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**Office of Public Transit**

**Signature of Authorization Form**  
**REQUIRED OF ALL APPLICANTS**

Agency Name:	Telephone:  Web Address:
Primary Mailing Address/City/State/Zip:	Secondary Address/City/State/Zip:
Federal ID Number:	DUNS:

**Contractual Agreements**

Shown below are original signatures of individuals authorized to sign contractual agreements for this agency.

Name:  
Title:  
Email:  
Phone:

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Print or Type Name, Title & Email

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Original Signature and Date

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Title:  
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Print or Type Name, Title & Email

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**Authorization to Access Electronic System**  
**DOES NOT APPLY TO 5310 SUBRECIPIENTS**

Shown below are original signatures of individuals authorized to access the Office of Public Transit electronic system(s) to initiate and approve documents for this agency.

**Preparers:**

Name:  
Title:  
Email:  
Phone:

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Print or Type

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Original Signature and Date

Name:  
Title:  
Email:  
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Print or Type Name, Title & Email

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Original Signature and Date

Name:  
Title:  
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Print or Type Name, Title & Email

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Original Signature and Date

**Approvers:**

Name:  
Title:  
Email:  
Phone:

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Print or Type Name, Title & Email

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Original Signature and Date

Name:  
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Original Signature and Date

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**RESOLUTION BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO APPLY FOR FUNDING**

The Board of Directors of \_\_\_\_\_  
(agency)

is aware of the provisions of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) program fund requirements for each application it makes to the state of South Carolina for Federal and/or State funding and hereby authorizes \_\_\_\_\_ (\*authorized representative) of \_\_\_\_\_ (Agency) to file application with the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (agency) for federal and/or state funding to assist in providing community and/or human services transportation services. If this application is approved:

- (1) The Board resolves that the \_\_\_\_\_ (agency) will provide the required match for the capital, operations and administrative charges, the necessary insurance coverage as required under the agreement, and all necessary local match for operating losses; and
- (2) The Board agrees to comply with all FTA and SCDOT Program statutes and regulations, directives, certifications and assurances to carry out the project as described in the application.

***\*Note that Authorized Representative and Witness MUST be 2 separate individuals (2 different names).***

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED**

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\* \_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Attesting Witness**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Chairperson**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Printed Name of Attesting Witness**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Printed Name of Chairperson**

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**ATTORNEY'S CERTIFICATION**

**FOR**

**APPLICANT TO APPLY FOR FUNDING**

I have examined the (charter, articles of incorporation, enabling legislation, etc.) under which

\_\_\_\_\_ (agency) is legally eligible to apply for funding under

Federal Transit Administration statutes and regulations, directives, certifications and assurances. It is my opinion that

\_\_\_\_\_ (agency) can legally enter into contracts with the State of South

Carolina for the purpose of carrying out the proposed program(s) and meets the eligibility requirements of funded grant

programs.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Attorney*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Printed Name of Attorney*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

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**FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2017 CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR  
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS  
(Required of All 5310/5311/5339 or other FTA Fund Applicants / Subrecipients)**

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

The Applicant agrees to comply with applicable provisions of Groups 01 – 24. \_\_\_\_\_ OR  
The Applicant agrees to comply with applicable provisions of the Groups it has selected:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Description</u>	
01.	Required Certifications and Assurances for Each Applicant.	
02.	Lobbying.	
03.	Procurement and Procurement Systems.	
04.	Private Sector Protections.	
05.	Rolling Stock Reviews and Bus Testing.	
06.	Demand Responsive Service.	
07.	Intelligent Transportation Systems.	
08.	Interest and Financing Costs and Acquisition of Capital Assets by Lease.	
09.	Transit Asset Management Plan and Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan.	
10.	Alcohol and Controlled Substances Testing.	
11.	Fixed Guideway Capital Investment Grants Program (New Starts, Small Starts, and Core Capacity Improvement).	
12.	State of Good Repair Program.	
13.	Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities and Low or No Emission Vehicle Deployment Grant Programs.	
14.	Urbanized Area Formula Grants Programs and Passenger Ferry Grant Program.	
15.	Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Programs.	
16.	Rural Areas and Appalachian Development Programs.	
17.	Tribal Transit Programs (Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Programs).	
18.	State Safety Oversight Grant Program.	
19.	Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program.	
20.	Expedited Project Delivery Pilot Program.	
21.	Infrastructure Finance Programs.	
22.	Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program.	
23.	Hiring Preferences	

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**FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2015 FTA CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES SIGNATURE PAGE**

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**AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT**

Name of the Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Relationship of the Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

BY SIGNING BELOW, on behalf of the Applicant, I declare that it has duly authorized me to make these Certifications and Assurances and bind its compliance. Thus, it agrees to comply with all federal laws, regulations, and requirements, follow applicable federal guidance, and comply with the Certifications and Assurances as indicated on the foregoing page applicable to each application its Authorized Representative makes to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in federal fiscal year 2017, irrespective of whether the individual that acted on his or her Applicant's behalf continues to represent it.

FTA intends that the Certifications and Assurances the Applicant selects on the other side of this document should apply to each Award for which it now seeks, or may later seek federal assistance to be awarded by FTA during federal fiscal year 2017.

The Applicant affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of the Certifications and Assurances it has selected in the statements submitted with this document and any other submission made to FTA, and acknowledges that the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, 31 U.S.C. § 3801 *et seq.*, and implementing U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 CFR part 31, apply to any certification, assurance or submission made to FTA. The criminal provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 apply to any certification, assurance, or submission made in connection with a federal public transportation program authorized by 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 or any other statute.

In signing this document, I declare under penalties of perjury that the foregoing Certifications and Assurances, and any other statements made by me on behalf of the Applicant are true and accurate.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Representative of Applicant

**AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY**

For (Name of Applicant): \_\_\_\_\_

As the undersigned Attorney for the above named Applicant, I hereby affirm to the Applicant that it has authority under state, local, or tribal government law, as applicable, to make and comply with the Certifications and Assurances as indicated on the foregoing pages. I further affirm that, in my opinion, the Certifications and Assurances have been legally made and constitute legal and binding obligations on it.

I further affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, there is no legislation or litigation pending or imminent that might adversely affect the validity of these Certifications and Assurances, or of the performance of its FTA assisted Award.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney for Applicant

*Each Applicant for federal assistance to be awarded by FTA and each FTA Recipient with an active Capital or Formula Project or Award must provide an Affirmation of Applicant's Attorney pertaining to the Applicant's legal capacity. The Applicant may enter its electronic signature in lieu of the Attorney's signature within FTA's electronic award and management system, provided the Applicant has on file and uploaded to FTA's electronic award and management system this hard-copy Affirmation, signed by the attorney and dated this federal fiscal year.*

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION**  
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**MASTER AGREEMENT (22)**

**(Required of All 5310/5311/5339 or other FTA Fund Applicants / Subrecipients)**

**PREFACE**

**Statutory Authorities**

This is the official Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Master Agreement that applies to each Underlying Agreement (Grant Agreement, Cooperative Agreement, Loan, Loan Guarantee, or Line of Credit) for a specific Award authorized by:

- Federal transit laws, 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, as amended, by the following:
  - The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, Public Law No. 114-94, December 4, 2015,
  - The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), Public Law No. 112-141, July 6, 2012, as amended by the "Surface Transportation and Veterans Health Care Choice Improvement Act of 2015," Public Law No. 114-41, July 31, 2015, and other authorizing legislation to be enacted, and
  - The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), Public Law No. 109-59, August 10, 2005, as amended by the SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections Act of 2008, Public Law No 110-244, June 6, 2008.
- Continuing Resolutions or Other Appropriations Resolutions or Acts funding the Department of Transportation during Fiscal Year 2016.
- Title 23, United States Code (Highways).
- Other federal legislation FTA administers, as FTA so determines.

**Purpose of the Master Agreement**

This FTA Master Agreement contains the standard terms and conditions governing the administration of the Project that FTA has financed with Federal assistance (funds or funding) awarded through an Underlying Agreement with the Recipient, which can take the form of any:

1. FTA Grant Agreement, including an FTA Grant Agreement for a Tribal Transit Program Project,
2. FTA Cooperative Agreement, or
3. FTA Transportation Infrastructure Finance Innovation Act (TIFIA) Loan, Loan Guarantee, or Line of Credit.

The general terms and conditions contained in Federal Transit Administration's Master Agreement shall be followed subject to any additions, revisions or modifications required by FTA, SCDOT and/or State of South Carolina. Any violation of a requirement in the Master Agreement applicable to the Subrecipient or this project may result in penalties to the violating party. Requirements that do not apply to Subrecipients or this project will not be enforced.

**Acknowledgement of FTA Master Agreement:**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Authorized Representative of Applicant*

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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**FFY2017 FTA Master Agreement (22) language is contained in a separate document**

**FFY2017 FTA Certifications and Assurance language is contained in a separate document**

These documents are found on the OPT website:

[http://www.scdot.org/getting/publicTransit\\_Programs.aspx#programs](http://www.scdot.org/getting/publicTransit_Programs.aspx#programs) and are updated and published by FTA annually on or about October 1.



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**CERTIFICATION**  
**OF**  
**RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING**  
**APPLIES TO ALL APPLICANTS**

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Name and title of authorized official)*

hereby certify to the South Carolina Department of Transportation, on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ that:  
*(Name of grantee)*

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 a Federal department or agency, a Member of the U.S. Congress, an officer or employee of the U.S. Congress, or an employee of a Member of the U.S. 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 thereof.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for making lobbying contacts to an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form—LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions (as amended by "Government wide Guidance for New Restrictions on Lobbying," 61 Fed. Reg. 1413 (1119/96). 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 Title 2 USC section 1601: 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 subcontracts, 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 Title 31 USC Section 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.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is 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 Title 31 USC Section 1352. 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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature/Title of Authorized Representative*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Printed Name/Title of Authorized Representative*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

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**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION,  
AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS—  
PRIMARY COVERED TRANSACTIONS**  
**APPLIES TO ALL APPLICANTS**

The Applicant/Subrecipient under this FTA project \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Agency)

certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

- (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal department or agency;
- (b) 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 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;
- (c) 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 (b) of this certification; and 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;
- (d) 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.

Subrecipient will review the U.S. GSA "System for Award Management," <https://www.sam.gov>, if required by U.S. DOT regulations, 2 C.F.R. part 1200, and

(a) It will include, and require each Third Party Participant to include, a similar provision in each lower tier covered transaction, ensuring that each lower tier Third Party Participant:

- 1. Will comply with Federal debarment and suspension requirements, and
- 2. Reviews the "System for Award Management (SAM)" at <https://www.sam.gov>, if necessary to comply with U.S. DOT regulations, 2 C.F.R. part 1200

(If the applicant/subrecipient is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such Grantee shall attach an explanation to this certification).

THE APPLICANT/SUBRECIPIENT,

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Agency)

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 TITLE 49 CFR PART 29 AND FTA CIRCULAR 2015.1 ARE APPLICABLE THERETO.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature/Title of Authorized Representative*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Printed Name/Title of Authorized Representative*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

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**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION,  
INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION –  
LOWER-TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS**

**APPLIES TO ALL APPLICANTS**

The Applicant/Subrecipient under this FTA project \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Agency)

certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its prospective lower-tier participants:

- (a) are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency;
- (b) if the prospective lower-tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this certification.
- (c) that subrecipient will review the “System for Award Management (SAM)” at <https://www.sam.gov>, to ensure that lower-tier participants are not debarred or suspended, if necessary to comply with U.S. DOT regulations, 2 C.F.R. part 1200

THE APPLICANT/SUBRECIPIENT,

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Agency)

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 TITLE 49 CFR PART 29 AND FTA CIRCULAR 2015.1 ARE APPLICABLE THERETO.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature/Title of Authorized Representative*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Printed Name/Title of Authorized Representative*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

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**TITLE VI PROGRAM REPORT**

**APPLIES TO ALL APPLICANTS**

**Reporting Period: July 1, 2016 – Present**

Legal Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that to the best of my knowledge that **no complaints or lawsuits** alleging discrimination have been filed against the applicant during the reporting period.

**OR**

The following Title VI **complaints or lawsuits alleging discrimination have been filed with the applicant** during the reporting period:

Complainant Name/Address/Telephone Number	Date	Description	Contacted SCDOT Title VI Office? (Y/N) and Date	Status/Outcome

*(Attach an additional page if required.)*

**I certify that to the best of my knowledge that the statement above is true and correct for the requested reporting period.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature/Title of Authorized Representative*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Printed Name/Title of Authorized Representative*

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**STATEMENT**  
**REGARDING THE MAXIMUM UTILIZATION OF**  
**DISADVANTAGED BUSINESSS ENTERPRISES (DBEs)**  
**APPLIES TO ALL APPLICANTS**

To the extent authorized by applicable Federal law and regulation, the applicant agrees to facilitate, and assures that each Third Party Participant will facilitate participation by small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, also referred to as “Disadvantaged Business Enterprises” (DBEs), in the Project.

THE APPLICANT expresses its commitment to use SCDOT Certified DBEs in all aspects of contracting to the maximum extent feasible. The goals will be set and incorporated into your grant agreement.

THE APPLICANT or its contractors shall take all necessary and reasonable steps in accordance with 49 CFR Part 26 to ensure that certified DBEs have the maximum opportunity to compete for and perform contracts.

THE APPLICANT will make every effort to locate certified DBEs and purchase materials and services for use in the applicant’s grant. THE APPLICANT shall document the steps it intends to take and has taken to obtain DBE participation.

THE APPLICANT is advised that should they find responsible and responsive certified DBEs from which they can purchase these materials or services it will then ensure and affirm that the DBE firm is eligible to receive payment through this grant agreement. SCDOT will make available names of DBEs, that they have certified, that have the capability to furnish these materials (published as the [SCDOT Unified DBE or SBE Directory](#)).

All bidders, proposers and contractors will receive notice of THE APPLICANT’S commitment to the DBE through mail-outs and pre-bid notifications. DBE participation will be a factor in awarding contracts and will be monitored during the performance of the contract.

The APPLICANT is responsible for submitting DBE quarterly reports to SCDOT as required for all applicable Federal programs administered and awarded by SCDOT. Supporting documentation for DBE quarterly reports shall be retained by the applicant for a period of three (3) years following closeout of the contract.

Failure to carry out the requirements set forth in 49 CFR Part 26 shall constitute a breach of contract and, after the notification to FTA and the SCDOT Office of Public Transit, may result in termination of the grant agreement by SCDOT or such remedy as SCDOT deems appropriate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Authorized Official

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**DBE GOOD FAITH EFFORTS CERTIFICATION**  
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This is to certify that in all purchase and contract selections the Applicant is committed to and shall make good faith efforts to purchase from and award contracts to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs).

**DBE good faith efforts will include the following items that are indicated by check mark(s) or narrative:**

- Write a letter to Certified DBEs in the service area to inform them of purchase or contract opportunities;
- Document telephone calls, emails and correspondence with or on behalf of DBEs;
- Advertise purchase and contract opportunities on local TV Community Cable Network;
- Request purchase/contract price quotes/bids from DBEs;
- Monitor newspapers for new businesses that are DBE eligible;
- Encourage interested eligible firms to become SCDOT certified. Interested firms should contact the SCDOT Office of Business Development and Special Programs (DBE Program Development Unit);
- Consult [SCDOT Unified DBE or SBE Directory](#). A DBE company will be listed in the DBE Directory for each work type or area of specialization that it performs. You may obtain a copy of this Directory at
- Other efforts: Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation of all good faith efforts shall be retained by the applicant for a period of five (5) years.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information describes the DBE good faith efforts of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Agency Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature/Title of Authorized Representative*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Printed Name/Title of Authorized Representative*

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Other Provisions**

**ETHICS ACT**

By submitting an application, the Applicant certifies that they have and will comply with, and have not, and will not, induce a person to violate Title 8, Chapter 13 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended (ethics act). The following statutes require special attention: Section 8-13-700, regarding use of official position for financial gain; Section 8-13-705, regarding gifts to influence action of public official; Section 8-13-720, regarding offering money for advice or assistance of public official; Sections 8-13-755 and 8-13-760, regarding restrictions on employment by former public official; Section 8-13-775, prohibiting public official with economic interests from acting on contracts; Section 8-13-790, regarding recovery of kickbacks; Section 8-13-1150, regarding statements to be filed by consultants; and Section 8-13-1342, regarding restrictions on contributions by contractor to candidate who participated in awarding of contract. The state may rescind any contract and recover all amounts expended as a result of any action taken in violation of this provision. If contractor participates, directly or indirectly, in the evaluation or award of public contracts, including without limitation, change orders or task orders regarding a public contract, contractor shall, if required by law to file such a statement, provide the statement required by Section 8-13-1150 to the procurement officer at the same time the law requires the statement to be filed. [02-2A075-2]

**QUALIFICATION OF APPLICANT**

To be eligible for award of a contract, a prospective recipient of State funds must be responsible. In evaluating an Applicant's responsibility, the State Standards of Responsibility [R.19-445.2125] and information from any other source may be considered. An Applicant must, upon request of the State, furnish satisfactory evidence of its ability to meet all contractual requirements. Unreasonable failure to supply information promptly in connection with a responsibility inquiry may be grounds for determining that an Agency is ineligible to receive an award. S.C. Code Section 11-35-1810.

**QUALIFICATIONS – REQUIRED INFORMATION**

In order to evaluate an Applicant's responsibility, the Applicant may, at the request of SCDOT, submit the following information or documentation for itself and any subcontractor, if the value of subcontractor's portion of the work exceeds 10% of the Operating expenses:

- (a) Include a brief history of the Applicant's experience in providing work of similar size and scope.
- (b) Applicant's most current financial statement, financial statements for your last two fiscal years, and information reflecting your current financial position. If you have audited financial statements meeting these requirements, you must provide those statements. [Reference Statement of Concepts No. 5 (FASB, December, 1984)]
- (c) List of failed projects, suspensions, debarments, and significant litigation.

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS**

(a)(1) By submitting an Application, Applicant certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that-

(i) Applicant and/or any of its Principals-

(A) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any state or federal agency;

(B) Have not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, 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) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and

(C) Are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (a)(1)(i)(B) of this provision.

(ii) Applicant has not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, had one or more contracts terminated for default by any public (Federal, state, or local) entity.

(2) "Principals," for the purposes of this certification, means officers; directors; owners; partners; and, persons having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity (e.g., general manager; plant manager; head of a subsidiary, division, or business segment, and similar positions).

(b) Applicant/Subrecipient shall provide immediate written notice to SCDOT if, at any time prior to contract award, Applicant/Subrecipient learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

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(c) If Applicant/Subrecipient is unable to certify the representations stated in paragraphs (a) (1), Applicant/Subrecipient must submit a written explanation regarding its inability to make the certification. The certification will be considered in connection with a review of the Applicant/Subrecipient's responsibility. Failure of the Applicant/Subrecipient to furnish additional information as requested by the State may render the Applicant/Subrecipient non-responsible.

(d) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by paragraph (a) of this provision. The knowledge and information of an Applicant/Subrecipient is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

(e) The certification in paragraph (a) of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making award. If it is later determined that the Applicant/Subrecipient knowingly or in bad faith rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the State, SCDOT may terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation for default.

**SUBCONTRACTOR – IDENTIFICATION**

If you intend to subcontract with another business for any portion of the work/project and that portion exceeds 10% of your Operating expenses, your application must identify that business and the portion of work which they are to perform. Identify potential subcontractors by providing the business' name, address, phone, taxpayer identification number, and point of contact. In determining your responsibility, the state may evaluate your proposed subcontractors.

**DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING.** Applicants or subrecipients that receive only Section 5310 program assistance are not subject to FTA's drug and alcohol testing rules, but must comply with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) rule for all employees who hold commercial driver's licenses (49 CFR part 382).

Section 5310 recipients and subrecipients that also receive funding under one of the covered FTA programs (Section 5307, 5309, or 5311) should include any employees funded under Section 5310 projects in their testing program.

An FTA compliant testing program, as required by the receipt of FTA operating or capital funding (5307, 5309, 5311), may be used for Section 5310 employees; there is no need to have separate testing programs. Employees of a subrecipient of Section 5310 funds from a state or designated recipient of another FTA program (e.g., 5307 or 5311) should also be included in the designated recipient's testing program.

**DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE**

The Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, as well as Section 44-107-30, S.C. Code of Laws (1976), as amended, requires all grantees receiving grants from any federal or state agency to certify they will maintain a drug-free workplace.

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

(1) Method of Adjustment. Any adjustment in the contract price shall be consistent with the awarded Contract Scope/Project; Is dependent upon the availability of SCDOT-Administered SMTF; and shall be arrived at through whichever one of the following ways is the most valid approximation of the actual cost to the Subrecipient:

- (a) by agreement on a fixed budget adjustment before commencement of the pertinent performance or as soon thereafter as practicable;
- (b) by unit costs specified in the Contract or subsequently agreed upon;
- (c) by the costs attributable to the event or situation covered by the project scope or modification or subsequently agreed upon; or
- (d) in such other manner as the parties may mutually agree;

(2) Submission of Financial or Cost Data. Upon request of SCDOT, the Subrecipient shall provide reasonably available factual information to substantiate that the budget adjustment is reasonable and consistent with the provisions of Section 11-35-1830.

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**Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use**

**Drug and Alcohol Testing**

In response to passage of the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991, FTA published two regulations prohibiting drug use and alcohol misuse. These regulations are 49 CFR, Part 653, "Prevention of Prohibited Drug Use in Transit Operations", and 49 CFR, Part 654, "Prevention of Alcohol and Prohibited Drug Misuse in Transit Operations".

Accordingly, the FTA regulations were revised to conform to the amended Part 40. The revised FTA drug and alcohol regulations were combined into a single rule: 49 CFR Part 655, "Prevention of Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use in Transit". The revised rule also incorporates comments from the FTA grantees and guidance that FTA has issued in the past several years, including technical assistance, letters of interpretation, audit findings, newsletters, training classes, safety seminars, and public speaking engagements.

Drug and alcohol program requirements must be implemented for small operations (any transit agency that operates in an area of less than 200,000 people as defined by the Bureau of the Census). This definition is unaffected by the size of the transit agency, the number of vehicles in the fleet, or the number of employees. This requirement applies to all Section 5311 funding recipients.

Certification of compliance must be signed by the subrecipient's governing board, representative or other authorized individual or body and submitted to the SCDOT Division of Mass Transit. Failure to certify compliance with the drug and alcohol rules and regulations will result in jeopardizing federal funding from FTA. The Division of Mass Transit will work with the Safety Office to ensure compliance with FTA regulations regarding drug and alcohol testing and drug-free workplace.

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**SPECIAL SECTION 5333(b) WARRANTY FOR APPLICATION TO THE RURAL PROGRAM**

The following language shall be made part of the contract of assistance with the State or other public body charged with allocation and administration of funds provided under Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5311:

**A. General application**

The Public Body agrees that, in the absence of waiver by the Department of Labor, the terms and conditions of this warranty, as set forth below, shall apply for the protection of the transportation related employees of any employer providing transportation services assisted by the Project Applicant and the transportation related employees of any other surface public transportation providers in the transportation service area of the Project.

The Public Body shall provide to the Department of Labor and maintain at all times during the Project an accurate, up-to-date listing of all existing transportation providers which are eligible Recipients of transportation assistance funded by the Project, in the transportation service area of the Project, and any labor organizations representing the employees of such providers.

Certification by the Public Body to the Department of Labor that the designated Recipients have indicated in writing acceptance of the terms and conditions of the warranty arrangement will be sufficient to permit the flow of Section 5311 funding in the absence of a finding of non-compliance by the Department of Labor.

**B. Standard Terms and Conditions**

(1) The Project shall be carried out in such a manner and upon such terms and conditions as will not adversely affect employees of the Recipient and of any other surface public transportation provider in the transportation service area of the Project. It shall be an obligation of the recipient and any other legally responsible party designated by the Public body to assure that any and all transportation services assisted by the Project are contracted for and operated in such a manner that they do not impair the rights and interests of affected employees. The term "Project," as used herein, shall not be limited to the particular facility, service or operation assisted by Federal funds, but shall include any changes, whether organizational, or otherwise, which are a result of the assistance provided. The phrase "as a result of the Project," shall when used in this arrangement, include events related to the Project occurring in anticipation of, during, and subsequent to the Project and any program of efficiencies or economies related thereto; provided, however, that volume rises and falls of business, or changes in volume and character of employment brought about by causes other than the Project (including any economies or efficiencies unrelated to the Project) are not within the purview of this arrangement.

An employee covered by this arrangement, who is not dismissed, displaced or otherwise worsened in his position with regard to his employment as a result of the Project, but who is dismissed, displaced or otherwise worsened solely because of the total or partial termination of the Project, discontinuance of Project services, or exhaustion of Project funding shall not be deemed eligible for a dismissal or displacement allowance within the meaning of paragraphs (6) and (9) of the Model agreement or applicable provisions of substitute comparable arrangements.

(2)(a) Where employees of a Recipient are represented for collective bargaining purposes, all Project services provided by that Recipient shall be provided under and in accordance with any collective bargaining agreement applicable to such employees which is then in effect.

(2)(b) The Recipient or legally responsible party shall provide to all affected employees sixty (60) days' notice of intended actions which may result in displacements or dismissals or rearrangements of the working forces. In the case of employees represented by a union, such notice shall be provided by certified mail through their representatives. The notice shall contain a full and adequate statement of the proposed changes, and an estimate of the number of employees affected by the intended changes, and the number and classifications of any jobs in the Recipient's employment available to be filled by such affected employees.

(2)(c) The procedures of this subparagraph shall apply to cases where notices involve employees represented by a union for collective bargaining purposes. At the request of either the Recipient or the representatives of such employees negotiations for the purposes of reaching agreement with respect to the applications of the terms and conditions of this arrangement shall commence immediately. If no agreement is reached within twenty (20) days from the commencement of negotiations, any party to the dispute may submit the matter to dispute settlement procedures in accordance with paragraph (4) of this warranty. The foregoing procedures shall be complied with and carried out prior to the institution of the intended action.

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(3) For the purpose of providing the statutory required protections including those specifically mandated by 49 U.S.C. Section 5333(b)<sup>1</sup>, the public body will assure as a condition of the release of funds that the Recipient agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of the National (Model) Section 5333(b) Agreement executed July 23, 1975, identified below<sup>2</sup>, provided that other comparable arrangements may be substituted therefore, if approved by the Secretary of Labor and certified for inclusion in these conditions.

(4) Any dispute or controversy arising regarding the application, interpretation, or enforcement of any of the provisions of this arrangement which cannot be settled by and between the parties at interest within thirty (30) days after the dispute or controversy first arises, may be referred by any such party to any final and binding disputes settlement procedure acceptable to the parties, or in the event they cannot agree upon such procedure, to the Department of Labor or an impartial third party designated by the Department of Labor for final and binding determination. The compensation and expenses of the impartial third party, and any other jointly incurred expenses, shall be borne equally by the parties to the proceeding and all other expenses shall be paid by the party incurring them.

In the event of any dispute as to whether or not a particular employee was affected by the Project, it shall be his obligation to identify the Project and specify the pertinent facts of the Project relied upon. It shall then be the burden of either the Recipient or other party legally responsible for the application of these conditions to prove that factors other than the Project affected the employees. The claiming employee shall prevail if it is established that the Project had an effect upon the employee even if other factors may also have affected the employee.

(5) The Recipient or other legally responsible party designated by the Public Body will be financially responsible for the application of these conditions and will make the necessary arrangements so that any employee covered by these arrangements, or the union representative of such employee, may file claim of violation of these arrangements with the Recipient within sixty (60) days of the date he is terminated or laid off as a result of the Project, or within eighteen (18) months of the date his position with respect to his employment is otherwise worsened as a result of the Project. In the latter case, if the events giving rise to the claim have occurred over an extended period, the 18-month limitation shall be measured from the last such event. No benefits shall be payable for any period prior to six (6) months from the date of the filing of any claim.

(6) Nothing in this arrangement shall be construed as depriving any employee of any rights or benefits which such employee may have under existing employment or collective bargaining agreements, nor shall this arrangement be deemed a waiver of any rights or any union or of any represented employee derived from any other agreement or provision of federal, state or local law.

(7) In the event any employee covered by these arrangements is terminated or laid off as a result of the Project, he shall be granted priority of employment or reemployment to fill any vacant position within the control of the Recipient for which he is, or by training or retraining within a reasonable period can become qualified. In the event training or retraining is required by such employment or reemployment, the Recipient or other legally responsible party designated by the Public Body shall provide or provide for such training or retraining at no cost to the employee.

(8) The Recipient will post, in a prominent and accessible place, a notice stating that the Recipient has received federal assistance under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 and has agreed to comply with the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Section 5333(b). This notice shall also specify the terms and conditions set forth herein for the protection of employees. The Recipient shall maintain and keep on file all relevant books and records in sufficient detail as to provide the basic information necessary to the proper application, administration, and enforcement of these arrangements and to the proper determination of any claims arising thereunder.

(9) Any labor organization which is the collective bargaining representative of employees covered by these arrangements may become a party to these arrangements by serving written notice of its desire to do so upon the recipient and the Department of Labor. In the event of any disagreement that such labor organization represents covered employees, or is otherwise eligible to become a party to these arrangements, as applied to the Project, the dispute as to whether such organization shall participate shall be determined by the Secretary of Labor.

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<sup>1</sup> Such protective arrangements shall include, without being limited to, such provisions as may be necessary for (1) the preservation of rights, privileges, and benefits (including continuation of pension rights and benefits) under existing collective bargaining agreements or otherwise; (2) the continuation of collective bargaining rights; (3) the protection of individual employees against a worsening of their positions with respect to their employment; (4) assurances of employment to employees of acquired mass transportation systems and priority of reemployment of employees terminated or laid off; and (5) paid training and retraining programs. Such arrangements shall include provisions protecting individual employees against a worsening of their positions with respect to their employment which shall in no event provide benefits less than those established pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 11347 [the codified citation of Section 5(2)(f) of the Act of February 4, 1987 (24 Stat. 379), as amended].

<sup>2</sup> For purposes of this warranty agreement, paragraphs (1);(2);(5);(15);(22);(23);(24);(26)(27);(28); and (29) of the Model Section 5333(b) Agreement, executed July 23, 1975 are to be omitted.

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(10) In the event the Project is approved for assistance under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53, the foregoing terms and conditions shall be made part of the contract of assistance between the federal government and the Public Body or Recipient of federal funds, provided, however, that this arrangement shall not merge into the contract of assistance, but shall be independently binding and enforceable by and upon the parties thereto, and by any covered employee or his representative, in accordance with its terms, nor shall any other employee protective agreement merge into this arrangement, but each shall be independently binding and enforceable by and upon the parties thereto, in accordance with its terms.

**C. Waiver**

As part of the grant approval process, either the Recipient or other legally responsible party designated by the Public Body may in writing seek from the Secretary of Labor a waiver of the statutory required protections. The Secretary will waive these protections in cases, where at the time of the requested waiver, the Secretary determines that there are no employees of the Recipient or of any other surface public transportation providers in the transportation service area who could be potentially affected by the Project. A 30-day notice of proposed waiver will be given by the Department of Labor and in the absence of timely objection; the waiver will become final at the end of the 30-day notice period. In the event of timely objection, the Department of Labor will review the matter and determine whether a waiver shall be granted. In the absence of waiver, these protections shall apply to the Project.

**D. Acceptance**

The **Name of Applicant** does hereby adopt and accept all terms and conditions of this Special Section 5333(b) Warranty. Furthermore, the **Name of Applicant** assures that this agreement will be in force during the contractual period with the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) for assistance under Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 program as administered by SCDOT

Executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

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**Signature of Authorized Official**

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