

FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2004 CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 5323(n), the following certifications and assurances have been compiled for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) assistance programs. FTA requests each Applicant to provide as many certifications and assurances as needed for all programs for which the Applicant intends to seek FTA assistance during Federal Fiscal Year 2004. FTA strongly encourages each Applicant to submit its certifications and assurances through TEAM-Web, FTA's electronic award and management system, at <http://ftateamweb.fta.dot.gov>.

Sixteen (16) Categories of certifications and assurances are listed by numbers 01 through 16 in the TEAM-Web "Recipients" option at the "Cert's & Assurances" tab of "View/Modify Recipient."

01. REQUIRED OF EACH APPLICANT

Each Applicant for FTA assistance must provide all certifications and assurances in this Category "01." FTA may not award any Federal assistance until the Applicant provides these certifications and assurances by selecting Category "01."

A. Authority of Applicant and Its Representative

The authorized representative of the Applicant and the attorney who sign these certifications, assurances, and agreements affirm that both the Applicant and its authorized representative have adequate authority under applicable state and local law and the Applicant's by-laws or internal rules to:

- (1) Execute and file the application for Federal assistance on behalf of the Applicant;
- (2) Execute and file the required certifications, assurances, and agreements on behalf of the Applicant binding the Applicant; and
- (3) Execute grant agreements and cooperative agreements with FTA on behalf of the Applicant.

B. Standard Assurances

The Applicant assures that it will comply with all applicable Federal statutes, regulations, executive orders, FTA circulars, and other Federal requirements in carrying out any project supported by an FTA grant or cooperative agreement. The Applicant agrees that it is under a continuing obligation to comply with the terms and conditions of the grant agreement or cooperative agreement issued for its project with FTA. The Applicant recognizes that Federal those modifications may affect project implementation. The Applicant agrees that the most recent Federal requirements will apply to the project, unless FTA issues a written determination otherwise.

C. Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters for Primary Covered Transactions

Until new Federal Debarment and Suspension regulations are promulgated that discontinue the current requirement for the Debarment and Suspension certification, U.S. DOT regulations regarding Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) at 49 CFR 29.510 require the following certification:

- (1) The Applicant (Primary Participant) certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
 - (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
 - (b) Have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this certification, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction, violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes, or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses listed in subparagraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
 - (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this certification had one or more public transactions (Federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.
- (2) The Applicant also certifies that, if it later becomes aware of any information contradicting the statements of paragraph (1) above, it will promptly provide that information to FTA.
- (3) If the Applicant (Primary Participant) is unable to certify to all statements in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this certification, it shall indicate so in its applications, or in the transmittal letter or message accompanying its annual certifications and assurances, and provide a written explanation to FTA.

D. Drug-Free Workplace Agreement

Until new U.S. DOT Drug-Free Workplace regulations that rescind the requirement for a Drug-Free Workplace certification are promulgated, U.S. DOT regulations, "Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (Grants)," 49 CFR part 29, at Subpart F, as amended by 41 U.S.C. 702, require as follows: The Applicant agrees that it will provide a drug-free workplace by:

- (1) Publishing a statement notifying its employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in its workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against its employees for violation of that prohibition;
- (2) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform its employees about:
 - (a) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - (b) Its policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - (c) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - (d) The penalties that may be imposed upon its employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;

- (3) Making it a requirement that each of its employees to be engaged in the performance or implementation of the grant agreement or cooperative agreement be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (1) of this certification;
- (4) Notifying each of its employees in the statement required by paragraph (1) of this certification that, as a condition of employment financed with Federal assistance provided by the grant agreement or cooperative agreement, the employee will be required to:
 - (a) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - (b) Notify the employer (Applicant) in writing of any conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) calendar days after that conviction;
- (5) Notifying FTA in writing, within ten (10) calendar days after receiving notice required by paragraph (4)(b) above from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of that conviction; the Applicant, as employer of any convicted employee, must provide notice, including position title, to every project officer or other designee on whose project activity the convicted employee was working, and that notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant agreement or cooperative agreement;
- (6) Taking one of the following actions within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving notice under paragraph (4)(b) of this agreement with respect to any employee who is so convicted:
 - (a) Taking appropriate personnel action against that employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
 - (b) Requiring that employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, state, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency; and
- (7) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (6) of this agreement. The Applicant agrees to maintain a list identifying its headquarters location and each workplace it maintains in which project activities supported by FTA are conducted, and make that list readily accessible to FTA.

E. Intergovernmental Review Assurance

The Applicant assures that each application for Federal assistance it submits to FTA has been or will be submitted, as required by each state, for intergovernmental review to the appropriate state and local agencies. Specifically, the Applicant assures that it has fulfilled or will fulfill the obligations imposed on FTA by U.S. DOT regulations, "Intergovernmental Review of Department of Transportation Programs and Activities," 49 CFR part 17.

F. Nondiscrimination Assurance

As required by 49 U.S.C. 5332 (which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age, and prohibits discrimination in employment or business opportunity), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000d, and U.S. DOT regulations, "Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation--Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act," 49 CFR part 21 at 21.7, the

Applicant assures that it will comply with all requirements of 49 CFR part 21; FTA Circular 4702.1, "Title VI Program Guidelines for Federal Transit Administration Recipients," and other applicable directives, so that no person in the United States, on the basis of race, color, national origin, creed, sex, or age will be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in any program or activity (particularly in the level and quality of transportation services and transportation-related benefits) for which the Applicant receives Federal assistance awarded by the U.S. DOT or FTA.

Specifically, during the period in which Federal assistance is extended to the project, or project property is used for a purpose for which the Federal assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits, or as long as the Applicant retains ownership or possession of the project property, whichever is longer, the Applicant assures that:

- (1) Each project will be conducted, property acquisitions will be undertaken, and project facilities will be operated in accordance with all applicable requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5332 and 49 CFR part 21, and understands that this assurance extends to its entire facility and to facilities operated in connection with the project.
- (2) It will promptly take the necessary actions to effectuate this assurance, including notifying the public that complaints of discrimination in the provision of transportation-related services or benefits may be filed with U.S. DOT or FTA. Upon request by U.S. DOT or FTA, the Applicant assures that it will submit the required information pertaining to its compliance with these requirements.
- (3) It will include in each subagreement, property transfer agreement, third party contract, third party subcontract, or participation agreement adequate provisions to extend the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5332 and 49 CFR part 21 to other parties involved therein including any subrecipient, transferee, third party contractor, third party subcontractor at any level, successor in interest, or any other participant in the project.
- (4) Should it transfer real property, structures, or improvements financed with Federal assistance provided by FTA to another party, any deeds and instruments recording the transfer of that property shall contain a covenant running with the land assuring nondiscrimination for the period during which the property is used for a purpose for which the Federal assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits.
- (5) The United States has a right to seek judicial enforcement with regard to any matter arising under the Act, regulations, and this assurance.
- (6) It will make any changes in its 49 U.S.C. 5332 and Title VI implementing procedures as U.S. DOT or FTA may request.

G. Assurance of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability

As required by U.S. DOT regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs and Activities Receiving or Benefiting from Federal Financial Assistance," at 49 CFR 27.9, the Applicant assures that, as a condition to the approval or extension of any Federal assistance awarded by FTA to construct any facility, obtain any rolling stock or other equipment, undertake studies, conduct research, or to participate in or obtain any benefit from any program administered by FTA, no otherwise qualified person with a disability shall be, solely by reason of that disability, excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise subjected to

discrimination in any program or activity receiving or benefiting from Federal assistance administered by the FTA or any entity within U.S. DOT. The Applicant assures that project implementation and operations so assisted will comply with all applicable requirements of U.S. DOT regulations implementing the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. 794, *et seq.*, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 12101 *et seq.*, and implementing U.S. DOT regulations at 49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38, and any applicable regulations and directives issued by other Federal departments or agencies.

H. Procurement Compliance Certification

The Applicant certifies that its procurements and procurement system will comply with all applicable third party procurement requirements of Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and FTA directives (including FTA Circular 4220.1E, "Third Party Contracting Guidelines," including any revisions thereto) and other requirements FTA may issue and any revisions thereto. The Applicant certifies that it will include in its contracts financed in whole or in part with FTA assistance all clauses required by Federal laws, executive orders, or regulations, and will ensure that each subrecipient and each contractor will also include in its subagreements and its contracts financed in whole or in part with FTA assistance all applicable clauses required by Federal laws, executive orders, or regulations.

I. Certifications and Assurances Required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) (SF-424B and SF-424D)

As required by OMB, the Applicant certifies that it:

- (1) Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial, and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management, and completion of the project described in its application;
- (2) Will give FTA, the Comptroller General of the United States, and, if appropriate, the state, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives;
- (3) Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest or personal gain;
- (4) Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable project time periods following receipt of FTA approval;
- (5) Will comply with all applicable Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination including, but not limited to:
 - (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 2000d, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin;
 - (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1681 through 1683, and 1685 through 1687, and U.S. DOT regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance," 49 CFR part 25, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex;

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- (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap;
 - (d) The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6101 through 6107, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age;
 - (e) The Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972, Pub. L. 92-255, March 21, 1972, and amendments thereto, 21 U.S.C. 1174 *et seq.* relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse;
 - (f) The Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention Act of 1970, Pub. L. 91-616, Dec. 31, 1970, and amendments thereto, 42 U.S.C. 4581 *et seq.* relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism;
 - (g) The Public Health Service Act of 1912, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 290dd-3 and 290ee-3, related to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records;
 - (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 3601 *et seq.*, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental, or financing of housing;
 - (i) Any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statutes under which Federal assistance for the project may be provided including, but not limited, to 49 U.S.C. 5332, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age, and prohibits discrimination in employment or business opportunity, and section 1101(b) of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, 23 U.S.C. 101 note, which provides for participation of disadvantaged business enterprises in FTA programs; and
 - (j) Any other nondiscrimination statute(s) that may apply to the project;
- (6) Will comply with, or has complied with, the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (Uniform Relocation Act) 42 U.S.C. 4601 *et seq.*, which, among other things, provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in any purchase. As required by sections 210 and 305 of the Uniform Relocation Act, 42 U.S.C. 4630 and 4655, and U.S. DOT regulations, "Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition for Federal and Federally Assisted Programs," 49 CFR 24.4, the Applicant assures that it has the requisite authority under applicable state and local law to comply with the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Act, 42 U.S.C. 4601 *et seq.*, and U.S. DOT regulations, "Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition for Federal and Federally Assisted Programs," 49 CFR part 24, and will comply with or has complied with that Act and those U.S. DOT implementing regulations, including but not limited to the following:
- (a) The Applicant will adequately inform each affected person of the benefits, policies, and procedures provided for in 49 CFR part 24;
 - (b) The Applicant will provide fair and reasonable relocation payments and assistance as required by 42 U.S.C. 4622, 4623, and 4624; 49 CFR part 24; and any applicable FTA procedures, to or for families, individuals, partnerships, corporations, or associations displaced as a result of any project financed with FTA assistance;
 - (c) The Applicant will provide relocation assistance programs offering the services described in 42 U.S.C. 4625 to such displaced families, individuals, partnerships, corporations, or associations in the manner provided in 49 CFR part 24 and FTA procedures;

- (d) Within a reasonable time before displacement, the Applicant will make available comparable replacement dwellings to displaced families and individuals as required by 42 U.S.C. 4625(c)(3);
- (e) The Applicant will carry out the relocation process in such manner as to provide displaced persons with uniform and consistent services, and will make available replacement housing in the same range of choices with respect to such housing to all displaced persons regardless of race, color, religion, or national origin;
- (f) In acquiring real property, the Applicant will be guided to the greatest extent practicable under state law, by the real property acquisition policies of 42 U.S.C. 4651 and 4652;
- (g) The Applicant will pay or reimburse property owners for necessary expenses as specified in 42 U.S.C. 4653 and 4654, with the understanding that FTA will provide Federal financial assistance for the Applicant's eligible costs of providing payments for those expenses, as required by 42 U.S.C. 4631;
- (h) The Applicant will execute such amendments to third party contracts and subagreements financed with FTA assistance and execute, furnish, and be bound by such additional documents as FTA may determine necessary to effectuate or implement the assurances provided herein; and
- (i) The Applicant agrees to make these assurances part of or incorporate them by reference into any third party contract or subagreement, or any amendments thereto, relating to any project financed by FTA involving relocation or land acquisition and provide in any affected document that these relocation and land acquisition provisions shall supersede any conflicting provisions;
- (7) To the extent applicable, will comply with the Davis-Bacon Act, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 3141 *et seq.*, the Copeland Act, as amended, 18 U.S.C. 874, and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 3701 *et seq.*, regarding labor standards for federally assisted subagreements;
- (8) To the extent applicable, will comply with the flood insurance purchase requirements of section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4012a(a), requiring recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more;
- (9) Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act, 42 U.S.C. 4831(b), which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in the construction or rehabilitation of residence structures;
- (10) Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities on which a construction project supported with FTA assistance takes place without permission and instructions from the awarding agency;
- (11) Will record the Federal interest in the title of real property in accordance with FTA directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure nondiscrimination during the useful life of the project;
- (12) Will comply with FTA requirements concerning the drafting, review, and approval of plans and specifications of any construction project supported with FTA assistance. As required by U.S. DOT regulations, "Seismic Safety," 49 CFR 41.117(d), before accepting delivery of any building financed with FTA assistance, it will obtain a certificate of compliance with the seismic design and construction requirements of 49 CFR part 41;

(13) Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site of any project supported with FTA assistance to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications, and will furnish progress reports and such other information as may be required by FTA or the state;

(14) Will comply with any applicable environmental standards that may be prescribed to implement the following Federal laws and executive orders:

(a) Institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.* and Executive Order No. 11514, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321 note;

(b) Notification of violating facilities pursuant to Executive Order No. 11738, 42 U.S.C. 7606 note;

(c) Protection of wetlands pursuant to Executive Order No. 11990, 42 U.S.C. 4321 note;

(d) Evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with Executive Order 11988, 42 U.S.C. 4321 note;

(e) Assurance of project consistency with the approved state management program developed pursuant to the requirements of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1451 *et seq.*;

(f) Conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*;

(g) Protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 300h *et seq.*;

(h) Protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*; and

(i) Environmental protections for Federal transportation programs, including, but not limited to, protections for parks, recreation areas, or wildlife or waterfowl refuges of national, state, or local significance or any land from a historic site of national, state, or local significance to be used in a transportation project as required by 49 U.S.C. 303;

(j) Protection of the components of the national wild and scenic rivers systems, as required under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1271 *et seq.*; and

(k) Provision of assistance to FTA in complying with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 470f; the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 469a-1 *et seq.*; and Executive Order No. 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), 16 U.S.C. 470 note;

(15) To the extent applicable, will comply with the requirements of the Hatch Act, 5 U.S.C. 1501 through 1508, and 7324 through 7326, which limit the political activities of state and local agencies and their officers and employees whose primary employment activities are financed in whole or part with Federal funds including a Federal grant agreement, cooperative agreement, or loan; except, in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 142(g), the Hatch Act does not apply to a nonsupervisory employee of a transit system (or of any other agency or entity performing related functions) receiving FTA assistance to whom that Act does not otherwise apply;

(16) Will comply with the National Research Act, Pub. L. 93-348, July 12, 1974, as amended, at 42 U.S.C. 289 *et seq.*, and U.S. DOT regulations, "Protection of Human Subjects," 49 CFR part 11, regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by Federal assistance;

- (17) Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 2131 *et seq.*, and U.S. Department of Agriculture regulations, "Animal Welfare," 9 CFR subchapter A, parts 1, 2, 3, and 4, pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held or used for research, teaching, or other activities supported by Federal assistance;
- (18) Will have performed the financial and compliance audits required by the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, 31 U.S.C. 7501 *et seq.*, OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations," Revised, and the most recent applicable OMB A-133 Compliance Supplement provisions for the Department of Transportation; and
- (19) Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing the project.

02. LOBBYING

An Applicant that submit or intends to submit an application for Federal assistance exceeding \$100,000 must provide the following certification. FTA may not award Federal assistance exceeding \$100,000 until the Applicant provides this certification by selecting Category "02."

- A. As required by U.S. DOT regulations, "New Restrictions on Lobbying," at 49 CFR 20.110, the Applicant's authorized representative certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that for each application for Federal assistance exceeding \$100,000:
- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been or will be paid by or on behalf of the Applicant to any person to influence or attempt to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, Member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or employee of a Member of Congress about an award of Federal assistance, or the continuation, renewal, extension, amendment, or modification of any Federal assistance agreement; and
 - (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been or will be paid to any person to influence or attempt to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with any application for Federal assistance, the Applicant assures that it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," including information required by the instructions accompanying the form, which form may be amended to omit such information as authorized by 31 U.S.C. 1352.
 - (3) The language of this certification shall be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements).
 - (4) The language of this certification shall be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements).
- B. The Applicant understands that this certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed and that submission of this certification is a prerequisite for providing Federal assistance for a transaction covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. The Applicant also understands that any person who fails to file a required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

03. PRIVATE MASS TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES

A State or local government Applicant seeking Federal assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 to acquire the property or an interest in the property of a private mass transportation company or to operate mass transportation equipment or facilities in competition with, or in addition to, transportation service provided by an existing mass transportation company must provide the following certification. FTA may not award Federal assistance for that type of project until the Applicant provides this certification by selecting Category "03."

As required by 49 U.S.C. 5323(a)(1), the Applicant certifies that before it acquires the property or an interest in the property of a private mass transportation company or operates mass transportation equipment or facilities in competition with, or in addition to, transportation service provided by an existing mass transportation company, it has or will have:

- A. Found that the assistance is essential to carrying out a program of projects as determined by the plans and programs of the metropolitan planning organization;
- B. Provided for the participation of private mass transportation companies to the maximum extent feasible consistent with applicable FTA requirements and policies;
- C. Paid just compensation under state or local law to a private mass transportation company for its franchises or property acquired; and
- D. Acknowledged that the assistance falls within the labor standards compliance requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5333(a) and 5333(b).

04. PUBLIC HEARING

An Applicant seeking Federal assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 for a capital project that will substantially affect a community or a community's mass transportation service must provide the following certification. FTA may not award Federal assistance for that type of project until the Applicant provides this certification by selecting Category "04."

As required by 49 U.S.C. 5323(b), the Applicant certifies that it has, or before submitting its application, it will have:

- A. Provided an adequate opportunity for a public hearing with adequate prior notice of the proposed project published in a newspaper of general circulation in the geographic area to be served;
- B. Held that hearing and provided FTA a transcript or detailed report summarizing the issues and responses, unless no one with a significant economic, social, or environmental interest requests a hearing;
- C. Considered the economic, social, and environmental effects of the proposed project; and
- D. Determined that the proposed project is consistent with official plans for developing the urban area.

05. ACQUISITION OF ROLLING STOCK

An Applicant seeking Federal assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 to acquire any rolling stock must provide the following certification. FTA may not award any Federal

assistance to acquire such rolling stock until the Applicant provides this certification by selecting Category "05."

As required by 49 U.S.C. 5323(m) and implementing FTA regulations at 49 CFR 663.7, the Applicant certifies that it will comply with the requirements of 49 CFR part 663 when procuring revenue service rolling stock. Among other things, the Applicant agrees to conduct or cause to be conducted the requisite pre-award and post-delivery reviews, and maintain on file the certifications required by 49 CFR part 663, subparts B, C, and D.

06. BUS TESTING

An Applicant for Federal assistance appropriated or made available for 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 to acquire any new bus model or any bus model with a new major change in configuration or components must provide the following certification. FTA may not provide assistance for the acquisition of new buses until the Applicant provides this certification by selecting Category "06."

As required by FTA regulations, "Bus Testing," at 49 CFR 665.7, the Applicant certifies that before it expends any Federal financial assistance to acquire the first bus of any new bus model or any bus model with a new major change in configuration or components, or before authorizing final acceptance of a new bus model, a newly configured bus model, or a bus model with a major change in components (as described in 49 CFR part 665), the bus model:

- A. Will have been tested at a bus testing facility approved by FTA; and
- B. Will have received a copy of the test report prepared on the bus model.

07. CHARTER SERVICE AGREEMENT

An Applicant seeking Federal assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 (except 49 U.S.C. 5310), or by Title 23, U.S.C. to acquire or operate any mass transportation equipment or facilities must enter into the following Charter Service Agreement. FTA may not provide assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 (except 49 U.S.C. 5310), or by Title 23, U.S.C. for projects until the Applicant enters into this Charter Service Agreement by selecting Category "07."

- A. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5323(d) and FTA regulations, "Charter Service," at 49 CFR 604.7, the Applicant agrees that it and its recipients will:
 - (1) Provide charter service that uses equipment or facilities acquired with Federal assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 (except 49 U.S.C. 5310), or Title 23, U.S.C., only to the extent that there are no private charter service operators willing and able to provide the charter service that it or its recipients desire to provide, unless one or more of the exceptions in 49 CFR 604.9 applies; and
 - (2) Comply with the requirements of 49 CFR part 604 before providing any charter service using equipment or facilities acquired with Federal assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 (except 49 U.S.C. 5310), or Title 23, U.S.C. for transportation projects.
- B. As The Applicant understands that:
 - (1) The requirements of 49 CFR part 604 will apply to any charter service it provides,
 - (2) The definitions of 49 CFR part 604 apply to this Charter Service Agreement, and

- (3) A violation of this Charter Service Agreement may require corrective measures and imposition of penalties, including debarment from the receipt of further Federal assistance for transportation.

08. SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

An Applicant seeking Federal assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 or by Title 23, U.S.C. to acquire or operate transportation facilities and equipment must enter into the following School Transportation Agreement. FTA may not provide assistance for such projects until the Applicant enters into this agreement by selecting Category "08."

- A. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5323(f) and FTA regulations, "School Bus Operations," at 49 CFR 605.14, the Applicant agrees that it and all its recipients will:
- (1) Engage in school transportation operations in competition with private school transportation operators only to the extent permitted by 49 U.S.C. 5323(f), and Federal regulations; and
 - (2) Comply with the requirements of 49 CFR part 605 before providing any school transportation using equipment or facilities acquired with Federal assistance and authorized by 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 or Title 23 U.S.C. for transportation projects.
- B. As The Applicant understands that:
- (1) The requirements of 49 CFR part 605 will apply to any school transportation service it provides,
 - (2) The definitions of 49 CFR part 605 apply to this school transportation agreement, and
 - (3) A violation of this School Transportation Agreement may require corrective measures and imposition of penalties, including debarment from the receipt of further Federal assistance for transportation.

09. DEMAND RESPONSIVE SERVICE

An Applicant that operates demand responsive service and applies for direct Federal assistance authorized for 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 to acquire non-rail mass transportation vehicles is required to provide the following certification. FTA may not award direct Federal assistance authorized for 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 to an Applicant that operates demand responsive service to acquire non-rail mass transportation vehicles until the Applicant provides this certification by selecting Category "09."

As required by U.S. DOT regulations, "Transportation Services for Individuals with Disabilities (ADA)," at 49 CFR 37.77(d), the Applicant certifies that its demand responsive service offered to persons with disabilities, including persons who use wheelchairs, is equivalent to the level and quality of service offered to persons without disabilities. When the Applicant's service is viewed in its entirety, the Applicant's service for persons with disabilities is provided in the most integrated setting feasible and is equivalent with respect to: (1) response time, (2) fares, (3) geographic service area, (4) hours and days of service, (5) restrictions on trip purpose, (6) availability of information and reservation capability, and (7) constraints on capacity or service availability.

10. ALCOHOL MISUSE AND PROHIBITED DRUG USE

If the Applicant is required to provide the following certification concerning its activities to prevent alcohol misuse and prohibited drug use in its transit operations, FTA may not provide Federal assistance to that Applicant until it provides this certification by selecting Category "10."

As required by FTA regulations, "Prevention of Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use in Transit Operations," at 49 CFR part 655, subpart I, the Applicant certifies that it has established and implemented an alcohol misuse and anti-drug program, and has complied with or will comply with all applicable requirements of FTA regulations, "Prevention of Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use in Transit Operations," 49 CFR part 655.

11. INTEREST AND OTHER FINANCING COSTS

An Applicant that intends to request the use of Federal assistance for reimbursement of interest or other financing costs incurred for its capital projects must provide the following certification. FTA may not provide assistance to support those costs until the Applicant provides this certification by selecting Category "11."

In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(g), 49 U.S.C. 5309(g)(2)(B), 49 U.S.C. 5309(g)(3)(A), and 49 U.S.C. 5309(n), the Applicant certifies that it will not seek reimbursement for interest and other financing costs unless its records demonstrate that it has used reasonable diligence in seeking the most favorable financing terms underlying those costs, to the extent FTA may require.

12. INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

An Applicant for FTA assistance for an Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) project, defined as any project that in whole or in part finances the acquisition of technologies or systems of technologies that provide or significantly contribute to the provision of one or more ITS user services as defined in the "National ITS Architecture," must provide the following assurance. FTA may not award any Federal assistance for an ITS project until the Applicant provides this assurance by selecting Category "12."

As used in this assurance, the term Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) project is defined to include any project that in whole or in part finances the acquisition of technologies or systems of technologies that provide or significantly contribute to the provision of one or more ITS user services as defined in the "National ITS Architecture."

A. In accordance with section 5206(e) of TEA-21, 23 U.S.C. 502 note, the Applicant assures it will comply with all applicable requirements of Section V (Regional ITS Architecture and Section VI (Project Implementation) of FTA Notice, "FTA National ITS Architecture Policy on Transit Projects," at 66 *Fed. Reg.* 1455 *et seq.*, January 8, 2001, and other FTA requirements that may be issued in connection with any ITS project it undertakes financed

with Highway Trust Funds (including funds from the mass transit account) or funds made available for the Intelligent Transportation Systems Program authorized by TEA-21, title V, subtitle C, 23 U.S.C. 502 note.

- D** B. With respect to any ITS project financed with Federal assistance derived from a source other than Highway Trust Funds (including funds from the Mass Transit Account) or TEA-21, title V, subtitle C, 23 U.S.C. 502 note, the Applicant assures that it will use its best efforts to ensure that any ITS project it undertakes will not preclude interface with other intelligent transportation systems in the Region.

13. URBANIZED AREA, JARC, AND CLEAN FUELS PROGRAMS

Each Applicant for Urbanized Area Formula Program assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5307, each Applicant for Job Access and Reverse Commute Program assistance authorized by section 3037 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, 49 U.S.C. 5309 note, and each Applicant for Clean Fuels Formula Program assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5308 must provide the following certifications. FTA may not award Federal assistance for those programs until the Applicant provides these certifications and assurances by selecting Category "13." A state or other Applicant providing certifications and assurances that require the compliance of its prospective subrecipients is expected to obtain sufficient documentation from those subrecipients to assure the validity of its certifications and assurances.

Each Applicant that received Transit Enhancement funds authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5307(k)(1) must list the projects carried out during that Federal fiscal year with those funds in its quarterly report for the fourth quarter of the preceding Federal fiscal year. That list constitutes the report of transit enhancement projects carried out during that fiscal year, which report is required to be submitted as part of the Applicant's annual certifications and assurances, in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(k)(3), and is therefore incorporated by reference and made part of the Applicant's annual certifications and assurances. FTA may not award Urbanized Area Formula Program assistance to any Applicant that has received Transit Enhancement funds authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5307(k)(1), unless that Applicant's quarterly report for the fourth quarter of the preceding Federal fiscal year has been submitted to FTA and includes the requisite list.

A. Certifications Required for the Urbanized Area Formula Program

- (1) As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(A) through (J), the Applicant certifies and assures as follows:
- (a) It has or will have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out the proposed program of projects;
 - (b) It has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of Project equipment and facilities;
 - (c) It will adequately maintain the equipment and facilities;
 - (d) It will ensure that elderly and handicapped persons, or any person presenting a Medicare card issued to himself or herself pursuant to title II or title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 *et seq.* or 42 U.S.C. 1395 *et seq.*), will be charged for transportation during non-peak hours using or involving a facility or equipment of a project financed

with Federal assistance authorized for 49 U.S.C. 5307, or for the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program at section 3037 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), 49 U.S.C. 5309 note, not more than fifty (50) percent of the peak hour fare;

- (e) In carrying out a procurement financed with Federal assistance authorized for the Urbanized Area Formula Program, 49 U.S.C. 5307, or the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program, section 3037 of TEA-21, 49 U.S.C. 5309 note, it: (1) will use competitive procurement (as defined or approved by the Secretary), (2) will not use exclusionary or discriminatory specifications, and (3) will comply with applicable Buy America laws;
- (f) It has complied with or will comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307(c). Specifically, it: (1) has made available, or will make available, to the public information on the amounts available for the Urbanized Area Formula Program, 49 U.S.C. 5307 and, if applicable, the Job Access and Reverse Commute Grant Program, 49 U.S.C. 5309 note, and the program of projects it proposes to undertake; (2) has developed or will develop, in consultation with interested parties including private transportation providers, a proposed program of projects for activities to be financed; (3) has published or will publish a proposed program of projects in a way that affected citizens, private transportation providers, and local elected officials have the opportunity to examine the proposed program and submit comments on the proposed program and the performance of the Applicant; (4) has provided or will provide an opportunity for a public hearing to obtain the views of citizens on the proposed program of projects; (5) has ensured or will ensure that the proposed program of projects provides for the coordination of transportation services assisted under 49 U.S.C. 5336 with transportation services assisted by another Federal Government source; (6) has considered or will consider the comments and views received, especially those of private transportation providers, in preparing its final program of projects; and (7) has made or will make the final program of projects available to the public;
- (g) It has or will have available and will provide the amount of funds required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(e) and applicable FTA policy (specifying Federal and local shares of project costs);
- (h) It will comply with: 49 U.S.C. 5301(a) (requirements for transportation systems that maximize mobility and minimize fuel consumption and air pollution); 49 U.S.C. 5301(d) (requirements for transportation of the elderly and persons with disabilities); 49 U.S.C. 5303 through 5306 (planning requirements); and 49 U.S.C. 5301(d) (special efforts to design and provide mass transportation for the elderly and persons with disabilities);
- (i) It has a locally developed process to solicit and consider public comment before raising fares or implementing a major reduction of transportation; and
- (j) As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(J), unless it has determined that it is not necessary to expend one (1) percent of the amount of Federal assistance it receives for this fiscal year apportioned in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 5336 for transit security projects, it will expend at least one (1) percent of that assistance for transit security projects, including increased lighting in or adjacent to a transit system (including bus stops, subway stations, parking lots, and garages), increased camera surveillance of an area in or adjacent to that system, emergency telephone line or lines to contact law enforcement or security personnel in an area in or adjacent to that system, and any other project intended to increase the security and safety of an existing or planned transit system.

- (2) As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(k)(3), if it has received Transit Enhancement funds authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5307(k)(1), its quarterly report for the fourth quarter of the preceding Federal fiscal year includes a list of the projects it has implemented during that fiscal year using those funds, and that report is incorporated by reference and made part of its certifications and assurances.

B. Certification Required for Capital Leasing

As required by FTA regulations, "Capital Leases," at 49 CFR 639.15(b)(1) and 49 CFR 639.21, if the Applicant acquires any capital asset by lease financed with Federal assistance authorized for 49 U.S.C. 5307 or section 3037 of TEA-21, 49 U.S.C. 5309 note, the Applicant certifies as follows:

- (1) It will not use Federal assistance authorized for 49 U.S.C. 5307 or section 3037 of TEA-21, 49 U.S.C. 5309 note, to finance the cost of leasing any capital asset until it performs calculations demonstrating that leasing the capital asset would be more cost-effective than purchasing or constructing a similar asset;
- (2) It will complete these calculations before entering into the lease or before receiving a capital grant for the asset, whichever is later; and
- (3) It will not enter into a capital lease for which FTA can provide only incremental Federal assistance unless it has adequate financial resources to meet its future obligations under the lease in the event Federal assistance is not available for capital projects in subsequent years.

C. Certification Required for the Sole Source Acquisition of an Associated Capital Maintenance Item

As required by 49 U.S.C. 5325(c), the Applicant certifies that when it procures an associated capital maintenance item as authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5307(b)(1), it will use competition, unless the original manufacturer or supplier of the item is the only source for that item and the price of that item is no more than the price similar customers pay for that item, and that for each such procurement, it will maintain sufficient records on file and easily retrievable for inspection by FTA.

D. Clean Fuels Formula Grant Program Certification

As required by 49 U.S.C. 5308(c)(2), the Applicant certifies that vehicles financed with Federal assistance provided for the Clean Fuels Formula Program, 49 U.S.C. 5308, will be operated only with clean fuels.

14. ELDERLY AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM

An Applicant that intends to administer the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program on behalf of a state must provide the following certifications and assurances. In providing certifications and assurances that require the compliance of its prospective subrecipients, the Applicant is expected to obtain sufficient documentation from those subrecipients to assure the validity of its certifications and assurances. FTA may not award assistance for the Elderly and

Persons with Disabilities Program until the Applicant provides these certifications and assurances by selecting Category "14."

The Applicant administering, on behalf of the state, the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5310 certifies and assures that the following requirements and conditions will be fulfilled:

- A. The state organization serving as the Applicant and each subrecipient has or will have the necessary legal, financial, and managerial capability to apply for, receive, and disburse Federal assistance authorized for 49 U.S.C. 5310; and to implement and manage the project.
- B. The state assures that each subrecipient either is recognized under state law as a private nonprofit organization with the legal capability to contract with the state to carry out the proposed project, or is a public body that has met the statutory requirements to receive Federal assistance authorized for 49 U.S.C. 5310.
- C. The private nonprofit subrecipient's application for 49 U.S.C. 5310 assistance contains information from which the state concludes that the transit service provided or offered to be provided by existing public or private transit operators is unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate to meet the special needs of the elderly and persons with disabilities.
- D. The state assures that sufficient non-Federal funds have been or will be committed to provide the required local share.
- E. The state assures that, before issuing the state's formal approval of a project, its Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Formula Program is included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program as required by 23 U.S.C. 135; all projects to be implemented in urbanized areas recommended for approval are included in the metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program in which the subrecipient is located; and any prospective subrecipient of capital assistance that is a public body has provided an opportunity for a public hearing.
- F. The state recognizes that the subrecipient, rather than the state itself, will be ultimately responsible for implementing many Federal requirements covered by the certifications and assurances the state has signed. After having taken appropriate measures to secure the necessary compliance by each subrecipient, the state assures, on behalf of each subrecipient, that:
 - (1) The subrecipient has or will have by the time of delivery, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the vehicles and equipment financed with Federal assistance awarded for its project;
 - (2) The subrecipient has coordinated or will coordinate to the maximum extent feasible with other transportation providers and users, including social service agencies authorized to purchase transit service;
 - (3) The subrecipient has complied or will comply with all applicable civil rights requirements;
 - (4) The subrecipient has complied or will comply with applicable requirements of U.S. DOT regulations regarding participation of disadvantaged business enterprises in U.S. DOT programs;
 - (5) The subrecipient has complied or will comply with Federal requirements regarding transportation of elderly persons and persons with disabilities;
 - (6) The subrecipient has complied or will comply with applicable provisions of 49 CFR part 605 pertaining to school transportation operations;

- (7) Viewing its demand responsive service to the general public in its entirety, the subrecipient has complied or will comply with the requirement to provide demand responsive service to persons with disabilities, including persons who use wheelchairs, meeting the standards of equivalent service of 49 CFR 37.77(c), before purchasing non-accessible vehicles for use in demand responsive service for the general public;
- (8) The subrecipient has established or will establish a procurement system, and has conducted or will conduct its procurements in compliance with all applicable provisions of Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, FTA Circular 4220.1E, "Third Party Contracting Requirements," as amended and revised, and other Federal requirements that may be applicable;
- (9) The subrecipient has complied or will comply with the requirement that its project provide for the participation of private mass transportation companies to the maximum extent feasible;
- (10) The subrecipient has paid or will pay just compensation under state or local law to each private mass transportation company for its franchise or property acquired under the project;
- (11) The subrecipient has complied or will comply with all applicable lobbying requirements for each application exceeding \$100,000;
- (12) The subrecipient has complied or will comply with all applicable nonprocurement suspension and debarment requirements;
- (13) The subrecipient has complied or will comply with all applicable bus testing requirements for new bus models;
- (14) The subrecipient has complied or will comply with applicable FTA Intelligent Transportation Systems architecture requirements to the extent required by FTA; and
- (15) The subrecipient has complied or will comply with all applicable pre-award and post-delivery review requirements.
- G. Unless otherwise noted, each of the subrecipient's projects qualifies for a categorical exclusion and does not require further environmental approvals, as described in the joint FHWA/FTA regulations, "Environmental Impact and Related Procedures," at 23 CFR 771.117(c). The state certifies that, until the required Federal environmental finding is made, financial assistance will not be provided for any project that does not qualify for a categorical exclusion described in 23 CFR 771.117(c). The state further certifies that, until the required Federal conformity finding has been made, no financial assistance will be provided for a project requiring a Federal conformity finding in accordance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Air Conformity regulations at 40 CFR parts 51 and 93.
- H. The state assures that it will enter into a written agreement with each subrecipient stating the terms and conditions of assistance by which the project will be undertaken and completed.
- I. The state recognizes the authority of FTA, U.S. DOT, and the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct audits and reviews to verify compliance with the foregoing requirements and stipulations, and assures that, upon request, the State and its subrecipients will make the necessary records available to FTA, U.S. DOT and the Comptroller General of the United States. The state also acknowledges its obligation under 49 CFR 18.40(a) to monitor project activities carried out by its subrecipients to assure compliance with applicable Federal requirements.

15. NONURBANIZED AREA FORMULA PROGRAM

An Applicant that intends to administer the Nonurbanized Area Formula Program on behalf of a state must provide the following certifications and assurances. In providing certifications and assurances that require the compliance of its prospective subrecipients, the Applicant is expected to obtain sufficient documentation from those subrecipients to assure the validity of its certifications and assurances. FTA may not award Nonurbanized Area Formula Program assistance to the Applicant until the Applicant provides these certifications and assurances by selecting Categories "1" through "11" and "15."

The Applicant administering, on behalf of the state, the Nonurbanized Area Formula Program authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5311 certifies and assures that the following requirements and conditions will be fulfilled:

- A. The state organization serving as the Applicant and each subrecipient has or will have the necessary legal, financial, and managerial capability to apply for, receive, and disburse Federal assistance authorized for 49 U.S.C. 5311; and to implement and manage the project.
- B. The state assures that sufficient non-Federal funds have been or will be committed to provide the required local share.
- C. The state assures that before issuing the state's formal approval of the project, its Nonurbanized Area Formula Program is included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program as required by 23 U.S.C. 135; and projects are included in a metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program, to the extent applicable.
- D. The state has provided for a fair and equitable distribution of Federal assistance authorized for 49 U.S.C. 5311 within the state, including Indian reservations within the state.
- E. The state recognizes that the subrecipient, rather than the state itself, will be ultimately responsible for implementing many Federal requirements covered by the certifications and assurances the state has signed. After having taken appropriate measures to secure the necessary compliance by each subrecipient, the state assures, on behalf of each subrecipient, that:
 - (1) The subrecipient has or will have, by the time of delivery, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the vehicles and equipment financed with Federal assistance awarded for its project;
 - (2) The subrecipient has coordinated or will coordinate to the maximum extent feasible with other transportation providers and users, including social service agencies authorized to purchase transit service;
 - (3) The subrecipient has complied or will comply with all applicable civil rights requirements;
 - (4) The subrecipient has complied or will comply with applicable requirements of U.S. DOT regulations regarding participation of disadvantaged business enterprises in U.S. DOT programs;
 - (5) The subrecipient has complied or will comply with Federal requirements regarding transportation of elderly persons and persons with disabilities;
 - (6) The subrecipient has complied or will comply with the transit employee protective provisions of 49 U.S.C. 5333(b), by one of the following actions: (a) signing the Special Warranty for the Nonurbanized Area Formula Program, (b) agreeing to alternative

comparable arrangements approved by the Department of Labor (DOL), or (c) obtaining a waiver from DOL; and the state has certified the subrecipient's compliance to DOL;

(7) The subrecipient has complied or will comply with 49 CFR part 604 in the provision of any charter service provided with equipment or facilities acquired with FTA assistance;

(8) The subrecipient has complied or will comply with applicable provisions of 49 CFR part 605 pertaining to school transportation operations;

(9) Viewing its demand responsive service to the general public in its entirety, the subrecipient has complied or will comply with the requirement to provide demand responsive service to persons with disabilities, including persons who use wheelchairs, meeting the standards of equivalent service set forth in 49 CFR 37.77(c), before purchasing non-accessible vehicles for use in demand responsive service for the general public;

(10) The subrecipient has established or will establish a procurement system, and has conducted or will conduct its procurements in compliance with all applicable provisions of Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, FTA Circular 4220.1E, "Third Party Contracting Requirements," as amended and revised, and other Federal requirements that may be applicable;

(11) The subrecipient has complied or will comply with the requirement that its project provide for the participation of private enterprise to the maximum extent feasible;

(12) The subrecipient has paid or will pay just compensation under state or local law to each private mass transportation company for its franchise or property acquired under the project;

(13) The subrecipient has complied or will comply with all applicable lobbying requirements for each application exceeding \$100,000;

(14) The subrecipient has complied or will comply with all applicable nonprocurement suspension and debarment requirements;

(15) The subrecipient has complied or will comply with all applicable bus testing requirements for new bus models;

(16) The subrecipient has complied or will comply with all applicable pre-award and post-delivery review requirements;

(17) The subrecipient has complied with or will comply with all assurances FTA requires for projects involving real property;

(18) The subrecipient has complied or will comply with applicable FTA Intelligent Transportation Systems architecture requirements, to the extent required by FTA; and

(19) The subrecipient has complied or will comply with applicable prevention of alcohol misuse and prohibited drug use program requirements, to the extent required by FTA.

F. Unless otherwise noted, each of the subrecipient's projects qualifies for a categorical exclusion and does not require further environmental approvals, as described in the joint FHWA/FTA regulations, "Environmental Impact and Related Procedures," at 23 CFR 771.117(c). The state certifies that, until the required Federal environmental finding is made, financial assistance will not be provided for any project that does not qualify for a categorical exclusion described in 23 CFR 771.117(c). The state further certifies that, until the required Federal conformity finding has been made, no financial assistance will be provided for a project requiring a Federal conformity finding in accordance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Air Conformity regulations at 40 CFR parts 51 and 93.

- G. The state assures that it will enter into a written agreement with each subrecipient stating the terms and conditions of assistance by which the project will be undertaken and completed.
- H. The state recognizes the authority of FTA, U.S. DOT, and the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct audits and reviews to verify compliance with the foregoing requirements and stipulations, and assures that, upon request, the State and its subrecipients will make the necessary records available to FTA, U.S. DOT and the Comptroller General of the United States. The state also acknowledges its obligation under 49 CFR 18.40(a) to monitor project activities carried out by its subrecipients to assure compliance with applicable Federal requirements.
- I. In compliance with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5311(f), the state assures that it will expend not less than fifteen (15) percent of the amounts of Federal assistance as provided in 49 U.S.C. 5311(f) and apportioned during this Federal fiscal year to carry out a program within the State to develop and support intercity bus transportation, unless the chief executive officer of the state, or his or her designee, duly authorized under state law, regulations or procedures, certifies to the Federal Transit Administrator that the intercity bus service needs of the state are being adequately met.

16. STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK PROGRAM

An Applicant for a grant of Federal assistance for deposit in its State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) must provide the following certifications and assurances. In providing certifications and assurances that require the compliance of its prospective subrecipients, the Applicant is expected to obtain sufficient documentation from those subrecipients to assure the validity of its certifications and assurances. FTA may not award assistance for the SIB program to the Applicant until the Applicant provides these certifications and assurances by selecting Categories "1" through 11," and "16."

The state, serving as the Applicant for Federal assistance for its State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) program authorized by section 350 of the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995, as amended, 23 U.S.C. 101 note, or the State Infrastructure Bank Pilot Program, 23 U.S.C. 181 note, certifies and assures that the following requirements and conditions concerning any transit Project financed with Federal assistance derived from its SIB have been or will be fulfilled:

- A. The state organization, which is serving as the Applicant (state) for Federal assistance for its SIB, agrees and assures the agreement of its SIB and the agreement of each recipient of Federal assistance derived from the SIB within the state (subrecipient) that each transit Project financed with Federal assistance derived from SIB will be administered in accordance with:
- (1) Applicable provisions of section 350 of the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995, as amended, 23 U.S.C. 101 note, or of the State Infrastructure Bank Pilot Program, 23 U.S.C. 181 note, and any further amendments thereto;
 - (2) The provisions of any applicable Federal guidance that may be issued;
 - (3) The terms and conditions of Department of Labor Certification(s) of Transit Employee Protective Arrangements that are required by Federal law or regulations;
 - (4) The provisions of the FHWA and FTA cooperative agreement with the state to establish the state's SIB program; and

(5) The provisions of the FTA grant agreement with the state that provides Federal assistance for the SIB, except that any provision of the Federal Transit Administration Master Agreement incorporated by reference into that grant agreement will not apply if it conflicts with any provision of National Highway System Designation Act of 1995, as amended, 23 U.S.C. 101 note, or section 1511 of TEA-21, as amended, 23 U.S.C. 181 note, Federal guidance pertaining to the SIB program, the provisions of the cooperative agreement establishing the SIB program within the state, or the provisions of the FTA grant agreement.

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- B. The state agrees to comply with, and assures the compliance of the SIB and each subrecipient of assistance provided by the SIB with, all applicable requirements for the SIB program, as those requirements may be amended from time to time. Pursuant to subsection 1511(h)(2) of TEA-21, 23 U.S.C. 181 note, the state understands and agrees that any previous cooperative agreement entered into with FHWA and FTA under section 350 of the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995, as amended, 23 U.S.C. 101 note, has been or will be revised to comply with the requirements of TEA-21.
 - C. The state assures that the SIB will provide Federal assistance from its Transit Account only for transit capital projects eligible under section 350 of the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995, as amended, 23 U.S.C. 101 note or under section 1511 of TEA-21, 23 U.S.C. 181 note, and that those projects will fulfill all requirements imposed on comparable capital transit projects financed by FTA.
 - D. The state understands that the total amount of funds to be awarded will not be immediately available for draw down. Consequently, the state assures that it will limit the amount of Federal assistance it draws down for deposit in the SIB to amounts that do not exceed the limitations specified in the grant agreement or the approved project budget for that grant agreement.
 - E. The state assures that each subrecipient has or will have the necessary legal, financial, and managerial capability to apply for, receive, and disburse Federal assistance authorized by Federal statute for use in the SIB, and to implement, manage, operate, and maintain the project and project property for which such assistance will support.
 - F. The state assures that sufficient non-Federal funds have been or will be committed to provide the required local share.
 - G. The state recognizes that the SIB, rather than the State itself, will be ultimately responsible for implementing many Federal requirements covered by the certifications and assurances the state has signed. After having taken appropriate measures to secure the necessary compliance by the SIB, the state assures, on behalf of the SIB, that:
 - (1) The SIB has complied or will comply with all applicable civil rights requirements;
 - (2) The SIB has complied or will comply with applicable requirements of U.S. DOT regulations regarding participation of disadvantaged business enterprises in U.S. DOT programs;
 - (3) The SIB will provide Federal assistance only to a subrecipient that is either a public or private entity recognized under state law as having the legal capability to contract with the state to carry out its proposed project;
 - (4) Before the SIB enters into an agreement with a subrecipient to disburse Federal assistance for a project, the subrecipient's project is included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program; all projects in urbanized areas recommended for

approval are included in the metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program in which the subrecipient is located; and the requisite certification that an opportunity for a public hearing has been provided;

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- (5) The SIB will not provide Federal financial assistance for any project that does not qualify for a categorical exclusion as described in 23 CFR 771.117(c) until the required Federal environmental finding has been made. Moreover, the SIB will provide no financial assistance for a project requiring a Federal conformity finding in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Air Conformity regulations at 40 CFR parts 51 and 93, until the required Federal conformity finding has been made;
 - (6) Before the SIB provides Federal assistance for a transit project, each subrecipient will have complied with the applicable transit employee protective provisions of 49 U.S.C. 5333(b) as required for that subrecipient and its project; and
 - (7) The SIB will enter into a written agreement with each subrecipient stating the terms and conditions of assistance by which the project will be undertaken and completed, including specific provisions that any security or debt financing instrument that the SIB may issue shall contain an express statement that the security or debt financing instrument does not constitute a commitment, guarantee, or obligation of the United States.

H. The state also recognizes that the subrecipient, rather than the state itself, will be ultimately responsible for implementing many Federal requirements covered by the certifications and assurances the state has signed. After having taken appropriate measures to secure the necessary compliance of each subrecipient, the state assures, on behalf of each subrecipient, that:

- (1) The subrecipient has complied or will comply with all applicable civil rights requirements;
- (2) The subrecipient has complied or will comply with applicable requirements of U.S. DOT regulations regarding participation of disadvantaged business enterprises in U.S. DOT programs;
- (3) The subrecipient has complied or will comply with Federal requirements regarding transportation of elderly persons and persons with disabilities;
- (4) The subrecipient has complied or will comply with the applicable transit employee protective provisions of 49 U.S.C. 5333(b) as required for that subrecipient and its project;
- (5) The subrecipient has complied or will comply with 49 CFR part 604 in the provision of any charter service provided with equipment or facilities acquired with FTA assistance;
- (6) The subrecipient has complied with or will comply with applicable provisions of 49 CFR part 605 pertaining to school transportation operations;
- (7) Viewing its demand responsive service to the general public in its entirety, the subrecipient has complied or will comply with the requirement to provide demand responsive service to persons with disabilities, including persons who use wheelchairs, meeting the standards of equivalent service set forth in 49 CFR 37.77(c), before purchasing non-accessible vehicles for use in demand responsive service for the general public;
- (8) The subrecipient has established or will establish a procurement system, and has conducted or will conduct its procurements in compliance with all applicable provisions

of Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, FTA Circular 4220.1E, "Third Party Contracting Requirements," as amended and revised, and other implementing requirements FTA may issue;

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- (9) The subrecipient has complied or will comply with the requirement that its project provides for the participation of private mass transportation companies to the maximum extent feasible;
 - (10) The subrecipient has paid or will pay just compensation under state or local law to each private mass transportation company for its franchise or property acquired under the project;
 - (11) The subrecipient has complied or will comply with all applicable lobbying requirements for each application exceeding \$100,000;
 - (12) The subrecipient has complied or will comply with all nonprocurement suspension and debarment requirements;
 - (13) The subrecipient has complied or will comply with all applicable bus testing requirements for new bus models;
 - (14) The subrecipient has complied or will comply with all applicable pre-award and post-delivery review requirements;
 - (15) The subrecipient has complied with or will comply with all assurances FTA requires for projects involving real property;
 - (16) The subrecipient has complied or will comply with applicable FTA Intelligent Transportation Systems architecture requirements, to the extent required by FTA; and
 - (17) The subrecipient has complied or will comply with applicable prevention of alcohol misuse and prohibited drug use program requirements, to the extent required by FTA.
- I. The state recognizes the authority of FTA, U.S. DOT, and the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct audits and reviews to verify compliance with the foregoing requirements and stipulations, and assures that, upon request, the SIB and its subrecipients, as well as the states, will make the necessary records available to FTA, U.S. DOT and the Comptroller General of the United States. The state also acknowledges its obligation under 49 CFR 18.40(a) to monitor project activities carried out by the SIB and its subrecipients to assure compliance with applicable Federal requirements.

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Selection and Signature Page(s) follow.

**FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2004 CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

(Signature page alternative to providing Certifications and Assurances in TEAM-Web)

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Name of Applicant: RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY

The Applicant agrees to comply with applicable requirements of Categories 01 - 16. _____
(The Applicant may make this selection in lieu of individual selections below.)

OR

The Applicant agrees to comply with the applicable requirements of the following Categories it has selected:

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<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	
01.	Required of Each Applicant	X
02.	Lobbying	X
03.	Private Mass Transportation Companies	_____
04.	Public Hearing	X
05.	Acquisition of Rolling Stock	_____
06.	Bus Testing	_____
07.	Charter Service Agreement	_____
08.	School Transportation Agreement	_____
09.	Demand Responsive Service	_____
10.	Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use	_____
11.	Interest and Other Financing Costs	_____
12.	Intelligent Transportation Systems	_____
13.	Urbanized Area, JARC, and Clean Fuels Programs	_____
14.	Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program	_____
15.	Nonurbanized Area Formula Program	_____
16.	State Infrastructure Bank Program	_____

(Both sides of this Signature Page must be appropriately completed and signed as indicated.)

FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2004 FTA CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES SIGNATURE PAGE

(Required of all Applicants for FTA assistance and all FTA Grantees with an active capital or formula project)

AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT

Name of Applicant: RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY

Name and Relationship of Authorized Representative: _____

BY SIGNING BELOW, on behalf of the Applicant, I declare that the Applicant has duly authorized me to make these certifications and assurances and bind the Applicant's compliance. Thus, the Applicant agrees to comply with all Federal statutes, regulations, executive orders, and Federal requirements applicable to each application it makes to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in Federal Fiscal Year 2004.

FTA intends that the certifications and assurances the Applicant selects on the other side of this document, as representative of the certifications and assurances in Appendix A, should apply, as required, to each project for which the Applicant seeks now, or may later, seek FTA assistance during Federal Fiscal Year 2004.

The Applicant affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of the certifications and assurances it has made in the statements submitted herein with this document and any other submission made to FTA, and acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, 31 U.S.C. 3801 *et seq.*, as implemented by U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 CFR part 31 apply to any certification, assurance or submission made to FTA. The criminal fraud provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1001 apply to any certification, assurance, or submission made in connection with the Urbanized Area Formula Program, 49 U.S.C. 5307, and may apply to any other certification, assurance, or submission made in connection with any other program administered by FTA.

In signing this document, I declare under penalties of perjury that the foregoing certifications and assurances, and any other statements made by me on behalf of the Applicant are true and correct.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Name _____
Authorized Representative of Applicant

AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY

For (Name of Applicant): RAMSEY COUNTY REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY

As the undersigned Attorney for the above named Applicant, I hereby affirm to the Applicant that it has authority under state and local law to make and comply with the certifications and assurances as indicated on the foregoing pages. I further affirm that, in my opinion, the certifications and assurances have been legally made and constitute legal and binding obligations on the Applicant.

I further affirm to the Applicant that, to the best of my knowledge, there is no legislation or litigation pending or imminent that might adversely affect the validity of these certifications and assurances, or of the performance of the project.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Name _____
Attorney for Applicant

Each Applicant for FTA financial assistance (except 49 U.S.C. 5312(b) assistance) and each FTA Grantee with an active capital or formula project must provide an Affirmation of Applicant's Attorney pertaining to the Applicant's legal capacity. The Applicant may enter its signature in lieu of the Attorney's signature, provided the Applicant has on file this Affirmation, signed by the attorney and dated this Federal fiscal year.