

**Duluth Transit Authority
Fire Alarm System Overhaul (TCE)**



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REQUEST for BIDS

FOR

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The Duluth Transit Authority (DTA) is requesting bids from qualified contractors to overhaul the fire alarm system at the DTA's Transit Center East (TCE) facility located at 214 West Superior Street, Duluth, MN 55802.

Scope of work includes the supply of all materials and labor to overhaul the TCE fire alarm system, which will include replacement and installation of fire detection and related devices, the elimination of redundant devices, repairs, rewiring of device circuits onto a single, addressable control panel, conversion of central station monitoring from landline to cellular networks, and all inspection, testing, and recertification of the system upon the completion of work.

Bids must be received no later than **1:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2024**. Specifications are available on our website, at <https://www.duluthtransit.com/home/doing-business/procurements/>. Contact kwood@duluthtransit.com or call (218) 623-4324 for more information.

The DTA 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, and encourages participation of small or disadvantaged business enterprises in DTA contracts. The DTA reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all Bids in the best interest of the Authority.

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SIGNIFICANT DATES OF PROCUREMENT

Item	Date	Time
Date of Release	Wednesday, October 16, 2024	
Prebid Meeting	Monday, October 21, 2024	1:00 p.m.
Request for Clarifications	Wednesday, October 23, 2024	1:00 p.m.
Response to Clarifications	Friday, October 25, 2024	
Bid Opening	Thursday, October 31, 2024	1:00 p.m.
Award	November 1, 2024	

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Section 1. General Conditions

G-1 REQUEST FOR BIDS

- a. Bids are requested from experienced firms to perform an overhaul of the fire alarm system at the DTA Transit Center East (TCE) facility, located at 214 West Superior Street, Duluth, MN 55802.
- b. This project is funded in part by a grant from the Federal Transit Administration, Assistance Listing number 20.507, MN-2021-033-00
- c. Bids shall be on the basis of total project costs for the project under the following requirements and conditions, which shall be considered an essential part of the Contract Documents.
- d. The DTA reserves the right to accept and/or refuse any or all Bids, to add or delete work without penalty, in the interest of the DTA.
- e. Bidder will bear all costs incurred in responding to this RFB.
- f. Bid prices shall be good for ninety (90) days after the Bid opening.
- g. The DTA intends to choose the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder as early as November 1, 2024.

G-2 INQUIRIES

All inquiries and other correspondence relating to this Request for Bids should be emailed to kwood@duluthtransit.com, or by calling 218-623-4324.

G-3 DEFINITION OF TERMS

Whenever the following terms are used in these Bid 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 Mr. Mark Ness, Director of Maintenance.
- c. Manufacturer, Vendor, Bidder, or Contractor shall mean that firm submitting the lowest, responsive, and responsible Bid and subsequently receiving the Contract award from the DTA as detailed in these specifications.
- d. "Addressable" shall mean a fire alarm system comprised of components that have individual unique identifiers, such that when a fire is detected by a component, the fire alarm panel (and systems connected thereto) will display the location of the location in which a fire was detected.

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. Please note that DTA personnel are NOT allowed to discuss the RFB with anyone, including Bidders, before the Bid submission deadline without permission, except that prime contractors and /or subcontractors may make appointments to discuss these specifications with the Procurement Manager. 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 Bid opening. Responses to questions will be provided to all Bidders in the form of an addendum to this RFB.
- c. Requests for approved equals, clarifications of specifications, and protest of specifications must be received by the Procurement Manager via email at kwood@duluthtransit.com, no later than **Wednesday, October 23, 2024**. 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.
- d. The replies to request under paragraph c) above will be posted in the form of an addendum to this RFB on the DTA website at www.duluthtransit.com/doingbusinesswithus on **Friday, October 25, 2024**.
- e. Changes to the specifications will be made **only by written** addendum.

G-5 SELECTION CRITERIA

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The DTA will choose based on the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder.

G-6 PREPARATION OF BID

Bids must be submitted on the forms attached. All blanks in the Bid form must be completed with word processor or ink. Bids 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 Bid. In the event any price term is expressed by the Bidder in both written and numerical form, the **written** representation shall govern in the event of an inconsistency.

Bids shall not stipulate any condition not contained in the specifications and other documents submitted for Bid.

Each Bid and any supporting documentation shall be emailed in a pdf attachment to kwood@duluthtransit.com, and marked: **"Fire Alarm System Overhaul (TCE)"** and emailed to:

Bids must be received no later than **1:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2024**. Time means local time in Duluth, Minnesota. Late Bids will not be considered. Fax and Paper Bids will not be considered. The DTA reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all Bids in the best interest of the Authority.

No Bid may be modified after submission except by email modification received by the DTA Procurement Manager (kwood@duluthtransit.com) prior to the time set for the opening of Bids. Modifications must be signed or emailed by the person submitting the Bid or accompanied by an explanation and must indicate that it modifies the original Bid. Modifications shall be submitted in a pdf attachment to an email and marked as indicated on the Bid Form.

G-7 WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

A Bidder may withdraw its Bid at any time before the time set for the opening of the Bids only in writing and marked "WITHDRAWAL OF BID" and emailed to the DTA Procurement Manager kwood@duluthtransit.com prior to the time for the opening of Bids.

G-8 CONSIDERATION OF BID

The DTA reserves the right, in the determination of the lowest, responsive and responsible Bidder, to consider the ultimate economy of the Bid within the guidelines of these specifications, to reject any and/or all Bids, including, but not limited to the determination that the Bid was incomplete, non-responsive, obscure or lacking the necessary details and specificity, that the Bidder lacks qualifications, experience and/or responsibility necessary to provide the goods and services, or that Bidder failed or neglected to complete and submit any information within the time specified. The DTA may cancel the RFB, issue subsequent RFBs, or waive any errors or informalities in any Bid, in the best interests of the DTA.

G-9 ADDENDA

It is the Bidder's responsibility to assure the receipt of all addenda to this Request for Bids. All documents will be posted online at www.duluthtransit.com/doingbusinesswithus.

G-10 BID CONTENTS CERTIFICATION

By submitting a Bid, the Bidder warrants that the information provided is true, correct and reliable for purposes of Contract award. The submission of inaccurate or misleading information may be grounds for disqualification from Contract award and may be subject the Bidder to suspension or debarment proceedings, as well as other remedies available to the DTA.

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G-11 CONTRACT FORM AND CHANGES

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

The chosen Bidder, within twenty (20) days after the award of the Contract from the DTA shall sign the formal Contract or purchase agreement.

G-12 BONDING REQUIREMENTS

Does not apply to this procurement.

G-13 PRICE COMPLETE

The price quoted in any Bid 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 pursuant to these Specifications. It is the intention of these Specifications to provide and require complete equipment of the type prescribed herein. Any items omitted from the Specifications which are clearly necessary for the operation of such equipment shall be considered included in the Bid Specifications although not directly specified or called for in these Specifications. No advantage shall be taken by the Bidder, manufacturer or supplier in the omission of any part or detail which goes to make the equipment complete and ready for service or use.

G-14 STATE, FEDERAL, OSHA SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All work performed under this Contract shall conform to all latest local, state, and federal safety requirements and shall, in all cases, meet OSHA requirements. It shall be the Contractor's responsibility to ensure complete compliance with these requirements.

G-15 DISPOSITION OF BIDS

All materials submitted in response to this RFB will become the property of the DTA and will become public record in accordance with Minnesota Statutes §13.591 after the award process is complete.

G-16 PROTEST PROCEDURES

Protests will only be accepted from prospective bidders or offerors 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

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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 Director of Administration, upon investigation, finds that remedial action is desirable, in which event such action shall be taken.

The protests addressing the adequacy of Invitation for Bids, RFPs, including, without limitation, the pre-award procedure, the Instructions to Bidders or 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 or the bid or 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 Director of Administration determines to withhold the award pending disposition of the protest, the bidders or proposers whose bids or proposals might become eligible for award shall be requested, before expiration of the time for acceptance of their bids or 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 making such award. FTA preserves the right not to participate in such procurement.

If the award is made, the Director of Administration 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 Administration Department within five days immediately following the award. The Director of Administration 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 Director of Administration 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 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-17 ORGANIZATION CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- a. An organization 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

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- otherwise result in a biased work product because of any past, present or planned interest, financial or otherwise, in the DTA.
- b. The Contractor is responsible for maintaining and providing up to date conflict of interest information to the DTA's Director of Administration. 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 Administration as set forth below.
 - c. 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 Administration in analyzing the situation.
 - d. The Contractor has the responsibility of formulating and forwarding a proposed mitigation plan to the DTA's Director of Administration, 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 Administration.
 - e. If the DTA's Director of Administration, 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 Administration 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 Administration has the discretion to terminate the contract for default. No determination by the DTA's Director of Administration under this clause shall be reviewable under FAR Clause 52.233-1, "Disputes Clause (MAY 2014)," which is also incorporated by reference herein.
 - f. 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-18 TAXES

The DTA is exempt from payment of the Federal excise, transportation tax, Minnesota State sales tax and City of Duluth City sales tax for services. Contractor shall include all applicable sales or use taxes as required under MN Department of Revenue guidelines and MN Statute 297A.61, subd.58. A Minnesota Form IC 134 form must be submitted with the final pay application.

Unless a Certificate of Exemption is provided, any out of state bidder receiving a Bid award will have eight percent (8%) retained from invoice payments on any contracts over \$50,000. Submit a signed copy from the State of Minnesota when submitting Payment and Performance Bonds. This form may be found at the following web address: <http://taxes.state.mn.us/formsandinstructions/sde.pdf>

G-19 PROMPT PAYMENT TO SUBCONTRACTORS.

In accordance with Minnesota § 337.10 (3), Contractor shall pay any subcontractor or material supplier within ten (10) days of receipt by the party responsible for payment of undisputed services provided by the party requesting payment. The Contractor shall pay interest of at least one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) per month to the party requesting payment on any undisputed amount not paid on time. The minimum monthly interest payment for an unpaid balance of \$100 or more is \$10. For an unpaid balance of less than \$100, the party responsible for payment shall pay the actual penalty due to the party requesting payment. A party requesting payment who prevails in a civil action to collect interest penalties from a party responsible for payment must be awarded its costs and disbursements, including attorney's fees incurred in bringing the action.

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Contractor shall further require this provision to be included in all contracts between subcontractors and sub-subcontractors of any tier.

G-20 SUBCONTRACTOR REPORTING

- a) The Bidder shall disclose all Subcontractors and their involvement in the project at the time of Bid submittal.
- b) The Contractor shall ensure that procurement activities for its Subcontractors (of any tier) and Suppliers on the project comply with the DTA's guidelines and requirements. The DTA reserves the right to reject any Subcontractor (of any tier) or Supplier without cause, and prior to award, upon notice from the DTA Procurement Manger, Contractor shall seek a different Subcontractor or Supplier in compliance with the above provisions.
- c) The Contractor shall insert the required Federal and State provisions into every subcontract, along with the applicable prevailing wage determination(s) and require submission of weekly reports in accordance with the specifications herein.
- d) If any Subcontractor employed by the Contractor or any person employed by the Contractor or by a Subcontractor fails to perform the assigned Work in a proper and skillful manner, or becomes intemperate, disorderly, abusive or harassing, the Contractor shall remove that Subcontractor or person from the project as directed in writing by the DTA. The Contractor shall not employ that Subcontractor or person again on any portion of the project unless otherwise approved by the DTA in writing. If the Contractor fails to provide suitable and sufficient personnel for the proper execution of the Work, the DTA may suspend Work until the Contractor complies with the direction from the DTA.
- e) Contractor shall provide with each pay application submitted to the DTA, a separate, itemized summary of all retainage Contractor has withheld from subcontractors and suppliers on the project.
- f) Contractor shall provide a copy to the DTA of any notices to proceed, default notifications, notice to cure, termination notices, lien waivers, contract close-out documents, notice of acceptance, or other correspondence with Subcontractors (of any tier) and suppliers relevant to the project.
- g) In the event a subcontractor (of any tier) or supplier is found in default of any applicable federal, state or local law, ordinance, regulation or requirement promulgated by any agency as it relates to the project, or in default of their contract, Contractor shall immediately report such default to the DTA in writing along with any documents, reports or other information pertinent to the default.

Respondents to this solicitation document shall submit a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer verifying compliance with each of the minimum criteria for a "responsible contractor" found in Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.285 subdivision 3. The term "responsible contractor" means a contractor as defined in Minnesota Statutes section 16C.285, subdivision 3.

Any prime contractor or subcontractor that does not meet the minimum criteria in Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.285 subdivision 3, or fails to verify that it meets those criteria is not a responsible contractor and is not eligible to be awarded the construction contract for the project or to perform work on the project.

G-21 MINNESOTA RESPONSIBLE CONTRACTOR

Does not apply to this procurement.

G-22 REQUIRED INSPECTIONS

The Contractor is responsible for requesting and scheduling any required code inspections for all work on the Project, including work completed by any subcontractor of any tier, and shall provide the DTA with a copy of all inspection reports.

G-23 SINGLE RESPONSE

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If only one Bid is received in response to this RFB, a detailed cost/price analysis may be requested of the Bidder. A cost or cost and price analysis and evaluation, and/or audit of the cost may be performed in order to determine if the price is fair and reasonable. If the DTA Procurement Manager determines a cost analysis is required, the Bidder must be prepared to provide, upon request, cost summaries of estimated costs (i.e. labor, equipment, supplies, overhead, etc.) and documentation supporting all cost elements.

G-24 NO ENDORSEMENT

The Contractor must not claim that the DTA endorses the Contractor's products or services.

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**Section 2. FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION
CONTRACT CLAUSES**

A.1 ACCESS TO RECORDS

49 U.S.C. § 5325(g)

Clause

- 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.

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**A.8 CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS AND REGULATIONS
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 Executive 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 of 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 Clause**

It is the policy of the Duluth Transit Authority and the United States Department of Transportation ("DOT") that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises ("DBE's"), as defined herein and in the Federal regulations published at 49 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 DBE's can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts;

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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 if 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.

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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

Prevailing Wage and Anti-Kickback

For all prime construction, alteration or repair contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by FTA, the Contractor shall comply with the Davis-Bacon Act and the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act. Under 49 U.S.C. § 5333(a), prevailing wage protections apply to laborers and mechanics employed on FTA assisted construction, alteration, or repair projects. The Contractor will comply with the Davis-Bacon Act, 40 U.S.C. §§ 3141-3144, and 3146-3148 as supplemented by DOL regulations at 29 C.F.R. part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Governing Federally Financed and Assisted Construction." In accordance with the statute, the Contractor shall pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, the Contractor agrees to pay wages not less than once a week. The Contractor shall also comply with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. § 3145), as supplemented by DOL regulations at 29 C.F.R. part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in part by Loans or Grants from the United States." The Contractor is prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled.

**A.11 ENERGY CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS
42 U.S.C. 6321 et seq, 49 CFR Part 622, Subpart C**

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
Does not apply to this procurement.

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

Clause

The Recipient 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 Recipient, 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.

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A.16 PATENT RIGHTS AND RIGHTS IN DATA

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

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) ("13(c)"), 29 C.F.R. part 215
Does not apply to this procurement.

A.20 RECYCLED PRODUCTS

Does not apply to this procurement.

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

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

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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 procurement

A.25 TERMINATION

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

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.

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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.

Termination for Default (Construction)

If the Contractor refuses or fails to prosecute the work or any separable part, with the diligence that will ensure its completion within the time specified in this contract or any extension or fails to complete the work within this time, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any other provision 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. In this event, the Duluth Transit Authority may take over the work and complete it by contract or otherwise, and may take possession of and use any materials, appliances, and plant on the work site necessary for completing the work. The Contractor and its sureties shall be liable for any damage to the Duluth Transit Authority resulting from the Contractor's refusal or failure to complete the work within specified time, whether or not the Contractor's right to proceed with the work is terminated. This liability includes any increased costs incurred by the Duluth Transit Authority in completing the work.

The Contractor's right to proceed shall not be terminated nor shall the Contractor be charged with damages under this clause if:

1. The delay in completing the work arises from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. Examples of such causes include: acts of God or Nature, acts of the Duluth Transit Authority, acts of another contractor in the performance of a contract with the Duluth Transit Authority acts of another contractor in the performance of a contract with the Duluth Transit Authority, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes; and
2. The Contractor, within three (3) days from the beginning of any delay, notifies the Duluth Transit Authority in writing of the causes of delay. If, in the judgment of the Duluth Transit Authority, the delay is excusable, the time for completing the work shall be extended. The judgment of the Duluth Transit Authority shall be final and conclusive for the parties, but subject to appeal under the Disputes clause(s) of this contract.

If, after termination of the Contractor's right to proceed, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default, or that the delay was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties will 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.

A. 27 PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING FOR CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this clause—

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Backhaul means intermediate links between the core network, or backbone network, and the small subnetworks at the edge of the network (e.g., connecting cell phones/towers to the core telephone network). Backhaul can be wireless (e.g., microwave) or wired (e.g., fiber optic, coaxial cable, Ethernet).

Covered foreign country means The People's Republic of China.

Covered telecommunications equipment or services means—

- (1) Telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);
- (2) For the purpose of public safety, security of Government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);
- (3) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment; or
- (4) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

Critical technology means—

- (1) Defense articles or defense services included on the United States Munitions List set forth in the International Traffic in Arms Regulations under subchapter M of chapter I of title 22, Code of Federal Regulations;
- (2) Items included on the Commerce Control List set forth in Supplement No. 1 to part 774 of the Export Administration Regulations under subchapter C of chapter VII of title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, and controlled-
 - (i) Pursuant to multilateral regimes, including for reasons relating to national security, chemical and biological weapons proliferation, nuclear nonproliferation, or missile technology; or
 - (ii) For reasons relating to regional stability or surreptitious listening;
- (3) Specially designed and prepared nuclear equipment, parts and components, materials, software, and technology covered by part 810 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to assistance to foreign atomic energy activities);
- (4) Nuclear facilities, equipment, and material covered by part 110 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to export and import of nuclear equipment and material);
- (5) Select agents and toxins covered by part 331 of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, part 121 of title 9 of such Code, or part 73 of title 42 of such Code; or
- (6) Emerging and foundational technologies controlled pursuant to section 1758 of the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4817).

Interconnection arrangements means arrangements governing the physical connection of two or more networks to allow the use of another's network to hand off traffic where it is ultimately delivered (e.g., connection of a customer of telephone provider A to a customer of telephone company B) or sharing data and other information resources.

Reasonable inquiry means an inquiry designed to uncover any information in the entity's possession about the identity of the producer or provider of covered telecommunications equipment or services used by the entity that excludes the need to include an internal or third-party audit.

Roaming means cellular communications services (e.g., voice, video, data) received from a visited network when unable to connect to the facilities of the home network either because signal coverage is too weak or because traffic is too high.

Substantial or essential component means any component necessary for the proper function or performance of a piece of equipment, system, or service. (b) *Prohibition.*

- (1) Section 889(a)(1)(A) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115232) prohibits the DTA on or after August 13, 2019, from procuring or obtaining, or extending or renewing a contract to procure or obtain, any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. The Contractor is prohibited from providing to the Government any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, unless an exception at paragraph (c) of this clause applies or the covered telecommunication equipment or services are covered by a waiver described in FAR [4.2104](#).

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(2) Section 889(a)(1)(B) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232) prohibits the head of an executive agency on or after August 13, 2020, from entering into a contract, or extending or renewing a contract, with an entity that uses any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, unless an exception at paragraph (c) of this clause applies or the covered telecommunication equipment or services are covered by a waiver described in FAR [4.2104](#). This prohibition applies to the use of covered telecommunications equipment or services, regardless of whether that use is in performance of work under a Federal contract.

(c) *Exceptions.* This clause does not prohibit contractors from providing—

(1) A service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or

(2) Telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.

(d) Reporting requirement.

(1) In the event the Contractor identifies covered telecommunications equipment or services used as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, during contract performance, or the Contractor is notified of such by a subcontractor at any tier or by any other source, the Contractor shall report the information in paragraph (d)(2) of this clause to the Contracting Officer, unless elsewhere in this contract are established procedures for reporting the information. For indefinite delivery contracts, the Contractor shall report to the Contracting Officer for the indefinite delivery contract and the Contracting Officer(s) for any affected order.

(2) The Contractor shall report the following information pursuant to paragraph (d)(1) of this clause:

(i) Within one business day from the date of such identification or notification: the contract number; the order number(s), if applicable; supplier name; supplier unique entity identifier (if known); supplier Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code (if known); brand; model number (original equipment manufacturer number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number); item description; and any readily available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended.

(ii) Within 10 business days of submitting the information in paragraph (d)(2)(i) of this clause: any further available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended. In addition, the Contractor shall describe the efforts it undertook to prevent use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services, and any additional efforts that will be incorporated to prevent future use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services.

(e) *Subcontracts.* The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (e) and excluding paragraph (b)(2), in all subcontracts and other contractual instruments, including subcontracts for the acquisition of commercial items.

A. 29 Notice of Legal Agreement or Litigation

Does not apply to this procurement.

A. 30 FEDERAL TAX LIABILITY AND RECENT FELONY CONVICTION

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

(A) Does not have any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability; and

(B) Was not convicted of the felony criminal violation under any federal law within the preceding 24 months.

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

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A. 31 TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

FTA MA(19) February 7, 2022, Sec (F)

Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA) 22 U.S.C. §7104(g) and 2 C.F.R. Part 175
The Contractor will inform the Duluth Transit Authority immediately if any information it receives from any source alleging a violation of the prohibitions listed in this section.

Prohibition:

The Contractor agrees that it, its employees, its Subrecipients, and its Subrecipients' employees that participate in the Contractor's award may not:

- (A) Engage in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the Contractor's underlying agreement is in effect;
- (B) Procure a commercial sex act during the period of time that the Contractor's Underlying Agreement is in effect; or
- (C) Use forced labor in the performance of the Contractor's Underlying Agreement or sub agreements.

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Section 3. Contract (example for bidding)

**CONTRACT EXAMPLE for
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This Contract, made this ____ day of ____, 2024, by and between _____, a _____ (LLC, corporation) _____, hereafter referred to as “Contractor”, and the Duluth Transit Authority, 2402 W. Michigan St., Duluth, MN, hereafter referred to as “DTA”. The DTA and Contractor agree as set forth below.

ARTICLE 1 THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

The Contract Documents in priority order consist of Federal Transit Administration Contract Clause, this Contract; Request for Bids dated October 16, 2024; General, Special and Technical Specifications and Drawings; prevailing wage schedules, all addenda issued prior to and all modifications issued after execution of the Contract; and the Contractor’s executed Bid form and Required Certificates, all as fully a part of the Contract as if attached to this Contract or repeated herein.

ARTICLE 2 THE WORK

The Contractor shall perform the work required by the Contract Documents for this Request for Bids for the provision of Fire Alarm System Overhaul (TCE) in accordance with the generally accepted standards of the profession for services of this type.

ARTICLE 3 TIME OF COMMENCEMENT AND SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION

The Work to be performed under this Contract shall begin upon “notice to proceed” from the DTA and completed no later than **December 15, 2024**, unless otherwise terminated as set forth herein.

ARTICLE 4 CONTRACT SUM

The DTA shall pay the Contractor in current funds for the performance of the work in the amount of _____, subject to additions and deductions by Change Orders as provided in the Contract Documents in the amount accepted.

ARTICLE 5 PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTOR

The DTA will reimburse Contractor based on monthly billings for service. DTA may withhold payment for Contractor’s services where the services are in dispute, where the services or any claimed reimbursable expenses are not documented or warranted, or when the service was not performed in accordance with the terms of the Contract Documents. Retainage will be held on payments until all conditions of final payment are met.

Terms of payment shall be thirty (30) days net from the conclusion of the month for which payment is due, unless a discount for earlier payment is solicited by the DTA and offered by the Contractor.

Payment does not imply acceptance of work. The granting of any progress payment or payments by the DTA, or receipt thereof by Contractor, shall not constitute in any sense acceptance of the work or any portion thereof, and shall in no way lessen the requirement of the Contractor to replace unsatisfactory work or material, though the unsatisfactory character of such work or material may not have been apparent or detected at the time such payment was made. Material, components or workmanship which does not conform to the instructions of these Contract requirements or specifications which are not equal to the samples submitted to and approved by the DTA Project Manager will be rejected and shall be replaced by the Contractor without delay.

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ARTICLE 6 INVOICES

All invoices shall include supporting documentation of the quantities and details to the DTA's Director of Finance's satisfaction to support the pay request. Invoices should be emailed to: finance@duluthtransit.com and reference the Project name in the subject

ARTICLE 7 DELAYS

Contractor shall notify DTA via email of any delays, including all relevant details, immediately upon encountering any difficulties which threaten to delay the timely performance of this Contract, and may at that time or subsequently request an extension of the delivery date or schedule. However, such notification or request or acceptance of belated equipment shall not constitute acceptance of the delay or request for extension, without written acceptance by DTA as a change in the Contract.

ARTICLE 8 CONTRACTOR CHANGES

The DTA or the Contractor may, from time to time, request changes in the scope of the services to be performed hereunder. Such changes, including the increase or decrease in the amount of the Contractor's compensation, which are mutually agreed upon by and between the DTA and the Contractor, shall be incorporated in written amendments to the Contract.

ARTICLE 9 INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor agrees that it shall defend, indemnify and hold the DTA and ATE Management of Duluth SBC, its officers, employees and agents, from and against all costs or expenses, claims or liabilities, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees and expenses, whether asserted by Contractor or any third party. Said obligations to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless shall include, but not be limited to the obligation to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the DTA and ATE Management of Duluth SBC in all matters where claims of liability against the DTA and/or ATE Management of Duluth SBC arise out of, relate to, are attributable to, are passive or derivative of, or vicarious to the negligent, intentional, or wrongful acts or omissions of the Contractor, including, but not limited to the failure to supervise, breach of warranty, the failure to warn, the failure to prevent such act or omission by Contractor, its employees or its agents, and any other source of liability. Said obligation to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless shall be triggered upon the assertion of a claim for damages against DTA and/or ATE Management of Duluth SBC. On ten days' written notice from the DTA and/or ATE Management of Duluth SBC, the Contractor shall appear and defend all lawsuits against the DTA and/or ATE Management of Duluth SBC growing out of such injuries or damages. Contractor shall not be required to indemnify DTA and/or ATE Management of Duluth SBC for amounts found by a fact finder to have arisen out of the intentional, willful, or wanton acts or omission of the DTA and/or ATE Management of Duluth SBC. This Section, in its entirety, shall survive the termination of this Agreement if any amount of work has been performed by Contractor. Nothing in this provision shall affect the limitations of liability of the DTA and ATE Management of Duluth SBC as set forth in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 466.

The Contractor understands this provision may affect its rights and may shift liability and specifically agrees to same.

In addition, Contractor will comply with all local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations applicable to this Contract and to the work to be done and things to be supplied hereunder.

ARTICLE 10 INSURANCE

- a. Contractor shall provide the following minimum amounts of insurance from insurance companies authorized to do business in the state of Minnesota, which insurance shall indemnify Contractor and the DTA and ATE Management of Duluth SBC from all liability described in the paragraph above.
 - (1) Workers' compensation in accordance with the laws of the state of Minnesota.
 - (2) Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability Insurance with limits not less than \$2,000,000 Single Limit or \$1,000,000 single limit with a \$1,000,000 umbrella policy, in a company approved by the DTA.

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- (3) DTA and ATE Management of Duluth SBC, Inc. shall be named as an **Additional Insured** under the Commercial General Liability, Excess/Umbrella Liability* and Automobile Liability, or as an alternate, Contractor may provide Owners-Contractors Protective policy, naming itself and the DTA and ATE Management of Duluth SBC. Contractor shall also provide evidence of Statutory Minnesota Worker's Compensation Insurance.

**An umbrella policy with a "following form" provision is acceptable if written verification is provided that the underlying policy names the DTA and ATE Management of Duluth SBC as an additional insured.*

- b. The insurance required herein shall be maintained in full force and effect during the life of this Contract and shall protect Contractor, its employees, agents and representatives from claims and damages including but not limited to personal injury and death and any act or failure to act by Contractor, its employees, agents and representatives in the negligent performance of work covered by this Contract.
- c. Certificates showing that Contractor is carrying the above described insurance in the specified amounts shall be furnished to the DTA prior to the execution of this Contract and a certificate showing continued maintenance of such insurance shall be on file with the DTA during the term of this Contract.

ARTICLE 11 RECORDS AND INSPECTIONS

- a. **Establishment and Maintenance of Records**
Records shall be maintained by Contractor in accordance with requirements prescribed by 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**
Contractor will ensure that all costs shall be supported by properly executed payrolls, time records, 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 Contract shall be clearly identified and readily accessible.
- c. **Reports and Information**
Contractor shall be responsible for furnishing to DTA records, data and information as DTA may require pertaining to matters covered by this Contract.
- d. **Audits and Inspections**
Contractor shall ensure that at any time during normal business hours and as often as DTA may deem necessary, there shall be made available to DTA for examination, all of its records with respect to all matters covered by this Contract. Contractor will also permit 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** Contractor 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 Contract, and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained or disseminated by Contractor under this Contract. The civil remedies of Minnesota Statutes Section 13.08 apply to the release of the data referred to in this clause by the Contractor. If Contractor receives a request to release the data referred to in this clause, Contractor must immediately notify the DTA General Manager and consult with the DTA as to how Contractor should respond to the request. Contractor's response to the request must comply with applicable law.
- f. **Ownership of Data**
All survey notes, reports, design plans, specifications, special studies, records and other data prepared under this Contract shall become the property of DTA when prepared and shall be delivered to the DTA upon completion or termination of the services of Contractor or at such earlier time as requested by the DTA.

ARTICLE 12 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

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That at all times and for all purposes hereunder, Contractor shall be an independent contractor and is not an employee of the DTA for any purpose. No statement contained in this Contract shall be construed so as to find Contractor to be an employee of the DTA, and Contractor shall not be entitled to any of the rights, privileges, or benefits of employees of the DTA, including, but not limited to, workers' compensation, health/death benefits, and indemnification for third-party personal injury/property damage claims.

ARTICLE 13 COMMUNICATIONS

Telephone calls may be used to expedite communications but shall not be official communication unless confirmed in writing. Communications in connection with this Contract shall be delivered by e-mail; addressed to the officer(s) or employee(s) of the DTA and of the Contractor designated to receive such communications.

Designation for DTA

Designation for Bidder

Mark Ness, Director of Maintenance

Email: mness@duluthtransit.com

ARTICLE 14 SUBCONTRACTING AND ASSIGNMENTS

Contractor shall not subcontract or assign this Contract or any portion thereof without the prior written approval of the DTA General Manager.

ARTICLE 15 EXTENT OF AGREEMENT

This Contract represents the entire and integrated agreement between the DTA and the Contractor and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. This Contract may be amended only by written instrument signed by both DTA and Contractor.

ARTICLE 16 GOVERNING LAW

This Contract shall be governed by the applicable laws of the City of Duluth and State of Minnesota. The appropriate venue and jurisdiction for any litigation hereunder shall be in a court located in St. Louis County, Minnesota. However, litigation in Federal Courts involving the parties shall be in the appropriate federal court in the State of Minnesota.

ARTICLE 17 RIGHTS AND REMEDIES

The duties and obligations imposed by the Contract and the rights and remedies hereunder shall be in addition to and not in limitation of any duties, obligations, rights and remedies otherwise imposed or available by law. Failure of the DTA to act shall in no way constitute a waiver of any right or duty afforded to it under the Contract, nor shall any such action or failure to act constitute an approval of or an acquiescence in any breach of this Contract, except as may be specifically agreed to in writing by the DTA.

ARTICLE 18 NO THIRD-PARTY RIGHTS

This Contract is to be construed and understood solely as a Contract between the DTA and the Contractor and shall not be deemed to create any rights in any other person. No person shall have the right to make claim that she or he is a third-party beneficiary of this Contract or of any of the terms and conditions hereof, which, as between the DTA and Contractor, may be waived at any time by mutual agreement.

ARTICLE 19 CANCELLATION

The DTA shall have the right to cancel this Contract if the DTA's governing body does not appropriate moneys to the department or agency in an amount equal to the cost of this Contract.

ARTICLE 20 SEVERABILITY

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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 21 COUNTERPARTS

This Contract may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original as against any party whose signature appears thereon, but all of which together shall constitute but one and the same instrument. Signatures to this Contract transmitted by facsimile, by electronic mail in "portable document format" ("pdf"), or by any other electronic means which preserves the original graphic and pictorial appearance of the Contract shall have the same effect as physical delivery of the paper document bearing the original signature.

This Contract entered into as of the day and year first written above.

By: Duluth Transit Authority

By:

General Manager

Title: _____

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Section 4. BID SHEETS

4.1 FORMAL BID SHEET

Bid Pricing	
Firm Name	
Total Price with the Specifications herein (U.S. Dollars)	\$
Addendum Acknowledgment	
Addendum Number	Received (initial)
Bidder Information	
Firm Name	
Mailing Address	
City	
State	
Zip Code	
Phone Number	
Email	
SAM Unique Identifier (if available)	
Signatures	
Signed	
By (Print Name)	
Title	
Phone (if different from above)	
Email (if different from above)	

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19. 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.

20. 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.

21. The DTA has assigned the following North American Industry Classification System Codes for this work:

238210, Other Wiring Installation Contractors

If you believe there are other NAICS codes applicable to this work, please provide them here:

Please note that designation of NAICS codes does not bind or change the scope of work herein and are collected for reporting purposes only.

Signed: _____

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4.3. 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 _____

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4.4 SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS LISTING

List each subcontractor and/or supplier included in the bid or proposal, and 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 Name	Type of Work	S/DBE or Veteran Owned (Yes/No)

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

Signed: _____

Firm Name: _____

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Section 5. REQUIRED CERTIFICATES

The Following Certificates must be included with your submittal:

- Certificate F. Federal Tax Liability and Recent Felony Conviction**
- Certificate G. Compliance with Specifications**
- Certificate H. Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest**

Certificate F. FEDERAL TAX LIABILITY AND RECENT FELONY CONVICTION

FTA MA(29) February 7, 2022 Sec (G)

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

- (A) Does not have any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability; and
- (B) Was not convicted of the felony criminal violation under any federal law within the preceding 24 months.

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

SIGNED _____

FIRM NAME _____

Certificate G. COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS

The bidder 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 H. CODE OF ETHICS AND ORGANIZATIONAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The respondent hereby states that it has read and will comply with 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 _____

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FIRM NAME _____

Section 6. PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

A. GENERAL

1. **Site Conditions/Field Measurements:** The Bidder is solely responsible for determining the actual field measurement of the project area prior to Bid submission. Bidders must satisfy themselves by examination of the Contract documents, the work site and the conditions and obstacles to be encountered in the field, and by such other means as may be necessary, as to the accuracy of the schedule of quantities of the work to be done and the intent of the Contract documents. After submission of the Bid, no complaint nor claim that there was any misunderstanding as to the quantities, conditions or nature of the work will be entertained and no extra compensation shall be allowed by reason of any matter or thing concerning which Bidder might have informed himself prior to Bidding.
2. **Pre-Bid Meeting:** The DTA will conduct a prebid meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, October 21, 2024. Interested parties who are unable to attend in person may contact kwood@duluthtransit.com for a virtual invitation. A tour of the project site will be conducted after the meeting.
3. **Bidder Qualifications:** Bidders must be able to demonstrate at least three years' experience in the past five years in similar work and must supply three references upon request. Bidders that are unable to demonstrate previous experience will be deemed "non-responsible" and their Bid will be rejected. Contractors who have failed to perform similar projects satisfactorily or to complete similar projects on time may be disqualified at the sole discretion of the DTA.
4. **DBE Goal:** There is no DBE goal on this project. However, interested contractors are strongly encouraged to utilize small or disadvantaged business enterprises in the performance of this project.
5. **Prevailing Wage Requirements:** Please note that the prevailing wage schedule attached to the bid document indicates that prevailing labor hours are defined in accordance with MN Statute 177.42(4): eight hours per day or forty hours per week. Contractors with workers who work four (4) ten-hour days must pay overtime for any hours over 8 hours per day, regardless of how many hours they work in a week. For example, if a worker works one ten-hour day in a week, they must be paid at rate of regular pay for eight hours, and time and half for two hours. Questions on this requirement can be directed to the DTA at kwood@duluthtransit.com or 218-623-4324.
6. **Site Visits:** Contractor may make an appointment for a site visit by contacting the DTA Procurement Manager at 218-623-4324, or by emailing kwood@duluthtransit.com.
7. **Permitting:** Contractor shall obtain any and all applicable permits required for the work and shall provide a copy of them to the DTA prior to commencing work. Permit fees are the responsibility of the Contractor.
8. **Code Compliance:** All work will be completed in accordance with applicable code requirements of the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ).
9. **Code Violations:** If permit or code violations are discovered in any work performed by the Contractor under this Contract, the Contractor shall immediately correct all violations at no cost to the DTA; this provision shall survive the termination of this Contract.
10. **Preconstruction Meeting:** Prior to beginning work, the Contractor shall attend a mandatory preconstruction meeting with designated DTA staff to establish schedule, contact information, staging, work progression, approval process, change order procedures, etc., to ensure a timely and successful project.

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11. **Coordination with DTA:** The selected Contractor will coordinate with the DTA Project Manager on timing of the work to minimize disruption to building operations.
12. **Hours of Work:** Work may be conducted between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Alternate work hours may be requested and subject to approval by the DTA Director of Maintenance. Contractor is responsible for minimizing disruption to DTA operations and may not interfere with bus operations in any manner.
13. **Staging areas** are limited and must be approved prior to project commencement. Temporary product storage on the interior of the building may be permitted upon approval of the Project Manager.
14. **Materials:** All materials used in the project must be new and in sufficient quantity to complete the project in its entirety, with exception for items for which re-use is specified in the technical specifications herein. Any items damaged during shipment or installation must be replaced with new items at the Contractor's sole cost and expense.
15. **Equipment:** The Contractor must supply all equipment necessary to complete the work. Use of DTA equipment is not permitted. Equipment left onsite and unattended must be secured each day. Equipment may be stored inside the building upon the DTA Project Manager's approval. Securement of equipment shall be solely the Contractor's responsibility.
16. **Change Orders.** Any change to the signed contract must be approved by the DTA Project Officer in writing, prior to the commencement of the change. All changes, amendments, additions or deletions to the original contract requested by the Contractor must be described in a Change Order request, with supporting documentation and any necessary increase or decrease in contract price indicated. These changes will include applicable project extension time requests. The DTA shall have ten (10) days to review and respond to such request.
17. **Suspension of Work:** The DTA reserves the right to halt work if in its sole discretion, safety or security protocols or weather conditions are not adequate to perform the work. No additional compensation shall be afforded to the Contractor in the event the DTA suspends work due to safety, security or other conditions. Contractor shall promptly rectify any identified shortcomings to the DTA's satisfaction prior to resuming work.
18. **Timeline for Completion:** Project must be completed within 60 days of "Notice to Proceed" from the DTA, unless otherwise approved by the Project Manager. Failure to complete the work in a timely manner may cause penalties under this contract, up to, and including, termination.
19. **Invoicing:** All invoices must be signed by an authorized officer of the Contractor and shall be itemized with a schedule of values, including change orders, as applicable. Data in the schedule of values shall include a dollar value in each line item for each portion of the work performed and for stored products.
20. **Warranty:** Contractor must warrant all equipment, materials, and workmanship for a period of no less than 1 year. Equipment supplied must be selected and installed to facilitate an estimated useful life of at least 10 years of reliable performance with adherence to manufacturer's preventive maintenance schedule.

B. TCE FACILITY AND EXISTING ALARM SYSTEM

TCE Facility:

1. The Transit Center East (TCE) is located at 214 West Superior Street, Duluth, Minnesota, 55802. The facility consists of adjoining buildings with entrances on West Superior Street and Michigan Street with connections to Duluth's Skywalk. The building includes public spaces, tenant-occupied spaces, and other secured areas.
2. The TCE facility was the DTA's primary public transit hub until the Duluth Transit Center (DTC) opened in 2015. Usage of the TCE facility has declined and its Occupancy Classification may have since changed.

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3. Current TCE occupancy/usage is as follows:
 - Less than 50 occupants at any given time.
 - Unoccupied overnight.
 - Primary use: business/mercantile.

Existing Fire Alarm System/Conditions:

1. The central station monitoring system currently utilizes landline networks to notify the fire department when an alarm is triggered.
2. Currently, when an alarm is triggered, the fire department is notified, but the horns do not sound.
3. Other devices are connected to the building's fire alarm control panels to allow the automatic, remote control of devices such as electromagnetic locks, doors, and elevator controls, in the event an alarm is triggered.
4. Currently, the fire alarm system in this facility includes devices connected to two different control panels, only one of which is io64 addressable.
5. Due to changes in usage and/or occupancy of this facility, the fire alarm system may contain redundant devices. A device is considered redundant if either of the following statements are true:
 - The quantity of compliant similar devices exceeds that required by applicable code
 - The device is of a type not required by applicable code.

C. SPECIAL/TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Scope of Work:

1. **Plans:**
 - a. Prepare plans and submit to City of Duluth for review and secure any required permits.
2. **Add Devices in Control Panel Room:**
 - a. Supply and install the following devices and connect these devices to the existing io64 addressable control panel:
 - i. Smoke detector
 - ii. Pull Station
3. **Sprinkler Flows and Tamper (throughout system):**
 - a. Move to io64-addressable fire alarm control panel.
4. **Horns (throughout system):**
 - a. Remove all existing horn devices.
 - b. Supply and install new horns with integrated strobes to replace old horns, as required.
 - i. Quantity and placement of devices must comply with all applicable code requirements for Occupancy Classification based on current facility use.
 - ii. Horn placements may be deemed redundant if not required by code.
 - c. Supply and install blank caps on redundant horn placement wiring.
 - d. Disconnect wiring for redundant horns from the control panel(s).
 - e. Connect all remaining horn/strobe devices to io64-addressable alarm control panel.
 - f. Inspect devices and placement to verify compliant device coverage and functioning.
5. **Smoke Detector, Heat Detectors, and Pull Stations (throughout system):**
 - a. Remove any redundant devices not required for compliance with applicable codes.
 - b. Supply and install blank caps over redundant device wiring upon removal.
 - c. Supply and install replacement devices with new devices of equal or better quality.
 - d. Disconnect wiring for redundant devices from the control panel(s).
 - e. Connect wiring for remaining devices to io64-addressable fire alarm control panel.
 - f. Inspect devices and placement to verify compliant device coverage and functioning.

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- 6. Remove Devices from Old, Non-Addressable Control Panel:**
 - a. Un-install any remaining wiring for required or active devices from the old, non-addressable control panel. Re-install any wiring for active, required devices on the new, io64-compliant control panel. This may include the following:
 - i. electromagnetic locks and/or door operators, and elevator controls/emergency elevator operations.
 - ii. Any devices such as horns/strobes, smoke detectors, and/or heat detectors that will remain active.

- 7. Remove Non-Addressable Control Panel:**
 - a. Un-install and remove the old, non-addressable control panel, and properly remove or cap any remaining wiring and ensure all items are disposed of properly.

- 8. Landline to Cellular Conversion:**
 - a. Supply and install all parts and labor necessary convert existing io64-addressable alarm control panel from landline to cellular service.

- 9. Inspection/Certification:**
 - a. Schedule any required inspections, including work completed by any subcontractor at any tier. The Contractor must provide the DTA with a copy of all inspection reports.
 - b. Contractor must remedy any alarm system insufficiencies identified during inspection and/or walk-through.
 - c. The DTA will not authorize final payment to Contractor until work has been accepted, and re-certified by the AHJ.

D. CONTRACT CLOSEOUT:

The following items must be completed prior to the DTA's acceptance of work:

1. **Calibration:** Contractor must calibrate/adjust all equipment as required so that it operates in accordance with applicable manufacturer's instructions.

2. **Walk Through:** Contractor will complete a walk through with the DTA Project Manager and note any outstanding items. Contractor will promptly address any outstanding items to the DTA's specifications in accordance with these requirements at Vendor's sole expense.

3. **Clean Up:** Contractor must clean the work site and grounds occupied in connection with the work of all rubbish, excess material, and equipment. Worksite must be left in a neat and presentable condition. Cleanup costs must be considered as included in the prices paid for the Contract items. No additional allowance will be made therefore.

4. **Required Documents:**

Contractor must submit all required Documents to the DTA prior to acceptance of work:

 - i. **As-built Drawings:** A complete set of record ("as-built") drawings
 - ii. **Certified payrolls** from the prime contractors and all subcontractors and/or suppliers
 - iii. **A completed IC-134 Form from the State of Minnesota.**
 - iv. **Inspection Reports:** Copies of all local inspection reports, as applicable.
 - v. **Manuals and Cut Sheets:** A complete set of cut sheets, parts lists, and maintenance manuals
 - v. **Guarantee and Warranty Certificates:** Deliver to the DTA the Contractor's guarantee and manufacturer's guarantee and warranty certificates for equipment and materials.
 - vi. **Acceptance of Work:** A statement that all punch list items are complete and accepted by the DTA Project Manager.

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E. BID EVALUATION CRITERIA

The DTA will award the Contract to the Lowest-Priced Responsive and Responsible Bidder.

F. REQUIRED SUBMITTALS

Respondents must include the following with their Bid:

- a. A complete list of all equipment and hardware to be installed.
- b. A proposed timeline for the completion of all work.
- c. Bid forms and all required forms and certifications herein.

Section 7. WAGE REQUIREMENTS

1. This contract is subject to the requirements of 49 U.S.C. §5333(a), the Davis-Bacon Act, the U.S. Department of Labor Fair Labor Standards Act, and the implementing regulations of the Department of Labor at 29 CFR Part 5, and Minnesota Statute 177.41 and 177.43, and the rates as set by the MN Department of Labor and Industry. The Contractor shall comply with and assure compliance with all applicable wage regulations and shall not cause the Owners to be in violation of same.
2. The Contractor hereby agrees that all persons employed by it in the performance of work covered by prevailing wage classifications shall be paid wages which are not less than the prevailing wage rates which are attached to this contract and incorporated herein by reference.
3. The Contractor hereby agrees to keep and to require all subcontractors to keep full and accurate records for a period of not less than six (6) years, clearly indicating the name and trade or occupation of every laborer, worker or mechanic employed by him in connection with the project and an accurate record of the number of hours worked by each employee and the actual wages paid therefore.
4. The Owner shall post any applicable prevailing wage determinations at the project site and/or at a place normally used to post public notices. The Contractor is responsible for providing the prevailing wage scale as provided in the contract at the job site to all subcontractors. These hours, rates and classifications must be posted on the project by the Contractor in at least one conspicuous place for the information of employees and all employees of subcontractor(s) working on the project.
5. Certified WEEKLY payroll reports are required and are to be submitted to the Duluth Transit Authority for all Contractor and subcontractor covered work in accordance with Duluth Transit Authority Certified Payroll Checklist.
6. Overtime Basis: All hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours per day or forty (40) hours per week shall be paid at a rate of one and one half (1 ½) times the basic hourly rate.
7. The Contractor is required to pay the highest of the two wage scales.

POSTED WAGE SCALE

Prevailing wage schedules applicable to this project are included in the embedded files below. Required wage scales may be viewed by selecting the appropriate document icon and opening the corresponding file.



Prevailing Wage Scale - State MN (20



Prevailing Wage Scale - Federal (2024