



BERKELEY-CHARLESTON-DORCHESTER
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

PLANNING, PARTNERSHIP & PROSPERITY

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Remount Road Corridor Study

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I. INTRODUCTION TO AGENCY

The Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments (BCDCOG) is an association of local governments that assists in planning for the common needs of its three counties and 27 municipalities. BCDCOG is one of ten designated regional councils in South Carolina that creates regional plans, assists in the development of local plans, and provides technical support to improve the quality of life in the region. In addition, BCDCOG is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization responsible for carrying out the urban transportation planning process for the Charleston Area Transportation Study (CHATS) and provides oversight of two public transit systems: CARTA and TriCounty Link

II. PROJECT BACKGROUND AND LOCATION

BCDCOG will advance the planning and design of the Remount Road corridor between Rivers Ave and Virginia Ave through a Complete Streets corridor study. The primary objective of the study is to facilitate a public engagement process to gather and document the shared vision of corridor stakeholders, including both English and Spanish speaking residents, for transportation infrastructure along distinct segments of the corridor, along with related land use strategies. Secondary objectives are to demonstrate the process for quickly building on planning-level recommendations and to position the corridor for pursuing funding as an example for other corridors in the region.

BCDCOG will also incorporate lessons learned from the corridor study, as well as recent updates in federal design guidance for micromobility projects, to update its street design guidance currently contained in the appendix of WalkBike BCD (2017). The updated guide will focus on the range of context-sensitive solutions that can be achieved through a Complete Streets framework.

The selected Consultant should bring a collaborative approach that aligns the Remount Road study with related BCDCOG initiatives—such as the micromobility plan, safety action plan, and Lowcountry Rapid Transit project—to promote a unified Complete Streets framework across the region.

III. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

BCDCOG seeks a qualified planning and design Consultant/Consultant Team to support advancement of the Remount Road Complete Streets Corridor Study and an update to BCDCOG's regional street design guidance. The selected Consultant will assist BCDCOG in developing a shared community vision for the Remount Road corridor through a multi-faceted interactive public engagement process and in framing context-sensitive design guidance that supports multimodal travel and equitable access throughout the region.

Selection will be based solely on demonstrated competence in facilitating similar projects and tasks, professional qualifications, and the ability to achieve BCDCOG's stated goals. Scope and price negotiations will occur only after selection of the most qualified firm.

3.1: Project Goals

- Establish a community-supported vision for the Remount Road corridor that balances multimodal mobility, safety, and access within limited right-of-way.

- Identify strategies that align potential corridor improvements with regional initiatives such as the micromobility plan, safety action plan, and Lowcountry Rapid Transit.
- Advance accessibility by improving mobility options for all non-motorists regardless of income, language, or ability.
- Coordinate across jurisdictions to understand nuances of having progressing the unified vision by North Charleston and Hanahan in conjunction with SCDOT.
- Support implementation readiness by defining planning outcomes that inform future project scoping, grant applications, and capital programming.
- Incorporate lessons learned from the corridor study and federal design guidance to update the regional street design guide within a Complete Streets framework through illustration of existing and potential street typologies.

3.2: Desired Outcomes

- A clearly documented corridor vision supported by the community and stakeholders, including visual concepts that communicate design intent and feasibility to all community members including ESL residents.
- A replicable engagement process framework that BCDCOG can apply to future corridor studies.
- An updated street design guidance document using a Complete Streets framework that reflects both local context and national best practices and provides visual depictions of potential street typologies.
- A synthesis of technical findings—such as safety, multimodal connectivity, and right-of-way constraints—that informs decision-making for near- and long-term improvements.
- A roadmap for next steps, including partnerships, funding strategies, and pilot opportunities.

3.3: Desired Consultant Expertise and Experience

- Collaborative facilitation and consensus-building among multiple jurisdictions and stakeholders.
- Public and stakeholder engagement, including strategies informed by the cultural context of the corridor’s communities and bilingual facilitation.
- Multimodal systems planning addressing the balancing of freight, transit, bicycle, pedestrian, and vehicle interactions within constrained corridors.
- Visual communication and conceptual design, including mapping and illustration to communicate planning concepts clearly.
- Design guidance development integrating local street typologies and national design standards such as AASHTO, NACTO, and PROWAG.
- Strategies for implementation linking planning outcomes to funding, environmental review, and project design phases.

3.4: Project Coordination

The consultant will work closely with BCDCOG staff and a steering committee of partner agencies throughout the study. A collaborative and flexible approach is expected to ensure alignment with ongoing planning efforts, including the regional micromobility plan, safety action plan, and Lowcountry Rapid Transit project.

3.5: Evaluation of Success

Project success will be measured by the degree to which the study reflects a unified community vision, advances implementation readiness, and provides a replicable model for future Complete Streets corridor studies.

3.6: Schedule

BCDCOG anticipates an aggressive timeline for completion of the project, with work starting in early 2026. Teams should be prepared to complete all tasks within this approximately 3- to 4-month period.

IV. REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

BCDCOG, in coordination and cooperation with the counties and local municipalities, hereby issuing this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to firms that have the capability and interest in undertaking and performing the **Remount Road Corridor Study**. Consultants must submit a package containing an original, one digital, and three (3) copies of its proposal to BCDCOG no later than 3:00 p.m. on February 9, 2026 to:

Jason McGarry
Procurement/Contracts Administrator
BCD Council of Governments
5790 Casper Padgett Way
North Charleston, SC 29406

Any proposal package that is received after the date and time specified will be logged in and date and time stamped as “late” and returned unopened to the Consultant.

Proposals must not be more than the equivalent of 20 single-sided 8 ½ by 11-inch pages in length (not counting the front and back covers of the proposal, letter of interest, SF 330 forms).

V. PROPOSAL OUTLINE (NON-SF 330 MATERIALS)

In addition to submitting Standard Federal Form 330 (Parts I and II) for the prime Consultant and all sub-Consultants, each respondent shall organize its proposal according to the outline below. This section is intended to provide BCDCOG with a clear understanding of the Consultant’s qualifications, technical approach, and capacity to perform the required services.

1. Cover Letter of Interest

A brief, signed letter on company letterhead containing:

- a. Identification of the prime Consultant and all proposed sub-Consultants
- b. Name of the proposed Project Manager
- c. Acknowledgement of any addenda

2. Project Understanding

A concise narrative demonstrating the Consultant’s understanding of:

- a. The Remount Road Corridor Study’s objectives
- b. Key multimodal, safety, land use, community, and equity considerations

- c. The Complete Streets context and integration with broader BCDCOG initiatives
 - d. Respondents may highlight additional challenges, opportunities, or considerations relevant to the project
3. Technical Approach & Methodology
- A detailed description of the Consultant’s proposed approach, including:
- a. Methods and tools for data collection, analysis, and conceptual design
 - b. Approach to public engagement and stakeholder facilitation
 - c. Incorporation of context-sensitive design, multimodal planning, and FHWA guidance
 - d. Description of anticipated technical memoranda and other deliverables (without costs)
 - e. This section must directly respond to the study elements outlined in this RFQ.
4. Key Personnel Qualifications
- A summary of the experience and technical expertise of key staff who will be assigned to the project, including:
- a. Specialized experience with Complete Streets planning, multimodal design, safety analysis, and public engagement
 - b. Expected role and level of involvement on this project
 - c. Relevant licenses, certifications, or technical proficiencies
 - d. Full resumes shall be provided within the SF 330.

VI. SELECTION PROCESS

All proposals received shall be evaluated by a Selection Committee following the format below. BCDCOG reserves the right to reject any and all proposals in whole or in part if in the judgment of the Consultant Selection Committee, the best interest of all parties will be served.

- 1. Understanding of the Purpose – 30 Points
 - a. This criteria evaluates how well the Consultant demonstrates an understanding of the project’s goals, challenges, and context.
- 2. Method of Approach – 30 Points
 - a. This measures the overall soundness, clarity, and feasibility of the Consultant’s proposed approach.
- 3. Capability and Qualifications – 40 Points
 - a. This criterion evaluates the strength and suitability of the Consultant team. Consideration will be given to the firm’s relevant experience, the qualifications of the Project Manager, and the expertise of key personnel who will work on the project.

VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Consultants may ask questions to clarify the contents of this RFQ and expectations of the BCDCOG related to this project. All questions or request for clarifications shall be submitted by email no later than December XX, 2025. All questions submitted and their answers will be

promptly placed on the BCDCOG website at www.bcdco.com after the deadline for questions. No telephone inquiries shall be accepted.

If, in the judgment of the BCDCOG, changes in the content of the RFQ are required, an addendum will be issued by the BCDCOG.

Due to potential conflict of interest, no Consultant or person representing a Consultant may arrange or meet with individual members of the BCDCOG or the review committee to discuss any items or matters related to this RFQ during the period of time between the date of the release of this RFQ and the date the BCDCOG makes the decision selecting the successful Consultant.

NOTICE OF AWARD

Selection of the successful Consultant will be made solely by the BCDCOG. BCDCOG reserves the right to contact a firm to obtain written clarification of information submitted and to contact references to obtain information regarding performance reliability and integrity. Based on evaluations of the submitted proposals, the BCDCOG will select the top ranked firm and negotiations will begin to finalize the scope of work, personnel, hours, hourly rates, use of sub-Consultants, and other direct costs that will be required to complete the agreement between BCDCOG and the selected firm.

If an agreement cannot be reached with the top-ranked firm, BCDCOG will identify the next most responsive and qualified firm and the negotiation phase will be repeated. This process will be continued until an agreement is reached with a qualified firm that can provide the required services.

PROPRIETARY/CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Trade secrets or proprietary information submitted by a Consultant in connection with a procurement transaction shall not be subject to public disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act; however, the Consultant must invoke the protections of this section prior to or upon submission of the data or other materials and must identify the data or other materials to be protected and state reasons why protection is necessary. Disposition of such material after award is made should be requested by the Consultant. No information, materials or other documents relating to this procurement will be presented or made otherwise available to any other person, agency, or organization until after award.

All Consultants must visibly mark as "Confidential" each part of their proposal that they consider to contain proprietary information. All unmarked pages will be subject to release in accordance with the guidelines set forth under Chapter 4 of Title 30 (The Freedom of Information Act) South Carolina Code of Laws and Section 11-35-410 of the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code. Privileged and confidential information is defined as "information in specific detail not customarily released to the general public, the release of which might cause harm to the competitive position of the part supplying the information." The examples of such information provided in the statute includes: customer lists, design recommendations and identification of prospective problem areas under an RFQ, design concepts to include methods and procedures, and biographical data on key employees of the Consultant.

Evaluative documents pre-decisional in nature such as inter-or-intra-agency memoranda containing technical evaluations and recommendations are exempted so long as the contract award does not expressly adopt or incorporate the inter- or intra-agency memoranda reflecting the pre-decisional deliberations.

Marking the entire proposal confidential/proprietary is not in conformance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Appendix A: Required Federal Clauses

1. NO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS TO THIRD PARTIES

(a) 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 the 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.

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

2. FALSE STATEMENTS OR CLAIMS CIVIL AND CRIMINAL FRAUD

(a) 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 the underlying contract or the FHWA-assisted project for which the 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.

(b) 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 FHWA 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 extend the Federal Government deems appropriate.

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

3. ACCESS TO THIRD PARTY CONTRACT RECORDS

(a) The Consultant shall permit the authorized representatives of the Authority, the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Comptroller General of the United States to inspect and audit all data and records of the Consultant relating to his performance under the contract until the expiration of three years after final payment under this contract.

(b) The Consultant further agrees to include in all his subcontracts hereunder a provision to the effect that the subcontractor agrees that the Authority, the Department of Transportation and Comptroller General of the United States or any of their duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of three years after final payment under the subcontract, have access to and the right to examine any directly pertinent books, documents, paper and records of such subcontractor, involving transactions related to the subcontractor. The term "subcontract" as used in this clause excludes purchase orders not exceeding \$10,000.

(c) The periods of access and examination described above, for records which relate to (1) litigation of the settlement of claims arising out of the performance of this contract, or (2) costs and expenses of this

contract as to which exception has been taken by the Comptroller General or any of his duly authorized representatives, shall continue until such appeals, litigation, claims or exceptions have been disposed of.

4. CHANGES TO FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

Contractor shall at all times comply with all applicable FHWA regulations, policies, procedures and directives, including without limitation those listed directly or by reference in the Master Agreement between Purchaser and FHWA, 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 contract.

5. TERMINATION

a. Termination for Convenience

The Recipient may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, at any time by written notice to the Contractor when it is in the Recipient'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 Recipient to be paid the Contractor. If the Contractor has any property in its possession belonging to the Recipient, the Contractor will account for the same, and dispose of it in the manner the Recipient directs.

b. Termination for Default

If the Contractor does not deliver supplies in accordance with the contract delivery schedule, or, if the contract is for services, the Contractor fails to perform in the manner called for in the contract, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of the contract, the Recipient 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

6. CIVIL RIGHTS

Nondiscrimination - In accordance with Title VII 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 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 FHWA may issue.

Equal Employment Opportunity

1. Race, Color, Creed, National Origin, Sex - In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, and Federal 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 FHWA may issue.

2. Age - In accordance with section 4 of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 623 and Federal 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 FHWA may issue.

3. 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 FHWA may issue.

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

7. DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

The Department of Transportation of the United States Government has, as a matter of policy, determined that grantees and their contractors shall endeavor to expend project funds with qualified disadvantaged business enterprises, as subcontractors, located within a reasonable trade area determined in relation to the matter of services or supplies intended to be procured. FHWA encourages award of this solicitation, or any portion thereof, to contractors and/or suppliers, who qualify as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) as defined by FHWA.

(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.

(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 Agency 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 prime contractor is required to pay each subcontractor under this contract for satisfactory performance of its contracts no later than thirty (30) days from receipt of each payment received by the Agency. Any delay or postponement of payment between prime and sub-contractors may take place only for good cause, and with prior written approval.

8. INCORPORATION OF FHWA TERMS & LEGAL MATTERS

The provisions of this Addendum 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 FHWA Circular 4220.1E, are hereby incorporated by reference. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, all FHWA 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 requests which would cause firm to be in violation of the FHWA terms and conditions. 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 FHWA.

NOTICE OF LEGAL MATTERS

Notice of Legal Matters. If this project is federally funded and is expected to equal or exceed \$25,000, BCDCOG agrees to notify the FHWA Chief Counsel or FHWA Regional IV legal counsel of a current or prospective legal matter that may affect the Federal government. Contractor agrees this affirmative notification provision will apply to subcontractors and suppliers and is to be included in all agreements at all tiers. Failure to include this notice may be deemed a material breach of contract.

9. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 49 CFR Part 29 if it equals or exceeds \$25,000.00. 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 proposal, the proposer certifies as follows:

The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by Recipient. If it is later determined that the proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to Recipient, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The 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 proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

10. RESOLUTION OF 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 Recipient. 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.

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

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

Remedies - Unless this contract provides otherwise, all claims, counterclaims, disputes and other matters in question between the Recipient and the Contractor arising out of or relating to this agreement or its breach will be decided by arbitration if the parties mutually agree, or in a court of competent jurisdiction within the State in which the Recipient is located.

Rights and Remedies - The duties and obligations imposed by the Contract Documents and the rights and remedies available thereunder shall be in addition to and not a limitation of any duties, obligations, rights and remedies otherwise imposed or available by law. No action or failure to act by the Recipient 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.

11. LOBBYING

Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. 1352, as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, P.L. 104-65 [to be codified at 2 U.S.C. § 1601, et seq.] - Contractors who apply for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the certification required by 49 CFR part 20, "New Restrictions on Lobbying." Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier shall also disclose the name of any registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 who has made lobbying contacts on its behalf

with non-Federal funds with respect to that Federal contract, grant or award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.

12. 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 FHWA 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 FHWA

13. 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 FHWA 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 FHWA.

14. VETERANS PREFERENCE

The Contractor will give a hiring preference, to the extent practicable, to veterans (as defined in 5 U.S.C Section 2108) who have the requisite skills and abilities to perform the construction work required under this contract. This provision shall not be understood, construed, or enforced in any manner that would require an employer to give preference to any veteran over any equally qualified applicant who is a member of any racial or ethnic minority, female, an individual with disability, or former employee

15. PROMPT PAYMENT

The Contractor agrees to pay subcontractors within ten (10) calendar days of the Contractors receipt of payment from the COUNCIL for undisputed services provided by the subcontractor. The Contractor agrees to pay subcontractors all undisputed retainage payments within ten (10) calendar days of completion of the work, regardless of whether the Contractor has received any retainage payment from BCDCOG. The Contractor shall not postpone or delay any undisputed payments owed subcontractors without good cause and without prior written consent of the BCDCOG. The Contractor agrees to include in all subcontracts a provision requiring the use of appropriate alternative dispute resolution mechanisms to resolve payment disputes. The Contractor will not be reimbursed for work performed by subcontractors unless and until the Contractor ensures that subcontractors are promptly paid for work, they have performed. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Section 14.2 may result in the BCDCOG finding the Contractor in noncompliance with the DBE provisions of this Contract.

16. ENERGY CONSERVATION

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 federal Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

17. CONFORMANCE WITH ITS NATIONAL ARCHITECTURE

National Intelligent Transportation Systems Architecture and Standards. To the extent applicable, the CONTRACTOR agrees to conform to the National Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture and Standards as required by section 5206(e) of TEA-21, 23 U.S.C. section 502 note, and to comply with FHWA Notice, "National ITS Architecture Policy" 66 Fed. Reg. 1455 et seq., January 8, 2001, and other Federal requirements that may be issued.

18. NOTIFICATION OF LEGAL MATTERS AFFECTING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The contractor is required to promptly notify the BCDCOG of any current or prospective legal matters that may affect the BCDCOG and/or the Federal government. The FHWA has a vested interest in the settlement of any violation of federal law, regulation, or requirement, or any disagreement involving the Award. The types of legal matters that require notification include, but are not limited to, a major dispute, breach, default, litigation, or naming of the Federal government as a party to litigation or a legal disagreement in any forum for any reason. This notification requirement shall flow down to subcontracts and/or sub agreements at every tier, for any agreement that is a “covered transaction” according to 2 C.F.R. §§ 180.220 and 1200.220.

CERTIFICATION AND RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING

I, _____, hereby certify (Name and title of official)

On behalf of _____ that: (Name of Bidder/Company Name)

- 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 any agency, a Member of Congress, and 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.
- If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the 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.
- The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including sub-contracts, sub-grants and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients 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.

The undersigned certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of the contents of the statements submitted on or with this certification and understands that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. Section 3801, et seq., are applicable thereto.

Name of Bidder/Company Name _____

Type or print name _____

Signature of Authorized representative _____ Date ____/____/____

Signature of notary and SEAL _____

GOVERNMENT-WIDE DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION (NONPROCUREMENT)

Instructions for Certification: By signing and submitting this bid or proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the signed certification set out below.

1. It will comply and facilitate compliance with U.S. DOT regulations, "Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment," 2 CFR part 1200, which adopts and supplements the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (U.S. OMB) "Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," 2 CFR part 180,
2. To the best of its knowledge and belief, that its Principals and Subrecipients at the first tier:
 - a. Are eligible to participate in covered transactions of any Federal department or agency and are not presently:
 1. Debarred
 2. Suspended
 3. Proposed for debarment
 4. Declared ineligible
 5. Voluntarily excluded
 6. Disqualified
 - b. Its management has not within a three-year period preceding its latest application or proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against any of them for:
 1. Commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction, or contract under a public transaction,
 2. Violation of any Federal or State antitrust statute, or
 3. Proposed for debarment commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making any false statement, or receiving stolen property
 - c. It is not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses listed in the preceding subsection 2.b of this Certification,
 - d. It has not had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default within a three-year period preceding this Certification,
 - e. If, at a later time, it receives any information that contradicts the statements of subsections 2.a – 2.d above, it will promptly provide that information to FTA,
 - f. It will treat each lower tier contract or lower tier subcontract under its Project as a covered lower tier contract for purposes of 2 CFR part 1200 and 2 CFR part 180 if it:
 1. Equals or exceeds \$25,000,
 2. Is for audit services, or
 3. Requires the consent of a Federal official, and
 - g. It will require that each covered lower tier contractor and subcontractor:
 1. Comply and facilitate compliance with the Federal requirements of 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200, and
 2. Assure that each lower tier participant in its Project is not presently declared by any Federal department or agency to be:
 - a. Debarred from participation in its federally funded Project,
 - b. Suspended from participation in its federally funded Project,
 - c. Proposed for debarment from participation in its federally funded Project,
 - d. Declared ineligible to participate in its federally funded Project,
 - e. Voluntarily excluded from participation in its federally funded Project, or
 - f. Disqualified from participation in its federally funded Project, and
3. It will provide a written explanation as indicated on a page attached in FTA's TrAMS-Web or the Signature Page if it or any of its principals, including any of its first tier Subrecipients or its Third Party Participants at a lower tier, is unable to certify compliance with the preceding statements in this Certification Group.

Certification

Contractor _____
Signature of Authorized Official _____ Date ___/___/_____
Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official _____

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Certification

Has your firm been certified by the state of South Carolina as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise?
_____Yes _____No

If no, has your firm been certified by any other US State, Territory or Protectorate as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise?
_____Yes _____No

If yes, attach copy of current certification letter.

I hereby certify that the information provided on this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge

Firm/Organization: _____

Signature: _____

Name & Title: _____

Date: _____