



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Annual Auditing Services

SMTS, Inc.

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE: August 15, 2024

QUESTION SUBMISSION DEADLINE: July 31, 2024

Questions may be submitted in written form no later than July 31, 2024 to:

RFP Contact Name: Tracy Jones, Executive Director

Contact Address: P.O. Box 679
Fredericktown, MO 63645-0679

Telephone Number: 573-440-1213

Email Address: Tracy@ridesmts.org

INTRODUCTION:

SMTS, Inc. invites and welcomes proposals for our Annual Audit project. Based on your request in response to this solicitation for proposals, or previous work experience, your firm has been selected to receive this RFP and is invited to submit. Please take the time to carefully read and become familiar with the proposal requirements. All proposals submitted for consideration must be received by the time specified above under the "SUBMISSION DEADLINE."

BIDDERS SHOULD NOTE THAT ANY AND ALL WORK INTENDED TO BE SUBCONTRACTED AS PART OF THE BID SUBMITTAL MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY BACKGROUND MATERIALS AND REFERENCES FOR SAID PROPOSED SUBCONTRACTOR(S) – NO EXCEPTIONS.

PROJECT AND LOCATION:

The bid proposal is being requested for SMTS's Annual Auditing Services, which includes an Annual 133 Audit and 403b Retirement Account Audit, plus the filing of the company's Annual 990 Report. The company's main office is located at: 700 E. Highway 72 – Fredericktown, Missouri 63645.

PROJECT MANAGER & DEPARTMENT CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Title: Executive Director

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PROJECT OBJECTIVE:

The objective and ultimate goal of this project is to form an opinion on the financial condition, internal controls and financial good standing of SMTS, Inc.

PROJECT SCOPE AND SPECIFICATIONS:

- Preparation of SMTS, Inc. Yearly Audited Financial Statements and Related Filings for a Five (5) Year Period; Three (3) Years initial, with a Two (2) Year renewable clause.
- Project will begin with 2024 Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024 and run for Five (5) consecutive years to include FY 2027 and FY 2028.
- SMTS, Inc. is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization that provides Rural Public Transportation for anyone in twenty-one counties in Missouri.
- SMTS, Inc. provided approximately 300,000 individual rides in its last fiscal year utilizing funding from grants, contracts, and fees.
- SMTS, Inc. receives Federal, State and Local funding.
- SMTS, Inc. employs approximately 180 individuals and operates in 21 counties in Missouri, with a main office located in Fredericktown, MO where all financial management takes place.
- SMTS, Inc. has an annual operating budget of \$8.6 Million.
- SMTS, Inc. will require the following services from the firm selected:

- *Annual Financial Statement Audit
- *Federal Single Audit
- *Annual Audit of 403(b) Plan
- *Preparation of IRS Form 990
- *Management Letter
- *Formal Presentation to the Board of Directors

SCHEDULED TIMELINES:

The following timeline has been established to ensure that our project objective is achieved. However, the project timeline may be subject to change if/when deemed necessary by management.

ANNUAL 133 AUDIT MILESTONES:

	<u>DATE:</u>
Field Work & Requested Information	August
Field Work Complete	September 15 th
Preliminary Draft Report Submitted to Management	October 15 th
Final Audit Report Submitted to Management	October 31 st
Audit Report Presented to Board of Directors	November

403(b) PLAN AUDIT MILESTONES:

	<u>DATE:</u>
Field Work & Requested Information	September
Field Work Complete	October
Preliminary Draft Report Submitted to Management	October 15 th
Final Audit Report Submitted to Management	October 31 st
Audit Report Presented to Board of Directors	November

***Note:** Auditing Firm is committing to complete SMTS' FY 2024 Annual 133 and 403(b) Audits, plus will be providing a quote for the next four consecutive years (FY 2025, 2026, 2027, and 2028). A separate rate should be included for each consecutive year, or it will be assumed that the one rate provided will apply to all five years.*

BIDDING REQUIREMENTS:

Project Proposal Expectations: After review, SMTS, Inc. shall award the contract to the proposal that best accommodates the project's requirements. SMTS, Inc. reserves the right to refuse any or all proposals without obligation to SMTS, Inc. or any firm offering or submitting said proposal.

Intent to Submit Proposal: All invited bidders are requested to submit a "Letter of Intent" no later than **July 31, 2024** informing SMTS, Inc. of their intent to either submit, or decline to submit, said proposal.

Deadline to Submit Proposal: All proposals must be received by SMTS, Inc. no later than close of business on **August 15, 2024** for consideration in the selection process. Proposals must be submitted in the following format:

- Envelope #1: Technical Proposal
- Envelope #2: Rate Proposal for first, second, third, fourth, and fifth year services.

Proposal Selection Criteria: Only those proposals received by the stated deadline will be considered. All qualifying proposals will be reviewed and evaluated based upon information provided in their submittal, and subject to the following criteria:

- Proposer's alleged performance effectiveness in addressing the Project Objective.
- Proposer's performance history and alleged ability to timely deliver proposed services.
- Proposer's ability to provide and deliver qualified personnel who possess the knowledge and skills required to effectively and efficiently execute proposed services.
- Overall cost effectiveness of the proposal.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORMAT:

*The following information must be incorporated into each qualifying proposal.

- a.) Evidence of the firm's qualifications to provide the requested services.
- b.) Background and experience in auditing non-profit organizations.
- c.) Size and organizational structure of the auditing firm.
- d.) Statement of the firm's understanding of the scope of work to be performed, including any non-audit or tax filing requirements.
- e.) Proposed timeline for Annual 133 Audit for FY 2024.
- f.) Proposed fee structure for each of the five years listed in the proposal period, including whatever guarantees can be given regarding increases in future years, and the maximum fee that would be charged. **Note: Enclose in a separate, sealed envelope.**
- g.) Outline any billing rates or procedures that will apply to requests submitted for support or technical assistance, unless these services are covered in your proposal rates.
- h.) Names of the firm's managing Partner, Audit Manager, and Field Staff who will be assigned should we become a client, along with their individual biographies.
- i.) A copy of your firm's most recent Peer Review Report, related letter of comments, along with the firm's comment responses.

- j.) References and contact information for at least three (3) comparable non-profit audit clients.
- k.) Acknowledgement and agreement to comply with all Federal Clauses as attached.

Submittal Address

Mrs. Tracy Jones, Executive Director
SMTS, Inc.
P.O. Box 679
Fredericktown, Missouri 63645-0679

All qualified submittals will be reviewed, and acknowledged according to acceptance or rejection.
Thanking you for your consideration, I remain

Respectfully,



Tracy Jones
Executive Director

Exhibit 1
Missouri Department of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration
Certifications & Assurances

INCORPORATION OF FTA TERMS

The following provisions include, in part, certain Standard Terms and Conditions required by FTA, whether or not expressly set forth in the preceding contract provisions. All contractual provisions required by FTA, as set forth in the FTA Master Agreement, are hereby incorporated by reference. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, all FTA mandated terms shall be deemed to control in the event of a conflict with other provisions contained in this Agreement. The subrecipient shall not perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any of MoDOT's requests which would cause MoDOT to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions.

NO GOVERNMENT OBLIGATION TO THIRD PARTIES

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

The subrecipient agrees to include the above clause in each contract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by the FTA. It is further agreed that the clause shall not be modified, except to identify the contractor who will be subject to its provisions.

PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS AND RELATED ACTS

The subrecipient acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq. and U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 C.F.R. Part 31, apply to its actions pertaining to this Project.

Upon execution of the underlying contract, the subrecipient certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, pertaining to the underlying contract or the FTA assisted project for which the work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, the subrecipient further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

The subrecipient acknowledges that 49 U.S.C. § 5323(l)(1) authorizes the Federal Government to impose the penalties under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 if the subrecipient provides a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, certification, assurance, or representation in

connection with a federal public transportation program under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 or any other applicable federal law.

NOTICE TO FTA AND U.S. DOT INSPECTOR GENERAL

If a current or prospective legal matter that may affect the Federal Government emerges, the subrecipient must promptly notify MoDOT.

The subrecipient must also promptly notify MoDOT, if it has knowledge of potential fraud, waste, or abuse occurring on a Project receiving assistance from MoDOT. The notification provision applies if a person has or may have submitted a false claim under the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3729, et seq., or has or may have committed a criminal or civil violation of law pertaining to such matters as fraud, conflict of interest, bid rigging, misappropriation or embezzlement, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving federal assistance. The types of legal matters that require notification include, but are not limited to, a major dispute, breach, default, litigation, or naming the Federal Government as a party to litigation or a legal disagreement in any forum for any reason.

This responsibility occurs whether the Project is subject to this Agreement or another agreement funded by the federal government, or an agreement involving a principal, officer, employee, agent, or subcontractor of the Contractor.

Knowledge, as used in this paragraph, includes, but is not limited to, knowledge of a criminal or civil investigation by a Federal, state, or local law enforcement or other investigative agency, a criminal indictment or civil complaint, or probable cause that could support a criminal indictment, or any other credible information in the possession of the subrecipient. In this paragraph, “promptly” means to refer information without delay and without change.

The subrecipient must include an equivalent provision in its subcontracts at every tier, for any agreement that is a “covered transaction” according to 2 C.F.R. §§ 180.220 and 1200.220.

ACCESS TO RECORDS AND REPORTS

The following access to records requirements apply to this Contract:

Record Retention. The subrecipient will retain and will require its contractors at all tiers to retain, complete and readily accessible records related in whole or in part to this contract, including, but not limited to, data, documents, reports, statistics, sub-agreements, leases, subcontracts, arrangements, other third-party agreements of any type, and supporting materials related to those records.

Retention Period. The subrecipient agrees to comply with the record retention requirements in accordance with 2 C.F.R. section 200.333. Subrecipient shall maintain all books, records, accounts, and reports required under this contract for a period of not less than 3 years after the date of termination or expiration of this contract, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this contract, in which case, records shall be maintained until the disposition of all such litigation, appeals, claims, or exceptions related thereto. The expiration

or termination of this contract does not alter the record retention or access requirements of this Section.

Access to Records. The subrecipient agrees to provide sufficient access to FTA, MoDOT, and its contractors to inspect and audit records and information related to performance of this contract as reasonably may be required.

Access to the Sites of Performance. Subrecipient agrees to permit FTA, MoDOT, and its contractors access to the sites of performance under this contract as reasonably may be required.

Closeout. The expiration or termination of this contract does not alter the record retention or access requirements of this federal clause.

FEDERAL CHANGES

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

CIVIL RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS

Under this Contract, the subrecipient shall at all times comply with the following requirements and shall include these requirements in each contract entered into as part hereof.

1. *Nondiscrimination in Federal Public Transportation Programs.* 49 U.S.C. § 5332, covering projects, programs, and activities financed under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53, prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), disability, or age, and prohibits discrimination in employment or business opportunity.
2. *Prohibit discrimination against employment.* Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, and Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," September 24, 1965, as amended, prohibit discrimination in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
3. *Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex.* Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, 20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq. and implementing Federal regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance," and 49 C.F.R. part 25 prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex.
4. *Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age.* The "Age Discrimination Act of 1975," as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq., and Department of Health and Human Services implementing regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance," 45 C.F.R. part 90, prohibit discrimination by participants in federally assisted programs against individuals on the basis of age. The Age Discrimination

in Employment Act (ADEA), 29 U.S.C. § 621 et seq., and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) implementing regulations, "Age Discrimination in Employment Act," 29 C.F.R. part 1625, also prohibit employment discrimination against individuals age 40 and over on the basis of age.

5. *Federal Protections for Individuals with Disabilities.* The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended (ADA), 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq., prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities in programs, activities, and services, and imposes specific requirements on public and private entities. Third party contractors must comply with their responsibilities under Titles I, II, III, IV, and V of the ADA in employment, public services, public accommodations, telecommunications, and other provisions, many of which are subject to regulations issued by other Federal agencies.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The following equal employment opportunity requirements apply to this contract:

Nondiscrimination. In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. section 2000e et seq., and federal transit laws at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the subrecipient agrees to comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements of 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. chapter 60, and Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity in Federal Employment," September 24, 1965, 42 U.S.C. section 2000e note, as further amended by any later Executive Order that amends or supersedes it, referenced in 42 U.S.C. section 2000e note. The subrecipient agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation and gender identity. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, promotion, 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 subrecipient agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

Age. In accordance with the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, 29 U.S.C. sections 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. section 6101 et seq., U.S. 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. section 5332, the subrecipient agrees to refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for reason of age. In addition, the subrecipient agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

Disabilities. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq., the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. section 4151 et seq., and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. section 5332, the subrecipient agrees that it will not discriminate against individuals on the basis of disability. In addition, the subrecipient agrees to comply with the requirements of U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity commission,

“Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, “29 C.F.R. part 1630, and any implementing requirements FTA may issue. The subrecipient will also ensure that accessible facilities (including vehicles and buildings) and services are made available to individuals with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C. section 12101 et seq., the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. section 4151 et seq., and any applicable implementing regulations.

The subrecipient agrees to include the requirements of this article in each subcontract under this contract, modified only to identify the subcontractor that will be subject to the provisions.

ENERGY CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS

The subrecipient agrees to comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6321 et seq., and perform an energy assessment for any building constructed, reconstructed, or modified with federal assistance required under FTA regulations, “Requirements for Energy Assessments,” 49 C.F.R. part 622, subpart C.

PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO

Prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment. (a) MoDOT and its subrecipients are prohibited from expending FTA funds to: (1) Procure or obtain; (2) Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or (3) Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in Public Law 115-232, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment means any of the following:

1. Telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities):
2. For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
3. Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.
4. Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE), PROMPT PAYMENT, RETURN OF RETAINAGE PAYMENTS

The subrecipient shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The subrecipient shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of this DOT-assisted contract. Failure by the subrecipient to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as MoDOT deems appropriate, which may include, but is not limited to: Withholding monthly progress payments, assessing sanctions, liquidated damages; and/or disqualifying the subrecipient from future funding opportunities. Each third party contract the subrecipient signs with a contractor must include the assurance in this paragraph (see 49 CFR 26.13(b)).

Prompt Payment. The subrecipient agrees to ensure that each prime contractor agrees to pay each subcontractor under its contract for satisfactory performance of its subcontract no later than fifteen (15) days from the receipt of each payment the Contractor receives.

Return Retainage Payments. The subrecipient agrees further to ensure that the prime contractor returns retainage payments to each subcontractor within thirty (30) days after the subcontractor's work is satisfactorily completed. Any delay or postponement of payment from the above referenced time frame may occur only for good cause following written approval. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontracts. The subrecipient must ensure that the prime contractor promptly notifies it, whenever a DBE subcontractor performing work related to the prime contract is terminated or fails to complete its work and must make good faith efforts to engage another DBE subcontractor to perform at least the same amount of work. The subrecipient must ensure that a prime contractor may not terminate any DBE subcontractor and perform that work through its own forces or those of an affiliate without prior written consent of the subrecipient.

Finally, for contracts with defined DBE contract goals, the subrecipient must include in each prime contract a provision stating that the contractor shall utilize the specific DBEs listed unless the prime contractor obtains the subrecipient's written consent; and that, unless the subrecipient's consent is provided, the prime contractor shall not be entitled to any payment for work or material unless it is performed or supplied by the listed DBE. 49 C.F.R. § 26.53(f) (1).

It is the policy of MoDOT and the United States Department of Transportation ("DOT") that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises ("DBE's"), as defined herein and in the Federal regulations published at 49 C.F.R. part 26, shall have an equal opportunity to participate in DOT-assisted contracts.

SEAT BELT USE AND DISTRACTED DRIVING

The subrecipient agrees to implement Executive Order No. 13043, "Increasing Seat Belt Use in the United States," April 16, 1997, 23 U.S.C. § 402 note, (62 Fed. Reg. 19217), by adopting and promoting on-the-job seat belt use policies and programs for its employees and other personnel that operate company-owned vehicles, company-rented vehicles, or personally operated vehicles.

The subrecipient agrees to adopt and enforce workplace safety policies to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers, including policies to ban text messaging while using an electronic device supplied by an employer, and driving a vehicle the driver owns or rents, a vehicle the Contractor owns, leases, or rents, or a privately-owned vehicle when on official business in connection with this Project, or when performing any work for or on behalf of the Project.

The subrecipient agrees to conduct workplace safety initiatives in a manner commensurate with its size, such as establishing new rules and programs to prohibit text messaging while driving, re-evaluating the existing programs to prohibit text messaging while driving, and providing education, awareness, and other outreach to employees about the safety risks associated with texting while driving.

The subrecipient agrees to include the preceding in its contracts at each tier, and encourage its contractors to comply with these provisions.

FLY AMERICA REQUIREMENTS

The subrecipient agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. 40118 (the "Fly America" Act) in accordance with the General Services Administration's regulations at 41 CFR Part 301-10, which provide that recipients and subrecipients of Federal funds and their contractors are required to use U.S. Flag air carriers for U.S. Government-financed international air travel and transportation of their personal effects or property, to the extent such service is available, unless travel by foreign air carrier is a matter of necessity, as defined by the Fly America Act. The subrecipient shall submit, if a foreign air carrier was used, an appropriate certification or memorandum adequately explaining why service by a U.S. flag air carrier was not available or why it was necessary to use a foreign air carrier and shall, in any event, provide a certificate of compliance with the Fly America requirements. The subrecipient agrees to include the requirements of this section in all contracts that may involve international air transportation.

TERMINATION

Termination for Convenience: MoDOT may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, at any time by written notice to the subrecipient when it is in its best interest. The subrecipient shall be paid its costs, including contract close-out costs, and profit on work performed up to the time of termination. The subrecipient shall promptly submit its termination claim to MoDOT to be paid. If the subrecipient has any property in its possession belonging to MoDOT, the subrecipient will account for the same, and dispose of it in the manner MoDOT directs.

Termination for Default: MoDOT may, by written notice of default to the subrecipient, terminate the whole or any part of this contract if the subrecipient fails to make delivery of the supplies or to perform the services within the time specified herein or any extension thereof, or if the subrecipient fails to perform any provision of the contract, in accordance with its terms, and in either of these two circumstances does not cure such failure within a period of ten (10) days (or such longer period as MoDOT may authorize in writing) after receipt of notice from MoDOT specifying such failure. If the contract is terminated in whole or in part for default, MoDOT may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as MoDOT may deem appropriate, supplies or services similar to those so terminated. The subrecipient shall be liable to MoDOT for any excess

costs for such similar supplies or services and shall continue the performance of this contract to the extent not terminated under the provisions of this clause.

1. Upon termination of the contract, MoDOT shall pay only such costs that result from obligations which were properly incurred by the subrecipient or their contractor before the effective date of termination; and
2. Such costs as would be allowable if the contract were not terminated or expired normally at the end of the contract. Except with respect to defaults of contractors, the subrecipient shall not be liable for any excess costs if the failure to perform the contract arises out of causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the subrecipient. If the failure to perform is caused by the default of a contractor, and if such default arises out of causes beyond the control of both the subrecipient and contractor, and without the fault or negligence of either of them, the subrecipient shall not be liable for any excess costs for failure to perform, unless the supplies or services to be furnished by the contractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit the subrecipient to meet the required delivery schedule. Payment for completed supplies delivered to and accepted by MoDOT shall be at the contract price. MoDOT may withhold cash payments from amounts otherwise due the subrecipient to pay for goods and services deemed by MoDOT to be necessary to protect MoDOT against loss due to default by subrecipient or because of any lien or claim of lien.

MoDOT shall be entitled to take other remedies that may be legally available. If, after notice of termination of subrecipient's work pursuant to this contract, it is determined for any reason that the subrecipient was not in default, or that its default was excusable, or that MoDOT is not entitled to the remedies against subrecipient provided herein, then the subrecipient's remedies against MoDOT shall be the same as and limited to those afforded to the subrecipient set out in the section entitled "Disputes". In the event MoDOT elects to waive its remedies for any breach by the subrecipient of any covenant, term or condition of this contract, such waiver shall not preclude MoDOT from pursuing all available remedies for any succeeding breach of that or any other term, covenant, or condition of this contract.

Opportunity to Cure: MoDOT in its sole discretion may, in the case of a termination for breach or default, allow the subrecipient 10 days in which to cure the defect. In such case, the notice of termination will state the time period in which cure is permitted and other appropriate conditions. If the subrecipient fails to remedy to MoDOT's satisfaction the breach or default of any of the terms, covenants, or conditions of this Contract within ten (10) days after receipt by the subrecipient of written notice from MoDOT setting forth the nature of said breach or default, MoDOT shall have the right to terminate the Contract without any further obligation to subrecipient. Any such termination for default shall not in any way operate to preclude MoDOT from also pursuing all available remedies against the subrecipient and its sureties for said breach or default. If it is later determined by MoDOT that the subrecipient had an excusable reason for not performing, such as a strike, fire, or flood, events which are not the fault of or are beyond the control of the subrecipient, MoDOT, after setting up a new delivery of performance schedule,

may allow the subrecipient to continue work, or treat the termination as a termination for convenience.

TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

As required with Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended, 22 USC § 7104(g) and OMB regulatory guidance, "Award Term for Trafficking in Persons," 2 CFR Part 175, per US OMB's direction.

The subrecipient agrees that it and its employees that participate in this award, may not:

Engage in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that MoDOT's Award is in effect, Procure a commercial sex act during the period of time that MoDOT's Award is in effect, or use forced labor in the performance of MoDOT's award or any subagreements thereunder.

The subrecipient must notify MoDOT and FTA immediately of any information it receives from any source alleging a violation of the prohibitions listed in Section 4(f)(4) of the FTA Master Agreement.

FEDERAL TAX LIABILITY AND RECENT FELONY CONVICTIONS

1. As required with Section 4 (g) of the FTA Master Agreement, the subrecipient by signing and submitting this agreement certifies as follows: Does not have any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability; and
2. Was not convicted of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law within the preceding 24 months.
3. If a prospective Third-Party Participant cannot so certify, the subrecipient agrees to refer the matter to MoDOT and not to enter into any Third-Party Agreement with the Third Party Participant without MoDOT's written approval.

The subrecipient will also include this flow-down requirement to all contractors at all lower tiers.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

In accordance with FTA Master Agreement, the subrecipient agrees to promote environmental justice by following:

1. Executive Order No. 12898, "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations," February 11, 1994, 42 U.S.C. § 4321 note, (59 Fed. Reg. 7629, 3 C.F.R. 1994 Comp., p. 859) as well as facilitating compliance with that Executive Order;
2. U.S. DOT Order 5610.2(a), "Department of Transportation Updated Environmental Justice Order," 77 Fed. Reg. 27534, May 10, 2012; and

3. The most recent edition of FTA Circular 4703.1, "Environmental Justice Policy Guidance for Federal Transit Administration Recipients," August 15, 2012, to the extent consistent with applicable federal laws, regulations, requirements, and guidance.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

The subrecipient shall comply and facilitate compliance with U.S. DOT regulations, "Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment," 2 C.F.R. part 1200, which adopts and supplements the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (U.S. OMB) "Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," 2 C.F.R. part 180. These provisions apply to each contract at any tier of \$25,000 or more, and to each contract at any tier for a federally required audit (irrespective of the contract amount), and to each contract at any tier that must be approved by an FTA official irrespective of the contract amount. As such, the subrecipient verifies that its principals, affiliates, and contractors are eligible to participate in this federally funded contract and are not presently declared by any Federal department or agency to be:

1. Excluded or disqualified from participating in a covered transaction;
2. Have been convicted within the preceding three years of any of the offenses listed in § 180.800(a) or had a civil judgment rendered against them for one of those offenses within that time period;
3. Are presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses listed in § 180.800(a); or
4. Have had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated within the preceding three years for cause or default.

For each third party contract expected to equal or exceed \$25,000, the subrecipient agrees to verify that the bidder is not excluded or disqualified by:

- Checking System for Award Management (SAM) Exclusions (at SAM.gov); or
- Collecting a certification; or
- Adding a clause or condition to the covered transaction

LOBBYING

Subrecipients who apply for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the certification required by 49 CFR part 20, "New Restrictions on Lobbying." The subrecipient and each of its contractors certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. A Certificate of Compliance will be required as part of the contract, if

applicable. The subrecipient, its contractors, and each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to MoDOT.

ADA ACCESS NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY

The subrecipient agrees to comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5301 (d), which states the Federal policy that the elderly and persons with disabilities have the same right as other persons to use mass transportation service and facilities, and that special efforts shall be made in planning and designing those services and facilities to implement that policy. The subrecipient also agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of §504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, with 29 U.S.C. §794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability; with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. §12101 *et seq.*, which requires that accessible facilities and services be made available to individuals with disabilities; and with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §4151 *et seq.*, which requires that buildings and public accommodations be accessible to individuals with disabilities. In addition, the subrecipient agrees to comply with applicable Federal regulations and directives and any subsequent amendments thereto, except to the extent the Federal Government determines otherwise, in writing, as follows:

1. U.S. DOT regulations, "Transportation Services for Individuals with Disabilities (ADA)," 49 CFR Part 37;
2. U.S. DOT regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in Programs and Activities Receiving or Benefiting from Federal Financial Assistance," 49 CFR Part 27;
3. Joint U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (U.S. ATBCB) and U.S. DOT regulations, "Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Accessibility Specifications for Transportation Vehicles," 36 CFR Part 1192 and 49 CFR Part 38;
4. U.S. DOT regulations, "Transportation for Individuals with Disabilities: Passenger Vessels," 49 CFR Part 39;
5. U.S. DOJ regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services," 28 CFR Part 35;
6. U.S. DOJ regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability by Public Accommodations and in Commercial Facilities," 28 CFR Part 36;
7. U.S. EEOC, "Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act," 29 CFR Part 1630;
8. U.S. Federal Communications Commission regulations, "Telecommunications Relay Services and Related Customer Premises Equipment for Persons with Disabilities," 47 CFR Part 64, subpart F;
9. U.S. ATBCB regulations, "Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility Standards,"

36 C.F.R. Part 1194;

10. FTA regulations, "Transportation for Elderly and Handicapped Persons," 49 C.F.R. Part 609; and
 11. FTA Circular 4710.1, "Americans with Disabilities Act: Guidance," and
 12. Federal civil rights and nondiscrimination directives implementing the foregoing regulations.
1. Withholding an amount of federal assistance as provided by Appendix D to part 604 of FTA's Charter Service regulations; or
 2. Any other appropriate remedy that may apply.

The subrecipient should also include the substance of this clause in each subcontract that may involve operating public transit services.

CONFORMANCE WITH ITS NATIONAL ARCHITECTURE

National Intelligent Transportation Systems Architecture and Standards. To the extent applicable, the subrecipient agrees to conform to the National Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture and Standards as required by section 5206(e) of TEA-21, 23 U.S.C. §section 502 note, and to comply with FTA Notice, "FTA National ITS Architecture Policy on Transit Projects" 66 Fed. Reg. 1455 et seq., January 8, 2001, and other Federal requirements that may be issued.

EXHIBIT 2
ANTI-DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ISRAEL ACT CERTIFICATION

Statutory Requirement: Section 34.600, RSMo, precludes entering into a contract with a company to acquire products and/or services “unless the contract includes a written certification that the company is not currently engaged in and shall not, for the duration of the contract, engage in a boycott of goods or services from the State of Israel; companies doing business in or with Israel or authorized by, licensed by, or organized under the laws of the State of Israel; or persons or entities doing business in the State of Israel.”

Exceptions: The statute provides two exceptions for this certification: 1) “contracts with a total potential value of less than one hundred thousand dollars” or 2) “contractors with fewer than ten employees.” Therefore the following certification is required prior to any contract award.

Section 34.600, RSMo, defines the following terms:

Company - any for-profit or not-for-profit organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, or other entity or business association, including all wholly-owned subsidiaries, majority-owned subsidiaries, parent companies, or affiliates of those entities or business associations.

Boycott Israel and Boycott of the State of Israel - engaging in refusals to deal, terminating business activities, or other actions to discriminate against, inflict economic harm, or otherwise limit commercial relations specifically with the State of Israel; companies doing business in or with Israel or authorized by, licensed by, or organized under the laws of the State of Israel; or persons or entities doing business in the State of Israel, that are all intended to support a boycott of the State of Israel. A company’s statement that it is participating in boycotts of the State of Israel; companies doing business in or with Israel or authorized by, licensed by, or organized under the laws of the State of Israel; or persons or entities doing business in the State of Israel, or that it has taken the boycott action at the request, in compliance with, or in furtherance of calls for a boycott of the State of Israel; companies doing business in or with Israel or authorized by, licensed by, or organized under the laws of the State of Israel; or persons or entities doing business in the State of Israel shall be considered to be conclusive evidence that a company is participating in a boycott of the State of Israel; companies doing business in or with Israel or authorized by, licensed by, or organized under the laws of the State of Israel; or persons or entities doing business in the State of Israel; provided, however that a company that has made no such statement may still be considered to be participating in a boycott of the State of Israel; companies doing business in or with Israel or authorized by, licensed by, or organized under the laws of the State of Israel; or persons or entities doing business in the State of Israel if other factors warrant such a conclusion.

Certification: The vendor must therefore certify their current status by completing either Box A, Box B, or Box C on the next page of this Exhibit.

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| <p>BOX A: To be completed by any vendor that <u>does not meet the definition of “company”</u> above, hereinafter referred to as “Non-Company.”</p> <p>BOX B: To be completed by a vendor that meets the definition of “Company” but has <u>less than ten employees</u>.</p> <p>BOX C: To be completed by a vendor that <u>meets the definition of “Company”</u> and <u>has ten or more employees</u>.</p> |
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EXHIBIT 2, continued

BOX A – NON-COMPANY ENTITY

I certify that _____ (Entity Name) currently **DOES NOT MEET** the definition of a company as defined in section 34.600, RSMo, but that if awarded a contract and the entity's business status changes during the life of the contract to become a "company" as defined in section 34.600, RSMo, and the entity has ten or more employees, then, prior to the delivery of any services and/or supplies as a company, the entity agrees to comply with, complete, and return Box C to the Division of Purchasing at that time.

Authorized Representative's Name (Please Print)

Authorized Representative's Signature

Entity Name

Date

BOX B – COMPANY ENTITY WITH LESS THAN TEN EMPLOYEES

I certify that _____ (Company Name) **MEETS** the definition of a company as defined in section 34.600, RSMo, and currently has less than ten employees but that if awarded a contract and if the company increases the number of employees to ten or more during the life of the contract, then said company shall comply with, complete, and return Box C to the Division of Purchasing at that time.

Authorized Representative's Name (Please Print)

Authorized Representative's Signature

Company Name

Date

BOX C – COMPANY ENTITY WITH TEN OR MORE EMPLOYEES

I certify that SMTS, Inc. (Company Name) **MEETS** the definition of a company as defined in section 34.600, RSMo, has ten or more employees, and is not currently engaged in a boycott of goods or services from the State of Israel; companies doing business in or with Israel or authorized by, licensed by, or organized under the laws of the State of Israel; or persons or entities doing business in the State of Israel as defined in section 34.600, RSMo. I further certify that if the company is awarded a contract for the services and/or supplies requested herein said company shall not engage in a boycott of goods or services from the State of Israel; companies doing business in or with Israel or authorized by, licensed by, or organized under the laws of the State of Israel; or persons or entities doing business in the State of Israel as defined in section 34.600, RSMo, for the duration of the contract.

Tracy Jones

Authorized Representative's Name (Please Print)

Southeast Missouri Transportation Service, Inc.
(SMTS, Inc.)

Company Name



Authorized Representative's Signature

07/01/2024

Date

Exhibit 3
WORKER ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION AFFIDAVIT

My name is Tracy Jones, and I am of sound mind, capable of making this affidavit, and personally certify the facts herein stated, as required by Section 285.530, RSMo, to enter into any contract agreement with the state to perform any job, task, employment, labor, personal services, or any other activity for which compensation is provided, expected, or due, including but not limited to all activities conducted by business entities:

I am the Exec. Director of Southeast Missouri Transportation Service, Inc., and I am duly authorized, directed, and/or
title business name

empowered to act officially and properly on behalf of this business entity.

I hereby affirm and warrant that the aforementioned business entity is enrolled in a federal work authorization program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, and the aforementioned business entity shall participate in said program to verify information (employment eligibility) of newly hired employees working in connection to work under the within state contract agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (MHTC). I have attached documentation to this affidavit to evidence enrollment/participation by the aforementioned business entity in a federal work authorization program, as required by Section 285.530, RSMo.

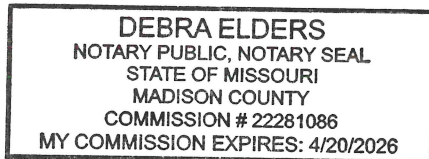
In addition, I hereby affirm and warrant that the aforementioned business entity does not and shall not knowingly employ, in connection to work under the within state contract agreement with MHTC, any alien who does not have the legal right or authorization under federal law to work in the United States, as defined in 8 U.S.C. § 1324a(h)(3).

I am aware and recognize that, unless certain contract and affidavit conditions are satisfied pursuant to Section 285.530, RSMo, the aforementioned business entity may be held liable under Sections 285.525 through 285.550, RSMo, for subcontractors that knowingly employ or continue to employ any unauthorized alien to work within the state of Missouri.

I acknowledge that I am signing this affidavit as a free act and deed of the aforementioned business entity and not under duress.

Authorized Signature Tracy Jones Date 07/01/24

Attest Debra Elders Date 7-01-24



[Documentation of enrollment/participation in a federal work authorization program is attached. Acceptable enrollment and participation documentation consists of the following two pages of the E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding: (1) A valid, completed copy of the first page identifying the business entity; and (2) A valid copy of the signature page completed and signed by the business entity, the Social Security Administration, and the Department of Homeland Security – Verification Division.]