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- * **Marks Required Subcontract Provision that must flow down to all subcontractors as defined in the Article entitled SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS herein**

RR-01 ADMINISTRATIVE CODE *

A. Applicability

This Article applies to all contracts.

B. Compliance with §§1090 et. seq. and §§87100 et. seq. of the California Government Code

Contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of §§1090 et. seq. and §§87100 et. seq. of the California Government Code. Without reducing or affecting its obligation to comply with any and all of said provisions, Contractor specifically covenants:

1. Contractor shall not cause or permit any member, officer, or employee of Victor Valley Transit Authority (VVTA) to have any financial interest in the Contract;
2. Contractor shall not enter into any Subcontract involving services or property with a person or business prohibited from transacting such business with VVTA;
3. Contractor warrants and represents that to its knowledge no Board member, officer, or employee of VVTA has any interest, whether contractual, non-contractual, financial or otherwise, in this Contract, or in the business or any other contract or transaction of the Contractor or any Subcontractor and that if any such interest comes to Contractor's knowledge at any time, Contractor shall make a full and complete disclosure of all such information in writing to VVTA.

C. Campaign Contributions

Neither Contractor nor its Agents shall give or offer to give any campaign contribution to any member of VVTA Board of Directors in violation of the California Government Code §§84300 et seq., or of the Administrative Code. Contractor shall submit a Certification of Campaign Contributions with all COs of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) or more.

RR-02 DISCRIMINATION *

A. Applicability

This Article applies to all contracts

- B. In connection with the performance of Work provided for under this Contract, Contractor agrees that it will not, on the grounds of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, or age, discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons in any manner prohibited by Federal, State or local laws.

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RR-03 WHISTLEBLOWER REQUIREMENTS *

A. Applicability

This Article applies to all contracts.

- B.** Contractor shall not adopt any rule, regulation, or policy preventing an employee from disclosing information to a government or law enforcement agency, where the employee believes the information discloses violation or noncompliance with a state or Federal regulation; nor shall Contractor retaliate against an employee for taking such actions as set forth in the t. seq.

RR-04 PUBLIC RECORDS ACT *

A. Applicability

This Article applies to all contracts.

- B.** Except as otherwise provided herein, all records, documents, drawings, plans, specifications, and all other information relating to the conduct of VVTA business, including all information and documents submitted by Contractor (“Records”), shall become the exclusive property of VVTA and shall be deemed public records. Said Records are subject to the provisions of the California Public Records Act (Government Code §6250 et. seq.). VVTA use and disclosure of its records are governed by this Act. VVTA will use its best efforts to inform the Contractor of any request for any financial records or documents marked “Trade Secret”, “Confidential” or “Proprietary” provided by Contractor to VVTA. VVTA will not advise as to the nature or content of documents entitled to protection from disclosure under the California Public Records Act.
- C.** In the event of litigation concerning the disclosure of any Records, VVTA sole involvement will be as a stakeholder, retaining the Records until otherwise ordered by a court. The submitting party, at its sole expense and risk, shall be fully responsible for any and all fees for prosecuting or defending any action concerning the Records and shall indemnify and hold VVTA harmless from all costs and expenses including attorney’s fees in connection with any such action.

RR-05 ACCESS TO RECORDS *

A. Applicability

This Article applies to all federally funded contracts.

- B.** Contractor agrees to provide VVTA, 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 the FTA’s authorized representatives, including any FTA Project Management Oversight Contractor, access to Contractor's records and construction sites pertaining to a major capital project,

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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.

- C. If this Contract is for a capital project or improvement (defined at 49 U.S.C. 5302(a) 1) and was entered in to through other than competitive bidding, the Contractor shall make records related to this Contract available to VVTA, the Secretary of Transportation and the Comptroller General or any authorized officer or employee of any of them for the purposes of conducting an audit and inspection until the expiration of five (5) years after final payment under this contract.
- D. Contractor shall permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce without any cost by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.
- E. Contractor shall 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 VVTA, 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.
- F. The Consultant further agrees to include in all its subcontracts hereunder a provision to the effect that the subcontractor agrees that VVTA, the Department of Transportation and Comptroller General of the United States or any of their duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of five (5) years after final payment under the subcontract, have access to and the right to examine any directly pertinent books, documents, paper and records of such subcontractor, involving transaction related to the subcontractor.

RR-06 FEDERAL FUNDING, INCORPORATION OF FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) TERMS, AND FEDERAL CHANGES*

A. Applicability

This Article applies to all federally funded contracts.

- B. This Contract includes, in part, certain Standard Terms and Conditions required by DOT, whether or not expressly set forth in the Contract provisions. All contractual provisions required by DOT, as set forth in FTA Circular 4220.1F, dated November 1, 2008 and revised March 18, 2013 (including any changes), and 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 Contract. Contractor shall not perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any VVTA requests which would cause VVTA to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions. This Contract is subject to a financial assistance agreement between VVTA and the Federal Transit Administration of the US Department of Transportation and all laws, regulations, guidelines, and provisions of the financial assistance agreement apply to this Contract and are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.
- C. Contractor shall at all times comply with all applicable federal laws and regulations, including without limitation FTA regulations, policies, procedures and directives, including those listed

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directly or by reference in Applicable Grant Agreements between VVTA and FTA, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of this Contract collectively "Federal Requirements". These Federal Requirements may change and the changed Federal Requirements will apply to this Contract as required unless the Federal Government determines otherwise. Contractor's failure to so comply with the Federal Requirements shall constitute a material breach of this Contract.

RR-07 ENERGY CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS

A. Applicability

This Article applies to all federally funded contracts.

- B. Contractor shall 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 42 USC §6321 et seq.

RR-08 CIVIL RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS *

A. Applicability

This Article applies to all federally funded contracts.

B. 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, Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, or disability. In addition, Contractor shall comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing requirements FTA may issue.

C. Equal Employment Opportunity

- (1) 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, Contractor shall 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 activities undertaken in the course of the Contract. Contractor shall 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

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compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. In addition, Contractor shall comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

- (2) 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, Contractor shall refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for reason of age. In addition, Contractor shall comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
- (3) Disabilities - In accordance with section 102 of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §12112, Contractor shall 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, Contractor shall comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
- (4) Contractor shall include these requirements in each subcontract, modified only if necessary to identify parties, as required by Federal regulations.
- (5) VVTA operates its programs and services without regard to race, color, and national origin in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Any person who believes she or he has been aggrieved by any unlawful discriminatory practice under Title VI may file a complaint with VVTA. For more information, visit VVTA.org. A complainant may file a complaint directly with the Federal Transit Administration by filing through the Office of Civil Rights, Attention: Title VI Program Coordinator, East Building, 5th Floor-TCR, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590.

RR-09 NO FEDERAL OBLIGATION TO THIRD PARTIES *

A. Applicability

This Article applies to all federally funded contracts.

- B.** Notwithstanding any concurrence by the Federal Government in or approval of the solicitation or award this 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 VVTA, Contractor, or any other party (whether or not a party to that Contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from this Contract. Contractor shall include this Article in each Subcontract and shall not modify the Article, except to identify the Subcontractor who will be subject to its provisions.

RR-10 PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR RELATED ACTS *

A. Applicability

This Article applies to all federally funded contracts.

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- B.** 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, shall apply to actions pertaining to this Contract. Upon execution of this Contract, 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 this Contract or the FTA assisted project for which this Contract work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, 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 Contractor to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.
- C.** Contractor also acknowledges that this Contract is 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 and if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the Federal Government, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 49 U.S.C. § 5307(n)(1) on Contractor, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.
- D.** Contractor shall include this Article in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA. Contractor shall not modify the Article, except to identify the Subcontractor who will be subject to the provisions.

RR-11 SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT*

A. Applicability

This article applies to federally funded contracts and subcontracts at any level expected to equal or exceed \$25,000 as well as any contract or subcontract (at any level) for Federally required auditing services.

- B.** This Contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 49 CFR Part 29. As such, Contractor shall 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. Contractor shall comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C and shall include the requirement to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.
- C.** By entering into this Contract, Contractor certifies that it shall comply with the requirements of 49 CFR 29, Subpart C throughout the period of this Contract. This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by VVTA. If it is later determined that Contractor knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to VVTA, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

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RR-12 RECYCLED PRODUCTS

A. **Applicability**

This Article applies to federally funded operations/management, construction, or materials & supplies contracts for items designated by the Environmental Protection Agency, when procuring \$10,000 or more per year.

B. To the extent practicable and economically feasible, a competitive preference shall be given for products and services that conserve natural resources and protect the environment and are energy efficient.

C. The Contractor agrees to comply with all the requirements of Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 6962), including but not limited to the regulatory provisions of 40 CFR Part 247, and Executive Order 12873, as they apply to the procurement of the items designated in Subpart B of 40 CFR Part 247.

RR-13 CLEAN WATER AND CLEAN AIR REQUIREMENTS*

A. **Applicability**

This Article applies to all federally funded contracts over \$150,000.

B. **CLEAN WATER REQUIREMENTS**

Contractor shall 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., and all applicable clean water standards of the State of California and any state or local agency having jurisdiction. Contractor shall report each violation to VVTA. VVTA will, in turn, report each violation as required to FTA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office, and all other agencies having jurisdiction.

C. **CLEAN AIR**

Contractor shall comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 et seq. and all applicable Clean Air Standards of the State of California or any state or local agency having jurisdiction. Contractor shall report each violation to VVTA. VVTA will, in turn, report each violation as required to FTA, the appropriate EPA Regional Office and all other agencies having jurisdiction. C. Contractor shall include this Article in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

RR -14 COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LOBBYING POLICY *

A. **Applicability**

The following Article applies to federally funded contracts over \$100,000

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- B.** The Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. 1352, requires that Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the certification required by 49 CFR Part 20, "New Restrictions on Lobbying," attached hereto as the certification entitled, "Certification of Compliance with Federal Lobbying Requirements." As set forth in the certifications, each tier of subcontractors shall certify to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier shall also disclose the name of any registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 who has made lobbying contacts on its behalf with non-Federal funds with respect to that Federal contract, grant or award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Such disclosures shall be forwarded from tier to tier up to VVTA.

RR-15 BUY AMERICA *

A. Applicability

The following Article applies to federally funded rolling stock purchase and construction contracts over \$150,000 and to contracts over \$150,000 for materials & supplies for steel, iron, or manufactured products.

- B.** Contractor shall comply with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j) and 49 CFR 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. 661.7, and include final assembly in the United States for 15 passenger vans and 15 passenger wagons produced by Chrysler Corporation, and microcomputer equipment and software. Separate requirements for rolling stock are set out at 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(C) and 49 C.F.R.661.11. Rolling stock must be assembled in the United States and have a 60 percent domestic content. VVTA may investigate Contractor's, any Subcontractor's, and any Supplier's compliance with this Article. If an investigation is initiated, Contractor, Subcontractor, or Supplier shall document its compliance, in accordance with 49 CFR 661.15, and cooperate with the investigation. Contractor shall incorporate the Buy America conditions set forth in this Article in every subcontract or purchase order and shall enforce such conditions.
- C.** FTA requires a Buy America certification to be submitted with the proposal, or the proposal shall be considered non-responsive.

RR-16 CARGO PREFERENCE*

A. Applicability

The following Article applies to federally funded contracts involving equipment, materials, or commodities which may be transported by ocean vessels

B. USE OF UNITED STATES FLAG VESSELS

Contractor shall use privately owned United States-Flag commercial vessels to ship at least 50 percent of the gross tonnage (computed separately for dry bulk carriers, dry

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cargo liners, and tankers) involved, whenever shipping any equipment, material, or commodities pursuant to this Contract to the extent such vessels are available at fair and reasonable rates for United States-Flag commercial vessels. Contractor shall furnish within 20 working days following the date of loading for shipments originating within the United States or within 30 working days following the date of leading for shipments originating outside the United States, a legible copy of a rated, "onboard" commercial ocean bill-of-lading in English for each shipment of cargo described in the preceding paragraph to the Division of National Cargo, Office of Market Development, Maritime Administration, Washington, DC 20590 and to the VVTA (through Contractor in the case of a subcontractor's bill-of-lading.) Contractor shall include these requirements in all subcontracts issued pursuant to this Contract when the subcontract may involve the transport of equipment, material, or commodities by ocean vessel.

RR-17 FLY AMERICA

A. Applicability

This Article applies to federally funded contracts if the contract or subcontracts may involve the international transportation of goods, equipment, or personnel by air.

- B. Contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. 40118 (the "Fly America" Act) in accordance with the General Services Administration's regulations at 41 CFR Part 301-10, which provide that recipients and sub recipients of Federal funds and their contractors are required to use U.S. Flag air carriers for U.S Government-financed international air travel and transportation of their personal effects or property, to the extent such service is available, unless travel by foreign air carrier is a matter of necessity, as defined by the Fly America Act. Contractor shall submit, if a foreign air carrier was used, an appropriate certification or memorandum adequately explaining why service by a U.S. flag air carrier was not available or why it was necessary to use a foreign air carrier and shall, in any event, provide a certificate of compliance with the Fly America requirements. Contractor agrees to include the requirements of this section in all subcontracts that may involve international air transportation.

RR-18 CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT *

A. Applicability

This Article applies to federally funded construction contracts over \$2,000 (including ferry vessels), rolling stock purchases over \$2,500 and to operations/management contracts over \$2,500 (except transportation services)

- B. Pursuant to the Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Nonconstruction Contracts subject to the Federal Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, 40 U.S.C.A. § 327 through 332 as implemented by U.S. Department of Labor regulations, 29 CFR 5.5 (b) and (c) Contractor and Subcontractor's contracting for any part of the Contract work shall comply with the following:

1. Overtime requirements – Neither Contractor nor any Subcontractor contracting for any part of the Contract work that requires or involves the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty

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hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.

2. Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages – In the event of any violation of the Article set forth in paragraph (1) of this Article Contractor and any Subcontractor responsible therefore shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, Contractor and Subcontractor shall be liable to the United States for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this Article, in the sum of ten dollars (\$10) for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this Article.

3. Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages – VVTA shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any monies payable on account of work performed by Contractor or Subcontractor under the Contract or any other Federal contract with Contractor, or any other federally assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by Contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of Contractor or Subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (2) of this Article.

4. Subcontracts – Contractor or Subcontractor shall insert this Article in any Subcontracts and also an Article requiring the Subcontractors to include this Article in any lower tier Subcontracts. Contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any Subcontractor or lower tier Subcontractor with this Article.

5. Payrolls and basic records – The records to be maintained hereinabove shall be made available by Contractor or Subcontractor for inspection, copying, or transcription by VVTA and U.S. Dept. of Labor. Contractor and Subcontractor shall maintain payrolls and basic records during the course of the work and shall preserve them for a period of three (3) years from the completion of the Contract for all laborers and mechanics, including guards and watchmen, working on the Contract. Such records shall contain the name and address of each such employee, social security number, correct classifications, hourly rates of wages paid, daily and weekly number of hours worked, deductions made and actual wages paid.

RR-19 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 Regulation 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 1%.

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- b. Contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. Contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of this DOT-assisted Contract. Failure by 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 VVTA deems appropriate. Each subcontract Contractor signs with a subcontractor must include the assurance in this paragraph (see 49 CFR 26.13(b)).
- c. Bidders 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 sealed bid concurrent with and accompanying an initial proposal prior to award:
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'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 must present the information required above as a matter of responsiveness with initial proposals prior to contract award] (see 49 CFR 26.53(3)). The successful bidder will be required to report its DBE participation obtained through race-neutral means throughout the period of performance.
- d. Contractor is required to pay its subcontractors performing work related to this contract for satisfactory performance of that work no later than 7 days after the contractor's receipt of payment for that work from the VVTA. In addition, Contractor is required to return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within 30 days after the subcontractor's work related to his contract is satisfactorily completed.
- e. Contractor must promptly notify VVTA 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. 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 VVTA.
- f. 49 CFR § 26.29- Prompt Payment Mechanisms

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- VVTA requires that all subcontractors performing work on DOT-assisted contracts shall be promptly paid for work performed pursuant to their agreements, in accordance with all relevant federal, state, and local law.
 - In accordance with 49 CFR § 26.29, VVTA established a contract clause implementing this requirement and requires prime contractors to pay subcontractors for satisfactory performance of their contracts no later than 30 days from the prime contractor's receipt of each payment from VVTA.
 - VVTA ensures prompt and full payment of retainage from the prime contractor to the subcontractor within 30 days after the subcontractor's work is satisfactorily completed. Pursuant to § 26.29, VVTA has selected the following method to comply with this requirement:
 - (1) You may decline to hold retainage from prime contractors and prohibit prime contractors from holding retainage from sub-contractors. \
 - VVTA implements and carries out appropriate mechanisms to ensure compliance with 49 CFR Part 26 program requirements by all program participants, including prompt payment, and describes and set forth these mechanisms in VVTA's DBE program. Monitoring Payments to DBEs and Non-DBEs
 - VVTA undertakes ongoing monitoring of prime payments to subcontractors over the course of any covered contract. Such monitoring activities will be accomplished through the following method(s):
 - Other affirmative steps to monitor prompt payment and retainage requirements – verification of payments in VVTA Financial Accounting system.
 - VVTA requires prime contractors to maintain records and documents of payments to subcontractors, including DBEs, for a minimum of three (3) years unless otherwise provided by applicable record retention requirements for VVTA's financial assistance agreement, whichever is longer. These records will be made available for inspection upon request by any authorized representative of VVTA or DOT. This reporting requirement extends to all subcontractors, both DBE and non-DBE.
 - VVTA proactively reviews contract payments to subcontractors including DBEs monthly to ensure compliance. Payment reviews will evaluate whether the actual amount paid to DBE subcontractors is equivalent to the amounts reported to VVTA by the prime contractor.
- g. Prompt Payment Dispute Resolution
- VVTA will take the following steps to resolve disputes as to whether work has been satisfactorily completed for purposes of § 26.29. (meetings between prime and sub, with resident project representative and/or project manager presence as appropriate.) It is recommended that any meeting for the purpose of dispute

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resolution include individuals authorized to bind each interested party, including recipient representative(s) with authority to take enforcement action.

- VVTA has established, as part of its DBE program, the following mechanism(s) to ensure prompt payment and return of retainage:

(1) A contract clause providing that the prime contractor will not be reimbursed for work performed by subcontractors unless and until the prime contractor ensures that the subcontractors are promptly paid for the work they have performed. [VVTA Contract Clause 11. Subcontracting

- Prompt Payment Complaints
 - Complaints by subcontractors regarding the prompt payment requirements are handled according to the following procedure:
 1. If affected subcontractor is not comfortable contracting prime directly regarding payment or unable to resolve payment discrepancies with prime, subcontractor should contact DBELO to initiate complaint.
 2. If filing a prompt payment complaint with the DBELO does not result in timely and meaningful action by VVTA to resolve prompt payment disputes, affected subcontractor may contact the responsible SBCTA contact.
- Enforcement Actions for Noncompliance of Participants
 - VVTA will provide appropriate means to enforce the requirements of § 26.29. These means include:
 - Per § 26.13 include, but are not limited to:
 - In accordance with the contract, assessing liquidated damages against the prime contractor for each day beyond the required time period the prime contractor fails to pay the subcontractor
 - Advise subcontractors of the availability of the payment and performance bond to assure payment for labor and materials in the execution of the work provided for in the contract
 - Pay subcontractors directly and deduct this amount from the retainage owed to the prime
 - Issue a stop-work order until payments are released to subcontractors, specifying in the contract that such orders constitute unauthorized delays for the purposes of calculating liquidated damages if milestones are not met
 - Other penalties for failure to comply, up to and including contract termination. [

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- VVTA will actively implement the enforcement actions detailed above.

RR-20 ADA ACCESS

A. Applicability

This Article applies to federally funded Architect & Engineer, Operations/Management, Rolling Stock Purchase, and Construction contracts

B. Access Requirements for Persons with Disabilities

Contractor shall comply with:

1. The requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5301(d), which states the Federal policy that elderly persons and persons with disabilities have the same right as other persons to use mass transportation service and facilities, and that special efforts shall be made in planning and designing those services and facilities to implement that policy;
2. All applicable requirements of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps;
3. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq., which requires that accessible facilities and services be made available to persons with disabilities, including any subsequent amendments to that Act;
4. The Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4151 et seq., which requires that buildings and public accommodations be accessible to persons with disabilities, including any subsequent amendments to that Act; and
5. All applicable requirements of the following regulations and any subsequent amendments thereto:
 - (s) U.S. DOT regulations, "Transportation Services for Individuals with Disabilities (ADA)," 49 C.F.R. Part 37;
 - (b) U.S. DOT regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs and Activities Receiving or Benefiting from Federal Financial Assistance," 49 C.F.R. Part 27;
 - (c) Joint U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (U.S. A.TBCB)/U.S. DOT regulations, "Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Accessibility Specifications for Transportation Vehicles," 36 C.F.R. Part 1192 and 49 C.F.R. Part 38;
 - (d) U.S. DOJ regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services," 28 C.F.R. Part 35;

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- (e) U.S. DOJ regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability by Public Accommodations and in Commercial Facilities," 28 C.F.R. Part 36;
- (f) U.S. General Services Administration (U.S. GSA) regulations, "Accommodations for the Physically Handicapped," 41 C.F.R. Subpart 101-19;
- (g) 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;
- (h) U.S. Federal Communications Commission regulations, "Telecommunications Relay Services and Related Customer Premises Equipment for the Hearing and Speech Disabled," 47 C.F.R. Part 64, Subpart F; and
- (i) U.S. ATBCB regulations, "Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility Standards," 36 C.F.R. Part 1194; and
- (k) FTA regulations, "Transportation for Elderly and Handicapped Persons," 49 C.F.R. Part 609;
- (l) Any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

RR-21 ALCOHOL AND DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE PROGRAM *

A. Applicability

This Article applies to federally funded contracts for transit operations.

B. FTA Prevention of Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use in Transit Operations Regulations

Contractor and its Subcontractors shall comply with the FTA antidrug and alcohol misuse regulations (49 CFR Part 655) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs (49 CFR Part 40) to the full extent that they are, by their terms, applicable to Contractor and its Subcontractors. The regulations apply to all "contractors" that have "covered employees" that perform "safety sensitive functions" as those terms are defined in the regulations.

C. Certificate of Compliance

The CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH 49 CFR PARTS 655, PREVENTION OF ALCOHOL MISUSE AND PROHIBITED DRUG USE IN TRANSIT, submitted by Contractor prior to award, is incorporated as part of the Contract Documents.

D. Drug and Alcohol Testing Program

In the event that any part of the Work under this Contract falls within the scope of 49 CFR Part 655, Contractor, and its Subcontractors (as applicable), shall establish and

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implement a drug and alcohol testing program that complies with 49 CFR Parts 653 and 654, produce any documentation necessary to establish its compliance with Parts 653 and 654, and permit any authorized representative of the United States Department of Transportation or its operating administrations, the State Oversight Agency of California, or VVTA, to inspect the facilities and records associated with the implementation of the drug and alcohol testing program as required under 49 CFR Parts 653 and 654 and review the testing process. Contractor shall annually certify its compliance with Parts 653 and 65. To certify compliance the contractor shall use the "Substance Abuse Certifications" in the "Annual List of Certifications and Assurances for Federal Transit Administration Grants and Cooperative Agreements," which is published annually in the Federal Register.

E. Alcohol and Drug Free Workplace Program

In addition to the above, for Work performed on VVTA property, Contractor shall provide an Alcohol and Drug-free Workplace Program in accordance with FTA requirements found at <http://transit-safety.fta.dot.gov/DrugAndAlcohol/default.asp>

RR-22 TRANSIT EMPLOYEE PROTECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS *

A. Applicability

Subject to the limitations in Sections B, C, and D, this Article applies if this Contract involves transit operations to be performed by employees of a Contractor recognized by FTA to be a transit operator, and if FTA has determined that it is financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance.

B. General Transit Employee Protective Requirements

If FTA has determined that this Contract involves transit operations financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance (other than Federal assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. §5310(a)(2) or 49 U.S.C. § 5311), and if the U.S. Secretary of Transportation has determined that the employee protective requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5333(b) are necessary or appropriate for VVTA under this Contract, then Contractor shall perform the transit operations work under the Contract in compliance with terms and conditions,

(a) determined by the U.S. Secretary of Labor to meet the employee protective requirements of 49 U.S.C. A 5333(b), and U.S. Department of Labor ("U. S. DOL") guidelines at 29 C.F.R. Part 215, and any amendments thereto, and

(b) stated in a U. S. DOL letter of certification to FTA, the date of which is set forth in the applicable Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement with VVTA, and which is incorporated in the Form of Contract as a Contract Document entitled "U. S. DOL Certification".

C. Transit Employee Protective Requirements for Projects Authorized by 49 U.S.C. § 5310(a) (2) for Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities

If FTA has determined that this Contract involves transit operations financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. § 5310(a)(2), and if the U.S. Secretary of Transportation has determined or determines in the future that the

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employee protective requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5333(b) are necessary or appropriate for VVTA under the Contract, Contractor shall perform the Work in compliance with the terms and conditions determined,

(a) by the U.S. Secretary of Labor to meet the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5333(b), U.S. DOL guidelines at 29 C.F.R. Part 215, and any amendments thereto, and

(b) stated in the U.S. DOL's letter of certification to FTA, the date of which is set forth in the applicable Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement with VVTA, and which is incorporated in the Form of Contract as a Contract Document entitled "U. S. DOL Certification".

D. Transit Employee Protective Requirements for Projects Authorized by 49 U.S.C. § 5311 in Nonurbanized Areas

If FTA has determined that this Contract involves transit operations financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. § 5311, Contractor shall comply with the terms and conditions of the Special Warranty for the Nonurbanized Area Program agreed to by the U.S. Secretaries of Transportation and Labor, dated May 31, 1979, and the procedures implemented by U.S. DOL or any revision thereto.

E. Indemnity

Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless VVTA, and its Board Members, employees and agents from and against all liability, claims, demands actions, costs, judgments, penalties, damages, losses and expenses arising out of or in connection with Contractor's failure to comply with or failure to carry out its responsibilities under all applicable provisions of Sections B, C and D of this Article.

RR-23 BONDING REQUIREMENTS

Applicability to Contracts For those construction or facility improvement contracts or subcontracts exceeding \$150,000, FTA may accept the bonding policy and requirements of the recipient, provided that they meet the minimum requirements for construction contracts as follows:

- a. A bid guarantee from each bidder equivalent to ten (10) percent of the bid price. The "bid guarantees" shall consist of a firm commitment and may be in any of the following forms:
 - (1) cash;
 - (2) cashier's check payment to VVTA;
 - (3) a certified check payable to the VVTA; or
 - (4) a bidder's bond executed by an admitted surety insurer. Such as a bid bond, certifies check, or other negotiable instrument accompanying a bid as assurance that the bidder will, upon acceptance of his bid, execute such contractual documents as may be required within the time specified.
- b. A performance bond on the part of the Contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A "performance bond" is one executed in connection with a contract to secure fulfillment of all the contractor's obligations under such contract.

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- c. A payment bond on the part of the Contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A "payment bond" is one executed in connection with a contract to assure payment, as required by law, of all persons supplying labor and material in the execution of the work provided for in the contract.

RR-24 DAVIS-BACON AND COPELAND ANTI-KICKBACK ACTS

Applicability to contract for those construction or facility improvement contracts or subcontracts exceeding \$2000.00

The Davis-Bacon and Copeland Acts are codified at 40 USC 3141, *et seq.* and 18 USC 874. The Acts apply to grantee construction contracts and subcontracts that "at least partly are financed by a loan or grant from the Federal Government." 40 USC 3145(a), 29 CFR 5.2(h), 49 CFR 18.36(i) (5). The Acts apply to any construction contract over \$2,000. 40 USC 3142(a), 29 CFR 5.5(a). 'Construction,' for purposes of the Acts, includes "actual construction, alteration and/or repair, including painting and decorating." 29 CFR 5.5(a). The requirements of both Acts are incorporated into a single clause (see 29 CFR 3.11) enumerated at 29 CFR 5.5(a) and reproduced below.

Background and Application

The clause language is drawn directly from 29 CFR 5.5(a) and any deviation from the model clause below should be coordinated with counsel to ensure the Acts' requirements are satisfied.

Davis-Bacon and Copeland Anti-Kickback Acts Clause Language

(1) Minimum wages –

- (i) All laborers and mechanics employed or working upon the site of the work (or under the United States Housing Act of 1937 or under the Housing Act of 1949 in the construction or development of the project), will be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a week, and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account (except such payroll deductions as are permitted by regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor under the Copeland Act (29 CFR part 3)), the full amount of wages and bona fide fringe benefits (or cash equivalents thereof) due at time of payment computed at rates not less than those contained in the wage determination of the Secretary of Labor which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the contractor and such laborers and mechanics. Contributions made or costs reasonably anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits under section 1(b)(2) of the Davis-Bacon Act on behalf of laborers or mechanics are considered wages paid to such laborers or mechanics, subject to the provisions of paragraph (1)(iv) of this section; also, regular contributions made or costs incurred for more than a weekly period (but not less often than quarterly) under plans, funds, or programs which cover the particular weekly period, are deemed to be constructively made or incurred during such weekly period. Such laborers and mechanics shall be paid the appropriate wage rate and fringe benefits on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed, without regard to skill, except as provided in 29 CFR Part 5.5(a)(4). Laborers or mechanics performing work in more than one classification may be compensated at the rate specified for each classification for the time actually worked therein:

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Provided that the employer's payroll records accurately set forth the time spent in each classification in which work is performed. The wage determination (including any additional classifications and wage rates conformed under paragraph (1)(ii) of this section) and the Davis-Bacon poster (WH-1321) shall be posted at all times by the contractor and its subcontractors at the site of the work in a prominent and accessible place where it can be easily seen by the workers.

- (ii) (A) The contracting officer shall require that any class of laborers or mechanics, including helpers, which is not listed in the wage determination and which is to be employed under the contract shall be classified in conformance with the wage determination. The contracting officer shall approve an additional classification and wage rate and fringe benefits therefore only when the following criteria have been met:
 - (1) Except with respect to helpers as defined as 29 CFR 5.2(n)(4), the work to be performed by the classification requested is not performed by a classification in the wage determination; and
 - (2) The classification is utilized in the area by the construction industry; and
 - (3) The proposed wage rate, including any bona fide fringe benefits, bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination; and
 - (4) With respect to helpers as defined in 29 CFR 5.2(n)(4), such a classification prevails in the area in which the work is performed.
- (B) If the contractor and the laborers and mechanics to be employed in the classification (if known), or their representatives, and the contracting officer agree on the classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits where appropriate), a report of the action taken shall be sent by the contracting officer to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will approve, modify, or disapprove every additional classification action within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.
- (C) In the event the contractor, the laborers or mechanics to be employed in the classification or their representatives, and the contracting officer do not agree on the proposed classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits, where appropriate), the contracting officer shall refer the questions, including the views of all interested parties and the recommendation of the contracting officer, to the Administrator for determination. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will issue a determination within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

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- (D) The wage rate (including fringe benefits where appropriate) determined pursuant to paragraphs (a)(1)(ii) (B) or (C) of this section, shall be paid to all workers performing work in the classification under this contract from the first day on which work is performed in the classification.
- (iii) Whenever the minimum wage rate prescribed in the contract for a class of laborers or mechanics includes a fringe benefit which is not expressed as an hourly rate, the contractor shall either pay the benefit as stated in the wage determination or shall pay another bona fide fringe benefit or an hourly cash equivalent thereof.
- (iv) If the contractor does not make payments to a trustee or other third person, the contractor may consider as part of the wages of any laborer or mechanic the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing bona fide fringe benefits under a plan or program, Provided, That the Secretary of Labor has found, upon the written request of the contractor, that the applicable standards of the Davis-Bacon Act have been met. The Secretary of Labor may require the contractor to set aside in a separate account assets for the meeting of obligations under the plan or program.
- (v) (A) The contracting officer shall require that any class of laborers or mechanics which is not listed in the wage determination and which is to be employed under the contract shall be classified in conformance with the wage determination. The contracting officer shall approve an additional classification and wage rate and fringe benefits only when the following criteria have been met:
- (1) The work to be performed by the classification requested is not performed by a classification in the wage determination; and
 - (2) The classification is utilized in the area by the construction industry; and
 - (3) The proposed wage rate, including any bona fide fringe benefits, bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination.
- (B) If the contractor and the laborers and mechanics to be employed in the classification (if known), or their representatives, and the contracting officer agree on the classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits where appropriate), a report of the action taken shall be sent by the contracting officer to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, Washington, DC 20210. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will approve, modify, or disapprove every additional classification action within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.
- (C) In the event the contractor, the laborers or mechanics to be employed in the classification or their representatives, and the contracting officer do not agree on the proposed classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits, where appropriate), the contracting officer shall refer the questions, including the views of all interested parties and the recommendation

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of the contracting officer, to the Administrator for determination. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will issue a determination with 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

- (D) The wage rate (including fringe benefits where appropriate) determined pursuant to paragraphs (a) (1) (v) (B) or (C) of this section, shall be paid to all workers performing work in the Classification under this contract from the first day on which work is performed in the classification.
- (2) **Withholding** - VVTA shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld from the contractor under this contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally assisted contract subject to Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements, which is held by the same prime contractor, so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to pay laborers and mechanics, including apprentices, trainees, and helpers, employed by the contractor or any subcontractor the full amount of wages required by the contract. In the event of failure to pay any laborer or mechanic, including any apprentice, trainee, or helper, employed or working on the site of the work (or under the United States Housing Act of 1937 or under the Housing Act of 1949 in the construction or development of the project), all or part of the wages required by the contract, VVTA may, after written notice to the contractor, sponsor, applicant, or owner, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds until such violations have ceased.
- (3) **Payrolls and basic records** –
- (i) Payrolls and basic records relating thereto shall be maintained by the contractor during the course of the work and preserved for a period of three years thereafter for all laborers and mechanics working at the site of the work (or under the United States Housing Act of 1937, or under the Housing Act of 1949, in the construction or development of the project). Such records shall contain the name, address, and social security number of each such worker, his or her correct classification, hourly rates of wages paid (including rates of contributions or costs anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits or cash equivalents thereof of the types described in section 1(b) (2) (B) of the Davis-Bacon Act), daily and weekly number of hours worked, deductions made and actual wages paid. Whenever the Secretary of Labor has found under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(iv) that the wages of any laborer or mechanic include the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing benefits under a plan or program described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act, the contractor shall maintain records which show that the commitment to provide such benefits is enforceable, that the plan or program is financially responsible, and that the plan or program has been communicated in writing to the laborers or mechanics affected, and records which show the costs anticipated or the actual cost incurred in providing such benefits. Contractors employing apprentices or trainees under approved programs shall maintain written evidence of the registration of apprenticeship programs and certification of trainee programs, the registration of the apprentices and trainees, and the ratios and wage rates prescribed in the applicable programs.

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- (ii) (A) The contractor shall submit weekly for each week in which any contract work is performed a copy of all payrolls to the VVTA for transmission to the Federal Transit Administration. The payrolls submitted shall set out accurately and completely all of the information required to be maintained under section 5.5(a) (3) (i) of Regulations, 29 CFR part 5. This information may be submitted in any form desired. Optional Form WH-347 is available for this purpose and may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents (Federal Stock Number 029-005-00014-1), U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. The prime contractor is responsible for the submission of copies of payrolls by all subcontractors.
 - (B) Each payroll submitted shall be accompanied by a "Statement of Compliance," signed by the contractor or subcontractor or his or her agent who pays or supervises the payment of the persons employed under the contract and shall certify the following:
 - (1) That the payroll for the payroll period contains the information required to be maintained under section 5.5(a)(3)(i) of Regulations, 29 CFR part 5 and that such information is correct and complete;
 - (2) That each laborer or mechanic (including each helper, apprentice, and trainee) employed on the contract during the payroll period has been paid the full weekly wages earned, without rebate, either directly or indirectly, and that no deductions have been made either directly or indirectly from the full wages earned, other than permissible deductions as set forth in Regulations, 29 CFR part 3;
 - (3) That each laborer or mechanic has been paid not less than the applicable wage rates and fringe benefits or cash equivalents for the classification of work performed, as specified in the applicable wage determination incorporated into the contract.
 - (C) The weekly submission of a properly executed certification set forth on the reverse side of Optional Form WH-347 shall satisfy the requirement for submission of the "Statement of Compliance" required by paragraph (a)(3)(ii)(B) of this section.
 - (D) The falsification of any of the above certifications may subject the contractor or subcontractor to civil or criminal prosecution under section 1001 of title 18 and section 231 of title 31 of the United States Code.
- (iii) The contractor or subcontractor shall make the records required under paragraph (a)(3)(i) of this section available for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the Federal Transit Administration or the Department of Labor, and shall permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job. If the contractor or subcontractor fails to submit the required records or to make them available, the Federal agency may, after written notice to the contractor, sponsor, applicant, or owner, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds. Furthermore, failure to submit the required records upon request or to make such records available may be grounds for debarment action pursuant to 29 CFR 5.12.

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(4) Apprentices and trainees –

- (i) Apprentices - Apprentices will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they performed when they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a bona fide apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, or with a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Bureau, or if a person is employed in his or her first 90 days of probationary employment as an apprentice in such an apprenticeship program, who is not individually registered in the program, but who has been certified by the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training or a State Apprenticeship Agency (where appropriate) to be eligible for probationary employment as an apprentice. The allowable ratio of apprentices to journeymen on the job site in any craft classification shall not be greater than the ratio permitted to the contractor as to the entire work force under the registered program. Any worker listed on a payroll at an apprentice wage rate, who is not registered or otherwise employed as stated above, shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any apprentice performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. Where a contractor is performing construction on a project in a locality other than that in which its program is registered, the ratios and wage rates (expressed in percentages of the journeyman's hourly rate) specified in the contractor's or subcontractors registered program shall be observed. Every apprentice must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the registered program for the apprentice's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeymen hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Apprentices shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the apprenticeship program. If the apprenticeship program does not specify fringe benefits, apprentices must be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination for the applicable classification. If the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor determines that a different practice prevails for the applicable apprentice classification, fringes shall be paid in accordance with that determination. In the event the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, or a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Bureau, withdraws approval of an apprenticeship program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize apprentices at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.
- (ii) Trainees - Except as provided in 29 CFR 5.16, trainees will not be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work performed unless they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a program which has received prior approval, evidenced by formal certification by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration. The ratio of trainees to journeymen on the job site shall not be greater than permitted under the plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration. Every trainee must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the approved program for the trainee's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeyman hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Trainees shall be paid fringe

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benefits in accordance with the provisions of the trainee program. If the trainee program does not mention fringe benefits, trainees shall be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination unless the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division determines that there is an apprenticeship program associated with the corresponding journeyman wage rate on the wage determination which provides for less than full fringe benefits for apprentices. Any employee listed on the payroll at a trainee rate that is not registered and participating in a training plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any trainee performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. In the event the Employment and Training Administration withdraws approval of a training program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize trainees at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

(iii) Equal employment opportunity

(5) **Compliance with Copeland Act requirements –**

The contractor shall comply with the requirements of 29 CFR part 3, which are incorporated by reference in this contract. - The utilization of apprentices, trainees and journeymen under this part shall be in conformity with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Executive Order 11246, as amended and 29 CFR part 30.

(6) **Subcontracts –**

The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses contained in 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1) through (10) and such other clauses as the Federal Transit Administration may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all the contract clauses in 29 CFR 5.5.

(7) **Contract termination: debarment –**

A breach of the contract clauses in 29 CFR 5.5 may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and a subcontractor as provided in 29 CFR 5.12.

(8) **Compliance with Davis-Bacon and Related Act requirements –**

All rulings and interpretations of the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts contained in 29 CFR parts 1, 3, and 5 are herein incorporated by reference in this contract.

(9) **Disputes concerning labor standards –**

Disputes arising out of the labor standards provisions of this contract shall not be subject to the general disputes clause of this contract. Such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures of the Department of Labor set forth in 29 CFR parts 5,

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6, and 7. Disputes within the meaning of this clause include disputes between the contractor (or any of its subcontractors) and the contracting agency, the U.S. Department of Labor, or the employees or their representatives.

(10) **Certification of eligibility –**

- (i) By entering into this contract, the contractor certifies that neither it (nor he or she) nor any person or firm who has an interest in the contractor's firm is a person or firm ineligible to be awarded Government contracts by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).
- (ii) No part of this contract shall be subcontracted to any person or firm ineligible for award of a Government contract by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).
- (iii) The penalty for making false statements is prescribed in the U.S. Criminal Code, 18 U.S.C. 1001.

RR-25 PRIVACY ACT - 5 U.S.C. 552

When a grantee maintains files on drug and alcohol enforcement activities for FTA, and those files are organized so that information could be retrieved by personal identifier, the Privacy Act requirements apply to all contracts.

Applicability to Contracts

The Federal Privacy Act requirements flow down to each third party contractor and their contracts at every tier.

Flow Down

The text of the following clause has not been mandated by statute or specific regulation, but has been developed by FTA.

Model Clause/Language

Contracts Involving Federal Privacy Act Requirements –

The following requirements apply to the Contractor and its employees that administer any system of records on behalf of the Federal Government under any contract:

- (1) The Contractor agrees to comply with, and assures the compliance of its employees with, the information restrictions and other applicable requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a. Among other things, the Contractor agrees to obtain the express consent of the Federal Government before the Contractor or its employees operate a system of records on behalf of the Federal Government. The Contractor understands that the requirements of the Privacy Act, including the civil and criminal penalties for violation of that Act, apply to

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those individuals involved, and that failure to comply with the terms of the Privacy Act may result in termination of the underlying contract.

- (2) The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract to administer any system of records on behalf of the Federal Government financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

RR- 26 TERMINATION 49 U.S.C. Part 18 FTA Circular 4220.1F

All contracts (with the exception of contracts with nonprofit organizations and institutions of higher education,) in excess of \$10,000 shall contain suitable provisions for termination by the grantee including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement. (For contracts with nonprofit organizations and institutions of higher education the threshold is \$100,000.) In addition, such contracts shall describe conditions under which the contract may be terminated for default as well as conditions where the contract may be terminated because of circumstances beyond the control of the contractor.

Applicability to Contracts

The termination requirements flow down to all contracts in excess of \$10,000, with the exception of contracts with nonprofit organizations and institutions of higher learning.

Flow Down

a. Termination for Convenience (General Provision)

VVTA 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 VVTA to be paid the Contractor. If the Contractor has any property in its possession belonging to the VVTA, the Contractor will account for the same, and dispose of it in the manner the VVTA directs.

b. Opportunity to Cure (General Provision)

VVTA 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 VVTA'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 VVTA setting forth the nature of said breach or default, VVTA 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 VVTA from also pursuing all available remedies against Contractor and its sureties for said breach or default.

c. Waiver of Remedies for any Breach

In the event that VVTA elects to waive its remedies for any breach by Contractor of any covenant, term or condition of this Contract, such waiver by VVTA shall not limit VVTA

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remedies for any succeeding breach of that or of any other term, covenant, or condition of this Contract.

d. Termination for Default (Construction)

If the Contractor refuses or fails to prosecute the work or any separable part, with the diligence that will insure its completion within the time specified in this contract or any extension or fails to complete the work within this time, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of this contract, VVTA may terminate this contract for default. VVTA shall terminate by delivering to the Contractor a Notice of Termination specifying the nature of the default. In this event, VVTA may take over the work and complete it by contract or otherwise, and may take possession of and use any materials, appliances, and plant on the work site necessary for completing the work. The Contractor and its sureties shall be liable for any damage to VVTA resulting from the Contractor's refusal or failure to complete the work within specified time, whether or not the Contractor's right to proceed with the work is terminated. This liability includes any increased costs incurred by the VVTA in completing the work. The Contractor's right to proceed shall not be terminated nor the Contractor charged with damages under this clause if

1. The delay in completing the work arises from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. Examples of such causes include: acts of God, acts of the Recipient, acts of another Contractor in the performance of a contract with the Recipient, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes; and
2. The contractor, within [10] days from the beginning of any delay, notifies VVTA in writing of the causes of delay. If in the judgment of VVTA, the delay is excusable, the time for completing the work shall be extended. The judgment of VVTA shall be final and conclusive on the parties, but subject to appeal under the Disputes clauses. If, after termination of the Contractor's right to proceed, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default, or that the delay was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties will be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of VVTA.

RR – 27 SEISMIC SAFETY REQUIREMENTS 42 U.S.C. 7701 et seq. 49 CFR Part 41

The Seismic Safety requirements apply only to contracts for the construction of new buildings or additions to existing buildings.

Applicability to Contracts

The Seismic Safety requirements flow down from FTA recipients and subrecipients to first tier contractors to assure compliance, with the applicable building standards for Seismic Safety, including the work performed by all subcontractors.

Flow Down

The regulations do not provide suggested language for third-party contract clauses. The following language has been developed by FTA.

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Seismic Safety –

The contractor agrees that any new building or addition to an existing building will be designed and constructed in accordance with the standards for Seismic Safety required in Department of Transportation Seismic Safety Regulations 49 CFR Part 41 and will certify to compliance to the extent required by the regulation. The contractor also agrees to ensure that all work performed under this contract including work performed by a subcontractor is in compliance with the standards required by the Seismic Safety Regulations and the certification of compliance issued on the project.

RR-28 BREACHES AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION 49 CFR Part 18 FTA Circular 4220.1F

All contracts in excess of \$100,000 shall contain provisions or conditions which will allow for administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as may be appropriate. This may include provisions for bonding, penalties for late or inadequate performance, retained earnings, liquidated damages or other appropriate measures.

Applicability to Contracts

The Breaches and Dispute Resolutions requirements flow down to all tiers.

Flow Down

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 VVTA Construction Manager. 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 VVTA Construction Manager. 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 VVTA Project Manager shall be binding upon the Contractor and the Contractor shall abide by the decision.

Performance During Dispute –

Unless otherwise directed by VVTA, 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 therefore shall be made in writing to such other party within a reasonable time after the first observance of such injury or damage.

Remedies –

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Unless this contract provides otherwise, all claims, counterclaims, disputes and other matters in question between VVTA 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 in which VVTA is located.

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 VVTA, 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.

RR-29 VETERANS PREFERENCE

Veterans Employment

- Contractors working on a capital project funded using FTA assistance shall give a hiring preference, to the extent practicable, to veterans (as defined in section 2108 of title 5) who have the requisite skills and abilities to perform the construction work required under the contract. This subsection shall not be understood, construed or enforced in any manner that would require an employer to give preference to any veteran over any equally qualified applicant who is a member of any racial or ethnic minority, female, an individual with a disability, or former employee.

END OF REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS