Request for Proposals
Fixed Route Scheduling Software

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Sealed proposals shall be received by the Metropolitan Tulsa Transit Authority (MTTA), Attention Procurement Specialist, at 510 S. Rockford, Tulsa, Oklahoma at or before January 6th, 2023, 4:30PM Central Standard Time, Friday, for the development and implementation of Fixed Route Scheduling Software as described in this Request for Proposal (RFP) document. Proposals received after the date and time specified above shall be considered late proposals and shall not be considered.

MTTA is seeking a “best value” proposal. In doing so MTTA may not award to the lowest priced firm but will weigh other factors as listed in 4.1 Evaluation Criteria. MTTA reserves the right, in its sole and exclusive discretion to accept or to reject any and all proposals, in whole or in part. All proposals shall be subject to all applicable state and federal laws. The award to be let under this solicitation is subject to financial assistance contracts between MTTA, the Federal Transit Administration, and the State of Oklahoma. Proposal documents shall be clearly marked with the RFP number and shall be mailed or delivered to:

Metropolitan Tulsa Transit Authority  
ATTN: Jack Van Hooser  
Procurement Specialist  
510 S. Rockford Avenue  
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74120  
Fax: 918-699-0257

The anticipated schedule for selection of a Proposer is as follows:

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2.0 INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

1. PROPOSAL FORMAT

MTTA requires two copies of all documents, one unbound original and an electronic copy on a CD or jump drive is required. Each must be clearly labeled. Proposals shall be prepared simply and economically on letter sized paper. Documents can be stapled or assembled with a plastic spine. No three ring binders please. Cost of services must be included on the firm’s form provided in a separately sealed envelope appropriately labeled.

2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

All proposals are subject to the provisions specified in this RFP, including federal clauses. Terms and conditions included as a part of published price lists, catalogs, and/or other documents submitted as a part of the proposal are waived and will have no effect either on the proposal, or any contract which may be awarded because of the proposal. The attachment of any other terms and conditions may be grounds for rejection.

DUE DATE

Sealed proposals must be received by MTTA no later than 4:30 PM Central Standard Time on January 6th, 2023.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions or additional information, contact the buyer via email: Jack Van Hooser, Procurement Specialist, jvanhooser@tulsatransit.org, or at (918) 699-0257. Include the RFP number on the subject line of all email correspondence.

Proposers are encouraged to contact the Procurement Specialist if there were anything in the specifications that would prevent them from submitting a proposal. Electronic submissions are the preferred method of answering questions, although written submissions via mail or fax will be accepted and must be received no later than December 19th, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m.

3. BIDDER’S NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL

Email the Procurement Specialist indicating your intent to submit a proposal. Include the RFP number on the subject line of the email. You will receive an email response indicating your notice was received. The same procedure will be followed to request clarification in writing of any point in the RFP. Responses to questions are considered official only when answered in writing in an addendum.

4. AMENDMENTS TO THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Any amendments to the solicitation will be posted on the MTTA web site at https://www.tulsatransit.org/rfps/openbids/. In addition, any bidder that has submitted a Notice of Intent to Submit a Proposal via email will be notified of any amendment by email. The bidder will be required to acknowledge the receipt of all amendments as part of the proposal package.
5. ACCEPTANCE AND REJECTION

MTTA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informality in proposals, and unless otherwise specified by the offer, to accept any item in the proposal. If either a unit price or extended price is obviously in error or the other price is obviously correct, the incorrect price will be disregarded. MTTA reserves the right to make partial, progressive, or multiple awards where it is advantageous to award separately by items; or where more than one supplier is needed to provide the contemplated requirements as to quantity, quality, delivery, service, geographical areas, or other factors deemed by MTTA to be pertinent or peculiar to the purchase in question.

6. TIME FOR CONSIDERATION

The offer shall be valid for a minimum of 90 days from the date of proposal opening.

7. PAYMENT TERMS

Payment terms are Net 30 days after receipt of a correct invoice or acceptance of goods, whichever is later. An invoice shall be rendered to ap@tulsatransit.org, by the 3rd of each month for services provided for the previous month.

8. CONDITION OF GOODS

Unless otherwise indicated in the proposal, it is understood and agreed that any item offered or shipped pursuant to this RFP or resulting contract shall be new.

9. DEVIATIONS FROM SPECIFICATIONS

Any deviation from specifications indicated herein must be clearly stated by the proposer in writing; otherwise, all items offered by proposer shall be deemed to be in strict compliance with these specifications, and the successful proposer will be held responsible thereto. Deviations must be explained in detail by proposer on an attached sheet(s). This paragraph shall not be construed as inviting or permitting any deviation whatsoever by proposer from the stated specifications or implying that any such deviation will be acceptable to MTTA.

10. INFORMATION AND DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE

Proposers are to furnish all information requested in the spaces provided on the proposal form. Further, as may be specified elsewhere, each proposer must submit with its proposal descriptive literature and/or complete specifications covering the products offered. Reference to literature submitted with a previous proposal does not satisfy this provision.

11. CONFIDENTIALITY OF PROPOSALS

Access to records received by or generated by MTTA is governed by Oklahoma law. Any information the proposer judges to be proprietary data should be submitted in a separate sealed envelope and clearly marked as proprietary information.

12. PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

A pre-proposal conference will not be held.
13. PRICING / QUANTITY
Pricing information is required in accordance with the firms Price Proposal Sheet to be submitted by proposer. Base quantities and priced option quantities should be defined on the price proposal sheet. The term of this contract is for three years with the option for an additional two-year term.

14. SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS
All documents submitted, as part of a proposal package must be signed by the person having the legal authority to bind the corporation or firm, and that signature must be attested / notarized. Failure to comply with the signature requirements may result in the proposal being rejected as non-responsive.

15. PROPOSAL EVALUATION
MTTA shall evaluate all proposals using the factors listed below and shall select the proposal that represents the "best value." Pursuant to Federal Transit Administration purchasing guidelines, an award will be made to the responsible proposer whose proposal is most advantageous to MTTA with price and other factors considered. See (Section 4.1 EVALUATION CRITERIA) on page 18 of this RFP document.

16. PROOF OF INSURANCE
Proposals must include proof of insurance at the minimal levels required in the general terms contained in this RFP.

17. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
Proposer must identify any conflicts of interest that exist related to past, present or planned activities or interests, financial or otherwise, with regard to MTTA or organizations that may be substantially affected by MTTA activities. In the absence of any known conflict of interest, the proposer shall submit in its proposal a statement that no conflicts of interest exist.

18. POST AWARD
A post-award debriefing is provided to un-successful proposers upon written request. MTTA shall provide the following information, if applicable:

- The agency’s evaluation of the proposer’s proposal or bid, including any noted deficiencies or weaknesses.
- The overall evaluation summary, including rating for each evaluation criteria for the debriefed proposer.
- The overall ranking of all offers, when any ranking was developed by the agency during source selection.
- A summary of rationale for award.
- For acquisitions of commercial items, the make and model of the item to be delivered by the successful proposer.
19. PROTEST PROCEDURES

MTTA has on file a set of written protest procedures applicable to this solicitation that may be obtained by contacting MTTA’s procurement officer. Any protest filed by a proposer in connection with the RFP must be submitted in accordance with MTTA’s written procedures.

3.0 SCOPE OF WORK

1. REQUIRED BASE SOFTWARE FEATURES

Objective

Tulsa Transit is seeking proposals, including information and pricing, from qualified vendors to provide a cloud-based with web-portal access provided anytime of the day (24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. The software shall include the minimum capabilities below.

- The system will be hosted by the vendor and accessible via any industry-standard web browser (Edge, Chrome, Firefox, etc.) without the need to install any software or plug-ins.
- Approximately ten (10) staff would require access to the system. System will support concurrent logins with no degradation of performance. It is estimated that concurrent users would not exceed four (4). The software shall provide administrative user access allowing creation of new accounts for instant access and the ability to alter user permissions to control view and edit access.
- System must be able to run on a standard PC and operate on future operating systems. Preference will be given to those suppliers who have successfully tested their systems on browser-based hardware clients (e.g., Chromebook or Surface Go in S- Mode).
- Allow MTTA to grant access to the program to its contractors, for no additional fees.
- Product need to export routing data for signups as GTFS and XML which is compatible with the current CAD/AVL (Avail) software.

Vendor shall back-up and protect, for a minimum of sixty (60) days, any software configuration settings, any MTTA provided data that has been modified for use by the software and any new data produced by the software itself. System backups must be encrypted, stored offsite, and air-gapped from the production environment.

At the time of implementation, vendor’s software must be the current version. MTTA desires a solution that requires no installation of any kind on MTTA’s computers or servers with everything stored on vendor’s servers/cloud. Vendor must always ensure that MTTA is utilizing the latest approved and beta tested software version available.

MTTA requires a proven solution. Vendors must have successfully implemented and maintained the full system at a minimum of five (5) public transit systems.
2. PLANNING SOFTWARE CAPABILITIES

MTTA requires a software tool to analyze and evaluate its existing and proposed fixed route services. The tool will be used to understand financial, operational, demographic and ridership impacts of existing or altered fixed route services. The planning module within the product shall also be capable of being a centralized solution for management of current route, bus stop, timepoint and service schedule data with the following capabilities.

- Ability to import existing transit routes, schedules, and bus stops.
- Ability to edit existing route geometry, schedules, and bus stops. Edit and create tools shall be easy to use, e.g., drag and drop.
- Allow route creation and modification of existing route paths, bus stop locations, time points, trips, relief points, etc.
- Ability to have multiple patterns and run times for routes; based on time of day, day of the week and seasonal service. Including scheduled or on-demand route deviations.
- Software must be capable of Rostering.
- The service planning tool shall run numerous service scenarios and factor in operating issues (run time, on-time performance) based on variables entered.
- Access to geographic and demographic data covering MTTA’s entire service area within the product. This includes the latest Census and American Community Survey data layers covering factors like age, disability, minority, poverty, employment, single car or car-free households, etc.
- Generate hours and miles of service by route and time of day. This includes revenue and deadhead data. *
- Notify user when a route is not assigned or is missing a running time. Ensure that the software does not allow entering a vehicle at the same time on different routes.
- Product should include a user-friendly mapping tool, analysis tools, and visualization features to assist MTTA is service development, grant writing, public outreach, etc.
- The mapping should provide a display of geographic data layers and routes for analysis.
- Provide a tool to assess a route’s ridership potential, Title VI impacts and employment impacts of service based on most current (and past) data. This includes the latest (and past) Census and American Community Survey data layers covering factors like age, disability, minority, poverty, employment, single car or car-free households, etc.
- Commuting CTPP data from the American Community Survey, key destinations (schools, hospitals, parks, SNAP retailers, etc.) as well as data layers agencies use for applying for federal grants (such the data layer identifying census tracts identified as USDOT RAISE Areas of Persistent Poverty.
- Mapping tool should allow client to add its own data layers to assist in service development, such as local sidewalk gap maps, Microtransit Zones, bicycle networks, bike share locations, local land uses and key destinations, etc.
- Ability to estimate service cost based on MTTA rates, like hourly rates, mileage rates and/or per trip rates. Including cost factoring for revenue & deadhead service.
• Lock finalized versions of the schedule.
• Flag invalid trip information but allow for manual overrides. Report on overridden items.
• Produce maps and graphics for displaying scenarios to staff and the public. Possibly layer other maps such as ESRI.

The product will allow other software to utilize applicable service data via data export and/or application programming interface (API). MTTA’s goal is to eliminate maintenance of the same data in multiple software products. See “Access to Data & Interface” section later in this document.

* MTTA serves 4 municipalities within 1 county. Our funding mechanism is based on hours and miles of service operated within each municipal boundary. MTTA desires a planning tool that can calculate revenue service hours and miles of each route within each municipality. The calculation would be based on shape files of each municipal boundary. The resulting data used by MTTA to determine each municipality’s financial contribution toward the system. If needed, MTTA can provide current shape files of applicable municipal boundaries.

3. BLOCKING, RUN CUTTING & DRIVER SCHEDULING SOFTWARE CAPABILITIES

The software shall, at a minimum, have the blocking, run cutting and driver scheduling capabilities listed below:

• Optimization of blocks, trips and runs to create maximum efficiency and cost savings.
• Ability to create blocking and accommodate routes that are interlined and not interlined.
• Ability to set block parameters such as max miles and run times for electric vehicle limitations.
• Blocking with customizable parameters for desired optimization based on cost or resources (vehicles & drivers).
• Allow user to manually build blocks and override routing and run times.
• Driver Paddles and integration with existing CAD/AVL Provider (Avail Technologies): MTTA wants a system that produces operator-friendly paddles and allow staff to add comments or notes unique to the route. MTTA’s current one-page paddles include: route number and name; effective date; pull out, route and pull in turn-by-turns; basic time point table for route; and service notes unique to the route. ....
• Ability to warn user of work rule violations when manually blocking/run cutting and allow for work rule to be overridden. Ability to highlight or report on overrides.
• Accommodate route revisions and scenarios developed in the planning module of this software.
• Customizable input parameters based on MTTA driver rules or applicable regulatory requirements without vendor assistance (after training). Ability to include variables like relief time, relief travel and driver meal breaks. Ability to alter parameters, rules or requirements when change occurs or to test impacts of potential changes to work rules and/or regulations.
• Ability to run cut for special events in isolation or as additions to the current schedule.
• Ability to identify and account for seasonal services.
• Ability to program different run times by day of week, day of year, time of day or season.
• Construct work assignments via rostering process with customization parameters for days off, driver rules and cost considerations.
• Ability to rapidly perform and compare numerous run cuts to test results of changing parameters of service delivery.
• Ability to specify vehicle used on a trip, block or route. System parameters would account for cost differences between vehicle type used (bus vs cutaway or diesel vs electric).
• Allow multiple schedule versions with the ability to run cut a user-selected schedule.
• Ability to save versions and results for comparisons, viewing and reporting.
• Ability to include cost metrics.
• Develop rostered work that is based on any one or combination of the following: Start & end time; Route; Type of work; Total weekly pay; Full days of work
• Ability to lock final schedule versions
• Ability to build an easy grid style roster schedule view, showing driver by row and assignments by day, week, month, year.
• Ability to export roster result
• Ability to report and export reports on hours, miles of service, including dead hours and miles, platform time by route and system wide.
• Ability to optimize “shift filling” on various parameters such as limiting overtime, compliance with work rules, etc.
• Exported documents and reports shall integrate with Microsoft Office (Word, Excel) or be saved in a .pdf format
• Product provides easily understandable graphic displays of scheduling options to communicate with drivers or other interested parties.
• Ability to produce reports related to the run cuts, blocks, run analysis, pull in/pull out sheets, roster, deadhead miles & hours and layover time.
• Ability to archive and easily copy route, schedule, trip, block, run and schedule information related to the entire service year.

4. ACCESS TO DATA & INTERFACE
The awarded vendor is expected to partner with MTTA and other authorized vendor products to interface and share data via import/export of files or API, when applicable.

MTTA currently uses the Avail product for AVL. The product selected with this RFP must be able to integrate with current CAD/AVL software. MTTA will prioritize proposers that have established successful integration with multiple AVL platforms representing transit systems from similar sized
markets/urbanized areas. The AVL procurement will have similar language to ensure successful interface.

Similar to the GTFS data standard, MTTA follows other national efforts to standardize key data sources and allow for easy integration between technology companies. This vision includes concepts identified as “Mobility Data Interoperability Principles”, which can be found by visiting: https://www.interoperablemobility.org/. MTTA desires a vendor and product that adheres to a similar vision moving forward.

5. DATA SECURITY

Cloud service and login must be over a secure connection. Data must be encrypted to the latest standards. All data stored in the Cloud must be free from any Personally Identifiable Information (PII). Any PII data requires appropriate protection and shall not be publicly available. Vendors will confirm these items and explain full security measures in their Written Proposal Response.

MTTA has implemented multi-factor authentication (MFA) to grant access to applications. MTTA’s preference is for users to sign-on with active directory and utilize Azure Active Directory as an identity provider.

It is not required, but preference will be given to those suppliers who have obtained SOC 2 Certification (Type 1 if solution is new, Type 2 if solution is established) from an outside, certified CPA.

6. DATA OWNERSHIP & PROTECTION

All data in the Cloud environment is understood to be the property of the MTTA. If the agreement between MTTA and cloud provider or vendor is cancelled, it is understood that all data can be exported to MTTA. In the event of a contract termination, the contractor agrees to make all necessary good-faith efforts to cooperate in the transition of MTTA information back to MTTA or to other, new vendors.

The Contractor shall not use, disclose, or distribute any data provided by MTTA except as may be requested to MTTA and for MTTA purposes. In the event the Contractor is contacted by any law enforcement or regulatory agency with any lawful order regarding MTTA data, the Contractor shall promptly notify MTTA of such contact to the extent allowed by law. The Contractor shall provide copies of MTTA data to MTTA upon request.

If applicable, GPS data, and specifically route identifiers and location coordinates, are not considered potentially sensitive data. Both parties understand that this GPS data may be an element of this system and that temporary access to this GPS data may, in fact, may be disclosed to the public through the public’s use of an associated application or website to enhance the public’s use of MTTA.

7. PRODUCT TRAINING

The selected vendor will provide an intensive training program to MTTA employees (dispatchers, supervisors, and administrators). The training will cover operation of the entire system supplied in conjunction with this solicitation, including any optional items purchased. This training will prepare MTTA attendees for operation, administration, and implementation of the system.
Training can be provided onsite at MTTA’s office or via video conferencing at times that are convenient to MTTA staff.

MTTA prefers a vendor that has recorded video training of modules for use by existing or new staff after the initial training is completed. In addition, MTTA is expected to receive a detailed SOP for all user levels operating the system.

The awarded vendor shall deliver five (5) complete sets of training materials in printed, hard copy format. All training materials shall be available in digital format and downloadable by MTTA. Initial training cost must be included in the base system cost. Ongoing training shall also be provided to MTTA staff, as needed, for any new product features and updates released by vendor after product implementation at no extra cost.

8. SUPPORT & MAINTENANCE

Ongoing product support shall be included in the fee. Vendor’s support will be accessible via phone, web and email with a turnaround response time of less than 3 hours for any mission critical components. Base support shall be available during normal business hours. Standby support shall be available at all other times, including weekends, nights and holidays when needed in case of severe emergencies.

Software enhancements (point releases) shall be included for the duration of the project. A notification from the awarded vendor summarizing changes will be emailed to MTTA prior to implementing enhancements or upgrades.

Any proposed ongoing licensing and maintenance fees must include a commitment to maintaining a minimum level of reliability or uptime. A fully functioning scheduling application is essential to maintaining transit operations. MTTA’s expectation is that the selected product will function as described in this scope and be available.

9. OPTIONAL MODULES & SERVICES

MTTA is open to considering any product capability not listed in the scope described in this RFP. If these items are not already included in the base cost, they should be priced out as separately in the Cost Proposal Form and fully described in the Written Proposal Response for consideration. MTTA reserves the right to select or decline any of the optional items or modules included in the proposal. Below are specific options.

**Mobile & Web App:** MTTA would consider a mobile and/or web-based application for work force use to view the current schedule, view upcoming work assignments, pick runs, swap shifts, etc. System would allow review of operator requested shift changes and provide analysis to determine if allowable under work rules, overtime or another applicable factor.

**GTFS File & Data Management:** MTTA strongly desires a product that will manage service data related to GTFS files. This includes the ability to import existing GIS compatible files (shape files and/or Geodatabase format) and GTFS files and export Geodatabases, shape files, excel documents, PDF files, PNG files, KML files, and General Transit Feed Specification (GTFS) files. MTTA uses a 3 to 4 digit stop code that is unique to each stop. This identifier shall be stored in the software and accessible when referencing or creating bus stops.
It is highly preferred that the GTFS file management tool can be maintained and edited by MTTA staff. Edits to data would be made by MTTA staff in just one location of the product. After any service edits (route, stop, timepoint or schedule changes), the product shall allow easy export of revised GTFS files ready for import into Google’s transit feed.

**Detour Mapping:** MTTA creates public detour maps using image files or snips from route maps and basic edit tools in desktop software, like MS Word and Adobe Acrobat. The edit tools draw over route lines not served, cross out bus stops missed and create lines for the new detour route. These basic detour maps are shared with riders on social media and posted on our website. MTTA would be interested in equivalent tools in the Scheduling & Planning software that allow quick editing for purposes of creating route-specific maps to display segment closed, new detour route and any existing bus stops impacted by the detour. After edits are finished in the software, MTTA could snip the display or export the results in a PDF file that clearly shows the detour visually and is easily understood by our customers with nearby landmarks and street names.

### 10. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

The response to this RFP shall consist of the following sections:

1. Corporate Background and Experience
2. Financial Statement
3. Project Staffing and Organization
4. Technical Approach
5. Outsourcing
6. Cost Proposal

**Corporate Background and Experience**

This section shall include background information on the organization and should give details of experience with similar projects. A list of references (including contact persons, email addresses and telephone numbers) for whom similar work has been performed shall be included.

**Financial Statement**

The Vendor’s most recent audited financial statement or similar evidence of financial stability shall be provided.

**Project Staffing and Organization**

This section shall include the proposed staffing, deployment, and organization of personnel to be assigned to this project.

**Technical Approach**

This section shall include, in narrative form, the Vendor’s approach to accomplishing the tasks outlined in the Scope of Work Requirements section of this RFP. A description of each task and deliverable and the schedule for accomplishing each shall be included.
Outsourcing

The Vendor shall detail the manner in which it intends to utilize resources or workers located outside of the United States, and MTTA will evaluate the additional risks, costs, and other factors associated with such utilization to make the award for this proposal as deemed by the awarding authority to be in the best interest of MTTA.

For any proposed or actual utilization or contract performance outside of the United States, the proposal shall include:

a. The location of work performed under a state contract by the vendor, any subcontractors, employees, or other persons performing the contract.
b. The corporate structure and location of corporate employees and activities of the vendors, its affiliates, or any subcontractors.

Price Proposal

The Vendor shall submit a Price Proposal on their own form containing:

a. Base cost of software and services
b. Software license costs
c. Hardware costs (if any)
d. Training costs (including personnel and travel expenses)
e. Software support costs
f. Other costs (e.g. office expenses)
g. Total Cost: A total not to exceed cost representing the maximum amount for all work to be performed must be clearly indicated.

11. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

The following are mandatory requirements for qualifying as a responsible proposer. A proposer that is found to not meet these qualification requirements may be determined to be non-responsive and its proposal rejected. The following table details which requirements proposers must meet for each project within this RFP:

1. Proof that the proposer’s human and physical resources are sufficient to allow it to perform the contract as specified and to assure delivery of all products and equipment within the time specified by the contract. Please supply a list of all staff complete with a description of their role, relevant work experience, certifications and expertise, within your response.

2. Evidence of satisfactory performance on at least three (3) past contracts of a similar nature.
   a) Project name and description of services provided
   b) Project location
   c) Size of project
   d) Completion date
   e) Customer name and contact information (be sure to include email address)
3. Proposers shall also include a list of organizations that they have contracted with for the last three (3) years with contact information that, at a minimum includes names, email addresses, and phone numbers, AND/OR any customers that have cancelled a contract in the last three (3) years and reason for cancellation.

4. Proposers must fully complete the included price proposal worksheet and all applicable forms/certifications to be considered responsive proposers. Failure to fully complete the price proposal worksheet will result in the proposer being classified as non-responsive.

**Basis of Award**

Any contract resulting from this RFP will be awarded to that firm whose proposal is deemed by MTTA to be qualified considering the evaluation criteria stated above and provides MTTA with the **best value** among those considered technically acceptable.

“Best Value” will be determined solely by MTTA.

MTTA reserves the right to meet or communicate with any proposer to clarify the responsiveness of its proposal and the responsibility of the proposer’s organization and its sub-proposers, in order to ascertain technical acceptability.

Contractors that submit proposals in response to this “Request for Proposals” must have the capability of providing the services listed. MTTA assumes no obligation of any kind for expenses incurred by any respondent to this solicitation. All submittals become the property of MTTA and will not be returned. The submittal shall meet the following requirements or will be deemed non-responsive and will not be eligible for consideration of this project:

- Proposals shall be signed by an officer authorized to bind the proposer and shall contain a statement to the effect that the proposal constitutes a firm offer for at least 90 days from the last day of receipt of proposals set forth herein.
- Each criterion for selection must be addressed.
- There is a minimum twelve (12)-point font requirement for the basic text of the entire submittal. Any charts, graphs, table of organizations, etc., must be of readable size.
- Maximum length of proposal is 60 pages excluding required forms and Pricing sheet, cover letter, resumes and proposal tabs/dividers.
- One (1) original and one (1) electronic copies of the submittals are due no later than **4:30PM, January 6, 2023** to Jack Van Hooser, Procurement Specialist 510 S. Rockford Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74120.
- Submittals shall be in a sealed, opaque envelope, clearly marked **RFP # 23-11 Fixed Route Scheduling Software**.
- The proposed fee shall be provided in a separate, sealed envelope.
- Late submittals, will be deemed non-responsive and will not be considered for the project.
MTTA has an overall Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal of 1%. There is no specific goal for this project. MTTA highly encourages disadvantaged, minority, and women-owned consultant firms to respond.

From the date of this RFP until **4:30PM December 19, 2022**, all questions and inquiries should be submitted in writing by mail, fax or E-mail to the following: Mr. Jack Van Hooser, [jvanhooser@tulsatransit.org](mailto:jvanhooser@tulsatransit.org) or by fax at 918-582-5209 or by mail at MTTA, 510 South Rockford Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74120.

All prospective offerors will be notified of questions and responses by addendum by the close of business on **December 22nd, 2022, EOD**.

Prices shall not be made public until the contract is awarded. Proposals may not be withdrawn after the submission date.

This solicitation does not obligate MTTA to pay for costs incurred in the preparation of proposals or to award a contract. MTTA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, or to cancel in part or in whole, this solicitation.
12. PROPOSAL FORMAT

COVER LETTER

Include a Letter of Transmittal signed by the person(s) with the authority to bind the firm and answer questions or provide clarification concerning the submitted proposal. Include the following information:

- Firm name, address, telephone number
- Email of proposal contact
- Contact Name & Title
- Year Business Established
- Type of Organization indicate whether a sole proprietor, partnership or corporation and whether or not a disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE).
- List of subcontractors, their role on the team and whether a DBE

The cover letter should not exceed three pages.

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Please state qualifications and relevant experience in conducting business similar to that, which is required herein, within the last five (5) years. Include same information for proposed subcontractors.

REFERENCES

Provide four (4) client references from prior transit system work conducted in the last five (5) years. Include organization name, address, telephone number, and name and title of a contact person. Include same information for proposed subcontractors. In addition, please provide a listing of all your contracts for the last 3 years.

RESUMES OF KEY PERSONNEL

Provide resumes showing the names, experience, and professional qualifications of the key personnel to be assigned to this project. If subcontractors, joint ventures, or both are contemplated, include the qualifications, experience, and references of the entire team.

DISCLOSURE OF PROPOSAL CONTENTS

To the extent permitted by State and Federal law, information provided in all proposals will be held in confidence and not revealed or discussed with competitors. All material submitted becomes the property of MTTA and may be returned only at the MTTA’s option. Proposals submitted to MTTA will be reviewed and evaluated by persons of the MTTA’s
choosing, other than competing proposers. MTTA retains the right to use any and/or all ideas presented in reply to the RFP. Eventual selection or rejection of proposals does not affect this right.

4.0 FIRM SELECTION PROCEDURE

Selection of the successful proposal shall be generally based on the information provided by the developer in response to the Request for Proposals and any subsequent interviews that may be conducted. Developer interview will be held solely at the option and discretion of the MTTA. The process for selection shall occur in the following sequence:

- Review and ranking of proposals
- Establish a “short list”
- Interview “short-listed” firms (at the option and discretion of the MTTA)
- Identify best qualified firm(s)
- Award contract

A project selection committee will be formed to evaluate the proposals and to make recommendation to the MTTA Board of Trustees. This committee may consist of representatives from various departments within the MTTA and/or representatives from other stakeholders including the City of Tulsa. Composition of this committee is at the sole discretion of the MTTA. Names of the committee members will not be released prior to the time of interviews.

The committee will review the proposals for format to ensure conformance with the requirements of the RFP and may select finalists to interview with the Committee as a part of the Committee’s evaluation process. MTTA does not guarantee that an interview will take place, thus reserving the right to select a firm based solely on the information provided in the proposals received in response to the RFP.

The MTTA General Manager will review the committee recommendation and decide whether to accept, reject, or modify the recommendation before presenting to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees is charged with making a contract award.

4.1 EVALUATION CRITERIA

MTTA is following a “Best Value” approach to selecting a developer for this RFP. In doing so MTTA may not award to the lowest priced firm but will weigh other factors as listed below in making a selection.

The following information and criteria, in order of importance, will be used to evaluate and rank responses and the presentation, should the MTTA choose to conduct interviews with short-listed firms:
1. **Project Understanding and Approach:** This criterion is a combination of the Proposer’s approach to the problem and the quality of the RFP submission and response. (20 points)

2. **Technical Capabilities and Solution Functionality:** This criterion refers to the Proposer’s technical capabilities, the proposed solution functionality, and the ability to best meet the performance specifications outlined in the RFP and Scope of Work. (25 points)

3. **Quality, Experience of Proposed Key Project Personnel** (15 points)

4. **Vendor Past Project-Related Experience and Client References** (15 points)

5. **Price** (20 points)

6. **Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, proposers or subcontractor are Oklahoma-registered – evaluated separately** (5 points)

### 5.0 PROPOSAL FORMS

In addition to the federal certifications and representations that are required to be submitted with the proposal. The following additional forms shall be included.

1.0 **DBE Qualification Form**

2.0 **Statement of Bidder’s / Proposer’s Qualifications**

3.0 **Authorization for Information**

4.0 **Customer Reference Listing**
1.0  DBE QUALIFICATION FORM

___ Is your firm certified as a DBE with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT)?
Does your firm meet the following requirements to qualify as a DBE under the DOT DBE program?
___ Disadvantaged owners are U. S. citizens or legal permanent residents.
___ Firm’s annual gross income does NOT exceed $17,20 million (averaged over 3 years).
___ Firm is at least 51% owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals.
___ Firm meets SBA small business size in the primary industry group (13 CFR part 121).
___ Firms owned by ANC’s Indian Tribes, and Native Hawaiian Organizations, meet the small business size requirements and are controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals.
___ Firms and owners meet the requirements of part 26 concerning licenses and credentials.
___ Firms must be for profit.
___ Please check here if this does not apply to your company.

Contact Chase Phillips at cphillips@tulsatransit.org should you need information regarding DBE Certification.

Please print the following information:

Firm Name__________________________________________________________

Authorized Signature______________________________________________

Title_______________________________________________________________

Date________________________________________
2.0 STATEMENT OF BIDDER’S/PROPOSER’S QUALIFICATIONS (PAGE 1 OF 2)

All questions must be answered and the data given must be clear and comprehensive. This statement must be notarized. Should this page not be part of the bid/proposal packet, you’re bid will be classified as not in compliance and may be disqualified. The questions may be answered on separate attached sheets. Bidder/Proposer may submit additional information he/she desires.

1. Name of Bid/Proposer ____________________________________________

2. Permanent Main Office Address ________________________________

3. Office Phone ____________________________ Cell Phone ______________

4. Fax Number ____________________________ E-mail Address ______________

5. When Organized ________________________________________________

6. If a Corporation, where Incorporated ______________________________

7. How many years have you been engaged in business under your present firm or trade name? ________________________________

8. List previous business names, if any ______________________________

9. Have you ever failed to complete any work awarded to you? ______________


11. If you answered yes to 9 or 10 above attach explanation.

12. Attach background and experience of the principal members of your organization, including the officers.

13. DUNS # ____________________________ Provide D&B report or other statement of credit.
Bidder/Proposer may submit any additional information he/she desires.

Dated this ____________ day of ___________, 20__

Being duly sworn deposes and says that he/she is ___________________________ (Title) and that the answers to the foregoing questions and all statements therein contained are true and correct.

By: ________________________________________________________________

Name of Corporation or Firm: __________________________________________

Authorized Signature: ________________________________________________

State of _____________________________

County of ___________________________

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _______day of ____________, 20__

Notary Public ______________________________________________________

Notary Number _____________________________________________________

My Commission Expires _____________________________________________
3.0 AUTHORIZATION FOR INFORMATION

The undersigned hereby authorized and requests any person, firm, or corporation to furnish any information requested by MTTA in verification of the recitals comprising this Statement of Proposer's Qualifications that I, being duly sworn deposes and says that the answers to the foregoing questions and all statements contained and true and correct.

Dated this __________ day of __________, 20__

By: ____________________________________________________________

Name of Corporation or Firm: ______________________________________

Authorized Signature: _____________________________________________

State of ____________________________

County of ___________________________

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _______ day of __________, 20__

Notary Public ________________________________________________

Notary Number ________________________________________________

My Commission Expires _______________________________________
4.0  CUSTOMER REFERENCE LISTING

Vendor shall furnish the names, addresses, agreement, telephone numbers, and length of services and size of property of a minimum of five (5) firms or government organizations for which the vendor is currently furnishing or has in the past furnished service for.

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A. GENERAL TERMS

The following clauses will be incorporated in any contract awarded pursuant to this RFP.

1. ASSIGNMENT

A. The successful proposer may not assign or subcontract its rights or obligations under the contract without prior written permission of MTTA, and no such assignment or subcontract will be effective until approved in writing by MTTA.

B. MTTA reserves the right to assign all or a portion of this contract to any other agency and/or governmental entity, or a Contractor of MTTA.

2. ADVERTISING

Proposer agrees not to use the existence of this contract or the name of MTTA as a part of any commercial advertising without the prior written approval of MTTA’s General Manager or designee.
B. FEDERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following terms and conditions apply to this procurement

1. BUY AMERICA REQUIREMENTS

The Buy America regulation, at 49 CFR 661.13, requires notification of the Buy America requirements in FTA-funded contracts, but does not specify the language to be used. The following language has been developed by FTA.

Buy America - The contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j) and 49 C.F.R. Part 661, which provide that Federal funds may not be obligated unless steel, iron, and manufactured products used in FTA-funded projects are produced in the United States, unless a waiver has been granted by FTA or the product is subject to a general waiver. General waivers are listed in 49 C.F.R. Part 661, §661.7, (App. A)(d) and include Microcomputer equipment, including software, from a foreign source is exempt from the Buy America requirements. This waiver falls under the waiver set forth in STAA, §165 (b)(1) and (b)(2).

2. ENERGY CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS

42 U.S.C. 6321 et seq. 49 CFR Part 18

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.

3. CLEAN WATER REQUIREMENTS

33 U.S.C. 1251

Clean Water

(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.
Access to Records - The following access to records requirements apply to this contract:

(1) Where the Purchaser is not a state but a local government and is the FTA Recipient or a subgrantee 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) Where the Purchaser enters into a negotiated contract for other than a small purchase or under the simplified acquisition threshold and is an institution of higher education, a hospital or other non-profit organization and is the FTA Recipient or a sub-grantee of the FTA Recipient in accordance with 49 C.F.R. 19.48, Proposer agrees to provide the Purchaser, FTA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their duly authorized representatives with access to any books, documents, papers and record of the Proposer which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions.

(3) 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.

(4) 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).

(5) FTA does not require the inclusion of these requirements in subcontracts.
5. **FEDERAL CHANGES**

49 CFR Part 18

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

6. **CLEAN AIR**

42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq 40 CFR 15.61 49 CFR Part 18

**Clean Air**

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

7. **NO GOVERNMENT OBLIGATION TO THIRD PARTIES**

**No Obligation by the Federal Government**

(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 Sub-Contractor who will be subject to its provisions.
8. PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS AND RELATED ACTS


Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts

(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 Sub-Contractor who will be subject to the provisions.
9. TERMINATION

49 U.S.C. Part 18 FTA Circular 4220.1F

(1) Termination for Convenience (General Provision): The (Recipient) may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, at any time by written notice to the Contractor when it is in the Government'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 (Recipient) to be paid the Contractor. If the Contractor has any property in its possession belonging to the (Recipient), the Contractor will account for the same, and dispose of it in the manner the (Recipient) directs.

(2) 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 (Recipient) may terminate this contract for default. The (Recipient) 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 Recipient.

(3) Opportunity to Cure (General Provision): The Recipient, in its sole discretion may, in the case of a termination for breach or default, allow the Contractor an appropriately short period of time 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.

If Contractor fails to remedy to (Recipient)'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 (Recipient) setting forth the nature of said breach or default, (Recipient) 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 (Recipient) from also pursuing all available remedies against Contractor and its sureties for said breach or default.

(4) Waiver of Remedies for any breach in the event that (Recipient) elects to waive its remedies for any breach by Contractor of any covenant, term or condition of this Contract, such waiver by (Recipient) shall not limit (Recipient)'s remedies for any succeeding breach of that or of any other term, covenant, or condition of this Contract.
10. GOVERNMENT-WIDE DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION (NONPROCUREMENT)

Suspension and Debarment
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 proposal, the bidder or proposer certifies as follows:

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

The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 49 CFR 29, Subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout 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.

11. CIVIL RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS


Civil Rights - 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.
12. BREACHES AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION
49 CFR Part 18 FTA Circular 4220.1F

Disputes - Disputes arising in the performance of this Contract which are not resolved by agreement of the parties shall be decided in writing by the MTTA Administrator of Grants and Procurement. This decision shall be final and conclusive unless within ten (10) days from the date of receipt of its copy, the Contractor mails or otherwise furnishes a written appeal to the Grant and Procurement Specialist. In connection with any such appeal, the Contractor shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to offer evidence in support of its position. The decision of the Grants and Procurement Specialist shall be binding upon the Contractor and the Contractor shall abide by the decision.

Performance During Dispute - Unless otherwise directed by MTTA, Contractor shall continue performance under this Contract while matters in dispute are being resolved.

Claims for Damages - Should either party to the Contract suffer injury or damage to person or property because of any act or omission of the party or of any of his employees, agents or others for whose acts he is legally liable, a claim for damages therefor shall be made in writing to such other party within a reasonable time after the first observance of such injury or damage.

Remedies - Unless this contract provides otherwise, all claims, counterclaims, disputes and other matters in question between the MTTA and the Contractor arising out of or relating to this agreement or its breach will be decided by arbitration if the parties mutually agree, or in a court of competent jurisdiction within the State of Oklahoma.

Rights and Remedies - The duties and obligations imposed by the Contract Documents, and the rights and remedies available thereunder, shall be in addition to and not a limitation of any duties, obligations, rights and remedies otherwise imposed or available by law. No action or failure to act by the MTTA or Contractor shall constitute a waiver of any right or duty afforded any of them under the Contract, nor shall any such action or failure to act constitute an approval of or acquiescence in any breach thereunder, except as may be specifically agreed in writing.
13. DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE)

49 CFR Part 26

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises

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%. A separate contract goal has not been established for this procurement.

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 MTTA deems appropriate. Each subcontract the Contractor signs with a Sub-Contractor must include the assurance in this paragraph (see 49 CFR 26.13(b)).

c. The successful bidder/proposer will be required to report its DBE participation obtained through race-neutral means throughout the period of performance.

d. The prime contractor agrees to pay each subcontractor under this prime contract for satisfactory performance of its contract no later than 15 days from the receipt of each payment the prime contractor receives from MTTA. The prime contractor agrees further to return any retainage payments to each subcontractor within 20 days after the subcontractor’s work is satisfactorily completed. Should payment not be rendered in a timely manner, MTTA shall hold an informal hearing, where the contractor and subcontractor, meet with representatives from MTTA. After hearing from both parties, a decision will be rendered within five days, detailing the consequences/sanctions, which shall be consistent with the non-compliant issue, which could, if warranted, include termination for default or convenience. The contractor officer shall work with the DBELO and Administrator of Grants and Procurement, and other representatives as necessary. Any delay or postponement of payment from the above referenced time frame may occur only for good cause following written approval of MTTA. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontracts.

e. The contractor must promptly notify MTTA, 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 MTTA.
14. INCORPORATION OF FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) TERMS

Incorporation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Terms 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 4220.1F, are hereby incorporated by reference. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, all FTA mandated terms shall be deemed to control in the event of a conflict with other provisions contained in this Agreement. The Contractor shall not perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any (name of grantee) requests which would cause (name of grantee) to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions.

15. LOBBYING


16. SPECIAL NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR STATES

To the extent required by Federal law, the State agrees that, in administering any Federal Assistance Program or Project supported by the underlying Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement, any request for proposals, solicitation, grant application, form, notification, press release, or other publication involving the distribution of Federal assistance for the Program or the Project shall indicate that FTA is the Federal agency that is providing the Federal assistance, the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number of the program from which the Federal assistance is authorized, as applicable, and the amount provided.
C. CERTIFICATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS

The following certifications and representations are required to be submitted as part of the proposal package.

1. Certification Regarding Comptroller General’s List of Ineligible Proposers
2. Anti-Collusion Affidavit
3. Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements and Related Acts
4. Lobbying Certification
5. Contractor Debarment Certification
6. Contractor Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion, Lower Tier Covered Transaction
1. CERTIFICATION REGARDING COMPTROLLER GENERAL’S LIST OF INELIGIBLE PROPOSERS

The Proposer or Contractor certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

1. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by the Comptroller General;

2. Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or Contract Agreement under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes, or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

3. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (2) of this certification; and

4. Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

(If the Proposer or Sub-Contractor is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, the participant shall attach an explanation to this certification.)
THE PROPOSER OR CONTRACTOR, 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

By:________________________________________  ________________________________
    Authorized Signature  Company

The authorized official signing above hereby certifies that he/she shall, under State and Local law, comply with the subject assurances and that the certification above has been legally made.

State of______________________________  County of___________________________

Subscribed and sworn to before me this________ day of______________ , 20__

Notary Public ________________________________

Notary Number ________________________________

My Commission Expires __________________________
This Proposal will not be considered unless this form has been fully completed and signed by the Proposer or Proposer’s Authorized Agent, and notarized, dated and completed by a Notary Public. The following affidavit is submitted by or on behalf of the Proposer as a part of this Proposal:

The undersigned of lawful age, being first duly sworn on oath, says:

The undersigned is the Proposer or the duly authorized agent of the Proposer submitting the Proposal which is attached to this statement, for the purpose of certifying the facts pertaining to the non-existence of collusion among Proposer and between Proposer and City, or Trust officials or employees, as well as facts pertaining to the giving or offering of things of value to government personnel in return for special consideration in the letting of any Contract Agreement pursuant to the Proposal to which this statement is attached;

The undersigned is fully aware of the facts and circumstances surrounding the making of the Proposal to which this statement is attached and has been personally and directly involved in the proceedings leading to the submission of such Proposal; and

Neither the Proposer nor anyone subject to the Proposer's direction or control has been a party:

a. to any collusion among Proposer in restraint of freedom of competition by agreement to Proposal at a fixed price, or to refrain from Proposing;

b. to any collusion with any City, or Trust official, agent, or employee as to quantity, quality or price in the prospective Contract Agreement, or as to any other terms of such prospective Contract Agreement; nor in any discussion between Proposer and any City or Trust official, agent or employee concerning exchange of money or other thing(s) of value for special consideration in the letting of a Contract Agreement.
2. ANTI-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT (Page 2 of 2)

Name of Individual, Partnership or Corporation

__________________________________________

Signature of Proposer or Proposer's Authorized Agent

State of______________________________ County of______________________________

Subscribed and sworn to before me this__________ day of__________, 20____

Notary Public__________________________________________

Notary Number__________________________________________

My Commission expires__________________________________
3. PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS AND RELATED ACTS

(1) The Proposer 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 proposal, the Proposer 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 Proposer 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 Proposer to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

(2) The Proposer 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 MTTA of 49 U.S.C. § 5307, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 16 U.S.C. § 1001 and 49 U.S.C. § 5307(n)(1) on the Proposer, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

(3) The Proposer 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 Sub-Contractor who will be subject to the provisions.

The Proposer certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Proposer understands and agrees that the provisions of the above regulations and apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

________________________________________
Company Name

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Signature

________________________________________
Title

________________________________________
Date
Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

(To be submitted with each offer exceeding $100,000)

The undersigned [Proposer] 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 MTTA, 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 MTTA, 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. 1213 (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. 1401, et seq.).]

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

This certification is a material representation of 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 Proposer certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Proposer understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. A 3801, *et seq.*, apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

_________________________________________  _______________________________________
Company Name                                Signature

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Title

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Date
5. CONTRACTOR DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION

(To be submitted with each bid or offer exceeding $25,000.)

The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by MTTA. If it is later determined that the bidder or proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to MTTA, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 49 CFR 29, Subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout 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.

The Contractor, _________________________, 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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Signature

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Title

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Company

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Date

State of_________________________          County of_________________________

Subscribed and sworn to before me this_________ day of_______________, 20____

Notary Public_________________________

Notary Number_________________________

My Commission Expires_________________________
6. CONTRACTOR REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTION

The prospective lower tier participant (Bidder/Contractor) certifies, by submission of this bid or proposal, 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.

If the prospective lower tier participant (Bidder/Contractor) is unable to certify to the statements in this certification, such prospective participant (Bidder/Contractor shall attach an explanation to this bid/proposal.

☐ Check if applicable

The lower tier participant (Bidder/Contractor, ________________________, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of this statement of its certification and disclosure, if any.

________________________________________
Signature

________________________________________
Title

________________________________________
Company

________________________________________
Date

State of______________________________    County of______________________________
Subscribed and sworn to before me this _______ day of ____________, 20___
Notary Public______________________________
Notary Number______________________________
My Commission Expires______________________________