

## Buy America Certificate

### §661.5 General requirements.

- (a) Except as provided in §661.7 and §661.11 of this part, no funds may be obligated by FTA for a grantee project unless all iron, steel, and manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States.
- (b) All steel and iron manufacturing processes must take place in the United States, except metallurgical processes involving refinement of steel additives.
- (c) The steel and iron requirements apply to all construction materials made primarily of steel or iron and used in infrastructure projects such as transit or maintenance facilities, rail lines, and bridges. These items include, but are not limited to, structural steel or iron, steel or iron beams and columns, running rail and contact rail. These requirements do not apply to steel or iron used as components or subcomponents of other manufactured products or rolling stock, or to bimetallic power rail incorporating steel or iron components.
- (d) For a manufactured product to be considered produced in the United States:
  - (1) All of the manufacturing processes for the product must take place in the United States; and
  - (2) All of the components of the product must be of U.S. origin. A component is considered of U.S. origin if it is manufactured in the United States, regardless of the origin of its subcomponents.

[61 FR 6302, Feb. 16, 1996, as amended at 74 FR 30239, June 25, 2009]

### §661.6 Certification requirements for procurement of steel or manufactured products.

If steel, iron, or manufactured products (as defined in §§661.3 and 661.5 of this part) are being procured, the appropriate certificate as set forth below shall be completed and submitted by each bidder or offeror in accordance with the requirement contained in §661.13(b) of this part.

#### *Certificate of Compliance with Buy America Requirements*

The bidder or offeror hereby certifies that it will comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(1), and the applicable regulations in 49 CFR part 661.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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



***Certificate of Non-Compliance with Buy America Requirements***

The bidder or offeror hereby certifies that it cannot comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(j), but it may qualify for an exception to the requirement pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2), as amended, and the applicable regulations in 49 CFR 661.7.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**CERTIFICATION OF PRIMARY PARTICIPANT REGARDING  
DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY  
MATTERS**

The Primary Participant (applicant for an FTA grant or cooperative agreement, or potential contractor for a major third party contract) \_\_\_\_\_ certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

- 1) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
- 2) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment against them for 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; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- 3) Are 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 enumerated in paragraph (2) or this certification; and
- 4) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or Local) terminated for cause or default.

If the primary participant (applicant for an FTA grant or cooperative agreement, or potential third party contractor) is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, the participant shall attach an explanation of this certification.

The Primary Participant (applicant for an FTA grant or cooperative agreement, or potential contractor for a major third party contract), \_\_\_\_\_ 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. Sections 3801 et seq. are applicable thereto.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature and Title of Authorized Official

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Lobbying Restrictions

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

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_ Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

**PRIME CONTRACTOR RESPONSE**

**RESPONSIBLE CONTRACTOR VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE**

**PROJECT: Hoist Replacement Project**

**This form includes changes by statutory references from the Laws of Minnesota 2015, chapter 64, sections 1-9. This form must be submitted with the response to this solicitation. A response received without this form, will be rejected.**

<p>Minn. Stat. § 16C.285, Subd. 7. <b>IMPLEMENTATION.</b> ... any prime contractor or subcontractor or motor carrier that does not meet the minimum criteria in subdivision 3 or fails to verify that it meets those criteria is not a responsible contractor and is not eligible to be awarded a construction contract for the project or to perform work on the project...</p>	
<p>Minn. Stat. § 16C.285, Subd. 3. <b>RESPONSIBLE CONTRACTOR, MINIMUM CRITERIA.</b> "Responsible contractor" means a contractor that conforms to the responsibility requirements in the solicitation document for its portion of the work on the project and verifies that it meets the following minimum criteria:</p>	
<p>(1)</p>	<p>The Contractor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) is in compliance with workers' compensation and unemployment insurance requirements;</li><li>(ii) is in compliance with Department of Revenue and Department of Employment and Economic Development registration requirements if it has employees;</li><li>(iii) has a valid federal tax identification number or a valid Social Security number if an individual; and</li><li>(iv) has filed a certificate of authority to transact business in Minnesota with the Secretary of State if a foreign corporation or cooperative.</li></ul>
<p>(2)</p>	<p>The contractor or related entity is in compliance with and, during the three-year period before submitting the verification, has not violated section 177.24, 177.25, 177.41 to 177.44, 181.13, 181.14, or 181.722, and has not violated United States Code, title 29, sections 201 to 219, or United States Code, title 40, sections 3141 to 3148. For purposes of this clause, a violation occurs when a contractor or related entity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) repeatedly fails to pay statutorily required wages or penalties on one or more separate projects for a total underpayment of \$25,000 or more within the three-year period, provided that a failure to pay is "repeated" only if it involves two or more separate and distinct occurrences of underpayment during the three-year period;</li><li>(ii) has been issued an order to comply by the commissioner of Labor and Industry that has become final;</li><li>(iii) has been issued at least two determination letters within the three-year period by the Department of Transportation finding an underpayment by the contractor or related entity to its own employees;</li><li>(iv) has been found by the commissioner of Labor and Industry to have repeatedly or willfully violated any of the sections referenced in this clause pursuant to section 177.27;</li><li>(v) has been issued a ruling or findings of underpayment by the administrator of the Wage and Hour Division of the United States Department of Labor that have become final or have been upheld by an administrative law judge or the Administrative Review Board; or</li><li>(vi) has been found liable for underpayment of wages or penalties or misrepresenting a construction worker as an independent contractor in an action brought in a court having jurisdiction. Provided that, if the contractor or related entity contests a determination of underpayment by the Department of Transportation in a contested case proceeding, a violation does not occur until the contested case proceeding has concluded with a determination that the contractor or related entity underpaid wages or penalties;*</li></ul>

(3)	The contractor or related entity is in compliance with and, during the three-year period before submitting the verification, has not violated section 181.723 or chapter 326B. For purposes of this clause, a violation occurs when a contractor or related entity has been issued a final administrative or licensing order;*
(4)	The contractor or related entity has not, more than twice during the three-year period before submitting the verification, had a certificate of compliance under section 363A.36 revoked or suspended based on the provisions of section 363A.36, with the revocation or suspension becoming final because it was upheld by the Office of Administrative Hearings or was not appealed to the office;*
(5)	The contractor or related entity has not received a final determination assessing a monetary sanction from the Department of Administration or Transportation for failure to meet targeted group business, disadvantaged business enterprise, or veteran-owned business goals, due to a lack of good faith effort, more than once during the three-year period before submitting the verification;*
	* Any violations, suspensions, revocations, or sanctions, as defined in clauses (2) to (5), occurring prior to July 1, 2014, shall not be considered in determining whether a contractor or related entity meets the minimum criteria.
(6)	The contractor or related entity is not currently suspended or debarred by the federal government or the state of Minnesota or any of its departments, commissions, agencies, or political subdivisions that have authority to debar a contractor; and
(7)	All subcontractors and motor carriers that the contractor intends to use to perform project work have verified to the contractor through a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer that they meet the minimum criteria listed in clauses (1) to (6).

Minn. Stat. § 16C.285, Subd. 5. **SUBCONTRACTOR VERIFICATION.**

A prime contractor or subcontractor shall include in its verification of compliance under subdivision 4 a list of all of its first-tier subcontractors that it intends to retain for work on the project. Prior to execution of a construction contract, and as a condition precedent to the execution of a construction contract, the apparent successful prime contractor shall submit to the contracting authority a supplemental verification under oath confirming compliance with subdivision 3, clause (7). Each contractor or subcontractor shall obtain from all subcontractors with which it will have a direct contractual relationship a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer verifying that they meet all of the minimum criteria in subdivision 3 prior to execution of a construction contract with each subcontractor.

If a prime contractor or any subcontractor retains additional subcontractors on the project after submitting its verification of compliance, the prime contractor or subcontractor shall obtain verifications of compliance from each additional subcontractor with which it has a direct contractual relationship and shall submit a supplemental verification confirming compliance with subdivision 3, clause (7), within 14 days of retaining the additional subcontractors.

A prime contractor shall submit to the contracting authority upon request copies of the signed verifications of compliance from all subcontractors of any tier pursuant to subdivision 3, clause (7). A prime contractor and subcontractors shall not be responsible for the false statements of any subcontractor with which they do not have a direct contractual relationship. A prime contractor and subcontractors shall be responsible for false statements by their first-tier subcontractors with which they have a direct contractual relationship only if they accept the verification of compliance with actual knowledge that it contains a false statement.

Subd. 5a. **Motor carrier verification.** A prime contractor or subcontractor shall obtain annually from all motor carriers with which it will have a direct contractual relationship a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer verifying that they meet all of the minimum criteria in subdivision 3 prior to execution of a construction contract with each motor carrier. A prime contractor or subcontractor shall require each such motor carrier to provide it with immediate written notification in the event that the motor carrier no longer meets one or more of the minimum criteria in subdivision 3 after submitting its annual verification. A motor carrier shall be ineligible to perform work on a project covered by this section if it does not meet all the minimum criteria in subdivision 3. Upon request, a prime contractor or subcontractor shall submit to the contracting authority the signed verifications of compliance from all motor carriers providing for-hire transportation of materials, equipment, or supplies for a project.

Minn. Stat. § 16C.285, Subd. 4. **VERIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE.**

A contractor responding to a solicitation document of a contracting authority shall submit to the contracting authority a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer verifying compliance with each of the minimum criteria in subdivision 3, with the exception of clause (7), at the time that it responds to the solicitation document.

A contracting authority may accept a signed statement under oath as sufficient to demonstrate that a contractor is a responsible contractor and shall not be held liable for awarding a contract in reasonable reliance on that statement. A prime contractor, subcontractor, or motor carrier that fails to verify compliance with any one of the required minimum criteria or makes a false statement under oath in a verification of compliance shall be ineligible to be awarded a construction contract on the project for which the verification was submitted.

A false statement under oath verifying compliance with any of the minimum criteria may result in termination of a construction contract that has already been awarded to a prime contractor or subcontractor or motor carrier that submits a false statement. A contracting authority shall not be liable for declining to award a contract or terminating a contract based on a reasonable determination that the contractor failed to verify compliance with the minimum criteria or falsely stated that it meets the minimum criteria. A verification of compliance need not be notarized. An electronic verification of compliance made and submitted as part of an electronic bid shall be an acceptable verification of compliance under this section provided that it contains an electronic signature as defined in section 325L.02, paragraph (h).

**CERTIFICATION**

**By signing this document I certify that I am an owner or officer of the company, and I swear under oath that:**

- 1) My company meets each of the Minimum Criteria to be a responsible contractor as defined herein and is in compliance with Minn. Stat. § 16C.285, and**
- 2) if my company is awarded a contract, I will submit Attachment A-1 prior to contract execution, and**
- 3) if my company is awarded a contract, I will also submit Attachment A-2 as required.**

**Authorized Signature of Owner or Officer:**

**Printed Name:**

**Title:**

**Date:**

**Company Name:**

NOTE: Minn. Stat. § 16C.285, Subd. 2, (c) If only one prime contractor responds to a solicitation document, a contracting authority may award a contract to the responding prime contractor even if the minimum criteria in subdivision 3 are not met.

**ATTACHMENT A-1**

**FIRST-TIER SUBCONTRACTORS LIST**

**SUBMIT PRIOR TO EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT**

**PROJECT:** \_\_\_\_\_

Minn. Stat. § 16C.285, Subd. 5. A prime contractor or subcontractor shall include in its verification of compliance under subdivision 4 a list of all of its first-tier subcontractors that it intends to retain for work on the project. Prior to execution of a construction contract, and as a condition precedent to the execution of a construction contract, the apparent successful prime contractor shall submit to the contracting authority a supplemental verification under oath confirming compliance with subdivision 3, clause (7). Each contractor or subcontractor shall obtain from all subcontractors with which it will have a direct contractual relationship a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer verifying that they meet all of the minimum criteria in subdivision 3 prior to execution of a construction contract with each subcontractor.

<b>FIRST TIER SUBCONTRACTOR NAMES*</b> <b>(Legal name of company as registered with the Secretary of State)</b>	<b>Name of city where company home office is located</b>

\*Attach additional sheets as needed for submission of all first-tier subcontractors.

<b>SUPPLEMENTAL CERTIFICATION FOR ATTACHMENT A-1</b>	
<p><b>By signing this document I certify that I am an owner or officer of the company, and I swear under oath that:</b></p> <p><b>All first-tier subcontractors listed on attachment A-1 have verified through a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer that they meet the minimum criteria to be a responsible contractor as defined in Minn. Stat. § 16C.285.</b></p>	
<b>Authorized Signature of Owner or Officer:</b>	<b>Printed Name:</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Company Name:</b>	

**ATTACHMENT A-2**

**ADDITIONAL SUBCONTRACTORS LIST**

**PRIME CONTRACTOR TO SUBMIT AS SUBCONTRACTORS ARE ADDED TO THE PROJECT**

**PROJECT:** \_\_\_\_\_

This form must be submitted to the Project Manager or individual as identified in the solicitation document.

Minn. Stat. § 16C.285, Subd. 5. ... If a prime contractor or any subcontractor retains additional subcontractors on the project after submitting its verification of compliance, the prime contractor or subcontractor shall obtain verifications of compliance from each additional subcontractor with which it has a direct contractual relationship and shall submit a supplemental verification confirming compliance with subdivision 3, clause (7), within 14 days of retaining the additional subcontractors. ...

<b>ADDITIONAL SUBCONTRACTOR NAMES* (Legal name of company as registered with the Secretary of State)</b>	<b>Name of city where company home office is located</b>

\*Attach additional sheets as needed for submission of all additional subcontractors.

<b>SUPPLEMENTAL CERTIFICATION FOR ATTACHMENT A-2</b>	
<p><b>By signing this document I certify that I am an owner or officer of the company, and I swear under oath that:</b></p> <p><b>All additional subcontractors listed on Attachment A-2 have verified through a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer that they meet the minimum criteria to be a responsible contractor as defined in Minn. Stat. § 16C.285.</b></p>	
<b>Authorized Signature of Owner or Officer:</b>	<b>Printed Name:</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Company Name:</b>	

SCHEDULE C

CONTRACTORS SCHEDULE OF DBE PARTICIPATION

(To Be Submitted With Proposal)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Prime or General Vendor

Hoist Replacement Project  
Name of Project

DBE Contractor On Schedule D	Description of Work	Start Date End Date	Agreed Price

(Attach Additional Copies If Necessary)

The undersigned agrees to enter into formal agreements with DBE contractors for the work listed on this schedule conditioned upon successful execution of a contract with Metro Bus.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Company/Vendor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Company Official/Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

OR:

\_\_\_\_\_ No DBE is included in this bid/proposal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company/Vendor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHEDULE D**

**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH DBE REQUIREMENTS**

(Must be submitted with proposal)

**Requirements:**

Areas requiring close attention are:

- \* Reporting and Documentation requirements.
- \* Computation of DBE Participation based on type of service/product provided.
- \* Agreements between a bidder/proposer and a DBE in which the DBE promises not to provide subcontracting quotations to other bidders/proposers are prohibited.
- \* DBEs must perform a useful function in relation to the project.

**Proposers Certification:**

A signature below is a commitment to fully comply with all the DBE requirements of this project.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Company Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Company/Proposer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of DBE Contact Person  
Within Company

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Company Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone No. of DBE Contact Person

Hoist Replacement Project  
Project Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

OR:

\_\_\_\_\_ No DBE is included in this bid/proposal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company/Vendor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## SCHEDULE F

### DBE LETTER OF INTENT TO PERFORM AS A CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR

(Must be submitted with proposal)

#### Hoist Replacement Project

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Prime or General Proposer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Project

The undersigned intends to perform work in connection with the above project as (Check one):

\_\_\_ **an individual**    \_\_\_ **a corporation**    \_\_\_ **a partnership**    \_\_\_ **a joint venture**

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise status of the undersigned is confirmed and current in the Minnesota Unified Certification Program Directory of DBEs (Check one):

\_\_\_ **Yes**                      \_\_\_ **No**

The undersigned is prepared to perform the following described work in connection with the above project. Use additional paper if necessary.

#### Item

#### Agreed Price

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

#### Information for Contractors:

St. Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission requires all prime contractors to make proper payment to its subcontractors. Metro Bus may withhold payment from the prime contractor or take such other action as may be appropriate to insure that subcontractors are properly paid.

Agreements in which a DBE promises to provide bids, work estimates, team membership, etc. to only one bidder/proposer on a project is prohibited.

The undersigned agrees not to sublet or award a significantly greater portion of the work of this contract than would be expected on the basis of normal industry practices. The undersigned will be directly responsible for the execution of the work elements included in this contract agreement or any subcontract agreement and will carry out this responsibility by actually performing, managing and supervising the work involved in the contract or subcontract.

The undersigned will enter into a formal agreement for the above work as a prime bidder or as a subcontractor to the above named bidder/proposer conditioned upon execution of a contract for this project with Metro Bus.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

OR:

\_\_\_\_\_ No DBE is included in this bid/proposal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company/Vendor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**STATE OF MINNESOTA – AFFIRMATIVE ACTION CERTIFICATION**

**If your proposal to an RFP is or could be in excess of \$100,000.00**, complete the information requested below to determine whether you are subject to the Minnesota Human Rights Act (Minnesota Statutes §363A.36) certification requirement, and to provide documentation of compliance, if necessary. It is your sole responsibility to provide this information and, if required, to apply for Human Rights certification prior to the due date and time of the proposal and to obtain Human Rights certification prior to the execution of the contract. The State of Minnesota is under no obligation to delay proceeding with a contract until a company receives Human Rights certification.

**BOX A – For companies which have employed more than 40 full-time employees within Minnesota on any single working day during the previous 12 months. All other companies proceed to BOX B.**

Your proposal will be rejected unless your business:

Has a current Certification of Compliance issued by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights (MDHR)

-or-

Has submitted an affirmative action plan to the MDHR, which the Department received prior to the date and time the proposals are due.

Check one of the following statements if you have employed more than 40 full-time employees in Minnesota on any single working day during the previous 12 months:

- We have a current Certificate of Compliance issued by the MDHR. *Proceed to Box C. Include a copy of you Certification with your proposal*
- We do not have a current Certificate of Compliance; However, we submitted an Affirmative Action Plan to the MDHR for approval, which the Department received on \_\_\_\_\_ (date). *Proceed to Box C.*
- We do not have a Certification of Compliance, nor has the MDHR received an Affirmative Action Plan from our company. We acknowledge that our proposal will be rejected. *Proceed to Box C. Contact the MDHR for assistance. (See below for contact information)*

**Please note:** Certificates of Compliance must be issued by the MDHR. Affirmative Action Plans approved by the federal government, a county, or a municipality must still be received, reviewed and approved by the MDHR before a certificate can be issued.

**BOX B – For those companies not described in BOX A**

Check below

- We have not employed more than 40 full-time employees on any single working day in Minnesota within the previous 12 months. *Proceed to BOX C.*

**BOX C – For ALL companies**

By signing this statement, you certify that the information provided is accurate and that you are authorized to sign on behalf of the responder. You also certify that you are in compliance with federal affirmative action requirements that may apply to your company. (These requirements are generally triggered only by participating as a prime or subcontractor on federal projects or contracts. Contractors are alerted to these requirements by the federal government.)

Name of Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**For assistance with this form, contact:**

Minnesota Department of Human Rights, Compliance & Community Relations

Mail:	The Freeman Building, 625 Roberts Street North St. Paul, Minnesota 55155	TC Metro:	651-296-5663	Toll Free:	800-657-3704
Web:	<a href="http://www.humanrights.state.mn.us">www.humanrights.state.mn.us</a>	Fax:	651-296-9042	TTY:	651-296-1283
Email:	<a href="mailto:compliance.mdhr@state.mn.us">compliance.mdhr@state.mn.us</a>				