Addendum #1



# OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF MARIN TRANSIT SERVICE

# PACKAGES 1 AND 2 SERVICE

# Issued December 1, 2017

The following is an addendum to Marin Transit's Request for Proposal for Operation and Maintenance for Fixed Route Transit Service – Packages 1 and 2 Service. This addendum includes additions, clarifications, modifications and answers to questions received by Marin Transit beginning Friday, November 17, 2017 up to Friday, December 1, 2017.

The RFP, together with this Addendum #1, constitutes the entire understanding between each of the participating proposers and Marin Transit. The changes to the RFP as set forth herein, shall be incorporated into your proposal where required. Please acknowledge receipt of this addendum in your proposal as instructed in the Terms and Conditions – Proposal Requirements Section by specifically listing the RFP title, each Addendum number and date of issuance.

As a reminder, the deadline to submit questions to this RFP is **Friday**, **December 15, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. PST**.

## I. MODIFICATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE RFP:

- 1) Delete in its entirety Attachment E: FTA Grant Contract Provisions and replace with the attached revised Attachment E: FTA Grant Contract Provisions.
- 2) Add the following text to *Section 202 PERSONNEL PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS* of Attachment I: Draft Operations and Maintenance Contract.
  - **K. Payroll Records.** The Contractor shall maintain payrolls and basic payroll 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 employees 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.

Such records maintained under this paragraph shall be made available by the Contractor for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the FTA and the Department of Labor, and the Contractor will permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job.

The contractor shall require the inclusion of the language of this clause within subcontracts of all tiers.



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3) Delete Section 401D(b): Exclusion from Rates of Attachment I: Draft Operations and Maintenance Contract and replace with the following:

**Section 401D(b): Exclusion from Rates**. CONTRACTOR shall not be responsible for (a) fuel costs of the Revenue Vehicles used in providing services under this Contract; and (b) engine and transmission overhauls when substantiated by preventive maintenance records as provided in Section 306B(h).

## II. SUMMARY OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

# Q1. Do you allow a city transit service of overseas to bid the Contract? Public or Private? Or mixed type entity?

A1. Any entity that legally meets the requirements of the contract, including appropriate licenses and personnel requirements may bid on and may be awarded a contract. See Attachment I: Draft Operations and Maintenance Contract.

# Q2. Would Marin Transit please consider extending the due date for proposals several weeks to January 12<sup>th</sup>?

A2. At this time, we intend on adhering to the Proposal due date of Friday, December 22, 2017 as per the RFP.

# Q3. Can you give more information regarding the "Intelligent Transportation Plan" in the scoring section?

A3. Refer to the Intelligent Transportation Technology Plan, Section 2 – Terms and Conditions, Proposal Requirements.

#### Q4: Should lease payments be included in the fixed costs as part of the bid?

A4: Yes.

- Certification Regarding Lobbying
- Form LLL
- Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion
- FTA Grant Contract Provisions

#### **CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING**

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements (To be submitted with each bid or offer exceeding \$100,000)

The undersigned [Contractor] certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that: (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement. (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for making lobbying contacts to an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned will complete and submit Standard Form--LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions [as amended by "Government wide Guidance for New Restrictions on Lobbying," 61 Fed. Reg. 1413 (1/19/96). Note: Language in paragraph (2) herein has been modified in accordance with Section 10 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-65, to be codified at 2 U.S.C. 1601, *et seg*.)] (3) The undersigned will require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants,

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

Date

Approved by OMB No. 0348-0046

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352 (See Reverse for public burden disclosure.)

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# INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence 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 a covered Federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered

Federal action.

2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.

3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this a followup report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred, Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.

4. Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be a prime or subaward receipt. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.

5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks :Subawardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.

6. Enter the name of the Federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.

7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (Item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal

Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans and loan commitments.

8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in Item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitation for bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Include prefixes, e.g. "RFP-DE-90-001."

9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in Item 4 or 5.

10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in Item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.

(b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10 (a). Enter Last Name, First Name and Middle Initial (MI).

11. Certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title and telephone number.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, as amended, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB Control Number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is OMB No. 0348-0046. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, DC 20503.

#### CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION

#### (Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 29, Appendix B)

- A. By signing and submitting this proposal, the Proposer is providing the signed certification set out below.
  - 1. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
  - 2. The Proposer will provide immediate written notice to MARIN TRANSIT if at any time the Proposer learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
  - 3. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549 (49 CFR Part 29). You may contact MARIN TRANSIT for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
  - 4. The Proposer agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it will not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized in writing by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
  - 5. The Proposer further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause entitled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion", as set out below in Subsection (B), in all subcontracts and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions as modified to identify the subcontractor.
  - 6. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Non-procurement List issued by U.S. General Service Administration.
  - 7. Nothing contained in the foregoing will be construed to require establishment of system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
  - Except for transactions authorized under Paragraph 4 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this

transaction, in addition to all remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies including suspension and/or debarment.

B. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transaction

1.	The Proposer certifies, by submission of this bid or proposal, that neither it nor its "principals," as defined at 49 C.F.R. § 29.105(p), is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
2.	If Proposer is unable to certify to the statements in this certification, Proposer will attach an explanation to this proposal.

Date:

Date.	
Name of Proposer:	
Signature:	
Print Name/Title:	

# **FTA Grant Contract Provisions**

#### **SECTION 1. TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- 1. To the extent required by law, Vendor shall be licensed by the State of California to furnish and deliver all goods and services provided for herein.
- 2. The purchase order number and "Invoice To:" name on the face of this form must appear on all invoices, shipping papers, packages and correspondence.
- 3. No charge for packing or drayage will be allowed unless specified in order.
- 4. The Marin County Transit District will not be responsible for goods delivered or services rendered without an order on this form. When this order covers a continuing service rendered over a stated period of time, a new order must be obtained upon expiration of the time period to authorize continuance of the service.
- 5. Taxes
  - a. Marin County Transit District is exempt from payment of Federal Excise Tax. No Federal Tax should be included in price. Exemption certificates will be furnished when applicable.
  - b. Where applicable, Vendor shall calculate payment for all sales, unemployment, old age pension and other taxes imposed by local, city, state or federal law and shall include such expenses in the total contract price.
- 6. Any delivered commodity not meeting required specifications will be returned at Vendor's expense. Cost of inspection of deliveries or offers for delivery, which do not meet specifications, will be a chargeable expense to the Vendor.
- 7. Vendor agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold Marin County Transit District harmless from any and all liabilities including, but not limited to, litigation costs and attorney's fees which it may incur as a consequence of this Agreement, and from any and all claims and losses to anyone who may be injured or damaged by reason of Vendor's willful misconduct or negligent performance of this Agreement.
- 8. Vendor shall not unlawfully discriminate against any individual based on race, color, religion, nationality, sex, sexual orientation, age or condition of disability.
- Vendor shall comply with any and all federal, state and local laws (including, but not limited to, Marin County Code Chapters 23.13 – Nuclear Free Zone and 2.50 – Living Wage) affecting the goods or services covered by this Agreement.
- 10. Vendor shall comply with all applicable Federal Contract Clauses as outlined in Section 2, below.
- 11. Vendor has read and understands the foregoing, and agrees to be bound by all of the included terms and conditions.
- 12. This Agreement may be amended or modified only by written Agreement of the parties.

13. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California, and the parties hereto agree that the venue shall be in Marin County, California.

# SECTION 2. FEDERAL CONTRACT CLAUSES

# 1. Access to Records and Reports

The following access to records requirements apply to this Contract:

**Record Retention.** The Contractor will retain, and will require its subcontractors of all tiers to retain, complete and readily accessible records related in whole or in part to the contract, including, but not limited to, data, documents, reports, statistics, sub-agreements, leases, subcontracts, arrangements, other third-party agreements of any type, and supporting materials related to those records.

**Retention Period.** The Contractor agrees to comply with the record retention requirements in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.333. The Contractor shall maintain all books, records, accounts and reports required under this Contract for a period of at not less than three (3) years after the date of termination or expiration of this Contract, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this Contract, in which case records shall be maintained until the disposition of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto.

Access to Records. The Contractor agrees to provide sufficient access to FTA and its contractors to inspect and audit records and information related to performance of this contract as reasonably may be required.

Access to the Sites of Performance. The Contractor agrees to permit FTA and its contractors access to the sites of performance under this contract as reasonably may be required.

## 2. Charter Service

The contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. 5323(d) and 49 CFR Part 604, which provides that Marin Transit and subrecipients of FTA assistance are prohibited from providing charter service using federally funded equipment or facilities if there is at least one private charter operator willing and able to provide the service, except under one of the exceptions at 49 CFR 604.9. Any charter service provided under one of the exceptions must be "incidental," i.e., it must not interfere with or detract from the provision of mass transportation.

# 3. Clean Air Act and Federal Water Pollution Control Act

The Contractor agrees:

- 1) It will not use any violating facilities;
- 2) It will report the use of facilities placed on or likely to be placed on the U.S. EPA "List of Violating Facilities;"
- 3) It will report violations of use of prohibited facilities to FTA; and

4) It will comply with the inspection and other requirements of the Clean Air Act, as amended, (42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 – 7671q); and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended, (33 U.S.C. §§ 1251-1387).

# 4. Civil Rights Laws and Regulations

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

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

**Nondiscrimination**. In accordance with Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing requirements FTA may issue.

**Race, Color, Religion, National Origin, Sex.** In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, and Federal transit laws at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements of U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL) regulations, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," 41 C.F.R. chapter 60, and Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity in Federal Employment," September 24, 1965, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note, as amended by any later Executive Order that amends or supersedes it, referenced in 42

U.S.C. § 2000e note. The Contractor agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, national origin, or sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity). Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, promotion, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

**Age.** In accordance with the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 621- 634, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (U.S. EEOC) regulations, "Age Discrimination in Employment Act," 29 C.F.R. part 1625, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6101 *et seq.*, U.S. Health and Human Services regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance," 45 C.F.R. part 90, and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees to refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for reason of age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

**Disabilities**. In accordance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 794, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 *et seq.*, the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §4151 *et seq.*, and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against individuals on the basis of disability. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

# 5. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)

The contractor, subrecipient or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 C.F.R. part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate, which may include, but is not limited to:

- (1) Withholding monthly progress payments;
- (2) Assessing sanctions;
- (3) Liquidated damages; and/or
- (4) Disqualifying the contractor from future bidding as non-responsible. 49 C.F.R. § 26.13(b).

Prime contractors are required to pay subcontractors for satisfactory performance of their contracts no later than 30 days from receipt of each payment the recipient makes to the prime contractor. 49 C.F.R. § 26.29(a). The contractor shall utilize the specific DBEs listed unless the contractor obtains the recipient's written consent. Unless the recipient's consent is provided, the contractor shall not be entitled to any payment for work or material unless it is performed or supplied by the listed DBE. 49 C.F.R. § 26.53(f) (1).

It is the policy of Marin Transit and the United States Department of Transportation ("DOT") that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises ("DBE's"), as defined herein and in the Federal regulations published at 49 C.F.R. part 26, shall have an equal opportunity to participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is also the policy of Marin Transit to:

- 1. Ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts;
- 2. Create a level playing field on which DBE's can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts;
- 3. Ensure that the DBE program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
- 4. Ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 C.F.R. part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBE's;
- 5. Help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT assisted contracts;

- 6. To promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally assisted contracts and procurement activities; and
- 7. Assist in the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE program.

This Contract is subject to 49 C.F.R. part 26. Therefore, the Contractor must satisfy the requirements for DBE participation as set forth herein. These requirements are in addition to all other equal opportunity employment requirements of this Contract. Marin Transit shall make all determinations with regard to whether or not a Bidder/Offeror is in compliance with the requirements stated herein. In assessing compliance, Marin Transit may consider during its review of the Bidder/Offeror's submission package, the Bidder/Offeror's documented history of non-compliance with DBE requirements on previous contracts with Marin Transit.

**Contract Assurance.** The Contractor, subrecipient or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this Contract. The Contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 C.F.R. part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the Contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this Contract, which may result in the termination of this Contract or such other remedy as Marin Transit deems appropriate.

**DBE Participation**. For the purpose of this Contract, Marin Transit will accept only DBE's who are:

- 1. Certified, at the time of bid opening or proposal evaluation, by the [*certifying agency or the Unified Certification Program (UCP)*]; or
- 2. An out-of-state firm who has been certified by either a local government, state government or Federal government entity authorized to certify DBE status or an agency whose DBE certification process has received FTA approval; or
- 3. Certified by another agency approved by Marin Transit.

**DBE Participation Goal.** The DBE participation goal for this Contract is set at 6%. This goal represents those elements of work under this Contract performed by qualified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises for amounts totaling not less than 6% of the total Contract price. Failure to meet the stated goal at the time of proposal submission may render the Bidder/Offeror non-responsive.

**Proposed Submission.** Each Bidder/Offeror, as part of its submission, shall supply the following information:

- 1. A completed DBE Utilization Form (see below) that indicates the percentage and dollar value of the total bid/contract amount to be supplied by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises under this Contract.
- 2. A list of those qualified DBE's with whom the Bidder/Offeror intends to contract for the performance of portions of the work under the Contract, the agreed price to be paid to each DBE for work, the Contract items or parts to be performed by each DBE, a proposed timetable for the performance or delivery of the Contract item, and other information as required by the DBE Participation Schedule (see below). No work shall be included in the Schedule that the Bidder/Offeror has reason to believe the listed DBE will subcontract, at any tier, to other than another DBE. If awarded the Contract, the Bidder/Offeror may not deviate from the DBE Participation Schedule submitted in response to the bid. Any subsequent changes and/or substitutions of DBE firms will require review and written approval by Marin Transit.
- 3. An original DBE Letter of Intent (see below) from each DBE listed in the DBE Participation Schedule.
- 4. An original DBE Affidavit (see below) from each DBE stating that there has not been any change in its status since the date of its last certification.

**Good Faith Efforts.** If the Bidder/Offeror is unable to meet the goal set forth above (DBE Participation Goal), Marin Transit will consider the Bidder/Offeror's documented good faith efforts to meet the goal in determining responsiveness. The types of actions that Marin Transit will consider as part of the Bidder/Offeror's good faith efforts include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Documented communication with Marin Transit's DBE Coordinator (questions of IFB or RFP requirements, subcontracting opportunities, appropriate certification, will be addressed in a timely fashion);
- 2. Pre-bid meeting attendance. At the pre-bid meeting, Marin Transit generally informs potential Bidder/Offeror's of DBE subcontracting opportunities;
- 3. The Bidder/Offeror's own solicitations to obtain DBE involvement in general circulation media, trade association publication, minority-focus media and other reasonable and available means within sufficient time to allow DBEs to respond to the solicitation;
- 4. Written notification to DBE's encouraging participation in the proposed Contract; and
- 5. Efforts made to identify specific portions of the work that might be performed by DBE's.

The Bidder/Offeror shall provide the following details, at a minimum, of the specific efforts it made to negotiate in good faith with DBE's for elements of the Contract:

- 1. The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of DBE's that were contacted;
- 2. A description of the information provided to targeted DBE's regarding the specifications and bid proposals for portions of the work;
- 3. Efforts made to assist DBE's contacted in obtaining bonding or insurance required by the Bidder or the Authority.

Further, the documentation of good faith efforts must include copies of each DBE and non-DBE subcontractor quote submitted when a non-DBE subcontractor was selected over a DBE for work on the contract. 49 C.F.R. § 26.53(b) (2) (VI). In determining whether a Bidder has made good faith efforts, the Authority may take into account the performance of other Bidders in meeting the Contract goals. For example, if the apparent successful Bidder failed to meet the goal, but meets or exceeds the average DBE participation obtained by other Bidders, the Authority may view this as evidence of the Bidder having made good faith efforts.

Administrative Reconsideration. Within five (5) business days of being informed by Marin Transit that it is not responsive or responsible because it has not documented sufficient good faith efforts, the Bidder/Offeror may request administrative reconsideration. The Bidder should make this request in writing to Marin Transit's Director of Policy and Legislative Programs. The Director of Policy and Legislative Programs will forward the Bidder/Offeror's request to a reconsideration official who will not have played any role in the original determination that the Bidder/Offeror did not document sufficient good faith efforts.

As part of this reconsideration, the Bidder/Offeror will have the opportunity to provide written documentation or argument concerning the issue of whether it met the goal or made adequate good faith efforts to do so. The Bidder/Offeror will have the opportunity to meet in person with the assigned reconsideration official to discuss the issue of whether it met the goal or made adequate good faith efforts to do so. Marin Transit will send the Bidder/Offeror a written decision on its reconsideration, explaining the basis for finding that the Bidder/Offeror did or did not meet the goal or make adequate

good faith efforts to do so. The result of the reconsideration process is not administratively appealable to the Department of Transportation.

**Termination of DBE Subcontractor.** The Contractor shall not terminate the DBE subcontractor(s) listed in the DBE Participation Schedule (see below) without Marin Transit's prior written consent. Marin Transit may provide such written consent only if the Contractor has good cause to terminate the DBE firm. Before transmitting a request to terminate, the Contractor shall give notice in writing to the DBE subcontractor of its intent to terminate and the reason for the request. The Contractor shall give the DBE five days to respond to the notice and advise of the reasons why it objects to the proposed termination. When a DBE subcontractor is terminated or fails to complete its work on the Contract for any reason, the Contractor shall make good faith efforts to find another DBE subcontractor to substitute for the original DBE and immediately notify Marin Transit in writing of its efforts to replace the original

DBE. These good faith efforts shall be directed at finding another DBE to perform at least the same amount of work under the Contract as the DBE that was terminated, to the extent needed to meet the Contract goal established for this procurement. Failure to comply with these requirements will be in accordance with Section 8 below (Sanctions for Violations).

**Continued Compliance.** Marin Transit shall monitor the Contractor's DBE compliance during the life of the Contract. In the event this procurement exceeds ninety (90) days, it will be the responsibility of the Contractor to submit quarterly written reports to Marin Transit that summarize the total DBE value for this Contract. These reports shall provide the following details:

- DBE utilization established for the Contract;
- Total value of expenditures with DBE firms for the quarter;
- The value of expenditures with each DBE firm for the quarter by race and gender;
- Total value of expenditures with DBE firms from inception of the Contract; and
- The value of expenditures with each DBE firm from the inception of the Contract by race and gender.

Reports and other correspondence must be submitted to the DBE Coordinator with copies provided to Marin Transit. Reports shall continue to be submitted quarterly until final payment is issued or until DBE participation is completed.

The successful Bidder/Offeror shall permit:

- Marin Transit to have access to necessary records to examine information as Marin Transit deems appropriate for the purpose of investigating and determining compliance with this provision, including, but not limited to, records of expenditures, invoices, and contract between the successful Bidder/Offeror and other DBE parties entered into during the life of the Contract.
- The authorized representative(s) of Marin Transit, the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Comptroller General of the United States, to inspect and audit all data and record of the Contractor relating to its performance under the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation provision of this Contract.
- 3. All data/record(s) pertaining to DBE shall be maintained as stated in Section [insert reference to record keeping requirements for the Project.]

**Sanctions for Violations.** If at any time Marin Transit has reason to believe that the Contractor is in violation of its obligations under this Agreement or has otherwise failed to comply with terms of this Section, Marin Transit may, in addition to pursuing any other available legal remedy, commence proceedings, which may include but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. Suspension of any payment or part due the Contractor until such time as the issues concerning the Contractor's compliance are resolved; and
- 2. Termination or cancellation of the Contract, in whole or in part, unless the successful Contractor is able to demonstrate within a reasonable time that it is in compliance with the DBE terms stated herein.

#### DBE UTILIZATION FORM

The undersigned Bidder/Offeror has satisfied the requirements of the solicitation in the following manner (please check the appropriate space):

\_\_\_\_\_ The Bidder/Offer is committed to a minimum of 6% DBE utilization on this contract.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Bidder/Offeror (if unable to meet the DBE goal of 6%) is committed to a minimum of % DBE utilization on this contract and submits documentation demonstrating good faith efforts.

#### **DBE PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE**

The Bidder/Offeror shall complete the following information for all DBE's participating in the contract that comprises the DBE Utilization percent stated in the DBE Utilization Form. The Bidder/Offeror shall also furnish the name and telephone number of the appropriate contact person should the Authority have any questions in relation to the information furnished herein.

Name and Address	-	Percent (Of Total	Race and Gender of Firm

## DBE IDENTIFICATION AND INFORMATION FORM

#### 6. Employee Protections

**Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards for Awards Not Involving Construction**-The Contractor shall comply with all federal laws, regulations, and requirements providing wage and hour protections for non-construction employees, in accordance with 40 U.S.C. § 3702, Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, and other relevant parts of that Act, 40 U.S.C. § 3701 *et seq.*, and U.S. DOL regulations, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction (also Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Non-Construction Contracts Subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act)," 29 C.F.R. part 5.

The Contractor shall maintain payrolls and basic payroll 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.

Such records maintained under this paragraph shall be made available by the Contractor for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the FTA and the Department of Labor, and the Contractor will permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job.

The contractor shall require the inclusion of the language of this clause within subcontracts of all tiers.

## 7. Energy Conservation Requirements

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

## 8.Fly America Requirements for Air Transportation

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 Marin Transit and subrecipients 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. The 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. The Contractor agrees to include the requirements of this section in all subcontracts that may involve international air transportation.

# 9. Government-Wide Debarment and Suspension

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

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

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

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

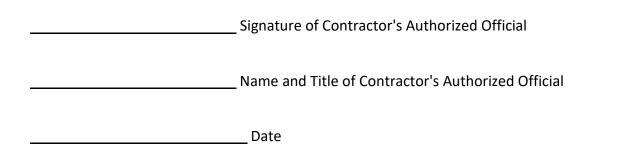
# 10. Lobbying Restrictions.

The lobbying requirements apply to all contracts and subcontracts of \$100,000 or more at any tier under a Federal grant. The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

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

- 2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence 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.
- 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 subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. 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.



# **11. No Government Obligation to Third Parties**

The Marin Transit and Contractor acknowledge and agree that, notwithstanding any concurrence by the Federal Government in or approval of the solicitation or award of the underlying Contract, absent the express written consent by the Federal Government, the Federal Government is not a party to this Contract and shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities to the Marin Transit, Contractor or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the underlying Contract. The Contractor agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by the FT It is further agreed that the clause shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to its provisions.

## 12. Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements and Related Acts

The Contractor acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. § § 3801 <u>et seq</u> . and U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 C.F.R. Part 31, apply to its actions pertaining to this Project. Upon execution of

the underlying contract, the Contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, pertaining to the underlying contract or the FTA assisted project for which this contract work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, the Contractor further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 on the Contractor to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

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

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

# 13. Public Transportation Employee Protective Arrangements

The Contractor agrees to comply with the following employee protective arrangements of 49 U.S.C. § 5333(b):

**U.S. DOL Certification.** Under this Contract or any Amendments thereto that involve public transportation operations that are supported with federal assistance, a certification issued by U.S. DOL is a condition of the Contract.

**Special Warranty.** When the Contract involves public transportation operations and is supported with federal assistance appropriated or made available for 49 U.S.C. § 5311, U.S. DOL will provide a Special Warranty for its Award, including its Award of federal assistance under the Tribal Transit Program. The U.S. DOL Special Warranty is a condition of the Contract.

**Special Arrangements.** The conditions of 49 U.S.C. § 5333(b) do not apply to Contractors providing public transportation operations pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 5310. FTA reserves the right to make case-by-case determinations of the applicability of 49 U.S.C. § 5333(b) for all transfers of funding authorized under title 23, United States Code (flex funds), and make other exceptions as it deems appropriate, and, in those instances, any special arrangements required by FTA will be incorporated herein as required.

# **14. Recycled Products**

The Contractor agrees to provide a preference for those products and services that conserve natural resources, protect the environment, and are energy efficient by complying with and facilitating compliance with Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6962, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA),

"Comprehensive Procurement Guideline for Products Containing Recovered Materials," 40 C.F.R. part 247.

# 15. Safe Operation of Motor Vehicles

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

**Distracted Driving.** The Contractor agrees to adopt and enforce workplace safety policies to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers, including policies to ban text messaging while using an electronic device supplied by an employer, and driving a vehicle the driver owns or rents, a vehicle Contactor owns, leases, or rents, or a privately-owned vehicle when on official business in connection with the work performed under this agreement.

# 16. School Bus Operations

The contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. 5323(f), and 49 C.F.R. part 604, and not engage in school bus operations using federally funded equipment or facilities in competition with private operators of school buses, except as permitted under:

- a. Federal transit laws, specifically 49 U.S.C. § 5323(f);
- b. FTA regulations, "School Bus Operations," 49 C.F.R. part 605;
- c. Any other Federal School Bus regulations; or
- d. Federal guidance, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing. If Contractor violates this School Bus Agreement, FTA may:
  - 1. Bar the Contractor from receiving Federal assistance for public transportation; or
  - 2. Require the contractor to take such remedial measures as FTA considers appropriate.

When operating exclusive school bus service under an allowable exemption, the contractor may not use federally funded equipment, vehicles, or facilities.

The Contractor should include the substance of this clause in each subcontract or purchase under this contract that may operate public transportation services.

# **17. Substance Abuse Requirements**

**Substance Abuse Testing.** The Contractor agrees to establish and implement a drug and alcohol testing program that complies with 49 C.F.R. parts 655, produce any documentation necessary

to establish its compliance with part 655, and permit any authorized representative of the United States Department of Transportation or its operating administrations, the State Oversight Agency of [name of State], or Marin Transit, to inspect the facilities and records associated with the implementation of the drug and alcohol testing program as required under 49 C.F.R. part 655 and review the testing process. The Contractor agrees further to certify annually its compliance with parts 655 before [insert date] and to submit the Management Information System (MIS) reports before [insert date before March 15] to General Manager, Marin Transit, 711 Grand Avenue, Ste. 101, San Rafael, CA 94901. 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*.

#### 18. Termination

**Termination for Convenience (General Provision).** Marin Transit 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 Marin Transit to be paid the Contractor. If the Contractor has any property in its possession belonging to Marin Transit, the Contractor will account for the same, and dispose of it in the manner Marin Transit directs.

**Termination for Default [Breach or Cause] (General Provision).** If the Contractor does not deliver supplies in accordance with the contract delivery schedule, or, if the contract is for services, the Contractor fails to perform in the manner called for in the contract, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of the contract, Marin Transit may terminate this contract for default. Termination shall be effected by serving a notice of termination on the contractor setting forth the manner in which the Contractor is in default. The contractor will only be paid the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in the contract.

If it is later determined by Marin Transit that the Contractor had an excusable reason for not performing, such as a strike, fire, or flood, events which are not the fault of or are beyond the control of the Contractor, Marin Transit, after setting up a new delivery of performance schedule, may allow the Contractor to continue work, or treat the termination as a termination for convenience.

**Opportunity to Cure (General Provision).** Marin Transit in its sole discretion may, in the case of a termination for breach or default, allow the Contractor thirty (30) days in which to cure the defect. In such case, the notice of termination will state the time period in which cure is permitted and other appropriate conditions

If Contractor fails to remedy to Marin Transit's satisfaction the breach or default of any of the terms, covenants, or conditions of this Contract within thirty (30) days after receipt by Contractor of written notice from Marin Transit setting forth the nature of said breach or

default, Marin Transit 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 Marin Transit from also pursuing all available remedies against Contractor and its sureties for said breach or default.

Waiver of Remedies for any Breach. In the event that Marin Transit elects to waive its remedies for any breach by Contractor of any covenant, term or condition of this Contract, such waiver by Marin Transit shall not limit Marin Transit's remedies for any succeeding breach of that or of any other term, covenant, or condition of this Contract.

**Termination for Convenience (Professional or Transit Service Contracts).** Marin Transit, by written notice, may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, when it is in the Government's interest. If this contract is terminated, the Marin Transit shall be liable only for payment under the payment provisions of this contract for services rendered before the effective date of termination.

**Termination for Convenience of Default (Cost-Type Contracts).** Marin Transit may terminate this contract, or any portion of it, by serving a notice or termination on the Contractor. The notice shall state whether the termination is for convenience of Marin Transit or for the default of the Contractor. If the termination is for default, the notice shall state the manner in which the contractor has failed to perform the requirements of the contract. The Contractor shall account for any property in its possession paid for from funds received from Marin Transit, or property supplied to the Contractor by Marin Transit. If the termination is for default, Marin Transit may fix the fee, if the contract provides for a fee, to be paid the contractor shall promptly submit its termination claim to Marin Transit and the parties shall negotiate the termination settlement to be paid the Contractor.

If the termination is for the convenience of Marin Transit, the Contractor shall be paid its contract close-out costs, and a fee, if the contract provided for payment of a fee, in proportion to the work performed up to the time of termination.

If, after serving a notice of termination for default, Marin Transit determines that the Contractor has an excusable reason for not performing, Marin Transit, after setting up a new work schedule, may allow the Contractor to continue work, or treat the termination as a termination for convenience.

## 19. Violation and Breach of Contract

**Rights and Remedies of Marin Transit.** Marin Transit shall have the following rights in the event that Marin Transit deems the Contractor guilty of a breach of any term under the Contract.

- 1. The right to take over and complete the work or any part thereof as agency for and at the expense of the Contractor, either directly or through other contractors;
- 2. The right to cancel this Contract as to any or all of the work yet to be performed;

- 3. The right to specific performance, an injunction or any other appropriate equitable remedy; and
- 4. The right to money damages.

For purposes of this Contract, Marin Transit shall define breach in the Contract terms.

**Rights and Remedies of Contractor.** Inasmuch as the Contractor can be adequately compensated by money damages for any breach of this Contract, which may be committed by Marin Transit, the Contractor expressly agrees that no default, act or omission of Marin Transit shall constitute a material breach of this Contract, entitling Contractor to cancel or rescind the Contract (unless Marin Transit directs Contractor to do so) or to suspend or abandon performance.

**Remedies.** Substantial failure of the Contractor to complete the Project in accordance with the terms of this Agreement will be a default of this Agreement. In the event of a default, Marin Transit will have all remedies in law and equity, including the right to specific performance, without further assistance, and the rights to termination or suspension as provided herein. The Contractor recognizes that in the event of a breach of this Agreement by the Contractor before Marin Transit takes action contemplated herein, Marin Transit will provide the Contractor with sixty (60) days written notice that Marin Transit considers that such a breach has occurred and will provide the Contractor a reasonable period of time to respond and to take necessary corrective action.

**Disputes.** Example 1: Disputes arising in the performance of this Contract that are not resolved by agreement of the parties shall be decided in writing by the authorized representative of Marin Transit's General Manager. This decision shall be final and conclusive unless within [10] days from the date of receipt of its copy, the Contractor mails or otherwise furnishes a written appeal to the General 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 the General Manager shall be binding upon the Contractor and the Contractor shall abide be the decision.

<u>Example 2:</u> Marin Transit and the Contractor intend to resolve all disputes under this Agreement to the best of their abilities in an informal manner. To accomplish this end, the parties will use an Alternative Dispute Resolution process to resolve disputes in a manner designed to avoid litigation. In general, the parties contemplate that the Alternative Dispute Resolution process will include, at a minimum, an attempt to resolve disputes through communications between their staffs, and, if resolution is not reached at that level, a procedure for review and action on such disputes by appropriate management level officials within Marin Transit and the Contractor's organization.

In the event that a resolution of the dispute is not mutually agreed upon, the parties can agree to mediate the dispute or proceed with litigation. Notwithstanding any provision of this section, or any other provision of this Contract, it is expressly agreed and understood that any court proceeding arising out of a dispute under the Contract shall be heard by a Court <u>de novo</u> and the court shall not be limited in such proceeding to the issue of whether the Authority acted in an arbitrary, capricious or grossly erroneous manner.

Pending final settlement of any dispute, the parties shall proceed diligently with the performance of the Contract, and in accordance with Marin Transit's direction or decisions made thereof.

**Performance during Dispute.** Unless otherwise directed by Marin Transit, 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 its employees, agents or others for whose acts it is legally liable, a claim for damages therefor shall be made in writing to such other party within a reasonable time after the first observance of such injury or damage.

**Remedies.** Unless this Contract provides otherwise, all claims, counterclaims, disputes and other matters in question between Marin Transit 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 Marin Transit 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 Marin Transit 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.