



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

to provide

### FEDERAL LOBBYIST SERVICES RFP No. 25-R27

Dear Proposers:

The Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTA) is issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for FEDERAL LOBBYIST SERVICES for a term of five years. NVTA invites all qualified entities or individuals that possess qualifications, experience, and knowledge to submit a proposal.

Any contract to be awarded as a result of this RFP will be awarded without discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, denial of family and medical care leave, medical condition (cancer/genetic characteristics) physical handicap, disability (mental or physical) including HIV and AIDS, denial of pregnancy disability leave or reasonable accommodation, marital status, age (40 and above).

To obtain a full copy of the RFP, please contact NVTA office at (707) 259-8790 or download the document in PDF format from the [NVTA website](#). All inquiries pertaining to this RFP should be emailed to Renel Coombs, Procurement & Contracts Administrator, at the following email address: [rcoombs@nvta.ca.gov](mailto:rcoombs@nvta.ca.gov). Response to all questions submitted will be answered in accordance with the Procurement Schedule of this RFP.

**Proposals must be received no later than AUGUST 18, 2025, at 4:00 PM (PST/local).**

Late proposals may not be considered.

Proposals will be accepted by means of electronic mail (email) addressed as follows:

Danielle Schmitz  
Executive Director  
Napa Valley Transportation Authority  
625 Burnell Street.  
Napa, CA 94559

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Proposals shall be submitted by means of electronic mail to [rcoombs@nvta.ca.gov](mailto:rcoombs@nvta.ca.gov) with the subject titled: "Proposal for RFP No. 25-R27"

We look forward to receiving your proposal.

Sincerely,

Danielle Schmitz  
Executive Director



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Issued by:

Napa Valley Transportation  
Authority

on **JULY 02 , 2025**

**RESPONSES DUE:  
4:00 PM(PST/Local), AUGUST 18, 2025**

at the

Napa Valley Transportation Authority  
625 Burnell Street  
Napa, CA 94559

Release of RFP authorized by:

06/26/2025

Danielle Schmitz, Executive Director

Date

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**PROCUREMENT SCHEDULE**

Issue Date	JULY 2, 2025
<b>Pre-Proposal Conference (Virtual)</b>	<b>JULY 23, 2025 AT 10:00 AM (PST)</b>
<b>Deadline for Submitting Written Questions</b>	<b>JULY 31, 2025 AT 4:00 PM (PST)</b>
Answers to Written Questions Posted	<b>AUGUST 6, 2025</b>
<b>Deadline for Proposal Submittal</b>	<b>AUGUST 18, 2025 at 4:00 PM (PST)</b>
Estimated Award Date	<b>SEPTEMBER 18, 2025</b>

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## SECTION I - INTRODUCTION

The Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTA) is a joint powers authority established in June of 1998 with members including the cities of American Canyon, Calistoga, Napa, St. Helena, the Town of Yountville, and the County of Napa. The work activities of NVTA are defined by the joint powers agreement and overseen by the Board of Directors made up of elected officials from the respective member agencies, and an ex-officio member from the Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC).

NVTA serves as the countywide transportation planning body for the incorporated and unincorporated areas within Napa County and is responsible for programming State and Federal funding for transportation projects within the county. NVTA is charged with coordinating short- and long-term planning and funding within an intermodal policy framework in the areas of highways, streets and roads, transit and paratransit, and bicycle improvements.

NVTA also operates the Napa Vine transit services. Napa Vine provides inter- county/city transit services between Napa Valley Cities, towns and the Counties of Sonoma, Solano, and Contra Costa. Napa Vine Go is the companion paratransit service for Napa County's residents. In addition, the Vine suite of services includes American Canyon Transit, St. Helena Transit, the Yountville Bee-Line, City of Napa On-Demand service, and the Calistoga Shuttle. The fleet consists of 75 vehicles and provides roughly 1,000,000 trips per year prior to COVID (in Fiscal Year 2018-2019) and over 300,000 trips during COVID (in Fiscal Year 2020-2021).

The Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTA) is also the local transportation sales tax authority. NVTA is responsible for the oversight and administration of Measure T, the ½% sales tax for street and road improvements approved by the voters on November 6, 2012, which will be replaced by Measure U on July 1, 2025, for ½¢ sales tax for street and road improvements approved by the voters on November 6, 2024.

## SECTION II - INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

### A. Pre-proposal Conference

A virtual pre-proposal conference will be held on **July 23, 2025**, at **10:00 AM (PST/local)** via **Zoom**. *Proposers are advised to register with Renel Coombs, Procurement & Contracts Administrator at <mailto:rcoombs@nvta.ca.gov> in advance to be notified of any changes made to the meeting dates or times.*

*You are invited to a Zoom meeting.*

*When: July 23, 2025; 10:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)*

<https://countyofnapa.zoom.us/j/82254288995?pwd=Wjn94L8d1Y0yDK6jCx45NbcFU0QH5X.1>

Meeting ID: 822 5428 8995

Passcode: 503866

Find your local number: <https://countyofnapa.zoom.us/u/kdkgOtaUum>

Attendance is not mandatory but highly encouraged to submit a proposal.

### B. Examination of Proposal Documents

By submitting a proposal, the Proposer represents that it has thoroughly examined and become familiar with the work required and that Proposer is capable of performing the work identified in the Scope of Work (SOW), Section IV, of this RFP.

### C. Addenda/Clarifications

Explanations or clarifications desired by respondents regarding the meaning or interpretation of the RFP may be requested verbally, at the pre-proposal meeting and must be followed up in writing in advance of the deadline for submission of questions. While this meeting is not mandatory, all firms intending to propose are strongly encouraged to attend. ***All inquiries pertaining to this RFP shall be emailed*** to Renel Coombs, Procurement and Contracts Administrator, at the following email address: [rcoombs@nvta.ca.gov](mailto:rcoombs@nvta.ca.gov) ***no later than 4:00 PM (PST/local) on July 31, 2025.*** A response to all questions will be submitted tentative August 6, 2025. Clarifications that may have a material impact on the proposal will be provided to all registered attendees of the pre-proposal conference and will also be posted on the [NVTA website](#), as an addenda to the RFP. Questions submitted in writing must include Questions for: RFP No. 25-R27 "Federal Lobbyist Services", in the subject line of the email or letter.

## D. Proposal Submission

All proposal submittals shall be transmitted with a cover letter. The person authorized by the Proposer/Company to negotiate a contract with NVRTA shall sign the cover letter and the letter shall include the name, title, address, email address and the telephone number of the individual to whom correspondence and other communications should be directed to during the proposer selection process. Address the cover letter as follows:

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Executive Director  
Napa Valley Transportation Authority  
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The Proposer must submit one (1) electronic proposal in PDF format via electronic mail (email). If the proposal is too large to attach to the email, please provide a file transfer link in your email submission. **The proposal shall be emailed to the Napa Valley Transportation Authority no later than 4:00 PM (PST/local), August 18, 2025.** Proposals shall only be submitted by email to Renel Coombs Procurement and Contracts Administrator: [rcoombs@nvta.ca.gov](mailto:rcoombs@nvta.ca.gov), with the subject line titled Proposal for RFP No. 25-R27 Federal Lobbyist Services. Unless the deadline for submission of proposals has been extended by addenda, all proposals received after the time and date specified above may be considered nonresponsive and returned to Proposer unopened.

## E. Protest

1. A Proposer may object to a provision of the RFP on the grounds that it is biased, unduly restrictive or arbitrary or to the selection of a particular proposer on the grounds that NVRTA procedures, the provisions of the RFP or applicable provisions of Federal, State, or local law have been violated or inaccurately or inappropriately applied by submitting to the Procurement Officer, addressed to NVRTA's Executive Director, a written explanation of the basis for the protest IAW [NVRTA's Chapter 5: Contracting and Procurement](#) (E)(17).
2. Any protest based on such grounds not timely filed will not be considered by NVRTA.
3. All documents submitted as part of the proposal will be deemed confidential during the evaluation process. After the award of a contract, any material submitted by a proposer in response to this RFP is subject to public inspection under the California Public Records Act ([Government Code Sections 6250 et seq.](#)) unless exempt by law. The proposer must identify in writing all copyrighted material, trade secrets, or other proprietary information that it claims is exempt from disclosure.

## **F. Withdrawal of Proposal Submittal**

A Proposer may withdraw its proposal at any time before the deadline of the time for submission of proposal submittals in Section II, D. of this RFP, by delivering to the Procurement Officer a written request for withdrawal signed by, or on behalf of, the Proposer.

## **G. Rights of NVTA**

This RFP does not commit NVTA to enter into a contract, nor does it obligate NVTA to pay for any costs incurred in preparation and submission of the proposal or in anticipation of a contract.

NVTA may investigate the qualifications of any proposer under consideration, require confirmation of information furnished by the proposer, and require additional evidence or qualifications to perform the services described in the SOW, Section IV, of this RFP.

NVTA, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to:

1. Reject any or all proposal submittals.
2. Issue one (1) or more subsequent RFPs.
3. Postpone opening for its own convenience.
4. Remedy technical errors in the RFP process.
5. Approve or disapprove the use of sub-proposers.
6. Negotiate with any, all, or none of the proposers responding to this RFP.
7. Award a contract to one or more proposers.
8. Waive informalities and irregularities in any proposal.

## **H. Contract Type**

NVTA intends to negotiate with Proposer a fixed price professional services agreement with a not-to-exceed amount.

## **I. Exceptions**

Proposers shall be prepared to accept the terms and conditions of NVTA's Sample Professional Services Contract, ATTACHMENT C, of this RFP. If a proposer desires to take an exception(s) to the Agreement, the Proposer shall provide the following information as a section of the proposal identified as "Exception(s) to the Agreement":

1. Proposer shall clearly identify each proposed change to the Agreement, including all relevant Exhibits and Attachments.
2. Proposer shall furnish the reasons as well as specific recommendations for alternative language.

The above factors will be considered during contract negotiations. Substantial exceptions to the Agreement may be determined by NVTa, at its sole discretion, to be unacceptable and NVTa will proceed with negotiations with the next highest-ranking firm.

## SECTION III - FORMAT AND CONTENT OF PROPOSAL

### Instructions to Proposers

#### A. Technical Proposal

The Technical Proposal shall not exceed a total of the equivalent of twenty (20) single sided pages (10 double-side print pages). RFP submittals must consist of letter-sized (8.5" x 11") pages, and no more than three (3) tabloid-sized (11" x 17") pages. Each tabloid-size page is considered one page for the total page count. Required Forms under ATTACHMENT A, of this RFP, are excluded from the total page count. Résumés are also excluded from the total page count and shall be limited to two (2) letter-sized single-sided pages (or one (1) double-side print) per key staff member assigned to the project. Font size shall be at least 12-point in a font clearly readable to reviewers. The nature and form of response of the Technical Proposal submittal is at the discretion of those responding, but shall include, at a minimum, the information listed in Section III, B. Format, of this RFP.

#### B. Format

Technical Proposals shall be 1) as brief as possible and 2) not include any irrelevant promotional material. One (1) copy of the Proposal must be submitted, electronically, in PDF format, to Renel Coombs, Procurement and Contracts Administrator: [rcoombs@nvta.ca.gov](mailto:rcoombs@nvta.ca.gov).

#### C. Cost Proposal

**A Cost Proposal must be submitted separately.**

The Cost Proposal along with Proposers Rate/Fee Schedule shall be submitted, separately, by email to Renel Coombs, [rcoombs@nvta.ca.gov](mailto:rcoombs@nvta.ca.gov) and will be evaluated, following the evaluation of the Technical Proposal. No other proposal forms will be accepted unless an addendum has been posted to the RFP, changing the required form for use.

#### D. Proposal Submittal

Proposal content, clarity, and completeness are factors which will be considered in evaluating each proposal received when determining suitability of each proposer's capabilities. The entire length of the proposal document must be 20-pages or less and shall include:

1. Title Page
2. Transmittal Letter
3. Executive Summary

4. Background and Experience
5. Qualifications
6. Public Sector Resume
7. Staffing and Organization
8. Exception(s) to the Agreement
9. Appendices

1. TITLE PAGE

The title page should show the RFP title, the company name, local address, phone number and email of the primary contact person and the date of proposal.

2. TRANSMITTAL LETTER

A transmittal letter signed by an official authorized to contractually bind the proposer is required. The transmittal letter shall state that the **proposal shall be valid for a 90-day period** and should include the name, title, address, telephone number and email address of the individual to whom correspondence and other contacts should be directed during the proposer selection process.

Address the cover letter as follows:

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3. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This section should be limited to a brief narrative highlighting and summarizing the proposal. Provide a brief description of resources and depth of staff in the office from which services will be provided. The summary should clearly convey that the proposer understands the nature of the work and the general approach to be taken.

4. PROPOSER BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE

A minimum one (1) page description of the Proposer's background and relevant public (Government) sector experience in federal lobbying.

5. QUALIFICATIONS OF PROPOSER

The Proposer who is awarded the contract for this work will be required to comply with all applicable Federal, State, Regional and local requirements.

Proposer shall provide no more than three (3) references within the past five (5) years, that would be able to speak to their experience with the proposed primary service provider(s) in the role as a federal lobbyist, from California. Preferably, references should have been from a relevant transportation agency. Reference must include the name of the contact person, agency for whom the work was performed, telephone and email and the year in which the work was completed.

References may or may not be contacted.

In addition, the selected proposer will be required to provide the certification of eligibility that the Proposer and /or any of its sub-consultants have not been debarred or suspended from providing services paid for by the Federal Government prior to award.

6. PUBLIC SECTOR RESUME

This part of the proposal shall contain a brief description of firm's experience as federal lobbyist in California over the past five (5) years.

7. STAFFING AND PROJECT ORGANIZATION

This section should identify the firm's team for the lobbying activities who will serve as the overall lead for engagement. Include only those persons who are currently expected to work with NVTa throughout the term of this agreement. Provide resumes for only those people expected to work on the project scope of this RFP, highlighting relevant experience to the federal lobbying activities. Resumes must be kept to no more than two (2) pages and can be included as an appendix to the proposal.

List any present activities and job commitments and potential or real conflicts of interest.

8. EXCEPTIONS TO THE AGREEMENT

This section shall include any exceptions the proposer has taken to NVTa Sample Professional Service Agreement (PSA), ATTACHMENT C, of this RFP.

9. APPENDICES

Under this section, proposers shall provide all required forms. These documents are not counted towards the 20- page limit.

## SECTION IV - SCOPE OF WORK

NVTA seeks to retain the services of a lobbyist consultant that possesses significant demonstrable experience in lobbying and advocacy at the federal level. The lobbying consultant shall be able to develop relationships with NVTA's representatives and shall have existing relationships with federal governmental staffers both within the state and federal capitals, at governmental agencies, and with other industry lobbyists. The ideal candidates will have strong existing relationships at the federal levels with all the individuals indicated previously, in order to act as trusted advisors, lobbyists, and expert navigators for NVTA. NVTA is primarily seeking a lobbyist that can help NVTA secure federal funding, advocate for NVTA's policy and financial needs, and be an expert navigator of the federal government.

PROPOSER shall provide NVTA with the following, but not as to limit to, services:

- A. Act as a federal lobbyist to Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTA) including the Vine public transit system and the Napa Valley Transportation Authority-Tax Agency (NVTA-TA).
- B. Lobbyist will provide advice and interpretation on legislative and regulatory matters as they apply to NVTA and its respective operations, inclusive of Napa Vine bus system and VineGo complementary paratransit public transit services. Such information may involve federal and state laws as well as state and local statutes and ordinances.
- C. Typical Duties (not exhaustive):
  - Identify and devise strategies to successfully secure federal funding for the NVTA.
  - Monitor, review, identify and advise with recommendations both verbally and in writing on the potential impact of emerging, proposed and current federal legislation, policies and regulations on Napa County transportation and related services.
  - Assist in the development for advancing actions at the federal level that are beneficial to NVTA, including drafting legislation, developing and managing strategies to successfully achieve passage of legislation. Assist in the development of NVTA's annual federal legislative platform
  - Represent and advocate on behalf of the County and NVTA in its dealings with relevant Federal agencies and related interests' groups including but not limited to:
    - 1) Congress,
    - 2) The Administration (including but not limited to Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration).
    - 3) Individual Members of Congress- the House and Senate and their respective staff members, and
    - 4) Other agencies and organizations as warranted.
  - Monitor and advise on behalf of NVTA in its dealings with relevant Federal measures or referenda that would affect NVTA and provide recommendations Identify and evaluate the potential impact of proposed legislation, policies, and regulations on NVTA.
  - Arrange appointments with Federal legislators and Federal agency representatives.

- Solicit input from Federal representatives on issues concerning NVTA and report it to staff as appropriate.
- Assist NVTA staff in obtaining Letters of Support in a timely manner for agency grant application submittals.
- Maintain knowledge of issues concerning NVTA and Vine systems and be prepared to offer advice and advocacy support.
- Be proactive in monitoring and identifying Federal funding opportunities such as the Federal Appropriations process, federal law, and grants. Notify staff of relevant federal grant opportunities.
- Meet with the Board of Directors or its individual members or staff members as needed.
- Coordinate with legislative advocates for other public agencies such as American Public Transportation Association, National Association of City Transportation Officials, as needed.

D. Specific Duties:

- Prepare monthly legislative updates to the NVTA Board that include federal budget, and other legislative or regulatory activities that could affect the financial position or operations of the agency, and track legislation and regulations of interest.
- Physically attend an annual meeting at the agency at the beginning of each legislative session to review bills of interest and other pertinent issues.
- Provide input into NVTA annual legislative program.
- Assist in drafting legislation on behalf of NVTA.
- Testify before legislative committees and/or regulatory bodies on behalf of NVTA.
- Advise NVTA about federal funding opportunities to help deliver NVTA's programs and high priority projects.

E. Other:

- Related responsibilities as needed.

## **SECTION V - REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS**

- A.** Proposer and its sub-consultant(s) must be licensed by the State of California.
- B.** Proposer and its sub-consultant(s) must not be the subject of disciplinary action by any State of California regulatory or licensing agency.

Please provide evidence on each of the areas listed above. The Proposer will work under the direction of NVTA's Executive Director and any assigned NVTA Program Manager.

## **SECTION VI - EVALUATION AND AWARD**

### **A. Evaluation Method**

NVTA will review and evaluate all proposals deemed responsive to this request and rank these firms using the best value approach. Each of the proposers will be ranked based on the criteria listed in Section VI, B.: Evaluation and Scoring Criteria, prior to reviewing cost proposals. NVTA intends to select the firm whose technical expertise along with price

delivers the best value for the services sought. Refer to [NVTA's Chapter 5: Contracting and Procurement](#) (E)(8).

## B. Evaluation and Scoring Criteria

An Evaluation Selection Recommendation Committee (ESRC) will review and score the proposals submitted. Proposers may be interviewed as part of the selection process. The individual or composite rating prepared by the ESRC will not be revealed prior to contract award.

The product of the selection process will be to award a contract with the top ranked firm, as recommended by the ESRC. The following criteria and point system will be used to evaluate the RFP:

<b>CRITERIA</b>	<b>WEIGHT %</b>
<i>Understanding of Work to be Done</i>	40
<i>Firm, Entity/Individual Background, and Experience with similar Public Entities</i>	25
<i>Qualifications of Proposer and Project Staffing</i>	25
<i>Cost – Rates - Value</i>	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

## C. Interviews

After initial evaluation of the proposals, NVTA may, at its discretion, hold interviews with the top ranked proposers. Each interview will be no more than 45 minutes, to include the proposer's presentation, limited to not more than 20 minutes. Any areas of specific concern will be identified before the interview. NVTA reserves the right to award a contract based solely on written proposals and not conduct oral interviews.

## D. Negotiations

Following the analysis of the written proposals and possible follow up discussions, NVTA will negotiate with the highest ranked firm to develop a Best and Final Offer decision. If negotiations with this firm are unsuccessful, or if the firm declines the work offered, then negotiations will proceed with the second highest ranked firm from the proposal list, and so forth until a firm is selected.

## E. Contract Award

Upon conclusion of the interviews, if any, and best and final offer, NVTA submit the final negotiated contract to the NVTA Board for approval, if applicable.

## **SECTION VII - NON-DISCRIMINATION**

Proposers shall not unlawfully discriminate, harass or allow harassment, against any employee or applicant for employment because of sex, sexual orientation, race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, denial of family and medical care leave, medical condition (cancer/genetic characteristics) physical handicap, disability (mental or physical) including HIV and AIDS, denial of pregnancy disability leave or reasonable accommodation, marital status, age (40 and above), in the performance of NVTA contracts. Proposers and any subconsultants shall ensure that the evaluation and treatment of their employees and applicants for employment are free from such discrimination and harassment.

Proposers shall include the non-discrimination and compliance provisions of the above clause in all subcontracts to perform work under this contract.

## **SECTION VIII - LEVINE ACT**

Proposers will be required to disclose on the record any contribution of more than \$250 which they have made to an NVTA Board Member within the twelve-month period preceding the submittal deadline of this RFP, and within the twelve-month period preceding any subsequent procurement based on this RFP. This applies to your company, any member of your team, any agents for you or other team members and to the major shareholders of any closed corporation, which is part of your team. If you have made a contribution which needs to be disclosed you must provide written notice of the date, amount and receipt of the contribution(s) to NVTA Executive Director. This information will need to be provided before the NVTA can approve any contract.

## **SECTION IX - DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE**

NVTA has adopted a Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) Policy, pursuant to which the NVTA encourages all prime proposers to utilize qualified DBE sub proposers on NVTA projects, NVTA promotes the direct purchase of goods from qualified DBEs by utilizing DBE vendors when such vendors are available and the price of the goods sought is reasonable, and, for professional services contracts, NVTA seeks the utilization of qualified DBEs when such DBEs are available. All prime proposers are required to report on DBE usage during the term of each contract. For instructions and forms, see Required Forms, ATTACHMENT A.

For purposes of NVTA's DBE Policy, a DBE shall be a "Disadvantage Business" within the meaning of 13 CFR Part 121 and California Government Code Section 14837. In the event that the NVTA's DBE Policy conflicts with any Federal, State or other funding source's programs, policies, regulations or requirements, NVTA shall make the DBE Policy consistent with said funding source's programs, policies, regulations and requirements to the extent permissible by law. NVTA's DBE Policy is neutral as to race, ethnicity, national origin, age, sex, religion, sexual orientation and other protected classes.

The DBE goal for this contract is 0% NVTA's overall 3-year annual DBE goal is 2.6%

## **SECTION X - INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Insurance requirements for this project are set forth in ATTACHMENT C, NVTA Sample Professional Service Agreement for Services, Section 7 – Insurance and Section 8 – Hold Harmless / Defense / Indemnification.

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All inquiries pertaining to this RFP should be emailed to Renel Coombs, Procurement and Contracts Administrator, at the following email address [rcoombs@nvta.ca.gov](mailto:rcoombs@nvta.ca.gov) in accordance with the procurement schedule. Responses to all questions submitted by the question deadline that may have a material impact on the proposal will be posted on the NVTA website: [www.nvta.ca.gov](http://www.nvta.ca.gov) .

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Attachments to follow.

## **ATTACHMENT A REQUIRED FORMS**

(Attached)

**GENERAL INFORMATION FORM**

(To be completed by the Proposer and placed at the front of the RFP/RFQ)

Legal Name of Proposer:

Date:

Street Address:

Telephone Number:

City/State/Zip:

Proposer's Fax Number:

DBE  Cert # \_\_\_\_\_ SBE  Cert # \_\_\_\_\_ Other  Cert # \_\_\_\_\_ None

Type of Organization:  
(Corporation, LPA, Sole Proprietorship, Partnership, etc.)

Business License (documented):

Taxpayer ID Number (Federal):

Name and Title of Manager:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name, Title, e-mail address, and Phone Number of Person Correspondence should be directed to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
DBE  Cert # \_\_\_\_\_ SBE  Cert # \_\_\_\_\_ Other  Cert # \_\_\_\_\_ None

Signature, Name and Title of Person Signing

\_\_\_\_\_

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ADDENDA**

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the following addenda to the documents:

Addendum No.	_____	Dated	_____
Addendum No.	_____	Dated	_____
Addendum No.	_____	Dated	_____
Addendum No.	_____	Dated	_____

PROPOSER:	_____
	Name
	_____
	Street Address
	_____
	City, State, Zip
	_____
	Signature of Authorized Signer
	_____
	Title
	_____
	Phone
	_____

## EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CERTIFICATION

The bidder \_\_\_\_\_, proposed subcontractor \_\_\_\_\_, hereby certifies that he has \_\_\_\_\_, has not \_\_\_\_\_, participated in a previous contract or subcontract subject to the equal opportunity clauses, as required by Executive Orders 10925, 11114, or 11246, and that, where required, he has filed with the Joint Reporting Committee, the Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance, a Federal Government contracting or administering agency, or the former President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity, all reports due under the applicable filing requirements.

**Note:** The above certification is required by the Equal Employment Opportunity Regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1.7(b) (1)), and must be submitted by bidders and proposed subcontractors only in connection with contracts and subcontracts which are subject to the equal opportunity clause. Contracts and subcontracts which are exempt from the equal opportunity clause are set forth in 41 CFR 60-1.5. (Generally only contracts or subcontracts of \$10,000 or under are exempt.)

Currently, Standard Form 100 (EEO-1) is the only report required by the Executive Orders or their implementing regulations.

Proposed prime contractors and subcontractors who have participated in a previous contract or subcontract subject to the Executive Orders and have not filed the required reports should note that 41 CFR 60-1.7(b) (1) prevents the award of contracts and subcontracts unless such contractor submits a report covering the delinquent period or such other period specified by the Federal Highway Administration or by the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance, U.S. Department of Labor.

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# **PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE**

## **Public Contract Code Section 10285.1 Statement**

In conformance with Public Contract Code Section 10285.1 (Chapter 376, Stats. 1985), the bidder hereby declares under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the bidder has  , has not  been convicted within the preceding three years of any offenses referred to in that section, including any charge of fraud, bribery, collusion, conspiracy, or any other act in violation of any state or Federal antitrust law in connection with the bidding upon, award of, or performance of, any public works contract, as defined in Public Contract Code Section 1101, with any public entity, as defined in Public Contract Code Section 1100, including the Regents of the University of California or the Trustees of the California State University. The term "bidder" is understood to include any partner, member, officer, director, responsible managing officer, or responsible managing employee thereof, as referred to in Section 10285.1.

Note: The bidder must place a check mark after "has" or "has not" in one of the blank spaces provided. The above Statement is part of the Bid. Signing this Bid on the signature portion thereof shall also constitute signature of this Statement. Bidders are cautioned that making a false certification may subject the certifier to criminal prosecution.

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## **Public Contract Code Section 10162 Questionnaire**

In conformance with Public Contract Code Section 10162, the Bidder shall complete, under penalty of perjury, the following questionnaire:

Has the bidder, any officer of the bidder, or any employee of the bidder who has a proprietary interest in the bidder, ever been disqualified, removed, or otherwise prevented from bidding on, or completing a federal, state, or local government project because of a violation of law or a safety regulation?

Yes  No

If the answer is yes, explain the circumstances in the following space.

## **Public Contract Code 10232 Statement**

In conformance with Public Contract Code Section 10232, the Contractor, hereby states under penalty of perjury, that no more than one final unappealable finding of contempt of court by a federal court has been issued against the Contractor within the immediately preceding two year period because of the Contractor's failure to comply with an order of a federal court which orders the Contractor to comply with an order of the National Labor Relations Board.

Note: The above Statement and Questionnaire are part of the Bid. Signing this Bid on the signature portion thereof shall also constitute signature of this Statement and Questionnaire.  
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**AFFIDAVIT OF LEVIN ACT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

California Government Code § 84308, commonly referred to as the "Levine Act," precludes an Officer of a local government agency from participating in the award of a contract if he or she receives any political contributions totaling more than \$250 in the 12 months preceding the pendency of the contract award, and for three months following the final decision, from the person or company awarded the contract. This prohibition applies to contributions to the Officer, or received by the Officer on behalf of any other Officer, or on behalf of any candidate for office or on behalf of any committee. The Levine Act also requires disclosure of such contributions by a party to be awarded a specified contract. Please refer to the attachment for the complete statutory language.

Current members of the NVTA Board of Directors are:

Scott Sedgley	Amber Manfree	Paul Dohring	Mark Joseph
Liz Alessio	Margie Mohler	Donald Williams	Kevin Eisenberg
Robin McKee	Michelle Deasy	Pierre Washington	Bernie Narvaez

1. Have you or your company, or any agent on behalf of you or your company, made any political contributions of more than \$250 to any NVTA Director(s) in the 12 months preceding the date of the issuance of this request for proposal or request for qualifications?

\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO

If yes, please identify the Director(s): \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you or your company, or any agency on behalf of you or your company, anticipate or plan to make any political contributions of more than \$250 to any NVTA Director(s) in the three months following the award of the contract?

\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO

If yes, please identify the Director(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Answering yes to either of the two questions above does not preclude NVTA from awarding a contract to your firm. It does, however, preclude the identified Director(s) from participating in the contract award process for this contract.

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(TYPE OR WRITE APPROPRIATE NAME, TITLE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(TYPE OR WRITE NAME OF COMPANY)

## California Government Code Section 84308

(a) The definitions set forth in this subdivision shall govern the interpretation of this section.

(1) "Party" means any person who files an application for, or is the subject of, a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use.

(2) "Participant" means any person who is not a party but who actively supports or opposes a particular decision in a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use and who has a financial interest in the decision, as described in Article 1 (commencing with Section 87100) of Chapter 7. A person actively supports or opposes a particular decision in a proceeding if he or she lobbies in person the officers or employees of the agency, testifies in person before the agency, or otherwise acts to influence officers of the agency.

(3) "Agency" means an agency as defined in Section 82003 except that it does not include the courts or any agency in the judicial branch of government, local governmental agencies whose members are directly elected by the voters, the Legislature, the Board of Equalization, or constitutional officers. However, this section applies to any person who is a member of an exempted agency but is acting as a voting member of another agency.

(4) "Officer" means any elected or appointed officer of an agency, any alternate to an elected or appointed officer of an agency, and any candidate for elective office in an agency.

(5) "License, permit, or other entitlement for use" means all business, professional, trade and land use licenses and permits and all other entitlements for use, including all entitlements for land use, all contracts (other than competitively bid, labor, or personal employment contracts), and all franchises.

(6) "Contribution" includes contributions to candidates and committees in federal, state, or local elections.

(b) No officer of an agency shall accept, solicit, or direct a contribution of more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) from any party, or his or her agent, or from any participant, or his or her agent, while a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use is pending before the agency and for three months following the date a final decision is rendered in the proceeding if the officer knows or has reason to know that the participant has a financial interest, as that term is used in Article 1 (commencing with Section 87100) of Chapter 7. This prohibition shall apply regardless of whether the officer accepts, solicits, or directs the contribution for himself or herself, or on behalf of any other officer, or on behalf of any candidate for office or on behalf of any committee.

(c) Prior to rendering any decision in a proceeding involving a license, permit or other entitlement for use pending before an agency, each officer of the agency who received a contribution within the preceding 12 months in an amount of more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) from a party or from any participant shall disclose that fact on the record of the proceeding. No officer of an agency shall make, participate in making, or in any way attempt to use his or her official position to influence the decision in a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use pending before the agency if the officer has willfully or knowingly received a contribution in an amount of more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) within the preceding 12 months from a party or his or her agent, or from any participant, or his or her agent if the officer knows or has reason to know that the participant has a financial interest in the decision, as that term is described with respect to public officials in Article 1 (commencing with Section 87100) of Chapter 7. If an officer receives a contribution which would otherwise require disqualification under this section, returns the contribution within 30 days from the time he or she knows, or should have known, about the contribution and the proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use, he or she shall be permitted to participate in the proceeding.

(d) A party to a proceeding before an agency involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use shall disclose on the record of the proceeding any contribution in an amount of more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) made within the preceding 12 months by the party, or his or her agent, to any officer of the agency. No party, or his or her agent, to a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use pending before any agency and no participant, or his or her agent, in the proceeding shall make a contribution of more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) to any officer of that agency during the proceeding and for three months following the date a final decision is rendered by the agency in the proceeding. When a closed corporation is a party to, or a participant in, a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use pending before an agency, the majority shareholder is subject to the disclosure and prohibition requirements specified in subdivisions (b), (c), and this subdivision.

(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to imply that any contribution subject to being reported under this title shall not be so reported.

For more information, contact the Fair Political Practices Commission, 1102 Q St #3000, Sacramento, CA 95811, (916) 322-5660.

End of Disclosure Statement

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## REFERENCES

Please provide at least three (3) references that have used your company to purchase a similar product or service. Include contact name, business name, address, telephone number, and email address.

<b>Company Name:</b>	<b>Contact Name:</b>
<b>Email:</b>	<b>Telephone:</b>
<b>Address:</b>	<b>Brief Description of Business Interaction</b>

<b>Company Name:</b>	<b>Contact Name:</b>
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## **ATTACHMENT B COST PROPOSAL**

(PDF Attached; A Fillable Excel Spreadsheet is Attached Separately in Project Folder on Website)



**RFP 25-R27 COST PROPOSAL - COVER SUMMARY SHEET**

**INSTRUCTIONS**  
 1) The total cost of all items combined should be a not-to-exceed cost proposal.  
 2) Proposer can edit the spreadsheet and add additional detail as necessary.

Tasks	Total Unit	Number of Units	TOTAL COSTS	Comments
<b>Year One Services</b>	0	0	0	
			0	
			0	
			0	
<b>Year Two Services</b>	0	0	0	
			0	
			0	
			0	
<b>Year Three Services</b>	0	0	0	
			0	
			0	
			0	
<b>Year Four Services</b>	0	0	0	
			0	
			0	
			0	
<b>Year Five Services</b>	0	0	0	
			0	
			0	
			0	
	0	0	0	
			0	
<b>TOTAL COST</b>			<b>#REF!</b>	

**\*\*\*\* PRIME CONSULTANT'S RATE SHEET ATTACHED \*\*\*\***

## **ATTACHMENT C SAMPLE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT**

(Attached)



## NAPA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (NVTA)

### AGREEMENT NO. 25-C35

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into as of this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by and between the Napa Valley Transportation Authority, a joint powers agency under the laws of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as "NVTA", and whose mailing address is \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter referred to as "CONSULTANT";

#### RECITALS

**WHEREAS**, NVTA wishes to obtain specialized services in order to serve as Federal lobbyist consultant; and

**WHEREAS**, NVTA has authorized the NVTA Executive Director to enter into a contract for services at its \_\_\_\_\_ meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, CONSULTANT is willing and has been determined to be qualified to provide such specialized services to NVTA under the terms and conditions set forth herein;

#### TERMS

**NOW, THEREFORE**, NVTA hereby engages the services of CONSULTANT, and CONSULTANT agrees to serve NVTA in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein:

- 1. Term of the Agreement.** The term of this Agreement shall commence on the date first above written ("Effective Date") and shall expire five (5) years from effective date unless earlier terminated as provided herein, except that the obligations of the parties under "Insurance" and "Indemnification" shall continue in full force and effect after said expiration date or early termination in relation to acts or omissions occurring prior to such dates during the term of the Agreement, and the obligations of CONSULTANT to NVTA shall also continue after said expiration date or early termination in relation to the obligations prescribed by "Confidentiality," "Taxes," and "Access to Records/Retention)".
- 2. Scope of Services.** CONSULTANT shall provide NVTA those services set forth in CONSULTANT's proposal (EXHIBIT A), attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein. EXHIBIT A is provided solely to describe the services to be provided. Any terms contained in EXHIBIT A that add to, vary or conflict with the terms of this Agreement are null and void.
- 3. Compensation.**

(a) Rates. In consideration of CONSULTANT's fulfillment of the promised work, NVTA shall pay CONSULTANT at the rate set forth in EXHIBIT B, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

(b) Expenses. Unless explicitly agreed in writing, no direct expenses, including travel or other expenses, will be reimbursed by NVTA.

(c) Maximum Amount. Notwithstanding subparagraphs (a) and (b), the maximum payments under this Agreement shall be a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for professional services and expenses; provided, however, that such amounts shall not be construed as guaranteed sums, and compensation shall be based upon services actually rendered.

#### 4. **Method of Payment.**

(a) Invoices. All payments for compensation shall be made only upon presentation by CONSULTANT to NVTA of an itemized billing invoice in a form acceptable to the NVTA Director Administration, Finance and Policy which indicates, at a minimum, CONSULTANT's name, address, Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number, itemization of the hours worked or, where compensation is on a per-task basis, a description of the tasks completed during the billing period, the person(s) actually performing the services and the position(s) held by such person(s), and the approved hourly or task rate. CONSULTANT shall submit invoices not more often than every 30 days to NVTA Accounts Payable at 625 Burnell Street, Napa, CA 94559 or electronically to [ap@nvta.ca.gov](mailto:ap@nvta.ca.gov), who after review and approval as to form and content, shall submit the invoice to the NVTA Director Administration, Finance and Policy no later than fifteen (15) calendar days following receipt.

(b) Legal status. So that NVTA may properly comply with its reporting obligations under federal and state laws pertaining to taxation, if CONSULTANT is or becomes a corporation during the term of this Agreement, proof that such status is currently recognized by and complies with the laws of both the state of incorporation or organization and the State of California, if different, shall be maintained on file with the Secretary of NVTA's Board of Directors at all times during the term of this Agreement in a form satisfactory to the NVTA Director Administration, Finance and Policy. Such proof shall include, but need not be limited to, a copy of any annual or other periodic filings or registrations required by the state of origin or California, the current address for service of process on the corporation or limited liability partnership, and the name of any agent designated for service of process by CONSULTANT within the State of California.

5. **Independent Consultant.** CONSULTANT shall perform this Agreement as an independent CONSULTANT. CONSULTANT and the officers, agents and employees of CONSULTANT are not, and shall not be deemed, NVTA employees for any purpose, including workers' compensation and employee benefits. CONSULTANT shall, at CONSULTANT's own risk and expense, determine the method and manner by which duties imposed on CONSULTANT by this Agreement shall be performed; provided, however, that NVTA may monitor the work performed by CONSULTANT. NVTA shall

not deduct or withhold any amounts whatsoever from the compensation paid to CONSULTANT, including, but not limited to amounts required to be withheld for state and federal taxes. As between the parties to this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall be solely responsible for all such payments.

6. **Specific Performance.** It is agreed that CONSULTANT, including the agents or employees of CONSULTANT, shall be the sole providers of the services required by this Agreement. Because the services to be performed by CONSULTANT under the terms of this Agreement are of a special, unique, unusual, extraordinary, and intellectual or time-sensitive character which gives them a peculiar value, the loss of which cannot be reasonably or adequately compensated in damages in an action of law, NVTA, in addition to any other rights or remedies which NVTA may possess, shall be entitled to injunctive and other equitable relief to prevent a breach of this Agreement by CONSULTANT.

7. **Insurance.** CONSULTANT shall obtain and maintain in full force and effect throughout the term of this Agreement, and thereafter as to matters occurring during the term of this Agreement, the following insurance coverage:

(a) Workers' Compensation insurance. CONSULTANT will provide workers' compensation insurance as required by law during the term of this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall provide workers' compensation insurance for the performance of any of the CONSULTANT's duties under this Agreement; including but not limited to, coverage for workers' compensation and employer's liability and a waiver of subrogation and shall provide NVTA with certification of all such coverages upon request by NVTA's Risk Manager.

(b) Liability insurance. CONSULTANT shall obtain and maintain in full force and effect during the term of this Agreement the following liability insurance coverage's, issued by a company licensed (admitted) to transact business in the State of California and/or having a A.M. Best rating of A VII or better:

1. General Liability. Commercial general liability [CGL] insurance coverage (personal injury and property damage) of not less than ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) combined single limit per occurrence, covering liability or claims for any personal injury, including death, to any person and/or damage to the property of any person arising from the acts or omissions of CONSULTANT or any officer, agent, or employee of CONSULTANT under this Agreement.

2. Professional Liability/Errors and Omissions. Professional liability/errors and omissions insurance for all activities of CONSULTANT arising out of or in connection with this Agreement in an amount not less than ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) per claim.

3. Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance. Comprehensive automobile liability insurance (Bodily Injury and Property Damage) on owned, hired,

leased and non-owned vehicles used in conjunction with CONSULTANT's business of not less than ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) combined single limit per occurrence.

(c) Certificates. All insurance coverage's referenced in 7(b), above, shall be evidenced by one or more certificates of coverage or, with the consent of NVTA's Risk Manager, demonstrated by other evidence of coverage acceptable to NVTA's Risk Manager, which shall be filed by CONSULTANT with NVTA's Deputy Executive Director prior to commencement of performance of any of CONSULTANT's duties; shall be kept current during the term of this Agreement; shall provide that NVTA shall be given no less than thirty (30) days prior written notice of any non-renewal, cancellation, other termination, or material change, except that only ten (10) days prior written notice shall be required where the cause of non-renewal or cancellation is non-payment of premium; and shall provide that the inclusion of more than one insured shall not operate to impair the rights of one insured against another insured, the coverage afforded applying as though separate policies had been issued to each insured, but the inclusion of more than one insured shall not operate to increase the limits of the company's liability. For the commercial general liability insurance coverage referenced in 7(b)(1) and, where the vehicles are covered by a commercial policy rather than a personal policy, for the comprehensive automobile liability insurance coverage referenced in 7(b)(3) CONSULTANT shall also file with the evidence of coverage an endorsement from the insurance provider naming NVTA, its officers, employees, agents and volunteers as additional insureds and waiving subrogation, and the certificate or other evidence of coverage shall provide that if the same policy applies to activities of CONSULTANT not covered by this Agreement then the limits in the applicable certificate relating to the additional insured coverage of NVTA shall pertain only to liability for activities of CONSULTANT under this Agreement, and that the insurance provided is primary coverage to NVTA with respect to any insurance or self-insurance programs maintained by NVTA. The additional insured endorsements for the general liability coverage shall use Insurance Services Office (ISO) Form No. CG 20 09 11 85 or CG 20 10 11 85, or equivalent, including (if used together) CG 2010 10 01 and CG 2037 10 01; but shall not use the following forms: CG 20 10 10 93 or 03 94. Upon request by NVTA's Risk Manager, CONSULTANT shall provide or arrange for the insurer to provide within thirty (30) days of the request, certified copies of the actual insurance policies or relevant portions thereof.

(d) Deductibles/Retentions. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions shall be declared to, and be subject to approval by, NVTA's Risk Manager, which approval shall not be denied unless the NVTA's Risk Manager determines that the deductibles or self-insured retentions are unreasonably large in relation to compensation payable under this Agreement and the risks of liability associated with the activities required of CONSULTANT by this Agreement. At the option of and upon request by NVTA's Risk Manager if it is determined that such deductibles or retentions are unreasonably high, either the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insurance retentions as respects NVTA, its officers, employees, agents and volunteers or CONSULTANT shall

procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claims administration and defense expenses.

8. **Hold Harmless/Defense/Indemnification.** To the fullest extent permitted by law, CONSULTANT shall hold harmless, defend at its own expense, and indemnify NVTA and the officers, agents, employees and volunteers of NVTA from and against any and all liability, claims, losses, damages or expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, for personal injury (including death) or damage to property, arising from all acts or omissions of CONSULTANT or its officers, agents, employees, volunteers, consultants and subconsultants in rendering services under this Agreement, excluding, however, such liability, claims, losses, damages or expenses arising from the sole negligence or willful acts of NVTA or its officers, agents, employees, volunteers, or other consultants or their subconsultants. Each party shall notify the other party immediately in writing of any claim or damage related to activities performed under this Agreement. The parties shall cooperate with each other in the investigation and disposition of any claim arising out of the activities under this Agreement.

9. **Employee Character and Fitness.** CONSULTANT accepts responsibility for determining and approving the character and fitness of its employees (including volunteers, agents or representatives) to provide the services required of CONSULTANT under this Agreement, including completion of a satisfactory criminal/background check and period rechecks to the extent permitted by law. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Paragraph, CONSULTANT, shall hold NVTA and its officers, agents and employees harmless from any liability for injuries or damages resulting from a breach of this provision or CONSULTANT's actions in this regard.

10. **Termination for Cause.** If either party shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner that party's obligations under this Agreement or otherwise breach this Agreement and fail to cure such failure or breach within 20 days of receipt of written notice from the other party describing the nature of the breach, the non-defaulting party may, in addition to any other remedies it may have, terminate this Agreement by giving 10 days written notice to the defaulting party in the manner set forth in Paragraph 13 (Notices). NVTA hereby authorizes the NVTA Executive Director to make all decisions and take all actions required under this Paragraph to terminate the Agreement on behalf of NVTA for cause.

11. **Termination for Convenience.** This Agreement may be terminated by NVTA for any reason and at any time by giving no less than 30 days written notice of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof. NVTA hereby authorizes the NVTA Executive Director to make all decisions and take all actions required under this Paragraph to terminate the Agreement on behalf of NVTA.

12. **Disposition of, Title to and Payment for Work upon Expiration or Termination.**

(a) Upon expiration of this Agreement or earlier termination of Agreement, all finished or unfinished documents and other materials, if any, and all rights therein shall become, at the option of NVTA, the property of and shall be promptly returned to NVTA,

although CONSULTANT may retain a copy of such work for its personal records only. Unless otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, any copyrightable or patentable work created by CONSULTANT under this Agreement shall be deemed a “work made for hire” for purposes of copyright or patent law and only NVTA shall be entitled to claim or apply for the copyright or patent thereof.

(b) CONSULTANT shall be entitled to receive compensation for any satisfactory work completed prior to receipt of the notice of termination or commenced prior to receipt of the notice and completed satisfactorily prior to the effective date of the termination; except that CONSULTANT shall not be relieved of liability to NVTA for damages sustained by NVTA by virtue of any breach of the Agreement by CONSULTANT whether or not the Agreement expired or was otherwise terminated, and NVTA may withhold any payments not yet made to CONSULTANT for purpose of setoff until such time as the exact amount of damages due to NVTA from CONSULTANT is determined.

13. **No Waiver.** The waiver by either party of any breach or violation of any requirement of this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any such breach in the future, or of the breach of any other requirement of this Agreement.

14. **Notices.** All notices required or authorized by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered in person or by deposit in the United States mail, by certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested. Any mailed notice, demand, request, consent, approval or communication that either party desires to give the other party shall be addressed to the other party at the address set forth below. Either party may change its address by notifying the other party of the change of address. Any notice sent by mail in the manner prescribed by this paragraph shall be deemed to have been received on the date noted on the return receipt or five days following the date of deposit, whichever is earlier.

NVTA  
Danielle Schmitz  
Executive Director  
625 Burnell Street  
Napa, CA. 94559

CONSULTANT  
[Name]  
[Title]  
[Address]  
[City, State, Zip Code]

15. **Compliance with NVTA Policies on Waste, Harassment, Drug/Alcohol-Free Workplace, and Computer Use.** CONSULTANT hereby agrees to comply, and require its employees and subconsultants to comply, with the following policies, copies of which are on file with the Board Secretary of NVTA and incorporated by reference herein. CONSULTANT also agrees that it shall not engage in any activities, or permit its officers, agents and employees to do so, during the performance of any of the services required under this Agreement, which would interfere with compliance or induce violation of these policies by NVTA employees or consultants.

(a) NVTA Policy for Maintaining a Harassment Free Work Environment effective November 18, 2015.

(b) NVTA Drug and Alcohol Policy adopted by resolution of the Board of Directors on November 18, 2015.

(c) Napa County Information Technology Use and Security Policy adopted by resolution of the Napa County Board of Supervisors on April 4, 2005. To this end, all employees and subconsultant's of CONSULTANT whose performance of services under this Agreement requires access to any portion of the NVTA computer network shall sign and have on file with NVTA prior to receiving such access the certification attached to said Policy.

(d) NVTA System Safety Program Plan adopted by resolution of the Board of Directors on November 18, 2015.

16. **Confidentiality.** Confidential information is defined as all information disclosed to CONSULTANT which relates to NVTA's past, present, and future activities, as well as activities under this Agreement. CONSULTANT shall hold all such information as CONSULTANT may receive, if any, in trust and confidence, except with the prior written approval of NVTA, expressed through its Executive Director. Upon cancellation or expiration of this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall return to NVTA all written and descriptive matter which contains any such confidential information, except that CONSULTANT may retain for its files a copy of CONSULTANT's work product if such product has been made available to the public by NVTA.

17. **No Assignments or Subcontracts.**

(a) A consideration of this Agreement is the personal reputation of CONSULTANT; therefore, CONSULTANT shall not assign any interest in this Agreement or subcontract any of the services CONSULTANT is to perform hereunder without the prior written consent of NVTA, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. The inability of the assignee to provide personnel equivalent in experience, expertise, and numbers to those provided by CONSULTANT, or to perform any of the remaining services required under this Agreement within the same time frame required of CONSULTANT shall be deemed to be reasonable grounds for NVTA to withhold its consent to assignment. For purposes of this subparagraph, the consent of NVTA may be given by its Executive Director.

(b) Effect of Change in Status. If CONSULTANT changes its status during the term of this Agreement from or to that of a corporation, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, general partnership, or sole proprietorship, such change in organizational status shall be viewed as an attempted assignment of this Agreement by CONSULTANT. Failure of CONSULTANT to obtain approval of such assignment under this Paragraph shall be viewed as a material breach of this Agreement.

18. **Amendment/Modification.** Except as specifically provided herein, this Agreement may be modified or amended only in writing signed by both Parties. In particular, only NVTA, through its Board of Directors in the form of an amendment of this Agreement, may authorize extra and/or changed work beyond the scope of services prescribed by EXHIBIT A. Failure of CONSULTANT to secure such authorization in writing in advance of performing any of the extra or changed work shall constitute a waiver of any and all rights to adjustment in the contract price or contract time and no compensation shall be paid for such extra work.

19. **Interpretation; Venue.**

(a) Interpretation. The headings used herein are for reference only. The terms of the Agreement are set out in the text under the headings. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California without regard to the choice of law or conflicts.

(b) Venue. This Agreement is made in Napa County, California. The venue for any legal action in state court filed by either party to this Agreement for the purpose of interpreting or enforcing any provision of this Agreement shall be in the Superior Court of California, County of Napa, a unified court. The venue for any legal action in federal court filed by either party to this Agreement for the purpose of interpreting or enforcing any provision of this Agreement lying within the jurisdiction of the federal courts shall be the Northern District of California. The appropriate venue for arbitration, mediation or similar legal proceedings under this Agreement shall be Napa County, California; however, nothing in this sentence shall obligate either party to submit to mediation or arbitration any dispute arising under this Agreement.

20. **Compliance with Laws.** CONSULTANT shall observe and comply with all currently applicable Federal, State and local laws, ordinances, and codes, including but not limited to the Federal laws contained in Attachment 1, and as amended from time to time. Such laws shall include, but not be limited to, the following, except where prohibited by law:

(a) Non-Discrimination. During the performance of this Agreement, CONSULTANT and its subconsultant's shall not deny the benefits thereof to any person on the basis of sex, race, color, ancestry, religion or religious creed, national origin or ethnic group identification, sexual orientation, marital status, age (over 40), mental disability, physical disability or medical condition (including cancer, HIV and AIDS), nor shall they discriminate unlawfully against any employee or applicant for employment because of sex, race, color, ancestry, religion or religious creed, national origin or ethnic group identification, sexual orientation, marital status, age (over 40), mental disability, physical disability or medical condition (including cancer, HIV and AIDS), or use of family care leave. CONSULTANT shall ensure that the evaluation and treatment of employees and applicants for employment are free of such discrimination or harassment. In addition to the foregoing general obligations, CONSULTANT shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code section 12900, et seq.), the regulations promulgated there under (Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section

7285.0, et seq.), the provisions of Article 9.5, Chapter 1, Part 1, Division 3, Title 2 of the Government Code (sections 11135-11139.5) and any state or local regulations adopted to implement any of the foregoing, as such statutes and regulations may be amended from time to time. To the extent this Agreement subcontracts to CONSULTANT services or works required of NVTA by the State of California pursuant to Agreement between NVTA and the State, the applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing Government Code section 12990 (a) through (f), set forth in Chapter 5 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations are expressly incorporated into this Agreement by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full, and CONSULTANT and any of its subconsultant's shall give written notice of their obligations there under to labor organizations with which they have collective bargaining or other agreements.

(b) Documentation of Right to Work. CONSULTANT agrees to abide by the requirements of the Immigration and Control Reform Act pertaining to assuring that all newly-hired employees of CONSULTANT performing any services under this Agreement have a legal right to work in the United States of America, that all required documentation of such right to work is inspected, and that INS Form 1-9 (as it may be amended from time to time) is completed and on file for each employee. CONSULTANT shall make the required documentation available upon request to NVTA for inspection.

(c) Inclusion in Subcontracts. To the extent any of the services required of CONSULTANT under this Agreement are subcontracted to a third party; CONSULTANT shall include all of the provisions of this Section, and any applicable Federal provisions contained in Attachment 1 in all such subcontracts as obligations of the subconsultant.

21. **Taxes.** CONSULTANT agrees to file federal and state tax returns or applicable withholding documents and to pay all applicable taxes or make all required withholdings on amounts paid pursuant to this Agreement and shall be solely liable and responsible to make such withholdings and/or pay such taxes and other obligations including, without limitation, state and federal income and FICA taxes. CONSULTANT agrees to indemnify and hold NVTA harmless from any liability it may incur to the United States or the State of California as a consequence of CONSULTANT's failure to pay or withhold, when due, all such taxes and obligations. In the event that NVTA is audited for compliance regarding any withholding or other applicable taxes or amounts, CONSULTANT agrees to furnish NVTA with proof of payment of taxes or withholdings on those earnings.

22. **Access to Records/Retention.** NVTA, any federal or state grantor agency funding all or part of the compensation payable hereunder, the State Controller, the Comptroller General of the United States, or the duly authorized representatives of any of the above, shall have access to any books, documents, papers and records of CONSULTANT which are directly pertinent to the subject matter of this Agreement for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts and transcriptions. Except where longer retention is required by any federal or state law, CONSULTANT shall maintain all required records for at least seven (7) years after NVTA makes final payment for any other work authorized hereunder and all pending matters are closed, whichever is later.

23. **Authority to Contract.** CONSULTANT and NVTA each warrant hereby that they are legally permitted and otherwise have the authority to enter into and perform this Agreement.

24. **Conflict of Interest.**

(a) Covenant of No Undisclosed Conflict. The parties to the Agreement acknowledge that they are aware of the provisions of Government Code section 1090, et seq., and section 87100, et seq., relating to conflict of interest of public officers and employees. CONSULTANT hereby covenants that it presently has no interest not disclosed to NVTA and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any material manner or degree with the performance of its services or confidentiality obligation hereunder, except as such as NVTA may consent to in writing prior to the acquisition by CONSULTANT of such conflict. CONSULTANT further warrants that it is unaware of any financial or economic interest of any public officer or employee of NVTA relating to this Agreement. CONSULTANT agrees that if such financial interest does exist at the inception of this Agreement, NVTA may terminate this Agreement immediately upon giving written notice without further obligation by NVTA to CONSULTANT under this Agreement.

(b) Statements of Economic Interest. CONSULTANT acknowledges and understands that NVTA has developed and approved a Conflict of Interest Code as required by state law which requires CONSULTANT to file with the Elections Division of the Napa County Assessor-Clerk Recorder "assuming office", "annual", and "leaving office" Statements of Economic Interest as a "consultant", as defined in section 18701(a)(2) of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, unless the NVTA Executive Director has determined in writing that CONSULTANT, although holding a "designated" position as a consultant, has been hired to perform a range of duties so limited in scope as to not be required to fully comply with such disclosure obligation. CONSULTANT agrees to timely comply with all filing obligations for a consultant under NVTA's Conflict of Interest Code unless such a determination is on file on the filing dates for each of the required Statements of Economic Interest.

25. **Non-Solicitation of Employees.** Each party agrees not to solicit for employment the employees of the other party who were directly involved in the performance of the services hereunder for the term of this Agreement and a period of six (6) months after termination of this Agreement except with the written permission of the other party, except that nothing in this Paragraph shall preclude NVTA from publishing or otherwise distributing applications and information regarding NVTA job openings where such publication or distribution is directed to the general public.

26. **Third Party Beneficiaries.** Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to create any rights in third parties and the parties do not intend to create such rights.

27. **Attorney's Fees.** In the event that either party commences legal action of any kind or character to either enforce the provisions of this Agreement or to obtain damages for breach thereof, the prevailing party in such litigation shall be entitled to all costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in connection with such action.

28. **Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement, or any portion thereof, is found by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable or invalid for any reason, such provision shall be severable and shall not in any way impair the enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement.

29. **Entirety of Contract.** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties relating to the subject of this Agreement and supersedes all previous agreements, promises, representations, understandings and negotiations, whether written or oral, among the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof.

30. **Extensions Authorized.** The Executive Director is delegated authority to execute amendments to extend the term of this Agreement, if needed from time to time.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, this Agreement was executed by the parties hereto as of the date first above written.

"NVTA"

"CONSULTANT"  
[NAME OF CONSULTANT]

By \_\_\_\_\_  
DANIELLE SCHMITZ, Executive Director

By \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME, Title, Signature

ATTEST:

By \_\_\_\_\_  
LAURA SANDERLIN, Board Secretary

By \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME, Title, Signature

Approved as to Form:

By \_\_\_\_\_  
OSMAN MUFTI, NVTA General Counsel

## ATTACHMENT 1 – FEDERAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

### 1. AMENDMENTS

Any changes in the activities to be performed under this Agreement shall be incorporated in written amendments, which shall specify the changes in work performed and any adjustments in compensation and schedule. All amendments shall be executed by the NVTA Executive Director or a designated representative and CONSULTANT. No claim for additional compensation or extension of time shall be recognized unless contained in a duly executed amendment.

### 2. TERMINATION

Consultant's failure to perform any term or condition of this Agreement as a result of conditions beyond its control such as, but not limited to, war, strikes, fires, floods, acts of God, governmental restrictions, power failures, or damage or destruction of any network facilities or servers, shall not be deemed a breach of this Agreement, and may be cause for termination of the Agreement.

### 3. RETENTION OF RECORDS

Consultant agrees to keep, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, all records pertaining to the project for audit purposes for a minimum of three (3) years following final payment to Consultant or four (4) years following the fiscal year of the last expenditure under this Agreement, whichever is longer, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this contract, in which case Consultant agrees to maintain same until NVTA, the FTA Administrator, the Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives, have disposed of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto.

### 4. AUDITS

Consultant agrees to grant NVTA or any agency that provides NVTA with funds for the Project, including but not limited to, the U.S. Department of Transportation, FTA, the Comptroller General of the United States, the State, and their authorized representatives access to Consultant's books and records for the purpose of verifying that funds are properly accounted for and proceeds are expended in accordance with the terms of the Agreement. All documents shall be available for inspection during normal business hours at any time while the Project is underway, and for the retention period specified herein. The Consultant agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.

Consultant further agrees to include in all its third-party contracts hereunder a provision to the effect that the Consultant agrees that NVTA, the U.S. Department of Transportation, FTA, the Comptroller General of the United States, the State, or any of their duly authorized representatives shall have access to and the right to examine any directly pertinent books, documents, papers, and records of such subconsultant, during normal business hours, for the term specified above. The term "contract" as used in this clause excludes agreements not exceeding \$25,000.

### 5. LICENSE TO WORK PRODUCTS (reserved)

### 6. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY/ CIVIL RIGHTS

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 2000d); Section 303 of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 6102); Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. § 12132; and 49 U.S.C. § 5332 for federally funded projects, Consultant agrees that it will not, on the grounds of race, religious creed, color, national origin, age, physical disability, or sex, discriminate or permit discrimination against any employee or applicant for employment

### 7. DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (DBE)

The requirements of 49 CFR Part 26, Regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation, apply to this contract. It is the policy of the Napa Valley Transportation Authority to practice nondiscrimination based on race, color, sex, or national origin in the award or performance of this contract. All firms qualifying under this solicitation are encouraged to submit bids/proposals. Award of this contract will be conditioned upon satisfying the requirements of this bid specification. These requirements apply to all bidders/offers, including those who qualify as a DBE. A DBE contract goal of 0 percent has been established for this contract. The bidder/offeree shall make good faith efforts, as defined in Appendix A, 49 CFR Part 26 (Attachment 1), to meet the contract goal for DBE participation in the performance of this contract.

The bidder/offeree will be required to submit the following information:

- (a) the names and addresses of DBE firms that will participate in the contract;
- (b) a description of the work that each DBE firm will perform;
- (c) the dollar amount of the participation of each DBE firm participating;
- (d) Written documentation of the bidder/offeree's commitment to use a DBE subconsultant whose participation it submits to meet the contract goal;
- (e) Written confirmation from the DBE that it is participating in the contract as provided in the commitment made under (d); and
- (f) if the contract goal is not met, evidence of good faith efforts.

The consultant, subrecipient, or subconsultant shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The consultant shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of DOT assisted contracts. Failure by the consultant 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 the recipient deems appropriate.

The prime consultant agrees to pay each subconsultant under this prime contract for satisfactory performance of its contract no later than 15 days from the receipt of each payment the prime contract receives from NVTA. The prime consultant agrees further to return retainage payments to each subconsultant within thirty days after the subconsultants work is satisfactorily completed. Any delay or postponement of payment from the above referenced time

frame may occur only for good cause following written approval of the NVTA. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontracts.

Failure to comply with the terms of this provision may result in any or all of the following actions including but not limited to:

1. A finding of material breach of contract
2. Suspension of payment of invoices
3. Bringing to the attention of the Department

of Transportation any false, fraudulent, or dishonest conduct in connection with the program, so that DOT can take the steps (e.g., referral to the Department of Justice for criminal prosecution, referral to the DOT Inspector General, action under suspension and debarment or Program Fraud and Civil Penalties result) provided in 26.109.

The obligation of the bidder/offeror is to make good faith efforts. The bidder/offeror can demonstrate that it has done so either by meeting the contract goal or documenting good faith efforts. Examples of good faith efforts are found in Appendix A to Part 26. Forms 1 and 2 should be provided as part of the solicitation documents.

#### 8. INCORPORATION OF FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) TERMS

In the event that this project is funded by FTA in whole or in part, all contractual provisions required by DOT, as set forth in FTA Circular 4220.1F are hereby incorporated by reference. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, all FTA mandated terms shall be deemed to control in the event of a conflict with other provisions contained in this Agreement. The Consultant shall not perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any NVTA requests which would cause NVTA to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions.

#### 9. ACCESS REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES (Reserved)

#### 10. STATE ENERGY CONSERVATION PLAN

Consultant shall comply with all mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency that are contained in the State energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. § 6321)

#### 11. DEBARMENT

Consultant certifies that neither it nor any of its participants, principals, or subconsultants is or has been debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions, as they are defined in 49 CFR Part 29, by any Federal agency or department. Consultant is required to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C and must include the requirement to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

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

The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by NVTA. If it is later determined that the bidder or proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to NVTA, the

Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 49 CFR 29, Subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

#### 12. CLEAN AIR AND WATER POLLUTION ACTS

Consultant agrees to comply with the applicable requirements of all standards, orders, or requirements issued under the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 7401 *et seq.*), the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1251 *et seq.*), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR Part 15). The Consultant agrees to report each violation to NVTA and understands and agrees that NVTA will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to FTA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office. (2) The Consultant also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance.

#### 13. LOBBYING

Consultant agrees to comply with the restrictions on the use of federal funds for lobbying activities set forth in 31 U.S.C. § 1352 and 49 CFR Part 20. In addition, in the event the Agreement exceeds \$100,000, Consultant agrees to comply with the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. 1352, as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, P.L. 104-65 and 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. APPENDIX A, 49 CFR PART 20--CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements (To be submitted with each proposal or offer exceeding \$100,000).

#### 14. INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Consultant shall hold harmless, defend at its own expense, and indemnify NVTA and the officers, agents, employees and volunteers of NVTA from any and all liability, claims, losses, damages or expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, for personal injury (including death) or damage to property, from claims that to the extent they arise out of, pertain to, or relate to the negligent acts or omissions of Consultant or its officers, agents, employees, volunteers, consultants and subconsultants in rendering professional services under this Agreement which constitute negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct, excluding, however, such liability, claims, losses, damages or expenses arising from the negligence or willful acts of NVTA

or its officers, agents, employees or volunteers or any third parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties agree that Consultant's obligation to defend the NVTA is solely limited to reimbursing NVTA for its reasonable costs for defending a claim including reasonable attorney's fee, incurred by NVTA which are ultimately determined to be due to Consultant's negligence, recklessness or willful misconduct. Each party shall notify the other party immediately in writing of any claim or damage related to activities performed under this Agreement.

#### 15. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

Consultant shall comply with any and all laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, and requirements of the federal, state or local government, and any agency thereof, including, but not limited to NVTA, the U.S. DOT and FTA, which relate to or in any manner affect the performance of this Agreement. Those law, statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, and procedural requirements that are imposed on NVTA as a Recipient of federal or state funds are hereby in turn imposed on Consultant (including, but not limited to, 49 CFR Part 18, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments"), and are herein incorporated by this reference and made a part hereof.

#### 16. BUY AMERICA REGULATIONS

Consultant agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j) and 49CFR Part 661 which provide that Federal funds may not be obligated unless steel, iron, and manufactured products used in FTA-funded projects are produced in the United States, unless a waiver has been granted by FTA or the product is subject to a general wavier. An Offeror must submit to the FTA recipient the appropriate Buy America certification with all proposals on FTA-funded contracts, except those subject to a general wavier. The Buy America Certification may be found on file in the offices of NVTA. Proposals or offers that are not accompanied by a completed Buy America certification must be rejected as nonresponsive. This requirement does not apply to lower tier subconsultants.

#### 17. COMPLIANCE WITH FTA REGULATIONS

Consultant shall at all times comply with all applicable FTA regulations, policies, procedures and directives, including without limitation those listed directly or by reference in the Master Agreement between NVTA and FTA, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of this contract. Consultant's failure to so comply shall constitute a material breach of this contract.

#### 18. DAVIS-BACON ACT

##### (a) Minimum wages

(i) All laborers and mechanics employed or working upon the site of the work (or under the United States Housing Act of 1937 or under the Housing Act of 1949 in the construction or development of the project), will be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a week, and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account (except such payroll deductions as are permitted by regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor under the Copeland Act (29 CFR part 3)), the full amount of wages and bona fide fringe benefits (or cash equivalents thereof) due at time of payment computed at

rates not less than those contained in the wage determination of the Secretary of Labor which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the Consultant and such laborers and mechanics.

Contributions made or costs reasonably anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits under section 1(b)(2) of the Davis-Bacon Act on behalf of laborers or mechanics are considered wages paid to such laborers or mechanics, subject to the provisions of paragraph (1)(iv) of this section; also, regular contributions made or costs incurred for more than a weekly period (but not less often than quarterly) under plans, funds, or programs which cover the particular weekly period, are deemed to be constructively made or incurred during such weekly period. Such laborers and mechanics shall be paid the appropriate wage rate and fringe benefits on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed, without regard to skill, except as provided in 29 CFR Part 5.5(a)(4). Laborers or mechanics performing work in more than one classification may be compensated at the rate specified for each classification for the time actually worked therein: Provided, That the employer's payroll records accurately set forth the time spent in each classification in which work is performed. The wage determination and the Davis-Bacon poster (WH-1321) shall be posted at all times by the Consultant and its subconsultants at the site of the work in a prominent and accessible place where it can be easily seen by the workers.

(ii)(A) The contracting officer shall require that any class of laborers or mechanics, including helpers, which is not listed in the wage determination and which is to be employed under the contract shall be classified in conformance with the wage determination. The contracting officer shall approve an additional classification and wage rate and fringe benefits therefore only when the following criteria have been met:

(1) Except with respect to helpers as defined as 29 CFR 5.2(n)(4), the work to be performed by the classification requested is not performed by a classification in the wage determination; and

(2) The classification is utilized in the area by the construction industry; and

(3) The proposed wage rate, including any bona fide fringe benefits, bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination; and

(4) With respect to helpers as defined in 29 CFR 5.2(n)(4), such a classification prevails in the area in which the work is performed.

(B) If the consultant and the laborers and mechanics to be employed in the classification (if known), or their representatives, and the contracting officer agree on the classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits where appropriate), a report of the action taken shall be sent by the contracting officer to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will approve, modify, or disapprove every additional classification action within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

(C) In the event the consultant, the laborers or mechanics to be employed in the classification or their representatives, and the contracting officer do not agree on the proposed classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits, where appropriate), the contracting officer shall refer the questions, including the views of all interested parties and the recommendation of the contracting officer, to the Administrator for determination. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will issue a determination within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

(D) The wage rate (including fringe benefits where appropriate) determined pursuant to paragraphs (a)(1)(ii) (B) or (C) of this section, shall be paid to all workers performing work in the classification under this contract from the first day on which work is performed in the classification.

(iii) Whenever the minimum wage rate prescribed in the contract for a class of laborers or mechanics includes a fringe benefit which is not expressed as an hourly rate, the consultant shall either pay the benefit as stated in the wage determination or shall pay another bona fide fringe benefit or an hourly cash equivalent thereof.

(iv) If the consultant does not make payments to a trustee or other third person, the consultant may consider as part of the wages of any laborer or mechanic the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing bona fide fringe benefits under a plan or program, Provided, That the Secretary of Labor has found, upon the written request of the consultant, that the applicable standards of the Davis-Bacon Act have been met. The Secretary of Labor may require the consultant to set aside in a separate account assets for the meeting of obligations under the plan or program.

(v)(A) The contracting officer shall require that any class of laborers or mechanics which is not listed in the wage determination and which is to be employed under the contract shall be classified in conformance with the wage determination. The contracting officer shall approve an additional classification and wage rate and fringe benefits therefore only when the following criteria have been met:

(1) The work to be performed by the classification requested is not performed by a classification in the wage determination; and

(2) The classification is utilized in the area by the construction industry; and

(3) The proposed wage rate, including any bona fide fringe benefits, bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination.

(B) If the consultant and the laborers and mechanics to be employed in the classification (if known), or their representatives, and the contracting officer agree on the classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits where appropriate), a report of the action taken shall be sent by the contracting officer to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, Washington, DC 20210. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will approve, modify, or disapprove every additional classification action within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

(C) In the event the consultant, the laborers or mechanics to be employed in the classification or their representatives, and the contracting officer do not agree on the proposed classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits, where appropriate), the contracting officer shall refer the questions, including the views of all interested parties and the recommendation of the contracting officer, to the Administrator for determination. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will issue a determination with 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

(D) The wage rate (including fringe benefits where appropriate) determined pursuant to paragraphs (1)(iv) (B) or (C) of this section, shall be paid to all workers performing work in the classification under this contract from the first day on which work is performed in the classification.

(b) Withholding

The NVT A shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld from the consultant under this contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime consultant, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements, which is held by the same prime consultant, so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to pay laborers and mechanics, including apprentices, Trainees, and helpers, employed by the consultant or any subconsultant the full amount of wages required by the contract. In the event of failure to pay any laborer or mechanic, including any apprentice, trainee, or helper, employed or working on the site of the work (or under the United States Housing Act of 1937 or under the Housing Act of 1949 in the construction or development of the project), all or part of the wages required by the contract, the NVT A may, after written notice to the consultant, sponsor, applicant, or owner, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds until such violations have ceased.

(c) Payrolls and basic records

(i) Payrolls and basic records relating thereto shall be maintained by the consultant during the course of the work and preserved for a period of three years thereafter for all laborers and mechanics working at the site of the work (or under the United States Housing Act of 1937, or under the Housing Act of 1949, in the construction or development of the project). Such records shall contain the name, address, and social security number of each such worker, his or her correct classification, hourly rates of wages paid (including rates of contributions or costs anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits or cash equivalents thereof of the types described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act), daily and weekly number of hours worked, deductions made and actual wages paid. Whenever the Secretary of Labor has found under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(iv) that the wages of any laborer or mechanic include the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing benefits under a plan or program described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act, the consultant shall maintain records which show that the commitment to provide such benefits is enforceable, that the plan or program is

financially responsible, and that the plan or program has been communicated in writing to the laborers or mechanics affected, and records which show the costs anticipated or the actual cost incurred in providing such benefits. Consultants employing apprentices or Trainees under approved programs shall maintain written evidence of the registration of apprenticeship programs and certification of trainee programs, the registration of the apprentices and Trainees, and the ratios and wage rates prescribed in the applicable programs.

(ii)(A) The Consultant shall submit weekly for each week in which any contract work is performed a copy of all payrolls to the NVTa for transmission to the Federal Transit Administration. The payrolls submitted shall set out accurately and completely all of the information required to be maintained under 29 CFR part 5. This information may be submitted in any form desired. Optional Form WH-347 is available for this purpose and may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents (Federal Stock Number 029-005-00014-1), U.S. Government printing office, Washington, DC 20402. The prime Consultant is responsible for the submission of copies of payrolls by all subconsultants.

(B) Each payroll submitted shall be accompanied by a "Statement of Compliance," signed by the consultant or subconsultant or his or her agent who pays or supervises the payment of the persons employed under the contract and shall certify the following:

(1) That the payroll for the payroll period contains the information required to be maintained under 29 CFR part 5 and that such information is correct and complete;

(2) That each laborer or mechanic (including each helper, apprentice, and trainee) employed on the contract during the payroll period has been paid the full weekly wages earned, without rebate, either directly or indirectly, and that no deductions have been made either directly or indirectly from the full wages earned, other than permissible deductions as set forth in Regulations, 29 CFR part 3;

(3) That each laborer or mechanic has been paid not less than the applicable wage rates and fringe benefits or cash equivalents for the classification of work performed, as specified in the applicable wage determination incorporated into the contract.

(C) The weekly submission of a properly executed certification set forth on the reverse side of Optional Form WH-347 shall satisfy the requirement for submission of the "Statement of Compliance" required by paragraph (3)(ii)(B) of this section.

(D) The falsification of any of the above certifications may subject the consultant or subconsultant to civil or criminal prosecution under section 1001 of title 18 and section 231 of title 31 of the United States Code.

(iii) The consultant or subconsultant shall make the records required under paragraph (3)(i) of this section available for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the Federal Transit Administration or the Department of Labor, and shall permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job. If the consultant or subconsultant fails to submit the required records or to make them available, the Federal agency may, after written notice to the consultant, sponsor, applicant, or owner, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds.

Furthermore, failure to submit the required records upon request or to make such records available may be grounds for debarment action pursuant to 29 CFR 5.12.

(d) Apprentices and Trainees

(i) Apprentices - Apprentices will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they performed when they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a bona fide apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, or with a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Bureau, or if a person is employed in his or her first 90 days of probationary employment as an apprentice in such an apprenticeship program, who is not individually registered in the program, but who has been certified by the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training or a State Apprenticeship Agency (where appropriate) to be eligible for probationary employment as an apprentice. The allowable ratio of apprentices to journeymen on the job site in any craft classification shall not be greater than the ratio permitted to the consultant as to the entire work force under the registered program. Any worker listed on a payroll at an apprentice wage rate, who is not registered or otherwise employed as stated above, shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any apprentice performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. Where a consultant is performing construction on a project in a locality other than that in which its program is registered, the ratios and wage rates (expressed in percentages of the journeyman's hourly rate) specified in the consultants or subconsultants registered program shall be observed. Every apprentice must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the registered program for the apprentice's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeymen hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Apprentices shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the apprenticeship program. If the apprenticeship program does not specify fringe benefits, apprentices must be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination for the applicable classification. If the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor determines that a different practice prevails for the applicable apprentice classification, fringes shall be paid in accordance with that determination. In the event the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, or a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Bureau, withdraws approval of an apprenticeship program, the consultant will no longer be permitted to utilize apprentices at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

(ii) Trainees - Except as provided in 29 CFR 5.16, Trainees will not be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work performed unless they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a program which has received prior approval, evidenced by formal certification by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration. The ratio of Trainees to journeymen on the job site shall not be greater than permitted under the plan approved by the Employment and Training

Administration. Every Trainee must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the approved program for the Trainee level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeyman hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Trainees shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the Trainee program. If the Trainee program does not mention fringe benefits, Trainees shall be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination unless the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division determines that there is an apprenticeship program associated with the corresponding journeyman wage rate on the wage determination which provides for less than full fringe benefits for apprentices. Any employee listed on the payroll at a Trainee rate who is not registered and participating in a Training plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any Trainee performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. In the event the Employment and Training Administration withdraws approval of a Training program, the consultant will no longer be permitted to utilize Trainees at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

(iii) Equal employment opportunity - The utilization of apprentices, Trainees and journeymen under this part shall be in conformity with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Executive Order 11246, as amended, and 29 CFR part 30.

(e) Compliance with Copeland Act requirements: The consultant shall comply with the requirements of 29 CFR part 3, which are incorporated by reference in this contract.

(f) Subcontracts: The consultant or subconsultant shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses contained in 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1) through (10) and such other clauses as the Federal Transit Administration may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subconsultants to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime consultant shall be responsible for the compliance by any subconsultant or lower tier subconsultant with all the contract clauses in 29 CFR 5.5.

(g) Contract termination: debarment - A breach of the contract clauses in 29 CFR 5.5 may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a consultant and a subconsultant as provided in 29 CFR 5.12.

(h) Compliance with Davis-Bacon and Related Act requirements: All rulings and interpretations of the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts contained in 29 CFR parts 1, 3, and 5 are herein incorporated by reference in this contract.

(i) Disputes concerning labor standards: Disputes arising out of the labor standards provisions of this contract shall not be subject to the general disputes clause of this contract. Such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures of the Department of Labor set forth in 29 CFR parts 5, 6, and 7. Disputes within the meaning of this clause include disputes

between the consultant (or any of its subconsultants) and the contracting agency, the U.S. Department of Labor, or the employees or their representatives.

(j) Certification of eligibility:

(i) By entering into this contract, the consultant certifies that neither it (nor he or she) nor any person or firm who has an interest in the consultant's firm is a person or firm ineligible to be awarded Government contracts by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).

(ii) No part of this contract shall be subcontracted to any person or firm ineligible for award of a Government contract by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).

(iii) The penalty for making false statements is prescribed in the U.S. Criminal Code, 18 U.S.C. 1001.

## 19 CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT

(a) Overtime requirements: No consultant or subconsultant contracting for any part of the contract 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 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 hours in such workweek.

(b) Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages: In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section the consultant and any subconsultant responsible therefore shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such consultant and subconsultant shall be liable to the United States for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section.

(c) Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages: The (write in the name of the grantee) shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the consultant or subconsultant under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime consultant, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime consultant, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such consultant or subconsultant for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (2) of this section.

(d) Subcontracts: The consultant or subconsultant shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the subconsultants to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime consultant shall be responsible for compliance by any subconsultant or lower tier

subconsultant with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this section.

## 20. NO GOVERNMENT OBLIGATION TO THIRD PARTIES

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

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

## 21. PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS AND RELATED ACT

(a) The Consultant 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 Consultant certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, pertaining to the underlying contract or the FTA assisted project for which this contract work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, the Consultant 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 Consultant to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

(b) The Consultant also acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the Federal Government under a contract connected with a project that is financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance originally awarded by FTA under

the authority of 49 U.S.C. § 5307, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 49 U.S.C. § 5307(n)(1) on the Consultant, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate. (3) The Consultant agrees to include the above two clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA. It is further agreed that the clauses shall not be modified, except to identify the subconsultant who will be subject

## 22. CARGO PREFERENCE-U.S.FLAG

(a) Agreement Clauses. "Use of United States-flag vessels:

(1) Pursuant to Pub. L. 664 (43 U.S.C. 1241(b)) at least 50 percent of any equipment, materials or commodities procured, contracted for or otherwise obtained with funds granted, guaranteed, loaned, or advanced by the U.S. Government under this agreement, and which may be

transported by ocean vessel, shall be transported on privately owned United States-flag commercial vessels, if available.

(2) Within 20 days following the date of loading for shipments originating within the United States or within 30 working days following the date of loading for shipments originating outside the United States, a legible copy of a rated, 'on-board' commercial ocean bill-of-lading in English for each shipment of cargo described in paragraph (a)(1) of this section shall be furnished to the Contracting Officer (through the prime Consultant in the case of subconsultant bills-of-lading).

(b) Consultant and Subconsultant Clauses. "Use of United States-flag vessels: The consultant agrees-

(1) To utilize privately owned United States-flag commercial vessels to ship at least 50 percent of the gross tonnage (computed separately for dry bulk carriers, dry cargo liners, and tankers) involved, whenever shipping any equipment, material, or commodities pursuant to this contract, to the extent such vessels are available at fair and reasonable rates for United States-flag commercial vessels.

(2) To furnish within 20 days following the date of loading for shipments originating within the United States or within 30 working days following the date of loading for shipments originating outside the United States, a legible copy of a rated, 'on-board' commercial ocean bill-of-lading in English for each shipment of cargo described in paragraph (b) (1) of this section to the Contracting Officer (through the prime consultant in the case of subconsultant bills-of-lading).

(3) To insert the substance of the provisions of this clause in all subcontracts issued pursuant to this contract.



## EXHIBIT A

### SCOPE OF WORK

CONSULTANT shall provide NVTAs with the following services:

**II. COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7550.** As required by Government Code section 7550, each document or report prepared by CONSULTANT for or under the direction of NVTAs pursuant to this Agreement shall contain the numbers and dollar amounts of the Agreement and all subcontracts under the Agreement relating to the preparation of the document or written report. The Agreement and subcontract dollar amounts shall be contained in a separate section of the document or written report. If multiple documents or written reports are the subject of the Agreement or subcontracts, the disclosure section may also contain a statement indicating that the total contract amount represents compensation for multiple documents or written report