

# **Duluth Transit Authority**

**REQUEST for BIDS** 

RFB# 2025.10.15

**FOR** 

## **Armored Transport Services**

October 15, 2025

# **Duluth Transit Authority**

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### Duluth Transit Authority Request for Bids Armored Transport Services

The Duluth Transit Authority hereby requests bids from qualified vendors to provide Armored Transport Services for the DTA Operations Center located at 2402 West Michigan Street, Duluth, MN 55806.

Bids must be received no later than **12:00 p.m**. on **November 7, 2025**. All bidding requirements are included herein.

The DTA affirmatively assures that equal opportunity will be offered to all persons without regard to race, creed, color, religion, national origin, gender, marital status, age, disability, or veteran's status, and encourages the participation of small and disadvantaged business enterprises in the performance of this contract. The DTA reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids in the best interest of the DTA.

RFB Schedule					
Procurement Event	Location of Event, or link/email	Date	Time		
Date of Release	Online: https://www.duluthtransit.com/home/doing- business/procurements/	October 15, 2025			
Request for Clarifications	Email to: hborn@duluthtransit.com	October 24, 2025	12:00 p.m.		
Response to Clarifications	Written Addendum posted on DTA Website: <a href="https://www.duluthtransit.com/home/doing-business/procurements/">https://www.duluthtransit.com/home/doing-business/procurements/</a>	October 29, 2025			
Bids Due	Email to: hborn@duluthtransit.com	November 7, 2025	12:00 p.m.		
Award	Successful bidder will be notified via email	As early as November 21, 2025			

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#### Section 1.

### **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

#### G-1 REQUEST FOR BIDS

- a) Bids are requested from qualified and experienced contractors to provide Armored Transport Services in a safe, timely, and cost-effective manner.
- b) The Contract awarded will be a Firm-Fixed Price contract for thirty-six (36) months with option to renew for twelve (12) additional months up to (2) times at the discretion of the DTA, but not to exceed (60) months.
- c) The DTA reserves the right to accept and/or refuse any or all Bids in the interest of the DTA.
- d) Bidder must use section 5 Bid Sheet for detailing all costs, fees, surcharges that may arise.
- e) Bid prices shall be good for ninety (90) days after the Bid Due Date, and up until the notice of award.
- f) Bidder will bear all costs incurred in responding to this RFB.
- g) Bidder must include W-9 with bid.
- h) Bidder's must include three references from the past five years' demonstrating industry experience. Bidders that are unable to provide will be deemed "non-responsible".
- i) This project is funded in part by a grant from the Federal Transit Administration, Assistance Listing #20.507.
- j) The DTA intends to choose the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder as early as November 21, 2025 with a Contract start date of January 1, 2026.
- k) This Contract is subject to the approval of the DTA Board of Directors.

#### G-2 INQUIRIES

All inquiries and other correspondence relating to this Request For Bids should be emailed to <a href="mailto:hborn@duluthtransit.com">hborn@duluthtransit.com</a>. Email subject line must contain 'Inquiry - Armored Transport Services RFB# 2025.10.15.'

#### 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 Jim Barg, Finance Director.
- c) Manufacturer, Vendor, Bidder, Supplier 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) Equipment, materials, and work can be interpreted as interchangeable.

#### G-4 SUBSTITUTIONS AND OR EQUAL

- a) Please note that DTA personnel are NOT allowed to discuss the RFB with anyone, including Bidders, before the Bid submission deadline without permission. Bidders 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 deadline. Responses to questions will be provided to all Bidders in the form of an addendum to this RFB.
- b) Requests for clarifications of specifications, and protest of specifications must be received by the Procurement Manager in writing via email no later than **time & date listed on RFP Schedule**.
- c) The replies to requests under paragraph c) above will be posted in the form of an addendum to this RFB on the DTA website at <a href="https://www.duluthtransit.com/doingbusinesswithus">www.duluthtransit.com/doingbusinesswithus</a> per time & date listed on RFP Schedule.
- d) Changes to the specifications will be made **only** by **written** addendum. Addendum will be posted on the DTA website at <u>www.duluthtransit.com</u> per the **time & date listed on RFB Schedule**. It is the Bidder's responsibility to obtain all documents available for this RFB.

#### G-5 SELECTION CRITERIA

The DTA will choose vendor based on the lowest priced responsive and responsible Bidder meeting all requirements.

#### G-6 PREPARATION OF BID

Bids must be submitted on the forms attached. All blanks in the Bid form must be completed. Bids containing alterations or erasures may be rejected. 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.

Bis must include all possible fees and charges, clearly define its purpose, how it's calculated, and when it applies.

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

Each Bid and all associated/supporting documents, shall be emailed in a pdf attachment to: <a href="https://hborn@duluthtransit.com">hborn@duluthtransit.com</a>.

Bids must be received no later than the **time & date listed on RFB Schedule**. Time listed means local time in Duluth, Minnesota. Late 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 written modification received by the DTA and only prior to the Bid deadline. Modifications must be signed by the person submitting the Bid or accompanied by an explanation as to why it is not and must indicate that it modifies the original Bid. Modifications shall be submitted in a pdf attachment to an email.

#### G-7 WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

A Bidder may withdraw its Bid at any time before the time set for the opening of the Bids with email subject line "WITHDRAWAL OF BID" sent to <a href="mailto:hborn@duluthtransit.com">hborn@duluthtransit.com</a> prior to the Bid deadline.

#### 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 the 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 PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS, ADDENDA

It is the Proposer's responsibility to assure the receipt of all procurement documents, including addenda, pertaining to this Request for Proposals. All documents will be posted online at <a href="https://www.duluthtransit.com/home/doing-business/procurements/">https://www.duluthtransit.com/home/doing-business/procurements/</a>.

#### 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.

#### G-11 CONTRACT FORM AND CHANGES

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

A sample Contract is included in this RFB. Any proposed changes to this Contract shall be submitted to the DTA Procurement Manager no later than ten (10) days prior to proposal due date for DTA consideration. Approval of requested changes shall be solely at the DTA's discretion. Only written change orders, amendments or addenda, signed by the Procurement Manager and/or General Manager of the DTA shall be binding upon the DTA.

The Proposer shall at once report to the Procurement Manager any error, inconsistency, or omission it may discover in the Contract Documents. Failure to report such errors, inconsistencies or omissions immediately when the Proposer discovers them, or should have discovered them if the Proposer had conducted the Due Diligence required of the Proposer, will void any claim by the Proposer for an equitable adjustment based on the errors, inconsistencies or omissions. Additionally, if the failure to report such errors, inconsistencies or omissions results in damages to the DTA, the selected Proposer will be responsible to compensate DTA for those damages to the extent that the damages could have been avoided had the Proposer reported the errors, inconsistencies or omissions when it first discovered them, or should have discovered them.

#### G-12 BAILEE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor shall maintain in effect bailee insurance or equivalent coverage with limits not less than \$250,000 single limit.

#### G-13 PRICE COMPLETE

The prices quoted in any Bid submitted shall include all items of services, labor, material, alterations, tools, equipment and other costs necessary to fully complete Armored Transport Service pursuant to the Specifications. It is the intention of the Section 6 (Service Requirements) to list all requirements and expectations to provide Armored Transport Services of the type prescribed herein. Any items omitted from the Specifications which are clearly necessary for the services being provided 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, or supplier in the omission of any part or detail which goes into proving Armored Transport Services.

#### 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 INDUSTRY STANDARD REQUIREMENTS

All work performed under this Contract shall conform to industry standard licenses and certifications as may be required elsewhere within this solicitation and by the state of Minnesota. Such documentation must be provided to be deemed responsive and responsible. Bidders must also firmly demonstrate their knowledge of applicable laws and regulation with their ability to perform the services outlined herein.

#### G-16 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-17 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

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

The protests addressing the adequacy of 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 Bid deadline. Thereafter, such issues are deemed waived by all interested parties.

Notice of protest and the basis therefore shall be given to all bidders or proposers. In addition, when a protest against the making of an award is received and the Finance Director determines to withhold the award pending disposition of the protest, 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 make such award. FTA preserves the right not to participate in such procurement.

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

#### PROTESTS AFTER AWARD

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

#### **DECISION ON PROTEST**

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

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

#### G-18 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 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-19 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.

#### **G-20 SINGLE RESPONSE**

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-21 NO ENDORSEMENT

The Bidder must not claim that the DTA endorses the Bidders products or services.

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

#### A.1 ACCESS TO RECORDS 49 U.S.C. § 5325(q)

#### Clause

- 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

Does not apply to this procurement

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

#### Clause Language

#### **Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity**

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

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

- 1. **Nondiscrimination.** In accordance with Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. §5332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing requirements FTA may issue.
- 2. Race, Color, Religion, National Origin, Sex. In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §5332, the Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements of U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL) regulations, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," 41 C.F.R. Chapter 60, and Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity in Federal Employment", September 24, 1965, 42 U.S.C. §2000e note, as amended by any later 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 if 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §6101 *et.* Seq., U.S. Health and Human Services regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance," 45 C.F.R. Part 90, and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. §5332, the Contractor agrees to refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for the reason of age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
- 4. **Disabilities.** In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. §794, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §12101 *et. Seq.*, the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §4151 *et. Seq.*, and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. §4332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against individuals on the basis of disability. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

#### A.9 <u>DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE)</u> 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;
- 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.

#### **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

#### Clause Language

#### **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.

#### **Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards**

For all contracts in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers, the Contractor shall comply with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 3701-3708), as supplemented by the DOL regulations at 29 C.F.R. part 5. Under 40 U.S.C. § 3702 of the Act, the Contractor shall compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer, including watchmen and guards, on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. § 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchase of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or to contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

In the event of any violation of the clause set forth herein, the Contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, the Contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of this clause in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by this clause.

The FTA shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the Contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime Contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime Contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such Contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in this section.

The Contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime Contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in this agreement.

## A.11 <u>ENERGY CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS</u> 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

#### Clause Language

#### Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion

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

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

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

The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by the Duluth Transit Authority. If it is later determined by the Duluth Transit Authority that the bidder or proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to the Duluth Transit Authority, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the

requirements of 2 C.F.R. part 180, subpart C, as supplemented by 2 C.F.R. part 1200, while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer.

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

A. 14 LOBBYING RESTRICTIONS
31 U.S.C. 1352, 2 CFR §200.450
2 C.F.R. Part 200 Appendix II (J), 49 C.F.R. Part 20
Does not apply to this procurement

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

#### Clause Language

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.

#### 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(I) (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(I) 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

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

#### **Recovered Materials**

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

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

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

#### **Seat Belt Use**

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

#### **Distracted Driving**

The Contractor agrees to adopt and enforce workplace safety policies to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers, including policies to ban text messaging while using an electronic device supplied by an employer, and driving a vehicle the driver owns or rents, a vehicle Contactor 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.

#### 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'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 compete 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-

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.

- (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

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

Contractor shall promptly notify the Duluth Transit Authority of any current or prospective legal matter that may affect the Duluth Transit Authority or the Federal Government. Legal matters that require notification include, but are not limited to, a major dispute, breach, default, litigation, or naming the Duluth Transit Authority or the Federal Government as a party to litigation or any legal agreement in any forum for any reason.

This notification provision applies to instances of false claims under the False Claims Act, or has or may have committed a criminal or civil violation of law pertaining to such matters as fraud, conflict of interest, bid rigging, misappropriation or embezzlement, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving federal assistance. This responsibility occurs whether the Contractor is subject to this Agreement between the Contractor and the Duluth Transit Authority or the Federal Transit Administration, or an agreement involving a principal, officer, employee, agent or subcontractor of the Contractor.

Knowledge, as it is used in this paragraph, includes, but is not limited to, knowledge of a criminal or civil investigation by a Federal, state, or local law enforcement or other investigative agency, a criminal indictment or civil complaint, or probable cause that could support a criminal indictment, or any other credible information in the possession of the Contractor. In this paragraph, "promptly" means to refer to information without delay and without change.

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

#### A.30 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.

#### 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;

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.

### Section 3. <u>CONTRACT</u> (example for Proposal)

This Contract, made	this day of	_, 2024, by and I	between	, a	(LLC,
corporation),	hereafter referred to	as "Contractor",	and the Duluth	Transit Authority,	2402
W. Michigan St., Dul	uth, MN, hereafter refe	rred 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 Clauses, this Contract; Request for Proposals# 2025.10.15 dated October 15, 2025, including the General Conditions and Mandatory Clauses; Service Requirements, all addenda issued prior to and all amendments issued after execution of the Contract; and the executed Bid Sheet and Required Certificates, all as fully a part of the Contract as if attached to this Contract or repeated herein.

#### ARTICLE 2 THE SCOPE OF SUPPLY

The Contractor shall supply Armored Transport Services required by the Contract Documents for this Request for Bids in accordance with the generally accepted standards for of this type of service.

#### ARTICLE 3 TIME OF COMMENCEMENT AND OPTIONS TO RENEW

The supply of services under this Contract shall commence on January 1, 2026 and last for thirty-six (36) months, through December 31, 2028 unless terminated earlier as set forth herein.

The DTA, may, at its sole discretion, may extend the term of this contract for twelve (12) months, from January 1, 2029 through December 31, 2029 upon written notice from the DTA Procurement Manager no later than November 1, 2028. If the DTA extends the term of this Contract in accordance with the foregoing, all of the terms and conditions of this Contract shall continue, unmodified, in full force and effect, except that payment to the Contractor shall be increased as set forth in the Contractor's bid.

The DTA, may, at its sole discretion, may extend the term of this contract for twelve (12) months, from January 1, 2030 through December 31, 2030 upon written notice from the DTA Procurement Manager no later than November 1, 2029. If the DTA extends the term of this Contract in accordance with the foregoing, all of the terms and conditions of this Contract shall continue, unmodified, in full force and effect, except that payment to the Contractor shall be increased as set forth in the Contractor's bid.

#### ARTICLE 4 CONTRACT AMOUNT

The DTA shall pay the Contractor the monthly amount listed in the bidder's proposal.

#### ARTICLE 5 PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTOR

Terms of payment shall be Net 30 after receipt of the accepted invoice.

#### ARTICLE 6 INVOICES

Invoices to be submitted once per month; All invoices shall include the Contract Number# C2025XXXX, and supporting documentation for proof of services rendered. Invoices shall be emailed to <a href="mailto:finance@duluthtransit.com">finance@duluthtransit.com</a>; Cc: <a href="mailto:hborn@duluthtransit.com">hborn@duluthtransit.com</a></a>

#### ARTICLE 7 DELAYS

Contractor shall notify DTA in writing of any anticipated 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 a change of the service date or schedule pick-up with no cost to the DTA. However, such notification or request or acceptance of service delay shall not constitute acceptance of the delay or request for change of the service date, 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 after

#### ARTICLE 9 INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor agrees that it shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the DTA, ATE Management of Duluth, their officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and 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 in all matters where claims of liability against the DTA, or ATE Management of Duluth 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 obligations to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless shall be triggered upon the assertion of a claim for damages against DTA, or ATE Management of Duluth. On ten days' written notice from the DTA, or ATE Management of Duluth, the Contractor shall appear and defend all lawsuits against the DTA, and ATE Management of Duluth growing out of such injuries or damages. Contractor shall not be required to indemnify DTA, and ATE Management of Duluth for amounts found by a fact finder to have arisen out of the intentional, willful, or wanton acts or omission of the DTA, and ATE Management of Duluth. 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 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 the same.

#### 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 DTA, and ATE Management of Duluth, from all liability described in the paragraph above.
  - a. Workers' compensation in accordance with the laws of the state of Minnesota.
  - b. Commercial General Liability (CGL) 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 and shall provide for the following:
    - i. Premises and Operations Bodily Injury and Property Damage, Blanket Contractual Liability, Product and Completed Operations Liability.

- ii. Independent Contractors Liability (applicable only if subcontractors are used).
- iii. Coverage for claims arising from acts or omissions of contractor, its employees, agents, and representatives, including subcontractors.
- iv. Premises Liability and excess liability policies shall not have explosion, collapse, or underground property damage or environmental hazard exclusions.
- c. Additional Insured: DTA and ATE Management of Duluth SBC shall be named as Additional Insured under Commercial General Liability, Excess/Umbrella Liability\*, and Automobile Liability. Alternatively, Contractor may provide an Owners-Contractors Protective policy naming itself and DTA/ATE Management of Duluth SBC.
  - \*An umbrella policy with a "following form" provision is acceptable if the underlying policy names DTA and ATE Management of Duluth SBC as Additional Insured.
- d. Bailee insurance or equivalent coverage with limits not less than \$250,000 single limit.
- e. 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.
- f. Certificates showing that Contractor is carrying the above-described insurance in the specified amounts shall be furnished to the DTA within (10) days of the execution of the 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

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 in writing and shall be delivered by e-mail.

Designation for DTA	Designation for Bidder
Jim Barg, Finance Director	

#### 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

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 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:	
	Title:	
General Manager		

### Section 4.

### **BID SHEET**

### **Armored Transport Services**

Service Location	Address	City	State
Duluth Transit Authority	2402 W. Michigan Street	Duluth	Minnesota

Requested Days of Service and Time						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday*	Friday	Saturday
N	N	N	N	Y	N	N
N	N	N	N	11am-1pm	N	N
*Thursday is pref	ference, but would o	onsider Wednesda	ys as well			•

		Monthly Price*				
Description	Triggering Event	Year 1 Base	Year 2 Base	Year 3 Base	Year 4 Option	Year 5 Option
Armored Transportation Service	Normal pickup					
Armored Transportation Service (Holiday Service Rate)	Holiday Pickup					

<sup>\*</sup>Some months will have 5 pickups

	Wednesday	Thursday	Either
Proposed Service Day			
(check one)			

The DTA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

TAX: Federal Excise Tax Exemption Account No. 41740056K; The DTA is State and City Tax Exempted.

Compan	y Name	_	
Street	City	State	Zip Code
Authorized S	Signature		Date
Printed N	lame		

NOTE: All Bids must be written, signed and transmitted via email in a .pdf attachment to hborn@duluthtransit.com.

### Section 5. <u>CONTRACT CERTIFICATIONS</u>

#### 5.1. PROOF OF RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

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

Statement of Bidder Qualifications and Responsibility

1.	Name of Bidder or Proposer:
2.	Address:
3.	Legal form of company (partnership, corporation, joint venture, etc.) (If a joint venture, identify the members of the joint venture and provide all information required in this section for each member.)
4.	When Organized:
5.	Where Incorporated (as applicable):
6.	How many years has the firm or organization been engaged in the contracting business under the present firm name?
Que	stions 7-13: If the answer is 'Yes', please provide details in a separate attachment.
7.	Have you ever failed to complete any work awarded to you? No Yes
8.	Have you ever defaulted on a contract? No Yes
9.	Have you ever been sued for services you provided? No Yes
10.	Has your firm been charged with or convicted of, a violation of a wage schedule?  No Yes
11.	Does your organization possess all valid licenses, registrations and certifications required by federal, state, county or city law necessary for the work it seeks to perform?
40	No_Yes
12.	Has your organization had any type of business, contracting or trade license, certification or registration revoked or suspended in the last three years? No Yes
13.	Is your firm or organization a part of a multi-entity corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary, or more than 51% owned by another firm or organization? No Yes If yes, provide documentation on the parent organization, audited statements of financial standing, working capital financing, authorization to enter into contracts, and other proof of responsibility.
14.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
15.	Does your firm have experience in similar type of projects or work, and have sufficient equipment, personnel, expertise, and financial reserves to perform the work successfully? No Yes (If no, please explain on a separate sheet. If yes, please provide the names and contact information of three (3) references.)
16.	Has your firm or organization been a debtor in a bankruptcy proceeding in the last ten years? No Yes If yes, on a separate sheet of paper titled "Bankruptcy Information", state date, court of jurisdiction, amount of liabilities and amount of assets.
17. —	List the average range of annual gross receipts of the firm or organization for the past three years:  Less than \$500,000 \$500,000 to \$1 million  between \$1 million and \$5 million between
\$10	between \$1 million and \$5 million between \$5 million and \$10 million between million and \$15 million above \$15 million
18.	Identify any conditions (e.g., pending litigation, planned office closures, impending merger, etc.) that may impede the proposed firm or organization's ability to complete the work.

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.

#### Warranty:

The Contractor,

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

Signed:		
Title		

# 5.2. <u>SMALL OR DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE, VETERAN OWNED BUSINESS (INCLUDING SERVICE DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES)</u>

<ol> <li>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.)</li> </ol>
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

#### Certificate A.

#### **DEBARRED BIDDERS**

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

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

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

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

The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by the Duluth Transit Authority. If it is later determined by the Duluth Transit Authority that the bidder or proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to the Duluth Transit Authority, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. part 180, subpart C, as supplemented by 2 C.F.R. part 1200, while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer.

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

transactions.		
Print Name and Title	Signature	

#### Certificate E. NOTICE OF LEGAL AGREEMENT OR LITIGATION

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

Contractor shall promptly notify the Duluth Transit Authority of any current or prospective legal matter that may affect the Duluth Transit Authority or the Federal Government. Legal matters that require notification include, but are not limited to, a major dispute, breach, default, litigation, or naming the Duluth Transit Authority or the Federal Government as a party to litigation or any legal agreement in any forum for any reason.

This notification provision applies to instances of false claims under the False Claims Act, or has or may have committed a criminal or civil violation of law pertaining to such matters as fraud, conflict of interest, bid rigging, misappropriation or embezzlement, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving federal assistance. This responsibility occurs whether the Contractor is subject to this Agreement between the Contractor and the Duluth Transit Authority or the Federal Transit Administration, or an agreement involving a principal, officer, employee, agent or subcontractor of the Contractor.

Knowledge, as it is used in this paragraph, includes, but is not limited to, knowledge of a criminal or civil investigation by a Federal, state, or local law enforcement or other investigative agency, a criminal indictment or civil complaint, or probable cause that could support a criminal indictment, or any other credible information in the possession of the Contractor. In this paragraph, "promptly" means to refer to information without delay and without change.

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

SIGNED	
FIRM NAME	
LIKIN NAME	 

### Certificate F. 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.

SIGNED		
FIRM NAME		

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

SIGNED	 	
FIRM NAME		

### Section 6. SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

- A. The service provider shall accept 8-11 sealed bag(s) containing cash, checks, and coins from the DTA located at 2402 W. Michigan Street Duluth, MN 55806. A pushcart may be required for coins.
- B. All pickups must be documented and logged with signature by both parties to evidence the transfer of responsibility.
- C. The service provider is required to establish procedures to insure that all bank deposits bags are tracked, inventoried, and delivered promptly to US BANK located at: 130 W Superior St, Duluth, MN 55802. Should an error occur such as incorrect delivery or loss, the service provider shall provide notice of the error to the DTA immediately upon discovery, followed by written notification within one (1) business day.
- D. Once the service provider has signed for the pickup, the service provider becomes liable for the contents and is responsible for the security and transport of the contents.
- E. The service provider personnel must be uniformed and armed, carry the company badge and photo identification and shall be bonded per state and federal requirements, license and trained by the service provider to perform duties as required. The offer shall provide a list of armored transportation personnel who picks up and signs for the deposit. Service providers must provide updated staff information on any new staff prior to the new staff member's arrival at the location. Deposits will not be released to the service provider's personnel without this information on file. This will be considered a missed pick up.
- F. The weekly pickup time will be on Thursdays or Wednesdays between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM. Our preference is for Thursdays but we will change to Wednesdays if in the best interests of the DTA. Failure to pick up on agreed upon day/time will count as a missed pickup.
- G. When deposits do not appear on the bank statement, the bank requires proof of delivery from the service provider to the cash vault. Service provider will supply a copy of the signed manifest within 24 hours of notification, notwithstanding non-business days.
- H. The Service Provider will assign a dedicated customer service representative and a qualified substitute. Customer service is a critical portion of the relationship. Service Provider shall respond within 8 hours during regular business days.
- I. DTA recognizes that due to unforeseen circumstances such as weather and/or severe traffic, the Service Provider may, occasionally, miss the window time frame. The Service Provider should notify DTA as soon as possible about early or late pick-ups so staff can be scheduled to be available.
- J. The Contractor shall not provide service on HOLIDAYS that the DTA observes, and that the Contractor observes. Pickup must be arranged to occur either one day before or one day after with no extra charges. DTA observed holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.
- K. Service Provider shall be held liable for any damage caused by the drivers to DTA property and further agrees to notify DTA immediately of any damage. Service Providers representatives driving vehicles on DTA grounds shall use extreme caution at all times maximum speed is 5 M.P.H.

### Section 7.

### **CHECKLIST**

### PRE-BID CHECKLIST

The following are the requirements of this RFB, as indicated below. Use of this checklist may help ensure that your bid submission is complete.

Required	Done	Requirement
$\sqrt{}$		Completed and signed Section 5 bid sheet
$\sqrt{}$		Completed and signed Section 3 Contract Certifications
		Current W-9
V		Licenses, certifications, and permits for Armored Transport Services
V		Personnel List of Armored Carriers
V		Three references from the past five years
This che	ecklist is a gu	ide. Please read the entire RFB thoroughly to ensure that your submission is complete.

### **POST AWARD CHECKLIST**

The following requirements must be provided within 5 business days of the contract award date.

Required	Done	Requirement
		Copy Insurance as listed in Article 10 of Contract
		Contractors Holiday Schedule
		Contractor Account Contact (name, phone, email)
The items on this checklist are required within 5 days after the contract is awarded.		