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Green Transportation Grant Program Capital Construction Grant Agreement			
<b>Agreement Number</b>	PTD0772	<b>Contractor:</b>	<b>City of Everett Everett Transit 3201 Smith Ave.; Suite 215 Everett, WA 98201-4594</b>
<b>Term of Agreement</b>	July 1, 2023 through the useful life of the project equipment		
<b>Vendor #</b>	916001248		
<b>Service Area</b>	Snohomish	<b>Contact:</b> <b>Email:</b>	Melinda Adams madams@everettwa.gov

**THIS AGREEMENT**, entered into by the Washington State Department of Transportation, hereinafter "WSDOT," and the Contractor identified above, hereinafter the "CONTRACTOR," individually the "PARTY" and collectively the "PARTIES."

WHEREAS, the State of Washington in its Sessions Laws of 2023, Chapter 472 Section 221 authorizes funding for Public Transportation Programs and other special proviso funding as identified in the budget through its 2023-2025 biennial appropriations to WSDOT; and

WHEREAS, WSDOT Public Transportation Division administers Green Transportation Grant Program funds to provide assistance solely for transportation projects as identified in LEAP Transportation Document 2023-2 ALL PROJECT as developed on April 21, 2023, Program- Public Transportation Program (V);

WHEREAS, the CONTRACTOR has requested funds for the project(s) or program(s) shown under the heading titled "Funding by Project" (hereinafter known as the "Project(s)") which has been selected by WSDOT for funding assistance.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the terms, conditions, covenants, and performances contained herein, or attached and incorporated and made a part hereof, IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

### Section 1

### SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET

#### Funding by Project

**Project Title:** Everett Transit - Diesel Bus Replacement with Battery Electric Buses

**UPIN #** GT232501

**Scope of Work:** Replace diesel buses with five low-floor, battery electric buses. The electric buses will have dual-charging capabilities, allowing them to utilize both cabinet and inductive chargers. Purchase and install approximately six cabinet chargers. Install infrastructure for approximately six cabinet chargers.

Funds	Current Percentage	Current Funds	Projected Funds	Total Funds
Green Transportation - MMA	80%	\$ 6,376,000	\$ -	\$ 6,376,000
Contractor's Funds	20%	\$ 1,594,000	\$ -	\$ 1,594,000
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 7,970,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 7,970,000</b>

**Budget:** Current Funds reflect total funding appropriated by the Washington State Legislature for the Project in the 2023-2025 biennium.

#### Project Milestones

Phases	Date
Preliminary Engineering Start Date	7/1/2023
Environmental Documents (NEPA/SEPA)	8/1/2023
Right of Way Certification	N/A
Contract Award Date	6/1/2024
Construction Operationally Complete	11/1/2024

## **Section 2**

### **Purpose of Agreement**

The purpose of this AGREEMENT is for WSDOT to provide funding to the CONTRACTOR for the acquisition and operation of equipment to be used in the provision of public transportation services that meet the needs of persons in the State of Washington.

On projects where WSDOT is providing only state funds and the CONTRACTOR is using funds received directly from the federal government as their share or part thereof on the project, the CONTRACTOR must assume full responsibility for complying with all federal rules and regulations. If the CONTRACTOR is found in non-compliance with federal rules and regulations, the CONTRACTOR shall provide written notification to WSDOT supplying details related to the non-compliance. Both parties will analyze and determine the impact on the scope, schedule, and funding of the project. Remedies required up to and including the return of funds will be identified to ensure the project's scope of work is met as intended.

## **Section 3**

### **Scope of Project**

The CONTRACTOR shall undertake and complete the Project as described and detailed in **Section 1**. The CONTRACTOR shall operate the equipment in the service area as described in **Section 1 – Scope of Work and Budget**.

## **Section 4**

### **Term of Agreement**

The Project period shall begin on the date shown in the caption space header titled "Term of Agreement" and shall continue through the useful life of the Project Equipment regardless of the date of signature and execution of this AGREEMENT unless terminated as provided herein. WSDOT has defined the useful life of vehicles in the Vehicle Disposition Schedule in the Guidebook, and any amendments thereto. Equipment (non-vehicles) useful life will be determined by WSDOT taking into consideration the manufacturer's recommended lifecycle.

## **Section 5**

### **Contractor's Share of Project Costs**

- A. The Total Project Cost shall not exceed the amounts detailed in Section 1- Scope of Work and Budget. The CONTRACTOR agrees to expend eligible funds, together with any Contractor's Funds allocated for the Project, in an amount sufficient to complete the Project as detailed in Section 1. If at any time the CONTRACTOR becomes aware that the cost of the Project will exceed or be less than the amount identified in Section 1, the CONTRACTOR shall notify WSDOT in writing within thirty (30) calendar days of making that determination. Nothing in Section 5(A), shall preclude the requirements specified in Section 8(C) for payments at the end of the biennium.
- B. **Minimum Match:** The CONTRACTOR is required to provide a minimum match of funds for the Project as identified in Section 1.

## **Section 6**

### **General Compliance Assurance**

The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all instructions as prescribed in the *Regional Mobility & Green Transportation Capital Grants Guidebook*, hereinafter referred to as the "Guidebook", and any amendments thereto, found at <https://wsdot.wa.gov/business-wsdot/grants/public-transportation-grants/apply-and-manage-your-grant> which by this reference is incorporated herein as if fully set forth in this AGREEMENT.

## **Section 7**

### **Purchases**

The CONTRACTOR shall make purchases of any Project Equipment pursuant to this AGREEMENT through procurement procedures approved in advance in writing by WSDOT.

## **Section 8**

### **Reimbursement and Payment**

- A. State and/ or federal funds shall be used to reimburse the CONTRACTOR for allowable expenses incurred in completing the Project as described in **Section 1**. Allowable Project expenses shall be determined by WSDOT as described in the Guidebook. In no event shall the total amount reimbursed by WSDOT exceed the amounts identified in **Section 1**.
- B. Payment will be made by WSDOT on a reimbursable basis for actual net Project costs incurred within the timeframe in the caption space titled "Term of Agreement." Such costs to be reimbursed shall be calculated as described in the Guidebook. WSDOT shall make no payments for costs incurred prior to the beginning or after the end date of the "Term of the Agreement" as set forth in the caption space header above. The CONTRACTOR shall submit an invoice detailing and supporting the costs incurred. If approved by WSDOT, said invoices shall be paid by WSDOT within thirty (30) days of submission to WSDOT. Payment is subject to the submission to and approval by WSDOT of appropriate invoices, reports, and financial summaries. Any financial summaries submitted to WSDOT must include a record of the actual costs.
- C. The CONTRACTOR shall submit an invoice for completed work in the same state fiscal year in which it was incurred. Pursuant to RCW 43.88.020(12) "fiscal year" is defined as the year beginning July 1st and ending the following June 30th. Reimbursement requests must be received no later than July 15 of the following state fiscal year. If the CONTRACTOR is unable to provide an invoice by this date, the CONTRACTOR shall provide an estimate of the charges to be billed so WSDOT may accrue the expenditures in the proper fiscal year. Any payment request received after the timeframe prescribed above will not be eligible for reimbursement.
- D. For vehicle purchases, the titles shall designate WSDOT as the legal owner and the CONTRACTOR as the registered owner through the project period. Subject to the CONTRACTOR's compliance with all terms of this AGREEMENT, WSDOT will

release the interest of ownership of the Project Equipment to the CONTRACTOR in writing thirty (30) days from the end of the useful life of the Project Equipment, as defined in the Guidebook.

## **Section 9**

### **Contracts Under this Agreement**

The CONTRACTOR may not assign any portion of the work to be performed under this AGREEMENT without first obtaining the written approval of WSDOT. This includes the execution of any contract, contract amendment, or change order thereto, or obligate itself in any manner with any third party with respect to its rights and responsibilities under this AGREEMENT. The CONTRACTOR may not in any way encumber the Project Equipment. In the event the CONTRACTOR establishes a sub-contract under this agreement, **Sections 9 through 27, and Section 34** shall be included in the sub-contract. The CONTRACTOR is obligated to disclose this subcontract to WSDOT.

## **Section 10**

### **Reports and Use of Project Equipment**

- A. The CONTRACTOR agrees that the Project Equipment shall be used for the provision of transportation service within the area described in the caption space header titled "Service Area," for the Project Equipment's useful life as set forth in **Section 4 – Term of Agreement** of this AGREEMENT. The CONTRACTOR further agrees that it will not use or permit the use of the Project Equipment in a negligent manner or in violation of any law, or so as to avoid any insurance covering the same or permit the Project Equipment to become subject to any lien, charge, or encumbrance. Should the CONTRACTOR unreasonably delay or fail to use the Project Equipment during the useful life of the Project Equipment, the CONTRACTOR agrees that it may be required to refund up to the entire amount of the state share expended on the Project. The CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify WSDOT when any Project Equipment is withdrawn from Project use or when Project Equipment is used in a manner substantially different from that identified in **Section 1**. If the Project Equipment is permanently removed from transportation service, the CONTRACTOR agrees to immediately contact WSDOT for instructions regarding the disposal of the Project Equipment.
- B. Reports. The CONTRACTOR shall prepare any required quarterly reports regarding services provided pursuant to this AGREEMENT and other related information as prescribed in the Guidebook, or as requested by WSDOT. The CONTRACTOR shall keep satisfactory written records with regard to the use of Project Equipment and shall submit the following reports in a format and at such times as prescribed by WSDOT until the useful life of the Project Equipment expires. Reports describing the current usage of Project Equipment include, but are not limited to:
  - 1. Project Passenger Trips Provided
  - 2. Project Service Hours Provided
  - 3. Project Revenue Service Miles Provided
  - 4. Asset Management Plan
  - 5. Vehicle or Equipment Inventory
- C. If alcohol/drugs potentially contributed to the damage of the Project Equipment, such that drug/alcohol testing was triggered/required/needed in order to determine if the drug/alcohol use contributed to the damage, then the Contractor has to let WSDOT know that as well.

- D. The CONTRACTOR shall collect and submit to WSDOT, at such time as WSDOT may require, such financial statements, data, records, contracts, and other documents related to the Project as may be deemed necessary by WSDOT.
- E. Remedies for Misuse or Noncompliance. The CONTRACTOR shall not use any Project Equipment in a manner materially different from that described in Section 1, and the “Service Area” identified in the AGREEMENT header of this AGREEMENT. If WSDOT determines that Project Equipment has been used in a manner materially different from that described in Section 1 and/or the “Service Area” identified in the caption space header above, WSDOT may direct the CONTRACTOR to dispose of the Project Equipment acquired by the CONTRACTOR. WSDOT may also withhold payments should it determine that the CONTRACTOR has failed to materially comply with any provision of this AGREEMENT.
- F. Failure to meet any of the above-identified report submittal timelines may result in the CONTRACTOR being considered to be in breach of contract and “Not In Good Standing” as defined in the Guidebook referenced in Section 6 - General Compliance of Agreement of this agreement. Failure to meet the above-identified report submittal timelines may also prevent the CONTRACTOR from receiving future PT Rideshare grant funds in the next biennium.

## **Section 11**

### **Energy Credit**

To the extent CONTRACTOR receives any monies from the sale or disposition of energy credits, decarbonization credits, environmental credits, or any other monies through its participation of a like program, CONTRACTOR agrees to reinvest those monies into services and projects consistent with the STATE’S public transportation grant program. CONTRACTOR’S obligation to reinvest these monies under this provision shall be in an amount no less than the proportion of the STATE’S funding of this AGREEMENT.

## **Section 12**

### **Use of Project Equipment**

- A. The CONTRACTOR agrees that it will not (1) use or permit the use of the Project Equipment in a manner that is inconsistent with the parameters and eligibility criteria of the Consolidated Capital Grant Program. (2) deviate from the CONTRACTOR policies and the insurance policy requirement for the vehicle and equipment, or (3) knowingly use the Project Equipment in a negligent manner; or (4) permit the Project Equipment to become subject to any liens, charges, or encumbrances.
- B. The CONTRACTOR shall maintain comprehensive and collision insurance for vehicles and property insurance for non-vehicle equipment adequate to cover the value of the Project Equipment prior to vehicles being placed into operation; the CONTRACTOR shall supply a copy of the Certificate of Insurance specifying such coverage to WSDOT with the first request for reimbursement, and supply proof of renewal, annually thereafter until the vehicle depreciates fully, four (4) years after purchase.
- C. The CONTRACTOR shall keep records with regards to the use of the Project Equipment, consistent with the CONTRACTOR’S records keeping and retention

policies, and shall submit to WSDOT upon request such information as is required in order to assure compliance with this section. The CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify WSDOT in writing during the Project Period if any Project Equipment funded by WSDOT is used in a manner substantially different from that described in this AGREEMENT.

### **Section 13**

#### **Maintenance of Project Equipment**

The CONTRACTOR shall make all necessary repairs and reasonably maintain the Project Equipment to assure it remains in good and operational condition for the useful life of the Project Equipment. All service, materials, and repairs in connection with the use and operation of the Project Equipment during its useful life shall be at the CONTRACTOR's expense. CONTRACTORS who are transit agencies must also have a Transit Asset Management Plan certified by WSDOT. All other CONTRACTORS must have a WSDOT-approved written Vehicle Maintenance Plan or submit one to WSDOT for approval by October 1, 2021, or prior to the receipt of their first grant-funded vehicle. The CONTRACTOR agrees to, at a minimum, service the Project Equipment and replace parts at intervals recommended in the manual provided by the manufacturer of the Project Equipment, or sooner if needed. The CONTRACTOR shall take the Project Equipment to an appropriate service and repair facility for any service and repair under the manufacturer's warranty, if applicable. WSDOT shall not be liable for repairs. The CONTRACTOR shall retain records of all maintenance and parts replacement performed on the Project Equipment in accordance with **Section 23, Audits, Inspection, and Retention of Records**. The CONTRACTOR shall provide copies of such records to WSDOT, upon request.

### **Section 14**

#### **Inspection Upon Delivery**

The CONTRACTOR shall inspect any Project Equipment purchased pursuant to this AGREEMENT at the time of delivery to the CONTRACTOR. The CONTRACTOR has 15 calendar days from delivery to either accept or reject the Project Equipment. If rejected, the CONTRACTOR shall provide a written notice specifying the Project Equipment deficiencies to its vendor and WSDOT, allowing the vendor a reasonable amount of time to cure the deficiencies or defects. Upon receipt and acceptance of Project Equipment, the CONTRACTOR agrees that it has fully inspected the Project Equipment and accepts it as suitable for the purpose under this AGREEMENT, as being in good condition and state of good repair, and that the CONTRACTOR is satisfied with the Project Equipment and that the Project Equipment complies with all applicable regulations, rules, and laws. Payment to the vendor must occur within thirty (30) calendar days of the Project Equipment acceptance.

### **Section 15**

#### **Miscellaneous Charges and Conditions**

The CONTRACTOR shall pay and be solely responsible for all storage charges, parking charges, late fees, and fines, as well as any fees (including vehicle registration, license, safety, and emission control inspection fees), and taxes, except applicable state sales or use tax, which may be imposed with respect to the Project Equipment by a duly constituted governmental authority as the result of the CONTRACTOR's use or intended use of the Project Equipment. Required visual and road test inspection fees on vehicles for acceptance and software licensing use fees are eligible for reimbursement. All

replacements, repairs, or substitutions of parts or Project Equipment shall be at the cost and expense of the CONTRACTOR.

## **Section 16**

### **No Obligation by the State Government**

No contract between the CONTRACTOR and its subcontractors shall create any obligation or liability for WSDOT with regard to this AGREEMENT without WSDOT's specific written consent, notwithstanding its concurrence in, or approval of, the award of any contract or subcontract or the solicitations thereof.

## **Section 17**

### **Personal Liability of Public Officers**

No officer or employee of WSDOT shall be personally liable for any acts or failure to act in connection with this AGREEMENT, it being understood that in such matters they are acting solely as agents of WSDOT.

## **Section 18**

### **Ethics**

- A. Relationships with Employees and Officers of WSDOT. The CONTRACTOR shall not extend any loan, gratuity or gift of money in any form whatsoever to any employee or officer of WSDOT, nor shall CONTRACTOR knowingly rent or purchase any equipment and materials from any employee or officer of WSDOT.
- B. Employment of Former WSDOT Employees. The CONTRACTOR hereby warrants that it shall not employ on a full-time, part-time, or other basis during the period of this AGREEMENT, any professional or technical personnel who are, or have been, at any time during the period of this AGREEMENT, in the employ of WSDOT without written consent of WSDOT.

## **Section 19**

### **Civil rights**

The CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the award and performance of any WSDOT-assisted contract or in the administration of its public transportation services.

## **Section 20**

### **Compliance with Laws and Regulations**

- A. The CONTRACTOR agrees to abide by all applicable state and federal laws and regulations including but not limited to, those concerning employment, equal opportunity employment, nondiscrimination assurances, project record keeping necessary to evidence compliance with such federal and state laws and regulations, and retention of all such records. The CONTRACTOR will adhere to all applicable nondiscrimination provisions in chapter 49.60 RCW.

B. Additionally, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the following:

1. SB 5974 Move Ahead Washington
2. RCW 70A.02 Healthy Environmental for All (HEAL) ACT, and
3. RCW 70A. 65.260 Climate Commitment ACT.

C. Except when a federal statute or regulation preempts state or local law, no provision of the AGREEMENT shall require the CONTRACTOR to observe or enforce compliance with any provision, perform any other act, or do any other thing in contravention of state or local law. If any provision or compliance with any provision of this AGREEMENT violates state or local law or would require the CONTRACTOR to violate state or local law, the CONTRACTOR agrees to notify WSDOT immediately in writing. Should this occur, WSDOT and the CONTRACTOR agree to make appropriate arrangements to proceed with or, if necessary, expeditiously, terminate the AGREEMENT.

## **Section 21**

### **Environmental Requirements**

The CONTRACTOR agrees to secure any necessary local, state, and federal permits and approvals, and comply with all applicable requirements of Chapter 43.21C RCW State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all applicable requirements of Executive Order 21-02, Archaeological and Cultural Resources, for all capital construction projects or land acquisitions not undergoing Section 106 review under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Section 106).

## **Section 22**

### **Accounting Records**

A. **Project Accounts.** The CONTRACTOR agrees to establish and maintain for the Project either a separate set of accounts or separate accounts within the framework of an established accounting system that can be identified with the Project. The CONTRACTOR agrees that all checks, payrolls, invoices, contracts, vouchers, orders, or other accounting documents pertaining in whole or in part to the Project shall be clearly identified, readily accessible, and available to WSDOT upon request, and, to the extent feasible, kept separate from documents not pertaining to the Project.

B. **Documentation of Project Costs and Program Income.** The CONTRACTOR agrees to support all allowable costs charged to the Project, including any approved services contributed by the CONTRACTOR or others, with properly executed payrolls, time records, invoices, contracts, or vouchers describing in detail the nature and propriety of the charges. The CONTRACTOR also agrees to maintain accurate records of all program income derived from implementing the Project.



## **Section 23**

### **Audits, Inspection, and Retention of Records**

- A. **Submission of Proceedings, Contracts, Agreements, and Other Documents.** During the term of the Project and for six (6) years thereafter, the CONTRACTOR agrees to retain intact and to provide any data, documents, reports, records, contracts, and supporting materials relating to the Project as WSDOT may require. Project closeout does not alter these recording and record-keeping requirements. Should an audit, enforcement, or litigation process be commenced, but not completed, during the aforementioned six-year period then the CONTRACTOR's obligations hereunder shall be extended until the conclusion of that pending audit, enforcement, or litigation process.
- B. **General Audit Requirements.** The CONTRACTOR agrees to obtain any other audits required by WSDOT at CONTRACTOR's expense. Project closeout will not alter the CONTRACTOR's audit responsibilities.
- C. **Inspection.** The CONTRACTOR agrees to permit WSDOT and the State Auditor, or their authorized representatives, to inspect all Project work materials, payrolls, and other data, and to audit the books, records, and accounts of the CONTRACTOR and its subcontractors pertaining to the Project. The CONTRACTOR agrees to require each third party to permit WSDOT, and the State Auditor or their duly authorized representatives, to inspect all work, materials, payrolls, and other data and records involving that third party contract, and to audit the books, records, and accounts involving that third party contract as it affects the Project.

## **Section 24**

### **Labor Provisions**

**Overtime Requirements.** No CONTRACTOR or subcontractor contracting for any part of the Project work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty (40) hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours in such workweek. CONTRACTOR will comply with all applicable provisions of Title 49 RCW, Labor Regulations.

## **Section 25**

### **Liens on Project Equipment**

WSDOT shall be listed as the legal owner on titles and hold titles for all vehicles the CONTRACTOR acquires using federal funds through WSDOT's grant program. WSDOT will have legal ownership to any non-vehicle Project Equipment the CONTRACTOR acquires or modifies using the "Federal and/or State Funds" identified in Section 1. When the Contractor acquires vehicles using state funds provided through WSDOT's grant program, WSDOT may within its discretion, allow the CONTRACTOR to be listed as the legal owner and hold title. In all cases, WSDOT will maintain a copy of titles for all funded vehicles under this agreement and oversight responsibility for those vehicles throughout their useful life. The CONTRACTOR accepts WSDOT's legal ownership of the Project Equipment during its useful life and agrees that it shall not use the Project Equipment as collateral, nor shall the CONTRACTOR encumber the Project Equipment in any way. The CONTRACTOR shall follow the terms stated in **Section 12A** regarding the use and

disposal of all Project Equipment. For equipment (non-vehicles), WSDOT's lien shall equal the proportional Federal and/or State funded share, as identified in this AGREEMENT, of the disposable value of the Project Equipment. Satisfaction of WSDOT's lien may be satisfied only by proper disposal of the Project Equipment in a manner determined by WSDOT.

## **Section 26**

### **Loss or Damage to Project Equipment**

- A. The CONTRACTOR, at its own expense, shall cover any loss, theft, damage, or destruction of the Project Equipment using either of the following methods:
  - 1. The CONTRACTOR shall maintain comprehensive and collision insurance for vehicles and property insurance for non-vehicle equipment adequate to cover the value of the Project Equipment; the CONTRACTOR shall supply a copy of the Certificate of Insurance specifying such coverage to WSDOT with the first request for reimbursement, and supply proof of renewal, annually thereafter; **OR**
  - 2. The CONTRACTOR shall provide a written certificate of self-insurance to WSDOT with the first request for reimbursement, annually thereafter. The CONTRACTOR will cover from its own resources the costs of repairing or replacing any Project Equipment if it is stolen, damaged, or destroyed in any manner.
- B. If the damage to the Project Equipment does not result in a total loss, payments for damage shall be paid directly to the CONTRACTOR. The CONTRACTOR shall, within thirty (30) days, either:
  - 1. Devote all of the insurance proceeds received to repair the Project Equipment and place it back in service, and the CONTRACTOR shall, at its own expense, pay any portion of the cost of repair which is not covered by insurance; **OR**
  - 2. In the event the CONTRACTOR certified to self- insurance, devote all funds necessary to repair the Project Equipment and place it back into service.
- C. If the Project Equipment is a total loss, either by theft or damage, the insurance proceeds or equivalent shall be paid directly to WSDOT. The CONTRACTOR shall within sixty (60) days of loss, theft, or damage, notify WSDOT that it either:
  - 1. Intends to replace the lost Project Equipment; or
  - 2. Does not intend to replace the lost Project Equipment.
- D. If WSDOT determines that the total loss occurred under circumstances in which the CONTRACTOR fulfilled its obligations under this AGREEMENT, WSDOT may reimburse the CONTRACTOR for its proportionate share of the proceeds.
- E. Coverage, if obtained or provided by the CONTRACTOR in compliance with this section, shall not be deemed as having relieved the CONTRACTOR of any liability in excess of such coverage as required by the limitation of liability section of this AGREEMENT, or otherwise.

## **Section 27**

### **Changed Conditions Affecting Performance**

The CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to immediately notify WSDOT of any change in conditions or law, or of any other event, which may affect its ability to perform the Project in accordance with the provisions of this AGREEMENT.

## **Section 28**

### **Coordination of Special Needs Transportation**

It is the policy of WSDOT to actively support the coordination of special needs transportation in the state. As a condition of assistance, the CONTRACTOR is required to participate in local coordinated planning as led by CONTRACTOR's relevant Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and/or Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO). Persons with special transportation needs means those persons, including their personal attendants, who because of physical or mental disability, income status, or age are unable to transport themselves or purchase transportation.

## **Section 29**

### **Remedies for Misuse or Noncompliance.**

If WSDOT determines that the funds have been used in a manner materially different from Section 1- Scope of Work, WSDOT may direct the CONTRACTOR to repay WSDOT the State funded share of the Project. WSDOT may also withhold payments should it determine that the CONTRACTOR has failed to materially comply with any provision of this AGREEMENT.

## **Section 30**

### **Disputes**

- A. **Disputes.** Disputes, arising in the performance of this AGREEMENT, which are not resolved by agreement of the PARTIES, shall be decided in writing by the WSDOT Public Transportation Division Assistant Director or designee. This decision shall be final and conclusive unless within ten (10) days from the date of CONTRACTOR's receipt of WSDOT's written decision, the CONTRACTOR mails or otherwise furnishes a written appeal to the Director of the Public Transportation Division or the Director's designee. The CONTRACTOR's appeal shall be decided in writing by the Director of the Public Transportation Division within thirty (30) days of receipt of the appeal by the Director of the Public Transportation Division or the Director's designee. The decision shall be binding upon the CONTRACTOR and the CONTRACTOR shall abide by the decision.
- B. **Performance During Dispute.** Unless otherwise directed by WSDOT, CONTRACTOR shall continue performance under this AGREEMENT while matters in dispute are being resolved.
- C. **Claims for Damages.** Should either PARTY to this AGREEMENT suffer injury or damage to person, property, or right because of any act or omission of the other PARTY or any of that PARTY's employees, agents or others for whose acts it is legally liable, a claim for damages therefore shall be made in writing to such other PARTY within thirty (30) days after the first observance of such injury or damage.

- D. Rights and Remedies.** All remedies provided in this AGREEMENT are distinct and cumulative to any other right or remedy under this document or afforded by law or equity, and may be exercised independently, concurrently, or successively and shall not be construed to be a limitation of any duties, obligations, rights and remedies of the PARTIES hereto. No action or failure to act by WSDOT or CONTRACTOR shall constitute a waiver of any right or duty afforded any of them under this AGREEMENT, 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.

### **Section 31 Termination**

- A. Termination for Convenience.** WSDOT and/or the CONTRACTOR may suspend or terminate this AGREEMENT, in whole or in part, and all or any part of the financial assistance provided herein, at any time by written notice to the other PARTY. WSDOT and the CONTRACTOR shall agree upon the AGREEMENT termination provisions including but not limited to the settlement terms, conditions, and in the case of partial termination the portion to be terminated. Written notification must set forth the reasons for such termination, the effective date, and in case of a partial termination the portion to be terminated. However if, in the case of partial termination, WSDOT determines that the remaining portion of the award will not accomplish the purposes for which the award was made, WSDOT may terminate the award in its entirety. The PARTIES may terminate this AGREEMENT for convenience for reasons including, but not limited to, the following:
1. The requisite funding becomes unavailable through failure of appropriation or otherwise;
  2. WSDOT determines, in its sole discretion, that the continuation of the Project would not produce beneficial results commensurate with the further expenditure of funds;
  3. The CONTRACTOR is prevented from proceeding with the Project as a direct result of an Executive Order of the President with respect to the prosecution of a war or in the interest of national defense; or an Executive Order of the President or Governor of the State with respect to the preservation of energy resources;
  4. The CONTRACTOR is prevented from proceeding with the Project by reason of a temporary preliminary, special, or permanent restraining order or injunction of a court of competent jurisdiction where the issuance of such order or injunction is primarily caused by the acts or omissions of persons or agencies other than the CONTRACTOR; or
  5. The State Government determines that the purposes of the statute authorizing the Project would not be adequately served by the continuation of financial assistance for the Project;
- B.** In the case of termination for convenience under subsections A.1-5 above, WSDOT shall reimburse the CONTRACTOR for all costs payable under this AGREEMENT that the CONTRACTOR properly incurred prior to termination. The CONTRACTOR shall promptly submit its claim for reimbursement to WSDOT. If the CONTRACTOR has any property in its possession belonging to WSDOT, the CONTRACTOR will account for the same, and dispose of it in the manner WSDOT directs.

- C. Termination for Default. WSDOT may suspend or terminate this AGREEMENT for default, in whole or in part, and all or any part of the financial assistance provided herein, at any time by written notice to the CONTRACTOR, if the CONTRACTOR materially breaches or fails to perform any of the requirements of this AGREEMENT, including:
1. Takes any action pertaining to this AGREEMENT without the approval of WSDOT, which under the procedures of this AGREEMENT would have required the approval of WSDOT;
  2. Jeopardizes its ability to perform pursuant to this AGREEMENT, United States of America laws, Washington state laws, or local governmental laws under which the CONTRACTOR operates;
  3. Abuses or misuses the Project Equipment, including, but not limited to:
  4. Failure to maintain the Project Equipment according to the manufacturer's standards;
  5. Failure to repair damages or replace defective or broken parts in a timely manner;
  6. Failure to take any necessary and reasonable action which could affect the ability of the Project Equipment to perform its designated function or takes any action which could shorten its useful life for Project use or otherwise; or
  7. Failure to make reasonable and appropriate use of the Project real property, facilities, or equipment.
  8. Fails to make reasonable progress on the Project or other violation of this AGREEMENT that endangers substantial performance of the Project; or
  9. Fails to perform in the manner called for in this AGREEMENT or fails, to comply with, or is in material violation of, any provision of this AGREEMENT. WSDOT shall serve a notice of termination on the CONTRACTOR setting forth the manner in which the CONTRACTOR is in default hereunder. If it is later determined by WSDOT that the CONTRACTOR had an excusable reason for not performing, such as events which are not the fault of or are beyond the control of the CONTRACTOR, such as a strike, fire or flood, WSDOT may: (a) allow the CONTRACTOR to continue work after setting up a new delivery of performance schedule, or (b) treat the termination as a termination for convenience.
- D. WSDOT, in its sole discretion may, in the case of a termination for breach or default, allow the CONTRACTOR ten (10) business days, or such longer period as determined by WSDOT, in which to cure the defect. In such case, the notice of termination will state the time period in which cure is permitted and other appropriate conditions. If the CONTRACTOR fails to remedy to WSDOT's satisfaction the breach or default within the timeframe and under the conditions set forth in the notice of termination, WSDOT shall have the right to terminate this AGREEMENT without any further obligation to CONTRACTOR. Any such termination for default shall not in any way operate to preclude WSDOT from also pursuing all available remedies against CONTRACTOR and its sureties for said breach or default.
- E. In the event that WSDOT elects to waive its remedies for any breach by CONTRACTOR of any covenant, term or condition of this AGREEMENT, such waiver by WSDOT shall not limit WSDOT's remedies for any succeeding breach of that or of any other term, covenant, or condition of this AGREEMENT.

- F. If this AGREEMENT is terminated, whether for convenience or for default, before the specified end date set forth in the caption header, "Term of Agreement", WSDOT and the CONTRACTOR shall execute an amendment to this AGREEMENT identifying the termination date and the reason for termination.

### **Section 32**

#### **Forbearance by WSDOT Not a Waiver**

Any forbearance by WSDOT in exercising any right or remedy hereunder, or otherwise afforded by applicable law, shall not be a waiver of or preclude the exercise of any such right or remedy.

### **Section 33**

#### **Lack of Waiver**

In no event shall any WSDOT payment of grant funds to the CONTRACTOR constitute or be construed as a waiver by WSDOT of any CONTRACTOR breach, or default. Such payment shall in no way impair or prejudice any right or remedy available to WSDOT with respect to any breach or default.

### **Section 34**

#### **Limitation of Liability**

- A. The CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless WSDOT, its agents, employees, and officers and process and defend at its own expense any and all claims, demands, suits at law or equity, actions, penalties, losses, damages, or costs (hereinafter referred to collectively as "claims"), of whatsoever kind or nature brought against WSDOT arising out of, in connection with or incident to the execution of this AGREEMENT and/or the CONTRACTOR's performance or failure to perform any aspect of this AGREEMENT. This indemnity and defense provision applies to all claims against WSDOT, its agents, employees and officers arising out of, in connection with or incident to the negligent acts or omissions of the CONTRACTOR, its agents, employees, officers and subcontractors of any tier. Provided, however, that nothing herein shall require the CONTRACTOR to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless or defend WSDOT, its agents, employees or officers to the extent that claims are caused by the negligent acts or omissions of WSDOT, its agents, employees or officers; and provided further that if such claims result from the concurrent negligence of (a) the CONTRACTOR its employees, agents, officers or contractors and (b) the STATE, its employees or authorized agents, or involves those actions covered by RCW 4.24.115, the indemnity and defense provisions provided herein shall be valid and enforceable only to the extent of the negligence of the PARTY, its employees, officers, authorized agents, and/or contractors. The indemnification and hold harmless provision shall survive termination of this AGREEMENT.
- B. The CONTRACTOR shall be deemed an independent contractor for all purposes, and the employees of the CONTRACTOR or its subcontractors and the employees thereof, shall not in any manner be deemed to be the employees of WSDOT.
- C. The CONTRACTOR agrees that its obligations under this AGREEMENT extend to any claim, demand, and/or cause of action by, or on behalf of its employees or agents while performing under this AGREEMENT. For this purpose, the CONTRACTOR, by MUTUAL NEGOTIATION, hereby waives any immunity that

would otherwise be available to it against such claims under the Industrial Insurance provisions in Title 51 RCW.

- D. In the event either the CONTRACTOR or WSDOT incurs attorney's fees, costs or other legal expenses to enforce the provisions of this section of this AGREEMENT against the other PARTY, all such fees, costs and expenses shall be recoverable by the prevailing PARTY.

### **Section 35**

#### **Agreement Modifications**

Either PARTY may request changes to this AGREEMENT. Any changes to the terms of this AGREEMENT must be mutually agreed upon and incorporated by written amendment to this AGREEMENT. Such written amendment to this AGREEMENT shall not be binding or valid unless signed by the persons authorized to bind from each of the PARTIES. Provided, however, that changes to the federal award identification number, DUNS, project title, federal ID number, CFDA number, milestones, UPIN the contact person of either PARTY, or dollar amount changes that do not affect the project total cost, will not require a written amendment, but will be approved and documented by WSDOT through an administrative revision. WSDOT shall notify the CONTRACTOR of the revision in writing.

### **Section 36**

#### **WSDOT Advice**

The CONTRACTOR bears complete responsibility for the administration and success of the Project as defined by this AGREEMENT and any amendments thereto. If the CONTRACTOR solicits advice from WSDOT on problems that may arise, the offering of WSDOT advice shall not shift the responsibility of the CONTRACTOR for the correct administration and success of the Project, and WSDOT shall not be held liable for offering advice to the CONTRACTOR.

### **Section 37**

#### **Venue and Process**

In the event that either PARTY deems it necessary to institute legal action or proceedings to enforce any right or obligation under this AGREEMENT, the PARTIES hereto agree that any such action shall be initiated in the Superior Court of the State of Washington situated in Thurston County. The PARTIES agree that the laws of the State of Washington shall apply.

### **Section 38**

#### **Subrogation**

- A. Prior to Subrogation. WSDOT may require the CONTRACTOR to take such reasonable action as may be necessary or appropriate to preserve the CONTRACTOR's right to recover damages from any person or organization alleged to be legally responsible for injury to the Project Equipment as defined in the scope of work or other property in which WSDOT has a financial interest.
- B. Subrogation. WSDOT may require the CONTRACTOR to assign to WSDOT all rights of recovery against any person or organization for loss, to the extent of WSDOT's loss. Upon assignment, the CONTRACTOR shall execute, deliver, and do whatever else reasonably necessary to secure WSDOT's rights. The CONTRACTOR shall do nothing after any loss to intentionally prejudice the rights of WSDOT.

- C. Duties of the CONTRACTOR. If WSDOT has exercised its right of subrogation, the CONTRACTOR shall cooperate with WSDOT and, upon WSDOT's request, assist in the prosecution of suits and enforce any right against any person or organization who may be liable to WSDOT due to damage to Project Equipment. The CONTRACTOR shall attend hearings and trials as requested by WSDOT, assist in securing and giving evidence as requested by WSDOT, and obtain the attendance of witnesses as requested by WSDOT.

### **Section 39 Counterparts**

This AGREEMENT may be simultaneously executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original having identical legal effect.

### **Section 40 Complete Agreement**

This document contains all covenants, stipulations, and provisions agreed upon by the PARTIES. No agent or representative of WSDOT or the CONTRACTOR has the authority to make, and neither WSDOT nor the CONTRACTOR shall be bound by or be liable for, any statement, representation, promise, or agreement not set forth herein or made by written amendment hereto.

### **Section 41 Severability**

If any covenant or provision of this AGREEMENT shall be adjudged void, such adjudication shall not affect the validity or obligation of performance of any other covenant or provision, or any part thereof, which in itself is valid if such remainder conforms to the terms and requirements of applicable law and the intent of this AGREEMENT. No controversy concerning any covenant or provision shall delay the performance of any other covenant or provision except as herein allowed.

### **Section 42 Execution**

This AGREEMENT is executed by the Director, Public Transportation Division, State of Washington, Department of Transportation or the Director's designee, not as an individual incurring personal obligation and liability, but solely by, for and on behalf of the State of Washington, Department of Transportation, in the capacity as Director, Public Transportation and Rail Division, or as a designee.



**Section 43**  
**Order of Precedence**

Any conflict or inconsistency in this AGREEMENT and its attachments will be resolved by giving documents precedence in the following order:

1. State law
2. This AGREEMENT
3. The Consolidated Grants Guidebook

**Section 44**  
**Agreement Close Out**

The CONTRACTOR shall notify WSDOT if the AGREEMENT is completed prior to the end date set forth in the caption header, "Term of Agreement" by written notification and in its capital Quarterly Progress Report, as referenced in the Guidebook, in which the project is completed. WSDOT will prepare an amendment to modify the AGREEMENT to reflect the actual amount spent and the Project completion date.

**Section 45**  
**Binding Agreement**

The undersigned acknowledge that they are authorized to execute this AGREEMENT and bind their respective agency(ies) and or entity(ies) to the obligations set forth herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the PARTIES hereto have executed this AGREEMENT the day and year signed last below.

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION

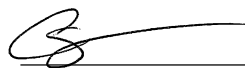
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