



County of Lackawanna Transit System

**INVITATION FOR BID**  
**ELECTRICAL SERVICE TO TEMPORARY**  
**COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS (CNG) TANK**

May 15, 2018

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The County of Lackawanna Transit System (COLTS), the public transportation provider in Scranton and Lackawanna County, in accordance with directives from the U. S. Department of Transportation and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, is seeking bid quotations for the production of its bus stop signage.

All bids and related documents will be subject to the financial assistance contract between the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and COLTS. COLTS will not discriminate against any bidder because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Any firm or person who enters into a contract with COLTS must agree to comply with any and all FTA and Commonwealth of PA laws regarding the prohibition of discrimination. All bidders, by submitting a bid, shall accept the affirmative duty to ascertain and comply with such laws.

Copies of the IFB package can be requested by e-mail at [dhein@coltsbus.com](mailto:dhein@coltsbus.com) or obtained from our website, [www.coltsbus.com](http://www.coltsbus.com) . All questions regarding the IFB are to be directed to Dave Sklareski, Director of Maintenance.

Two (2) copies of the bid must be submitted in the format outlined and marked "CNG Temporary Tank Electrical Service". Completed bid packages are due at the offices of COLTS no later than noon (12:00 P.M. EST) on Monday, May 28, 2018. Bids should be addressed to:

Doug Hein  
County of Lackawanna Transit System  
800 North South Road  
Scranton, PA 18504

Bids received later than noon (12:00 P.M. EST) on Monday, May 28, 2018 shall be rejected. The County of Lackawanna Transit System reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

## **1.1 Submission Instructions**

### **1.1.1 Quantity**

The bidder shall submit two (2) copies of its bid.

### **1.1.2 Due Date**

In order to be considered, bids must be received at the offices of COLTS by noon (12:00 P.M. EST) on Monday, May 28, 2018. Failure of the U.S. Postal Service or other delivery service to deliver bid packages on time shall result in the bid not being opened or considered. Bids should be clearly marked "CNG Temporary Tank Electrical Service" and delivered to:

Doug Hein  
County of Lackawanna Transit System  
800 North South Road  
Scranton, PA 18504

### **1.1.3 Proprietary Information**

Any information contained in the bid that the bidder considers proprietary must be clearly identified as such. COLTS will respect requests for non-disclosure of proprietary information to the extent that information so restricted conforms to the Freedom of Information Act and the Pennsylvania Sunshine Laws.

### **1.1.4 Forms**

Appendices A & B of this solicitation contain certain forms that are mandatory in the bid process. These forms must be executed and submitted in their exact format in order for the bid to be considered responsive. Precise, unedited computer reproductions to expedite the bid preparation process are acceptable.

### **1.1.5 Availability of Electronic Version of this Document**

The Invitation for Bids and all related forms contained herein are available electronically in Portable Document Format (PDF). Interested parties who desire an electronic copy of this document should contact Doug Hein ([dhein@coltsbus.com](mailto:dhein@coltsbus.com)). Files will be sent via e-mail to the requesting party. COLTS does not warrant the integrity or format accuracy of any file or document sent in this manner.

## **1.2 Questions Concerning the Project**

### **1.2.1 Verbal and Written Questions**

Prospective bidders are encouraged to submit substantive questions, comments, and concerns in writing. Written question received no later than 3:00 P.M. EST on Thursday, May 24, 2018 will be answered in writing and distributed via addendum to those listed on the IFB distribution list. Questions should be addressed to Doug Hein of COLTS at 800 North South Road, Scranton, PA 18504. E-mailed questions (to

Doug Hein at [dhein@coltsbus.com](mailto:dhein@coltsbus.com)) will be considered as written; however, no telephone solicitations will be honored.

## **1.3 Bid Format**

### **1.3.1 General Specifications**

COLTS desires to contract with a qualified bidder for the installation of electrical service to a temporary compressed natural gas (CNG) tank. COLTS reserves the right to reject any and all bids received as a result of this request, or to negotiate separately with competing bidders. The electrical service shall have the following specifications:

- Step up transformer from 208 V, 3 phase to 480 V 3 phase
- 200 amp breaker
- Final termination and configuration

### **1.3.2 Submission of Supplemental Material**

Bidders will be permitted to submit any additional information they consider relevant to the project scope of work and the project at hand. Such supplemental materials, if submitted, should be in addition to the bid, not contained in the bid itself. Only one copy of any supplemental material should be submitted.

### **1.3.3 Minimum Requirements – Technical Bid**

At a minimum, each technical bid should contain the following elements organized in the following fashion and in the order listed.

- Cover: IFB Project title and bidder's name
- Letter of Transmittal: This letter must include the name, address, and phone number of the bidder's contact person and that of the firm. The period of time for which the offer will be honored, which should be at least 60 days from the date of the bid. One original must be signed by an authorized officer of the bidder.
- Official bid form – Appendix A - The County of Lackawanna Transit System will not be responsible for expenses incurred in preparing and submitting the bid. Such costs should not be included in the bid.

The information requested is required to support the reasonableness of the proposed cost and is for the review of the County of Lackawanna Transit System only. It will not be shared with other bidders or released to the general public except in the form of total contract value. The price must be binding for the life of the contract if a Notice to Proceed is issued within sixty (60) days of submission. The Grand Total must be binding for this period and may become the "Not to Exceed" Amount issued with the Notice to Proceed.

- Required Certification and Assurances – Appendix B - The bidder must indicate its compliance with certain Federal and state executive orders, laws, statutes, and regulations to be considered for award.

## **1.4 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise**

If not addressed under subcontractors, please identify any participation in the project by a disadvantaged business enterprise. A listing of all certified DBE firms in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania can be viewed at [www.paucp.com](http://www.paucp.com).

The County of Lackawanna Transit System (COLTS) has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26. COLTS has received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, COLTS has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of COLTS to ensure that DBEs as defined in part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is also our policy:

1. To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts;
2. To create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts;
3. To ensure that the DBE Program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
4. To ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs;
5. To help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT-assisted contracts;
6. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.

The Executive Director has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, the Executive Director is responsible for implementing all aspects of the DBE Program. Implementation of the DBE Program is accorded the same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by COLTS in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

COLTS has disseminated this policy statement to the Board of Directors and all of the components of our organization. We have distributed this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for us on DOT-assisted contracts. COLTS' policy statement will appear in local and transit-oriented publications once a year and will be included in all Requests for Proposals and Invitations for Bids.

## **1.5 Contract**

### **1.5.1 Award of Contract**

COLTS anticipates award of a contract at its regularly scheduled Board meeting on Tuesday, June 19, 2018. A Notice to Proceed is anticipated within one (1) week, following receipt of necessary documentation, such as insurance certificates from the selected vendor.

### **1.5.2 Contract Type**

COLTS will enter into a firm, fixed fee contract with the selected vendor.

### **1.5.3 Time for Completion**

COLTS intends to negotiate with the lowest priced, responsible bidder to establish a project schedule. The desired time frame for completion of this contract is two (2) months although COLTS will seek a schedule that is mutually satisfactory to all parties.

## **1.6 Bid Summary**

### **1.6.1 Procurement Schedule (Tentative)**

Advertisement of Request for Bid	May 15, 2018
Release Date for IFB	May 15, 2018
Deadline for written questions	May 24, 2018
Bids due	May 28, 2018
Contract Award / Notice to Proceed	June 19, 2018

# APPENDIX A – OFFICIAL BID FORM

## 1.1 Bidder Guaranties

### 1.1.1

Bidder guarantees that all information provided by it in connection with this bid is true and accurate.

### 1.2.1

Bidder guarantees that it can and will provide at a minimum, all services set forth in Section 1.3.1 above.

## 1.2 Bidder Small Business Participation

To be filled out by COLTS:

CNG Temporary Tank Electrical Service

Date Advertised: May 15, 2018

NAICS Code: 339950

Average number of employees over the past 12 months: \_\_\_\_\_

Average annual receipts over the past 3 years: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of entity (i.e. sole proprietor): \_\_\_\_\_

## 1.3 Bid Quotation

**CNG Temporary Tank Electrical Service**                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Bids will be opened promptly at 12:00 p.m. E.S.T. on Monday, May 28, 2018 at 800 North South Road, Scranton, PA. Late or incomplete bids will not be accepted.

It is understood that this is an Invitation for Bid and that the County of Lackawanna Transit System reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to negotiate separately with competing bidders.

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Authorized Official of Firm

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## APPENDIX B – CERTIFICATIONS & ASSURANCES

### Access to Records

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

1. Where the Purchaser is not a State but a local government and is the FTA Recipient or a sub grantee of the FTA Recipient in accordance with 49 C. F. R. 18.36(i), the Contractor agrees to provide the Purchaser, the FTA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions. Contractor also agrees, pursuant to 49 C. F. R. 633.17 to provide the FTA Administrator or his authorized representatives including any PMO Contractor access to Contractor's records and construction sites pertaining to a major capital project, defined at 49 U.S.C. 5302(a)1, which is receiving federal financial assistance through the programs described at 49 U.S.C. 5307, 5309 or 5311.
2. The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.
3. The Contractor agrees to maintain all books, records, accounts and reports required under this contract for a period of not less than three 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 Contractor agrees to maintain same until the Purchaser, the FTA Administrator, the Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives, have disposed of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto. Reference 49 CFR 18.39(i)(11).
4. FTA does not require the inclusion of these requirements in subcontracts.

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## Buy America Requirements

49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(1)

49 CFR 661

If steel, iron, or manufactured products (as defined in §§661.3 and 661.5 of this part) are being procured, the appropriate certificate as set forth below shall be completed and submitted by each bidder in accordance with the requirement contained in §661.13(b) of this part. **Select only one certification.**

### *Certificate of **Compliance** with Buy America Requirements*

The bidder hereby certifies that it will comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(1), and the applicable regulations in 49 CFR part 661.

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_

### *Certificate of **Non-Compliance** with Buy America Requirements*

The bidder hereby certifies that it cannot comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(j), but it may qualify for an exception to the requirement pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2), as amended, and the applicable regulations in 49 CFR 661.7.

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_

(1) A bidder who has submitted an incomplete Buy America certificate or an incorrect certificate of noncompliance through inadvertent or clerical error (but not including failure to sign the certificate, submission of certificates of both compliance and non-compliance, or failure to submit any certification), may submit to the FTA Chief Counsel within ten (10) days of bid opening of submission or a final offer, a written explanation of the circumstances surrounding the submission of the incomplete or incorrect certification in accordance with 28 U.S.C. 1746, sworn under penalty of perjury, stating that the submission resulted from inadvertent or clerical error. The bidder will also submit evidence of intent, such as information about the origin of the product, invoices, or other working documents. The bidder will simultaneously send a copy of this information to the FTA grantee.

(i) The FTA Chief Counsel may request additional information from the bidder, if necessary. The grantee may not make a contract award until the FTA Chief Counsel issues his/her determination, except as provided in §661.15(m).

(ii) [Reserved]

(2) For negotiated procurements, compliance with the Buy America requirements shall be determined on the basis of the certification submitted with the final offer or final revised proposal. However, where a grantee awards on the basis of initial proposals without discussion, the certification submitted with the initial proposal shall control.

(3) Certification based on ignorance of the proper application of the Buy America requirements is not an inadvertent or clerical error.

(c) Whether or not a bidder certifies that it will comply with the applicable requirement, such bidder is bound by its original certification (in the case of a sealed bidding procurement) or its certification submitted with its final offer (in the case of a negotiated procurement) and is not permitted to change its certification after bid opening or submission of a final offer. Where a bidder certifies that it will comply with the applicable Buy America requirements, the bidder or grantee is not eligible for a waiver of those requirements.

**INTEGRITY CERTIFICATION**

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION,  
AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS**

(1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this bid or bid, that neither it nor its "principals" [as defined at 49 C.F.R.' 29.105(p)] is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

(2) When the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this bid.

(If the lower tier covered participant (applicant for an FTA grant, or cooperative agreement, or potential third party contractor) is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, the participant shall attach an explanation to this certification.)

THE LOWER TIER COVERED PARTICIPANT (APPLICANT FOR AN FTA GRANT OR CO-OPERATIVE AGREEMENT, OR POTENTIAL CONTRACTOR FOR A MAJOR THIRD PARTY CONTRACT), \_\_\_\_\_, CERTIFIES OR AFFIRMS THE TRUTHFULNESS AND ACCURACY OF THE CONTENTS OF THE STATEMENTS SUBMITTED ON OR WITH THIS CERTIFICATION AND UNDERSTANDS THAT THE PROVISIONS OF 31 U.S.C. SECTIONS 3801 ET SEQ. ARE APPLICABLE THERETO.

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Signature & Title of Authorized Official

The undersigned chief legal counsel for the \_\_\_\_\_ (Contractor) hereby certifies that the \_\_\_\_\_ (Contractor) has authority under State and Local law to comply with the subject assurances and that the certification above has been legally made.

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Signature of Contractor's Attorney

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

(Applies to Contractor/Subcontractors with contracts in excess of \$25,000)

(Failure to complete this form and to submit it with your bid will render the bid non-responsive).

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**  
**NON-DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE**

1. Contractor shall not discriminate, against any employee, applicant for employment, independent contractor or any other person because of race, color, religious creed, national origin, age or sex.

Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees or agents are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, age or sex. Such affirmative action shall include, but is not limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training.

Contractor shall post in conspicuous places, available to employees, agents, applicants for employment and other persons, a notice to be provided by the contracting agency setting forth the provisions of this non-discrimination clause.

2. Contractor shall in advertisements or requests for employment placed by it or on its behalf state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, age or sex.

3. Contractor shall send each labor union or workers' representative with which it has a collective bargaining agreement(s) or other contract or understanding, a notice advising said labor union or workers' representative of its commitment to this non-discrimination clause. Similar notice shall be sent to every other source of recruitment regularly utilized by Contractor.

4. It shall be no defense to a finding of noncompliance with the Contract Compliance Regulations issued by the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission or this non-discrimination clause that the Contractor has delegated some of its employment practices to any union, training program or other source of recruitment which prevents it from meeting its obligations. However, if the evidence indicates that the Contractor was not on notice of the third-party discrimination or made a good faith effort to correct it, such factor shall be considered in mitigation in determining appropriate sanctions.

5. Where the practices of a union or any training program or other source of recruitment will result in the exclusion of minority group persons, so that the Contractor will be unable to meet its obligations under the Contractor Compliance Regulations issued by the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, or this non-discrimination clause. The Contractor shall then employ and fill vacancies through other non-discriminatory employment procedures.

6. The Contractor shall comply with the Contract Compliance Regulations of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, 16 PA Code Chapter 49 and will all laws prohibiting discrimination in hiring or employment opportunities. In the event of Contractor's non-compliance with the non-discrimination clause of this contract or with any such laws, this contract may, after hearing and adjudication, be

terminated or suspended, in whole or in part, and the Contractor may be declared temporarily ineligible for further Commonwealth contracts, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided by the Contract Compliance Regulations.

7. The Contractor shall furnish all necessary employment documents and records to, and permit access to its books, records and accounts by, the contracting agency and the Human Relations Commission, for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with the provisions of the Contractor Compliance Regulations, pursuant to PA Code Chapter 49.35 of these regulations. If the Contractor does not possess documents or records reflecting the necessary information requested, it shall furnish such information on reporting forms supplied by the contracting agency or the Commission.

8. The Contractor shall actively recruit minority Subcontractors or Subcontractors with substantial minority representation among their employees.

9. The Contractor shall include the provisions of this non-discrimination clause in every subcontract, so that such provisions will be binding upon each Subcontractor.

10. The terms used in this non-discrimination clause shall have the same meaning as in the Contract Compliance Regulations issued by the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, 16 PA Code Chapter 49.

11. Contractor obligations under this clause are limited to the Contractor's facilities within Pennsylvania or where the contract is for purchase of goods manufactured outside of Pennsylvania, the facilities at which such goods are actually produced.

Wherever herein above the word Contractor is used it shall also include the word Engineer, consultant, Researcher, or other Contracting Party as may be appropriate.

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Name of Individual, Partnership, or Corporation

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Address

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Authorized Person

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Signature

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Title

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Date

**No Federal Government Obligations to Third-parties**

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

(2) 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 clause shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to its provisions.

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Date

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

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

(1) 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.

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

(3) 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.

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**Federal Changes**

49 CFR Part 18

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

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**Civil Rights (EEO, Title VI & ADA)**

29 U.S.C. § 623, 42 U.S.C. § 2000  
42 U.S.C. § 6102, 42 U.S.C. § 12112  
42 U.S.C. § 12132, 49 U.S.C. § 5332  
29 CFR Part 1630, 41 CFR Parts 60 et seq.

The following requirements apply to the underlying contract:

(1) Nondiscrimination - In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, section 303 of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6102, section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12132, and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, or disability. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing requirements FTA may issue.

(2) Equal Employment Opportunity - The following equal employment opportunity requirements apply to the underlying contract:

(a) Race, Color, Creed, National Origin, Sex - In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, and Federal transit laws at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements of U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL) regulations, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," 41 C.F.R. Parts 60 et seq., (which implement Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note), and with any applicable Federal statutes, executive orders, regulations, and Federal policies that may in the future affect construction activities undertaken in the course of the Project. The Contractor agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

(b) Age - In accordance with section 4 of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § § 623 and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees to refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for reason of age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

(c) Disabilities - In accordance with section 102 of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12112, the Contractor agrees that it will comply with the requirements of U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, "Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act," 29 C.F.R. Part 1630, pertaining to employment of persons with disabilities. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

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

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## Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs)

### 49 CFR Part 26

a. This contract is subject to the requirements of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26, *Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs*. The national goal for participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) is 10%. The agency's overall goal for DBE participation is **4.2 %**.

b. The contractor 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 this DOT-assisted contract. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as County of Lackawanna Transit System deems appropriate. Each subcontract the contractor signs with a subcontractor must include the assurance in this paragraph (see 49 CFR 26.13(b)).

c. Bidders/offerors are required to document sufficient DBE participation to meet these goals or, alternatively, document adequate good faith efforts to do so, as provided for in 49 CFR 26.53. Award of this contract is conditioned on submission of the following concurrent with and accompanying an initial bid:

1. The names and addresses of DBE firms that will participate in this contract;
2. A description of the work each DBE will perform;
3. The dollar amount of the participation of each DBE firm participating;
4. Written documentation of the bidder/offeror's commitment to use a DBE subcontractor whose participation it submits to meet the contract goal;
5. Written confirmation from the DBE that it is participating in the contract as provided in the prime contractor's commitment; and
6. If the contract goal is not met, evidence of good faith efforts to do so.

Bidders/Offerors must present the information required above as a matter of responsiveness with initial bids (see 49 CFR 26.53(3)).

d. 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 County of Lackawanna Transit System. In addition, the contractor is required to return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within 30 days after the subcontractor's work related to this contract is satisfactorily completed.

e. The contractor must promptly notify County of Lackawanna Transit System, 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 County of Lackawanna Transit System.

f. The contractor hereby agrees to subcontract a minimum of \_\_\_\_% of the contract to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises. (A list of DBE's certified in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania can be found in the DBE Directory, which can be accessed at [www.paucp.com](http://www.paucp.com).)

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**Incorporation of FTA Terms**

**[FTA Circular 4220.1E](#)**

The preceding provisions include, in part, certain Standard Terms and Conditions required by DOT, whether or not expressly set forth in the preceding contract provisions. All contractual provisions required by DOT, as set forth in [FTA Circular 4220.1E](#) are hereby incorporated by reference. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, all FTA mandated terms shall be deemed to control in the event of a conflict with other provisions contained in this Agreement. The Contractor shall not perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any County of Lackawanna Transit System requests which would cause the County of Lackawanna Transit System to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions.

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## Suspension and Debarment

49 CFR Part 29  
Executive Order 12549

This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 49 CFR Part 29. As such, the contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor, its principals, as defined at 49 CFR 29.995, or affiliates, as defined at 49 CFR 29.905, are excluded or disqualified as defined at 49 CFR 29.940 and 29.945.

The contractor is required to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C and must include the requirement to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

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

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

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**Lobbying**

31 U.S.C. 1352

49 CFR Part 19

49 CFR Part 20

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

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for making lobbying contacts to an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form--LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions [as amended by "Government wide Guidance for New Restrictions on Lobbying," 61 Fed. Reg. 1413 (1/19/96). Note: Language in paragraph (2) herein has been modified in accordance with Section 10 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-65, to be codified at 2 U.S.C. 1601, *et seq.*.)]

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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

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

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

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**Clean Air**

42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq

40 CFR 15.61

49 CFR Part 18

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

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

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**Clean Water**

33 U.S.C. 1251

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

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

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**Energy Conservation**

42 U.S.C. 6321 et seq.

49 CFR Part 18

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

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## **NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**

1. This Non-Collusion Affidavit is material to any contract awarded pursuant to this Bid. According to the Pennsylvania Anti- bid-Rigging Act, 73 P.S. 1611 et sec., governmental agencies may require Non-Collusion Affidavits to be submitted together with bids.
2. This Non-Collusion Affidavit must be executed by the member, officer or employee of the bidder who makes the final decision on prices and the amount quoted in the bid.
3. Bid rigging and other efforts to restrain competition, and the making of false SWORN statement in connection with the submission of bids are unlawful and may be subject to criminal prosecution. The person who signs the Affidavit should examine it carefully before signing and assure himself or herself that each statement is true and accurate, making diligent inquiry, as necessary, of all other persons employed by or associated with the bidder with responsibilities for the associated approval or submission of the bid.
4. In the case of a bid submitted by a joint venture, each party to the venture must be identified in the Bid Documents, and an Affidavit must be submitted separately on behalf of each party.
5. The term "Complementary Bid" as used in the Affidavit has the meaning commonly associated with that term in the bidding process, and includes the knowing submission of bids higher than the bid of another firm, any intentionally high or non-competitive bid, and any other form of bid submitted for the purpose of giving a false appearance of competition.
6. Failure to file an Affidavit in compliance with these instructions may result in disqualification of the bid.



**NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**

**FOR BID FOR** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of project or item being bid upon)

State of \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_

I state that I am \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title) (Name of my Firm)

and that I am authorized to make this affidavit on behalf of my firm, and its Owners, Directors, and Officers. I am the person responsible in my firm for price(s) and the amount of this bid.

I state that:

1. The price(s) and amount of this Bid have been arrived at independently and without consultation, communication or agreement with any other contractor, bidder or potential bidder.
2. Neither the price(s) nor the amount of this bid, and neither the approximate price(s) nor approximate amount of this bid, have been disclosed to any other firm or person who is a bidder or potential bidder, and they will not be disclosed before bid opening.
3. No attempt has been made or will be made to induce any firm or person to refrain from bidding on this contract, or to submit a bid higher than this bid, or to submit any intentionally high or non-competitive bid or other form of competitive bid.
4. The bid of my firm is made in good faith and not pursuant to any agreement or discussion with, or inducement from, any firm or person to submit a complementary or other non-competitive bid.
5. \_\_\_\_\_, its affiliates,  
(Name of my firm)  
subsidiaries, officers, directors, and employees are not currently under investigation by any governmental agency and have not in the last four years been convicted or found liable for any act prohibited by State or Federal Law in any jurisdiction, involving conspiracy or collusion with respect to bidding on any public contract, except as follows:

I state that \_\_\_\_\_ understands and  
(Name of my firm)

Acknowledges that the above representations are material and important, and will be relied on  
by \_\_\_\_\_ in awarding the contract(s) for which this  
(Name of my firm)

bid is submitted. I understand and my firm understands that any misstatement in this affidavit  
is and shall be treated as fraudulent concealment from

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of public entity)

of the true facts relating to the submission of bids for this contract.

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(Name) (Company Position)

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED

BEFORE ME THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

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Notary Public

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My Commission Expires

## **County of Lackawanna Transit System's Protest Procedure**

If a bidder/bidder perceives that a segment of the specifications is either too restrictive for competition or if the bidder/bidder perceives any improprieties in the solicitation or specifications, a written protest must be filed with the COLTS Executive Director at least five (5) business days prior to bid opening or the due date for bids. Any protests concerning the award of a contract after the bid opening, or after a public announcement by COLTS of a contractor selection decision, or after an evaluation of bids submitted under an IFB, must be made within five (5) days after the bid opening, or public announcement in the case of an IFB, in order to permit COLTS the opportunity to resolve the issue prior to contract award.

### **Contents of Protest to COLTS**

A bidder or bidder filing a protest with COLTS must submit the protest in writing, via certified United States mail with a return receipt request, to County of Lackawanna Transit System (COLTS) c/o Executive Director, 800 North South Road, Scranton, PA 18504. The protest must include:

1. The name and address of the bidder;
2. Project number and the number of the solicitation;
3. A detailed and factual statement of the grounds for protest and any supporting documentation. The documentation submitted to COLTS must be fully supported to the extent possible;
4. The desired relief, action or ruling from COLTS.

Following an adverse decision by the Executive Director, the bidder or bidder may file a protest with FTA Regional Office III for resolution.

FTA Review of Protest: A protester must exhaust all administrative remedies with COLTS before pursuing a protest with FTA. Review of a protest by FTA will be limited to:

- (1) COLTS' failure to have or follow its protest procedures, or its failure to review a complaint or protest; or
- (2) Violations of Federal law or regulation.

Following any adverse decision by the Executive Director, the bidder may file a protest if there has been a violation in connection with 1 and 2 above. An appeal to FTA must be received by the U. S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration ("FTA"), Region III, 1760 Market Street, Suite 500,

Philadelphia, PA 19103, within five (5) working days of the date the protester learned or should have learned of an adverse decision by the Executive Director or other basis of appeal to FTA.

**Contents of Protest to FTA**

A bidder filing a protest with FTA must submit the protest in writing, via certified United States mail with a return receipt request, to the U. S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”), Region III, 1760 Market Street, Suite 500, Philadelphia, PA 19103. The protest must include:

1. The name and address of the bidder;
2. Identification of the grantee (COLTS), project number and the number of the solicitation;
3. A detailed and factual statement of the grounds for protest and any supporting documentation. The documentation submitted to FTA must be fully supported to the extent possible;
4. A copy of the protest filed with COLTS, and a copy of the COLTS decision, if any; and
5. The desired relief, action or ruling from FTA.

FTA will not consider any data that was not submitted to COLTS. If new data becomes available after the exhaustion of administrative remedies with COLTS, that data should be submitted to COLTS with a request for reconsideration. If the request is denied or if the protestor’s administrative remedies with COLTS are again exhausted, the protestor may then submit the new data to FTA.

No formal briefs or other technical forms of pleading or motion are required, but a protest and other submission should be concise, logically arranged, and clear.

Bid protests must be filed with FTA no later than five (5) days after the exhaustion of administrative remedies with COLTS is known or should have been known, whichever is earlier.

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