

# **Duluth Transit Authority**

**REQUEST for PROPOSALS**

**FOR**

**LEGAL SERVICES**

**September 3, 2019**

**Duluth Transit Authority**

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**Duluth Transit Authority**  
**Request for Proposals**  
**LEGAL SERVICES**

The Duluth Transit Authority hereby requests written Proposals for the provision of Legal Services.

Background information, description of the project scope of work and submission requirements may be obtained by calling, emailing or writing the Duluth Transit Authority, Procurement Manager, 2402 West Michigan Street, Duluth, MN 55806; 218-623-4329, or [nbrown@duluthtransit.com](mailto:nbrown@duluthtransit.com). Proposal packages will be mailed or emailed to all interested parties.

Proposals must be received no later than **1:00 p.m., Thursday, September 19, 2019.**

The DTA encourages the participation of small and disadvantaged business enterprises, and affirmatively assures that equal opportunity will be offered to all persons without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, gender, marital status, disability, or age.

This request does not obligate the DTA to complete the work contemplated in this notice and reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, or waive any minor informalities for good cause upon a finding that it is in the public interest to do so. All expenses incurred in response to this notice shall be borne by the responder.

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## Section 1 General Conditions

### G-1 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

- a) Proposals are requested for Legal Services for the Duluth Transit Authority, (DTA), 2402 West Michigan Street, Duluth, MN 55806.
- b) Proposals shall be on the proposed rates and costs for the project under the requirements and conditions set forth herein, which shall be considered an essential part of the Contract Documents.
- c) Proposal prices shall be good for 90 days after the Proposal opening.
- d) The DTA shall not be under any obligation for payment of precontractual expenses, including expenses for preparing or submitting a Proposal in response to this request, negotiating with the DTA on any matter related to this Proposal, and/or other expenses incurred by the Proposer prior to the date of award.
- e) Proposals are due at **1:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 19, 2019** at the DTA offices, 2402 West Michigan Street, Duluth, MN 55806.
- f) The DTA will hold a **pre-proposal conference** on **Tuesday, September 10, 2019** at **11:00 a.m.** in the DTA office, 2402 West Michigan Street, Duluth, MN 55806. Those who are unable to attend in person may contact the Procurement Manager at 218-623-4329 for conference call information.
- g) The DTA intends to award the Contract to the responsible Proposer in the best interests of the DTA as early as **September 26, 2019**.
- h) Throughout these specifications the words equipment, materials, and work can be interpreted as interchangeable.
- i) Federal Transit Administration is or will be providing ongoing assistance for this project; the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number is 20.507, Federal Transit Formula Grants.

### G-2 INQUIRIES

All inquiries and other correspondence relating to this Request for Proposals shall be with the Procurement Manager and addressed to the DTA Procurement Manager via email, [nbrown@duluthtransit.com](mailto:nbrown@duluthtransit.com), or regular mail, Duluth Transit Authority, attention Procurement Manager, 2402 West Michigan Street, Duluth, MN 55806.

### G-3 DEFINITION OF TERMS

Whenever the following terms are used in these Proposal specifications, the intent and meaning of them shall be interpreted as follows:

- a) DTA, customer, buyer, or Operator shall mean the DTA.
- b) Project Manager shall mean the DTA General Manager for all work performed.
- c) Manufacturer, Vendor, Proposer, or Contractor, Consultant shall mean that firm submitting a responsive Proposal and subsequently receiving the contract award from the DTA as the contractor as detailed in these specifications.

### G-4 SUBSTITUTIONS AND OR EQUAL

- a) Where proprietary names are used in these specifications, it is understood that they are followed by the words "or equal".
- b) Prime contractors and /or subcontractors may make appointments to discuss these specifications. This, however, does not relieve them from the written, documented request required by paragraph c) below. Where prior approval is called for in the specifications it means prior to Proposal opening.

- c) Requests for approved equals, clarifications of specifications, and protest of specifications must be received by the Procurement Manager in writing no later than **2:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 11, 2019**. Any request for an approved equal must be fully supported with technical data, test results, or other pertinent information as evidence that the substitute offered is equal to or better than the specifications that pertain to an item under consideration. The supporting evidence for the approved equal must be submitted with the request for approval. All requests must be submitted via email or US Mail unless otherwise approved by DTA in writing.
- d) The replies to request under paragraph c) above will be posted on the DTA website, [www.duluthtransit.com](http://www.duluthtransit.com) on **Thursday, September 11, 2019** to all prospective proposers.
- e) Changes to the specifications will be made only by written addendum. Addendum will be posted on the DTA website at [www.duluthtransit.com](http://www.duluthtransit.com). It is the Proposer's responsibility to obtain all documents available for this procurement

#### G-5 **SELECTION CRITERIA**

The DTA reserves the right, in the determination of the most responsive and responsible Proposer, to consider the ultimate economy of the Proposal within the guidelines of these specifications, the best interests of the DTA and such other factors as may be reasonably determined to affect the ultimate economy of the award as stipulated in the Technical Specifications.

The Evaluation Committee may not necessarily make a recommendation to award to the Proposer with the highest technical ranking nor make a recommendation to award to the Proposer with the lowest price proposal, if doing so would not be in the best interest of the DTA.

Except when it is determined not to be in the DTA's best interests, the DTA will evaluate offers by adding the total price for option years four and five to the total price for the basic requirements. Evaluation of options will not obligate the DTA to exercise the option.

#### G-6 **PREPARATION OF PROPOSAL**

Proposals must be submitted on the forms attached. All blanks in the Proposal form must be completed with ink or typewriter. Proposals containing alterations or erasures may be rejected unless the alteration or erasure is corrected by crossing out the error, inserting the correction adjacent thereto with ink or typewriter and initialing the correction in ink by the person signing the Proposal. In the event any price term is expressed by the proposer in both written and numerical form, the written representation shall govern in the event of an inconsistency.

Proposals and other documents submitted by the Proposer shall not stipulate any condition not contained in the specifications.

Each Proposal and all papers bound and attached thereto and shall be placed and securely sealed in an envelope marked "**Legal Services**" and mailed or delivered to:

Procurement Manager  
Duluth Transit Authority

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Proposals must be received by the Proposal deadline. Time means local time in Duluth, Minnesota. Proposals received after such time will not be considered. The DTA reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all Proposals in the best interest of the DTA.

No Proposal may be modified after submission except by written modification physically received by the DTA prior to the time set for the opening of Proposals. Modifications must be signed by the person submitting the Proposal or accompanied by an explanation as to why it is not, and must indicate that it modifies the original Proposal. Modifications shall be submitted in a securely sealed envelope marked as indicated on the Proposal Form.

**G-7 WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS**

A Proposer may withdraw its Proposal at any time before the time set for the opening of the Proposals only by written notice addressed to the Proposal opening marked "WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL" and physically received by the DTA prior to the time for the opening of Proposals.

**G-8 CONTRACT FORM AND CHANGES**

The chosen proposer, within ten (10) days after the award of the Contract from the DTA shall sign the formal Contract.

A sample Contract is included in this RFP. Any proposed change in this Contract shall be submitted to the DTA for its prior approval prior to submission of the Proposal. Only written change orders, amendments or addenda, signed by the General Manager of the DTA, shall be binding upon the DTA.

**G-9 BONDING REQUIREMENTS**

No bonds are required.

**G-10 PRICE COMPLETE**

The price quoted in any Proposal submitted shall include all items of services, labor, material, alterations, tools, equipment and other costs necessary to fully complete the production and delivery of the equipment or services pursuant to these specifications. It is the intention of these specifications to provide and require complete equipment and/or services of the type prescribed herein. Any items omitted from the specifications which are clearly necessary for the performance of the contract shall be considered included in the Proposal specifications although not directly specified or called for in these specifications. No advantage shall be taken by the Proposer in the omission of any part or detail which goes to make the equipment complete and ready for service or use, or to perform the services as herein required.

**G-11 DOCUMENTATION**

The Contractor shall provide a complete listing of all products used.

## **G-12 PROTEST PROCEDURES**

Protests will only be accepted from prospective Proposers whose direct economic interest would be affected by the award of a contract or refusal to award a contract. The General Manager will consider all such protests, whether submitted before or after the award of a contract. If oral objections are raised and the matter cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the objector, a written protest shall be required before any further consideration is given. Protest submissions should be concise, logically arranged, and clearly state the grounds for the protest. Protest must include at least the following information:

- “ Name, address, and telephone number of protestor
- “ Identification of the solicitation or contract number
- “ A detailed statement of the legal and factual grounds of protest including copies of relevant documents
- “ A statement as to what relief is requested

All protest documents received by the General Manager shall be stamped with date and time received and logged into a protest file folder with a copy to the Master File.

### PROTESTS BEFORE AWARD

Protests before award must be submitted within the time as specified herein. If the written protest is not received by the time specified, the evaluation process shall continue in the normal manner unless the Finance Director, upon investigation, finds that remedial action is desirable, in which event such action shall be taken.

The protests addressing the adequacy of the Request for Proposal, including, without limitation, the pre-award procedure, the Instructions to Proposers, General Terms and Conditions, Technical Specifications and Scope of Work, must be filed at the Finance Department no later than three days before the scheduled opening date of the proposal. Thereafter, such issues are deemed waived by all interested parties.

Notice of protest and the basis therefor shall be given to all bidders or proposers. In addition, when a protest against the making of an award is received and the Finance Director determines to withhold the award pending disposition of the protest, proposers whose proposals might become eligible for award shall be requested, before expiration of the time for acceptance of their proposals, to extend the time for acceptance (with consent of sureties, if any) to avoid the need for readvertising.

When a written protest against the making of an award is received, award shall not be made until five days after the matter is resolved, unless the General Manager determines that:

- “ the items to be procured are urgently required; or
- “ delivery or performance will be unduly delayed by failure to make the award promptly; or
- “ failure to make prompt award will otherwise cause undue harm to DTA or the State or the Federal Government.

In the event the General Manager determines that the award is to be made during the five-day period or during the pendency of protest, he/she shall notify the FTA prior to make such award. FTA preserves the right not to participate in such procurement.

If award is made, the Finance Director shall document the file to explain the need for an award, and shall give written notice of the decision to proceed with the award to the protestor and, as appropriate, to others concerned.

### PROTESTS AFTER AWARD

Protests against award must be filed at the Finance Department within five days immediately following the award. The Finance Director shall review the protests. The contractor shall be furnished with the notice of protest and the basis therefor. Also, when it appears likely that an award may be invalidated and a delay in receiving the supplies or services is not prejudicial to DTA's interest, the Finance Director shall inform the contractor that DTA will not be responsible if the award is set aside and that the contractor proceeds with performance at his/her own risk.

### DECISION ON PROTEST

The General Manager shall render his/her decision in writing within 14 days from the receipt of the written protest and shall provide written notice of such decision to all interested parties.

Following an adverse decision by the General Manager, the protestor may file a protest with FTA. For details, see FTA Circular 4220.1F, as amended, which states that FTA will only review protests regarding the alleged failure of a grantee (here, the DTA) to have written protest procedures or alleged failure to follow such procedures.

### **G-13 ORGANIZATIONAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

1. An organizational conflict of interest means that because of other activities or relationships with other persons or entities, a Contractor is unable, or potentially unable to render impartial assistance or advice to the DTA, or the Contractor's objectivity in performing the contract work is, or might be otherwise impaired, or the Contractor has an unfair competitive advantage. Organizational conflict of interest includes situations where the capacity of a Contractor (including the Contractor's executives, directors, consultants, subsidiaries, parent companies or subcontractors) to give impartial, technically sound advice or objective assistance is or may be impaired or may otherwise result in a biased work product because of any past, present or planned interest, financial or otherwise, in the DTA.

2. The Contractor is responsible for maintaining and providing up to date conflict of interest information to the DTA's Director of Finance. If, after award of this contract or task order, the Contractor discovers a conflict of interest with respect to this contract or task order which could not reasonably have been known prior to award, or if any additional conflicts or potential conflicts arise after award, the Contractor shall give written notice to the DTA's Director of Finance as set forth below.

3. The Contractor's notice called for in paragraph 2 above shall describe the actual, apparent or potential conflict of interest, the action(s) the Contractor has taken or proposes to take to avoid or mitigate any conflict, and shall set forth any other information which the Contractor believes would be helpful to the DTA's Director of Finance in analyzing the situation.

4. The Contractor has the responsibility of formulating and forwarding a proposed mitigation plan to the DTA's Director of Finance for review and consideration. This responsibility arises when the Contractor first learns of an actual, apparent, or potential conflict of interest. Corporate counsel review of the proposed mitigation plan is necessary to ensure a timely review and final determination by the DTA's Director of Finance.



5. If the DTA's Director of Finance, in his/her discretion, determines that the Contractor's actual, apparent or potential conflict of interest remains, or the measures proposed are insufficient to avoid or mitigate the conflict, the DTA's Director of Finance will direct a course of action to the Contractor designed to avoid, neutralize, or mitigate the conflict of interest. If the parties fail to reach agreement on a course of action, or if having reached such agreement the Contractor fails to strictly adhere to such agreement during the remaining period of contract performance, the DTA's Director of Finance has the discretion to terminate the contract for default. No determination by the DTA's Director of Finance under this clause shall be reviewable under FAR Clause 52.233-1, ~~Disputes Clause (May 2014)~~, which is also incorporated by reference herein.

6. The Contractor's misrepresentation of facts in connection with a conflict of interest reported or a Contractor's failure to disclose a conflict of interest as required shall be a basis for default termination of this contract.

#### **G-14 TAXES**

The DTA is exempt from payment of the Federal excise, transportation tax, Minnesota State sales tax and City of Duluth City sales tax.

#### **G-15 SUBCONTRACTORS**

The Proposer shall disclose all subcontractors and their involvement in the Contract at the time of Proposal submittal. The Contractor shall insert the required Federal and State provisions in every subcontract.

#### **G-16 MINNESOTA NONDISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS**

In accordance with Minnesota §181.59, ~~DISCRIMINATION ON ACCOUNT OF RACE, CREED, OR COLOR PROHIBITED IN CONTRACT~~

The Contractor hereby agrees and shall cause this provision to be inserted in every subcontract the following:

- (1) that, in the hiring of common or skilled labor for the performance of any work under any contract, or any subcontract, no contractor, material supplier, or vendor, shall, by reason of race, creed, or color, discriminate against the person or persons who are citizens of the United States or resident aliens who are qualified and available to perform the work to which the employment relates;
- (2) that no contractor, material supplier, or vendor, shall, in any manner, discriminate against, or intimidate, or prevent the employment of any person or persons identified in clause (1) of this section, or on being hired, prevent, or conspire to prevent, the person or persons from the performance of work under any contract on account of race, creed, or color;
- (3) that a violation of this section is a misdemeanor; and
- (4) that this contract may be canceled or terminated by the state, county, city, or the Duluth Transit Authority, or any other person authorized to grant the contracts for employment, and all money due, or to become due under the contract, may be forfeited for a second or any subsequent violation of the terms or conditions of this contract.

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**SIGNIFICANT DATES OF PROCUREMENT**

Date of Release	September 3, 2019	
Pre-Award Conference	Tuesday, September 10, 2019	11:00 a.m.
Requests for Changes/Clarifications	Wednesday, September 11, 2019	2:00 p.m.
Responses to Changes/Clarifications	Thursday, September 12, 2019	
RFP Due Date	Thursday, September 19, 2019	1:00 p.m.

## Section 2 FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

### Contract Clauses

#### A.1 ACCESS TO RECORDS

##### 49 U.S.C. § 5325(g)

#### Applicability to Contracts

The record keeping and access requirements extend to all third-party contractors and their contracts at every tier and subrecipients and subcontract at every tier.

#### Flow Down

The record keeping and access requirements extend to all third-party contractors and their contracts at every tier and subrecipients and their subcontracts at every tier.

#### Clause Language

a. Records Retention. The Contractor will retain, and will requires its subcontractors of all tiers to retain, complete and readily accessible records related in whole or in part to the contract; including, but not limited to, data, documents, reports, statistics, sub-agreements, leases, subcontracts, arrangements, other third party agreements of any type, and supporting materials related to those records.

b. Retention Period. The Contractor agrees to comply with the record retention requirements in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.333. The Contractor shall maintain all books, records, accounts and reports required under this Contract for a period of not less than three (3) years after the date of termination or expiration of this Contract, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this Contract, in which case records shall be maintained until the disposition of all such litigation claims or exceptions related thereto.

c. Access to Records. The Contractor agrees to provide sufficient access to FTA and its contractors to inspect and audit records and information related to performance of this contract as reasonably may be required.

d. Access to the Sites of Performance. The Contractor agrees to permit FTA and its contractors access to the sites of performance under this Contract as reasonably may be required.

#### A.2 BONDING REQUIREMENTS

##### 2 CFR §200.325, 31 CFR Part 223

Does not apply to this procurement

#### A.3 BUS TESTING

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

Does not apply to this procurement

#### A.4 BUY AMERICA REQUIREMENTS

##### 49 U.S.C. 5323 (J), 49 CFR Part 661

Does not apply to this procurement

#### A.5 CARGO PREFERENCE REQUIREMENTS

##### 46 U.S.C. §55.05

##### 46 C.F.R. Part 381

Does not apply to this procurement

#### A.6 CHARTER SERVICE

##### 49 U.S.C.5323(d) and (r)

##### 49 C.F.R. Part 604

Does not apply to this procurement

#### A.7 CLEAN AIR ACT AND FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

##### 49 U.S.C §§7401-7671q

##### 33 U.S.C §§1251-1387

##### 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II (G)

Does not apply to this procurement

#### A.8 CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS AND REGULATIONS

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Federal Civil Rights laws and regulations apply to all contracts.

**Flow Down**

The Civil Rights requirements flow down to all third-party contractors and their contract at every tier.

**Clause Language**

**Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity**

The Duluth Transit Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer. As such, the Duluth Transit Authority agrees to comply with all applicable Federal civil rights laws and implementing regulations. Apart from inconsistent requirements imposed by Federal laws or regulations, the Duluth Transit Authority agrees to comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. §5323(h) (3) by not using any Federal assistance awarded by FTA to support procurements using exclusionary or discriminatory specifications.

Under this Agreement, the Contractor shall at all times comply with the following requirements and shall include these requirements in each subcontract entered into as part thereof.

1. **Nondiscrimination.** In accordance with Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. §5332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing requirements FTA may issue.
2. **Race, Color, Religion, National Origin, Sex.** In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 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. Chapter 60, and Executive Order No. 11246, %Equal Employment Opportunity in Federal Employment+, September 24, 1965, 42 U.S.C. §2000e note, as amended by any later Ex Order that amends or supersedes it, referenced in 42 U.S.C. §2000e note. The Contractor agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants re employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, national origin, or sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity). Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, promotion, 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 the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 621-634, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (U.S. EEOC) regulations, %Age Discrimination in Employment Act,+29 C.F.R. Part 1625, the Age Discrimination Act if 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §6101 *et. Seq.*, U.S. Health and Human Services regulations, %Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance,+45 C.F.R. Part 90, and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. §5332, the Contractor agrees to refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for the reason of age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
4. **Disabilities.** In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. §794, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §12101 *et. Seq.*, the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §4151 *et. Seq.*, and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. §4332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against individuals on the basis of disability. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

**A.9 DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE)  
49 CFR Part 26**

**Flow Down**

The DBE contracting requirements flow down to all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier. It is the recipient's and prime contractor's responsibility to ensure the DBE requirements are applied across the board to all subrecipients/contractors/subcontractors. Should a subcontractor fail to comply with DBE regulations, FTA would look to the recipient to make sure it intervenes to monitor compliance. The onus for compliance is on the recipient. For all DOT-assisted contracts, each FTA recipient must include assurance that third party contractors will comply with the DTA program requirements of 49 C.F.R Part 26, when applicable. The following contract clause is required in all DOT-assisted prime and subcontracts.

**Clause Language**

It is the policy of the Duluth Transit Authority and the United States Department of Transportation (%DOT+) that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (%DBE+), as defined herein and in the Federal regulations published at 49

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C.F.R. Part 26, shall have an equal opportunity to participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is also the policy of the Duluth Transit Authority to:

1. ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts;
2. Create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts;
3. Ensure that the DBE program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
4. Ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 C.F.R. Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs;
5. Help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT assisted contracts;
6. To promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally assisted contracts and procurement activities; and
7. Assist in the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE program.

This contract is subject to the requirements of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26. Therefore, the Contractor must satisfy the requirements for DBE participation as set forth herein. These requirements are in addition to all other equal opportunity employment requirements of this Contract. The Duluth Transit Authority shall make all determinations with regard to whether or not a Bidder/Offeror is in compliance with the requirements stated herein. In assessing compliance, the Duluth Transit Authority may consider during its review of the Bidder/Offeror's submission package, the Bidder/Offeror/s documented history of non-compliance with DBE requirements on previous contracts with the Duluth Transit Authority.

**Contractor Assurance**

The contractor, subrecipient or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this Contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as Duluth Transit Authority deems appropriate, which may include, but is not limited to:

1. Withholding monthly progress payments
2. Assessing sanctions;
3. Liquidated damages; and/or
4. Disqualifying the contractor from future bidding as non-responsible. 49 C.F.R. §26.13(b).

**DBE Participation**

For purposes of this Contract, the Duluth Transit Authority will only accept DBEs who are:

1. Certified at the time of the bid opening or proposal evaluation by the Unified Certification Program; or
2. An out of state firm who has been certified by either a local government, state government or Federal government entity authorized to certify DBE status or an agency whose DBE certification process has received FTA approval; or
3. Certified by another agency approved by the Duluth Transit Authority.

DBE Participation Goal

There is no DBE participation goal for this Contract.

The contractor is required to 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 Duluth Transit Authority or in accordance with state statutes, whichever is more restrictive. In addition, the contractor is required to return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within 30 days (or in accordance with state law, whichever is more restrictive) after the subcontractor's work related to this contract is satisfactorily completed.

The contractor must promptly notify Duluth Transit Authority, 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 prior written consent of Duluth Transit Authority.

**A.10 EMPLOYEE PROTECTIONS**

49 U.S.C. §5333(a), 40 U.S.C. §§3141-3148

29 C.F.R. Part 5, 18 U.S.C. §874

29 C.F.R. Part 3, 40 U.S.C. §§3701-3708, 29 C.F.R. Part 1926

**Applicability to Contracts**

Certain employee protections apply to all FTA funded contracts with particular emphasis on construction related projects.

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These requirements extend to all third-party contractors and their contracts at every tier and subrecipients and their subcontractors at every tier. The Davis-Bacon Act and the Copeland Anti-Kickback Act apply to all prime construction, alteration or repair contracts in excess of \$2,000. The Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act apply to all FTA funded contracts in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers.

**Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards for Awards Not Involving Construction**

The Contractor shall comply with all federal laws, regulations, and requirements providing wage and hour protections for non-construction employees, in accordance with 40 U.S.C. § 3702, Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, and other relevant parts of that Act, 40 U.S.C. § 3701 *et seq.*, and U.S. DOL regulations, Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction (also Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Non-construction Contracts Subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act), 29 C.F.R. part 5.

The Contractor shall maintain payrolls and basic payroll records during the course of the work and shall preserve them for a period of three (3) years from the completion of the contract for all laborers and mechanics, including guards and watchmen, working on the contract. Such records shall contain the name and address of each such employee, social security number, correct classifications, hourly rates of wages paid, daily and weekly number of hours worked, deductions made, and actual wages paid.

Such records maintained under this paragraph shall be made available by the Contractor for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the FTA and the Department of Labor, and the Contractor will permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job.

The contractor shall require the inclusion of the language of this clause within subcontracts of all tiers.

**A.11 ENERGY CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS**

42 U.S.C. 6321 *et seq.*

49 CFR Part 622, Subpart C

**Applicability to Contracts**

The Energy Conservation requirements are applicable to all contracts.

**Flow Down** These requirements extend to all third-party contractors and their contracts at every tier and subrecipients and their subcontractors at every tier.

**Clause Language**

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

**A.12 FLY AMERICA**

49 U.S.C. §40118, 41 C.F.R. Part 301-10

48 C.F.R. Part 47.4

Does not apply to this procurement

**A.13 GOVERNMENT-WIDE DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION**

2 C.F.R. Part 180, 2 C.F.R. Part 1200, 2 C.F.R. §200.213

2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II (I)

Executive Order 12549, Executive Order 12689

**Background and Applicability**

A contract award (of any tier) in an amount expected to equal or exceed \$25,000 or a contract award at any tier for a federally required audit (irrespective of the contract amount) must not be made to parties listed on the government-wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 C.F.R. part 180. The Excluded Parties List System in SAM contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

Recipients, contractors, and subcontractors (at any level) that enter into covered transactions are required to verify that the entity (as well as its principals and affiliates) with which they propose to contract or subcontract is not excluded or disqualified. This is done by: (a) checking the SAM exclusions (b) collecting a certification from that person; or (c) adding a clause or condition to the contract or subcontract.

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Recipients, contractors, and subcontractors who enter into covered transactions with a participant at the next lower level, must require that participant to: (a) comply with subpart C of 2 C.F.R. part 180, as supplemented by 2 C.F.R. part 1200; and (b) pass the requirement to comply with subpart C of 2 C.F.R. part 180 to each person with whom the participant enters into a covered transaction at the next lower tier.

**Clause Language**

**Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion**

The Contractor shall comply and facilitate compliance with U.S. DOT regulations, Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment, 2 C.F.R. part 1200, which adopts and supplements the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (U.S. OMB) Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement), 2 C.F.R. part 180. These provisions apply to each contract at any tier of \$25,000 or more, and to each contract at any tier for a federally required audit (irrespective of the contract amount), and to each contract at any tier that must be approved by an FTA official irrespective of the contract amount. As such, the Contractor shall verify that its principals, affiliates, and subcontractors are eligible to participate in this federally funded contract and are not presently declared by any Federal department or agency to be:

- a) Debarred from participation in any federally assisted Award;
- b) Suspended from participation in any federally assisted Award;
- c) Proposed for debarment from participation in any federally assisted Award;
- d) Declared ineligible to participate in any federally assisted Award;
- e) Voluntarily excluded from participation in any federally assisted Award; or
- f) Disqualified from participation in any federally assisted Award.

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 Duluth Transit Authority. If it is later determined by the Duluth Transit Authority that the bidder or proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to the Duluth Transit Authority, 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 2 C.F.R. part 180, subpart C, as supplemented by 2 C.F.R. part 1200, while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer.

The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

**A. 14 LOBBYING RESTRICTIONS**

**31 U.S.C. 1352, 2 CFR §200.450**

**2 C.F.R. Part 200 Appendix II (J), 49 C.F.R. Part 20**

Does not apply to this procurement

**A.15 NO GOVERNMENT OBLIGATION TO THIRD PARTIES**

**Applicability to Contracts**

The No Obligation clause applies to all third-party contracts that are federally funded.

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The No Obligation clause extends to all third-party contractors and their contracts at every tier and subrecipients and their subcontracts at every tier.

**No Federal Government Obligation to Third Parties.**

The DTA 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 DTA, Contractor or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the underlying Contract. The Contractor agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by the FTA. It is further agreed that the clause shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to its provisions.

**A.16 PATENT RIGHTS AND RIGHTS IN DATA**

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2 C.F.R. part 200, Appendix II (F)  
37 C.F.R. part 401  
Does not apply to this procurement

**A.17 PRE-AWARD AND POST-DELIVERY AUDITS OF ROLLING STOCK PURCHASES**

49 U.S.C. 5323 (m), 49 C.F.R. Part 663  
Does not apply to this procurement

**A.18 PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS AND RELATED ACTS**

49 U.S.C. § 5323(l) (1), 31 U.S.C. §§ 3801-3812  
18 U.S.C. § 1001, 49 C.F.R. part 31

**Applicability to Contracts**

The Program Fraud clause applies to all third-party contracts that are federally funded.

**Flow Down**

The Program Fraud clause extends to all third-party contractors and their contracts at every tier and subrecipients and their subcontracts at every tier. These requirements flow down to contractors and subcontractors who make, present, or submit covered claims and statements.

**Clause Language**

**Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts**

The Contractor acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. § 3801 *et seq.* and U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 C.F.R. part 31, apply to its actions pertaining to this Project. Upon execution of the 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. chapter 53, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 49 U.S.C. § 5323(l) 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.

**A.19 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION EMPLOYEE PROTECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

49 U.S.C. § 5333(b) (~~3(c)~~), 29 C.F.R. part 215  
Does not apply to this procurement

**A.20 RECYCLED PRODUCTS**

42 U.S.C. § 6962 , 40 C.F.R. part 247  
2 C.F.R. part § 200.322

**Applicability to Contracts**

The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6962 *et seq.*), requires States and local governmental authorities to provide a competitive preference to products and services that conserve natural resources, protect the environment, and are energy efficient. Recipients are required to procure only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 C.F.R. part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000.

**Flow Down**

These requirements extend to all third-party contractors and their contracts at every tier and subrecipients and their subcontracts at every tier where the value of an EPA designated item exceeds \$10,000.



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**Clause Language**

**Recovered Materials**

The Contractor agrees to provide a preference for those products and services that conserve natural resources, protect the environment, and are energy efficient by complying with and facilitating compliance with Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6962, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), Comprehensive Procurement Guideline for Products Containing Recovered Materials, 40 C.F.R. part 247.

**A.21 SAFE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

23 U.S.C. part 402, Executive Order No. 13043  
Executive Order No. 13513, U.S. DOT Order No. 3902.10

**Applicability to Contracts**

The Safe Operation of Motor Vehicles requirements apply to all federally funded third party contracts. In compliance with Federal Executive Order No. 13043, Increasing Seat Belt Use in the United States, April 16, 1997, 23 U.S.C. Section 402 note, FTA encourages each third-party contractor to adopt and promote on-the-job seat belt use policies and programs for its employees and other personnel that operate company owned, rented, or personally operated vehicles, and to include this provision in each third-party subcontract involving the project. Additionally, recipients are required by FTA to include a Distracted Driving clause that addresses distracted driving, including text messaging in each of its third-party agreements supported with Federal assistance.

**Flow Down Requirements**

The Safe Operation of Motor Vehicles requirements flow down to all third-party contractors at every tier.

**Safe Operation of Motor Vehicles**

**Seat Belt Use**

The Contractor is encouraged to adopt and promote on-the-job seat belt use policies and programs for its employees and other personnel that operate company-owned vehicles, company-rented vehicles, or personally operated vehicles. The terms company-owned and company-leased refer to vehicles owned or leased either by the Contractor or the Duluth Transit Authority.

**Distracted Driving**

The Contractor agrees to adopt and enforce workplace safety policies to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers, including policies to ban text messaging while using an electronic device supplied by an employer, and driving a vehicle the driver owns or rents, a vehicle Contractor owns, leases, or rents, or a privately-owned vehicle when on official business in connection with the work performed under this agreement.

**A.22 SCHOOL BUS OPERATIONS**

49 U.S.C. 5323(f), 49 C.F.R. part 605  
Does not apply to this procurement

**A.23 SEISMIC SAFETY**

42 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*, 49 C.F.R. part 41  
Executive Order (E.O.) 12699  
Does not apply to this procurement

**A.24 SUBSTANCE ABUSE REQUIREMENTS**

49 U.S.C. § 5331, 49 C.F.R. part 655  
49 C.F.R. part 40  
Does not apply to this contract

**A.25 TERMINATION**

2 C.F.R. § 200.339, 2 C.F.R. part 200, Appendix II (B)

**Applicability to Contracts**

All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience, including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement.

**Flow Down**

For all contracts in excess of \$10,000, the Termination clause extends to all third-party contractors and their contracts at every tier and subrecipients and their subcontracts at every tier.

**Clause Language****Termination for Convenience (General Provision)**

The Duluth Transit Authority may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, at any time by written notice to the Contractor when it is in the Duluth Transit Authority's best interest. The Contractor shall be paid its costs, including contract close-out costs, and profit on work performed up to the time of termination. The Contractor shall promptly submit its termination claim to the Duluth Transit Authority to be paid the Contractor. If the Contractor has any property in its possession belonging to the Duluth Transit Authority, the Contractor will account for the same, and dispose of it in the manner the Duluth Transit Authority directs.

**Termination for Default [Breach or Cause] (General Provision)**

If the Contractor does not deliver supplies in accordance with the contract delivery schedule, or if the contract is for services, the Contractor fails to perform in the manner called for in the contract, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of the contract, the Duluth Transit Authority may terminate this contract for default. Termination shall be effected by serving a Notice of Termination on the Contractor setting forth the manner in which the Contractor is in default. The Contractor will be paid only the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in the contract.

If it is later determined by the Duluth Transit Authority that the Contractor had an excusable reason for not performing, such as a strike, fire, or flood, events which are not the fault of or are beyond the control of the Contractor, the Duluth Transit Authority, after setting up a new delivery of performance schedule, may allow the Contractor to continue work, or treat the termination as a Termination for Convenience.

**Opportunity to Cure (General Provision)**

The Duluth Transit Authority, in its sole discretion may, in the case of a termination for breach or default, allow the Contractor ten (10) days in which to cure the defect. In such case, the Notice of Termination will state the time period in which cure is permitted and other appropriate conditions to cure the defect.

If Contractor fails to remedy to the Duluth Transit Authority's satisfaction the breach or default of any of the terms, covenants, or conditions of this Contract within ten (10) days after receipt by Contractor of written notice from the Duluth Transit Authority setting forth the nature of said breach or default, the Duluth Transit Authority shall have the right to terminate the contract without any further obligation to Contractor. Any such termination for default shall not in any way operate to preclude the Duluth Transit Authority from also pursuing all available remedies against Contractor and its sureties for said breach or default.

**Waiver of Remedies for any Breach**

In the event that the Duluth Transit Authority elects to waive its remedies for any breach by Contractor of any covenant, term or condition of this contract, such waiver by the Duluth Transit Authority shall not limit the Duluth Transit Authority's remedies for any succeeding breach of that or of any other covenant, term, or condition of this contract.

**Termination for Default (Supplies and Service)**

If the Contractor fails to deliver supplies or to perform the services within the time specified in this contract or any extension, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of this contract, the Duluth Transit Authority may terminate this contract for default. The Duluth Transit Authority shall terminate by delivering to the Contractor a Notice of Termination specifying the nature of the default. The Contractor will only be paid the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner or performance set forth in this contract.

If, after termination for failure to fulfill contract obligations, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the Duluth Transit Authority.

**A.26 VIOLATION AND BREACH OF CONTRACT**  
 2 C.F.R. § 200.326, 2 C.F.R. part 200, Appendix II (A)  
 Does not apply to this procurement

# **DULUTH TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

**CONTRACT (Example) FOR**

## **Legal Services**

**September 3, 2019**

**CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES** (example for RFP)

THIS CONTRACT, by and between the Duluth Transit Authority, an authority of the City of Duluth, Minnesota, located at 2402 West Michigan Street, Duluth, MN 55806, hereinafter referred to as ~~%DTA+~~ and \_\_\_\_\_, (~~+Consultant+~~), a \_\_\_\_\_ corporation located at \_\_\_\_\_.

WHEREAS, the DTA desires to utilize Consultant's professional services for Legal Services; and

WHEREAS, Consultant has represented that it is qualified and willing to perform these services under the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions contained herein, the parties hereto agree as follows:

Article I. Scope of Professional Services

Consultant will perform the services identified in its proposal dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2019 (the ~~%proposal+~~) attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A which may, from time to time, be requested by the DTA General manager. In the event of any conflict between the terms of Exhibit A and this Contract, the terms and conditions of this Contract shall be deemed to be controlling.

Article II. Professional Fees and Payment

In consideration of the provision of the services referenced in Article I above in an acceptable manner, the DTA hereby agrees to reimburse Consultant for said services as set for on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof. Consultant shall invoice the DTA for services provided based on actual and allowable costs. Requests for reimbursements shall be made no more frequently than monthly and shall be accompanied by supporting documentation providing evidence of hours worked and associated hourly rates as set forth in Exhibit A, as well as any documentation of actual costs incurred and paid by Consultant in performing the services hereunder, and such other documentation as the DTA shall reasonably request. A final invoice will be submitted by the Consultant within thirty (30) days of termination of this Contract. Upon receipt of said request and the appropriate documentation, the DTA shall promptly reimburse Consultant for the approved expenses in the amounts set forth in Exhibit A. Funding for this project is provided by a grant from the Federal Transit Administration. The DTA will not be held liable for any damages incurred due to changes in state or federal funding, including, but not limited to, a reduction or cancellation of the project.

Pay applications must be forwarded to the DTA Finance Director, 2402 West Michigan Street, Duluth, MN 55806.

Article III. Assignability

Consultant shall not assign or transfer any of its rights or interests under this Contract in any way whatsoever, without the prior written consent of the DTA's General Manager.

Article IV. Term

This Contract shall be effective upon Notice to Proceed from the DTA, and shall remain in effect until September 30, 2022 unless otherwise terminated as provided herein.

The DTA may, at its sole discretion, extend the term of this Contract for a period of two (2) years commencing October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2024, upon written notice from the DTA Procurement Manager or designee. If the DTA extends the term of this Contract in accordance with the foregoing, all of the terms and conditions of this Contract shall continue, unmodified, in full force and effect, except that the payment to the Consultant shall be increased as set forth in the Consultant's Proposal.

Article V. Standard of Performance

Consultant agrees that all services to be provided to the DTA pursuant to this Contract shall be in accordance with the generally accepted standards of the profession for provision of services of this type.

Article VI. Reports and Inspection

A. Establishment and Maintenance of Records

Records shall be maintained by the Consultant in accordance with the requirements prescribed by the DTA and with respect to all matters covered by this Contract. Such records shall be maintained for a period of six (6) years after receipt of final payment under this Contract.

B. Documentation of Costs.

Consultant will ensure that all costs shall be supported by properly executed payrolls, time reports, invoices, contracts, vouchers, or other official documentation evidencing in proper detail the nature and propriety of the charges. All checks, payrolls, invoices, contracts, vouchers, orders or other accounting documents pertaining in whole or in part to this Agreement shall be clearly identified and readily accessible.

C. Reports and Information.

Consultant shall be responsible for furnishing to the DTA, records, data and information as the DTA may require pertaining to matters covered by this Contract.

D. Audits and Inspection.

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Consultant shall ensure that at any time during normal business hours and as often as the DTA may deem necessary, there shall be made available to the DTA for examination, all of its records with respect to all matters covered by this Contract. Consultant will also permit the DTA to audit, examine and make excerpts or transcripts from such records, and to make audits of all contracts, invoices, materials, payrolls, records of personnel, conditions of employment, and other data relating to all matters covered by this Contract.

E. Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. Consultant must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13, as it applies to all data provided by the DTA under this Agreement, and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained or disseminated by Consultant under this Agreement. The civil remedies of Minnesota Statutes Section 13.08 apply to the release of the data referred to in this clause by the Consultant. If Consultant receives a request to release the data referred to in this clause, Consultant must immediately notify the DTA General Manager and consult with the DTA as to how Consultant should respond to the request. Consultant's response to the request must comply with applicable law.

F. Ownership of Data

All notes, reports, design plans, specifications, special studies, records and other data prepared under this Contract shall become the property of the DTA when prepared, and shall be delivered to the DTA General Manager upon completion or termination of the service of Consultant or at such earlier time as requested by the DTA.

Article VII. Independent Contractor

It is agreed that nothing herein contained is intended or shall be construed in any manner as creating or establishing a relationship of co-partners between the parties hereto or of constituting Consultant as an agent, representative or employee of the DTA for any purpose or in any manner whatsoever. Consultant and any officers or employees thereof shall not be considered an employee of the DTA, and any and all claims that may or might arise under the Worker's Compensation Act of the State of Minnesota on behalf of Consultant arising out of employment or alleged employment, including without limitation, claims of discrimination against the DTA, its officers, agents, contractors and employees shall in no way be the responsibility of the DTA. Consultant and its officers, agents, contractors and employees shall not be entitled to any compensation or rights or benefits of any hospital care, sick leave and vacation pay, Worker's Compensation, Unemployment Insurance, disability pay or severance pay. Furthermore, DTA shall not, in any way, be responsible to defend, indemnify or save harmless Consultant from liability or judgments arising out of the intentional or negligent acts or omissions of Consultant while performing the work specified by this Contract.

Article VIII. Subcontractors

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- A. Disclosure. Consultant shall disclose all subcontractors it desires to perform work under this Contract at the time of execution of this Agreement. Thereafter Consultant shall promptly report any desired changes to the subcontractors of any tier in accordance with FTA requirements. Such changes shall also require the prior written approval of the DTA General Manager. Consultant shall insert the required Federal and State provisions into every subcontract of any tier in accordance with FTA requirements.
- B. Prompt Payment to Subcontractors. Consultant shall pay any subcontractor or material supplier within ten (10) days of receipt by the party responsible for payment of payment of undisputed services provided by the party requesting payment.

Article IX. Indemnity and Insurance

- A. Indemnity. The Consultant shall defend, indemnify and save harmless, the DTA, ATE Management of Duluth, and First Transit, Inc., from all costs, charges, damages and loss of any kind that may grow out of the matters covered by this Contract. Said obligation does not include indemnification of the DTA, ATE Management of Duluth and First Transit, Inc. for claims of liability arising out of the sole negligent or intentional acts or omissions of the DTA, ATE Management of Duluth and First Transit, Inc., but shall include, but be limited to, the obligation to defend, indemnify and save harmless the DTA, ATE Management of Duluth and First Transit, Inc. which are derivative of the negligence or intentional acts or omissions of Consultant, such as, and including but not limited to, the failure to supervise, the failure to warn, the failure to prevent such act or omission by Consultant and other such source of liability. In addition, Consultant will comply with all local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations applicable to this Agreement and to the work to be done and things to be supplied hereunder.
- B. Insurance. During the term of this Contract, Consultant shall provide General Liability and Automobile Liability Insurance with limits not less than \$1,500,000 Single Limit, and shall be with a company approved by the DTA; and shall provide for the following: Liability for Premises, Operations, Completed Operations, Independent Contractors, Automobile Liability and Contractual Liability. Consultant shall also provide Professional Liability Insurance in an amount not less than \$1,500,000 Single Limit, provided further that in the event the professional malpractice insurance is in the form of claims made insurance, thirty days notice prior to any cancellation or modification shall be required, and in such event, Consultant agrees to provide the DTA with either evidence of new insurance coverage conforming to the provisions of this paragraph which will provide unbroken protection to the DTA, ATE Management of Duluth, and First Transit, Inc., or in the alternative, to purchase at its cost, extended coverage under the old policy for the period of the statute of repose runs; the protection to be provided by said claims made insurance shall remain in place until the running of the statute of repose for claims related to this Contract.
- C. The Duluth Transit Authority, ATE Management of Duluth, and First Transit, Inc. shall be named as an Additional Insured under the General Liability, Excess Umbrella Liability (An Umbrella policy with a

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Following form+provision is acceptable if written verification is provided that the underlying policy names the DTA, ATE Management of Duluth, and First Transit, Inc. as an additional insured) and Automobile Liability, or as an alternate, Consultant may provide Owners-Contractors Protective policy, naming itself, the Duluth Transit Authority, ATE Management of Duluth, and First Transit, Inc., as additional insured. Consultant shall also provide evidence of Statutory Minnesota Workers Compensation Insurance if applicable. Consultant shall provide certificate of insurance evidencing such coverage with 30-daysq notice of cancellation, non-renewal or material change provisions included. The DTA does not represent or guarantee that these types or limits of coverage are adequate to protect the Consultant's interests and liabilities.

D. The form of the certificate or insurance shall contain an unconditional requirement that the insurer must notify the DTA without fail not less than thirty (30) days prior to any cancellation, non-renewal or modification of the policy or coverages evidenced by said certificate and shall further provide that failure to give such notice to the DTA will render any such change or changes in said policy or coverages ineffective as against the DTA, ATE Management of Duluth, and First Transit, Inc.

E. The DTA shall be entitled to copies of all insurance policies or certificates of insurance required by the Agreement evidencing that the DTA, ATE Management of Duluth, and First Transit, Inc. are so protected.

Article X. Rules and Regulations

Consultant agrees to observe and comply with all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations of the United States of America, the State of Minnesota, the City of Duluth, and the DTA and their respective agencies which are applicable to its activities under this Contract.

Article XI. Notices

Telephone calls may be used to expedite communications, but shall not be official communication unless confirmed in writing. Notice to the DTA or Consultant provided for herein shall be sufficient if sent by the regular United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties at the addresses hereinafter set forth or to such other respective persons or addresses as the parties may designate to each other in writing from time to time.

Duluth Transit Authority  
General Manager  
2402 West Michigan Street  
Duluth, MN 55806



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Consultant:

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Article XII. Waiver

Any waiver by either party of any provision of this Contract shall not imply a subsequent waiver of that or any other provision.

Article XIII. Applicable Law

This Contract, together with all of its paragraphs, terms and provisions is made in the State of Minnesota and shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota. The appropriate venue and jurisdiction for any litigation hereunder shall be in a court located in St. Louis County, Minnesota.

Article XIV. Severability

In the event any provision herein shall be deemed invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect and shall be binding upon the parties to this Contract.

Article XV. No Third Party Rights

Nothing in this Contract confers or purports to confer on any third party any benefit or any right to enforce any term of this Contract.

Article XVI. Entire Agreement

It is understood and agreed that the entire agreement of the parties is contained herein and that this Contract supersedes all oral agreements and negotiations between the parties relating to the subject matter hereof. Any amendment to this Contract shall be in writing and shall be executed by the same parties who executed the original agreement or their successors in office.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Contract to be duly executed intending to be bound thereby.

**Duluth Transit Authority**

By \_\_\_\_\_  
General Manager

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Company

BY \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

**LEGAL SERVICES  
PROPOSAL SHEETS**

**September 3, 2019**

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**Section 4** **FORMAL PROPOSAL SHEET**

NOTE: All Proposals must be written, signed and transmitted in a sealed envelope, plainly marked with Proposal number, subject matter and opening date. Return one copy of the Proposal with Descriptive Literature

**PROPOSAL GUARANTEE REQUIREMENTS: Not Required.**

Proposals: ALL fees, delivery, and installation must be included. TAX: Federal Excise Tax Exemption Account No. 41740056K; The DTA is State and City Tax Exempted.

Personnel	Hourly Cost		Base Years		Option	
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Attach a cost summary if other rates or rate structures are Proposed.

Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Addendum

Acknowledgment

Mailing Address:

Recd

Number

Date

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

(PRINT NAME)

TITLE

PHONE NO.

Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

4.1 **Proof of Responsibility Statement**

The Duluth Transit Authority requires anyone submitting a bid or proposal to complete a sworn statement consisting of information relating to their capacity to complete the work requested, including financial stability, equipment, experience in the work prescribed, etc. If the Duluth Transit Authority is not satisfied with the sufficiency of the answers to the questionnaire and financial statement, it may reject the bid or disregard the same or require additional information. Attach separate sheets as necessary.

Statement of Bidder Qualifications and Responsibility

- 1. Name of Bidder or Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Legal form of company (partnership, corporation, joint venture, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_ (If a joint venture, identify the members of the joint venture and provide all information required in this section for each member.)
- 4. When Organized: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Where Incorporated (as applicable): \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. How many years has the firm or organization been engaged in the contracting business under the present firm name? \_\_\_\_\_

Questions 7-13: If the answer is ~~Yes~~ please provide details in a separate attachment.

- 7. Have you ever failed to complete any work awarded to you? No\_\_\_ Yes\_\_\_
- 8. Have you ever defaulted on a contract? No\_\_\_ Yes\_\_\_
- 9. Have you ever been sued for services you provided? No\_\_\_ Yes\_\_\_
- 10. Has your firm been charged with or convicted of, a violation of a wage schedule?  
No\_\_\_ Yes\_\_\_
- 11. Does your organization possess all valid licenses, registrations and certifications required by federal, state, county or city law necessary for the work it seeks to perform? No\_\_\_ Yes\_\_\_
- 12. Has your organization had any type of business, contracting or trade license, certification or registration revoked or suspended in the last three years? No\_\_\_ Yes\_\_\_
- 13. Is your firm or organization a part of a multi-entity corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary, or more than 51% owned by another firm or organization? No\_\_\_ Yes\_\_\_ If yes, provide documentation on the parent organization, audited statements of financial standing, working capital financing, authorization to enter into contracts, and other proof of responsibility.
- 14. Does your firm have experience in similar type of projects or work, and have sufficient equipment, personnel, expertise, and financial reserves to perform the work successfully? No\_\_\_ Yes\_\_\_ (If no, please explain on a separate sheet. If yes, please provide the names and contact information of three (3) references.)
- 15. Has your firm or organization been a debtor in a bankruptcy proceeding in the last ten years?  
No\_\_\_ Yes\_\_\_ If yes, on a separate sheet of paper titled "Bankruptcy Information", state date, court of jurisdiction, amount of liabilities and amount of assets.
- 16. List the average range of annual gross receipts of the firm or organization for the past three years:  

___ Less than \$500,000	___ \$500,000 to \$1 million
___ between \$1 million and \$5 million	___ between \$5 million and \$10 million
___ between \$10 million and \$15 million	___ above \$15 million
- 17. Identify any conditions (e.g., pending litigation, planned office closures, impending merger, etc.) that may impede the proposed firm or organization's ability to complete the work.

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18. Please provide a Proof of Responsibility Statement for each subcontractor or supplier providing goods or services in excess of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) listed in the bid or proposal.

Warranty:

The Contractor,

- (i) if it is a corporation, is duly incorporated, organized, validly existing and in good standing as a corporation under of the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation;
- (ii) if it is a partnership, non-profit organization, individual or sole proprietorship, is duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the jurisdiction in which it was organized;
- (iii) is duly qualified and in good standing under the laws of each jurisdiction where its existing ownership, lease, or operation of property in the conduct of its business requires, and
- (iv) has the power and legal right to conduct the business in which it is currently engaged and
- (v) attests that the execution, delivery and performance of the Contract does not and will not violate any provision of any applicable existing law, regulation or of any order, judgment, award or decree of any court or government applicable to the Contractor or the charter or by-laws of the Contractor or any mortgage, indenture, or other obligation.

Signed:

\_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public

My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

**4. 2. Small or Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, Veteran-owned Business (including Service Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises)**

- 1. Is the Contractor's firm or organization registered as a Small Business under the Small Business Administration's 8(a) Business Development Program, HUBZone business, or other development program through the SBA? No\_\_\_\_ Yes\_\_\_\_ (If yes, please provide a copy of the registration.)
- 2. Is the Contractor's firm or organization certified or registered as a Small Business, a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, or a Veteran-owned business (including Service-Disabled Veteran-owned business) by a government agency authorized to certify or register the above noted entities?

No \_\_\_\_ Yes\_\_\_\_ (If yes, please provide details and copies of the applicable registration or certification.)

The Contractor agrees to take all necessary steps to ensure that DBEs have the opportunity to compete for and perform work under this Contract.

The Contractor or Subcontractor shall not discriminate on basis of race, color, national origin or gender in the performance of this contract. Contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 26 in the award and administration of U.S. DOT assisted contracts. Failure by the Contractor or Subcontractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of the contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the DTA deems appropriate.

Signed this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_:

\_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

**4.3 Subcontractors and Suppliers Listing**

List each subcontractor and/or supplier included in the bid or proposal. Include a Proof of Responsibility Statement for each subcontractor (of any tier) or supplier proposing to provide services or goods in excess of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000. 00.) Subcontractors or Suppliers that are registered or certified S/DBEs must provide proof and the name of the certifying agency **prior to commencing work.**

Subcontractor: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of work: \_\_\_\_\_  
S/DBE or Veteran owned? \_\_\_\_\_

Subcontractor: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of work: \_\_\_\_\_  
S/DBE or Veteran owned? \_\_\_\_\_

Subcontractor: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of work: \_\_\_\_\_  
S/DBE or Veteran owned? \_\_\_\_\_

Subcontractor: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of work: \_\_\_\_\_  
S/DBE or Veteran owned? \_\_\_\_\_

Subcontractor: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of work: \_\_\_\_\_  
S/DBE or Veteran owned? \_\_\_\_\_

Supplier: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of supply: \_\_\_\_\_  
S/DBE or Veteran owned? \_\_\_\_\_

Supplier: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of supply: \_\_\_\_\_  
S/DBE or Veteran owned? \_\_\_\_\_

Supplier: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of supply: \_\_\_\_\_  
S/DBE or Veteran owned? \_\_\_\_\_

Supplier: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of supply: \_\_\_\_\_  
S/DBE or Veteran owned? \_\_\_\_\_

Changes to this list must be in writing and approved by the Duluth Transit Authority **prior to the commencement of subcontractor or supplier's work.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_



**Section 5**

**REQUIRED CERTIFICATES**

**A. AFFIDAVIT OF NONCOLUSION**

Certificate

I hereby swear (or affirm) under penalty of perjury:

- 1. That I am the proposer (if the proposer is an individual), a partner of the proposer (if the proposer is a partnership), or an officer or employee of the proposing corporation, have authority to sign on its behalf (if the proposer is a corporation);
- 1. That the attached Proposal or Proposals have been arrived at by the proposer independently, and have been submitted without collusion with, and without any agreement, understanding or planned common course of action with any other vendor of materials, supplies, equipment, or services described in the invitation to Proposal, designed to limit independent proposing or competition;
- 3. That the contents of the Proposal or Proposals have not been communicated by the proposer or its employees or agents to any person not an employee or agent of the proposer or its surety on any bond furnished with the Proposal or Proposals, and will not be communicated to any such person prior to the official opening of the Proposal or Proposals; and
- 4. That I have fully informed myself regarding the accuracy of the statements made in this affidavit.

Additionally;

The \_\_\_\_\_ hereby certifies it is /is not (circle one)  
Company Name

included on the United States Comptroller General's consolidated list of persons or firms currently debarred for violations of various public contracts incorporating labor standards provisions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Certificate B. **DEBARRED BIDDERS**

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Proposed Debarment, and Other Responsibility Matters:

The Contractor shall comply and facilitate compliance with U.S. DOT regulations, Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment, 49 C.F.R. part 1200, which adopts and supplements the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (U.S. OMB) Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement), 49 C.F.R. part 180. These provisions apply to each contract at any tier of \$25,000 or more, and to each contract at any tier for a federally required audit (irrespective of the contract amount), and to each contract at any tier that must be approved by an FTA official irrespective of the contract amount. As such, the Contractor shall verify that its principals, affiliates, and subcontractors are eligible to participate in this federally funded contract and are not presently declared by any Federal department or agency to be:

- a) Debarred from participation in any federally assisted Award;
- b) Suspended from participation in any federally assisted Award;
- c) Proposed for debarment from participation in any federally assisted Award;
- d) Declared ineligible to participate in any federally assisted Award;
- e) Voluntarily excluded from participation in any federally assisted Award; or
- f) Disqualified from participation in any federally assisted Award.

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 Duluth Transit Authority. If it is later determined by the Duluth Transit Authority that the bidder or proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to the Duluth Transit Authority, 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 2 C.F.R. part 180, subpart C, as supplemented by 2 C.F.R. part 1200, while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name and Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

Certificate C. **COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS**

The proposer hereby states that it will comply with the technical specifications issued by the Duluth Transit Authority in all areas except those where approved equals were granted by the purchaser (s).

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

FIRM NAME \_\_\_\_\_

**Certificate D**

The respondent hereby states that it has read and will comply the DTA's Vendor Code of Ethics and Organizational Conflict of Interest (both on the DTA website) as well as the applicable Federal Clauses and Requirements contained herein.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

FIRM NAME \_\_\_\_\_

# **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

FOR

## **Legal Services**

**September 3, 2019**

## **Section 6 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR Legal Services**

### **A. BACKGROUND**

The DTA is a public transportation bus system that operates fixed route and paratransit service seven days a week, 365 days a year for the City of Duluth, MN, the City of Superior, WI, and the City of Proctor, MN. The DTA was formed in 1969 under MN stat 458A.21 as an authority of the City of Duluth under the oversight of nine Board members nominated by the mayor of Duluth. The system is managed via a third party contract with First Transit, Inc., who provides a resident General Manager to oversee the day to day operations.

Funding for the DTA is derived from a variety of sources, including federal assistance from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), state funds by and through the MN Department of Transportation, and local tax levies. Its annual operating budget is approximately \$16 million dollars.

The DTA is seeking proposals from qualified firms to secure ongoing legal consulting and representation services. There are no issues with the current provider, Hanft Fride Law Firm, but the DTA desires new Contract provisions to comply with grantor requirements. The DTA is open to submissions from any and all qualified individuals or firms, no preference will be afforded to the incumbent in the evaluation of the responses.

The City of Duluth City Attorney's office provide legal services in a limited number of areas; property matters, procurements, contract reviews and dispute resolution, matters related to liability at DTA properties, etc. The selected firm will supplement those areas of practice in conjunction with or independent of the City Attorney's office, depending on the issue.

It is anticipated that one or more law firms or practitioners will execute formal Contracts so that outside counsel in various areas may be consulted when needed. When a case or legal matter arises, the DTA's City Attorney consults with the DTA General Manager, and at times the DTA Board President or designee, and may refer the case or matter to the appropriate firm or practitioner.

### **B. Nature of Work**

This is an Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity Contract. There are no guarantees for a specific level of legal services required, in either type, number of cases or dollar amount.

In the past three years, the DTA has engaged outside counsel for approximately 110 hours of legal services per year on average. Services were primarily responses to damage/personal injury claims, but also included Workers Compensation claims, labor and employment issues, and real estate matters.

### **C. Scope Description, Assumptions**

1. The DTA specifically reserves the right to refer matters to the City Attorney's office or other such offices with whom the DTA has consulted, at the DTA Project Manager's sole discretion.

2. During the term of this Contract, should any Contractor become unavailable to perform such services, the DTA reserves the right to designate another Contractor. The DTA reserves the right to award any part of, or the entire work as described to a single or multiple providers, at the DTA Project Manager's sole discretion.

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3. Respondents to this RFP must submit an hourly rate for all professional personnel contemplated for the delivery of Legal Services.
4. Respondents to this RFP are also permitted to Propose other compensation formats or methods as option for particular types of work, i.e. contingency basis; this must be in addition to the stratified rate structure required herein.
5. Rates or fee arrangements must be fixed to a definite term of three (3) years, for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2022, plus one option of two years, for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2024, which may be executed at the DTA's sole discretion. Cost for the option years will be considered in the evaluation of this award.
6. Costs typically described as overhead, such as parking, mileage, internet service, or subscription fees, etc. are not allowed.
7. Billing shall be submitted in increments no less than .1 of an hour (six minutes) with invoices being separated into descriptions in time increments, the services performed by each attorney, paralegal or other persons separately, the date such service was performed, the time spent by each person performing such service, and the cost being charged. Upon request, the cumulative billing should be available for review.
8. Photocopying, long-distance phone charges, filing expenses and other fees directly attributable to a DTA case are reimbursable, but only at the firm's actual cost. The DTA will not reimburse travel time incurred by the counsel while traveling from another client.
9. Major disbursements, expert fees, microfilming, document retrieval, etc., must be agreed to in advance of performing the service for the DTA.
10. The DTA will not reimburse for time spent by more than one attorney for attending meetings, witness interviews, depositions, hearings, etc., without obtaining prior written approval from the DTA Project Manager.
11. All rates or fee arrangements must be fixed to a definite term of three years plus two option years, which could be awarded at the sole discretion of the DTA Project Manager.
12. If attorneys or legal assistants are needed in a particular matter who have not been identified, their expertise and inclusion must be approved by the DTA Project manager prior to their involvement in the matter and before their services are invoiced to the DTA.
13. Only time attributable to legal work, as provided herein, are permitted to be invoiced to the DTA.
14. In no event may attorneys with less than three (3) years experience in the legal profession be assigned to DTA projects without prior written permission from the DTA Project Manager, and arrangements are made to adjust fees so that the DTA will not be charged for training time.

15. The selected individual or firm must coordinate with the DTA's City Attorney representative upon request of the DTA Project Manager, to maximize resources and to ensure that the City Attorney's office is kept fully apprised of the project status.

16. The selected firm or individual will at all times refrain from knowingly undertaking representation that will, or could create the impression of, a conflict with the DTA or the City Attorney's office, and shall inform the DTA Project Manager promptly of any conflict that develops or they become aware of during the course of representation of the DTA. Additionally, the DTA will not knowingly contract or assign work to any counsel engaging in representation that creates a conflict.

#### **D. Confidentiality**

Respondents are advised that materials contained in the proposals are subject to the Minnesota Data Practices Act, and after the Contract Award, the entire RFP file may be viewed and copied by any member of the public, including news media and competitors. As a Respondent, it is your responsibility to identify any information that may fall under a statutory exemption to the Data Practices Act and clearly mark the information as Confidential. Any information marked Confidential must also identify the Data Practices Act exemption that applies. If the Respondent does not identify the statutory exemption, the Procurement Manager will not consider the submission confidential. In the event the Respondent takes any legal or protective action and directs the DTA not to disclose Confidential Information, the Respondent shall indemnify the DTA against any losses, including reasonable attorney's fees and costs, arising from the non-disclosure of Confidential Information.

#### **E. Responses**

1. All responses should be submitted with one (1) unbound hardcopy and one (1) electronic copy on a thumb drive. Submittals must include all certificates and signed Proposal sheets. Submittals become the property of the DTA and will not be returned.
2. Respondents must submit any exceptions to the Contract provisions on or before 2:00 p.m. on September 11, 2019 for DTA review and response. Changes to the Contract will be at the sole discretion of the DTA. Failure to provide exceptions shall result in the mandatory acceptance of the Contract provisions as submitted herein by default.
3. Respondents shall provide a summary of their litigation experience in the type of claims typically experienced by the DTA, and success history.
4. Respondents shall include three (3) references, including telephone and email address, of persons familiar with the Respondent's work (without divulging confidential information.)



## SECTION 7 EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. The DTA will make the award to the responsible Contractor whose Proposal is most advantageous to the DTA. The Evaluation Committee may not necessarily make a recommendation to award to the Contractor with the highest technical ranking nor make a recommendation to award to the Contractor with the lowest price proposal, if doing so would not be in the best interest of the DTA.

### Evaluation Criteria:

A.	Qualifications and Experience	40%
B.	Qualifications of Individuals of Proposed staff	40%
C.	Cost	15%
D.	Other Relevant matters	5%

#### A. Quality and Experience

The technical qualifications and experience of the Contractor will be determined by the following factors:

- “ The overall experience of the Contractor in providing legal services to a public entity;
- “ The Contractor’s experience at defending personal injury claims, employment disputes;
- “ Quality and response of references;
- “ Ability to provide a broad range of services that may be required by the DTA.

#### B. Qualifications of Individuals Proposed

- “ The qualifications of the individuals presented for services to the DTA, length of time in the profession, specialties, experience with public entities;
- “ The respondents’ history of litigation in the types of projects typical of the DTA;
- “ The qualifications and experience of support staff, including paralegals.

#### C. Cost

- “ Cost evaluation includes an evaluation of all cost components, including option periods, additional costs for miscellaneous services, cost structures that represent the best value to the DTA.

#### D. Other Relevant matters

Other relevant matters may include the clarity and completeness of the Proposal and the apparent general understanding of the work to be performed.

E. As Proposals are considered by the DTA to be more equal in their technical merit, the evaluated cost or price becomes more important so that when technical Proposals are evaluated as essentially equal, cost or price may be the deciding factor.

F. At the DTA’s option, the DTA may elect to interview Proposers or seek further information before awarding the contract.