



## Request for Proposal RFP-4111-15-NJ

### GVT Operations, Route and Schedule Analysis

#### **RESPONSES DUE:**

October 15, 2015 prior to 3:30 PM Local

**Accepting Electronic Responses Only**

**Responses Only Submitted Through the Rocky Mountain E-Purchasing System  
(RMEPS)**

<https://www.rockymountainbidsystem.com/default.asp>

(Purchasing Representative does not have access or control of the vendor side of RMEPS. If website or other problems arise during response submission, vendor **MUST** contact RMEPS to resolve issue prior to the response deadline. 800-835-4603)

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

### SECTION 1.0: ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION & CONDITIONS FOR SUBMITTAL

- 1.1 **Issuing Office:** This Request for Proposal (RFP) is issued by the City of Grand Junction. All contact regarding this RFP is directed to:

**RFP QUESTIONS:**

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- 1.2 **Purpose:** The purpose of this RFP is to obtain proposals from qualified professional firms to provide all labor, materials, equipment, etc., necessary for GVT Operations, Route and Schedule Analysis.
- 1.3 **The Owner:** The Owner is the City of Grand Junction and/or Mesa County, Colorado and is referred to throughout this Solicitation. The term Owner means the Owner or his authorized representative.
- 1.4 **Compliance:** All participating Offerors, by their signature hereunder, shall agree to comply with all conditions, requirements, and instructions of this RFP as stated or implied herein. Should the Owner omit anything from this packet which is necessary to the clear understanding of the requirements, or should it appear that various instructions are in conflict, the Offeror(s) shall secure instructions from the Purchasing Division prior to the date and time of the submittal deadline shown in this RFP.
- 1.5 **Submission:** Please refer to section 5.0 for what is to be included. ***Each proposal shall be submitted in electronic format only, and only through the Rocky Mountain E-Purchasing website (<https://www.rockymountainbidsystem.com/default.asp>).*** *This site offers both "free" and "paying" registration options that allow for full access of the Owner's documents and for electronic submission of proposals. (Note: "free" registration may take up to 24 hours to process. Please Plan accordingly.)* Please view our "Electronic Vendor Registration Guide" at <http://www.gjcity.org/BidOpenings.aspx> for details. For proper comparison and evaluation, the Owner requests that proposals be formatted as directed in Section 5.0 "Preparation and Submittal of Proposals." Submittals received that fail to follow this format may be ruled non-responsive. (Purchasing Representative does not have access or control of the vendor side of RMEPS. If website or other problems arise during response submission, vendor **MUST** contact RMEPS to resolve issue prior to the response deadline. **800-835-4603**).
- 1.6 **Altering Proposals:** Any alterations made prior to opening date and time must be initialed by the signer of the proposal, guaranteeing authenticity. Proposals cannot be altered or amended after submission deadline.
- 1.7 **Withdrawal of Proposal:** A proposal must be firm and valid for award and may not be withdrawn or canceled by the Offeror for sixty (60) days following the submittal deadline date, and only prior to award. The Offeror so agrees upon submittal of their proposal. After award this statement is not applicable.

- 1.8 Acceptance of Proposal Content:** The contents of the proposal of the successful Offeror shall become contractual obligations if acquisition action ensues. Failure of the successful Offeror to accept these obligations in a contract shall result in cancellation of the award and such vendor shall be removed from future solicitations.
- 1.9 Addenda:** All questions shall be submitted in writing to the appropriate person as shown in Section 1.1. Any interpretations, corrections and changes to this RFP or extensions to the opening/receipt date shall be made by a written Addendum to the RFP by the City Purchasing Division. Sole authority to authorize addenda shall be vested in the City of Grand Junction Purchasing Representative. Addenda will be issued electronically through the Rocky Mountain E-Purchasing website at [www.rockymountainbidsystem.com](http://www.rockymountainbidsystem.com). Offerors shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda in their proposal.
- 1.10 Exceptions and Substitutions:** All proposals meeting the intent of this RFP shall be considered for award. Offerors taking exception to the specifications shall do so at their own risk. The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all substitutions or alternatives. When offering substitutions and/or alternatives, Offeror must state these exceptions in the section pertaining to that area. Exception/substitution, if accepted, must meet or exceed the stated intent and/or specifications. The absence of such a list shall indicate that the Offeror has not taken exceptions, and if awarded a contract, shall hold the Offeror responsible to perform in strict accordance with the specifications or scope of work contained herein.
- 1.11 Confidential Material:** All materials submitted in response to this RFP shall ultimately become public record and shall be subject to inspection after contract award. **“Proprietary or Confidential Information”** is defined as any information that is not generally known to competitors and which provides a competitive advantage. Unrestricted disclosure of proprietary information places it in the public domain. Only submittal information clearly identified with the words **“Confidential Disclosure”** and uploaded as a separate document shall establish a confidential, proprietary relationship. Any material to be treated as confidential or proprietary in nature must include a justification for the request. The request shall be reviewed and either approved or denied by the Owner. If denied, the proposer shall have the opportunity to withdraw its entire proposal, or to remove the confidential or proprietary restrictions. Neither cost nor pricing information nor the total proposal shall be considered confidential or proprietary.
- 1.12 Response Material Ownership:** All proposals become the property of the Owner upon receipt and shall only be returned to the proposer at the Owner’s option. Selection or rejection of the proposal shall not affect this right. The Owner shall have the right to use all ideas or adaptations of the ideas contained in any proposal received in response to this RFP, subject to limitations outlined in the entitled “Confidential Material”. Disqualification of a proposal does not eliminate this right.
- 1.13 Minimal Standards for Responsible Prospective Offerors:** A prospective Offeror must affirmably demonstrate their responsibility. A prospective Offeror must meet the following requirements.
- Have adequate financial resources, or the ability to obtain such resources as required.
  - Be able to comply with the required or proposed completion schedule.

- Have a satisfactory record of performance.
- Have a satisfactory record of integrity and ethics.
- Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award and enter into a contract with the Owner.

**1.14 Open Records:** Proposals shall be received and publicly acknowledged at the location, date, and time stated herein. Offerors, their representatives and interested persons may be present. Proposals shall be received and acknowledged only so as to avoid disclosure of process. However, all proposals shall be open for public inspection after the contract is awarded. Trade secrets and confidential information contained in the proposal so identified by offer as such shall be treated as confidential by the Owner to the extent allowable in the Open Records Act.

**1.15 Sales Tax:** The Owner is, by statute, exempt from the State Sales Tax and Federal Excise Tax; therefore, all fees shall not include taxes.

**1.16 Public Opening:** Proposals shall be opened in the City Hall Break Room, 250 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Grand Junction, CO, 81501, immediately following the proposal deadline. Offerors, their representatives and interested persons may be present. Only the names and locations on the proposing firms will be disclosed.

## SECTION 2.0: GENERAL CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**2.1. Acceptance of RFP Terms:** A proposal submitted in response to this RFP shall constitute a binding offer. Acknowledgment of this condition shall be indicated on the Letter of Interest or Cover Letter by the autographic signature of the Offeror or an officer of the Offeror legally authorized to execute contractual obligations. A submission in response to the RFP acknowledges acceptance by the Offeror of all terms and conditions including compensation, as set forth herein. An Offeror shall identify clearly and thoroughly any variations between its proposal and the Owner's RFP requirements. Failure to do so shall be deemed a waiver of any rights to subsequently modify the terms of performance, except as outlined or specified in the RFP.

**2.2. Execution, Correlation, Intent, and Interpretations:** The Contract Documents shall be signed by the Owner and Contractor. By executing the contract, the Contractor represents that they have familiarized themselves with the local conditions under which the Work is to be performed, and correlated their observations with the requirements of the Contract Documents. The Contract Documents are complementary, and what is required by any one, shall be as binding as if required by all. The intention of the documents is to include all labor, materials, equipment, services and other items necessary for the proper execution and completion of the scope of work as defined in the technical specifications and drawings contained herein. All drawings, specifications and copies furnished by the Owner are, and shall remain, Owner property. They are not to be used on any other project.

**2.3. Permits, Fees, & Notices:** The Contractor shall secure and pay for all permits, governmental fees and licenses necessary for the proper execution and completion of the work. The Contractor shall give all notices and comply with all laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and orders of any public authority bearing on the performance of the work. If the Contractor observes that any of the Contract Documents are at variance in any respect,

he shall promptly notify the Owner in writing, and any necessary changes shall be adjusted by approximate modification. If the Contractor performs any work knowing it to be contrary to such laws, ordinances, rules and regulations, and without such notice to the Owner, he shall assume full responsibility and shall bear all costs attributable.

- 2.4. Responsibility for those Performing the Work:** The Contractor shall be responsible to the Owner for the acts and omissions of all his employees and all other persons performing any of the work under a contract with the Contractor.
- 2.5. Payment & Completion:** The Contract Sum is stated in the Contract and is the total amount payable by the Owner to the Contractor for the performance of the work under the Contract Documents. Upon receipt of written notice that the work is ready for final inspection and acceptance and upon receipt of application for payment, the Owner's Project Manager will promptly make such inspection and, when they find the work acceptable under the Contract Documents and the Contract fully performed, the Owner shall make payment in the manner provided in the Contract Documents. Partial payments will be based upon estimates, prepared by the Contractor, of the value of Work performed and materials placed in accordance with the Contract Documents. The work performed by Contractor shall be in accordance with generally accepted professional practices and the level of competency presently maintained by other practicing professional firms in the same or similar type of work in the applicable community. The work and services to be performed by Contractor hereunder shall be done in compliance with applicable laws, ordinances, rules and regulations.
- 2.6. Protection of Persons & Property:** The Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and orders of any public authority having jurisdiction for the safety of persons or property or to protect them from damage, injury or loss. Contractor shall erect and maintain, as required by existing safeguards for safety and protection, and all reasonable precautions, including posting danger signs or other warnings against hazards promulgating safety regulations and notifying owners and users of adjacent utilities. When or where any direct or indirect damage or injury is done to public or private property by or on account of any act, omission, neglect, or misconduct by the Contractor in the execution of the work, or in consequence of the non-execution thereof by the Contractor, they shall restore, at their own expense, such property to a condition similar or equal to that existing before such damage or injury was done, by repairing, rebuilding, or otherwise restoring as may be directed, or it shall make good such damage or injury in an acceptable manner.
- 2.7. Changes in the Work:** The Owner, without invalidating the contract, may order changes in the work within the general scope of the contract consisting of additions, deletions or other revisions. All such changes in the work shall be authorized by Change Order/Amendment and shall be executed under the applicable conditions of the contract documents. A Change Order/Amendment is a written order to the Contractor signed by the Owner issued after the execution of the contract, authorizing a change in the work or an adjustment in the contract sum or the contract time.
- 2.8. Minor Changes in the Work:** The Owner shall have authority to order minor changes in the work not involving an adjustment in the contract sum or an extension of the contract time and not inconsistent with the intent of the contract documents.

- 2.9. Uncovering & Correction of Work:** The Contractor shall promptly correct all work found by the Owner as defective or as failing to conform to the contract documents. The Contractor shall bear all costs of correcting such rejected work, including the cost of the Owner's additional services thereby made necessary. The Owner shall give such notice promptly after discover of condition. All such defective or non-conforming work under the above paragraphs shall be removed from the site where necessary and the work shall be corrected to comply with the contract documents without cost to the Owner.
- 2.10. Acceptance Not Waiver:** The Owner's acceptance or approval of any work furnished hereunder shall not in any way relieve the proposer of their present responsibility to maintain the high quality, integrity and timeliness of his work. The Owner's approval or acceptance of, or payment for, any services shall not be construed as a future waiver of any rights under this Contract, or of any cause of action arising out of performance under this Contract.
- 2.11. Change Order/Amendment:** No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise change, or affect the terms, conditions or specifications stated in the resulting contract. All amendments to the contract shall be made in writing by the Owner.
- 2.12. Assignment:** The Offeror shall not sell, assign, transfer or convey any contract resulting from this RFP, in whole or in part, without the prior written approval from the Owner.
- 2.13. Compliance with Laws:** Proposals must comply with all Federal, State, County and local laws governing or covering this type of service and the fulfillment of all ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements. Contractor hereby warrants that it is qualified to assume the responsibilities and render the services described herein and has all requisite corporate authority and professional licenses in good standing, required by law.
- 2.14. Debarment/Suspension:** The Contractor hereby certifies that the Contractor is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Governmental department or agency.
- 2.15. Confidentiality:** All information disclosed by the Owner to the Offeror for the purpose of the work to be done or information that comes to the attention of the Offeror during the course of performing such work is to be kept strictly confidential.
- 2.16. Conflict of Interest:** No public official and/or Owner employee shall have interest in any contract resulting from this RFP.
- 2.17. Contract:** This Request for Proposal, submitted documents, and any negotiations, when properly accepted by the Owner, shall constitute a contract equally binding between the Owner and Offeror. The contract represents the entire and integrated agreement between the parties hereto and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral, including the Proposal documents. The contract may be amended or modified with Change Orders, Field Orders, or Amendment.
- 2.18. Project Manager/Administrator:** The Project Manager, on behalf of the Owner, shall render decisions in a timely manner pertaining to the work proposed or performed by the

Offeror. The Project Manager shall be responsible for approval and/or acceptance of any related performance of the Scope of Services.

- 2.19. Contract Termination:** This contract shall remain in effect until any of the following occurs: (1) contract expires; (2) completion of services; (3) acceptance of services or, (4) for convenience terminated by either party with a written *Notice of Cancellation* stating therein the reasons for such cancellation and the effective date of cancellation at least thirty days past notification.
- 2.20. Employment Discrimination:** During the performance of any services per agreement with the Owner, the Offeror, by submitting a Proposal, agrees to the following conditions:
- 2.20.1. The Offeror shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, age, disability, citizenship status, marital status, veteran status, sexual orientation, national origin, or any legally protected status except when such condition is a legitimate occupational qualification reasonably necessary for the normal operations of the Offeror. The Offeror agrees to post in conspicuous places, visible to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
  - 2.20.2. The Offeror, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Offeror, shall state that such Offeror is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
  - 2.20.3. Notices, advertisements, and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule, or regulation shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting the requirements of this section.
- 2.21. Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 and Immigration Compliance:** The Offeror certifies that it does not and will not during the performance of the contract employ illegal alien workers or otherwise violate the provisions of the Federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 and/or the immigration compliance requirements of State of Colorado C.R.S. § 8-17.5-101, *et.seq.* (House Bill 06-1343).
- 2.22. Ethics:** The Offeror shall not accept or offer gifts or anything of value nor enter into any business arrangement with any employee, official, or agent of the Owner.
- 2.23. Failure to Deliver:** In the event of failure of the Offeror to deliver services in accordance with the contract terms and conditions, the Owner, after due oral or written notice, may procure the services from other sources and hold the Offeror responsible for any costs resulting in additional purchase and administrative services. This remedy shall be in addition to any other remedies that the Owner may have.
- 2.24. Failure to Enforce:** Failure by the Owner at any time to enforce the provisions of the contract shall not be construed as a waiver of any such provisions. Such failure to enforce shall not affect the validity of the contract or any part thereof or the right of the Owner to enforce any provision at any time in accordance with its terms.



- 2.25. Force Majeure:** The Offeror shall not be held responsible for failure to perform the duties and responsibilities imposed by the contract due to legal strikes, fires, riots, rebellions, and acts of God beyond the control of the Offeror, unless otherwise specified in the contract.
- 2.26. Indemnification:** Offeror shall defend, indemnify and save harmless the Owner and all its officers, employees, insurers, and self-insurance pool, from and against all liability, suits, actions, or other claims of any character, name and description brought for or on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person, persons, or property on account of any negligent act or fault of the Offeror, or of any Offeror's agent, employee, subcontractor or supplier in the execution of, or performance under, any contract which may result from proposal award. Offeror shall pay any judgment with cost which may be obtained against the Owner growing out of such injury or damages.
- 2.27. Independent Firm:** The Offeror shall be legally considered an Independent Firm and neither the Firm nor its employees shall, under any circumstances, be considered servants or agents of the Owner. The Owner shall be at no time legally responsible for any negligence or other wrongdoing by the Firm, its servants, or agents. The Owner shall not withhold from the contract payments to the Firm any federal or state unemployment taxes, federal or state income taxes, Social Security Tax or any other amounts for benefits to the Firm. Further, the Owner shall not provide to the Firm any insurance coverage or other benefits, including Workers' Compensation, normally provided by the Owner for its employees.
- 2.28. Nonconforming Terms and Conditions:** A proposal that includes terms and conditions that do not conform to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposal is subject to rejection as non-responsive. The Owner reserves the right to permit the Offeror to withdraw nonconforming terms and conditions from its proposal prior to a determination by the Owner of non-responsiveness based on the submission of nonconforming terms and conditions.
- 2.29. Ownership:** All plans, prints, designs, concepts, etc., shall become the property of the Owner.
- 2.30. Oral Statements:** No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise affect the terms, conditions, or specifications stated in this document and/or resulting agreement. All modifications to this request and any agreement must be made in writing by the Owner.
- 2.31. Patents/Copyrights:** The Offeror agrees to protect the Owner from any claims involving infringements of patents and/or copyrights. In no event shall the Owner be liable to the Offeror for any/all suits arising on the grounds of patent(s)/copyright(s) infringement. Patent/copyright infringement shall null and void any agreement resulting from response to this RFP.
- 2.32. Venue:** Any agreement as a result of responding to this RFP shall be deemed to have been made in, and shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the City of Grand Junction, Mesa County, Colorado.
- 2.33. Expenses:** Expenses incurred in preparation, submission and presentation of this RFP are the responsibility of the company and can not be charged to the Owner.

- 2.34. Sovereign Immunity:** The Owner specifically reserves its right to sovereign immunity pursuant to Colorado State Law as a defense to any action arising in conjunction to this agreement.
- 2.35. Public Funds/Non-Appropriation of Funds:** Funds for payment have been provided through the Owner's budget approved by the City Council/Board of County Commissioners for the stated fiscal year only. State of Colorado statutes prohibit the obligation and expenditure of public funds beyond the fiscal year for which a budget has been approved. Therefore, anticipated orders or other obligations that may arise past the end of the stated Owner's fiscal year shall be subject to budget approval. Any contract will be subject to and must contain a governmental non-appropriation of funds clause.
- 2.36. Collusion Clause:** Each Offeror by submitting a proposal certifies that it is not party to any collusive action or any action that may be in violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act. Any and all proposals shall be rejected if there is evidence or reason for believing that collusion exists among the proposers. The Owner may or may not, at the discretion of the Owner Purchasing Representative, accept future proposals for the same service or commodities for participants in such collusion.
- 2.37. Gratuities:** The Contractor certifies and agrees that no gratuities or kickbacks were paid in connection with this contract, nor were any fees, commissions, gifts or other considerations made contingent upon the award of this contract. If the Contractor breaches or violates this warranty, the Owner may, at their discretion, terminate this contract without liability to the Owner.
- 2.38. Performance of the Contract:** The Owner reserves the right to enforce the performance of the contract in any manner prescribed by law or deemed to be in the best interest of the Owner in the event of breach or default of resulting contract award.
- 2.39. Benefit Claims:** The Owner shall not provide to the Offeror any insurance coverage or other benefits, including Worker's Compensation, normally provided by the Owner for its employees.
- 2.40. Default:** The Owner reserves the right to terminate the contract in the event the Contractor fails to meet delivery or completion schedules, or otherwise perform in accordance with the accepted proposal. Breach of contract or default authorizes the Owner to purchase like services elsewhere and charge the full increase in cost to the defaulting Offeror.
- 2.41. Multiple Offers:** If said proposer chooses to submit more than one offer, THE ALTERNATE OFFER must be clearly marked "Alternate Proposal". The Owner reserves the right to make award in the best interest of the Owner.
- 2.42. Cooperative Purchasing:** Purchases as a result of this solicitation are primarily for the Owner. Other governmental entities may be extended the opportunity to utilize the resultant contract award with the agreement of the successful provider and the participating agencies. All participating entities will be required to abide by the specifications, terms, conditions and pricings established in this Proposal. The quantities furnished in this proposal document are for only the Owner. It does not include quantities for any other jurisdiction. The Owner will be responsible only for the award for our jurisdiction. Other

participating entities will place their own awards on their respective Purchase Orders through their purchasing office or use their purchasing card for purchase/payment as authorized or agreed upon between the provider and the individual entity. The Owner accepts no liability for payment of orders placed by other participating jurisdictions that choose to piggy-back on our solicitation. Orders placed by participating jurisdictions under the terms of this solicitation will indicate their specific delivery and invoicing instructions.

**2.43. Definitions:**

- 2.43.1. "Offeror" and/or "Proposer" refers to the person or persons legally authorized by the Consultant to make an offer and/or submit a response (fee) proposal in response to the Owner's RFP.
- 2.43.2. The term "Work" includes all labor, materials, equipment, and/or services necessary to produce the requirements of the Contract Documents.
- 2.43.3. "Contractor" is the person, organization, firm or consultant identified as such in the Agreement and is referred to throughout the Contract Documents. The term Contractor means the Contractor or his authorized representative. The Contractor shall carefully study and compare the General Contract Conditions of the Contract, Specification and Drawings, Scope of Work, Addenda and Modifications and shall at once report to the Owner any error, inconsistency or omission he may discover. Contractor shall not be liable to the Owner for any damage resulting from such errors, inconsistencies or omissions. The Contractor shall not commence work without clarifying Drawings, Specifications, or Interpretations.
- 2.43.4. "Sub-Contractor" is a person or organization who has a direct contract with the Contractor to perform any of the work at the site. The term sub-contractor is referred to throughout the contract documents and means a sub-contractor or his authorized representative.

**2.44. Public Disclosure Record:** If the Proposer has knowledge of their employee(s) or sub-proposers having an immediate family relationship with an Owner employee or elected official, the proposer must provide the Purchasing Representative with the name(s) of these individuals. These individuals are required to file an acceptable "Public Disclosure Record", a statement of financial interest, before conducting business with the Owner.

### SECTION 3.0: INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

**Insurance Requirements:** The selected Contractor agrees to procure and maintain, at its own cost, policy(s) of insurance sufficient to insure against all liability, claims, demands, and other obligations assumed by the Contractor pursuant to this Section. Such insurance shall be in addition to any other insurance requirements imposed by this Contract or by law. The Contractor shall not be relieved of any liability, claims, demands, or other obligations assumed pursuant to this Section by reason of its failure to procure or maintain insurance in sufficient amounts, durations, or types. Contractor shall procure and maintain and, if applicable, shall cause any Subcontractor of the Contractor to procure and maintain insurance coverage listed below. Such coverage shall be procured and maintained with forms and insurers acceptable to the Owner. In the case of any claims-made policy, the necessary retroactive dates and extended reporting periods shall be procured to maintain such continuous coverage. Minimum coverage limits shall be as indicated below unless specified otherwise:

(a) Worker Compensation: Contractor shall comply with all State of Colorado Regulations concerning Workers' Compensation insurance coverage.

(b) General Liability insurance with minimum limits of:

ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) each occurrence and  
ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) per job aggregate.

The policy shall be applicable to all premises and operations. The policy shall include coverage for bodily injury, broad form property damage (including completed operations), personal injury (including coverage for contractual and employee acts), blanket contractual, products, and completed operations. The policy shall include coverage for explosion, collapse, and underground hazards. The policy shall contain a severability of interests provision.

(c) Comprehensive Automobile Liability insurance with minimum limits for bodily injury and property damage of not less than:

ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) each occurrence and  
ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) aggregate

(d) Professional Liability & Errors and Omissions Insurance policy with a minimum of:

ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) per claim

This policy shall provide coverage to protect the contractor against liability incurred as a result of the professional services performed as a result of responding to this Solicitation.

With respect to each of Contractors owned, hired, or non-owned vehicles assigned to be used in performance of the Work. The policy shall contain a severability of interests provision. The policies required by paragraph (b) above shall be endorsed to include the Owner, and the Owner's officers and employees as additional insureds. Every policy required above shall be primary insurance, and any insurance carried by the Owner, its officers, or its employees, or carried by or provided through any insurance pool of the Owner, shall be excess and not contributory insurance to that provided by Bidder. No additional insured endorsement to any required policy shall contain any exclusion for bodily injury or property damage arising from completed operations. The Bidder shall be solely responsible for any deductible losses under any policy required above.

## SECTION 4.0: SPECIFICATIONS/SCOPE OF SERVICES

### 4.1. Objectives: The Primary Objectives of the Study are to:

- 4.1.1. Develop a multi-year plan detailing route and service changes necessary to meet anticipated growth;
- 4.1.2. Potential changes to service based on the current performance;
- 4.1.3. Determine the feasibility of additional service areas and times;
- 4.1.4. Investigation of interlining existing routes for improved services;
- 4.1.5. Optional pricing must also be provided that investigates service to rural communities in Mesa County, assessing both a lifeline service and a daily regional service to Powderhorn.

### 4.2. Tasks:

- 4.2.1. **Project Administration:** The Mesa County Regional Transportation Planning Office (RTPO) will assign a local Project Manager to oversee and provide valuable input into the Study process. Monthly progress reports should be submitted detailing project milestones. The consultant will be required to provide meeting minutes and summaries. The RTPO anticipates up to four Steering Committee meetings throughout the course of this project. The RTPO Project Manager will be responsible for establishing the Steering Committee.
- 4.2.2. **Public Involvement Plan:** We anticipate a public involvement plan with several components. The consultant will be required to work with a Citizens Advisory Committee and Local Coordinating Council throughout the course of this project. Two driver's meetings will be held to solicit input from MV Transportation drivers, the current operator for Grand Valley Transit (GVT). We anticipate two meetings with each of these groups. The first will be to assess system needs and the second to present route recommendations. A final public hearing will be required by the consultant to present the recommendations to the Grand Valley Regional Transportation Committee (GVRTC) and County Commissioners, if appropriate. Additionally, an Open House will be held to present recommendations to the public.

If optional pricing allows for an investigation rural service, two meetings will be held with each of the communities of DeBeque, Collbran, Mesa, Gateway, Mack, and Loma. The first will be to assess system needs and the second to present route recommendations.

- 4.2.3. **Data Collection:** Data collection will consist of a complete onboard boarding and alighting count program will be completed. This will include passenger peak load analysis and schedule adherence. The use of an onboard survey will supplement this onboard count program. Additional data collection will be updated activity center identification, financial information, and demographic information. Additionally, a

review of previous planning studies will be performed. This will include the current Transportation Improvements Plan, previous GVT Onboard Surveys and Operations, Route and Schedule Analysis and Origin and Destination Study, current land use plans, and etcetera. This information will be provided by the RTPO.

- 4.2.4. **System Overview:** The consultant shall perform a systems overview of current GVT services. This includes a detailed route productivity analysis and evaluation. Additionally, schedule adherence and inherent issues with each route, such as traffic congestion, will be documented. Route profiles will be developed and routes scored based upon developed criteria.
- 4.2.5. **Analysis of Need:** The consultant will analyze trip generators and other quantitative and qualitative information to develop a model of estimated demand and need. Remix will be made available to the awarded Consultant for the term of this agreement should you choose to use it. Remix is a tool to automatically pull in existing bus lines onto the map and let you quickly design different scenarios using the latest US Census data. This information can then be exported to Excel, shapefiles, or even GTFS. Additionally, the 2040 Regional Traffic Model will be consulted for future impacts to the transportation system. Areas with the greatest transit demand will be provided graphically.

If optional pricing allows for an investigation rural service, a regional commuter needs assessment must be compiled for each of the communities of DeBeque, Collbran, Mesa, Gateway, Mack, Loma, and seasonal service to Powderhorn. This includes information on private services, estimated service plan, and estimated cost of service.

- 4.2.6. **Service Needs:** The consultant will be required to analyze service needs based upon the findings of the previous tasks. System growth will need to be anticipated and recommendations made. Specifically, the focus of service needs will be the development of detailed route and schedule alternatives. Given that a new transfer facility was just constructed (West Transfer Facility), route planning will need to incorporate not only this facilities location in the Mesa Mall area, but additionally the impacts to the Clifton Transfer Facility and Downtown Transfer Facility. In addition, the location of the maintenance facility and bus storage in its current downtown location.

If optional pricing allows for an investigation rural service, a regional commuter needs assessment must be compiled for each of the communities of DeBeque, Collbran, Mesa, Gateway, Mack, Loma, and seasonal service to Powderhorn. This includes information on private services, estimated service plan, and estimated cost of service.

- 4.2.7. **Final Report:** The consultant shall submit interim reports and a Draft Report for adoption. This Draft Report will include an Executive Summary, a narrative of work performed, the objectives to be met, the methodologies used, detailed analysis of available data, detailed maps of route recommendations in ARCMap, schedules for major time points, and further recommendations on GVT operations. After review by the Steering Committee and RTPO staff, the consultant will make a formal

presentation of the results. A Final Document will be submitted, along with all databases and mapping files for RTPO and GVT use.

4.2.8. **Timing:** The RTPO anticipates the project will be awarded and a contract issued by the end of October 2015. Please provide your proposed implementation schedule for the project.

4.2.9. **Project Deliverables:** Two interim reports will be submitted with a Draft Final for approval and Final Document in both hardcopy and electronic versions will be made available for the RTPO. Two copies of the Draft and Final document and PDF and word files will be provided. Additionally, a project website will be made available to post reports for the general public.

4.2.10. **Final Product:** The final product will ultimately be recommendations on the routing of Grand Valley Transit buses, schedules for major time points, and anticipated system growth with routes. The product will not only serve as a reference for GVT but is anticipated to be implement able routes and system changes appropriate for the growth of Grand Junction and surrounding areas.

#### 4.3. Special Conditions/Provisions:

4.3.1. **Price:** Pricing shall be all-inclusive including but not limited to: labor, materials, equipment, travel, products, deliverables, reimbursables, etc.

4.3.2. **Exceptions:** The Owner will consider questions and requested changes to the proposal documents during the pre-proposal period and reserves the right to reject any and all requested changes or exceptions contained in any Proposal. All potential Offerors are advised that the exceptions taken may be considered during the evaluation phase which may affect the final scoring of proposals. Offerors stipulating that the Owner must use their contract or agreement may be determined non-responsive and their Proposal determined unacceptable.

4.3.3. **Contractor Personnel:** The Owner reserves the right to re-negotiate or terminate the contract if there is a significant (50%) change in the Contractor's key personnel. In the event the Contractor desires to change any key personnel during the contract period the Contractor must submit for approval a written request demonstrating extraordinary circumstances prior to such change. In addition, the Owner may remove any key personnel from the Contractor's design team if that person is deemed unsuitable or a hindrance to the cooperative completion of the Project.

#### 4.4. RFP Tentative Time Schedule:

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| • Request for Proposal available                 | September 21, 2015  |
| • Inquiry deadline, no questions after this date | October 1, 2015     |
| • Addenda issued by                              | October 5, 2015     |
| • Submittal deadline for proposals               | October 15, 2015    |
| • Owner evaluation of proposals                  | October 15-29, 2015 |
| • Interviews if Necessary week of                | October 26, 2015    |
| • Final selection                                | October 30, 2015    |

**4.5. Questions Regarding Scope of Services:**

Nicholas C Jones, Buyer

[Nickj@gjcity.org](mailto:Nickj@gjcity.org)

**4.6. Contract:** By submitting a response to this Request for Proposals, the proposer acknowledges that work performed under this contract is contingent upon the applicable fiscal year funding and appropriations by the Mesa County Board of County Commissioners.



## SECTION 5.0: PREPARATION AND SUBMITTAL OF PROPOSALS

**Submission:** *Each proposal shall be submitted in electronic format only, and only through the Rocky Mountain E-Purchasing website (<https://www.rockymountainbidssystem.com/default.asp>). This site offers both “free” and “paying” registration options that allow for full access of the Owner’s documents and for electronic submission of proposals. (Note: “free” registration may take up to 24 hours to process. Please Plan accordingly.)* Please view our “**Electronic Vendor Registration Guide**” at <http://www.gjcity.org/BidOpenings.aspx> for details. (Purchasing Representative does not have access or control of the vendor side of RMEPS. If website or other problems arise during response submission, vendor **MUST** contact RMEPS to resolve issue prior to the response deadline **800-835-4603**). Offerors are required to indicate their interest in this Project, show their specific experience and address their capability to perform the Scope of Services in the Time Schedule as set forth herein. For proper comparison and evaluation, the Owner requires that proposals be formatted **A to G**:

- A. Cover Letter:** Cover letter shall be provided which explains the Firm’s interest in the project. The letter shall contain the name/address/phone number/email of the person who will serve as the firm’s principal contact person with Owner’s Contract Administrator and shall identify individual(s) who will be authorized to make presentations on behalf of the firm. The statement shall bear the signature of the person having proper authority to make formal commitments on behalf of the firm. By submitting a response to this solicitation the Contractor agrees to all requirements herein. An acknowledgement of receipt of all Addenda shall also be included.
- B. Qualifications/Experience/Credentials:** Proposers shall provide their qualifications for consideration as a contract provider to the Owner and include prior experience in at least three similar projects. Experience must be of the personnel to be assigned to the project. Information should be supplied should include; names, types, location, and estimated costs.
- C. Personnel:** The proposal should contain information that supports your firm’s capacity to accomplish the services in the required time frame. Quality personnel are a key component to the successful completion of the project and will be an important factor in the decision for awarding this contract. Information provided shall include but is not limited to, local availability of key personnel assigned to this project, professional qualifications, specific related project experience and current and future commitments.
- D. Strategy and Implementation Plan:** Describe your (the firm’s) interpretation of the Owner’s objectives with regard to this RFP. Describe the proposed strategy and/or plan for achieving the objectives of this RFP. The Firm may utilize a written narrative or any other printed technique to demonstrate their ability to satisfy the Scope of Services. The narrative should describe a logical progression of tasks and efforts starting with the initial steps or tasks to be accomplished and continuing until all proposed tasks are fully described and the RFP objectives are accomplished. Include a **time schedule** for completion of your firm’s implementation plan and an estimate of time commitments from Owner staff.
- E. References:** A minimum of three (3) **references** with name, address, telephone number, and email address that can attest to your experience in projects of similar scope and size.
- F. Fee Proposal:** Provide a complete and itemized list of costs. The Solicitation Response Form found in Section 7 should also be completed and submitted as part of your proposal.
- G. Additional Data (optional):** Provide any additional information that will aid in evaluation of your qualifications with respect to this project. Any exceptions to the Request for Proposals can be included in this section.

## SECTION 6.0: EVALUATION CRITERIA AND FACTORS

- 6.1 Evaluation:** An evaluation team shall review all responses and select the proposal or proposals that best demonstrate the capability in all aspects to perform the scope of services and possess the integrity and reliability that will ensure good faith performance.
- 6.2 Intent:** Only respondents who meet the qualification criteria will be considered. Therefore, it is imperative that the submitted proposal clearly indicate the firm's ability to provide the services described herein.

Submittal evaluations will be done in accordance with the criteria and procedure defined herein. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all portions of proposals and take into consideration past performance. The following parameters will be used to evaluate the submittals (in no particular order of priority):

- Responsiveness of submittal to the RFP
- Personnel
- Project Approach
- Statement of Qualifications
- Background/Overview
- Experience and Technical Expertise
- References
- Fees

The Owner will undertake negotiations with the top rated firm and will not negotiate with lower rated firms unless negotiations with higher rated firms have been unsuccessful and terminated.

- 6.3 Oral Interviews:** The Owner may invite the most qualified rated proposers to participate in oral interviews.
- 6.4 Award:** Firms shall be ranked or disqualified based on the criteria listed in Section 6.2. The Owner reserves the right to consider all of the information submitted and/or oral presentations, if required, in selecting the project Contractor.

**SECTION 7.0: SOLICITATION RESPONSE FORM**  
**RFP-4111-15-NJ GVT Operations, Route and Schedule Analysis**

*Offeror must submit entire Form completed, dated and signed.*

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*The Owner reserves the right to accept any portion of the work to be performed at its discretion*  
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The undersigned has thoroughly examined the entire Request for Proposals and therefore submits the proposal and schedule of fees and services attached hereto.

This offer is firm and irrevocable for sixty (60) days after the time and date set for receipt of proposals.

The undersigned Offeror agrees to provide services and products in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in this Request for Proposal and as described in the Offeror's proposal attached hereto; as accepted by the Owner.

Prices in the proposal have not knowingly been disclosed with another provider and will not be prior to award.

- Prices in this proposal have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication or agreement for the purpose of restricting competition.
- No attempt has been made nor will be to induce any other person or firm to submit a proposal for the purpose of restricting competition.
- The individual signing this proposal certifies they are a legal agent of the offeror, authorized to represent the offeror and is legally responsible for the offer with regard to supporting documentation and prices provided.
- Direct purchases by Mesa County are tax exempt from Colorado Sales or Use Tax. Tax exempt No. 98-04241. The undersigned certifies that no Federal, State, County or Municipal tax will be added to the above quoted prices.
- Prompt payment discount of \_\_\_\_\_ percent of the net dollar will be offered to the Owner if the invoice is paid within \_\_\_\_\_ days after the receipt of the invoice. Payment Terms \_\_\_\_\_.

RECEIPT OF ADDENDA: the undersigned Contractor acknowledges receipt of Addenda to the Solicitation, Specifications, and other Contract Documents.

State number of Addenda received: \_\_\_\_\_.

It is the responsibility of the Proposer to ensure all Addenda have been received and acknowledged.

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Company Name – (Typed or Printed)

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Authorized Agent – (Typed or Printed)

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Authorized Agent Signature

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Phone Number

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Address of Offeror

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E-mail Address of Agent

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City, State, and Zip Code

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Date

## **FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) CLAUSES**

**APPROPRIATION AND THE AVAILABILITY FUNDING:** The Contractor acknowledges and understands that this contract is funded in whole or in part by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and administered by the County. Both the County and the Contractor are Parties to this Contract. In accordance with the Colorado Constitution, Article X, Section 20, and the County Charter, performance of the County's obligations under this Contract is expressly subject to appropriation of funds by the FTA and/or the County's Board of County Commissioners for this contract and the availability of those appropriated funds for expenditure. Further, in the event that funds are not appropriated in whole or in part sufficient for performance of the County's obligations under this Contract, or appropriated funds may not be expended due to the County, Constitutional or the FTA spending limitations, then the County may terminate this Agreement without compensation to the Contractor. Performances of the Contractor's obligations under this contract are expressly subject to appropriation of funds by the County and/or the FTA and the availability of those funds for the payment of obligations incurred under this contract. Further, in the event that County and/or FTA funds are not appropriated in whole or in part sufficient for performance of the Contractor's obligations under this Contract, or appropriated funds may not be expended due to legal limitations on non-availability, then the County may terminate this Contract without compensation to the Contractor.

### **NO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OBLIGATION TO THIRD PARTIES**

(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**

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

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

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

### **ACCESS TO RECORDS**

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 the Purchaser is a State and is the FTA Recipient or a subgrantee of the FTA Recipient in accordance with 49 C.F.R. 633.17, Contractor agrees to provide the Purchaser, the FTA Administrator or his authorized representatives, including any PMO Contractor, access to the 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. By definition, a major capital project excludes contracts of less than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$100,000.

3. Where the Purchaser enters into a negotiated contract for other than a small purchase or under the simplified acquisition threshold and is an institution of higher education, a hospital or other non-profit organization and is the FTA Recipient or a subgrantee of the FTA Recipient in accordance with 49 C.F.R. 19.48, Contractor agrees to provide the Purchaser, FTA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their duly authorized representatives with access to any books, documents, papers and record of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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).

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

### **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 Master Agreement 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.

### **CIVIL RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS**

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.

### **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 4220.1 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 Mesa County requests which would cause Mesa County to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions.

### **ENERGY CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS**

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

### **TERMINATION PROVISIONS**

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

c. **Opportunity to Cure (General Provision)** Mesa County in its sole discretion may, in the case of a termination for breach or default, allow the Contractor 10 calendar days in which to cure the defect. In such case, the notice of termination will state the time period in which cure is permitted and other appropriate conditions.

If Contractor fails to remedy to Mesa County's satisfaction the breach or default of any of the terms, covenants, or conditions of this Contract within ten (10) calendar days after receipt by Contractor of written notice from Mesa County setting forth the nature of said breach or default, Mesa County 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 Mesa County 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 Mesa County elects to waive its remedies for any breach by Contractor of any covenant, term or condition of this Contract, such waiver by Mesa County shall

not limit Mesa County's remedies for any succeeding breach of that or of any other term, covenant, or condition of this Contract.

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

f. **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, Mesa County may terminate this contract for default. Mesa County 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 County.

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

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

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

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

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



1. The delay in completing the work arises from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. Examples of such causes include: acts of God, acts of the County, acts of another Contractor in the performance of a contract with the County, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes; and

2. The contractor, within ten (10) calendar days from the beginning of any delay, notifies the County in writing of the causes of delay. If in the judgment of Mesa County, the delay is excusable, the time for completing the work shall be extended. The judgment of Mesa County shall be final and conclusive on the parties, but subject to appeal under the Disputes clauses.

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

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

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

If the termination is for failure of the Contractor to fulfill the contract obligations, the County may complete the work by contract or otherwise and the Contractor shall be liable for any additional cost incurred by the County.

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 County.

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

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

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

### **DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION**

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 Mesa County. If it is later determined that the bidder or proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to Mesa County, 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.

### **DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES**

1. This contract is subject to the requirements of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26, *Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs*. The national goal for participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) is 10%. Mesa County's overall goal for DBE participation is 1%. A separate contract goal has not been established for this procurement.
2. 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 Mesa County deems appropriate. Each subcontract the contractor signs with a subcontractor must include the assurance in this paragraph (*see* 49 CFR 26.13(b)).
3. The successful bidder/offeror will be required to report its DBE participation obtained through race-neutral means throughout the period of performance.
4. 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 Mesa County. In addition, the contractor is required to return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within 30 days after the subcontractor's work related to this contract is satisfactorily completed.
5. The contractor must promptly notify Mesa County, 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 Mesa County.

**PRIVACY ACT 5 U.S.C. 552**

The following requirements apply to the Contractor and its employees that administer any system of records on behalf of the Federal Government under any contract:

(1) The Contractor agrees to comply with, and assures the compliance of its employees with, the information restrictions and other applicable requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a. Among other things, the Contractor agrees to obtain the express consent of the Federal Government before the Contractor or its employees operate a system of records on behalf of the Federal Government. The Contractor understands that the requirements of the Privacy Act, including the civil and criminal penalties for violation of that Act, apply to those individuals involved, and that failure to comply with the terms of the Privacy Act may result in termination of the underlying contract.

(2) The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract to administer any system of records on behalf of the Federal Government financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.



MESA COUNTY, COLORADO

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**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT**

This CONTRACT made and entered into this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015 by and between **Mesa County, Colorado**, a government entity in the State of Colorado, hereinafter in the Contract Documents referred to as the "Owner" and \_\_\_\_\_ hereinafter in the Contract Documents referred to as the "Contractor."

The Contractor shall perform the work set forth and described by the Solicitation Documents and known as **GVT Operations, Route and Schedule Analysis RFP-4111-15-NJ**.

The total amount of the Contract shall not exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_ paid by the Owner. The Contractor shall be paid in accordance with the fee schedule set forth in the Solicitation Documents incorporated by this reference. To receive payment, Contractor must submit invoices for work completed.

Contractor shall proceed with the work hereunder upon receipt of a written notice to proceed from the Owner.

Contract Administrator for the Owner is \_\_\_\_\_.

Contract Administrator for the Contractor is \_\_\_\_\_.

The term of this Contract shall be from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

Contractor shall provide the insurance bonds and indemnities required in the Solicitation Documents.

**Contract Documents:** The clauses provided in the Solicitation apply to the terms used in the Contract and all the Contract Documents. It is agreed by the parties hereto that the following list of instruments, drawings, and documents which are attached hereto, bound herewith, or incorporated herein by reference constitute and shall be referred to either as the "Contract Documents" or the Contract, and all of said instruments, drawings, and documents together as a whole constitute the Contract between the parties hereto, and they are fully a part of this agreement as if they were set out verbatim and in full herein:

- The order of contract document governance shall be as follows:
  - a. The body of this contract agreement
  - b. Solicitation Documents for the Project; **RFP-4111-15-NJ**;
  - c. Intent to Award
  - d. Contractors Response to the Solicitation

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name, Title

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Contractor's Name)**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

ATTEST:

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

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