**KANSAS CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**TRAVEL POLICY FOR CONTRACTORS**

Contractors will be reimbursed for authorized and documented expenses incurred while conducting KCATA business. Expenses for a traveler’s companion are not eligible for reimbursement. Contractors are expected to make prudent business decisions and comparison shop for airfares, rental cars, lodging, etc., and to keep in mind that they are being reimbursed with public monies.

Receipts, paid bills or other documentary evidence for expenditures must be submitted with requests for reimbursement. The request for reimbursement must clearly indicate the amount, date, place and essential character of the expenditures.

The KCATA reserves the right to modify this travel policy with proper notification to Contractors.

1. **Airfare:** Commercial airline, coach class seating only. When possible, trips should be planned far enough in advance to assure purchase discounts.
2. **Lodging:** The KCATA has negotiated special rates at specific hotels. Contractors may stay at the hotel of their choice but will be reimbursed no more than a maximum daily amount of $160.00 plus tax unless the contractor obtains prior written authorization from KCATA.
3. **Meals:** The **actual costs** of meals, including tips of generally 15-17%, will be reimbursed up to a maximum of $66 per person a day (consistent with CONUS rates for the Kansas City area). Alcoholic beverages are **not** an eligible reimbursable expense.
4. **Auto Rental:** Rental or leased vehicles will not be reimbursed unless pre-approved in writing by KCATA in advance. The class of auto selected, if authorized, should be the lowest class appropriate for the intended use and number of occupants.
5. **Telephone:** Project-related, long-distance business calls will be reimbursed.
6. **Number of Trips to Travel Home on Weekends:** When extended stays in Kansas City are required, the KCATA will reimburse for trips home on weekends only every third weekend. In some instances, KCATA may require relocation of an employee to Kansas City.
7. **Taxis, Airport Shuttles, Public Transportation:** Transportation between the airport and hotel will be reimbursed. Contractors should consider the number in their party and compare taxi rates to airport shuttle fees when the shuttle serves the hotel.
8. **Personal Vehicle:** Mileage for usage of personal vehicles for business travel outside the seven-county Kansas City metropolitan area (Clay, Cass, Jackson and Platte Counties in Missouri; Johnson, Wyandotte and Douglas counties in Kansas) will be reimbursed at the current rate established by the Internal Revue Service.