



**CITY OF KNOXVILLE**  
 OFFICE OF THE PURCHASING AGENT  
 P.O. BOX 1631  
 400 MAIN ST., ROOM 667  
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

**SEALED BID**  
  
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Merchandise to be delivered to : DELIVERY TBD

BID will be received at: Office of the Purchasing Agent, Room 667, 400 Main St., Knoxville, TN 37902, until 02/13/2018 11:00:00 AM

ENVELOPE TO BE SEALED AND MARKED: **TIRE CONTRACT**

**Special Instructions:**  
 Supply to the City of Knoxville various sizes of premium quality tires on an as needed basis. In this invitation, specific tires have been identified as the make and model that the City of Knoxville desires to purchase. Whenever a tire is identified as a tier 1 or tier 2 product, any tire of less quality will not be accepted. This will not apply to the trailer tires that we are requesting. Tires will be supplied to our heavy and light equipment shops as well as the shop at Knoxville Area Transit. Due to our limited storage space, the vendor must be located within a reasonable distance from our shops and must be able to deliver the tires within a 24 hour period. The vendor will be required to stock at least eight of the tires being quoted so that down time will be kept to a minimum. The quantities to be purchased for twelve months are strictly estimated. All tires being quoted must be class "A" current production tires of the latest design and construction. On tire disposal fee (line item #24), when the vendor delivers a given number of new tires, he will be required to dispose of like amount regardless of size. The contract period will be for one year with the option to renew for two additional one year periods. The City reserves the right to reject any tire that performs poorly or has unacceptable tread wear. Past experience with a given tire will be factored into the award process. The City of Knoxville reserves the right to purchase tires from other vendors if the supplier does not have a requested tire in stock. Please note the FTA documents that also must be completed. The contract period will be from 2-19-18 thru 2-18-19. Direct all questions to jtucker@knoxvilletn.gov.

**IMPORTANT - State Merchandise**  
 Delivery Date Here: \_\_\_\_\_

Buyer Name:  
 Phone:  
 Fax: (865) 215-2277  
 Email:

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1	Each	11R22.5 HY 16 PLY. FIRESTONE FS561 OR AN APPROVED TIER 1 OR TIER 2 TIRE THAT IS EQUAL; ESTIMATED QUANTITY OF 70EA. PRICE MUST INCLUDE DISPOSAL FEE.					
2	Each	11R22.5 MS 16 PLY; FIRESTONE FD663 OR AN APPROVED TIER 1 OR TIER 2 TIRE THAT IS EQUAL; ESTIMATED QUANTITY OF 100EA. PRICE MUST INCLUDE DISPOSAL FEE.					
3	Each	12R22.5HY 16 PLY; FIRESTONE FS561 OR AN APPROVED TIER 1 OR TIER 2 TIRE THAT IS EQUAL; ESTIMATED QUANTITY OF 50EA. PRICE MUST INCLUDE DISPOSAL FEE.					
4	Each	12R22.5MS 16 PLY; FIRESTONE FD663 OR AN APPROVED TIER 1 OR TIER 2 TIRE THAT IS EQUAL; ESTIMATED QUANTITY OF 45EA. PRICE MUST INCLUDE DISPOSAL FEE..					
5	Each	315-80R22.5 20 PLY; BRIDGESTONE M860A OR AN APPROVED TIER 1 OR TIER 2 TIRE THAT IS EQUAL; ESTIMATED QUANTITY OF 30EA. PRICE MUST INCLUDE DISPOSAL FEE.					
6	Each	385-65R22.5 18 PLY; BRIDGESTONE M854 OR AN APPROVED TIER 1 OR TIER 2 TIRE THAT IS EQUAL; ESTIMATED QUANTITY OF 30EA. PRICE MUST INCLUDE DISPOSAL FEE.					

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Buyer Name: Tucker, James  
 Phone: 865-215-2064  
 Fax: (865) 215-2277  
 Email: jtucker@knoxvilletn.gov

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7	Each	425-65R22.5 20 PLY; BRIDGESTONE M854 OR AN APPROVED TIER 1 OR TIER 2 TIRE THAT IS EQUAL; ESTIMATED QUANTITY 30EA. PRICE MUST INCLUDE DISPOSAL FEE.					
8	Each	425-65R22.5 20 PLY; BRIDGESTONE M860A OR AN APPROVED TIER 1 OR TIER 2 TIRE THAT IS EQUAL; ESTIMATED QUANTITY OF 30 EA. PRICE MUST INCLUDE DISPOSAL FEE.					
9	Each	LT245/75R-17 10 PLY; FIRESTONE TRANSFORCE HT OR AN APPROVED TIER 1 OR TIER 2 TIRE THAT IS EQUAL; ESTIMATED QUANTITY 40EA. PRICE MUST INCLUDE DISPOSAL FEE.					
10	Each	P225/50R 17 AS; ESTIMATED QUANTITY OF 180EA. PRICE MUST INCLUDE DISPOSAL FEE. NOTE: TIRE QUOTED MUST BE A TIER 1 OR TIER 2 PRODUCT.					
11	Each	P235/70R-16 AS 107S; ESTIMATED QUANTITY OF 60EA. PRICE MUST INCLUDE DISPOSAL FEE. NOTE: TIRE QUOTED MUST BE A TIER 1 OR TIER 2 PRODUCT.					
12	Each	P235/70R 17 108S. ESTIMATED QUANTITY OF 50EA. PRICE MUST INCLUDE DISPOSAL FEE. NOTE: TIRE QUOTED MUST BE A TIER 1 OR TIER 2 PRODUCT.					

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13	Each	235/75R 17.5 10 PLY; ESTIMATED QUANTITY 40EA. PRICE MUST INCLUDE DISPOSAL FEE. NOTE: TIRE QUOTED MUST BE TIER 1 OR TIER 2 PRODUCT.					
14	Each	ST 205/75R15 16 PLY TIRES; ESTIMATED QUANTITY 50EA. PRICE MUST INCLUDE DISPOSAL FEE. NOTE: PLEASE SUPPLY MAKE AND MODEL OF TIRE BEING QUOTED.					
15	Each	ST 225/75R-15 8 PLY TIRE; ESTIMATED QUANTITY OF 50EA. PRICE MUST INCLUDE DISPOSAL FEE. NOTE: PLEASE SUPPLY BRAND AND MODEL OF TIRE BEING QUOTED.					
16	Each	11R22.5 HY 16 PLY TIRE; MUST BE FIRESTONE FSS61; TIRE FOR FIRE TRUCKS AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES. ESTIMATED QUANTITY OF 36EA. PRICE MUST INCLUDE DISPOSAL FEE.					
17	Each	11R22.5 MS 16 PLY TIRE; MUST BE FIRESTONE FD663; TIRE FOR FIRE TRUCKS AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES. ESTIMATED QUANTITY OF 24EA. PRICE MUST INCLUDE DISPOSAL FEE.					
18	Each	12R22.5 HY 16 PLY TIRE; MUST BE FIRESTONE FSS61; TIRE FOR FIRE TRUCKS AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES. ESTIMATED QUANTITY OF 24EA. PRICE MUST INCLUDE DISPOSAL FEE.					

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19	Each	12R22.5 MS 16 PLY TIRE; MUST BE FIRESTONE FD663; TIRE FOR FIRE TRUCKS AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES. ESTIMATED QUANTITY OF 30EA. PRICE MUST INCLUDE DISPOSAL FEE.					
20	Each	315-80R22.5 20 PLY TIRE; MUST BE BRIDGESTONE M860A; TIRE FOR FIRE TRUCKS AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES; ESTIMATED QUANTITY OF 24EA. PRICE MUST INCLUDE DISPOSAL FEE.					
21	Each	385-65R22.5 18 PLY TIRE; MUST BE BRIDGESTONE M854. TIRE FOR FIRE TRUCK AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES. ESTIMATED QUANTITY OF 24EA. PRICE MUST INCLUDE DISPOSAL FEE.					
22	Each	425-65R22.5 20 PLY TIRE; MUST BE BRIDGESTONE M854. TIRE FOR FIRE TRUCKS AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES. ESTIMATED QUANTITY OF 24EA. PRICE MUST INCLUDE DISPOSAL FEE.					
23	Each	425-65R22.5 20 PLY TIRE; MUST BE BRIDGESTONE M660A. TIRE FOR FIRE TRUCKS AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES. ESTIMATED QUANTITY OF 24EA. PRICE MUST INCLUDE DISPOSAL FEE.					
24	Each	TIRE CORE DISPOSAL FEE. COST PER TIRE; ALL SIZES INCLUDED.					

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25	Each	285/70R19.5 HY 16 PLY CONTINENTAL OR AN APPROVED EQUAL TIER 1 OR TIER 2 TIRE THAT IS EQUAL. ESTIMATED QUANTITY OF 50EA. PRICE MUST INCLUDE DISPOSAL FEE.					

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**CITY OF KNOXVILLE  
INVITATION TO BID**

**TIRES**

Sealed bids, invited by the City of Knoxville, will be received by the Purchasing Agent of the City of Knoxville, in Room 667-674, City County Building; 400 Main Avenue; Knoxville, Tennessee, until 11:00:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on February 13, 2018, at which time they will be opened and publicly read aloud and a contract awarded as soon thereafter as practicable.

**BID SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Bidders must furnish the following information in writing with their submission:

1. Bid Form showing bidder's name, address, quoted price, business license number, date of expiration of business license. A copy of the bidder's current business license may be submitted in lieu of providing the license expiration date.
2. Non-Collusion Affidavit
3. Iran Divestment Act Certification of Noninclusion

**INVITATION TO BID – INSTRUCTIONS AND CONDITIONS**

1. Sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Agent of the City of Knoxville in Room 667-674, City/County Building; 400 Main Avenue; Knoxville, Tennessee 37902 until February 13, **2018** at 11:00:00 a.m., at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud and the contract awarded as soon as practicable. **No bid will be received or accepted after the above-specified time for the opening of bids.** Bids that arrive late due to the fault of U. S. Postal Service, United Parcel Service, DHL, FEDEX, any delivery/courier service, or any other carrier of any sort are still considered late and shall not be accepted by the City. Such bids shall remain unopened and will be returned to the submitting entity upon request.
2. The City of Knoxville reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to accept or reject any items thereon, to waive technicalities or informalities, to split orders if in the best interest of the City, to evaluate bids by various criteria, and to accept any bid which, in its opinion, may be for the best interest of the City.
3. Included in the Invitation to Bid is an affidavit in proof that the undersigned has not entered into any collusion with any person in respect to this bid or any other bid. The Bidder will be required to execute and submit this affidavit with the sealed bid.
4. Each bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope, addressed to the Purchasing Agent, City of Knoxville, Room 667-674, City/County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee, 37902. Each sealed envelope containing a bid must be plainly marked on the outside as: "TIRES."
5. **NO CONTACT POLICY:** After the posting of this solicitation to the Purchasing Division's website, any contact initiated by any proposer with any City of Knoxville representative concerning this proposal is strictly prohibited, unless such contact is made with the Purchasing Division representative listed

herein or with said representative's authorization. Any unauthorized contact may cause the disqualification of the proposer from this procurement transaction.

6. **INCLEMENT WEATHER:** During periods of inclement weather, the Purchasing Division will enact the following procedures with regard to solicitations and weather delays:
  - If City offices are closed due to inclement weather on the date that bids/proposals/qualifications/letters of interest are due into the Purchasing Office, all solicitations due that same day will be moved to the next operational business day.
  - The City of Knoxville shall not be liable for any commercial carrier's decision regarding deliveries during inclement weather.
7. All bids must be made on the Bid Form supplied with the contract documents, and no interlineations, excisions, or special conditions shall be made or included in the Bid Evaluation Sheet by the Bidder. **Any bid on which there is an alteration of or departure from the Bid Form may be considered irregular and may be rejected.** All bids must be signed in full by the Bidder or Bidders in their business name or style when submitted and must show his or their complete address.
8. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.
9. Prior to submitting their bids, bidders are to be registered with the Purchasing Division by setting up a Vendor Self-Service Account. Instructions for registering on-line are available at [www.knoxvilletn.gov/purchasing](http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/purchasing).
10. **Bid submissions from un-registered bidders may be rejected.**
11. Payment for completed services delivered to and accepted by the City shall be at the contract price.
12. State makes or brand on each item. If quoting on other than the make, model, or brand specified, the manufacturer's name and catalog number must be given, along with warranty information and detailed specifications. Because the City is committed to environmentally sound practices, brands are expected to be procured with environmental responsibility in mind.
13. Time of delivery is part of the consideration and must be stated in definite terms; time of delivery is guaranteed by the bidder and must be adhered to upon award. If time varies on different items, the bidder shall so state.
14. All quotations must be signed with the firm name and by a responsible officer or employee. Obligations assumed by such signature must be fulfilled.
15. Samples of items, when required, must be furnished free of expense to the City and if not called for within fifteen (15) days from the date of bid opening, same will be disposed of in a manner deemed to be in the best interest of the City. Items shipped as a result of an Agreement to purchase (Purchase Order) must match the sample provided with Vendor's bid submission. The City of Knoxville will be the sole judge as to whether or not the shipped items match said supplied sample, and the City's decision will be final. Should shipped items not, in the City's judgment, be as represented by the sample provided, Vendor shall pay the City in full for all costs associated with returning shipped items to the Vendor. No restocking fee or other fees will be assessed against the City of Knoxville.
16. Bidders shall verify bids before submission, as bids cannot be withdrawn or corrected after being opened. Bids will be evaluated by unit price.

17. If federal excise tax applies, show amount of same and deduct. Bear in mind that the City is exempt from Tennessee sales tax.
18. Prices are considered FOB Knoxville unless otherwise stated in the Invitation to Bid.
19. By execution and delivery of a bid submission, the bidder agrees that any additional terms and conditions, whether submitted to the City purposely or inadvertently, shall have no force or effect.
20. Bidders must comply with the President's Executive Orders No. 11246 and 11375 which prohibit discrimination in employment regarding race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Bidders must not maintain or provide for their employees any facilities that are segregated on the basis of race, color, religion or national origin. Bidders must also comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Copeland Anti-Kick Back Act, the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standard Act, Section 402 of the Vietnam Veterans Adjustment Act of 1974 and Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, all of which are herein incorporated by reference.
21. All bidders must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as codified in 42 U.S.C. 2000d. The successful bidder must follow Title VI guidelines in all areas including hiring practices, open facilities, insurance, and wages. The City of Knoxville reserves the right to review all compliance records by a contract compliance officer designated by the City.
22. No interpretation of the meaning of the plans, specifications, or other pre-bid documents will be made to any bidder orally. Each request for such interpretation should be in writing addressed to **James Tucker, Senior Buyer** for the City of Knoxville, 400 Main Street, Room 667, Knoxville, TN 37902, or emailed to him at [jtucker@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:jtucker@knoxvilletn.gov). To be given consideration, such requests/questions must be received at least five (5) business days prior to the date fixed for the opening of bids. Any and all such interpretations and any supplemental instructions will be in the form of written addenda to the specifications which, if issued, will be posted to the City's website at [www.knoxvilletn.gov/purchasing](http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/purchasing). Submitting organizations are strongly encouraged to view this website often to see if addenda are posted. Failure of any bidder to receive such addendum or interpretation shall not relieve such Bidder from any obligation under his bid as submitted. All addenda so issued shall become part of the Contract Documents.
23. Attention of all bidders is directed to the set off provision contained in Article II, Section 24-33, entitled, "Debts owed by persons receiving payments other than salary", and Section 2-1049 entitled "Receipt of benefits from City contracts by council members, employees, and officers of the City" of the Code of the City of Knoxville.
24. Before a Purchase Order is issued, the submitting entity, if selected, **must** provide the City Purchasing Division with a copy of its valid business license **or** with an affidavit explaining why it is exempt from the business licensure requirements of the city or county in which it is headquartered. If a contract is signed, the contractor's business license shall be kept current throughout the duration of the contract, and the contractor shall inform the City of changes in its business name or location. Any Agreement to purchase resulting from this Invitation to Bid shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the substantive laws of the State of Tennessee and its conflict of laws provisions. Venue for any action arising between the City and the Vendor from the Agreement shall lie in Knox County, Tennessee.
25. In compliance with Tennessee state law, bids must be accompanied by a certification attesting that, to the best of the bidder's knowledge, the bidder does not engage in investment activities in Iran. The Iran Divestment Act of 2014 Certification of Non-inclusion form may be found in this solicitation document.

26. By acceptance and delivery of the Purchase Order resulting from the award of this Invitation to Bid, the Vendor agrees to the following:

Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers, employees and agents from any and all liabilities which may accrue against the City, its officers, employees and agents or any third party for any and all lawsuits, claims, demands, losses or damages alleged to have arisen from an act or omission of Contractor in performance of this Agreement or from Contractor's failure to perform this Agreement using ordinary care and skill, except where such injury, damage, or loss was caused by the sole negligence of the City, its agents or employees.

Contractor shall save, indemnify and hold the City harmless from the cost of the defense of any claim, demand, suit or cause of action made or brought against the City alleging liability referenced above, including, but not limited to, costs, fees, attorney fees, and other expenses of any kind whatsoever arising in connection with the defense of the City; and Contractor shall assume and take over the defense of the City in any such claim, demand, suit, or cause of action upon written notice and demand for same by the City. Contractor will have the right to defend the City with counsel of its choice that is satisfactory to the City, and the City will provide reasonable cooperation in the defense as Contractor may request. Contractor will not consent to the entry of any judgment or enter into any settlement with respect to an indemnified claim without the prior written consent of the City, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed. The City shall have the right to participate in the defense against the indemnified claims with counsel of its choice at its own expense.

Contractor shall save, indemnify and hold City harmless and pay judgments that shall be rendered in any such actions, suits, claims or demands against City alleging liability referenced above.

The indemnification and hold harmless provisions of this Agreement shall survive termination of the Agreement.

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**BID FORM**

TO: Purchasing Agent  
City of Knoxville  
Suite 667-674  
City/County Building  
400 Main Street  
Knoxville, TN 37902

Having carefully examined the specifications for the "Tires" to open on February 13, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. and the other Contract Documents and addenda, we hereby propose to furnish the tires as specified:

GUARANTEE of delivery no later than \_\_\_\_\_ days after receiving a tire order.  
(Bidder must initial) \_\_\_\_\_

Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Official Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(By)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name Typed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Terms \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT OF PRIME BIDDER**

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

- (1) He is owner, partner, officer, representative, or agent of \_\_\_\_\_ , the Bidder that has submitted the attached Bid;
- (2) He is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the attached Bid and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such Bid;
- (3) Such Bid is genuine and is not a collusive or sham Bid;
- (4) Neither the said Bid nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees, or parties in interest, including this affiant, has in any way colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other Bidder, firm or person to submit a collusive or sham Bid in connection with the Contract for which the attached Bid has been submitted or to refrain from proposing in connection with such Contract, or has in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion or communication or conference with any other Bidder, firm, or person to fix the price or prices in the attached Bid or of any other Bidder, firm, or person to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of the bid price or the bid price of any other Bidder, or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement any advantage against the City of Knoxville or any person interested in the proposed Contract; and
- (5) The price or prices quoted in that attached Bid are fair and proper and are not tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement on the part of the Bidder or any of its agents, representatives, owners, employees, or parties in interest, including this affidavit.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2\_\_\_\_.

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

## IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT

Certification of Noninclusion

**NOTICE:** Pursuant to the Iran Divestment Act, Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-12-106 requires the State of Tennessee Chief Procurement Officer to publish, using creditable information freely available to the public, a list of persons it determines engage in investment activities in Iran, as described in § 12-12-105. Inclusion on this list makes a person ineligible to contract with the state of Tennessee; if a person ceases its engagement in investment activities in Iran, it may be removed from the list. A list of entities ineligible to contract in the State of Tennessee Department of General Services or any political subdivision of the State may be found here:

[https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/generalservices/documents/cpo/cpo-library/public-information-library/List of persons pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 12-12-106 Iran Divestment Act updated 7.7.17.pdf](https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/generalservices/documents/cpo/cpo-library/public-information-library/List%20of%20persons%20pursuant%20to%20Tenn.%20Code%20Ann.%2012-12-106%20Iran%20Divestment%20Act%20updated%207.7.17.pdf)

By submission of this bid, each bidder and each person signing on behalf of any bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief that each bidder is not on the list created pursuant to T.C.A. § 12-12-106.

Vendor Name (Printed)	Address
By (Authorized Signature)	Date Executed
Printed Name and Title of Person Signing	

**NOTARY PUBLIC:**

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2\_\_\_\_\_.

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

# DIVERSITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) PROGRAM

The City of Knoxville strongly encourages prime contractors to employ diverse businesses in the fulfillment of contracts/projects for the City of Knoxville.

The City of Knoxville's Fiscal Year 2017 goal is to conduct 3.33% of its business with minority-owned businesses, 9.21% of its business with women-owned businesses, and 45.5% with small businesses.

While the City cannot engage (pursuant to state law), in preferential bidding practices, the city does **strongly encourage** prime contractors to seek out and hire diverse businesses in order to help the city meet its goals as stated above. As such, the City encourages prime contractors to seek out and consider competitive sub-bids and quotations from diverse businesses.

For DBE tracking purposes, the City requests that prime contractors who are bidding, proposing, or submitting statements of qualifications record whether or not they plan to employ DBE's as sub-contractors or consultants. With that in mind, please fill out, sign and submit (with your bid/proposal) the following sub-contractor/consultant statement.

**Subcontractor/Consultant Statement**  
(TO BE SUBMITTED IN THE BID/PROPOSAL ENVELOPE)

We \_\_\_\_\_ do certify that on the  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Bidder/Proposer Company Name)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Project Name)  
 ( \$ \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 (Amount of Bid)

**Please select one:**

**Option A: Intent to subcontract using Diverse Businesses**

A Diversity business will be employed as subcontractor(s), vendor(s), supplier(s), or professional service(s). The estimated **dollar value** of the amount that we plan to pay is:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Estimated Amount of Subcontracted Service

<b>Diversity Business Enterprise Utilization</b>			
Description of Work/Project	Amount	Diverse Classification (MOB, WOB, SB, SDOV)	Name of Diverse Business

**Option B: Intent to perform work “without” using Diverse Businesses**

We hereby certify that it is our intent to perform 100 % of the work required for the contract, work will be completed without subcontracting, or we plan to subcontract with non-Diverse companies.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ COMPANY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBMITTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Authorized Representative)

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

## **CITY OF KNOXVILLE DIVERSITY BUSINESS DEFINITIONS**

Diversity Business Enterprise (DBE's) are minority-owned (MOB), women-owned (WOB), service-disabled veteran-owned (SDVO), and small businesses (SB), who are impeded from normal entry into the economic mainstream because of past practices of discrimination based on race or ethnic background. These persons must own at least 51% of the entity and operate or control the business on a daily basis.

Minority: A person who is a citizen or lawful admitted permanent resident of the United States and who is a member of one (1) of the following groups:

- a. African American, persons having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa;
- b. Hispanic American, persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race;
- c. Native American, persons who have origin in any of the original peoples of North America ;
- d. Asian American, person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands.

Minority-owned business (MOB) is a continuing, independent, for profit business that performs a commercially useful function, and is at least fifty-one percent (51%) owned and controlled by one (1) or more minority individuals.

Woman-owned business (WOB) is a continuing, independent, for profit business that performs a commercially useful function, and is at least fifty-one percent (51%) owned and controlled by one (1) or more women.

Service Disabled Veteran-owned business (SDOV) is a continuing, independent, for profit business that performs a commercially useful function, owned by any person who served honorably on active duty in the armed forces of the United States with at least a twenty percent (20%) disability that is service connected. Meaning such disability was incurred or aggravated in the line of duty in the active military, naval or air service, and is at least fifty-one percent (51%) owned and controlled by one (1) or more service disabled veteran.

Small Business (SB) is a continuing, independent, for profit business which performs a commercially useful function and has total gross receipts of not more than ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) average over a three-year period or employs no more than ninety-nine (99) persons on a full-time basis.

### **No Government Obligation to Third Parties –**

1. The City of Knoxville 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 City of Knoxville, Contractor, or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the underlying contract.

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

### **Program Fraud and False of Fraudulent Statements and Related Acts (31 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.; 49 CFR Part 31 18 U.S.C. 1001; 49 U.S.C. 5307) –**

1. The Contractor acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq. and U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 C.F.R. Part 31, apply to its actions pertaining to this Project. Upon execution of the underlying contract, the Contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, pertaining to the underlying contract or the FTA assisted project for which this contract work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, the Contractor further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 on the Contractor to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

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

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

### **Access to Records and Reports (49 U.S.C. 5325; 18 CFR 18.36(i); 49 CFR 633.17) - The following access to records requirements apply to this Contract:**

1. Where the Purchaser is not a State but a local government and is the FTA Recipient or a subgrantee of the FTA Recipient in accordance with 49 C.F.R. 18.36(i), the Contractor agrees to provide the Purchaser, the FTA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers and records of the

Contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions. Contractor also agrees, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 633.17 to provide the FTA Administrator or his authorized representatives including any PMO Contractor access to Contractor's records and construction sites pertaining to a major capital project, defined at 49 U.S.C. 5302(a)1, which is receiving federal financial assistance through the programs described at 49 U.S.C. 5307, 5309 or 5311.

2. Where any Purchaser which is the FTA Recipient or a subgrantee of the FTA Recipient in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 5325(a) enters into a contract for a capital project or improvement (defined at 49 U.S.C. 5302(a)1) through other than competitive bidding, the Contractor shall make available records related to the contract to the Purchaser, the Secretary of Transportation and the Comptroller General or any authorized officer or employee of any of them for the purposes of conducting an audit and inspection.

3. The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.

4. The Contractor agrees to maintain all books, records, accounts and reports required under this contract for a period of not less than three years after the date of termination or expiration of this contract, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this contract, in which case Contractor agrees to maintain same until the Purchaser, the FTA Administrator, the Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives, have disposed of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto. Reference 49 CFR 18.39(i)(11).

5. FTA does not require the inclusion of these requirements in subcontracts.

**Federal Changes (49 CFR Part 18)** – The contractor shall at all times comply with all applicable FTA regulations, policies, procedures and directives, including without limitation those listed directly or by reference in the Master Agreement between the City of Knoxville and FTA, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of this contract. The contractor's failure to so comply shall constitute a material breach of this contract.

**Termination (49 U.S.C. Part 18; FTA Circular 4220.1F) -**

City's version:

The City may terminate this Agreement at any time, with or without cause, by written notice of termination to the Contractor. If the City terminates this Agreement, and such termination is not a result of a default by the Contractor, the Contractor shall be entitled to receive as its sole and exclusive remedy the following amounts from the City, and the City shall have no further or other obligations to the Contractor: (a) The amount due to the Contractor for work executed through the date of termination, not including any future fees, profits, or other compensation or payments which the Contractor would have been entitled to receive if the Project had not been terminated; and (b) the direct out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Contractor for demobilization of the Project following receipt of the notice of termination, not to exceed the amount reasonably and actually required to demobilize the Project.

The City may, by written notice of default to the Contractor, terminate the whole or any part of this contract if the Contractor fails to make delivery of the supplies or to perform any of the other material provisions of the contract as determined by the City, or so fails to make progress as to endanger performance of this contract in accordance with its terms, and in either of these two circumstances does not cure such failure within a period of 10 days (or such longer period as the Purchasing Agent may authorize in writing) after receipt of notice from the Purchasing Agent specifying such failure. If the contract is terminated in whole or in part for default, the City may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as the Purchasing Agent may deem appropriate, supplies of services similar to those terminated. If the contract is terminated in whole or in part for default, the City may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as the Purchasing Agent may deem appropriate, supplies of services similar to those terminated.

If, after notice of termination of this contract under the provisions of this clause, it is determined for any reason that the Contractor was not in default under the provisions of this clause, or that the default was excusable under the provisions of this clause, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the notice of termination had been issued pursuant to termination for convenience of the City.

The rights and remedies of the City provided in this clause shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other right and remedies provided by law or under this contract.

#### FTA Version:

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

Termination for Default. 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, the City of Knoxville 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 the City of Knoxville 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, the City of Knoxville, 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). The City of Knoxville in its sole discretion may, in the case of a termination for breach or default, allow the Contractor an amount of time established by the City Purchasing Agent 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 the contractor fails to remedy to the City of Knoxville's satisfaction the breach or default of any of

the terms, covenants, or conditions of this Contract within ten (10) days after receipt by Contractor of written notice from the City of Knoxville setting forth the nature of said breach or default, the City of Knoxville 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 the City of Knoxville 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 the City of Knoxville elects to waive its remedies for any breach by Contractor of any covenant, term or condition of this Contract, such waiver by the City of Knoxville shall not limit the City of Knoxville'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).** The City of Knoxville, 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 City of Knoxville shall be liable only for payment under the payment provisions of this contract for services rendered before the effective date of termination.

**Termination for Default (Supplies and Service).** If the Contractor fails to deliver supplies or to perform the services within the time specified in this contract or any extension or if the Contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of this contract, the City of Knoxville may terminate this contract for default. The City of Knoxville shall terminate by delivering to the Contractor a Notice of Termination specifying the nature of the default. The Contractor will only be paid the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner or performance set forth in this contract. If, after termination for failure to fulfill contract obligations, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the Recipient.

**Termination for Default (Transportation Services).** If the Contractor fails to pick up the commodities or to perform the services, including delivery services, within the time specified in this contract or any extension or if the Contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of this contract, the City of Knoxville may terminate this contract for default. The City of Knoxville shall terminate by delivering to the Contractor a Notice of Termination specifying the nature of default. The Contractor will only be paid the contract price for services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in this contract.

If this contract is terminated while the Contractor has possession of Recipient goods, the Contractor shall, upon direction of the City of Knoxville, protect and preserve the goods until surrendered to the City of Knoxville or its agent. The Contractor and the City of Knoxville shall agree on payment for the preservation and protection of goods. Failure to agree on an amount will be resolved under the Dispute clause.

If, after termination for failure to fulfill contract obligations, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the City of Knoxville.

Termination for Default (Construction). If the Contractor refuses or fails to prosecute the work or any separable part, with the diligence that will insure its completion within the time specified in this contract or any extension or fails to complete the work within this time, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of this contract, the City of Knoxville may terminate this contract for default. The City of Knoxville shall terminate by delivering to the Contractor a Notice of Termination specifying the nature of the default. In this event, the City of Knoxville may take over the work and complete it by contract or otherwise, and may take possession of and use any materials, appliances, and plant on the work site necessary for completing the work. The Contractor and its sureties shall be liable for any damage to the City of Knoxville resulting from the Contractor's refusal or failure to complete the work within specified time, whether or not the Contractor's right to proceed with the work is terminated. This liability includes any increased costs incurred by the City of Knoxville in completing the work.

The Contractor's right to proceed shall not be terminated nor shall the Contractor be charged with damages under this clause if-

1. the delay in completing the work arises from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. Examples of such causes include: acts of God, acts of the Recipient, acts of another Contractor in the performance of a contract with the Recipient, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes; and
2. the contractor, within [10] days from the beginning of any delay, notifies the City of Knoxville in writing of the causes of delay. If in the judgment of the City of Knoxville, the delay is excusable, the time for completing the work shall be extended. The judgment of the City of Knoxville shall be final and conclusive on the parties, but subject to appeal under the Disputes clauses.

If, after termination of the Contractor's right to proceed, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default, or that the delay was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties will be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the Recipient.

Termination for Convenience or Default (Architect and Engineering). The City of Knoxville may terminate this contract in whole or in part, for the Recipient's convenience or because of the failure of the Contractor to fulfill the contract obligations. The City of Knoxville shall terminate by delivering to the Contractor a Notice of Termination specifying the nature, extent, and effective date of the termination. Upon receipt of the notice, the Contractor shall (1) immediately discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise), and (2) deliver to the Contracting Officer all data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and other information and materials accumulated in performing this contract, whether completed or in process.

If the termination is for the convenience of the City of Knoxville, the Contracting Officer shall make an equitable adjustment in the contract price but shall allow no anticipated profit on unperformed services.

If the termination is for failure of the Contractor to fulfill the contract obligations, the City of

Knoxville may complete the work by contract or otherwise and the Contractor shall be liable for any additional cost incurred by the City of Knoxville.

If, after termination for failure to fulfill contract obligations, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the City of Knoxville.

Termination for Convenience of Default (Cost-Type Contracts). The City of Knoxville may terminate this contract, or any portion of it, by serving a notice of termination on the Contractor. The notice shall state whether the termination is for convenience of the City of Knoxville 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 the City of Knoxville, or property supplied to the Contractor by the City of Knoxville. If the termination is for default, the City of Knoxville may fix the fee, if the contract provides for a fee, to be paid the contractor in proportion to the value, if any, of work performed up to the time of termination. The Contractor shall promptly submit its termination claim to the City of Knoxville and the parties shall negotiate the termination settlement to be paid the Contractor.

If the termination is for the convenience of the City of Knoxville, 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, the City of Knoxville determines that the Contractor has an excusable reason for not performing, such as strike, fire, flood, events which are not the fault of and are beyond the control of the contractor, the City of Knoxville, after setting up a new work schedule, may allow the Contractor to continue work, or treat the termination as a termination for convenience.

**Civil Rights Requirements (29 U.S.C. § 623, 42 U.S.C. § 2000; 42 U.S.C. § 6102, 42 U.S.C. § 12112; 42 U.S.C. § 12132, 49 U.S.C. § 5332; 29 CFR Part 1630, 41 CFR Parts 60 et seq.) -**  
The following requirements apply to the underlying contract:

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

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

a. Race, Color, Creed, National Origin, Sex - In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, and Federal transit laws at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements

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

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

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

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

### **Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) (49 CFR Part 26) -**

a. This contract is subject to the requirements of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26, *Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs*. The agency's overall goal for DBE participation is 2%. A separate contract goal has not been established for this procurement.

b. The contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of this DOT-assisted contract. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the City of Knoxville deems appropriate. Each subcontract the contractor signs with a subcontractor must include the assurance in this paragraph (*see* 49 CFR 26.13(b)). The successful bidder/offeror will be required to report its DBE participation obtained through race-neutral means throughout the

period of performance.

c. The contractor is required to pay **all of its subcontractors** performing work related to this contract for satisfactory performance of that work no later than 30 days after the contractor's receipt of payment for that work from the City of Knoxville. In addition, the contractor may not hold retainage from its subcontractors.

d. The contractor must promptly notify the City of Knoxville, whenever a DBE subcontractor performing work related to this contract is terminated or fails to complete its work, and must make good faith efforts to engage another DBE subcontractor to perform at least the same amount of work. The contractor may not terminate any DBE subcontractor and perform that work through its own forces or those of an affiliate without prior written consent of the City of Knoxville.

**Incorporation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Terms (FTA Circular 4220.1F) -**

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

**Government-Wide Debarment and Suspension (Non-Procurement) (49 CFR Part 29;**

**Executive Order 12549 & 12689; 31 U.S.C. 6101) -** This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 49 CFR Part 29. As such, the contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor, its principals, as defined at 49 CFR 29.995, or affiliates, as defined at 49 CFR 29.905, are excluded or disqualified as defined at 49 CFR 29.940 and 29.945.

The contractor is required to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C and must include the requirement to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into. By signing and submitting its bid or proposal, the bidder or proposer certifies as follows:

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

**Buy America (49 U.S.C. 5323(j); 49 CFR Part 661) -** The contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j) and 49 C.F.R. Part 661, which provide that Federal funds may not be obligated unless steel, iron, and manufactured products used in FTA-funded projects are produced in the United States, unless a waiver has been granted by FTA or the product is subject to a general

waiver. General waivers are listed in 49 C.F.R. 661.7. Separate requirements for rolling stock are set out at 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(C) and 49 C.F.R. 661.11. Rolling stock must be assembled in the United States and have a 65 percent domestic content.

A bidder or offeror must submit to the City of Knoxville the appropriate Buy America certification (below) with all bids or offers on FTA-funded contracts, except those subject to a general waiver. Bids or offers that are not accompanied by a completed Buy America certification will be rejected as nonresponsive. This requirement does not apply to lower tier subcontractors.

**Breaches and Dispute Resolution (49 CFR Part 18; FTA Circular 4220.1F) -**

Disputes - Disputes arising in the performance of this Contract which are not resolved by agreement of the parties shall be decided in writing by the authorized representative of the City of Knoxville Purchasing Agent. This decision shall be final and conclusive unless within ten (10) days from the date of receipt of its copy, the Contractor mails or otherwise furnishes a written appeal to the Purchasing Agent. 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 Purchasing Agent shall be binding upon the Contractor and the Contractor shall abide by the decision.

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

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

Remedies - Unless this contract provides otherwise, all claims, counterclaims, disputes and other matters in question between the (Recipient) 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 the (Recipient) 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 the City of Knoxville, Architect 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.

**Lobbying (31 U.S.C. 1352; 49 CFR Part 19; 49 CFR Part 20) -** Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. 1352, as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, P.L. 104-65 [to be codified at 2 U.S.C. § 1601, et seq.] - Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the certification required by 49 CFR part 20, "New Restrictions on Lobbying." Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal

appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier shall also disclose the name of any registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 who has made lobbying contacts on its behalf with non-Federal funds with respect to that Federal contract, grant or award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.

**Clean Air Act Requirements (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq; 40 CFR 15.61; 49 CFR Part 18) –**

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

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

**Clean Water Requirements (33 U.S.C. 1251) -** (1) The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq. The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the City of Knoxville and understands and agrees that the City of Knoxville will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the FTA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office. (2) The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by the FTA.

**Cargo Preference Requirements (46 U.S.C. 1241; 46 CFR Part 381) –** For equipment, materials, or commodities which may be transported by ocean vessels, the contractor agrees: a. to use privately owned United States-Flag commercial vessels to ship at least 50 percent of the gross tonnage (computed separately for dry bulk carriers, dry cargo liners, and tankers) involved, whenever shipping any equipment, material, or commodities pursuant to the underlying contract to the extent such vessels are available at fair and reasonable rates for United States-Flag commercial vessels; b. to furnish within 20 working days following the date of loading for shipments originating within the United States or within 30 working days following the date of loading for shipments originating outside the United States, a legible copy of a rated, "on-board" commercial ocean bill-of-lading in English for each shipment of cargo described in the preceding paragraph to the Division of National Cargo, Office of Market Development, Maritime Administration, Washington, DC 20590 and to the FTA recipient (through the contractor in the case of a subcontractor's bill-of-lading.) c. to include these requirements in all subcontracts issued pursuant to this contract when the subcontract may involve the transport of equipment, material, or commodities by ocean vessel.

**Fly America Requirements (49 U.S.C. § 40118; 41 CFR Part 301-10) -** The Contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. 40118 (the "Fly America" Act) in accordance with the General Services Administration's regulations at 41 CFR Part 301-10, which provide that recipients and

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.

**Energy Conservation Requirements (42 U.S.C. 6321 et seq.; 49 CFR Part 18)** – The contractor agrees to comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency that are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

**Americans with Disabilities Act (42 USC 12101, et seq.) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 794; 49 USC 5301(d))**— The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, 42 USC §12101, et seq.; section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 USC §794; 49 USC §5301(d); and any implementing requirements FTA may issue. These regulations provide that no handicapped individual, solely by reason of his or her handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity included in or resulting from this Agreement.

**Federal Transit Administration Procurements Protest Procedures** - Protests may be made by prospective Proposers whose direct economic interest would be affected by the award of a Contract or by failure to award a Contract. The City of Knoxville Purchasing Department will consider all protests requested in a timely manner regarding the award of a Contract, whether submitted before or after an award. All protests are to be submitted in writing to the Purchasing Agent, City of Knoxville, City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902. Protest submissions should be concise, logically arranged, and clearly state the grounds for the protest. The protest submission must include at least the following information:

1. Name, address, and telephone number of the protestor.
2. Identification of the solicitation or Contract number.
3. A detailed statement of the legal and factual grounds for the protest, including copies of relevant documents.
4. A statement as to what relief is requested.

Protests must be submitted to the City of Knoxville in accordance with these procedures and in a timely manner. Protests must be complete and contain all issues that the protestor believes relevant. Notice of the protest and the basis therefore will be given to all prospective Bidders or Proposers. The decision of the Purchasing Agent for the City of Knoxville will be final and conclusive. Notice of the decision will be given to all prospective Bidders or Proposers.

**BUY AMERICA CERTIFICATION**

**Certification requirement for procurement of steel, iron, or manufactured products:**

Certificate of Compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(1):

The bidder or offeror hereby certifies that it will meet the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(1) and the applicable regulations in 49 C.F.R. Part 661.5.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate of Non-Compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(1):

The bidder or offeror hereby certifies that it cannot comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(1) and 49 C.F.R. 661.5, but it may qualify for an exception pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(A), 5323(j)(2)(B), or 5323(j)(2)(D), and 49 C.F.R. 661.7.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_