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Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA)

KCATA Vehicle Litigation Legal Services

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The Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA) is requesting proposals from qualified and experienced firms to provide legal services for vehicle/bus accident litigation from pre-litigation through appeal. Services may not be required on a constant, continuous basis, but rather on an on-call, as-needed basis during the term of the contract.

The contract term will be for one (1) year with three (3), one-year extension options. The anticipated contract award will be in November 2023. KCATA reserves the right to award up to two contracts, but is not guaranteed.

Minority/Woman Owned Business Enterprise (DBE) Participation. A Minority/Woman-Owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) goal of **19%** has been established for this project. All Certified MBE and WBE firms are encouraged to submit proposals as prime contractors, subcontractors, or as a joint venture. See **Section 3.11** for more information on KCATA's policy regarding KCATA's diversity programs. Additional questions regarding the diversity program should be directed to Mr. Whitney Morgan, KCATA's DBE/Civil Rights Manager, at 816-346-0277, or via email at wmorgan@kcata.org.

Proposals are subject to all terms, conditions, and provisions of this document, including Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity Regulations. Offerors shall read and understand the requirements of this RFP.

Pre-Proposal Conference: A pre-proposal conference regarding this Request for Proposals will be held on **September 18, 2023, at 2:30 p.m.**, via the Microsoft Teams **link below**. This meeting is not mandatory but is encouraged.

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Pre-Proposal Questions. Questions (technical, contractual, or administrative) must be directed in writing *via email* to Laura Anderson at landerson@kcata.org. Please include the Project # in the Subject line. Questions and requests for clarifications will be received until **4:00 p.m. CST on September 22, 2023**. If required, KCATA's response to these submissions will be in the form of an Addendum and will be posted to the website no later than September 28, 2023.

Proposal Submissions. Proposals must be received with all required submittals (See Section 4) as stated in the RFP **no later than 2:00 p.m. CST on October 10, 2023**.

Proposals may be submitted as follows:

Project Name	KCATA Vehicle Litigation Legal Services
Project Number	G23-8016-31C
Site URL	https://kcata.sharepoint.com/sites/FTP/pro/kvlls/SitePages/Home.aspx
Bidder Email	bid_G23-8016-31C@kcata.org
Bidder Password	Q\$Q8EGNsPx (QUEBEC - Dollars - QUEBEC - Eight - ECHO - GOLF - NOVEMBER - sierra - PAPA - x-ray)

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Proposals received after the time specified shall not be considered for award. Proposals received via facsimile(fax), or electronic mail (e-mail) shall not be considered. Proposals not meeting specified delivery and method of submittal will not be opened nor considered responsive.

Submission of a proposal shall constitute a firm offer to the KCATA for one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of closing. This RFP does not commit the KCATA to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in preparation of a proposal, or to procure or contract for services. Proposer shall read and understand the requirements of this proposal covered in the sections listed under the Table of Contents of this document.

The KCATA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received, to interview or negotiate with any qualified individual or firm, to modify this request, or cancel in part or in its entirety the RFQ if it is the best interest of the KCATA.

Proposal Evaluation/Award. Following an initial review and screening of all timely and responsive proposals, highly qualified Proposers may be invited to interviews as necessary at their own expense. Those selected Proposers will be informed as to an exact date and time if invited for interviews and discussion. Proposers may also be required to submit written responses to questions regarding their proposals. All contractual agreements are subject to final approval by the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority's Board of Commissioners. A one (1) year contract term with three (3), one-year extension options is anticipated for award to the selected and approved Consultant(s) if negotiations are successful.

No person or entity submitting a proposal in response to this Request for Proposals nor any officer, employee, agent, representative, relative or consultant representing such a person (or entity) may contact through any means, or engage in any discussion concerning the award of this contract with any member of KCATA's Board of Commissioners or any employee of KCATA (excluding Procurement staff) during the period beginning on the date of proposal issue and ending on the date of the selection of a Contractor. Any such contact would be grounds for disqualification of the Proposer.

Kristen Emmendorfer
Director of Procurement

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NO PROPOSAL REPLY FORM

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To assist KCATA in obtaining good competition on its Requests for Proposals, we ask that if you received an invitation but do not wish to propose, please state the reason(s) below and return this form to Laura Anderson, KCATA's Procurement Department, via email at landerson@kcata.org. This form may also be mailed to 1350 East 17th Street, Kansas City, MO, 64108, or faxed to 816-346-0336.

This information will not preclude receipt of future invitations unless you request removal from the Proposer's List by so indicating below.

Unfortunately, we must offer a "No Proposal" at this time because:

- ___ 1. We do not wish to participate in the proposal process.
- ___ 2. We do not wish to propose under the terms and conditions of the Request for Proposal document. Our objections are:

- ___ 3. We do not feel we can be competitive.
- ___ 4. We do not provide the services on which Proposals are requested.
- ___ 5. Other: _____

___ We wish to remain on the Proposer's list for these services.

___ We wish to be removed from the Proposer's list for these services.

FIRM NAME

SIGNATURE

**SECTION 1
PROPOSAL CALENDAR**

RFP Advertised and Issued September 8, 2023

Pre-Proposal Conference..... September 18, 2023
2:30 p.m-3:30 p.m. CT

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Questions, Comments and Requests for Clarifications Due to KCATASeptember 22, 2023
4:00 p.m.

KCATA's Response to Questions, Comments and Requests for ClarificationSeptember 28, 2023

RFP Closing October 10, 2023
2:00 p.m.

Interviews (Tentative and as Required) October 16-October 20, 2023
Interviews will be held virtually through Microsoft Teams

Contract AwardNovember 2023

Notice to Proceed December 2023

**SECTION 2.
SCOPE OF WORK**

2.1 Introduction

- A. A. The Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA or Authority) is the regional transportation authority in the Kansas City metropolitan area. It was formed by a bistate compact in 1965 and has the authority to manage and operate transit services in both Kansas and Missouri. The compact gives KCATA responsibility for planning, constructing, owning, and operating passenger transportation systems and facilities within the seven-county Kansas City metropolitan area. These include the counties of Cass, Clay, Jackson, and Platte in Missouri; and Johnson, Leavenworth, and Wyandotte in Kansas. KCATA is governed by a 10-member Board of Commissioners, five from the state of Kansas and five from the state of Missouri.
- B. KCATA directly operates fixed and traditional flex transit services, contracts for paratransit service, and manages services operated by others in the region (e.g., City of Independence). As the regional transit authority, KCATA also coordinates transit services operated by others including the downtown streetcar operated by the Kansas City Streetcar Authority, local transit services operated by the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, and transit services in Johnson County, Kansas. Together all of the transit services in the region are branded and integrated under KCATA's RideKC brand.
- D. KCATA headquarters are located at 1200 East 18th Street, Kansas City, MO. This location has a campus of buildings that includes a maintenance garage, additional administrative offices, and the bus barn. KCATA also maintains six FTA-funded transit stations in Kansas City, MO, and two stations in Kansas City, KS.

2.2 Scope of Services

- A. The Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA, Authority, ATA) is seeking proposals from qualified law firms to provide legal services for vehicle/bus accident litigation and related issues from pre-litigation through appeal. Representation will begin no later than January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, with a potential transition starting in December 2023.
- B. Firms are invited to submit a proposal on the above area. The Authority reserves the right to award the work to up to two firms but is not guaranteed. The awarded firm(s) and lawyers will report to the KCATA General Counsel.
- C. For the purpose of a price proposal, assume 15 new cases per year are filed and how more or less cases impact the cost. This case number may fluctuate based on the needs of KCATA.
 - 1. Litigation Legal Services. Vehicle litigation legal services include the following types of matters, but are not limited to:
 - a. Research and deliver opinions on operational matters, including the Authority's rights and responsibilities under applicable federal, state, and local laws.
 - b. Represent the Authority before various trial and appellate courts, both state and federal; represent the Authority before various administrative agencies of the States of Missouri and Kansas and the Federal Government.
 - c. Advise Authority management on the legal aspects in a broad variety of liability issues. Evaluate the Authority's legal position in matters involving potential litigation or other risks.
 - d. Prepare contracts, legal instruments, legal documents, and other legal writings as may be required in the interest of the Authority.
 - e. Written discovery, witness prep., depositions, and mediations.

- f. File pre- and post-trial motions, trial prep and trials, along with all actions necessary to successfully represent the KCATA and its employees to resolve the matters.
- g. Provide legal representation for Authority employees who have received traffic citations or who have been involved in traffic accidents in the states of Missouri and Kansas while operating Authority vehicles in the course of their employment.
- h. Perform other miscellaneous legal services concerning Authority employee representation in the states of Missouri and Kansas upon request of the Authority.
- i. Provide other legal advice/assistance as requested.
- j. The Contractor will represent the KCATA and its employees in accident litigation from pre-litigation through appeal.

2.3 Cost Control and Case Management

A. In an effort to control costs and increase efficiency without sacrificing quality, KCATA has developed general and case/project management guidelines to follow. Other guidelines may be established in specific work areas.

B. General Guidelines

1. **Authorization of Work.** The attorney shall not perform any work unless prior written authorization has been received from KCATA's CEO or General Counsel.
2. **Attorney Assignment.** Delegation of appropriate tasks to associates and paralegals is acceptable. However, KCATA requires that a reasonable continuity in staffing be maintained. KCATA should not be billed for redundant file reviews and other activities needed to bring new staff members up to speed. Law firm shall not assign any attorney to work on KCATA projects unless KCATA has approved the attorney in advance. Upon request, the law firm should provide KCATA with the name, profile/resume, and hourly rate of each attorney or paralegal working on any matter in advance. KCATA may request a change in attorney at any time for any reason, and if not immediately granted the contract will terminate.
3. **Initial Case (or Project) Assessment.** For any matter expected to exceed \$20,000 in legal fees or settlement/litigation awards, the law firm shall provide an oral or written assessment within 30 days of assignment, addressing the following:
 - Legal opinion as to strengths and weaknesses of case.
 - Litigation strategy, if applicable.
 - Outline of activities
 - Anticipated motions, and likelihood of success of such motions.
 - Exposure evaluation and recommended settlement amounts, if applicable.
 - Estimated budget covering anticipated legal costs and other expenses.
4. **Outside experts.** Expenses for an outside expert must be authorized by KCATA in advance of incurring any charges.
5. **Reporting.** Law firm shall forward copies of all relevant documents to KCATA in a timely manner. The law firm should provide regular monthly reports at no additional cost concerning the progress of the litigation/project and should include:
 - Notification of conference, mediation, trial, and deposition dates.
 - Summaries of interviews and depositions.
 - Summaries of important documents and medical records.

- Status of the case and activities still to be accomplished.
- A column identifying any new activity on the matter.

6. **Case Closing.** At the conclusion of each case, law firm shall ensure that the signed original of all settlement documents and agreements, and a copy of all final disposition orders are delivered to the KCATA.
7. Law firms will be expected to monitor actual expenditures in comparison with annual contract amounts, and not exceed contractual totals without a written contract amendment. Law firms should contact KCATA’s designated Procurement staff before going over contract amounts for legal services.
8. Prior to accepting a KCATA assignment, law firms must conduct an internal review to determine whether a potential conflict exists. Any such conflict, or potential conflict, must be divulged and examined.

C. **Invoicing Procedures**

1. **Invoice Date.** All invoices should be submitted to KCATA within 30 days following the end of the month in which the services were rendered, or expenses incurred.
2. **Invoice Format.** Each invoice should cover only one case and should provide a detailed description of services rendered in chronological order. KCATA will provide the Contractor with the appropriate billing code to be used for the matter. The detail must identify the attorney or staff member providing the services, date of services, hours worked (in at least tenths of an hour), hourly rate, amount billed (rate times hours), and a detailed description of the services rendered. The following is an example of this format:

Date	Attorney	Description	Hours	Rate	Total
2/01/2022	A. Richards	Prepare interrogatories; phone conference	1	\$125.00	\$125.00

3. All eligible expenses incurred by the law firm must appear separately from the legal fees on the invoice. Supporting documentation for each expense item should be attached. Any item labeled “miscellaneous” will not be paid.
4. A monthly summary invoice must be provided with total fees and expenses and uploaded to KCATA’s legal invoice billing service.
5. **Reimbursable Expenses.**
 - a. Photocopies – all invoices must identify the applicable case or project, number of pages copied, and the charge per page for all copying cost charges. Copy charges are limited to the lower of \$0.10 per page for black/white copies and \$0.15 per page for color copies, or law firm’s standard rate for copying charges.
 - b. Postage – total postage or overnight mail services must have itemization. The law firm should use overnight mail or couriers only when absolutely necessary or requested by KCATA. When KCATA has allowed enough time for response, and the overnight delivery is a result of the law firm’s delay, overnight delivery will not be reimbursed.
 - c. Facsimiles – KCATA is not responsible for page fees for facsimiles and will only pay long distance telephone charges associated with any fax.
 - d. KCATA’s Travel Policy for Contractors is included as Attachment C. All travel on KCATA’s behalf must be pre-approved in writing. Any airfare required will only be reimbursed at the coach fare. Lodging and meals required for out-of-town travel are to be reasonable and follow the same guidelines as those for KCATA staff.

6. **Non-Billable/Non-Reimbursable Activities.**

It is expected that counsel will only charge KCATA for those activities that are necessary to protect KCATA interests. Invoices should not contain charges for such activities as:

- a. Negotiating, reviewing, writing, or any service whereby counsel is representing the law firm's interest, rather than KCATA's interests, such as, but not limited to, the contract or contract amendments for legal services between KCATA and the law firm.
- b. Preparation or review of invoices or resolving payment issues.
- c. Reviewing or analyzing potential conflict issues.
- d. Routine or elementary legal research of issues considered common knowledge by reasonably experienced local counsel (i.e., procedural issues, courts rules, etc.).
- e. Reading, reviewing, researching, attending seminars, etc., on new laws to gain an understanding in order to continue providing competent services in that area of law, or for which the law firm provides such services to multiple clients. This disallowance does not apply when the new law or matter in question is specific to KCATA.
- f. Time or expenses incurred due to staff changes or the departure of law firm resources.

**SECTION 3.
PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS**

3.1 General Information

- A. The terms “solicitation” and “Request for Proposal” and “RFP” are used interchangeably, and the terms “offer”, and “proposal” are used interchangeably. The terms “Proposer,” “Contractor” and “Offeror” are also used interchangeably.
- B. In cases where communication is required between Proposers and the KCATA, such as requests for information, instruction, and clarification of specifications, such communication shall be forwarded in writing directly to Laura Anderson at landerson@kcata.org by the indicated deadline. The subject line of electronic communications must reference the RFP number and title.
- C. Submitting a proposal constitutes a firm offer to KCATA for one hundred twenty (120) days from the closing date.
- D. KCATA is not responsible for any cost or expense that may be incurred by the Proposer before the execution of a contract, including costs associated with preparing a proposal or interviews.

3.2 Proposal Submissions

- A. Proposals must be received with all required submittals (See Section 4) as stated in the RFP **no later than 2:00 p.m. CT on October 10, 2023**. Proposals received after the time specified may not be considered for award.
- B. Proposals shall be submitted electronically through a secure FTP site as follows:

Project Name	KCATA Vehicle Litigation Legal Services
Project Number	G23-8016-31C
Site URL	https://kcata.sharepoint.com/sites/FTP/pro/kvlls/SitePages/Home.aspx
Bidder Email	bid_G23-8016-31C@kcata.org
Bidder Password	Q\$Q8EGNsPx (QUEBEC - Dollars - QUEBEC - Eight - ECHO - GOLF - NOVEMBER - sierra - PAPA - x-ray)

- C. This site is not compatible with Firefox or Safari browsers. After accessing the SharePoint site, and when prompted, you must type in the email address that is provided (not your own) – you cannot use the hyperlink. Please note the “underscore” in the email. The complete password is comprised of the highlighted portion above.
- D. Proposals received via facsimile (fax), or electronic mail (email) will not be considered.

3.3 Reservations

- A. KCATA reserves the right to waive informalities or irregularities in proposals, to accept or reject any or all proposals, to cancel this RFP in part or in its entirety, and to re-advertise this RFP for proposals if it is in the best interest of the Authority. KCATA shall be the sole judge of what is in its best interest with respect to this RFP.
- B. KCATA reserves the right to make multiple awards if it is in the best interest of the Authority.
- C. KCATA also reserves the right to award a contract solely on the basis of the initial proposal without interviews or negotiations. Therefore, offers should be submitted to KCATA on the most favorable terms possible, from a technical standpoint.

3.4 Proposer's Responsibilities

- A. By submitting a proposal, the Proposer represents that:
1. The Proposer has read and understands the RFP and the proposal is made in accordance with the RFP requirements and instructions;
 2. The Proposer possesses the capabilities, resources, and personnel necessary to provide efficient and successful service to KCATA; and
 3. It is authorized to transact business in the State of Missouri.
- B. Before submitting a proposal, the Proposer should make all investigations and examinations necessary to ascertain site or other conditions and requirements affecting the full performance of the contract.

3.5 Authorization to Propose

If an individual doing business under a fictitious name makes the proposal, the proposal should so state. If the proposal is made by a partnership, the full names and addresses of all members of the partnership must be given and one principal member should sign the proposal. If a corporation makes the proposal, an authorized officer should sign the proposal in the corporate name. If the proposal is made by a joint venture, the full names and addresses of all members of the joint venture should be given and one authorized member should sign the proposal.

3.6 Withdrawal & Incomplete Proposals

- A. Proposals may be withdrawn upon written request received by KCATA before proposal closing. Withdrawal of a proposal does not prejudice the right of the Proposer to submit a new proposal, provided the new proposal is received before the closing date.
- B. Incomplete proposals may render the proposal non-responsive.

3.7 Modification of Proposals

Any proposal modifications or revisions received after the time specified for proposal closing may not be considered.

3.8 Unbalanced Proposals

KCATA may determine that an offer is unacceptable if the prices proposed are materially unbalanced. An offer is materially unbalanced when it is based on prices significantly less than cost for some work, and prices which are significantly overstated in relation to cost for other work.

3.9 Protests

- A. The following protest procedures will be employed for this procurement. For the purposes of these procedures, "days" shall mean business days of KCATA administrative personnel which are days other than a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday observed by KCATA for such administrative personnel.
1. **Pre-Submittal.** A pre-submittal protest is received prior to the proposal due date. Pre-submittal protests must be received by the Authority, in writing and addressed to KCATA's Director of Procurement, no later than five (5) days before the bid closing date.
 2. **Post-Submittal/Pre-Award.** A post-submittal/pre-award protest is a protest against making an award and is received after receipt of proposals but before award of a contract. Post-submittal protests must be received by the Authority, in writing and addressed to the KCATA's Director of Procurement, no later than five (5) days after the bid closing date.

3. **Post-Award.** Post-Award protests must be received by the Authority, in writing and addressed to KCATA's Director of Procurement, no later than five (5) days after the date of the Notice of Intent to Award.
4. KCATA's Director of Procurement shall respond in writing within five (5) days from the date of the written request. If the protester is not satisfied with the response of the Director of Procurement, the protester may appeal in writing to KCATA's Chief Financial Officer within five (5) days from the date of the Director of Procurement's response.
5. The Chief Financial Officer will decide if the protest and the appeal (if any) have been given fair and reasonable consideration, or if additional consideration is warranted. The Chief Financial Officer's response will be provided within ten (10) days after receipt of the request. The Chief Financial Officer's decision is final and no further action on the protest shall be taken by the KCATA.
6. By written notice to all parties, KCATA's Director of Procurement may extend the time provided for each step of the protest procedures, extend the date of notice of award, or postpone the award of a contract if deemed appropriate for protest resolution.
7. Protesters shall be aware of the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) protest procedures with the FTA Regional Office (ref: FTA Circular 4220.1F) If federal funding is involved, FTA will review protests from a third party only when: 1) a grantee does not have a written protest procedure or fails to follow its procedure or fails to review a complaint or protest; or 2) violations of specific federal laws or regulations have occurred.
8. An appeal to FTA must be received by FTA's regional office within five (5) working days of the date the protester learned or should have learned of KCATA's decision. Protests shall be addressed to: Regional Administrator, FTA Region 7, 901 Locust, Room 404, Kansas City, Missouri, 64106.

3.10 Disclosure of Proprietary Information.

- A. A proposer may restrict the disclosure of scientific and technological innovations in which it has a proprietary interest or other information that is protected from public disclosure by law, which is contained in the proposal by:
 1. marking each page of each such document prominently in at least 16-point font with the words "Proprietary Information;"
 2. printing each page of each such document on a different color paper than the paper on which the remainder of the proposal is printed; and
 3. segregating each page of each such document in a sealed envelope, which shall prominently display, on the outside, the words "Proprietary Information" in at least 16-point font, along with the name and address of the Proposer.
- B. After either a contract is executed pursuant to this RFP, or all proposals are rejected, the proposals will be considered public records open for inspection. If access to documents marked "Proprietary Information," as provided above, is requested under the Missouri Sunshine Law, Section 610 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, the KCATA will notify the Proposer of the request and the Proposer shall have the burden to establish that such documents are exempt from disclosure under the law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in response to a formal request for information, the KCATA reserves the right to release any documents if the KCATA determines that such information is a public record pursuant to the Missouri Sunshine Law.

3.11 Diverse Business Enterprise Requirements

- A. It is the policy of KCATA that Disadvantaged (DBE), Small (SBE), Minority (MBE), Woman (WBE), and Small Local (SLBE) Owned Business Enterprises have an equal opportunity to participate in the competitive solicitation process and contract awards, and diverse firms are encouraged to submit proposals as prime contractors, joint ventures, or

subcontractors.

- B. KCATA's diversity programs are subject to the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26, and it is KCATA's policy to:
1. Ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of contracts;
 2. Create a level playing field on which diverse firms can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts;
 3. Ensure that KCATA's diversity programs are narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
 4. Ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility are permitted to participate in the programs;
 5. Help remove barriers to the participation of diverse firms in contracts;
 6. To promote the use of diverse firms in all types of contracts and procurement activities; and
 7. Assist in the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the diversity programs.
- C. KCATA has established a Minority-Owned /Woman-Owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) goal of nineteen percent (19%) for this project. This may be achieved by using MBE firms, WBE firms, or a combination of both.
- D. **Non-discrimination.** Proposers shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, or disability in the performance of this project. The Proposer shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of contracts. Failure by the Proposer to carry out these requirements is a material breach of the resulting contract, which may result in the termination of the contract or such other remedy as KCATA deems appropriate.
- E. **Recognized Certifications.**
- MBE/WBE firms may participate as prime contractors, subcontractors, or suppliers. KCATA will only recognize firms that are certified as MBEs/WBEs under the MBE/WBE Criteria based on 49 C.F.R. (Code of Federal Regulations) Part 26, Subpart D Firms (§26.61 through §26.73) where applicable, and Subpart E (§26.81 through §26.87) where applicable. Only firms certified with **KCATA, City of Kansas City, MO, State of Missouri Office of Equal Opportunity, or Kansas Department of Commerce** will be considered eligible to meet KCATA's MBE/WBE project goals. Each firm's signed MBE or WBE certificate will need to be included in their bid package to be considered for MBE or WBE goal participation. A list of certified firms from each agency is listed below:
- KCATA Certified Vendors <https://kcata.diversitycompliance.com/>
 - City of Kansas City, MO Certified Vendors <https://kcmohrd.mwdbe.com/>
 - Missouri Office of Equal Opportunity Certified Vendors <https://apps1.mo.gov/MWBCertifiedFirms/>
 - Kansas Department of Commerce Certified Vendors <http://mwbd.kansascommerce.com/>
- F. **Diverse Participation Credit.** Diverse firms may participate as Prime Contractors, Subcontractors, or Suppliers. The following shall be credited towards achieving the goals, except as provided herein:
1. The total contract dollar amount that a qualified diverse Prime Contractor earns for that portion of work on the contract that is performed by its own workforce, is performed in a category in which the Prime is currently certified and is a commercially useful function as defined by the Program. Prime contractors must perform at least thirty percent (30%) of the services on this contract.
 2. The total contract dollar amount that a Prime Contractor has paid or is obligated to pay to a subcontractor that is a qualified diverse firm; and

3. Subcontractor participation with a lower tier diverse subcontractor; and
4. Sixty percent (60%) of the total dollar amount paid or to be paid by a Prime Contractor to obtain supplies or goods from a supplier who is not a manufacturer and who is qualified as a diverse firm. If the diverse firm is a manufacturer of the supplies, then one hundred percent (100%) may be credited, to be determined on a case-by-case basis.
5. NO CREDIT, however, will be given for the following:
 - a. Participation in a contract by a diverse firm that does not perform a commercially useful function as defined by the Program; and
 - b. Any portion of the value of the contract that a diverse Subcontractor subcontracts back to the prime contractor or any other contractor who is not qualified as a diverse firm; and
 - c. Materials and supplies used on the contract, unless the diverse firm is responsible for negotiating the price, determining quality and quantity, ordering materials, installing (where applicable), and paying for the material itself; and
 - d. Work performed by a diverse firm in a scope of work other than that in which the firm is currently certified.
6. **Good Faith Efforts.** Failure to meet the contracted diversity participation commitment without documented evidence of good faith efforts may result in termination of the contract.
 - a. In evaluating good faith efforts, KCATA will consider whether the Proposer has performed the following, along with any other relevant factors:
 1. Soliciting through all reasonable and available means (e.g., attendance at pre-proposal conferences, advertising, and/or written notices) the interest of all certified diverse firms who have the capability to perform the work of the contract. The Proposer must solicit this interest within sufficient time to allow the qualified firms to respond to the solicitation. The Proposer must determine with certainty if the firms are interested by taking appropriate steps to follow up on initial solicitations. Copies of the solicitation efforts (dated facsimiles, advertisements, emails) must be submitted.
 2. Selecting portions of the work to be performed by diverse firms in order to increase the likelihood that the diversity goals will be achieved. This includes, where appropriate, breaking out contract work items into economically feasible units to facilitate diversity participation, even when the prime contractor might otherwise prefer to perform these work items with its own forces.
 3. Providing interested diverse firms with adequate information about the plans, specifications, and requirements of the contract in a timely manner to assist them in responding to a solicitation.
 4. Negotiating in good faith with interested firms.
 5. It is the Proposer's responsibility to make a portion of the work available to diverse subcontractors and suppliers and to select those portions of the work or material needs consistent with the available diverse subcontractors and suppliers, so as to facilitate diverse participation. Evidence of such negotiation includes the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of diverse firms that were considered; a description of the information provided regarding the plans and specifications for the work selected for subcontracting; and evidence as to why additional agreements could not be reached for diverse firms to perform

the work.

6. A Proposer using good business judgment would consider a number of factors in negotiating with subcontractors, include diverse subcontractors, and would take a firm's price and capabilities as well as contract goals into consideration. However, the fact that there may be some additional costs involved in finding and using diverse firms is not in itself sufficient reason for a Proposer's failure to meet the contract diversity goal, as long as such costs are reasonable. Also, the ability or desire of a prime contractor to perform the work of a contract with its own organization does not relieve the bidder of the responsibility to make good-faith efforts. Prime contractors are not, however, required to accept higher quotes from diverse firms if the price difference is excessive or unreasonable.
 7. Not rejecting diverse firms as being unqualified without sound reasons based on a thorough investigation of their capabilities. The contractor's standing within its industry, membership in specific groups, organizations, associations, and political or social affiliations (for example union vs. non-union employee status) are not legitimate causes for the rejection or non-solicitation of bids in the contractor's efforts to meet the project goal.
 8. Making efforts to assist interested diverse firms in obtaining bonding, lines of credit, or insurance as required by the KCATA or contractor.
 9. Making efforts to assist interested diverse firms in obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or related assistance or services.
 10. Effectively using the services of available minority/women community organizations; minority/women contractors' groups; local, state, and Federal minority/women business assistance offices; and other organizations as allowed on a case-by-case basis to provide assistance in the recruitment and placement of diverse firms.
 11. In determining if the Contractor did use good faith efforts in securing participation by qualified diverse firms, KCATA may request copies of each subcontractor quote (diverse and non-diverse) in the event a non-diverse subcontractor was selected over a diverse for work on the contract.
7. **Request for Modification, Replacement or Termination of Project Participation by a Diverse Firm.** Contractor is responsible for meeting or exceeding the diversity commitment it has proposed for the project and as amended by any previously approved Request for Diversity Modification/Substitution. Any change orders or amendment modifying the amount Contractor is to be compensated will impact the amount of compensation due to the diverse firms for purposes of meeting or exceeding the Proposer commitment. Contractor shall consider the effect of a Change Order or amendment and submit a Request for Modification/Substitution if the diversity commitment changes.
- a. **Termination Only for Cause** - Once the contract has been awarded; the Contractor may not terminate a diverse subcontractor without KCATA's prior written consent. This includes, but is not limited to, instances in which a Contractor seeks to perform work originally designated for the diverse subcontractor with its own forces or those of an affiliate, a non-diverse firm, or with another diverse firm.
 - b. **Good Cause** - Good cause includes the following circumstances:
 1. The listed diverse subcontractor fails or refuses to execute a written contract; or
 2. The listed diverse subcontractor fails or refuses to perform the work of its normal industry standards. Provided, however, that the good cause does not exist if the failure or refusal of the subcontractor to perform its work on the subcontract results from the bad faith or

discriminatory action of the Prime Contractor; or

3. The listed diverse subcontractor fails or refuses to meet the Prime Contractor's reasonable, nondiscriminatory bond requirements; or
 4. The listed diverse subcontractor becomes bankrupt, insolvent, or exhibits credit unworthiness; or
 5. The listed diverse subcontractor is ineligible to work on public works projects because of suspension and debarment proceedings pursuant to 2 CFR Parts 180, 215, and 1200 or applicable state law; or
 6. The diverse subcontractor is not a responsible contractor; or
 7. The listed diverse subcontractor voluntarily withdraws from the project and provides the Prime Contractor written notice of its withdrawal;
 8. The listed subcontractor is ineligible to receive diversity credit for the type of work required;
 9. The owner of the diverse firm dies or becomes disabled with the result that the listed contractor is unable to complete its work on the contract;
 10. Other documented good cause that compels KCATA to terminate the diverse subcontractor. Provided, however, that the good cause does not exist if the Prime contractor seeks to terminate a diverse firm it relied upon to obtain the contract so that the Prime Contractor can self-perform the work for which the diverse contractor was engaged or so that the Prime Contractor can substitute another diverse or non-diverse contractor.
- c. Before submitting its request to terminate or substitute a diverse subcontractor, the Prime Contractor must give notice in writing to the diverse subcontractor, with a copy to KCATA, of its intent to request to terminate and/or substitute, and the reason for the request.
- d. The Prime Contractor must give the diverse firm five days to respond to the Prime Contractor's notice and advise the KCATA and the Contractor of the reasons, if any, why it objects to the proposed termination of its subcontract and why KCATA should not approve the Prime Contractor's action. If required in a particular case as a matter of public necessity (e.g., safety), the response period may be shortened.

SECTION 4.
PROPOSAL SUBMISSION, EVALUATION AND AWARD

4.1 Introduction

The intent of the RFP is to encourage submittals that clearly communicate the firms' qualifications for the Project. Proposals should provide information in a concise, well-written, well-organized manner containing only information relevant to this Project. All proposals should follow the format specified below as this will assist the evaluation committee in determining the most highly qualified consultant team. Firms are encouraged to submit only proposal material that is relative to the consultant services and scope cited. Including extra marketing materials and publications is discouraged.

4.2 Proposal Format

A. Volumes shall be submitted in the following order:

- Volume I: Price Proposal
- Volume II: Technical Proposal
- Volume III: Contractual Documents

B. Proposers shall submit each Volume as a separate document in .pdf format. Each document is to be labeled with the RFP number, Volume number, and the Proposer's name.

C. Proposers will submit proposals using the secure FTP site provided in Section 3.

D. **No Price Proposal information is to be included within Volumes II and III** (with exception to the pricing in Attachment K, "Letter of Intent to Subcontract with Diverse Subcontractor". Volumes I and III are not shared with the evaluation team.

4.3 Volume I – Price Proposal

A. Proposers are asked to submit a Price Proposal (Attachment D) that details all costs associated with the completion of the services as described in Section 2, "Scope of Services." Proposers should submit proposals with a fee structure that includes legal services fees consistent with most favored client status (billable rates should be no higher than the lowest rate billed to any client of the proposer).

B. The Price Proposal shall include the following:

1. Flat rate, firm fixed rates on a per case basis. Price shall include all items of labor and other costs necessary to perform the work. Any items omitted from this RFP which are clearly necessary for the completion of the work being proposed should be considered part of the work though not directly specified or called for in this RFP. **For this evaluation**, use *15 cases filed per year as the baseline* and then include how more or less cases *in increments of 5* filed per year impact the pricing. The actual quantity is variable based on actual need.
2. Hourly rates per employee assigned to KCATA's account. Provide fully loaded hourly rates for all attorneys and support staff that will be utilized on KCATA's matters. Include employee name and position. The rates provided shall be used for all contract terms (including options). These rates may also be used for additional ancillary services as needed.
3. Proposer may provide supplemental pricing detailing cost saving options for legal services.

C. The same information is to be provided for all subcontractors proposed.

- D. Travel expenses, if any, must be approved in advance by KCATA and will be based on KCATA's Travel Policy for Contractors (Attachment C).

4.4 Volume II - Technical Proposal

- A. The Technical Proposal page limit is 25 pages. The Proposer may choose to allocate pages between any of the evaluation criteria as long as the Proposal does not exceed 25 pages. If a Proposer submits a proposal exceeding this limit, KCATA will consider the pages up to the allowable number and discard all subsequent pages.
- B. One page is defined as one side of a single, 8-1/2 x 11" page, with 11-point minimum font size for the substantive text. Any page over this size will be counted as two (2) pages. Any page or partial page with substantive text, tables, graphics, charts, etc., will be counted as one (1) page. Proposers may use their discretion for the font size of other materials (e.g., graphics, charts).
- C. The following are excluded from the page count:
- Title Page
 - Table of Contents
 - Letter of Transmittal
 - Tabs or Indices
 - Additional Lists of References
 - Resume and background information (please do not include any more than 3 pages per individual)
- D. Each technical proposal should enable the evaluation committee to make a thorough evaluation and arrive at a sound determination that the proposal meets KCATA's requirements. Each technical proposal must be so specific, detailed, and complete as to clearly and fully demonstrate that the Proposer has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the requirements and has valid and practical solutions for technical problems. Statements which paraphrase the requirements or state that "standard procedures will be employed" are inadequate to demonstrate how the Proposer will comply with the requirements of this procurement.
- E. To achieve a uniform review process and obtain the maximum degree of compatibility, technical proposals must be organized as follows:
1. **Letter of Transmittal.** The letter should be addressed to Kristen Emmendorfer, KCATA's Director of Procurement, and signed by a corporate officer with authority to bind the firm. The letter must contain the following:
 - a. Identification of proposing firm(s), including name, address, telephone number(s) and email addresses of each subcontractor.
 - b. Proposed working relationship among proposing firms (e.g., prime, subcontractor), if applicable.
 - c. Name, title, address, telephone number and email address of the contact person for the project.
 - d. Briefly state the firm's understanding of the services to be performed and make a positive commitment to provide the services as specified.
 2. **Title Page.** Show the RFP Number and title, the name of the firm, address, telephone number(s), email address, fax number(s) and date.
 3. **Table of Contents.** Clearly identify the materials submitted by section and page number.
 4. **General Business Background.** Provide a brief synopsis of the Proposer's and major sub-consultants

businesses, including when and where incorporated, and a listing of the Officers of the Company. State whether the firm is local, regional, or national and how long the firm has been in existence under current ownership/management and where the offices are located. Identify and state how long the firm has provided the types of services requested in this RFP.

5. **Experience and Qualifications of Firm and Key Personnel.**

- a. This section should demonstrate the Proposer's experience, skills, and qualifications of the key personnel in the areas of legal services requested in this RFP. Describe direct experience of Principal Attorney and all staff that will be assigned to KCATA's account. Detail any plans on services the Proposer will provide that are not specifically required in this RFP.
- b. Provide resumes (please limit to no more than two (2) pages per individual) for the key personnel and discuss the unique qualifications these individuals bring to the account. Indicate whether each has worked for entities similar to KCATA and what is requested in the RFP. Provide a copy of the professional license held by each attorney assigned to KCATA's account.
- c. References. Prime Consultant and each sub-consultant shall provide a minimum of three (3) references that positively demonstrate past performance and other technical skills, competencies, and experience related to the Scope of Services. The references should include:
 - Name of Company
 - A brief summary of project and type of services performed
 - Contact information for a person that can speak to the work performed to include name, title, telephone number, and email address
 - Start/completion dates of contract
- d. Provide an organizational chart showing how the account will be staffed in all function areas. Indicate how the local staff will be supported by other regional and national staff and the reporting relationships between local staff and other firm management staff, if applicable.

6. **Exceptions and Omissions: to Sample Terms and Conditions.**

- a. Exceptions.
 1. The proposal should clearly identify any exceptions to the requirements set forth in this RFP.
 2. Proposers should also review the sample terms and conditions (Attachment B) and identify any exceptions to the clauses included therein. Any exceptions to the Terms and Conditions must be provided in the Proposal documents. The Proposer's submittal may be considered non-responsive in the event KCATA and Proposer do not reach mutual agreement on any exceptions noted. Proposer is asked to provide a redlined copy of the Sample Terms and Conditions (provided on the FTP site). **The document shall be in Word format and may submitted as a separate document with proposal submittals.**
- b. Omissions. The Contractor will be responsible for providing all services/materials which are necessary within the general parameters described in this RFP, and consistent with established industry practices, regardless of whether those services are specifically mentioned in this RFP or not. The Proposer should clearly identify any omissions to the requirements set forth in the RFP.

7. **Subcontractor Utilization Plan.**

- a. Subcontractors must be approved by KCATA prior to contract award. If applicable, Proposers shall provide the following information regarding firms that will perform a portion of the work.

- Company name
- Address
- Contact person and title
- Telephone number, facsimile number, and email address
- Indicate if an affiliate or subsidiary of another firm and provide details
- Date business was established and number of years under present ownership/management
- Clearly state the services/role on this project
- Resumes indicating experience, education, licenses, and certifications of key personnel that will be involved in this project
- Provide a minimum of three (3) current, relevant references for contracts performing similar work. Include contract amount, contract start/end dates, type of services performed, assigned Project Manager, and other key personnel.

b. Include the following signed and dated certification statement:

“I certify that each subcontractor has been notified that it has been listed in this proposal and that each subcontractor has consented, in writing, to its name being submitted for this RFP. Additionally, I certify that I shall notify each subcontractor in writing if the award is granted to my firm, and I will make all documentation available to KCATA upon request.”

8. **Disclosure of Investigations/Actions.** Proposer must provide a detailed description of any investigation or litigation, including administrative complaints or other administrative proceedings, involving any public-sector clients during the past five (5) years including the nature and status of the investigation, and, for any litigation, the caption of the action, a brief description of the action, the date of inception, current status, and, if applicable, the disposition.

4.5 **Volume III – Contractual**

A. **Financial Condition of the Firm.** KCATA *may require* proposers to submit information demonstrating that it is financially sound and has the necessary financial resources to perform the contract in a satisfactory manner. This information may be requested from Prime Consultants only. In the event that KCATA makes this request:

1. The Proposer shall submit two (2) years of the firm’s most recent audited financial statements. If audited statements are not available, please provide two (2) years of its most recent audited annual financial statements if available. These statements consist of Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet), Results of Operations (Income Statement), Statement of Cash Flow, Statement of Retained Earnings, and applicable footnotes. Supplementary financial information may be requested as necessary.
2. Financial statements should be marked Confidential, and submitted separately in .pdf format, as an additional section of Volume III.

B. **Proposer Status and Affirmative Action.**

1. All firms (prime contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers) doing business with KCATA must complete a vendor registration process. KCATA uses a secure, online vendor management system (B2GNow). Confidential information (Tax ID, etc.) will not be published. *Vendors that have previously registered with KCATA must now also complete the online process with updated information.* Vendors will only need to register once but will be required to submit updated certifications/affidavits on a regular basis.
2. To begin, you must set up an account where you will be given a temporary password. You will receive a confirmation email and be directed to change your password. You may follow the instruction guide to complete the process. B2GNow also conducts webinars that provide guided training on navigating the

system and its available features.

3. Prime Consultants must complete the online Vendor Registration Questionnaire. Sub-consultants are encouraged to register to be included in notices of future solicitations.
4. Optional Documents. Firms have the option to attach additional documents to the Questionnaire, including brochures, insurance certificates, and bonds.
5. For questions on these requirements, or for assistance in completing the forms, please contact Maurice Gay, KCATA's Interim EEO/ADA Manager, at (816) 346-0366 or via email at mgay@kcata.org.

C. **Forms Due with Proposal Submission.** The following forms are required and must be provided as part of **Volume III**. One original is required of each.

1. **KCATA Affidavit of Civil Rights Compliance.** *Contractors and Subcontractors* agree to comply with Federal Transit Law, specifically 49 U.S.C. 5332 which prohibits discrimination, including discrimination in employment and discrimination in business opportunity. This form is included as Attachment E. In lieu of this form, firms may submit a current certificate from another government agency verifying compliance with their Affirmative Action program.
2. **KCATA Workforce Analysis/EEO-1 Report.** Firms have the option of submitting KCATA's form (Attachment F-2) or a current EEO-1 Report that has been filed with another government agency.
3. **Employee Eligibility Verification.**
 - a. In accordance with Section 285.500 RSMo, firms are required by sworn affidavit and provision of documentation, to affirm its enrollment and participation in a Federal work authorization program with respect to employees working in connection with the contracted services. The Proposer is required to obtain the same affirmation from all subcontractors at all tiers.
 - b. The Proposer shall also affirm (Attachment G) that it does not knowingly employ any person in connection with the contracted services who does not have the legal right or authorization under Federal law to work in the United States as defined in 8 U.S.C. §1324a(h)(3). This form will need to be updated annually.
 - c. Acceptable proof of enrollment includes the E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – a valid, completed copy of the first page identifying the business entity and a valid copy of the signature page completed and signed by the business entity, the Social Security Administration, and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).
 - d. The Proposer shall obtain this affidavit from its subcontractors at all tiers.
 - e. This form is renewable annually.
4. **Letter of Intent to Subcontract.** This letter is required for each MBE or WBE subcontractor that will be utilized on the project and must be signed by both the Prime and the Subcontractor.
5. **Receipt of Addenda.** If an Addendum is issued as part of this RFP, please provide the "Receipt of Addenda" form issued with any addenda.

4.6 Basis for Contract Award

- A. This is a "Best Value," competitive, negotiated source selection. Award of contract, if any, will be made to the responsive and responsible Proposer whose offer conforming to the solicitation is judged by an integrated assessment of the evaluation criteria to be the most advantageous to the Authority, price/cost and other factors

considered. For this procurement, all evaluation factors other than cost/price, when combined, are more important than cost/price.

- B. KCATA may select, other than the lowest cost/price, a technically acceptable offer if it is determined that the additional technical merit offered is worth the additional cost in relation to other proposals received. KCATA is more concerned with obtaining excellent technical features than with making an award at the lowest overall cost/price to the Authority. However, the Authority will not make an award at a significantly higher overall cost to achieve only slightly superior technical features.
- C. Offerors are further cautioned that KCATA may not necessarily make an award to the Proposer with the highest technical ranking if doing so would not represent the best value to KCATA. For evaluation purposes, if proposals become more technically equivalent, then cost/price becomes more important and may be the deciding factor.
- D. If in its best interest, KCATA reserves the right to make an award to more than one Proposer.

4.7 Proposal Evaluation Criteria

- A. Proposals will be evaluated by a Selection Committee based the following criteria which are listed in descending order of importance:
 - 1. **Quality of Professional Legal Staff Proposed to Serve the KCATA Account.** Included in this evaluation are such matters as:
 - a. Experience and qualifications of the principal attorney and the other attorneys proposed in accordance with this RFP.
 - b. Depth of knowledge and experience in areas of legal specialization required by the KCATA.
 - c. Success and experience in giving legal counsel to public sector clients with complex litigated matters.
 - d. The quality and value of any previous legal services work performed by the proposer in relation to the fees billed to the KCATA.
 - 2. **Overall Capability and Quality of the Proposing Firm.** Included in this evaluation are such matters as:
 - a. Experience and depth of professional legal staff in each of the areas of specialization required by the KCATA.
 - b. Number of clients for whom the firm provides legal services similar to those required by KCATA.
 - c. Newsletters, seminars, workshops, etc., the law firm sponsors to inform clients of legal issues, changes, and developments, and to provide broad-range advice and education.
 - d. Overall size of legal and support staff; office location in relation to the KCATA's headquarters; and other resources.
 - e. History of the firm, including growth, client retention, and briefings and updates provided to clients.
 - f. How responsive the firm will be to the changing needs of the KCATA and history of being responsible with other clients.
 - 3. **Price Proposal.** Prices submitted by Proposer shall be evaluated on reasonableness, completeness, cost and realism as appropriate.

4.8 Presentations/Interviews/Written Responses

Proposers submitting responsive and responsible proposals may be invited to interview with the evaluation committee at their own expense. The evaluation committee may also require Proposer(s) to submit written responses to questions regarding its proposal. Proposers selected for interviews will be notified. Interviews will be held virtually through Microsoft Teams.

4.9 Firm Selection

- A. Based on the evaluation process described above, the Evaluation Committee will determine the best-qualified firm/team for this project and contract negotiations will begin immediately with the selected firm. If negotiations are successful, the Evaluation Committee will recommend the best-qualified firm/team to KCATA's Executive Team for final authorization.
- B. If KCATA fails to reach an agreement with the top-ranked team, the KCATA may begin negotiations with the second ranked firm/team.

4.10 Contract Award

The selected Proposer shall only perform work on the Contract after the effective date is affixed and the fully executed contract is sent to the selected proposer. KCATA shall issue a written Notice to Proceed to the selected Proposer authorizing the work to begin on a date which is on or after the effective date. The selected Proposer shall not start the performance of any work prior to the date set forth in the Notice to Proceed and KCATA shall not be liable to pay the selected Proposer for any service or work performed or expenses incurred before that date. No KCATA employee or Board member has the authority to verbally direct the commencement of any work under the contract.

ATTACHMENT A
PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST – DOCUMENT/FORM REQUIREMENTS

The following forms are required to be submitted as part of proposal. Your Proposal may be considered non-responsive if you fail to submit the required documents for Prime and all sub-consultants at the closing date/time. The electronic copy of these forms can be obtained by going to:

Volume I: Price Proposal

- ✓ Attachment D

Volume II: Technical Proposal

Volume III: Contractual

- ✓ Attachment E Affidavit of Civil Rights Compliance (for Prime and all Subcontractors)
- ✓ Attachment F-2 KCATA EEO-1/Workforce Analysis Report (for Prime and Subcontractors)
- ✓ Attachment G-1 Affidavit of Primary Participants Regarding Employee Eligibility Verification (Prime Contractor)
- ✓ Attachment G-2 Affidavit of Lower-Tier Participants Regarding Employee Eligibility Verification, if applicable (Subs)
- ✓ Attachment H Letter of Intent to Subcontract with Diverse Firms (only if utilizing MBE/WBE Subcontractors)
- ✓ Receipt of Addenda Form (if addendum issued as part of this RFP)

**ATTACHMENT B
SAMPLE CONTRACT/TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

THIS CONTRACT (the "Contract"), made and entered into as of the day of , 2023, by and between the **Kansas City Area Transportation Authority ("KCATA")**, a body corporate and politic, and a political subdivision of the States of Missouri and Kansas, with offices at 1350 East 17th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 64108, and _____ ("**Contractor**"), with offices at _____.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants and conditions to be performed by the respective parties hereto and of the compensation to be paid as hereinafter specified, the KCATA and the Contractor agree as follows:

1. EMPLOYMENT OF CONTRACTOR.

This Contract is entered into for the purpose of engaging the Contractor as an independent contractor by KCATA in accordance with that certain proposal submitted by the Contractor dated _____, 2023, a copy of which is attached hereto as Appendix D and incorporated herein by reference ("Proposal").

2. SCOPE OF CONTRACT.

The Contractor shall provide the services and deliverables consistent with the Request for Proposal (RFP) solicited by the KCATA, dated _____, 2023, entitled "KCATA Vehicle Litigation Legal Services" (sometimes referred to as the "Project" or the "Work"), which is incorporated herein by reference. The Contractor hereby agrees to provide the services as needed at the firm, fixed prices stated in the Appendix C attached hereto for the KCATA in accordance with the specifications of the scope of the contract provided in the Contract Documents herein.

3. TERM.

The term of this contract agreement shall be for a period of one (1) year(s) beginning January 1, 2024, and expiring on December 31, 2024, with three (3) one-year extension options. The deliverables to be provided and/or services to be performed shall commence upon receipt of a notice to proceed from the KCATA. Work in process prior to expiration of the contract agreement shall be completed and as construed by KCATA to be within the "contract term."

4. CONTRACT SUM.

The KCATA shall pay the Contractor in current funds for the provision of products and the performance of the services (Appendix B to this Contract), subject to (a) the terms and conditions of the Contract and (b) any KCATA authorized additions or deductions by "Change Order," if applicable, as provided in this Contract. The contractor shall be paid for the work performed at the rates set out in the Contractor's Price Proposal (Appendix C). It is anticipated that the funds to be paid to the Contractor under this contract shall not exceed the sum of _____ Dollars (\$_____).

Annual funding for subsequent years of the contract and extension options, if exercised, will be based on KCATA's anticipated needs and in accordance with the rates established herein.

5. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

In the event of any inconsistency between the articles, attachments, specifications, or provisions which constitute this Contract, the following order of precedence shall apply:

- A. Specific written amendments or modifications/change orders to the executed Contract;
- B. KCATA's Standard Terms and Conditions;
- C. Executed Contract and any attachments incorporated by reference
- D. Contractor's Price Proposal; and
- E. KCATA's RFP and Scope of Work/Services, including any attachments incorporated by reference.

6. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

The following Appendices are attached and incorporated by reference as part of this Contract. This Contract and any amendments issued hereafter, constitute the entire Contract between the KCATA and the Contractor.

- Appendix A. Contract Terms and Conditions; and
- Appendix B. Section 2 of the RFP - Scope of Work; and
- Appendix C. Contractor's Proposal
- Appendix D. Contractor's Price Proposal Submitted on _____.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto for themselves, their successors and permitted assigns, executed this Contract Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

**CONTRACTOR'S NAME
(CONTRACTOR)**

**KANSAS CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION
AUTHORITY (KCATA)**

By _____
Name of Authorized Signer
Title of Authorized Signer

By _____
Bruce Beatty
Chief Financial Officer

By _____
Richard C. Jarrold
Deputy Chief Executive Officer

ATTACHMENT B (CONTINUED)
KCATA STANDARD CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICES/DELIVERABLES – NO RELEASE

Acceptance of any portion of the services prior to final acceptance shall not release the Contractor from liability for faulty workmanship, or for failure to fully comply with all the terms of this Contract. KCATA reserves the right and shall be at liberty to inspect all work products at any time during the Contract term, and shall have the right to reject all services which do not conform with the conditions, Contract requirements or specifications; provided, however, that KCATA is under no duty to make such inspection, and Contractor shall (notwithstanding any such inspection) have a continuing obligation to furnish all services in accordance with the instructions, Contract requirements and specifications. Until delivery and acceptance, and after any rejections, risk of loss will be on the Contractor, unless loss results from negligence of KCATA.

2. AGREEMENT IN ENTIRETY

This Contract represents the entire and integrated agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral. This Contract may be amended only by written instrument signed by all parties.

3. ASSIGNMENT

The Contractor shall not assign any interest in this Contract and shall not transfer any interest in the same (whether by assignment or novation), without the prior written consent of KCATA. In the event of KCATA's consent to assignment of this Contract, all of the terms, provisions, and conditions of the Contract shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors, assigns, and legal representative.

4. BANKRUPTCY

In the event the Contractor enters into proceedings relating to bankruptcy, whether voluntary or involuntary, the Contractor agrees to furnish, by certified mail, written notification of the bankruptcy to the KCATA official identified in the "Notification and Communication" section. This notification shall be furnished within five (5) days of the initiation of the proceedings relating to bankruptcy filing. This notification shall include the date on which the bankruptcy petition was filed, the identity of the court in which the bankruptcy petition was filed, and a listing of KCATA Contract numbers against which final payment has not been made. This obligation remains in effect until final payment under this Contract.

5. BREACH OF CONTRACT; REMEDIES

- A. If the Contractor shall fail, refuse or neglect to comply with any terms of this Contract, such failure shall be deemed a total breach of contract and the Contractor shall be subject to legal recourse by KCATA, plus costs resulting from failure to comply including the KCATA's reasonable attorney fees, whether or not suit be commenced.
- B. The duties and obligations imposed by this Contract and the rights and remedies available hereunder shall be in addition to and not a limitation of any duties, obligations, rights, and remedies otherwise imposed or available by law or equity. No action or failure to act by KCATA shall constitute a waiver of any right or duty afforded under this Contract, nor shall any such action or failure to act constitute an approval of or acquiescence in any breach hereunder, except as may be specifically agreed in writing.

6. CHANGES

KCATA may at any time, by a written order, and without notice to the Contractor, make changes within the general scope of this Contract. No such changes shall be made by the Contractor without prior written approval by KCATA. If any such change causes an increase or decrease in the Contract sum, or the time required for performance of this Contract, whether changed or not changed by such order, an equitable adjustment shall be made by written modification. Any Contractor's claim for adjustment under this clause must be asserted within 30 days from the date of receipt by the Contractor of the notification of change. Nothing in this clause shall excuse the Contractor from proceeding with this Contract as changed.

7. CIVIL RIGHTS

- A. **Nondiscrimination.** In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, section 303 of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6102, section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12132, and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, creed, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin or disability. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing regulations that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) may issue.
- B. **Equal Employment Opportunity.** The following equal employment opportunity requirements apply to this Contract:
1. Race, Color, Creed, National Origin or Sex. In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §2000e, *et seq.*, and Federal transit laws at 49 U.S.C. §5332, the Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable equal opportunity requirements of the U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL) regulations, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor" 41 C.F.R. Parts 60 *et seq.*, (which implement Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," 42 U.S.C. 2000e note), and with any applicable Federal statutes, executive orders, regulations, and Federal policies that may in the future affect construction activities undertaken in the course of the Contract. The Contractor agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, creed, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff, or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
 2. Age. In accordance with the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 621-634, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (U.S.EEOC) regulations, "Age Discrimination in Employment Act," 29 C.F.R. part 1625, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6101 *et seq.*, and U. S. Department of Health and Human Services regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance," 45 C.F. R. part 90, and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. §5332, the Contractor agrees to refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for reason of age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
 3. Disabilities. In accordance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 794, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §12102 *et seq.*, the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 4151 *et eq.*, and the Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against individuals on the basis of disability. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
- C. **ADA Access Requirements.** In accordance with section 102 of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12112 and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 794, the Contractor agrees that it will comply with the requirements of U.S. Department of Transportation regulations, "Transportation Services for Individuals with Disabilities (ADA)," 49 CFR Part 37; and U.S. Department of Transportation regulations, "Americans with Disabilities Accessibility Specifications for Transportation Vehicles," 36 CFR Part 1192 and 49 CFR Part 38, pertaining to facilities and equipment to be used in public transportation. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5301 (d) which expresses the Federal policy that the elderly and persons with disabilities have the same right as other persons to use mass transportation services and facilities, and that special efforts shall be made in planning and designing those services and facilities to implement transportation accessibility rights for elderly persons and persons with disabilities. Contractor also agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
- D. Contractor understands that it is required to include this Article in all subcontracts. Failure by the Contractor to carry out these requirements or to include these requirements in any subcontract is a material breach of this Contract, which may result in the termination of this Contract or such other remedy as the KCATA deems appropriate, including

but not limited to withholding monthly progress payments and/or disqualifying the Contractor from future bidding as non-responsible.

8. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (ORGANIZATIONAL)

In accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.112, the Contractor certifies that it has no other activities or relationships that would make the Contractor unable, or potentially unable, to render impartial assistance or advice to KCATA, or that would impair the Contractor's objectivity in performing work under this Contract, or that would result in an unfair competitive advantage to Contractor or to another third party performing the Project work.

9. CONTINUITY OF SERVICES

- A. The Contractor recognizes that the services under this Contract are vital to the KCATA and must be continued without interruption and that, upon contract expiration, a successor, either the KCATA or another contractor may continue them. The Contractor agrees to exercise its best efforts and cooperation to affect an orderly and efficient transition to a successor.
- B. The Contractor shall, upon KCATA's written notice, (1) furnish phase-in, phase-out services for up to 90 days after this Contract expires and (2) negotiate in good faith a plan with a successor to determine the nature and extent of phase-in, phase-out services required. The Contractor shall provide sufficient experienced personnel during the phase-in, phase-out period to ensure that the services called for by this Contract are maintained at the required level of proficiency.

10. CONTRACTOR'S PERSONNEL

All of the services required hereunder shall be performed by the Contractor or under its supervision and all personnel engaged in the services shall be fully qualified and authorized under state and local law to perform such services. Any change in the key personnel, as described in the contractor's proposal, shall be subject to the written approval of KCATA; such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. The parties agree that at all times during the entire term of this Contract that the persons listed in Contractor's proposal shall serve as the primary staff person(s) of Contractor to undertake, render and oversee all of the services of this Contract subject to KCATA's right to remove personnel. KCATA reserves the right to require the Contractor to remove any personnel and or subcontractors for any cause provided such request for removal shall be documented in writing to Consultant.

11. CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

No advantage shall be taken by the Contractor or its subcontractor of the omission of any part or detail which goes to make the equipment complete and operable for use by KCATA. In case of any variance, this specification shall take precedence over Contractor's or subcontractor's own specifications. The Contractor shall assume responsibility for all materials and services used whether the same is manufactured by the Contractor or purchased ready made from a source outside the Contractor's company.

12. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- A. Except as otherwise provided in this Contract, any dispute concerning a question of fact arising under this Contract which is not disposed of by agreement shall be decided by KCATA's Director of Procurement, who shall reduce the decision to writing and mail or otherwise furnish a copy to the Contractor. The decision of the Director of Procurement shall be final and conclusive unless within ten (10) days from the date of receipt of such copy the Contractor mails or otherwise furnishes a written appeal addressed to the Chief Financial Officer, with a copy to the Director of Procurement. The determination of such appeal by the Chief Financial Officer shall be final and conclusive unless determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to have been fraudulent or capricious, arbitrary, or not supported by substantial evidence. In connection with any appeal proceeding under this clause the Contractor shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to offer evidence in support of its appeal. Pending final decision of a dispute hereunder, and unless otherwise directed in writing by KCATA, the Contractor shall proceed diligently with performance in accordance with the Director of Procurement's decision.

- B. The duties and obligations imposed by the Contract and the rights and remedies available hereunder shall be in addition to and not a limitation of any duties, obligations, rights, and remedies otherwise imposed or available by law. No action or failure to act by the KCATA or Contractor shall constitute a waiver of any right or duty afforded any of them under the Contract, nor shall any such action or failure to act constitute an approval of or acquiescence in any breach thereunder, except as may be specifically agreed in writing.

13. EMPLOYEE ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION

- A. To comply with Section 285.500 RSMo, *et seq.*, the Contractor is required by sworn affidavit and provision of documentation, to affirm its enrollment and participation in a federal work authorization program with respect to the employees working in connection with the contracted services. The Contractor shall also affirm that it does not knowingly employ any person in connection with the contracted services who does not have the legal right or authorization under federal law to work in the United States as defined in 8 U.S.C. §1324a(h)(3). The Contractor is required to obtain the same affirmation from all subcontractors at all tiers with contracts exceeding \$5,000.
- B. A federal work authorization program is any of the electronic verification of work authorization programs operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security (E-Verify) or an equivalent federal work authorization program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security to verify information of newly hired employees, under the Immigration Reform and control Act of 1986 (IRCA), P.L.99-603.

14. FORCE MAJEURE

- A. Both Parties shall be excused from performing its obligations under this Contract during the time and to the extent that it is prevented from performing by an unforeseeable cause beyond its control ("**Excusable Delays**") including, but not limited to: any incidence of fire, flood; acts of God or the public enemy; commandeering of material, products, plants or facilities by the federal, state or local government; national fuel shortage; pandemic; acts of war; terrorism; strikes; any acts, restrictions, regulations, by-laws; prohibitions or measures of any kind on the part of any KCATA; freight embargoes; delays of Contractor's suppliers for like causes; contractual acts of either Party or a material act of omission by either Party; when satisfactory evidence of such cause is presented to the other Party, and provided further that such nonperformance is unforeseeable, beyond the control and is not due to the fault or negligence of the Contractor or KCATA. Contractor and KCATA shall use its best efforts to remove the cause of delay and resume work as soon as possible.
- B. If at any time, Contractor concludes that any of the Work hereunder will become subject to a delay beyond Contractor's control, including but not limited to any of the aforementioned causes, Contractor shall notify KCATA of the nature and detailed reasons and foreseeable extent of such delay and shall, once every seven (7) calendar days thereafter, notify KCATA whenever, to the best of Contractor's knowledge and belief, the nature or foreseeable extent of such delay shall change. Contractor shall provide this written notice within five (5) business days of Contractor's becoming aware of the facts or matters giving rise to such Excusable Delay. Both Parties shall keep in contact with each other as to the status of such Excusable Delay and shall agree in writing to a restart date when the facts or matters giving rise to such Excusable Delay have concluded and further delays are not foreseen. Upon reengagement of work, Contractor and KCATA will formulate and agree upon an update project schedule, taking into account the timeframe that has passed since the work stoppage, necessary time to resume or re-create any previously completed tasks due to damaged or missing equipment and any associated time periods for shipment and/or manufacture of equipment.

15. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- A. **No Third-Party Beneficiaries.** The parties do not intend to confer any benefit hereunder on any person, firm, or entity other than the parties hereto.
- B. **Extensions of Time.** No extension of time for performance of any Contractor obligations or acts shall be deemed an extension of time for performance of any other obligations or acts.

- C. **Time of Essence.** Time is of the essence in Contractor's performance of this Agreement.
- D. **Time Periods.** A "business day" is a business working day of KCATA administrative personnel which are days other than a Saturday, Sunday or legal holidays observed by the KCATA for administrative personnel. If the time period by which any right or election provided under this Contract must be exercised, or by which any act required hereunder must be performed, expires on a day which is not a business day, then such time period shall be automatically extended through the close of business on the next regularly scheduled business day.
- E. **Binding Effect.** This Contract shall bind and inure to the benefit of the legal representatives, successors and permitted assigns of the parties.
- F. **Counterparts.** This Contract may be executed at different times and in two or more counterparts and all counterparts so executed shall for all purposes constitute one contract, binding on all the parties hereto, notwithstanding that all parties shall not have executed the same counterpart. And, in proving this Contract, it shall not be necessary to produce or account for more than one such counterpart executed by the party against whom enforcement is sought.
- G. **Interpretation; Update of Citations.** Unless otherwise specified herein, (a) the singular includes the plural and the plural the singular; (b) words importing any gender include the other genders; and (c) references to persons or parties include their permitted successors and assigns. The parties recognize and agree that many of the laws, regulations, policies, procedures, and directives stated as governing the Contractor's performance of its work or services, or the supplying of products, equipment, or materials, pursuant to this Contract are subject to updating, amendment or replacement. Therefore, all such references in this Contract are agreed by the parties to be deemed to refer to the then current updated, amended or replacement form of such laws, regulations, policies, procedures, and directives in effect at the applicable time during the term of this Contract and the same are hereby incorporated into this Contract by this reference.
- H. **When Effective.** Notwithstanding any provision contained in this Contract to the contrary, this Contract shall become effective only after the execution and delivery of this Contract by each of the parties hereto and no course of conduct, oral contract or written memoranda shall bind the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof except this Contract.
- I. **Further Actions; Reasonableness and Cooperation by Parties; Time for Certain Actions.** Each party agrees to take such further actions and to execute such additional documents or instruments as may be reasonably requested by the other party to carry out the purpose and intent of this Contract. Except where expressly stated to be in a party's sole discretion, or where it is stated that a party has the ability to act in its sole judgment or for its own uses or purposes, wherever it is provided or contemplated in this Contract that a party must give its consent or approval to actions or inactions by the other party or a third party in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, such consent or approval will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. If no time period is set hereunder for a party to approve or consent to an action or inaction by the other party or a third party such approval shall be given or affirmatively withheld in writing within ten (10) business days after it is requested in writing, or it shall be deemed given.
- J. **Survival.** In addition to any provisions expressly stated to survive termination of this Contract, all provisions which by their terms provide for or contemplate obligations or duties of a party which are to extend beyond such termination (and the corresponding rights of the other party to enforce or receive the benefit thereof) shall survive such termination.
- K. **Authority of Signatories.** Any person executing this Contract in a representative capacity represents and warrants that such person has the authority to do so and, upon request, will furnish proof of such authority in customary form.
- L. **Notice of Legal Matters.** If this project is federally funded and is expected to equal or exceed \$25,000, KCATA agrees to notify the FTA Chief Counsel or FTA Regional VII legal counsel of a current or prospective legal matter that may affect the Federal government. Contractor agrees this affirmative notification provision will apply to subcontractors and suppliers and is to be included in all agreements at all tiers. Failure to include this notice may be deemed a material breach of contract.

16. GOVERNING LAW; CHOICE OF JUDICIAL FORUM

This Contract shall be deemed to have been made in, and be construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Missouri. Any action of law, suit in equity, or other judicial proceeding to enforce or construe this Contract, respecting its alleged breach, shall be instituted only in the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri.

17. HEADINGS

The headings included in this Contract are inserted only as a matter of convenience and for reference, and in no way define, limit, or describe the scope of intent of any provision, and shall not be construed to affect, in any manner, the terms and provisions hereof of the interpretation or construction thereof.

18. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

- A. The parties agree that the Contractor is an independent contractor under this Contract. Under no circumstance shall the Contractor be considered an agent, employee, or representative of KCATA and KCATA shall not be liable for any claims, losses, damages, or liabilities of any kind resulting from any action taken or failed to be taken by the Contractor.
- B. The Contractor shall furnish adequate supervision, labor, materials, supplies, security, financial resources, and equipment necessary to perform all the services contemplated under this Contract in an orderly, timely, and efficient manner.

19. INSPECTION OF SERVICES

- A. The Contractor shall provide and maintain an inspection system acceptable to the Authority covering the services provided in the performance of the Contract. "Services" as used in this clause, includes services performed, quality of the work, and materials furnished or used in the performance of services.
- B. The Contractor shall provide and maintain an inspection system acceptable to the Authority covering the project. Complete records of all inspection work performed by the Contractor shall be maintained and made available to the Authority during contract performance and for as long afterwards as the Contract requires.
- C. The Authority has the right to inspect and test all services called for by this Contract to the extent practicable at all times and places during the term of the Contract. The Authority shall perform inspection and tests in a manner that will not unduly delay the work.
- D. If any of the services performed do not conform to Contract requirements, the Authority may require the contractor to perform the services again in conformity with Contract requirements for no additional fee. When the defects in performance cannot be corrected by re-performance, the Authority may:
 - 1. Require the Contractor to take necessary action to ensure that future performance conforms to Contract requirements; or
 - 2. Reduce the Contract Sum accordingly.
- E. If the Contractor fails to promptly perform the services again or to take the necessary action to ensure future performance in conformity with contract requirements, the Authority may:
 - 1. By contract or otherwise, perform the services and charge to the Contractor any cost incurred by the Authority that is directly related to the performance of the work; or
 - 2. Terminate the Contract for default.

20. INSURANCE

- A. The insurance required in this Contract shall be written for not less than any limits of liability required by law or by those set forth below, whichever is greater, and shall include blanket contractual liability insurance as applicable to the Contractor’s obligations under the Liability and Indemnification section below. All policies, except Professional Liability policies, shall name KCATA, its commissioners, officers, and employees as additional insureds. The insurance should be written with companies acceptable to KCATA and the companies should have a minimum A.M. Best’s insurance rating of A-(VIII). An exception to the minimum A.M. Best rating is granted for Workers Compensation exposures insured through the Builders’ Association of Self Insurance Fund (BASIF).

- B. The Contractor shall be required to furnish to KCATA certificates verifying the required insurance and relevant additional insured endorsements prior to execution of the Contract, and thereafter furnish the certificates on an annual basis. The certificates (with the exception of Professional Liability and Workers Compensation coverage) shall specifically state that:
 - 1. Contractual liability coverage is applicable; and
 - 2. The Kansas City Area Transportation Authority, its commissioners, officers, and employees are named as additional insureds (Named Insureds) on the policies covered by the certificate; using this specific wording: **Kansas City Area Transportation Authority, its commissioners, officers, and employees are named as additional insureds as respects general liability and where required by written contract. Any coverage afforded the certificate holder as an additional insured shall apply as primary and not excess or contributing to any insurance or self-insurance in the name of the certificate holder and shall include a waiver of subrogation.**

- C. Further, from time to time and whenever reasonably requested by KCATA, the Contractor shall represent and warrant to KCATA (1) the extent to which the insurance limits identified below have been, or may be, eroded due to paid or pending claims under the policies; and (2) the identity of other entities or individuals covered as an additional insured on the policies. Further, the Contractor shall confirm that the insurers’ obligation to pay defense costs under the policies is in addition to, and not part of the liability limits stated in the policies.

- D. All such insurance, with the exception of Professional Liability coverage, shall contain endorsements that the policies may not be canceled or amended or allowed to lapse by the insurers with respect to KCATA its commissioners, officers and employers by the insurance company without thirty (30) days prior notice to KCATA in addition to the Named Insured (s) and that denial of coverage or voiding of the policy for failure of Contractor to comply with its terms shall not affect the interest of KCATA, its commissioners, officers and employees thereunder.

- E. The requirements for insurance coverage are separate and independent of any other provision hereunder.

1. Worker’s Compensation:

- a. State: Missouri and/or Kansas – Statutory
- b. Employer’s Liability: Bodily Injury by Accident -- \$500,000 Each Accident
Bodily Injury by Disease -- \$500,000 Each Employee
Bodily Injury by Disease -- \$500,000 Policy Limit

The Contractor and any subcontractor shall maintain adequate workers’ compensation insurance as required by law to cover all employees during performance of services, or during delivery, installation, assembly, or related services in conjunction with this Agreement.

2. Commercial General Liability:

Bodily Injury and Property Damage to include Products and Completed Operations:
\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence
\$2,000,000 General Aggregate (per project)

\$1,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury
\$50,000 Fire Damage
\$5,000 Medical Expenses
2 Years (Completed Operations)

Contractor shall procure and maintain at all times during the term of the KCATA purchase order or the Contract commercial general liability insurance for liability arising out of the operations of the Contractor and any subcontractors. The policy(ies) shall include coverage for the Contractor's and subcontractors' products and completed operations for at least two (2) years following project completion, or as otherwise noted. The policy(ies) shall name as an additional insured, in connection with Contractor's activities, the KCATA, its commissioners, officers, and employees. The Contractor shall be responsible for all premiums associated with the requested policy(ies) and endorsements. The Insurer(s) shall agree that its policy(ies) is primary insurance and that it shall be liable for the full amount of any loss up to and including the total limit of liability without right of contribution from any other insurance or self-insurance KCATA may have.

3. **Auto Liability:**

Bodily Injury and Property Damage: \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit

The policy(ies) shall include automobile liability coverage for all vehicles, licensed or unlicensed, on or off the KCATA premises, whether the vehicles are owned, hired or non-owned, covering use by or on behalf of the Contractor and any subcontractors during the performance of work under this Contract.

4. **Professional Liability Insurance**

Professional Liability Limit: \$1,000,000 Each Claim
\$1,000,000 Annual Aggregate

Where applicable, the Contractor shall obtain professional liability insurance covering any damages caused by an error, omission or any negligent acts of the Contractor or its employees with regard to performance under this Agreement.

5. **Umbrella or Excess Liability**

Umbrella or Excess Liability Limit: \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence
\$1,000,000 Aggregate (per project)

Where applicable, the Contractor shall obtain and keep in effect during the term of the contract, Umbrella or Excess Liability Insurance covering their liability over the limit for primary general liability, automobile liability, and employer's liability.

21. **LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION**

- A. **Contractor's Liability.** Contractor shall be liable for all damages to persons (including employees of Contractor) or property of any type that may occur as a result of any act or omission by Contractor, any subcontractors, or sub-subcontractor, their respective agents or anyone directly employed by any of them or anyone.
- B. **Subrogation.** Contractor, its agents, and any subcontractor hereby waive and relinquish any right of subrogation or claim against KCATA, its commissioners, senior leaders and employees arising out of the use of KCATA's premises (including any equipment) by any party in performance of this Agreement.
- C. **Indemnification.**
 - 1. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor agrees to and shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless KCATA, its Commissioners, officers and employees from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, causes

of action, suits, liens and liability of every kind, (including all expenses of litigation, expert witness fees, court costs and attorney's fees whether or not suit be commenced) by or to any person or entity (collectively the "Liabilities") arising out of, caused by, or resulting from the acts or omissions of Contractor, subcontractors, or sub-subcontractors, their respective agents or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them in performing work under this Contract, regardless of whether or not such claim, damage, loss or expense is caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder, so long as such Liabilities are not caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of a party indemnified hereunder. Such obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge, or otherwise reduce other rights or obligations of indemnity which would otherwise exist as to a party or person described in this paragraph. Contractor shall also indemnify, hold harmless and defend the KCATA for any contractor or subcontractor action, tort, or violation of federal or state law or city ordinance.

2. In claims against any person or entity indemnified under this section, by an employee or Contractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, the subcontractor or sub-subcontractor indemnification obligation shall not be limited by a limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for the Contractor, subcontractor, or sub-subcontractor under worker's compensation acts, disability benefit acts or other employee benefit acts. If any action at law or suit in equity is instituted by any third party against Contractor arising out of or resulting from the acts of Contractor in performing work under this Contract, Contractor shall promptly notify KCATA of such suit.
3. If any action at law or suit in equity is instituted by any third party against KCATA or its commissioners, officers or employees arising out of or resulting from the acts of Contractor, a subcontractor or sub-subcontractor, their respective agents or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them in providing products, equipment or materials, or in performing work or services under this Contract, and if Contractor has failed to provide insurance coverage to KCATA against such action as required herein or otherwise refuses to defend such action, KCATA shall have the right to conduct and control, through counsel of its choosing, the defense of any third party claim, action or suit, and may compromise or settle the same, provided that KCATA shall give the Contractor advance notice of any proposed compromise or settlement. Under these circumstances, KCATA retains the right to recover all costs of defense from the Contractor.
4. KCATA shall permit Contractor to participate in the defense of any such action or suit through counsel chosen by the Contractor, provided that all fees and expenses of such counsel shall be borne by Contractor. If KCATA permits Contractor to undertake, conduct and control the conduct and settlement of such action or suit, Contractor shall not consent to any settlement that does not include as an unconditional term thereof the giving of a complete release from liability with respect to such action or suit to KCATA. Contractor shall promptly reimburse KCATA for the full amount of any damages, including fees and expenses of counsel for KCATA, incurred in connection with any such action.

D. **Release of Liability.** Contractor, its officers, directors, employees, heirs, administrators, executors, agents and representatives and respective successors and assigns hereby fully release, remise, acquit and forever discharge the KCATA and its commissioners, officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents, representatives and its respective successors and assigns from any and all actions, claims, causes of action, suits, rights, debts, liabilities, accounts, agreements, covenants, contracts, promises, warranties, judgments, executions, demands, damages, costs and expenses, whether known or unknown at this time, of any kind or nature, absolute or contingent, existing at law or in equity, on account of any matter related to this agreement, cause or thing whatsoever that has happened, developed or occurred before or after you sign and deliver this Contract to KCATA. This release will survive the termination of this Contract.

22. LICENSING, LAWS, AND REGULATIONS

A. The Contractor shall, without additional expense to KCATA, be responsible for obtaining any necessary licenses and permits, and for complying with all federal, state, and municipal laws, codes, and regulations applicable to the providing of products, equipment or materials, or the performance of the Services, under this Contract.

- B. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable and current rules, regulations, and ordinances of any applicable federal, state, county or municipal governmental body or authority, including but not limited to those as set forth by the Environmental Protection Agency, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, the Kansas Department of Health and Environmental, the FTA, the Department of Transportation, and the City of Kansas City, Missouri.

23. NOTIFICATION AND COMMUNICATION

- A. Communications regarding technical issues and activities of the project shall be exchanged with Patrick Hurley, KCATA's General Counsel, at (816) 346-0247 or via e-mail at phurley@kcata.org.
- B. Issues regarding the contract document, changes, amendments, etc. are the responsibility of KCATA's Procurement Department. All notices and communications on all matters regarding this Contract may be given by delivery or mailing the same postage prepaid, addressed to the following:

If to KCATA: Laura Anderson, Buyer
 Kansas City Area Transportation Authority
 1350 East 17th Street
 Kansas City, MO 64108

If to Contractor: _____

- C. The Contractor shall notify KCATA immediately when a change in ownership has occurred or is certain to occur.
- D. The addresses to which notices may be made may be changed from time to time by notice mailed as described above. Any notice given by mail shall be deemed given on the day after that on which it is deposited in the United States Mail as provided above.

24. OWNERSHIP, IDENTIFICATION, AND CONFIDENTIALITY OF WORK

- A. All reports, programs, documentation, designs, drawings, plans, specifications, schedules, and other materials prepared, or in the process of being prepared, for the services to be performed by Contractor shall be and are the property of KCATA and shall be identified in an appropriate manner by a title containing KCATA's name and address.
- B. KCATA shall be entitled to copies of these materials during the progress of the work.
- C. Any such material remaining in the possession of the Contractor or in the possession of a subcontractor upon completion or termination of the work, and for which KCATA has reimbursed the contractor, shall be immediately delivered to KCATA. If any materials are lost, damaged, or destroyed before final delivery to KCATA, the Contractor shall replace them at its own expense, and the Contractor assumes all risks of loss, damage, or destruction of or to such material.
- D. The Contractor may retain a copy of all materials produced under this Contract for its own internal use.
- E. Any KCATA materials to which the Contractor has access or materials prepared by the Contractor shall be held in confidence by the Contractor, who shall exercise all reasonable precautions to prevent the disclosure of confidential information to anyone except the officers, employees, and agents of the Contractor as necessary to accomplish the work set forth in this agreement.
- F. Access to copies of any reports, information, data, etc., available to or prepared or assembled by the Contractor under this Contract shall not be made available to any third party by the Contractor without the prior written consent of KCATA.

25. PRIVACY ACT REQUIREMENTS

- A. The Contractor agrees to comply with, and assures the compliance of its employees and subcontractors with, the information restrictions and other applicable requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552. Among other things, the Contractor agrees to obtain the express consent of the KCATA and/or the Federal Government before the Contractor or its employees operate a system of records on behalf of the KCATA or Federal Government.
- B. The Contractor understands that the requirements of the Privacy Act, including the civil and criminal penalties for violation of that Act, apply to all individuals involved, and that failure to comply with the terms of the Privacy Act may result in termination of the underlying Agreement.
- C. The Contractor agrees that strict privacy will be maintained in the collection, storage, use, transfer, access to and/or security of personnel information. Contractor agrees to protect such information, and to limit the use of the information to that required by the contract.
- D. Contractor shall be liable to each employee for loss of any private or personal information lost or left unsecure by Contractor. Contractor shall not have any personal employee information for any reason outside of this contract.

26. PROHIBITED INTERESTS

- A. No board member, officer, employee or agent of KCATA or of a local public body who has participated or will participate in the selection, award, or administration of this Contract, nor any member of his or her immediate family, business partner or any organization which employs, or intends to employ any of the above during such period, shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in this Contract or the proceeds thereof, to any share or part of this Contract, or to any benefit arising there from. This shall not be construed to prevent any such person from owning stock in a publicly owned corporation.
- B. No member of, or delegates to, the Congress of the United States shall be admitted to any share or part of the Contract, or to any benefit arising there from. This shall not be construed to prevent any such person from owning stock in a publicly owned corporation.

27. PROHIBITED WEAPONS AND MATERIALS

- A. Missouri Revised Statutes, Section 571.107 (RSMo §571.107) allows government units and businesses to prohibit persons holding a concealed carry endorsement from carrying concealed firearms on its premises. Accordingly, KCATA has adopted the following rules prohibiting weapons, whether concealed or not, and whether or not the individual carrying the weapon has an endorsement or permit to carry.
- B. No weapon, including firearms concealed or not, or other instrument intended for use as a weapon, or any object capable of inflicting serious bodily injury upon another person or property may be carried in or on any facility or property of KCATA, including vehicles of contractors parked on KCATA property or leased facilities, or vehicles used in transporting KCATA customers, even if a person has a permit to carry a concealed weapon, unless authorized in writing to do so by KCATA. For the purposes hereof, a weapon shall include, but not be limited to, a firearm, knife, sword, mace, or any instrument of any kind known as blackjack, billy club, club, sandbag, and metal knuckles.
- C. No explosives, flammable liquids, acids, fireworks, other highly combustible materials, radioactive materials, or biochemical materials may be carried on or in any KCATA property, facility, or vehicle, including vehicles of contractors parked on KCATA property or leased facilities, or vehicles used in transporting any KCATA customer, except as authorized in writing by KCATA.
- D. Any contractor, subcontractor, employee or agent thereof, who has a firearm or other weapon, including those used for recreational purposes, in his/her possession, including on his/her person, in a vehicle on an KCATA facility, in a vehicle carrying KCATA customers, or accessible such as in first aid kits, toolboxes, purses, lunch or carrying bags, etc., at any time while performing KCATA contracted services or on KCATA property, including parking lots, concealed

or not, shall be immediately prohibited from performing any further KCATA work, even if the person has a permit to carry a concealed weapon.

- E. Any KCATA contractor, subcontractor, employee or agent thereof, while performing KCATA contracted services or on any KCATA property or facilities, who has in his/her possession, carries, transports, displays, uses, flourishes, or threatens another person with a weapon, radioactive material, biochemical material or other dangerous weapon, object or material, which has the capability of inflicting bodily injury, shall be immediately prohibited from performing any further KCATA work and reported to local law enforcement authorities.

28. RECORD RETENTION AND ACCESS

- A. The Contractor agrees that, during the course of this agreement and any extensions thereof, and for three years thereafter, it will maintain intact and readily accessible all data, documents, reports, records, contracts, and supporting materials relating to this Contract in accordance with 2 CFR § 200.33, 49 U.S.C. § 5325(g) and 49 CFR part 633. In the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this Contract, the Contractor agrees to maintain same until such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto have been disposed of.
- B. The Contractor shall permit KCATA, the U.S. Secretary of Transportation, the Comptroller General of the United States, and, as applicable, any local municipality, to inspect all work, materials, construction sites, payrolls, and other data and records, and to audit the books, records, and accounts of the Contractor relating to its performance under this Contract.
- C. The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed, and to include this clause in all subcontracts.

29. REQUESTS FOR PAYMENT

- A. Invoices requesting payment shall be submitted electronically to KCATA's dedicated Accounts Payable email at payme@kcata.org. All invoices shall be numbered, dated, and contain full descriptive information of services and materials furnished. All invoices and correspondence shall reference KCATA's internal FSM contract number, purchase order number. Supporting documentation to be attached to Contractor's invoice may include subcontractor or equipment invoices and receipts for eligible travel expenses. Contractor shall provide a breakout of employees, number of hours worked, rate of pay, overhead, and fee. This information shall also be provided for each subconsultant and include a copy of the subconsultant's invoice for the work performed.
- B. Payment by KCATA will be made within the later of 1) 30 days after receipt of a proper invoice, or 2) 30 days after KCATA's acceptance of supplies delivered or services performed by the Contractor. On a final invoice where the payment amount is subject to contract settlement actions, acceptance shall be deemed to have occurred on the effective date of the contract settlement.
- C. All final invoices shall be submitted to KCATA within 90 days of project completion or contract termination. Invoices submitted more than 90 days after project completion or contract termination will not be valid and will not be paid. Contractor indemnifies and holds KCATA harmless for any suit filed for payment of invoices submitted after 90 days of project completion or contract termination.
- D. **Subcontractor Payments.**
 - 1. Prompt Payment. The Contractor shall establish procedures to ensure timely payment of amounts due pursuant to the terms of its subcontracts. The Contractor shall pay each DBE and non-DBE subcontractor for satisfactory performance of its contract, or any billable portion thereof, in accordance with the timing set forth in any applicable laws or no later than 30 days, whichever is less, from the date of the Contractor's receipt of payment from the Authority for work by that subcontractor.
 - 2. Prompt Return of Retainage. If retainage is withheld from subcontractors, the Contractor is required to return any retainage payment to its DBE and non-DBE subcontractors in accordance with the timing set forth in any

applicable laws or no later than 30 days, whichever is less, from the date of receipt of the retainage payment from the Authority related to the subcontractor's work. Any delay or postponement of payment from said time frame may occur only for good cause following written approval from KCATA.

3. The Contractor shall certify on each payment request to the Authority that payment has been or will be made to all subcontractors. Lien waivers may be required for the Contractor and its subcontractors. The Contractor shall notify KCATA on or before each payment request, of any situation in which scheduled subcontractor payments have not been made.
4. If a subcontractor alleges that the Contractor has failed to comply with this provision, the Contractor agrees to support any Authority investigation, and if deemed appropriate by the Authority, to consent to remedial measures to ensure that subcontractors are properly paid as set forth herein.
5. The Contractor agrees that the Authority may provide appropriate information to interested subcontractors who inquire about the status of Authority payments to the Contractor.
6. Nothing in this provision is intended to create a contractual obligation between the Authority and any subcontractor or to alter or affect traditional concepts of privity of contract between all parties.

30. RIGHT TO OFFSET

KCATA, without waiver or limitation of any rights, may deduct from any amounts due Contractor in connection with this Contract, or any other contract between Contractor and KCATA, any amounts owed by Contractor to KCATA, including amounts owed by Contractor pursuant to Contractor's obligation to indemnify KCATA against third party claims arising out of Contractor's performance of work under this Contract.

31. SEAT BELT USE POLICY

Contractor agrees to comply with terms of Executive Order No. 13043 "Increasing Seat Belt Use in the United States" and is encouraged to include those requirements in each subcontract awarded for work relating to this Agreement.

32. SEVERABILITY

If any clause or provision of this Contract is held to be invalid illegal or otherwise unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this Contract shall continue in full force and effect.

33. SUBCONTRACTORS

- A. **Subcontractor Approval.** None of the work or services covered by this Contract shall be subcontracted without the prior written approval of KCATA. The only subcontractors approved for this Contract, if any, are listed in an appendix to this Contract. Any substitutions or additions of subcontractors must have the prior written approval of KCATA as set forth herein.
- B. **Subcontractor Payments.**
 7. Prompt Payment. The Contractor shall establish procedures to ensure timely payment of amounts due pursuant to the terms of its subcontracts. The Contractor shall pay each DBE and non-DBE subcontractor for satisfactory performance of its contract, or any billable portion thereof, in accordance with the timing set forth in any applicable laws or no later than 30 days, whichever is less, from the date of the Contractor's receipt of payment from the Authority for work by that subcontractor.
 8. Prompt Return of Retainage. If retainage is withheld from subcontractors, the Contractor is required to return any retainage payment to its DBE and non-DBE subcontractors in accordance with the timing set forth in any applicable laws or no later than 30 days, whichever is less, from the date of receipt of the retainage payment from the

Authority related to the subcontractor's work. Any delay or postponement of payment from said time frame may occur only for good cause following written approval from KCATA.

- C. The Contractor is responsible for managing and directing the work of the Subcontractors and for all actions of subcontractors performing work under this Contract. Any contact from Subcontractors to KCATA shall be limited to KCATA's Director of Procurement.
- D. **DBE/SBE Subcontractor Employment.** See Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Provisions.
- E. **Adequate Provision(s) in Subcontract(s).** Any subcontracts related to this Contract must contain adequate provisions to define a sound and complete agreement. In addition, all subcontracts shall contain contractual provisions or conditions that allow for:
 - 1. Administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where subcontractors violate or breach contract terms, including sanctions and penalties as may be appropriate.
 - 2. Termination for cause and for convenience including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement.
 - 3. The following provisions if included in this Contract:
 - Acceptance of Services/Deliverables – No Release
 - ADA Access Requirements
 - Agreement in Entirety
 - Assignment
 - Bankruptcy
 - Breach of Contract; Remedies
 - Changes
 - Civil Rights
 - Conflicts of Interest
 - Contractor's Personnel
 - Contractor's Responsibility
 - Dispute Resolution
 - Employee Eligibility Verification
 - Force Majeure
 - General Provisions
 - Governing Law: Choice of Judicial Forum
 - Headings
 - Independent Contractor
 - Inspection of Services
 - Insurance
 - Liability and Indemnification
 - Licensing, Laws, and Regulations
 - Notification and Communication
 - Ownership, Identification, and Confidentiality of Work
 - Privacy Act Requirements
 - Prohibited Interests
 - Prohibited Weapons and Materials
 - Record Retention and Access
 - Requests for Payment
 - Right to Offset
 - Seat Belt Use Policy
 - Severability
 - Subcontractors
 - Suspension of Work

Termination
Texting While Driving and Distracted Driving
Unavoidable Delays

- F. The Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontractor as KCATA or the U.S. Department of Transportation may direct as means of enforcing such provisions of this contract.
- G. KCATA reserves the right to review the Contractor's written agreement with its subcontractors (DBE and non-DBE) to confirm that required federal contract clauses are included.
- H. KCATA may perform random audits and contact minority subcontractors to confirm the reported DBE participation.

34. SUSPENSION OF WORK

KCATA may order the Contractor, in writing, to suspend, delay, or interrupt all or any part of the work under this agreement for the period of time that KCATA determines appropriate for the convenience of KCATA.

35. TERMINATION

- A. **Termination for Convenience.** The KCATA may terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, at any time by written notice to the Contractor when it is in KCATA's best interest. The Contractor will only be paid the Contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or work or services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in the Contract.
- B. **Funding Contingency.** If this Contract is subject to financial assistance provided by the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Contractor agrees that withdrawal or termination of such financial assistance by the U.S. DOT may require KCATA to terminate the agreement.
- C. **Termination for Default.**
 - 1. If the Contractor does not deliver supplies in accordance with the contract delivery schedule or according to specifications, or if the Contract is for services, and the Contractor fails to perform in the manner called for in the Contract, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of the Contract, KCATA may terminate this Contract for default. Termination shall be effected by serving a notice of termination on the Contractor setting forth the manner in which the Contractor is in default. The Contractor will only be paid the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth cost of the Contract.
 - 2. If the termination is for failure of the Contractor to fulfill the contract obligations, KCATA may complete the work by contract or otherwise and the Contractor shall be liable for any additional cost incurred by KCATA. If, after termination for failure to fulfill contract obligations, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default, KCATA, after setting up a new delivery or performance schedule, may allow the Contractor to continue work, or treat the termination as a termination for convenience.
- D. **Opportunity to Cure.** KCATA in its sole discretion may, in the case of a termination for breach or default, allow the Contractor an appropriately short period of time in which to cure the defect. In such case, the written notice of termination will state the time period in which cure is permitted and other appropriate conditions. If Contractor fails to remedy to KCATA's satisfaction the breach or default of any of the terms, covenants, or conditions of this Contract within the time period permitted, KCATA shall have the right to terminate the Contract without any further obligation to Contractor. Any such termination for default shall not in any way operate to preclude KCATA from also pursuing all available remedies legal and non-legal against Contractor and its sureties for said breach or default.
- E. **Waiver of Remedies for any Breach.** In the event that KCATA elects to waive its remedies for any breach by Contractor of any covenant, term or condition of this Agreement, such waiver by KCATA shall not limit KCATA's remedies for any succeeding breach of that or of any other term, covenant, or condition of this Agreement.

- F. **Property of KCATA.** Upon termination of this Contract for any reason, and if the Contractor has any property in its possession or under its control belonging to KCATA, the Contractor shall protect and preserve the property or pay KCATA full market value of the property, account for the same, and dispose of it in the manner KCATA directs. Upon termination of this Contract for any reason, the Contractor shall (1) immediately discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise), and (2) deliver to KCATA's Project Manager all data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and other information and materials accumulated in performing this Contract, whether completed or in process.

36. TEXTING WHILE DRIVING AND DISTRACTED DRIVING

Consistent with Executive Order No. 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving," October 1, 2009, 23 U.S.C. Section 402 note, and DOT Order 3902.10, "Text Messaging While Driving," December 30, 2009, the Contractor agrees to promote policies and initiatives for its employees and other personnel that adopt and promote safety policies to decrease crashes by distracted drivers, including policies to ban text messaging while driving, and to encourage each subcontractor to do the same.

37. UNAVOIDABLE DELAYS

- A. A delay is unavoidable only if the delay was not reasonably expected to occur in connection with or during the Contractor's performance, and was not caused directly or substantially by acts, omissions, negligence, or mistakes of the Contractor, the Contractor's suppliers, or their agents, and was substantial and in fact caused the Contractor to miss delivery dates and could not adequately have been guarded against by contractual or legal means.
- B. **Notification of Delays.** The Contractor shall notify the Director of Procurement as soon as the Contractor has, or should have, knowledge that an event has occurred which will cause an unavoidable delay. Within five (5) days, the Contractor shall confirm such notice in writing, furnishing as much as detail as is available.
- C. **Request for Extension.** The Contractor agrees to supply, as soon as such data is available, any reasonable proof that is required by the Director of Procurement to make a decision on any request for extension. The Director of Procurement shall examine the request and any documents supplied by the Contractor and shall determine if the Contractor is entitled to an extension and the duration of such extension. The Director of Procurement shall notify the Contractor of its decision in writing.
- D. It is expressly understood and agreed that the Contractor shall not be entitled to damages or compensation and shall not be reimbursed for losses on account of delays resulting from any cause under this provision, except to the extent the Contractor's delay was attributable to KCATA's non-performance of its duties herein.

Contractor's Initials _____

KCATA's Initials _____

**ATTACHMENT C
KCATA'S TRAVEL POLICY FOR CONTRACTORS**

**Request for Proposal (RFP) #F23-7018-34A
Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) for
On-Call Marketing and Communications Consultant Services**

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 \$70 per person a day. 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.

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 KCATA's current rate, which is based on the IRS current established rate for that period.

**ATTACHMENT D
PRICE PROPOSAL
Request for Proposals (RFP) #G23-8016-31C -- KCATA Vehicle Litigation Legal Services**

Proposers are asked to provide pricing as follows. Proposers may provide additional sheets as needed.

A. FLATE FEE PER CASE

	<u>Year One</u> (Base Term) 1/01/2024 – 12/31/2024	<u>Year Two</u> (Option Year One) 1/01/2025 – 12/31/2025	<u>Year Three</u> (Option Year Two) 1/01/2026 – 12/31/2026	<u>Year Four</u> (Option Year Three) 1/01/2026 – 12/31/2026
Flat Rate Fee Per Case	\$	\$	\$	\$
Annual Total Based on 15 Cases	\$	\$	\$	\$
Annual Total Based on 20 Cases	\$	\$	\$	\$
Annual Total Based on 25 Cases	\$	\$	\$	\$

B. HOURLY RATES FOR STAFF ASSIGNED. Hourly rates are fully loaded including overhead. Employee rates for Subconsultants shall be listed on a separate form that includes Company Name and is signed by an authorized representative of that company.

STAFF MEMBER	Year One (Base Term) Hourly Rates	Year Two (Option Year 1)Hourly Rates	Year Three (Option Year 2) Hourly Rates	Year Four (Option Year 3)Hourly Rates
Principal Attorney:				
Other Attorneys:				
Law Clerks:				
Paralegals:				
Other (Please List):				

ATTACHMENT D (CONTINUED)
PRICE PROPOSAL
Request for Proposals (RFP) #G23-8016-31C -- KCATA Vehicle Litigation Legal Services

C. OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL EXPENSES

On a separate sheet, Proposer shall list any additional anticipated expenses not previously identified.

D. OPTIONAL PROPOSED COST SAVING OPTIONS

On a separate sheet, the Proposal may include proposed cost savings for these services.

The undersigned, acting as an authorized agent or officer for the Offeror, does hereby agree to the following:

1. The offer submitted is complete and accurate, including all forms required for submission in accordance with the terms and conditions listed in this Request for Proposals and any subsequent Addenda. The offeror shall immediately notify KCATA in the event of any change.
2. We hereby agree to provide the services on which prices are listed above and in accordance with the terms and conditions listed in the KCATA RFP.

Company Name (Type/Print) _____ Date _____

Authorized Signature _____ Title _____ Email Address _____

Name (Type/Print) _____ Telephone # _____ Fax # _____

ATTACHMENT E
AFFIDAVIT OF CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE
(To Be Completed by Prime and Subs)

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

On this _____ day of _____, 2023, before me appeared _____, personally known by me or otherwise proven to be the person whose name is subscribed on this affidavit and who, being duly sworn, stated as follows: I am the _____ (title) of _____ (business entity) and I am duly authorized, directed or empowered to act with full authority on behalf of the business entity in making this affidavit.

I hereby swear or affirm that the business entity complies with the following:

- A. **Nondiscrimination.** 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 Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, creed, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin or disability. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing regulations that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) may issue.

- B. **Equal Employment Opportunity.** The following equal employment opportunity requirements apply to this Contract:
 - 1. **Race, Color, Creed, National Origin or Sex.** In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §2000e, *et seq.*, and Federal transit laws at 49 U.S.C. §5332, the Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable equal opportunity requirements of the U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL) regulations, “Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor” 41 C.F.R. Parts 60 *et seq.*, (which implement Executive Order No. 11246, “Equal Employment Opportunity,” as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, “Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,” 42 U.S.C. 2000e note), and with any applicable Federal statutes, executive orders, regulations, and Federal policies that may in the future affect construction activities undertaken in the course of the Contract. The Contractor agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, creed, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff, or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

 - 2. **Age.** In accordance with the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 621-634, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commissioner (U.S.EEOC) regulations, “Age Discrimination in Employment Act,” 29 C.F.R. part 1625, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6101 *et seq.*, and U. S. Department of Health and Human Services regulations, “Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance,” 45 C.F. R. part 90, and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. §5332, the Contractor agrees to refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for reason of age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

 - 3. **Disabilities.** In accordance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 794, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §12102 *et seq.*, the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 4151 *et eq.*, and the Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against individuals on the basis of disability. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

Affiant's Signature

Date

Subscribed and sworn to me before this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Notary Public Signature

Date

My Commission expires: _____

**ATTACHMENT F-1
GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING
KCATA WORKFORCE ANALYSIS/EEO-1 REPORT**

Contractor shall apply the following definitions to the categories in the attached Workforce Analysis/EEO-1 Report form. Contractors must submit the Workforce/Analysis form to be considered for contract award. *The form is also required for all subcontractors.*

A. RACIAL/ETHNIC

1. **White** (not of Hispanic origin): All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East.
2. **Black** (not of Hispanic origin): All persons having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.
3. **Hispanic**: All persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American origin, regardless of race.
4. **Asian or Pacific Islander**: All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands. This area includes, for example, China, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Islands, and Samoa.
5. **American Indian or Alaskan Native**: All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North America, and who maintain cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.

B. JOB CATEGORIES

1. **Officials and Managers**: Includes chief executive officers, presidents, vice presidents, directors, and kindred workers.
2. **Professionals**: Includes attorneys, accountants, and kindred workers.
3. **Technicians**: Includes computer programmers and operators, drafters, surveyors, highway technicians, inspectors, and kindred workers.
4. **Sales Workers**: Includes contract sales representatives, purchasing agents, customer relations representatives and kindred workers.
5. **Office and Clerical**: Includes secretaries, bookkeepers, clerk typists, payroll clerks, accounts payable clerks, receptionists, switchboard operators and kindred workers.
6. **Craft Workers** (skilled): Includes mechanics and repairers, electricians, carpenters, plumbers, and kindred workers.
7. **Operatives** (semi-skilled): Includes bricklayers, plaster attendants, welders, truck drivers and kindred workers.
8. **Laborers** (unskilled): Includes laborers performing lifting, digging, mixing, loading, and pulling operations and kindred workers.
9. **Service Workers**: Includes janitors, elevator operators, watchmen, chauffeurs, attendants, and kindred workers.

ATTACHMENT F-2 --- KCATA WORK FORCE ANALYSIS/EEO-1 REPORT

Report all permanent, temporary, or part-time employees including apprentices and on-the-job trainees. Enter the appropriate figures on all lines and in all columns. All blank spaces will be considered zero. This form is also required for subcontractors and major suppliers on a project.

Job Categories	Number of Employees (Report employees in only one category)														Total Col A-N
	Race/Ethnicity														
	Hispanic or Latino		Not Hispanic or Latino												
			Male						Female						
	Male	Female	White	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Two or more races	White	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Two or more races	
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
Executive/Senior-Level Officials and Managers															
First/Mid-Level Officials and Managers															
Professionals															
Technicians															
Sales Workers															
Administrative Support Workers															
Craft Workers															
Operatives															
Laborers and Helpers															
Service Workers															
TOTAL															
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTAL															
TYPE OF BUSINESS	<input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing	<input type="checkbox"/> Wholesale	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Dealer	<input type="checkbox"/> Selling Agent	<input type="checkbox"/> Service Establishment	<input type="checkbox"/> Other								

Signature of Certifying Official

Company Name

Printed Name and Title

Address/City/State/Zip Code

Date Submitted

Telephone Number/Fax Number

**ATTACHMENT G-1
AFFIDAVIT OF PRIMARY PARTICIPANTS
COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 285.500 RSMO, ET SEQ.
REGARDING EMPLOYEE ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION**

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

On this _____ day of _____, 2023, before me appeared _____, personally known by me or otherwise proven to be the person whose name is subscribed on this affidavit and who, being duly sworn, stated as follows: I am the _____ (title) of _____ (business entity) and I am duly authorized, directed or empowered to act with full authority on behalf of the business entity in making this affidavit.

I hereby swear or affirm that the business entity does not knowingly employ any person in connection with the contracted services who does not have the legal right or authorization under federal law to work in the United States as defined in 8 U.S.C. §1324a(h)(3).

I hereby additionally swear or affirm that the business entity is enrolled in an electronic verification of work program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security (E-Verify) or an equivalent federal work authorization program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security to verify information of newly hired employees, under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, and that the business entity will participate in said program with respect to any person hired to perform any work in connection with the contracted services.

I have attached hereto documentation sufficient to establish the business entity's enrollment and participation in the required electronic verification of work program. I shall require that the language of this affidavit be included in the award documents for all sub-contracts exceeding \$5,000.00 at all tiers and that all subcontractors at all tiers shall affirm and provide documentation accordingly.

Affiant's signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Notary Public

My Commission expires: _____

NOTE: An example of acceptable documentation is the E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – a valid, completed copy of the first page identifying the business entity and a valid copy of the signature page completed and signed by the business entity, the Social Security Administration, and the Department of Homeland Security. Firms may register at <https://www.e-verify.gov/>

**ATTACHMENT G-2
AFFIDAVIT OF LOWER-TIER PARTICIPANT
COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 285.500 RSMO, ET SEQ.
REGARDING EMPLOYEE ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION**

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

On this _____ day of _____, 2023, before me appeared _____, personally known by me or otherwise proven to be the person whose name is subscribed on this affidavit and who, being duly sworn, stated as follows: I am the _____ (title) of _____ (business entity) and I am duly authorized, directed or empowered to act with full authority on behalf of the business entity in making this affidavit.

I hereby swear or affirm that the business entity does not knowingly employ any person in connection with the contracted services who does not have the legal right or authorization under federal law to work in the United States as defined in 8 U.S.C. §1324a(h)(3).

I hereby additionally swear or affirm that the business entity is enrolled in an electronic verification of work program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security (E-Verify) or an equivalent federal work authorization program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security to verify information of newly hired employees, under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, and that the business entity will participate in said program with respect to any person hired to perform any work in connection with the contracted services.

I have attached hereto documentation sufficient to establish the business entity's enrollment and participation in the required electronic verification of work program. I shall require that the language of this affidavit be included in the award documents for all sub-contracts exceeding \$5,000.00 at all tiers and that all subcontractors at all tiers shall affirm and provide documentation accordingly.

Affiant's signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Notary Public

My Commission expires: _____

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ATTACHMENT H
LETTER OF INTENT TO SUBCONTRACT
(To be completed for Each MBE or WBE Subcontractor on Project)

KCATA RFP #G23-8016-31C – Vehicle Litigation Legal Services

_____ (“Prime Contractor”) agrees to enter into a contractual agreement with
_____ (“Diverse Subcontractor”), who will provide the following goods/services
in connection with the above-referenced contract:

(Insert a brief narrative describing the goods/services to be provided. Broad categorizations (e.g., “electrical,” “plumbing,” etc.) or the listing of the NAICS Codes in which Diverse Subcontractor is certified are insufficient and may result in this Letter of Intent to Subcontract not being accepted.)

DIVERSITY CERTIFICATION: _____ DBE _____ SBE _____ MBE _____ WBE _____ SLBE

CERTIFYING AGENCY(IES): _____

CERTIFIED CAPACITIES (NAICS): _____

Subcontractor to provide copies of current, valid certification(s) listing all eligible disciplines (NAICS).

Prime Contractor agrees to utilize Diverse Subcontractor in the capacities indicated herein, and Subcontractor agrees to work on the above-referenced contract in the capacities indicated herein, contingent upon award of the contract to Prime Contractor.

Signature: Prime Contractor

Signature: Subcontractor

Print Name

Print Name

Title

Date

Title

Date