additionally, the Contractor is responsible for ensuring that subcontractors, at as many tiers of the Project as required, perform in accordance with the contract terms, conditions, and specifications, including all applicable FTA requirements.

Upon request of the Authority or FTA, the Contractor shall provide evidence of the steps it has taken to ensure its compliance with the FTA requirements, as well as proof of the steps it has taken to ensure subcontractor performance, and submit evidence of subcontractor's compliance, at all tiers.

Date: 1/17/2023

Signature: *Kristina Pence Dunow*

Printed Name: Kristina Pence-Dunow

Company Name: Hometown MFG, Inc.

Title: President/CEO



Form 24 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) (1 page)

The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), as amended, 42 USC § 12101 et seq.; section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 USC § 794; 49 USC § 5301(d); and any implementing requirements FTA may issue. These regulations provide that no disabled individual, solely because of their handicap, be excluded from participation, denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under any program or activity included in or resulting from this Agreement.

Date: 1/17/2023

Signature: _____

Printed Name: Kristina Pence-Dunow

Company Name: Hometown MFG, Inc.

Title: President/CEO



Form 25: Prompt Payment and Return of Retainage (1 page)

The prime contractor agrees to pay each subcontractor under this prime contract for satisfactory performance of its contract no later than 15 calendar days from the receipt of each payment the prime contractor receives from the Authority. The prime contractor agrees further to return retainage payments (if any) to each subcontractor within 30 calendar days after the subcontractor(s)' work is satisfactorily completed. Any delay or postponement of payment from the above-referenced time frame may occur only for a good cause following written approval of the Authority. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors.

The subcontractors must notify the State Contract Manager of prime contractor noncompliance with the prompt payment provisions. Upon receipt of such notification, the State will investigate and take appropriate action.

By affix of signature, Contractor hereby agrees to abide by the above-listed requirements and agrees to supply appropriate documentation:

Date: 1/17/2023

Signature: _____

Kristina Pence-Dunow

Printed Name: Kristina Pence-Dunow

Company Name: Hometown MFG, Inc.

Title: President/CEO



26. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards (1 page)
(See Attachment K, Item # 26 Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards)

29 CFR 5.5 § 5.5 Contract provisions and related matters.

Applicable to: Operations/Management, Rolling Stock, and Constructions contracts > \$100,000.00.

The contractor (the bidder) is responsible for ensuring its compliance with 29 CFR 5.5 requirements.

Date: 1/17/2023

Signature: _____

Printed Name: Kristina Pence-Dunow

Company Name: Hometown MFG, Inc.

Title: President/CEO

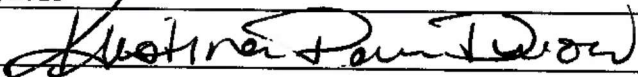


Form 27 Transit Vehicle Manufacturer Certification (1 page)

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 105(f) of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, each bidder for this contract must certify that it has complied with the requirements of 40 CFR Part 26.49 regarding the participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) in FTA-assisted procurements of transit vehicles. Absent this certification, properly completed and signed, a bid shall be deemed non-responsive.

Certification: I, at this moment, certify, for the bidder named below, that it has complied with the provisions of 49 CFR Part 26.49 and that I am duly authorized by the said bidder to make this certification.

Date: 1/17/2023

Signature: 

Printed Name: Kristina Pence-Dunow

Company Name: Hometown MFG, Inc.

Title: President/CEO