



September 3, 2018

PROJECT: Stop Loss Insurance for Employee Health & Pharmacy Programs

Dear Prospective Submitter:

You are invited to submit a sealed price proposal for the above project. A copy of the Public Notice, Affidavits Form, Request for Proposal, and Federal Transit Administration documents are attached. Please make certain you sign your Proposal Letter, Affidavits Form (must also be notarized), and Lobbying Certification Form and include with your sealed proposal. Other items may be required to be included in your proposal so please read the documents thoroughly.

If you have questions related to the procurement process, please contact me at (423) 229-9315 or email brentmorelock@kingsporttn.gov.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brent Morelock".

Brent Morelock, CPPO, CPPB
Procurement Manager

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Sealed Price Proposals for the following will be received by the Procurement Manager until 4:00 P.M., Eastern Time, September 26, 2018, and at that time publicly opened in the Council Room, City Hall located at 225 W. Center St., Kingsport, TN. All proposals will be considered for award or rejection at a later date.

PROJECT: Stop Loss Insurance for Employee Health and Pharmacy Programs

Documents for the above referenced item are available online at <https://www.kingsporttn.gov/city-services/purchasing/> . Interested parties may also contact the Procurement Department at (423) 229-9419.

By submission of a signed proposal bid, the bidder certifies total compliance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and all regulations promulgated thereunder.

No submitted proposals may be withdrawn for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days after the scheduled closing time of the receipt of proposals. All proposals shall be signed, sealed and addressed to the Procurement Manager, City of Kingsport, 225 W. Center St., Kingsport, TN 37660 and marked "Stop Loss Insurance". The City by its governing regulations reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received, to waive any informalities in bidding and to re-advertise.

PUB 1T: 09/02/18

Tilden J. Fleming
City Manager

COMPLIANCE AFFIDAVIT(S) (TOTAL OF 2 PAGES)

THIS COMPLIANCE AFFIDAVIT MUST BE SIGNED, NOTARIZED AND INCLUDED WITH ALL BIDS – FAILURE TO INCLUDE THIS FORM WITH THE BID SUBMITTED SHALL DISQUALIFY THE BID FROM BEING CONSIDERED.

VENDOR: _____

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

1. No Board Member or officer of the City of Kingsport or other person whose duty it is to vote for, let out, overlook or in any manner superintend any of the work for the City of Kingsport has a direct interest in the award of the vendor providing goods or services.
2. No employee, officer or agent of the grantee or sub-grantee will participate in selection, or in the award or administration of an award supported by Federal funds if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved. Such a conflict would arise when the employee, officer or agent, any member of their immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization, which employs, or is about to employ, any of the above, has a financial or other interest in the firm selected for award.
3. The grantee's or sub-grantees officers, employees or agents will neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors or anything of monetary value from vendors, potential vendors, or parties to sub-agreements.
4. By submission of this form, the vendor is certifying that no conflicts of interest exist.

DRUG FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS:

5. Private employers with five or more employees desiring to contract for construction services attest that they have a drug free workplace program in effect in accordance with TCA 50-9-112.

ELIGIBILITY:

6. The vendor is eligible for employment on public contracts because no convictions or guilty pleas or pleas of nolo contendere to violations of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, mail fraud or state criminal violations with an award from the State of Tennessee or any political subdivision thereof have occurred.

GENERAL:

7. Vendor fully understands the preparation and contents of the attached offer and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such offer.
8. Such offer is genuine and is not a collusive or sham offer.

IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT:

9. Concerning the Iran Divestment Act (TCA 12-12-101 et seq.), by submission of this bid/quote/proposal, each vendor and each person signing on behalf of any vendor certifies, and

in the case of a joint bid/quote/proposal, each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief that each vendor is not on the list created pursuant to § 12-12-106.

NON-COLLUSION:

10. Neither the said vendor nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees or parties interest, including this affiant, has in any way colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other responder, firm, or person to submit a collusive or sham offer in connection with the award or agreement for which the attached offer has been submitted or to refrain from making an offer in connection with such award or agreement ,or collusion or communication or conference with any other firm, or, to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of the offer price or the offer price of any other firm, or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement any advantage against the City of Kingsport or any person interested in the proposed award or agreement.
11. The price or prices quoted in the attached offer are fair, proper and not tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement on the part of the firm or any of its agents, representatives, owners, employees, or parties in interest, including this affiant.

BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIREMENT FOR SCHOOL SYSTEM SUPPLIERS:

12. In submitting this bid/quote/proposal, you are certifying that you are aware of the requirements imposed by TCA § 49-5-413 (d) to conduct criminal background checks through the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation on yourself and any of your employees who may come in direct contact with students or who may come on or about school property anytime students are present. You are further certifying that at no time will you ever permit any individual who has committed a sexual offense or who is a registered sex offender to come in direct contact with children or to come on or about school property while students are present.

The undersigned hereby acknowledges and verifies that the response submitted to this solicitation is in full compliance with the applicable laws/listed requirements.

SIGNED

BY: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS DATE: _____

BY (NOTARY PUBLIC): _____

MY COMMISION EXPIRES ON: _____



Request For Proposals

Qualified Licensed Insurance Carriers for Stop Loss Insurance for Employee Health and Pharmacy Programs

1. Overview

The City of Kingsport is requesting proposals from qualified licensed insurance carriers only for Stop Loss Insurance for its Employee Health and Pharmacy programs. The City of Kingsport (hereinafter referred to as the City) currently purchases stop loss insurance through HCC insurance program for employees and their families. The current TPA is BCBSTN for medical and pharmacy. The current stop loss levels are \$135,000 specific with \$175,000 aggregating specific and 125% aggregate coverage. The plan covers pre-65 and non-medical eligible employees/retirees and those individuals including Cobra participants are covered under the plan's stop loss protection.

MARK III will be assisting in coordinating this Request for Proposal for the City.

2. Purpose and Evaluation Method

The City is seeking competitive proposals for stop loss coverage. The City feels it is prudent to request proposals at this time in order to ensure that it receives the best price and coverage.

The City will award the contract to the most responsible, responsive Proposer whose proposal meets the specifications of this Request for Proposals and whose proposal presents the service and coverage that is in the City's best interests. The City will determine whether a Proposer is responsive by evaluating the completeness of the submission and the acceptance, without exception or limitation, of the required stop loss coverage. The City will determine whether a Proposer is responsible by evaluating financial strength (as reflected by standardized ratings and insurance coverage); experience (as reflected by references and industry reputation); and adherence to legal obligations (as measured by litigation history and regulatory agencies). The City and its consultant may conduct such investigations as they deem necessary to establish the responsibility, qualifications and financial abilities of Proposers. The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

The City will contract directly with organizations capable of performing the requirements of this Request for Proposals. Proposers must be represented directly. Participation by brokers or commissioned agents will not be allowed during the proposal process or during the term of the proposed contract. Proposals must be exclusive of commissions or fees. The City will not pay commissions or fees to any entity in association with its stop loss coverage.

If proposal is being submitted in conjunction with a Managing General Underwriter (MGU), the term “Proposer” refers to both the Insurance Carrier and the MGU and all relevant questions must be completed on behalf of both the Insurance Carrier and the MGU.

Proposers must specifically respond to all of the Specifications in Section 3 of this Request for Proposal and to all questions.

A Letter of Intent to Propose should be sent to Tracy McCarty no later than 5:00pm Eastern Time on September 11, 2018. The intent to submit a proposal may be sent in the form of an e-mail message or a Word document attachment that is e-mailed to Ms. Tracy McCarty at tracy@markiiiieb.com. Briefly state the Proposer’s understanding of the work to be done and make a positive commitment to perform the work. Proposers may withdraw their Letters of Intent to submit at any time before the deadline for submittal of proposals. Submittal of a letter of Intent to Submit is not a prerequisite for submitting a proposal but respectfully requested.

Please note the following:

- Specific questions concerning the Request for Proposals shall be submitted to Tracy McCarty via email at tracy@markiiiieb.com by **5:00pm Eastern Time on September 13, 2018**.
- Clarifications and Answers to questions will be in the form of an addendum to post online at <https://www.kingsporttn.gov/city-services/purchasing/> by **5:00pm Eastern Time on September 18, 2018**.

The City will accept proposals on **September 26 at 4:00 P.M. Eastern Time in the Council Room, City Hall, 225 W. Center Street, Kingsport, TN 37660** as per the specifications below. Proposals received after that time will not be considered.

The effective date of the coverage must be **January 1, 2019**.

A census and very limited claims data are available upon request.

Paid claims, large claims, census, and plan documents are available upon request to Tracy McCarty at the contact information listed below, and will be provided via secure e-mail.

A sample of the Proposer’s contract is required as part of the proposal, in addition to written responses to the Request for Proposals.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SCHEDULE

<u>EVENT #</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EASTERN TIME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	09/03/18		City issues Request for Proposal
2	09/11/18	5:00pm	Deadline for letter of Intent to propose
3	09/13/18	5:00pm	Deadline for Requests for Clarifications and Questions
4	09/18/18	5:00pm	Addendum to be posted online
5	09/26/18	4:00pm	Proposals Due
6	01/01/19		Effective Date of Stop Loss Coverage

3. Specific Requirements

3.1 Individuals Covered

Proposers must accept all individuals who are covered under the City’s self-funded health plan on the day prior to the effective date of the stop loss contract between the successful Proposer and the City, including individuals covered through the Consolidated Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1986 (COBRA).

3.2 Interaction with Third Party Administrator

Proposers must agree to work with the City’s third party administrator and its claims processing systems for the purposes of processing claims under the stop loss contract.

3.3 Actively at Work Provision

Proposers must be willing to waive actively at work provisions.

3.4 Minimum Stop Loss Coverage

Proposers must meet or exceed the minimum coverage requirements described in this section. Proposers are to identify where coverage exceeds the minimum requirements.

1) Type of Coverage

The City is requesting specific stop loss insurance for medical and pharmacy claims, and aggregate stop loss for medical and pharmacy claims.

2) Lifetime Maximum

Proposers must quote an unlimited lifetime maximum per covered individual.

3) Contract Basis

Proposers must quote a 24/12 contract basis for specific stop loss insurance and aggregate stop loss insurance.

3.5 Additional Options

The City would like to consider the additional coverage options described in this Section. The City reserves the right to choose whichever combination of Additional Options, if any, it deems to be in its best interests.

1) Aggregating Specific Deductible

Proposers may also quote aggregating specific deductibles of \$75,000, \$100,000, \$135,000, and \$150,000.

2) No New Laser (higher individual specific deductible) at Renewal with Rate Cap

Proposals should include these features if possible.

3.6 Description of Organization

State the full name and address of your organization, including all branch offices that will be responsible for performing the services included in this proposal. Submit a copy of your Tennessee license.

Submit information about your financial performance rating from A.M. Best and Standard and Poor's. Proposers shall hold at least an A rating or better at the time of proposal submission with A.M. Best in order to submit a proposal.

If proposal is submitted in conjunction with a Managing General Underwriter (MGU), the following questions must be answered:

- a) Does the MGU have claims paying authority? If so, to what extent?
- b) Does the MGU assume any risk for the Insurance Carrier? If yes, how much?

3.7 Thoroughness of Response to the Request for Proposal

All proposals must be submitted in writing and specifically address all of the requirements listed in this proposal and any and all addenda that are issued.

3.8 Exceptions

Any deviation or variance from this Request for Proposals shall be identified by the Proposer as an exception. Any exception shall be listed in detail, in a separate document to be prepared by the Proposer. Any and all exceptions to this Request for Proposal which the City, in its sole discretion, deems not to meet or exceed the City's intention as expressed and implied by the Request for Proposals shall be considered by the City as a factor in the award selection criteria.

4. Specifications

4.1 Procurement Process

- a. Proposals will be received by the Procurement Manager until 4:00 P.M., Eastern Time on September 26, 2018, at which time it will be publicly opened in the Council Room, City Hall, 225 W. Center Street, Kingsport, Tennessee.
The Sealed proposal shall be signed by an authorized representative and the sealed envelope shall contain inside, a clearly marked original hard copy and 4 additional hard copies of the proposal and one electronic copy. Submitters must sign their proposal and include a copy of the Affidavits Form which must also be signed and notarized.
- b. The sealed envelope shall be addressed as follows with the proposal name clear marked:

**Procurement Manager
City of Kingsport
225 W. Center Street
Kingsport, Tennessee 37660
Project: STOP LOSS INSURANCE RFP**
- c. Proposals, modifications, or corrections received after the scheduled closing time of the receipt of proposals will not be considered. The City is not responsible for delays in delivery by mail, courier, etc.
- d. No submitted proposal may be withdrawn for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days after the scheduled closing time of the receipt of proposals.

NOTE – It is the intent of the City to issue one (1) addendum, if necessary. Written request for clarification and/or interpretation must be submitted in writing to Tracy McCarty

By email (tracy@markiieb.com) by 5:00pm Eastern Time, September 13, 2018, and an addendum will be issued by 5:00 P.M., Eastern Time, on September 18, 2018. The addendum will be available online at <https://www.kingsporttn.gov/city-services/purchasing/> .

It shall be the Proposer's responsibility to make inquiry as to the addendum issued. The addendum shall become part of the specifications and all Proposers shall be bound by such addendum, whether or not received by Proposer.

4.2 General Terms and Conditions

- a. Taxes – The City is exempted from Federal Excise Taxes, State of Tennessee and local sales taxes and Proposer must quote prices which do not include such taxes, unless by law the taxes must be a part of the price. Exemption Certificates will be furnished upon request.
- b. Indemnification – The City, its officers, agents and employees shall be held harmless from liability from any claims, damages and actions of any nature arising from the use of any service and/or materials furnished by the Proposer, provided that such liability is not attributable to negligence on the part of the using agency of failure of the using agency to use the materials in the manner outlined by the Proposer in descriptive literature or specifications submitted with the Proposal. The City will not indemnify the successful Proposer.
- c. Patent Liability – The successful Proposer, at his own expense, will defend any suit which may be brought against the City to the extent that it is based on a claim that the goods furnished through a contract/agreement infringes a United States patent, and in any such suit will pay those costs and damages which are attributable to such claims and finally awarded against the City.
- d. Limitation of Remedies – Any remedies in the Proposer's Proposal, to include Agreement, License Product Agreement, Terms and Conditions, Literature, etc., that may be considered in agreement to waive the legal rights of the citizens of the City of Kingsport may be considered cause for rejection.
- e. All agreements related to the purchase and sale of any product pursuant to this bid document will include the following conditions: "Notwithstanding anything in this section to the contrary, any provision of provisions of this Section will not apply to the extent they are (it is) finally determined by a court of competent jurisdiction, including Appellate review if pursued, to violate the laws or Constitution of the State of Tennessee."
- f. Insurance – During any work performed by the successful Proposer(s) on the premises of the City or otherwise, the successful Proposer(s) agrees to take such measures as to effectually prevent any accident to persons or property during or in connection with the work; and especially to indemnify and save harmless the City from all loss, costs, damages, expense and liability for property damage and for bodily injuries to, or death of, any persons, including without limitation, as to both property damage and bodily injury, and the Proposer and the City and their representative agents and employees, occasioned in any way by the acts or omissions of the Proposer, or the Proposer's agents, employees, during or in connection with said work, excepting only property damage, bodily injury or death caused by the sole negligence of the City, its agents or employees.

The successful Proposer shall maintain such insurance as will protect it from claims under Workers' Compensation Acts and from any claims for bodily injuries, including

death, either to its employees or others, and from all claims on account of property damage, which may arise in connection from said work.

All Certificates of insurance and policies shall contain the following clause: "The insurance covered by this Certificate will not be canceled or materially altered, except after thirty (30) days written notice has been received by the City."

Insurance required with a minimum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) limits are Comprehensive General Public and Professional Liability, Comprehensive Automobile Liability and Owner's Liability. Malpractice Insurance is required with a minimum limit of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence, Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) aggregate.

This requirement will be effective for the life of any contract/agreement entered into by the Proposer and the City.

- g. F.O.B. – All prices will be quoted F.O.B. Kingsport, Tennessee, delivery to City of Kingsport's location shall be without additional charge.
- h. By submission of a signed Proposal, the Proposer certifies total compliance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and all regulations promulgated thereunder.
- i. Contracts and purchases will be made or entered into with the lowest, responsible, compliant Proposer meeting specifications for the particular grade or class of material, work or service desired in the best interest and advantage to the City. Responsible Proposer is defined as a Proposer whose reputation, past performance, and business and financial capabilities are such that he would be judged by the appropriate City authority to be capable of satisfying the City's needs for a specific contract or purchase order.
- j. The City reserves the right to determine the low Proposer either on the basis of the individual items or on the basis of all items included in its Request for Proposal, unless otherwise expressly provided in the Request for Proposal. The City reserves the right to accept any item or group of items of any kind and to modify or cancel in whole or in part, its Request for Proposal.
- k. All contracts or purchase orders issued for this award will be governed by the laws of the State of Tennessee. Arbitration is not permitted and if a dispute arises between the parties concerning any aspect of the contract or purchase order and it cannot be resolved by mutual agreement, any party may resort to resolution of the dispute by litigation in the state or federal courts for Kingsport, Sullivan County, Tennessee. The parties waive their right to a jury trial. Mandatory and exclusive venue and jurisdiction for any disputes shall be in state or federal courts for Kingsport, Sullivan County, Tennessee.
- l. The City, in accordance with its governing directives, reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals, to waive any informality or irregularities in Proposals and unless otherwise specified by the Proposer, to accept any item.
- m. All contracts, purchase orders, and any documents or material obtained by the City may be subject to disclosure in whole or in part pursuant to the Tennessee Open Records Act set out in T.C.A. 10-7-503 et seq. without regard to any provision contained in the document declaring information confidential.
- n. All contracts or purchase orders will include a provision that is not assignable by the Proposer without the written consent of the City.

4.3 Approval by Regulatory Authorities

Respondents shall be approved by the appropriate regulatory authorities in the State of Tennessee to provide the services herein described.

4.4 Compliance with Laws

Respondent's contracts shall comply with applicable Federal, State, and Local statutes, rules, and regulations.

4.5 Financial Statements

Respondents shall furnish the latest statements showing the Respondent's financial condition at the City's request, as well as any subsidiary statements or explanations that the City may request. Please provide financial ratings for any stop loss carriers included in your proposal.

4.6 Consequence for Unsatisfied Requirements

Failure to meet specifications as outlined or failure to provide any of the information asked for or addressed in this request in a manner which will permit thorough assessment of a provider's program may be grounds to reject any proposal.

4.7 Assignment

The successful Respondent shall not assign, transfer, convey, sublet or otherwise dispose of any award or any or all of its rights, title or interest therein, without prior written consent of the City. Such consent by the City shall not relieve the assignor of liability in the event of default by the assignee.

4.8 Contract Term and Effective Date

The contract for the City will cover a one-year period and will commence on JANUARY 1, 2019 and will end on DECEMBER 31, 2019. The contract can be terminated by the City with at least thirty days' prior written notice of termination. The contract will be awarded for a period of one (1) year with a renewal option on an annual basis in one (1) year increments providing all terms, conditions and cost are acceptable to both parties. The City reserves the right to re-bid at the end of any contract period.

4.9 Contact Information

Ms. Tracy McCarty
MARK III BROKERAGE, INC.
211 Greenwich Road
Charlotte, NC 28211
1-704-365-4280, Ext. 214

E-mail address: tracy@markiiiieb.com

Tracy McCarty should be contacted in regard to questions related to the content of this RFP.
Procurement related questions should be directed to Brent Morelock @ brentmorelock@kingsporttn.gov or 423-229-9315.

LOBBYING
31 U.S.C. 1352
49 CFR Part 19
49 CFR Part 20

(Return signed form with bid proposal.)

The undersigned [Contractor] certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

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

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for making lobbying contacts to an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form--LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions [as amended by "Government wide Guidance for New Restrictions on Lobbying," 61 Fed. Reg. 1413 (1/19/96). Note: Language in paragraph (2) herein has been modified in accordance with Section 10 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-65, to be codified at 2 U.S.C. 1601, *et seq.*)]

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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

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

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

_____ Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

_____ Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

_____ Date

NO GOVERNMENT OBLIGATION TO THIRD PARTIES

No Obligation by the Federal Government.

(1) The Purchaser and Contractor acknowledge and agree that, notwithstanding any concurrence by the Federal Government in or approval of the solicitation or award of the underlying contract, absent the express written consent by the Federal Government, the Federal Government is not a party to this contract and shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities to the Purchaser, Contractor, or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the underlying contract.

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

**PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS
AND RELATED ACTS**

**31 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.
49 CFR Part 31 18 U.S.C. 1001
49 U.S.C. 5307**

Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts.

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

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

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

ACCESS TO RECORDS AND REPORTS

49 U.S.C. 5325

18 CFR 18.36 (i)

49 CFR 633.17

Access to Records - The following access to records requirements apply to this Contract:

1. Where the Purchaser is not a State but a local government and is the FTA Recipient or a subgrantee of the FTA Recipient in accordance with 49 C.F.R. 18.36(i), the Contractor agrees to provide the Purchaser, the FTA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions. Contractor also agrees, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 633.17 to provide the FTA Administrator or his authorized representatives including any PMO Contractor access to Contractor's records and construction sites pertaining to a major capital project, defined at 49 U.S.C. 5302(a)1, which is receiving federal financial assistance through the programs described at 49 U.S.C. 5307, 5309 or 5311.
2. Where any Purchaser which is the FTA Recipient or a subgrantee of the FTA Recipient in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 5325(a) enters into a contract for a capital project or improvement (defined at 49 U.S.C. 5302(a)1) through other than competitive bidding, the Contractor shall make available records related to the contract to the Purchaser, the Secretary of Transportation and the Comptroller General or any authorized officer or employee of any of them for the purposes of conducting an audit and inspection.
3. The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.
4. The Contractor agrees to maintain all books, records, accounts and reports required under this contract for a period of not less than three years after the date of termination or expiration of this contract, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this contract, in which case Contractor agrees to maintain same until the Purchaser, the FTA Administrator, the Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives, have disposed of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto. Reference 49 CFR 18.39(i)(11).
5. FTA does not require the inclusion of these requirements in subcontracts.

FEDERAL CHANGES
49 CFR Part 18

Federal Changes - 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 Agreement (Form FTA MA(10) dated October, 2003) between Purchaser 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.

TERMINATION
49 U.S.C. Part 18
FTA Circular 4220.1E

(Supplies and Service)

a. Termination for Convenience (General Provision) The City of Kingsport / Kingsport Area Transit Service may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, at any time by written notice to the Contractor when it is in the Government's best interest. The Contractor shall be paid its costs, including contract close-out costs, and profit on work performed up to the time of termination. The Contractor shall promptly submit its termination claim to the City of Kingsport / Kingsport Area Transit Service to be paid the Contractor. If the Contractor has any property in its possession belonging to the City of Kingsport / Kingsport Area Transit Service, the Contractor will account for the same, and dispose of it in the manner the Kingsport / Kingsport Area Transit Service directs.

b. 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 Kingsport / Kingsport Area Transit Service 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 Kingsport / Kingsport Area Transit Service 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 Kingsport / Kingsport Area Transit Service, 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.

c. Opportunity to Cure (General Provision) The City of Kingsport / Kingsport Area Transit Service 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 the City of Kingsport / Kingsport Area Transit Service satisfaction the breach or default of any of the terms, covenants, or conditions of this Contract within [ten (10) days] after receipt by Contractor of written notice from the Kingsport / Kingsport Area Transit Service setting forth the nature of said breach or default, the City of Kingsport / Kingsport Area Transit Service 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 Kingsport / Kingsport Area Transit Service from also pursuing all available remedies against Contractor and its sureties for said breach or default.

d. Waiver of Remedies for any Breach In the event that the City of Kingsport / Kingsport Area Transit Service 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 Kingsport / Kingsport Area Transit Service shall not limit the City of Kingsport / Kingsport Area Transit Service's remedies for any succeeding breach of that or of any other term, covenant, or condition of this Contract.

CIVIL RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS

**29 U.S.C. § 623, 42 U.S.C. § 2000; 42 U.S.C. § 6102, 42 U.S.C. § 12112;
42 U.S.C. § 12132, 49 U.S.C. § 5332; 29 CFR Part 1630, 41 CFR Parts 60 et seq.**

Civil Rights - The following requirements apply to the underlying contract:

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

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

(a) Race, Color, Creed, National Origin, Sex - In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, and Federal transit laws at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements of U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL) regulations, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," 41 C.F.R. Parts 60 et seq., (which implement Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note), and with any applicable Federal statutes, executive orders, regulations, and Federal policies that may in the future affect construction activities undertaken in the course of the Project. The Contractor agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

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

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

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

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE)
49 CFR Part 26

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises

- a. This contract is subject to the requirements of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26, *Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs*. If it is a transit vehicle manufacturer the bidder certifies that it has complied with the requirements of 49 CFR 26 by submitting an annual DBE goal to the FTA. The goal has either been approved or not disapproved by FTA. The bidder, if a nonmanufacturer supplier hereby certifies that the manufacturer of the transit vehicle to be supplied has complied with the requirements of 49 CFR section 26.
- b. The contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of this DOT-assisted contract. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as Kingsport Area Transit Service deems appropriate. Each subcontract the contractor signs with a subcontractor must include the assurance in this paragraph (*see* 49 CFR 26.13(b)).
- c. The successful bidder/offeror will be required to report its DBE participation obtained through race-neutral means throughout the period of performance.
- d. The contractor is required to pay its subcontractors performing work related to this contract for satisfactory performance of that work no later than 30 days after the contractor's receipt of payment for that work from the City of Kingsport on behalf of Kingsport Area Transit Service (a department of the City of Kingsport). In addition, the contractor may not hold retainage from its subcontractors.
- e. The contractor must promptly notify Kingsport Area Transit Service, whenever a DBE subcontractor performing work related to this contract is terminated or fails to complete its work, and must make good faith efforts to engage another DBE subcontractor to perform at least the same amount of work. The contractor may not terminate any DBE subcontractor and perform that work through its own forces or those of an affiliate without prior written consent of Kingsport Area Transit Service.

INCORPORATION OF FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) TERMS
FTA Circular 4220.1E

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 of Kingsport / Kingsport Area Transit Service s requests which would cause the City of Kingsport / Kingsport Area Transit Service to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION (NONPROCUREMENT)

Suspension and Debarment

This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 49 CFR Part 29. As such, the contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor, its principals, as defined at 49 CFR 29.995, or affiliates, as defined at 49 CFR 29.905, are excluded or disqualified as defined at 49 CFR 29.940 and 29.945.

The contractor is required to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C and must include the requirement to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

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

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

BREACHES AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

49 CFR Part 18

FTA Circular 4220.1E

Disputes - Disputes arising in the performance of this Contract which are not resolved by agreement of the parties shall be decided in writing by the authorized representative of the City of Kingsport / Kingsport Area Transit Service's Director. This decision shall be final and conclusive unless within [ten (10)] days from the date of receipt of its copy, the Contractor mails or otherwise furnishes a written appeal to the Director of Transit. In connection with any such appeal, the Contractor shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to offer evidence in support of its position. The decision of the Director of Transit shall be binding upon the Contractor and the Contractor shall abide by the decision.

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

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

Remedies - Unless this contract provides otherwise, all claims, counterclaims, disputes and other matters in question between the City of Kingsport / Kingsport Area Transit Service 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 Kingsport / Kingsport Area Transit Service is located.

Rights and Remedies - The duties and obligations imposed by the Contract Documents and the rights and remedies available thereunder shall be in addition to and not a limitation of any duties, obligations, rights and remedies otherwise imposed or available by law. No action or failure to act by the City of Kingsport / Kingsport Area Transit Service, (Architect) or Contractor shall constitute a waiver of any right or duty afforded any of them under the Contract, nor shall any such action or failure to act constitute an approval of or acquiescence in any breach thereunder, except as may be specifically agreed in writing.

CLEAN AIR
42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq
40 CFR 15.61
49 CFR Part 18

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

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

CLEAN WATER REQUIREMENTS

33 U.S.C. 1251

Clean Water - (1) The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq. The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the Purchaser and understands and agrees that the Purchaser will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to FTA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office.

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

CARGO PREFERENCE REQUIREMENTS 46 U.S.C. 1241/46 CFR Part 381

Use of United States-Flag Vessels - The contractor agrees:

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

FLY AMERICA REQUIREMENTS

49 U.S.C. § 40118

41 CFR Part 301-10

48 C.F.R. part 47.4

Fly America Requirements

a) Definitions. As used in this clause “International air transportation” means transportation by air between a place in the United States and a place outside the United States or between two places both of which are outside the United States. “United States” means the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and outlying areas.

“U.S.-flag air carrier” means an air carrier holding a certificate under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 411.

b) When Federal funds are used to fund travel, Section 5 of the International Air Transportation Fair Competitive Practices Act of 1974 (49 U.S.C. 40118) (Fly America Act) requires contractors, recipients, and others use U.S.-flag air carriers for U.S. Government-financed international air transportation of personnel (and their personal effects) or property, to the extent that service by those carriers is available. It requires the Comptroller General of the United States, in the absence of satisfactory proof of the necessity for foreign-flag air transportation, to disallow expenditures from funds, appropriated or otherwise established for the account of the United States, for international air transportation secured aboard a foreign-flag air carrier if a U.S.-flag air carrier is available to provide such services.

c) If available, the Contractor, in performing work under this contract, shall use U.S.-flag carriers for international air transportation of personnel (and their personal effects) or property.

d) In the event that the Contractor selects a carrier other than a U.S.-flag air carrier for international air transportation, the Contractor shall include a statement on vouchers involving such transportation essentially as follows:

Statement of Unavailability of U.S.-Flag Air Carriers

International air transportation of persons (and their personal effects) or property by U.S.-flag air carrier was not available or it was necessary to use foreign-flag air carrier service for the following reasons. See FAR § 47.403.

e) The Contractor shall include the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (e), in each subcontract or purchase under this contract that may involve international air transportation.

Prompt Payment to Subcontractors

- A. The Contractor is required to pay all Subcontractors for all work that the Subcontractor has satisfactorily completed, no later than thirty (30) business days after the Contractor has received payment from the City.
- B. In addition, all Retainage amounts must be paid by the Contractor to the Subcontractor no later than thirty (30) business days after the Subcontractor has satisfactorily completed its portion of the Work.
- C. A delay in or postponement of payment to the Subcontractor requires good cause and prior written approval of the General Manager, Purchasing.
- D. The Contractor is required to include, in each subcontract, a clause requiring the use of appropriate arbitration mechanisms to resolve all payment disputes.
- E. The City will not pay the Contractor for work performed unless and until the Contractor ensures that the Subcontractors have been promptly paid for the work they have performed under all previous payment requests, as evidenced by the filing with the City of lien waivers, canceled checks (if requested), and the Contractor's sworn statement that it has complied with the prompt payment requirements. Prime Contractors must submit a prompt payment form which identifies each subcontractor (both DBE and non-DBE) and the date and amount of the last payment to such subcontractor, with every payment request filed with the City.
- F. Failure to comply with these prompt payment requirements is a breach of the Contract, which may lead to any remedies permitted under law, including, but not limited to, Contractor debarment.

ENERGY CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS

**42 U.S.C. 6321 et seq.
49 CFR Part 622, subpart C**

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.

The Contractor also agrees to include any applicable requirements in each subcontract, issued pursuant to this contract, financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

RECYCLED PRODUCTS

42 U.S.C. § 6962

40 C.F.R. part 247

2 C.F.R. part § 200.322

Recovered Materials - The Contractor agrees to provide a preference for those products and services that conserve natural resources, protect the environment, and are energy efficient by complying with and facilitating compliance with Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6962, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), "Comprehensive Procurement Guideline for Products Containing Recovered Materials," 40 C.F.R. part 247.

ADA ACCESS – MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES
42 U.S.C. Chapter 126, Sections 12101 *et seq.*

Contractor shall meet all applicable requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, in fulfilling this contract.

The contractor also agrees to include any applicable requirements in each subcontract issued pursuant to this contract, financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.