



Huntsville, Alabama

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Huntsville, AL 35801

Cover Memo

Meeting Type: City Council Regular Meeting **Meeting Date:** 4/28/2022

File ID: TMP-1504

Department: Public Transit

Subject:

Type of Action: Approval/Action

Resolution authorizing the Mayor enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville and Nova Bus (US) Inc., for the purchase of public transit buses.

Resolution No.

Finance Information:

Account Number: 2000-54-54M11-520100-PT111040

City Cost Amount: \$105,085.60 per bus

Total Cost: \$525,428.00 per bus

Special Circumstances:

Grant Funded: \$420,342.40 per bus

Grant Title - CFDA or granting Agency: G5307

Resolution #: AL-2019-019-01

Location:

Address:

District: District 1 ☐ District 2 ☐ District 3 ☐ District 4 ☐ District 5 ☐

Additional Comments:

80/20 split

RESOLUTION NO. 22-_____

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that the Mayor be, and is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement on behalf of the City of Huntsville, a municipal corporation in the State of Alabama, by the between the City of Huntsville and NovaBus (US) Inc., for award of contract to purchase public transit buses, which is similar to certain document attached hereto and identified as “Agreement between the City of Huntsville and NovaBus (US) Inc.,” consisting of forty-four (44) pages and the date of April 28, 2022, appearing on the margin of the first page, together with the signature of the President or President Pro Tem of the City Council, a copy of said document being permanently kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk-Treasurer, of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

ADOPTED this the 28th day of April, 2022.

President of the City Council of
the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 28th day of April, 2022.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE AND
NOVA BUS (US) INC. FOR THE
PURCHASE OF PUBLIC TRANSIT
BUSES**

STATE OF ALABAMA)
)
COUNTY OF MADISON)

This Agreement is made this 28th day of April, 2022 by and between the City of Huntsville, Alabama, a municipal corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "City") and Nova Bus (US) Inc., a corporation duly constituted in virtue of the laws of Delaware, (hereinafter referred to as "Nova Bus") for the purchase and sale of public transit buses. The City and Nova Bus hereby agree as follows:

STATEMENT OF BACKGROUND AND INTENT

A. The City issued Request for Proposals Number 27-2022-87-2 for Buses, dated January 6, 2022. This Request for Proposals, together with all attachments and amendments, is referred to as the "RFP", and is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as exhibit "A". The RFP sought a one-year contract with two one-year renewable options to purchase a minimum of two (2) buses annually and up to four (4) buses per order and with no more than sixteen (16) total buses purchased over three years.

B. In response to the RFP, Nova Bus submitted to the City a proposal dated February 24, 2022. This proposal, together with all attachments, is referred to herein as the "Proposal", and is available for inspection at the City's Office of Parking and Public Transportation located at 500B Church Street, Huntsville, AL 35801.

C. The City and NovaBus have negotiated and now desire to enter into an agreement for Nova Bus to buses to the City, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein.

WITNESSETH

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants, herein contained, the parties hereby agree as follows, to wit:

1.0 Scope of Work.

Nova Bus will manufacture and deliver to the City's facility located at 500B Church Street, Huntsville, AL 35801 a minimum of two buses per year. The term of this contract is one year, effective April 28, 2022. The City shall have the option to renew for two additional one-year terms.

President of the City Council of the City
of Huntsville, Alabama

Date: April 28, 2022

More particularly, the scope of work will be as set forth in City of Huntsville Request for Proposals #27-2022-87-2, dated January 6, 2022, and in the Proposal submitted by Nova Bus, dated February 24, 2022. In the event there is a conflict between the two documents, the terms of the City's Request for Proposals shall control.

2.0 Contract Amount and Payment Schedule.

The unit price for the buses and options are as set forth in Nova Bus's price proposal dated February 24, 2022 and attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit B. The City will pay the unit price (including all options selected) upon delivery and acceptance by the City. Delivery is as defined in the RFP.

3.0 General Terms and Conditions

3.1 Notices.

All notices (a) shall be in writing, (b) shall be deemed served on the date on which they are actually received, and (c) shall be served by (i) personal delivery, or (ii) United States First Class Certified or Registered Mail, Return Receipt Requested, properly addressed with postage prepaid or (iii) a nationally recognized overnight courier/delivery service (i.e. Federal Express, United Parcel Service, etc.) or (iv) electronic transmission ("E-mail") or telephonic facsimile transmission ("Fax") in conjunction with one of the other methods of delivery set forth in subparagraphs (i), (ii) or (iii), each addressed as follows:

Nova Bus (US) Inc.
Attn: Alexandre Pelland
260 Banker Road
Plattsburgh, New York 12901
Alexandre.pelland@volvo.com

City Of Huntsville
Attention: John Autry
500B Church Street
Huntsville, Alabama 35801
(256) 427-6826
john.autry@huntsvilleal.gov

3.4 Work Outside Scope of Project.

No work outside the scope of work in the Agreement shall be authorized other than by mutually agreeable and properly authorized written change order.

4.0 SUBCONTRACT.

Nova Bus may not associate/hire/contract with any subcontractor/independent contractor/consultant in order to fulfill the requirements of this Agreement without obtaining the prior written approval of the City's Project Manager. Nova Bus shall be solely responsible for any and all payments/wages/earnings due any such independent contractor for work performed thereby in furtherance of this Agreement. Nova Bus shall be legally responsible for any and all actions of any subcontractor/independent contractor/consultant. Consent by the City to any subcontract shall not constitute approval of the acceptability of any subcontract price or of any amount paid under any subcontract, nor relieve Nova Bus of any responsibility for performing this contract. The City's Project Manager shall have final approval of any proposed subcontractor.

5.0 Confidential Information.

Each party hereto (each, a "Recipient") shall protect and keep confidential all non-public information disclosed to Recipient by the other party (each, a "Discloser") and identified as confidential by Discloser ("Confidential Information") and shall not, except as may be authorized by Discloser in writing, use or disclose any such Confidential Information during and after the term of this Agreement. These obligations of confidentiality shall not apply to information that: (i) was previously known to Recipient; (ii) is or becomes publicly available through no fault of Recipient; (iii) is disclosed to Recipient by a third party having no obligation of confidentiality to Discloser relating to such Confidential Information; (iv) is independently configured by Recipient; or (v) is required to be disclosed as a matter of law.

6.0 Termination

The contract may be terminated in accordance with Section 14 (Termination Provisions) of Appendix E of the RFP

7.0 Nonexclusiveness of Remedies.

Any right or remedy on behalf of the City or Nova Bus provided for in any of these specifications, including but not limited to any guaranty or warranty or any remedy for nonperformance, shall be in addition to and not a limitation of any right or remedy otherwise available by law, equity, or statute.

8.0 Injuries to Nova Bus.

Nova Bus is obligated to obtain sufficient liability insurance coverage (as well as worker's compensation coverage, if required by law) for the benefit of Nova Bus and its agents and/or employees. Nova Bus waives any and all rights to recovery from the City for any injuries that Nova Bus (and/or its agents and/or employees) may sustain while performing services under this Agreement.

9.0 Insurance and Indemnity.

Nova Bus shall meet the insurance and bond requirements set forth in Appendix D of the RFP.

10. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

10.1 Governing Law and Venue.

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Alabama without regard to Alabama conflict of laws provisions. Proper venue for any action to enforce the terms of this Agreement shall be in the state or federal courts of Madison County, Alabama.

10.2 Force Majeure.

Should any delays to delivery emanating from Force Majeure events (non-exhaustive examples of this event: earthquake, flood, any other natural disaster, pandemic, civil disturbance, strikes, labor disputes, fires, explosions, government imposed restrictions, war and other hostilities or embargo), Nova Bus shall be excused from said delay and liability.

10.3 Headings.

The titles and headings of the various sections and paragraphs in this Agreement are intended solely for convenience of reference and are not intended for any other purpose whatsoever, or to explain, modify or place any construction upon or on any of the provisions of the Agreement.

10.4. Agreement Deemed to Have Been Jointly Drafted.

The parties acknowledge that they have thoroughly reviewed this Agreement and bargained over its terms. Accordingly, neither party shall be considered responsible for the preparation of this Agreement which shall be deemed to have been prepared jointly by both parties. The provisions of the Agreement allocate the risks between the parties. The terms and conditions included herein reflect the allocation of risk, and each provision herein is a part of the bargained for consideration of this Agreement.

10.5 Waiver.

The failure of the City to insist in one or more instances upon the performance of any term of this Agreement is not a waiver of its right to future performance of such terms unless such waiver is in writing and signed by a duly authorized officer of the City.

10.6 All Amendments in Writing.

No provisions in either party's purchase orders, or in any other business forms employed by either party will supersede the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and no

supplement, modification, or amendment of this Agreement shall be binding, unless executed in writing by a duly authorized representative of each party to this Agreement.

10.7 Third Parties.

Nothing contained herein shall create a contractual relationship with, or any rights in favor of, any third party.

10.8 Non Discrimination Policy.

In consideration of this agreement, the parties hereto for themselves, their agents, officials, employees, and servants agree not to discriminate in any manner on the basis of race, color, creed, age, sex, disability or national origin with reference to the subject matter of this agreement, no matter how remote.

10.9 No Assignment

Neither party shall assign its rights hereunder, excepting its right to payment, nor shall it delegate any of its duties hereunder without the written consent of the other party.

10.11 Entire Agreement.

The parties have read this Agreement, including all Exhibits, and agree to be bound by its terms, and further agree that it constitutes the complete and entire agreement of the parties and supersedes all previous communications, oral or written, and all other communications between them relating to the subject matter hereof. No representations or statements of any kind made by either party, which are not expressly stated herein, shall be binding on such party. In the event any separate Statements of Work are subsequently executed by the parties and are in conflict with the provisions of this Agreement, then the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail over any such conflicting provisions. Any pre-printed terms and conditions of Nova Bus's and City's business forms shall be without legal effect with respect to this Agreement or any subsequent Statements of Work.

10.12 Order of Precedence of Contract Documents

In the event any conflict, discrepancy, or inconsistency among any of the documents which make up this contract, the following shall control, and Nova Bus is deemed to have based its estimate of performing the work upon the order of precedence as set forth below. Interpretations shall be based upon the following order of precedence: 1) this Agreement; 2) City of Huntsville Request for Proposals No. 27-2022-87-2; and 3) Nova Bus's Response to Request for Proposals No. 22-2022-87-2 dated February 24, 2022.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, by their respective duly authorized officers or representatives, have each executed this Agreement, effective as of the date first above written.


CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

By: _____
Tommy Battle
Its: Mayor

Attest: _____
Kenneth Benion
Its: Clerk Treasurer

NOVA BUS (US) INC.

By:  _____
Its: Martin Larose - President

By:  _____
Its: Krzysztof Trembecki - VP & CFO



HUNTSVILLE

Tommy Battle
Mayor

City of Huntsville, Alabama

Finance Department
Procurement Services Division

Request For Proposals **Buses**

Request for Proposal #:	27-2022-87-2
Issue Date:	January 10, 2022
Bid Bond Requirements:	No, a bid bond is not required
Certificate of Insurance Requirements:	Yes, a certificate of insurance is required
Pre-Proposal Teleconference Date and Time:	N/A
Pre-Proposal Conference Date:	N/A
Deadline for Questions Date:	January 24, 2022 @ 2:00:00 PM
RFP Closing Date:	February 1, 2022 @ 2:00:00 PM
Post-Closing Proposer Teleconference Date:	N/A
Post-Closing Proposer Presentation/Demonstration Date:	N/A
Procurement Services Contact:	Carrie Power Carrie.power@huntsvilleal.gov (256) 564-8060 (256) 427-5059 fax
City Internet Site:	www.huntsvilleal.gov/ebids
RFP E-Documents:	40 Foot Bus Technical Specifications
Proposal Copies to be Submitted	1 original, 3 copies
City File Reference:	Buses RFP 2022

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SECTION 1. INTRODUCTION

The City hereby gives notice it is requesting sealed proposals for the goods and/or services described in Appendix A of this RFP. The City intends to award a contract to the successful Proposer(s) who the City determines will best meet the City's objectives as described herein.

The major objectives of this RFP are as follows:

- Describe the goods and/or services desired by the City.
- Describe the Proposal and City contract terms and conditions.
- Provide Proposers with instructions for responding to this RFP.

1.1 DEFINITIONS

In addition to other terms that may be defined herein, certain terms and abbreviations are defined as follows:

"City"	City of Huntsville, Alabama
"Contract"	The agreement between the City and the Proposer chosen by the City pursuant to this RFP, which shall include this RFP and the Proposal.
"Contractor"	The party with whom the City will execute the Contract.
"Proposal"	The response to this RFP submitted by a Proposer.
"Proposer"	A person or entity submitting a response to this RFP.
"RFP"	This Request for Proposal, all addenda, and appendices.
"RFP E-Documents"	The documents referenced by this name on the cover of this RFP.

1.2 CONTACT INFORMATION

All questions regarding this RFP must be directed in writing to the contact provided on the cover of this RFP.

1.3 SCHEDULE

The sequence of events related to this RFP are as follows:

- Pre-Proposal Conference:** A Pre-Proposal Teleconference or Conference, as the City deems necessary, will be held at the date and time specified on the cover of this RFP, at which time City representatives will discuss the requirements of the RFP and answer any questions regarding the RFP. The City will issue a notification by addenda of the Teleconference call-in number and password on the day of the conference. Any Conferences will be held in the City Council Chambers located on the 1st floor of the Municipal Administration Building, 308 Fountain Circle, Huntsville, Alabama.
- Deadline for Questions:** All questions must be received in writing not later than the deadline for questions date and time noted on the cover of this RFP.
- RFP Closing Date:** Proposals are due no later than 2:00:00 PM City time on the proposal closing date noted on the cover of this RFP.
- Proposer Teleconference/Presentation/Demonstration:** To possibly be held as described herein on the date and time noted on the cover of this RFP.
- Proposal Selection:** Within ninety (90) days of proposal closing date, unless extended by the City.
- Proposal Negotiation:** To be announced.
- Contract Award:** Successful Proposer(s) will be notified of the date the award will be submitted to the City Council for approval. The City will notify Proposer(s) about the need to execute contract documents and provide other required documents as required.
- Award Notification:** City will provide final notification of award and/or notification to proceed when all City requirements have been met.

SECTION 2. GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

It is the intent of the City, through this RFP to establish to the greatest extent possible complete clarity regarding the obligations of all parties to be incorporated in the Contract. Before submitting a proposal, Proposer should become familiar with all requirements of this RFP and the conditions and requirements under which the Contract obligations must be fulfilled.

2.1 INTERPRETATIONS

The City will not be responsible for the Proposer's misunderstanding of the scope of work or any terms and conditions of the Contract. The City will not be responsible for oral interpretations of this RFP. Proposer's questions and/or comments concerning lack of clarity, defects and questionable or objectionable material in the RFP must be submitted in writing to and received by the contact provided on the cover of this RFP not later than the deadline for questions date noted on the cover of this RFP. Questions shall specify the Section(s), paragraph(s), and page number(s) to which the question refers.

2.2 ADDENDA

The City may issue addenda to this RFP to provide additional information or clarifications. The City of Huntsville will not be responsible for a Proposer's failure to acquire any addenda issued. The City will issue notifications of addenda issued via the City's Internet Site, and Proposer's who have downloaded this RFP will be notified of any addenda by email. It is the Proposer's responsibility, however, to periodically check the City's Internet Site for addenda issued. All Proposers will be responsible for downloading any addenda at www.huntsvilleal.gov/ebids.

Proposer shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda in the space provided on the Proposal Pricing Form (Appendix G). Failure to acknowledge receipt of addenda shall not relieve Proposer of full responsibility for all requirements contained in addenda.

2.3 PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCES & QUESTIONS

A Pre-Proposal Conference may be scheduled to review and answer any pertinent questions concerning the proposal and the specifications. Any questions or requests for clarification must be addressed at a Pre-Proposal Conference, if scheduled, or submitted in writing not later than the deadline for questions noted on the cover of this RFP.

2.4 PRICE REDUCTIONS

If at any time after the date of the contract award, the Proposer makes a general price reduction in the comparable price of any material covered by the contract to customers generally, an equivalent price reduction based on similar quantities and/or considerations shall apply to this contract for the duration of the contract period or until the price is further reduced. Such price reduction shall be effective at the same time and in the same manner as the reduction in the price to customers generally. For purpose of this provision, an occasional sale at a lower price or sale of distressed merchandise would not be considered a general price reduction.

2.5 BID BOND

An original Bid Bond is required as specified in Appendix D unless it is waived on the cover of this RFP. Any proposal submitted without an original Bid Bond, when required, will not be considered. Such Bid Bond shall be an original document in the form of a firm commitment, such as Bid Bond, postal money order, certified check, cashier's check, or irrevocable letter of credit. A company check is not an acceptable Bid Bond. Bid Bonds shall be retained by the City until such time as a contract is executed; a purchase order is issued, or in some cases, materials and/or equipment is received, if a Performance Bond is not required.

2.6 LOCAL PREFERENCE

In accordance with Alabama State Law, the City may choose to utilize a local preference for items of personal property only. In the event a Proposal is received for an item of personal property from a Proposer deemed to be a responsible Proposer, having a place of business within the Huntsville City limits and the Proposer's price is no more than three percent (3%) greater than the price of the lowest responsible Proposer located outside the City limits, the City may award the Contract to the local responsible proposer. The local preference is not applicable if the procurement in question is funded with a federal grant.

2.7 PROPOSAL AWARDS

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all items covered in the request, or any portion(s) thereof, waive formalities, re-advertise and/or take such other steps decreed necessary and in the best interest of the City. The City reserves the right to make an award in whole or part to one or more proposers whenever deemed necessary and in the best interest of the City.

The award will be made to the responsive and responsible proposer providing the best value to the City, based on the City's sole discretion in making this determination. This determination may involve all or some of the following factors: price, conformity to specifications, financial ability to meet the contract, previous performance, facilities and equipment, availability of repair parts, experience, delivery promise, terms of payments, compatibility as required, other costs, and other objective and accountable factors which are reasonable. In the event only one proposer responds to a request for proposal, the City may reject the proposal and negotiate the purchase or contract, providing the negotiated price is lower than the proposal price.

Written notification of award will be mailed the successful proposer upon approval of the Huntsville City Council. All other proposers will also be notified by mail and Bid Bonds, if applicable, will be returned at that time. Orders will be placed by issuance of a purchase order against the contract which serves as the contractor's authorization. Delivery instructions will be noted on the purchase order as well as billing instructions.

2.8 INVOICING THE CITY

Invoices submitted pursuant to this RFP must include:

- a. Name and remittance address of Proposer.
- b. Invoice date.
- c. Invoice number.
- d. RFP number.
- e. City purchase order number.
- f. Contact information of the person to be notified in event of a discrepancy in the invoice.

2.9 PAYMENT TERMS

The City will render payment to the successful Proposer(s) by check on a net 30-day basis after receipt of an invoice that has been submitted as required in this RFP, unless the City authorizes alternative terms in the Contract.

2.10 NON-APPROPRIATION

As required by State of Alabama law, the City assumes no legal liability to purchase items or services under any contract until funds are appropriated for that particular fiscal year.

2.11 SPECIFICATIONS

The specifications are provided to potential proposers as guidelines that describe the type and quality of commodity or service the City is seeking to procure. The proposer must indicate compliance or list exceptions to each specification item for consideration. Failure to comply with this provision could be cause for rejection of the proposal.

The name of a certain brand, make, manufacturer, or definite specification is to denote the quality standard of the article desired but does not restrict the proposer to the specified brand, make, manufacturer, or specification names. It is set forth to convey the general style, type, character, and quality of the article desired by the City. Proposer shall incur all cost involved in obtaining an Independent Laboratory Test if the City deems necessary.

It will be assumed that all proposals are based upon the specifications unless the proposer stipulates to the contrary in the Proposal, in which case, the Proposer shall point out in detail any and all deviations from the specifications. Proposers having items that do not meet the specifications may offer the same on an optional basis. Minor exceptions from the specifications may be considered if they do not alter the performance for the intended purpose. The City reserves the right to request a demonstration of any and all items proposed before making the award.

All items proposed will be inspected by a representative of the City upon delivery to ascertain compliance with the specifications. Items not in compliance with the specifications will be rejected until proper remedial measures are taken to assure compliance.

2.12 NEW EQUIPMENT

All manufactured commodities shall be new, latest model unless otherwise stipulated. The proposer shall guarantee that commodities submitted for their proposal shall be new, and of the latest and most improved model of the current production and shall be of first quality as to workmanship and materials used in said units. All modifications shall be made at the factory. Equipment shall not have been operated for any purpose other than routine operational testing. Demonstrators will not be accepted unless specifically requested.

2.13 WARRANTY

The Proposer shall assume full responsibility for warranty of all components of the equipment. A statement shall be attached with the Proposal setting out the conditions of the warranty. The manufacturer's standard warranty shall be furnished.

2.14 CONTRACT TERM

In accordance with the Alabama Competitive Bid Law, as amended, the City may enter into multi-year leases, purchase, and lease-purchase contracts for the acquisition of goods, supplies, materials and all other types of personal property, real property and services for a period not to exceed three years with the following provisions:

- a. Contracts shall terminate without further obligation on the part of the City except as set forth in the contract as permitted by this Act at the close of the calendar year in which it was executed and at the close of each succeeding calendar year for which it may be renewed as provided in this section;
- b. Contracts may provide for automatic renewal unless positive action is taken by the City to terminate such contract, and the nature of such action shall be determined by the City and specified in the contract.

2.15 CONTRACT ASSIGNMENT AND SUBLETTING

Except for any internal reorganization activities, such as intra-group transfers, mergers or intercompany changes, The Contractor shall not assign, transfer, convey, sublet or otherwise dispose of his or her contractual duties to any other person, firm or corporation without the previous written consent of the city. If the contractor desires to assign his or her right to payment of the contract, the contractor shall notify the city immediately, in writing, of such assignment of right to payment. In no case shall such assignment of contract relieve the contractor of his or her obligations or change the terms of the contract.

2.16 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Contractor must maintain insurance as described in Appendix D, which shall be incorporated into the Contract, for which proof of insurance shall be required.

2.17 HOLD HARMLESS

The successful proposer agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold the City harmless from any and all causes of action or claims of damages arising out of or related to proposer's performance.

2.18 ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

Any expressed terms or conditions made in this RFP shall supersede any provisions outlined herein the General Terms & Conditions.

2.19 ALABAMA IMMIGRATION LAW

Proposer must agree to comply with Alabama Immigration Law - see Appendix H, Section 3.3; and complete Appendix J.

2.20 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The City has an Equal Opportunity Purchasing Policy and encourages utilization of minority and women-owned business enterprises in its procurement activities. The City provides equal opportunities for all businesses and does not discriminate against any Proposer regardless of race, color, creed, sex, national origin, or disability in consideration for an award.

2.21 ADA

The vendor/Proposer/contractor agrees to comply fully with the Americans with Disabilities Act and will indemnify and hold harmless the City from all costs, including but not limited to damages as well as attorney's fees and staff time, in any action or proceeding brought alleging a violation of the American with Disabilities Act.

2.22 RIGHT TO INSPECT

At reasonable times, the City may inspect those areas of the Proposer's place of business that are related to the performance of a contract. If the City makes such an inspection, the Proposer must provide reasonable assistance. The City reserves the right on demand and without notice to inspect all of the Proposer's files associated with a subsequent contract where payments are based on Proposer's record of time, salaries, materials, or actual expenses. This same clause will apply to any subcontractors assigned to the contract; and, subcontractors, at any tier, may be required to provide access to records as provided in 49 U.S.C. § 5325(g), if required by federal regulations that may pertain the Contract.

2.23 ETHICS, COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

For purposes of this Section, Proposer includes Proposer's parent company(ies), subsidiary(ies), and affiliate(s). In Appendix H, Section 3.4, Proposer must acknowledge;

- 1) Proposer is fully qualified to provide the requested goods and services to the City.
- 2) Proposer is properly established, licensed and authorized to do business in the State of Alabama and the City, or will be prior to commencement of performance under the Contract. Proposer shall provide evidence of such licenses to the City upon request.
- 3) This Proposal is true, accurate and complete.
- 4) This Proposal is genuine and is not made in the interest of, or in the behalf of, any undisclosed person, firm, or corporation.
- 5) Proposer has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other Proposer to this RFP to submit a false or sham Proposal.
- 6) Proposer has not sought by collusion to obtain for themselves any advantage over any other Proposer to this RFP or over the City.
- 7) Except as disclosed in Proposal, Proposer:
 - i) Has not, in the past three (3) years made contributions to elected City officials or candidates for City offices;
 - ii) Is not subject to pending, contemplated or ongoing administrative or judicial proceedings material to Proposer's business, finances or products including, but not limited to, any litigation, consent orders, debarment or contracts with any local, state or federal regulatory agency issued to Proposer;
 - iii) Has not had an agreement canceled or terminated due, in whole or in part, to the fault of Proposer, or a default or breach of contract on the part of the Proposer (the details of which shall be disclosed in Proposal);
 - iv) Has not had a bond or surety canceled or forfeited (the details of which shall be disclosed in Proposal); and,
 - v) Has not been adjudged bankrupt (Chapter 7) or petitioned the court for relief under the Bankruptcy Code or Act for either business reorganization (Chapter 11) or the Wage Earner's Plan (Chapter 13) (the details of which shall be disclosed in Proposal).
- 8) Neither the Proposer nor any individuals as key employees who will fulfill Contract requirements has a possible conflict of interest with the City, except as disclosed in writing in the Proposal; that the City reserves the right to cancel the award if any interest disclosed from any source could either give the appearance of a conflict or cause speculations to the objectivity of the goods and services to be provided by Proposer; and that the City's determination regarding any questions of conflict of interest shall be final.
- 9) Proposer is not indebted to the City and will not at any time during the term of the Contract (including any extensions or renewals thereof) be indebted to the City, for or on account of any delinquent taxes, liens, judgments, fees or other debts for which no written agreement or payment plan satisfactory to the City has been established. In addition to any other rights or remedies available to the City at law or in equity, Proposer acknowledges that upon any breach or failure to conform to such certification, the City shall have the right to, and may, at the option of the City, withhold payments otherwise due to Proposer, and, if such breach or failure is not resolved to the City's satisfaction within a reasonable time frame as specified by the City in writing, this will offset any such indebtedness against said payments and/or terminate the Contract for default (in which case Proposer shall be liable for all excess costs and other damages including reasonable attorney's fees resulting from the termination).
- 10) Code of Ala. 1975 §36-25-11 requires that contracts entered into with a public official, a public employee, a member of the household of the public official or public employee, or a business with which a public official or public employee associates be filed with the Alabama Ethic Commission. If you are awarded the contract, and if you are a City employee, or if a member of your household is a City employee or public official, or if your business associates with a City employee or public official, you must comply with the provisions of Code of Ala. 1975 §36-25-11.

2.24 GOVERNING LAW

All contracts entered into as a result of this solicitation shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the substantive laws of the State of Alabama. Federal grants are subject to Federal laws. Federal laws, regulations, and directives may change, and the most recent changes will apply, unless otherwise determined in writing by the Federal Agency. All contractual provisions required by the Department of Transportation, as set forth in FTA Circular 4220.1F, are incorporated by reference, if applicable.

2.25 TERMINATION

The City reserves the right to terminate, without cause, any award made as a result of RFP by providing a thirty (30) day letter of cancellation notification to the successful Proposer. If the funding source is a Federal grant, the Federal Government reserves the right to terminate, without cause, any award made as result of this Proposal.

SECTION 3. PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS

Proposers are required to submit the required information in accordance with the instructions in this section. A response that deviates from these instructions may be considered non-responsive and may be rejected at the discretion of the City.

The City intends that this RFP is accurate and complete but recognizes that there may be some details or work requirements not expressly described herein. Therefore, Proposer is required to (1) include in its Proposal all labor, supervision, materials, equipment, and tools of the trade required to meet the City's objectives, and (2) make inquiries of the City during the RFP process about the specific requirements of the City, for which the City may issue clarifications in the form of addenda to this RFP, as described herein.

3.1 SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Complete, sealed proposals must be clearly marked with the RFP# and received by Procurement Services no later than 2:00:00 PM City time on the proposal closing date specified on the cover of this RFP. For the purposes of receiving Proposals, the clock located in the City Council Chambers at 308 Fountain Circle, Huntsville, Alabama 35801, regulated by the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST), and shall be the official record of time. The number of copies specified on the RFP cover must be delivered to:

City of Huntsville
Procurement Services
P. O. Box 308 (35804)
308 Fountain Circle (35801)
Huntsville, Alabama

For Proposer's convenience, a mailing label is provided in Appendix I.

3.2 PROPOSAL PREPARATION EXPENSES

Proposers are responsible for all expenses incurred in the development and submission of their proposals and in participating in any negotiations related to this RFP. The City assumes no obligation for any expenses incurred by the Proposer as a result of the issuance of this RFP, the preparation or submission of a proposal, the evaluation of a proposal, or the selection of the successful Proposer(s).

3.3 LATE PROPOSALS

The City will not be responsible in the event the U.S. Postal Service or any other courier system fails to deliver the proposal response to the City's Procurement Services office by the 2:00:00 PM City time on the proposal closing date specified on the cover of this RFP. Any proposal received after this date and time will not be considered.

3.4 PROPOSAL OPENINGS

All Proposal Openings are open to the public and will be held in the City Council Chambers located on the first floor of the Municipal Administration Building, 308 Fountain Circle, Huntsville, Alabama. The City will notify Proposers of the date and time for such.

3.5 RESPONSIVE PROPOSALS

Each Proposal must be submitted in accordance with the requirements of this RFP. A Proposal that is not completed or submitted as required by the RFP will be rejected as "non-responsive." Proposals may be disqualified and rejected for any of (but not limited to) the following causes:

- a. Failure to use the proposal forms furnished by the City.
- b. Lack of signature by an authorized representative on the proposal form.
- c. Failure to properly complete the proposal form and Proposer compliance.
- d. Evidence of collusion among proposers.
- e. Unauthorized alteration of the proposal form.
- f. Failure to submit a Bid Bond, if required.
- g. For public improvement projects only, failure to note the General Contractor's license number or a note that the bid amount is less than \$50,000.

3.6 RESPONSIBLE PROPOSERS

The City shall take reasonable measures to determine Proposer capability, business integrity, financial resources, and reliability in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements and insure good faith performance prior to contract award and during the term of the contract. If, during the RFP process, a Proposer does not demonstrate its ability to comply with the City's requirements, to the City's satisfaction and at the City's sole determination, based on all information available to the City, the City may determine the Proposer to be "non-responsible" and may reject the Proposal.

3.7 RIGHT TO REJECT PROPOSALS

The City reserves the right to reject any part of any Proposal or to solicit new proposals for the same goods and services that may be the subject of this RFP, as the City may deem necessary and in its best interest. Proposers must comply with all the terms of the RFP and all applicable local, state and federal laws, codes and regulations.

Minor informalities, that do not affect responsiveness; that are merely a matter of form or format; that do not change the relative standing or otherwise prejudice other proposals; that do not change the meaning or scope of the RFP; that are trivial, negligible, or immaterial in nature; that do not reflect a material change in the work; or, that do not constitute a substantial reservation against a requirement or provision, may be waived at the discretion of the City.

3.8 PUBLIC RECORDS NOTICE AND CITY RIGHTS TO INFORMATION

The City is governed by the public records laws of the State of Alabama. All Proposals and information received by or that is available to the City pursuant to this RFP, except copyright material, shall become the property of the City. All such information, as it becomes the property of the City, becomes a public record and is subject to disclosure pursuant to applicable open records laws that provide for reasonable inspection by the public. All proposal information, including detailed pricing information and proprietary technical information, will be held in confidence by the City's Procurement Services Division until a recommendation for contract award has been made to the City Council, after which proposal information will be subject to disclosure as a public record.

At the specific written request of Proposer, the City will make reasonable efforts to protect from public disclosure any information that Proposer (1) segregates from other information and (2) is clearly labeled as "proprietary," "trade secret," "confidential," or "restricted," provided that Proposer also furnishes a brief statement that describes the reasons for the requested nondisclosure.

If proprietary, confidential, trade secret or otherwise restricted information is submitted to the City by Proposer as a result of this RFP or any resulting contract, then Proposer shall hold harmless and indemnify the City, its elected and appointed officials, employees, agents, and representatives against all claims, damages, losses, expenses, and costs, including, but not limited to, any costs related to legal defense, attorney's fees, court costs, damages, or judgments arising from or resulting from any disclosure request or disclosure by the City of such information.

3.9 DELIVERY/COMPLETION SCHEDULE

The delivery or completion schedule must be provided as noted in this RFP. If all items cannot be delivered on the same schedule, please note variances. (See Appendix G: Proposal Pricing Form)

3.10 GENERAL PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Proposals must be prepared in English and be presented on 8 ½ x 11 paper, pages sequentially numbered within each tabbed section described in section 3.2, and single spaced with an easily legible font size. Proposals shall be prepared as simply as possible and provide a straightforward, concise description of the Proposer's capabilities to satisfy the requirements of the RFP. Expensive bindings, color display, promotional material, etc., are not necessary. EMPHASIS SHOULD BE CONCENTRATED ON ACCURACY, COMPLETENESS, AND CLARITY OF CONTENT. All parts, pages, figures, and tables shall be numbered and labeled clearly. Proposal shall be typewritten or in ink; those prepared in pencil will not be accepted. All corrections shall be initialed and dated by the person authorized to sign the Proposal. All signatures on all submitted documents must be signed by officials of the corporation or company duly authorized to bind Proposer.

3.11 PROPOSAL FORMAT

Proposals must be submitted with tabbed indexes separating the sections, organized in the following order:

Tab 1: Transmittal letter.

Tab 2: Proposer Information. Proposer must complete and submit Appendix H and Appendix J.

Tab 3: Qualification and Experience of Proposer. See Appendix K.

Tab 4: Scope of Work. See Appendix K.

If required by Appendix F, Proposer must submit forms documenting its compliance with the City's required/ desired performance specifications.

Tab 5: Proposer shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda in the space provided on the Proposal Pricing Form (Appendix G) and submitting in this section (see Section 2.2).

Tab 6: Additional Documentation. If applicable, Proposer shall include screen shots and sample reports from computer software applications that may be part of the proposed goods. This is intended to illustrate how a particular requirement might be met by Proposer, NOT a complete submission of all screens/reports/features.

3.12 PRICE PROPOSAL

Proposer's price for the goods and services purchased by the City pursuant to this RFP shall be specified in the Proposal Pricing Form, Appendix G. All tools of the trade required to meet the Contract requirements must be included in the Proposal price.

The Proposal Pricing Form must be submitted with the original Proposal, in a SEPARATE SEALED ENVELOPE clearly marked "PROPOSAL PRICING FORM". The additional copies of the Proposal requested in Section 3.2 must NOT include any copies of the Proposal Pricing Form. The City will evaluate the other components of the Proposal before opening or revealing the Proposal Pricing Form.

Prices quoted shall be in U.S. Dollars, delivered prices, F.O.B. destination, exclusive of all federal or state excise, sales, and manufacturer's taxes.

The City will not accept charges for transportation, handling, packaging, installation or out-of-pocket expense other than as specified in the Proposal.

Prices quoted to the City shall remain firm for a minimum of 90 days from the date of opening of the proposal, unless so stated differently in the proposal. If there are discrepancies between unit prices quoted and extensions, the unit price will prevail. The City will be protected against any increase above the price in the proposal. Any proposal containing an "Escalator Clause" will not be considered unless so stipulated in this RFP. Discounts will be considered in determining the lowest price, however, any payment term based on less than 30 days may not be considered. Discounts will be figured from the date of acceptance by the City regardless of date of delivery or invoice.

3.13 PROPOSAL SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

Proposers are encouraged to review Appendix C, which provides a checklist of things to consider before a Proposal is submitted to the City. The checklist is for general guidance only and not intended to provide an all-inclusive list of response requirements, which Proposers must determine from this RFP.

APPENDIX A

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

SCOPE OF WORK & RELATED INFORMATION

CITY OBJECTIVES

The City of Huntsville Public Transit is seeking a one year contract, with 2 one year renewable options to purchase a minimum of 2 buses annually up to 4 buses per order; with no more than sixteen (16) total buses purchased over three years.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Technical specifications describe requirements for up to sixteen (16) 40-foot heavy-duty diesel transit buses. Buses shall have a minimum expected life of twelve (12) years or 500,000 miles, whichever comes first, and are intended for the widest possible spectrum of passengers, including children, adults, the elderly and individuals with disabilities. The City of Huntsville is seeking to purchase 40 foot buses complete with L9 280 hp, 8.9 Cummins Diesel Engine with compatible B400 R Allison Transmission or approved equal. Other components and subcomponents in this specification include, but not limited to, EMP Engine Cooling system, or equivalent, Disk Brakes, 8-Camera Seon Security Camera System, Route Match AVL System including, but not limited to wiring harnesses, scroll sign, VLU, Control Module, Modem, McKenzie Voice Annunciation System, Electronic Tablet, and mounting brackets, 2-Way Radios, Diamond Farebox or approved equal, Heavy Duty ArrowGuard Driver Cabin Barrier or approved Equal, Q'Straint QPOD Wheelchair Restraint System or approved equal, 3-Station Bicycle rack by SportWorks, or approved equal, and a 4-color exterior high gloss painted graphics package.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

See RFP E-Document, 40 Foot Bus Technical Specifications

NEW EQUIPMENT

All manufactured commodities shall be new, latest model unless otherwise stipulated. Proposer shall guarantee that commodities submitted for their bid shall be new, and of the latest and most improved model of the current production, and shall be of first quality as to workmanship and materials used in said units. All modifications shall be made at the factory. Equipment shall not have been operated for any purpose other than routine operational testing. Demonstrators will not be accepted unless specifically requested.

INSPECTION OF WORK

All goods and services to be provided under the Contract shall be subject to inspection and acceptance by an authorized City representative while in process or after completion. If any such goods or services are found to be unsatisfactory and not in accordance with the requirements of the Contract, the City shall notify the Contractor for immediate corrective action.

APPENDIX B

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. EVALUATION PROCESS

After the proposal closing date, the City will perform an evaluation of each Proposal. During the evaluation, the City may conduct interviews of Proposer, and request Proposer to participate in a mandatory teleconference, or to make presentations to the City and/or demonstrate its products that are the subject of this RFP. Concerning a teleconference, presentation or demonstration, Proposer will be given at least ten (10) days' notice of the date and time for such, and the City may consider a Proposer non-responsive or non-responsible if it does not participate in such to the City's satisfaction. Also, the City may interview and/or visit other customers who have purchased similar goods and services from Proposer.

2. RESPONSIVE PROPOSALS

The City will determine if a Proposal is "responsive" to the requirements of the RFP based on Section 3 and on any other information available to the City and reserves the right to waive minor informalities (Section 2.5).

3. RESPONSIBLE PROPOSALS

The City will determine if Proposer is deemed "responsible" based on Section 3 and on any other information available to the City.

4. AWARD INTENTION

The City intends to award a contract to the responsive, responsible Proposer(s) whose Proposal offers the best value for the City, after selection and negotiation.

5. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposers shall submit the following information / documents in its proposal and this same information shall be the basis for the proposal evaluation:

1. Price proposal to include unit price per bus per year and extended price to purchase up to 4 units per year (with a 2 bus minimum per year). 25%
2. Complete Altoona Test (Evaluated for Tested and Demonstrated Durability) 25%
3. Delivery Date (Lead Time) in months 10%
4. Compliance with Specifications (including all local, state, ADA and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requirements and certifications. 5%
5. Financial Stability and Qualifications of Manufacturer, Experience with the manufacturing and service of bus model proposed including Years and numbers of same model units. 25%
6. Warranties, Quality Assurance Statement, Parts Availability and Service 10%

The City reserves the right to enter into negotiations with the successful Proposer(s) with regard to specifications, terms, and cost.

APPENDIX C
CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA
PROPOSAL PREPARATION CHECKLIST

The checklist is for general guidance only and not intended to provide an all-inclusive list of response requirements, which Proposers must determine from this RFP.

Description	Reference	
RFP Schedule	Section 1.3 & Cover	_____
General Terms & Conditions	Section 2	_____
Proposer Responsibilities	Section 2	_____
Bid Bond Requirements	Appendix D	_____
Performance Bond & Insurance Requirements	Appendix D	_____
Business Licensing Requirements	Section 2.23	_____
Alabama Immigration Law	Appendix H & J	_____
Proposal Instructions:	Section 3	_____
Proposer Information Form	Appendix H	_____
Price Proposal Instructions and Form	Section 3.12 & Appendix G	_____
Addenda Acknowledgement	Appendix G	_____
Proposal Submission Requirements	Section 3	_____
Evaluation Criteria	Appendix B	_____
Scope of Work	Appendix A	_____
Special Terms and Conditions	Appendix E	_____

APPENDIX D
CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA
BONDS & INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. BID BOND

An original Bid Bond is required in the amount of five (5) percent of the total price specified in the Proposal Pricing Form (Appendix G) unless another amount is specified or waived on the cover of this RFP. Any bid submitted without an original Bid Bond will not be considered. A company check is not an acceptable bid bond.

2. PERFORMANCE & PAYMENT BOND

A Performance Bond must remain in effect for the entire term of the Contract in the amount of 100% of the annual contract amount. A Payment Bond shall be included with the Performance Bond, or separately provided.

3. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor shall carry insurance of the following kinds and amounts (exceptions are noted) in addition to any other forms of insurance or bonds required under the terms of the bid specifications. The Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the Contract or as later indicated, insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with this agreement by the Contractor, his agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors.

A. MINIMUM SCOPE OF INSURANCE:

1. General Liability:

Insurance will be written on an occurrence basis. Claims-made coverage will be accepted only on an exception basis after Risk Management approval.

Commercial General Liability

Products and Completed Operations
Contractual
Personal Injury
Explosion, Collapse and Underground
Broad Form Property Damage

2. Automobile Liability:

Business Automobile Liability providing coverage for all owned, hired and non-owned autos. Coverage for loading and unloading shall be provided under either automobile liability or general liability policy forms.

3. Workers' Compensation Insurance:

Statutory protection against bodily injury, sickness or disease or death sustained by an employee in the scope of employment. Protection shall be provided by a commercial insurance company or a recognized self-insurance fund authorized before the State of Alabama Industrial Board of Relations. Subrogation shall be waived as respects Workers' Compensation.

4. Employers Liability Insurance:

Covering common law claims of injured employees made in lieu of or in addition to a worker's compensation claim.

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA BONDS & INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

B. LIMITS OF INSURANCE:

1. General Liability:

Commercial General Liability on an "occurrence form" for bodily injury and property damage:

\$2,000,000 General Aggregate Limit
\$1,000,000 Products - Completed Operations Aggregate
\$1,000,000 Personal & Advertising Injury
\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence

2. Automobile Liability:

\$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage.

3. Workers' Compensation:

As Required by the State of Alabama Statute. If statutory exemption to this coverage is asserted, an explanation shall be attached to the bidder's Certificate of Liability Insurance.

4. Employers Liability:

\$500,000 Bodily Injury by Accident
\$500,000 Bodily Injury by Disease
\$500,000 Policy Limit by Disease

C. OTHER INSURANCE PROVISIONS:

The City is hereby authorized to adjust the requirements set forth in this document in the event it is determined that such adjustment is in the City's best interest. If the insurance requirements are not adjusted by the City prior to the City's release of RFP specifications, then the limits stated herein shall apply.

1. General Liability and Automobile Liability Coverages Only:

a. The Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the City. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the City, its officers, officials, employees, agents or specified volunteers shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute to it.

b. The Contractor's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.

2. All Coverages:

a. Contractors are responsible to pay all deductibles. Each insurance policy required by this clause shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, cancelled by either party, reduced in coverage or in limits except after thirty (30) days' prior written notice has been given to the City. Cancellation of coverage for non-payment of premium will require ten (10) days' written notice to the City.

b. Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided to the City, its officers, employees, agents or specified volunteers.

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA BONDS & INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

D. ACCEPTABILITY OF INSURERS:

Insurance is to be placed with insurers with an A. M. Best's rating of no less than B+ V.

E. VERIFICATION OF COVERAGE:

The City shall be indicated as a Certificate Holder and the Contractor shall furnish the City with Certificates of Insurance reflecting the coverage required by this document. The A. M. Best Rating and deductibles, if applicable, shall be indicated on the Certificate of Insurance for each insurance policy. The certificates for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. All certificates are to be received and approved by the City before Award Notification is issued by the City. The City reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies at any time.

F. SUBCONTRACTORS WORKING FOR THE CONTRACTOR:

The Contractor shall include all subcontractors as insured under its policies or shall furnish separate certificates and/or endorsements for each subcontractor. Subcontractors working for the Contractor shall be required to carry insurance.

G. HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT:

The Contractor, to the fullest extent permitted by law, shall indemnify and hold harmless the City of Huntsville, its elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and specified volunteers against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including, but not limited to, attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from the performance of this contract, provided that any such claim, damage, loss or expense (1) is attributable to personal injury, including bodily injury sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property, including loss of use resulting there from, and (2) is caused by any negligent act or omission of the Contractor, or any of their subcontractors, sub-consultants, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts they are legally liable. Such obligation should not be construed to negate, abridge, or otherwise reduce any other right or obligation of indemnity which would otherwise exist as to any party or person described in this paragraph.

APPENDIX E
CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA
SPECIAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

This contract is partially funded with 49 U.S.C., Chapter 53, Title 23, Section 5307, CFDA 20.507, and/or Section 5339, CFDA 20.526 Federal Transit Grant Funds. The attached Federal Compliance items must be certified. All proposals that do not have the certifications attached will be disqualified.

Of Note, the awarded Contractor is certifying compliance to all *relevant* clauses herein and that all sub-contractors under this contract shall certify all *relevant* clauses herein, if applicable.

1. **NO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OBLIGATION TO THIRD PARTIES** - The Federal Government shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities to any third-party contractor or other participant at any tier of the Project.
2. **PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE STATEMENTS OR CLAIMS** - The Contractor, subrecipients, subcontractors, agree to 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 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, and 49 U.S.C. §5323(1), 18 U.S.C. §1001 may apply to a subcontractor at any tier.
3. **ACCESS TO RECORDS AND REPORTS** -
 - 1) The Contractor will retain and will require its sub-contractors 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.
 - 2) The Contractor agrees to comply with the record retention requirements in accordance with 2 C.F.R. §200.333. 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).
 - 3) 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.
 - 4) The Contractor agrees to permit FTA and its contractors' access to the sites performance under this contract as reasonably may be required.
4. **FEDERAL REQUIREMENT CHANGES** - 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 City of Huntsville, AL Huntsville Transit and FTA, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of this contract. Contractor's failure to so comply shall constitute a material breach of this contract. The Contractor shall require subcontractors, at all tiers, to comply with all the applicable federal changes as listed above.
5. **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 4220.1E 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 requests which would cause City to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions.

6. DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE – 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).

7. CIVIL RIGHTS - The Contractor, subrecipient or subcontractor must comply with the following Federal Laws:

- 1) 1) 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, and all other applicable regulations as required by FTA.
- 2) 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.
- 3) 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, and any other requirements that FTA may issue.
- 4) 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.

8. ENERGY CONSERVATION – The contractor agrees to comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act. Complying with and facilitating compliance with: (1) Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6962, and (2) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), "Comprehensive Procurement Guideline for Products Containing Recovered Materials," 40 C.F.R. part 247.

9. TRAFFICKING in PERSONS – The contractor agrees that it and its employees, may not:

- 1) Engage in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the agreement is in effect;
- 2) Precure a commercial sex act during the period of time that that the agreement is in effect, or
- 3) Use forced labor in the performance of the contract or sub-contracts.

10. FEDERAL TAX LIABILITY and RECENT FELONY CONVICTIONS – The contractor agrees to comply with Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019, Pub. L. 116-6, div. D, title VII, §§ 744–745), U.S. DOT Order 4200.6. The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- 1) Does not have any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability; and
- 2) Was not convicted of the felony criminal violation under any Federal law within the preceding 24 months.
- 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.

I. _____ Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official
 II. _____ Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized
 Official
 III. _____ Date

11. SAFE OPERATIONS of MOTOR VEHICLES – The contractor is encouraged to have safe operations of motor vehicle policies:

- 1) Seat Belt Use – Adopting and promoting 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; and
- 2) Distracted Driving, Including Text Messaging While Driving – The contractor agrees to:
 - I. Safety. 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 Contractor owns, leases, or rents, or a privately-owned vehicle when on official business in connection with the Agreement, or when performing any work for or on behalf of the Agreement; and
 - II. Contractor Size. Conduct workplace safety initiatives in a manner commensurate with its size, such as establishing new rules and programs to prohibit text messaging while driving, re-evaluating the existing programs to prohibit text messaging while driving, and providing education, awareness, and other outreach to employees about the safety risks associated with texting while driving; and
 - III. Extension of Provision. Include this Special Provision in each third party subagreement at each tier supporting this agreement.

12. ADA ACCESS –The contractor agrees to comply with mandatory requirements relating to Federal protections for individuals with disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended (ADA), 42 U.S.C. Section 12101 *et seq.*, prohibiting discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities in all programs, activities, and services. It also imposes specific requirements on public and private public and private entities. The contractor must comply with their responsibilities under Titles I, II, III, IV, and V of the ADA employment, public services, public accommodations, telecommunications, and other provisions.

13. SAFETY SENSITIVE INFORMATION – The contractor must protect, and take measures to ensure that its sub-contractor(s) at each tier protect, “sensitive security information” made available during the administration of a contract or sub-contract to ensure compliance with 49 U.S.C. Section 40119(b) and implementing DOT regulations, “Protection of Sensitive Security Information,” 49 C.F.R. Part 15, and with 49 U.S.C. Section 114(r), and implementing Department of Homeland Security regulations, 49 C.F.R. Part 1520.

14. TERMINATION PROVISIONS – *(Applicable to contracts exceeding \$10,000).* **The termination clauses extend to Contractors, sub-contractors, and sub-recipients at every level.**

- 1) Termination for Convenience (General Provision) - The City of Huntsville 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 City of Huntsville to be paid the Contractor. If the Contractor has any property in its possession belonging to the City of Huntsville, the Contractor will account for the same, and dispose of it in the manner the City of Huntsville directs.
- 2) 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, the City of Huntsville 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 Huntsville 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 Huntsville, 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.
- 3) Opportunity to Cure (General Provision) - The City of Huntsville in its sole discretion may, in the case of a termination for breach or default, allow the Contractor [an appropriately short period of time] in which to cure the defect. In such case, the notice of termination will state the time period in which cure is permitted and other appropriate conditions. If Contractor fails to remedy to City of Huntsville’s satisfaction the breach or default or any of the terms, covenants, or conditions of this Contract within [ten (10) days] after receipt by Contractor or written notice from City of Huntsville setting forth the nature of said breach or default, the City of Huntsville 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 Huntsville from also pursuing all available remedies against Contractor and its sureties for said breach or default.
- 4) Waiver of Remedies for any Breach - In the event that the City of Huntsville 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 Huntsville shall not limit City of Huntsville’s remedies for any succeeding breach of that or of any other term, covenant, or condition of this Contract.
- 5) 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 Huntsville may terminate this contract for default. The City of Huntsville 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 City of Huntsville.

15. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION (*Applicable to Procurements Exceeding \$25,000*) - The contractor agrees to comply with applicable provisions of Executive Orders Nos. 12549 and 12689, "Debarment and Suspension," 31 U.S.C. § 6101 note, and U.S. DOT Regulations, "Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment," 2 C.F.R. Part 1200, and "Guidelines to Agencies on Government Wide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," 2 C.F.R. Part 180. When applicable, contractors, at any tier, will review the "Excluded Parties Listing System" at www.sam.gov, and will include a similar term or condition in each of its covered transactions. The Contractor shall verify that its principals, affiliates, and subcontractors are eligible to participate in this federally funded contract and are not presently declared by any Federal department or agency to be:

- 1) Debarred from participation in any federally assisted Award;
- 2) Suspended from participation in any federally assisted Award;
- 3) Proposed for debarment from participation in any federally assisted Award;
- 4) Declared ineligible to participate in any federally assisted Award;
- 5) Voluntarily excluded from participation in any federally assisted Award; or
- 6) Disqualified from participation in any federally assisted Award

16. LOBBYING AND CERTIFICATION DISCLOSURE (*Applicable to Procurements Equal to or Exceeding \$100,000*) - 31 U.S.C. 1352 (a), 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. **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.

- 4) 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.

I. _____
Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

II. _____
Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

III. _____
Date

17. BREACHES AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION (*Applicable to Procurements Exceeding \$250,000*)

- 1) The AGENCY 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 the AGENCY and the Contractor's organization.
- 2) 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 de novo 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.
- 3)
- 4) Pending final settlement of any dispute, the parties shall proceed diligently with the performance of the Contract, and in accordance with the AGENCY's direction or decisions made thereof. Performance During Dispute - Unless otherwise directed by the City of Huntsville, Contractor shall continue performance under this Contract while matters in dispute are being resolved.
- 5) 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 thereof shall be made in writing to such other party within a reasonable time after the first observance of such injury or damage.
- 6) Remedies - Unless this contract provides otherwise, all claims, counterclaims, disputes, and other matters in question between the City of Huntsville 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 City of Huntsville is located.
- 7) 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 Huntsville, 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.

18. CLEAN AIR and FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT (*Applicable to Procurements Exceeding \$150,000*) - 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 through 7671q and 33 U.S.C. §§ 1251 through 1388, as amended;

- 1) Report the use of facilities placed on or likely to be placed on the U.S. EPA "List of Violating Facilities,"
- 2) Refrain from using any violating facilities,
- 3) Report violations to FTA and the Regional U.S. EPA Office, and

- 4) Comply with the inspection and other applicable 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
- 5) The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

19. SUBSTANCE ABUSE TESTING (*Applicable to Contracts with Safety Sensitive Work Performed, Maintenance on Revenue Vehicles*) - - Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy-U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 C.F.R., part 40; Federal Transit Administration (FTA), 49 C.F.R., part 655; and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), 49 C.F.R., part 382.

- 1) 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 Alabama, or The City of Huntsville, 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 to submit the Management Information System (MIS) reports before January 31st of the following calendar year to the City of Huntsville's Employee Clinic & Resource Coordinator, 2227 Drake Avenue SW, Suite 26, Huntsville, AL 35805.
- 2) The Contractor agrees to comply and assures compliance of its Sub-Contractor(s) or other participants, with all Drug and Alcohol Testing Policies as required under the above referenced DOT, FTA, and FMCSA mandates. These requirements are outlined in the Scope of Work, section XI. Contractor's Personnel.

20. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT - NON-CONSTRUCTION (*Applicable to non-Construction Activities*) - The contractor or subcontractor agrees to comply with Sections 102 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, 40 U.S.C. Section 3702, and Department of Labor (DOL) regulations, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Governing 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 CFR Part 5. Section 4104(c) of the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994, 40 U.S.C. Section 3701(b)(3)(A)(iii), increased the wage and hour thresholds of \$2,000 for construction work and \$2,500 for non-construction work set forth in the Common Grant Rules to \$150,000. A federally assisted contract must exceed \$150,000 before these wage and hour requirements apply to that contract.

21. CARGO PREFERENCE (*Applicable to Products Requiring Shipping*) - Use of United States-Flag Vessels - The contractor agrees:

- 1) 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;
- 2) 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.)
- 3) 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.

22. FLY AMERICA REQUIREMENTS (*Applicable to Products Requiring Flight Transport*) - 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 sub-recipients of Federal funds and their contractors are required to use U.S. Flag air carriers for U.S. Government-financed international air travel and transportation of their personal effects or property, to the extent such service is available, unless travel by foreign air carrier is a matter of necessity, as defined by the Fly America Act. 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.

23. BUS TESTING - The Contractor/Manufacturer agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. A 5323(c) and FTA's implementing regulation at 49 CFR Part 665 and indicate one of the following three alternatives:

- 1) _____ The buses offered herewith have been tested in accordance with 49 CFR Part 665 on _____ (date). If multiple buses are being proposed, provide additional bus testing information below or on attached sheet. The vehicles being sold should have the identical configuration and major components as the vehicle in the test report, which must be submitted with this Proposal. If the configuration or components are not identical, then the manufacturer shall provide with its Proposal a description of the change and the manufacturer's basis for concluding that it is not a major change requiring additional testing. If multiple buses are being proposed, testing data on additional buses shall be listed on the bottom of this page.
- 2) _____ The manufacturer represents that the vehicle is "grandfathered" (has been used in mass transit service in the United States before October 1, 1988, and is currently being produced without a major change in configuration or components), and submits with this Proposal the name and address of the recipient of such a vehicle and the details of that vehicle's configuration and major components.
- 3) _____ The vehicle is a new model, or vehicle configuration and components are not identical, and will be tested and the results will be submitted to the Agency prior to acceptance of the first bus.

The undersigned Manufacturer certifies that the vehicle offered in this procurement complies with 49 U.S.C. A 5323(c) and FTA's implementing regulation at 49 CFR Part 665.

I. Certification of Compliance with FTA's Bus Testing Requirements -

1. The undersigned understands that misrepresenting the testing status of a vehicle acquired with Federal financial assistance may subject the undersigned to civil penalties as outlined in the Department of Transportation's regulation on Program Fraud Civil Remedies, 49 CFR Part 31. In addition, the undersigned understands that FTA may suspend or debar a manufacturer under the procedures in 49 CFR Part 29.

Certified by Authorized Official.

- a. Date: _____
- b. Signature: _____
- c. Company Name: _____
- d. Title: _____

24. PRE-AWARD AND POST-DELIVERY AUDIT REQUIREMENTS - The Contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. § 5323(l) and FTA's implementing regulation at 49 C.F.R. Part 663 and to submit the following certifications:

- 1) **Buy America Requirements:** The Contractor shall complete and submit a declaration certifying either compliance or noncompliance with Buy America. If the Bidder/Offeror certifies compliance with Buy America, it shall submit documentation which lists 1) component and subcomponent parts of the rolling stock to be purchased identified by manufacturer of the parts, their country of origin and costs; and 2) the location of the final assembly point for the rolling stock, including a description of the activities that will take place at the final assembly point and the cost of final assembly.
- 2) **Solicitation Specification Requirements:** The Contractor shall submit evidence that it will be capable of meeting the bid specifications.
- 3) **Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS):** The Contractor shall submit 1) manufacturer's FMVSS self-certification sticker information that the vehicle complies with relevant FMVSS or 2) manufacturer's certified statement that the contracted buses will not be subject to FMVSS regulations.

25. Buy America Certification— Rolling Stock (*Applicable to Procurements exceeding \$150,000*) - The contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j) and 49 C.F.R. Part 661, and any later amendments, which provide that Federal funds may not be obligated unless steel, iron, and manufactured products used in FTA-funded projects are produced in the United States, unless a waiver has been granted by FTA or the product is subject to a general waiver. General waivers are listed in 49 C.F.R. 661.7 and include final assembly in the United States for 15 passenger vans and 15 passenger wagons produced by Chrysler Corporation, and microcomputer equipment and software. A bidder or offeror must submit to the FTA recipient, the City of Huntsville, 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.

In accordance with 49 C.F.R. §661.12, for the procurement of rolling stock (including train control, communication, and traction power equipment), use the certifications below.

- 1) **Certificate of Compliance with Buy America Rolling Stock Requirements** - The bidder or offeror hereby certifies that it will meet the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(j), as amended, and the applicable regulations in 49 C.F.R. Part 661.11.

I. Date _____

II. Signature _____

III. Company _____

IV. Name _____

V. Title _____

- 2) **Certificate of Non-Compliance with Buy America Rolling Stock Requirements** - The bidder or offeror hereby certifies that it cannot comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(j), as amended, but it may qualify for an exception pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(C), as amended, and the applicable regulations in 49 C.F.R. 661.7.

I. Date _____

- II. Signature _____
- III. Company _____
- IV. Name _____
- V. Title _____

26. **TRANSIT VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS (TVM) CERTIFICATION** - This procurement is subject to provisions of 49 CFR Part 26. Accordingly, as a condition of permission to bid, the following certification must be completed and submitted with the bid. A bid which does not include the certification will not be considered.

1) **TVM Certification** _____ (name of firm), a TVM, hereby certifies that it has complied with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 Section 26.49 by submitting a current DBE Goal to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The goals apply to fiscal year _____ and has either been approved or not disapproved by FTA.

2) Or, _____ (name of firm) hereby certifies that the manufacturer of the transit vehicle to be supplied _____ (name of manufacturer) has complied with the above referenced requirements of Section 26.49 of 49 CFR Part 26.

I. Date: _____

II. Signature: _____

III. Company Name: _____

IV. Printed Name: _____

V. Title: _____

27. **COMPLIANCE with COPELAND ANTI-KICK BACK ACT requirements** - The contractor shall comply with the requirements of 29 CFR part 3, which are incorporated by reference in this contract.

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

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

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

29. **STATE and LOCAL LAW DISCLAIMER** - The use of many of the suggested clauses may not be governed by Federal Law, but may be significantly affected by State law. Contractors should consult with their attorneys before using language in the sub-contractors procurement documents.

30. PUBLIC TRANSIT PROTEST PROCEDURES – Authority to Resolve Protested Solicitations and Awards, including the process of submitting a protest, is available upon request to the City of Huntsville, Huntsville Transit, Scott Freeman, 500 B Church Street, Huntsville, AL, 35801, 256-427-6811.

CERTIFICATION:

The Contractor, _____, certifies that all the above referenced federal requirements will be complied with as stated herein, as applicable. **FAILURE TO CERTIFY IS TO DISQUALIFY THE ACCOMPANYING BID PROPOSAL.**

Legal Name of Firm

Signature of Bidder

Print or Type Name of Bidder

Date

APPENDIX F
CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA
DETAILED FUNCTIONAL OBJECTIVES

N/A

**APPENDIX G
CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA
PROPOSAL PRICING FORM**

Proposer shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda in the space provided on the Proposal Pricing Form below. Failure to acknowledge receipt of addenda shall not relieve Proposer of full responsibility for all requirements contained in addenda.

We acknowledge receipt of the following addenda: _____

PLEASE PROVIDE PRICING IN A SEPARATE SEALED ENVELOPE

**APPENDIX H
CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA
PROPOSER INFORMATION & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

3.1 PROPOSER INFORMATION

Business Organization

Name of Proposer (exactly as it would appear on an agreement):

Doing-Business-As Name of Proposer:

Principal Office Address:

Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

Form of Business Entity [check one ("X")]

Corporation _____

Partnership _____

Individual _____

Joint Venture _____

Other (describe): _____

Corporation Statement

If a corporation, answer the following:

Date of incorporation:

Location of incorporation:

The corporation is held:

Publicly ___ Privately ___

Names and titles of corporate officers:

Partnership Statement

If a partnership, answer the following:

Date of organization: _____

Location of organization: _____

The partnership is:

General ____ Limited ____

Name, address, and ownership share of each general partner owning more than five percent (5%) of the partnership:

Joint Venture Statement

If a Joint Venture, answer the following:

Date of organization: _____

Location of organization: _____

JV Agreement recorded?

Yes ____ No ____

Name, address of each Joint Venturer and percent of ownership of each:

3.2 CITY OF HUNTSVILLE EMPLOYEE, MEMBER OF HOUSEHOLD OR BUSINESS ASSOCIATE

Code of Ala. 1975§36-25-11 requires that contracts entered into with a public official, a public employee, a member of the household of the public official or public employee, or a business with which a public official or public employee associates be filed with the Alabama Ethic Commission. If you are awarded the contract, and if you are a City employee, or if a member of your household is a City employee or public official, or if your business associates with a City employee or public official, you must comply with the provisions of Code al Ala. 1975§36-25-11.

City Employee

If "Yes," Department

Yes ____ No ____

Member of Household City Employee

If "Yes," Name (s)

Yes ____ No ____

Anyone associated with your
company a City Employee

If "Yes," Name (s)

Yes ____ No ____

3.3 CONTRACTOR E-VERIFY – NOTICE

The Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act, Act No. 2011-535, Code of Alabama (1975) § 31-13-1 through 31-13-30 (also known as and hereinafter referred to as “ the Alabama Immigration Act”) as amended by Act No. 2012-491 on May 16, 2012 is applicable to all competitively bid contracts with the City of Huntsville. As a condition for the award of a contract and as a term and condition of the contract with the City of Huntsville, in accordance with § 31-13-9 (a) of the Alabama Immigration Act, as amended, any business entity or employer that employs one or more employees shall not knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien within the State of Alabama.

During the performance of the contract, such business entity or employer shall participate in the E-Verify program and shall verify every employee that is required to be verified according to the applicable federal rules and regulations. The business entity or employer shall assure that these requirements are included in each subcontract in accordance with §31-13-9(c). Failure to comply with these requirements may result in breach of contract, termination of the contract or subcontract, and possibly suspension or revocation of business licenses and permits in accordance with §31-13-9 (e) (1) & (2).

Code of Alabama (1975) § 31-13-9 (k) requires that the following clause be included in all City of Huntsville contracts that have been competitively bid and is hereby made a part of this contract:

“By signing this contract the contracting parties affirm, for the duration of the agreement, that they will not violate federal immigration law or knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien within the State of Alabama. Furthermore, a contracting party found to be in violation of this provision shall be deemed in breach of the agreement and shall be responsible for all damages resulting therefrom.”

3.4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I hereby certify that I have read and understand the City of Huntsville's General Terms and Conditions. I hereby certify that I agree to comply with all of the General Terms and Conditions of this RFP. I also understand that the General Terms & Conditions are standard and that any contradicting requirements of the RFP supercede.

I affirm that I have not been in any agreement or collusion among Proposers or prospective Proposers in restraint of freedom of competition.

In accordance with Alabama Act 2016-312 as adopted and approved on May 5, 2016, on behalf of the firm named below I do hereby certify and represent that this business is not currently engaged in, and will not engage in, the boycott of a person or an entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with which this state can enjoy open trade.

Upon award of this bid, I will not substitute any item on this bid under any circumstances.

Signature of Proposer

Legal Name of Firm

Print or Type Name of Proposer

Mailing Address

Date

City State Zip Code

Phone Fax

Email Address

Website Address

APPENDIX I MAILING LABELS

The below mailing labels are provided to assist you in submitting your Proposal and to insure proper identification of Proposal documents. Please cut out the label you desire for either the City's mailing or physical address, fill in the blanks, and affix to your envelope.

MAILING ADDRESS:

<p>FROM: _____ _____ _____</p> <p>IFB/RFP# _____</p> <p>FOR _____</p> <p>OPENING DATE _____ 2:00:00 PM local time</p> <p>GC LICENSE # _____ (If applicable)</p>	<p>TO:</p> <p>THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE PROCUREMENT SERVICES - 5th FLOOR P. O. BOX 308 HUNTSVILLE, AL 35804</p>
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PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

<p>FROM: _____ _____ _____</p> <p>IFB/RFP# _____</p> <p>FOR _____</p> <p>OPENING DATE _____ 2:00:00 PM local time</p> <p>GC LICENSE # _____ (If applicable)</p>	<p>TO:</p> <p>THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE PROCUREMENT SERVICES - 5TH FLOOR 308 FOUNTAIN CIRCLE HUNTSVILLE, AL 35801</p>
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APPENDIX J REPORT OF OWNERSHIP FORM

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA REPORT OF OWNERSHIP FORM

A. General Information. Please provide the following information:

■ Legal name(s) (include "doing business as", if applicable): _____

■ City of Huntsville current taxpayer identification number (if available): _____

(Please note that if this number has been assigned by the City and if you are renewing your business license, the number should be listed on the renewal form.)

B. Type of Ownership. Please complete the un-shaded portions of the following chart by checking the appropriate box below and entering the appropriate Entity I.D. Number, if applicable (for an explanation of what an entity number is, please see paragraph C below):

Type of Ownership (check appropriate box)	Entity I. D. Number & Applicable State
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual or Sole Proprietorship	Not Applicable
<input type="checkbox"/> General Partnership	Not Applicable
<input type="checkbox"/> Limited Partnership (LP)	Number & State: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Partnership (LLP)	Number & State: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Company (LLC) (Single Member)	Number & State: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> LLC (Multi-Member)	Number & State: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporation	Number & State: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other, please explain: _____	Number & State (if a filing entity under state law): _____

C. Entity I.D. Numbers. If an Entity I.D. Number is required and if the business entity is registered in this state, the number is available through the website of Alabama's Secretary of State at: www.sos.state.al.us/, under "Government Records". If a foreign entity is not registered in this state please provide the Entity I.D. number (or other similar number by whatever named called) assigned by the state of formation along with the name of the state.

D. Formation Documents. Please note that, with regard to entities, the entity's formation documents, including articles or certificates of incorporation, organization, or other applicable formation documents, as recorded in the probate records of the applicable county and state of formation, **are not required unless:** (1) specifically requested by the City, or (2) an Entity I.D. Number is required and one has not been assigned or provided.

Please date and sign this form in the space provided below and either write legibly or type your name under your signature. If you are signing on behalf of an entity please insert your title as well.

Signature: _____ Title (if applicable): _____

Type or legibly write name: _____ Date: _____

APPENDIX K
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DETAILED PROPOSER INFORMATION

N/A