AREAS OF PERSISTANT POVERTY (AoPP) PROGRAM FUNDED BY THE FEDERAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (FTA)

Request for Proposals
for
Planning Services of the Joplin Transit Program

Request for Proposal #2024-RFP-11

Issued on: September 6, 2024

Proposal Responses Due: October 7, 2024

City of Joplin – City Hall

Attention: Jeremy Hagerman, Assistant Public Works Director

Public Works - Transit

jhagerma@joplinmo.org

602 S Main Street, Joplin, MO 64801

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Section I
Executive Summary

Invitation
Written proposals subject to the conditions herein stated and attached hereto, will be received at:

602 S. Main, Joplin, MO 64801, 4th Floor
October 7, 2024 by 2:00 p.m. Central Time

For providing the services as described below for the City of Joplin (The City).

Background
The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) awarded grants to help marginalized communities across the country. Approximately $16.2 million will fund 40 projects in 32 states and two territories through FTA's Areas of Persistent Poverty (AoPP) program.

FTA grants the awards on a competitive basis to state and local governments, transit agencies, and nonprofit organizations to create better transit for residents who have limited or no transportation options. The program supports the Biden-Harris Administration's Justice40 initiative and general goals of advancing racial equity and improving public health and the environment through transportation planning that results in new or better transit service.

AoPP grants were awarded for planning, engineering, and technical studies or financial plans to improve transit in Census-defined low-income areas. The program also supports coordinated human service transportation planning to improve transit service or provide new services, including paratransit. The City of Joplin, Missouri will receive funding to study feasible options that will promote more ridership in areas considered historically disadvantaged communities or designated as areas of persistent poverty. Specifically, the plan will define methods of how the transit system can financially support the expansion of its transit system to areas where there is a need for more affordable access to employment, education, healthcare and public services.

Purpose
The purpose of this RFP is to select a firm that will be a partner in a planning and implementation effort for the transit program. The City of Joplin is hereby requesting written proposals to provide planning and implementation services for the approved project described above. It is anticipated that the timeline for these services will be twelve (12) months. Firms must be collaborative and willing to take direction from City staff. The winning firm will ensure full compliance with required regulations pursuant to FTA regulations. For more information on evaluation criteria, please refer to section four, Evaluation.

Bidding firms must have a thorough understanding of Federal Transit Administration Programs, related Missouri state statute and legislative processes, with additional experience preferred in federal compliance and other regulations, as well as all cross-cutting regulations required in other relatable programs.

The City seeks to promote and ensure the fairest, most efficient means to obtain the benefits of the most qualified, responsive, and responsible proposal.

Section II

General Instructions

Point of Contact
The City designates the following person as its representative and Point-of-Contact for this RFP:

Joplin City Hall
Jeremy Hagerman
602 S. Main Street, 4th Floor
Joplin, Missouri, 64801 jhagerma@joplinmo.org

Respondents shall restrict all contact with the City and direct all questions in writing regarding this RFP, including questions regarding terms and conditions and technical specifications, to the Point of Contact.

Timeline of Proposal (Anticipated, but is subject to change)

RFP Released by the City	September 6, 2024
Deadline for Final Questions	September 20, 2024
City Responses to Submitted Questions	September 27, 2023
Proposal Submission Deadline	October 7, 2024 by 2:00pm (CST)
Interviews as needed	October 14, 2024
Contract Finalization	Week of October 28, 2024
Council Meeting to Award Contract	November 18, 2024

Brevity
Qualifications shall be prepared simply, providing a straightforward, concise description of the Respondent's ability to meet the requirements of this RFP. Excessive information will not be considered favorably.

Addenda and Revisions
All questions and inquiries must be submitted to the City Point of Contact, Jeremy Hagerman, Public Works Assistant Director of Engineering, jhagerma@joplinmo.org by September 20, 2024.

Questions should be asked in consecutive order following the organization of the RFP. Each question should begin by referencing the RFP page number, section title, and question number (if applicable) to which it relates.

One comprehensive response to all submitted questions will be publicly released as an addendum to the RFP and distributed to firms that submitted questions, inquiries, or clarifications.

All such addenda issued by the City shall be issued before the proposals are due as part of the RFP, and all Respondents shall acknowledge receipt of and incorporate the addenda in its Responses.

Respondents shall consider only those clarifications and interpretations that the City issues by addenda five (5) days prior to the submittal deadline. Interpretations or clarifications in any other form, including oral statements, will not be binding on the City and should not be relied upon in preparing its Responses.

Any additional information, including addenda will be posted on the city website at http://joplinmo.org/index.aspx in the left-hand column under Bids/Projects. Respondents may check the website regularly, sign up to receive notifications, or reach out to the point of contact and request to be added to the addenda distribution list.

Submission Requirements

Respondents shall carefully read the information contained in this RFP and submit a complete response to all requirements and questions. Incomplete qualifications will be considered non-responsive and subject to rejection. It is not necessary to repeat the question or statement in the Responses; however, it is essential to reference the page number and question number.

The Respondent shall submit:

1. One (1) original with (6) identical copies of the Response in print
   a. Response shall be a maximum of twenty (20) printed pages
   b. The cover, table of contents, divider sheets, resume/CVs, and Submission Form do not count as printed pages
   c. Hard copies of RFP materials must be enclosed in a sealed envelope (box or container) addressed as noted below;
   d. The package must clearly identify the submittal deadline and that the response is for the Planning Services of the Joplin Transit Program Request for Proposal #2024-RFP-11
   e. No 3-ring binders please
2. One (1) PDF copy provided on USB drive
3. An original signature must be included on the "THE CITY OF JOPLIN REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM"
4. No electronic submissions will be accepted

Hard copy packets must be submitted to:

Joplin City Hall Public Works
4th Floor, Attn: Jeremy Hagerman
602 S. Main Street
Joplin, MO 64801
8:00am-5:00pm Monday – Friday and no later than bid close date and time

Deadline for Submission of Interest
The Respondent will submit its Responses at the location above by the time described below:

2:00 PM Monday
October 7, 2024

RFPs received after this time and date will not be considered.

Properly submitted Reponses by the Respondents will not be returned. Responses and any other information submitted by Respondents in response to this RFP shall become the property of the City.

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Section III
Project Scope

General Statement
The City of Joplin requests proposals from qualified organizations for planning services of the Joplin Transit Program. The firm shall work with the City of Joplin to plan the Program outlined in the executive summary and the Scope elements below to conduct a planning process to determine the feasibility of a transportation authority.

The City expects the winning respondent to periodically work on-site for key implementation duties as the project requires frequent interactions with beneficiaries, community organizations, surrounding potential participating communities, and the general public.

The outline below is inclusive, but not necessarily an exhaustive list of required activities.

The City reserves the right to seek clarification on any or all proposal submittals.

Scope of Services

Program Design
- Review the City of Joplin's transit program and structure.
- Review the Ten-Year Transit Master Plan developed in 2021.
- Review, revise, or create program management document templates, as needed.
- Review Missouri communities that may have similar types of Metropolitan Transportation Authority Districts or other financially sustainable transit systems.

Program Planning
- Research best practices for transit authority programs, processes, and tools for organizing, operating, and managing a transit program under a Missouri Transportation Authority District.
- Develop a feasibility assessment that includes interest in participation, ability to fund and/or contribute towards the authority's operations, and proposed governance structure.
- Assessment should include proposed by-laws, district boundaries, an established level of service and a 5-year implementation budget.
- Provide a program outline of steps required to establish a regional transportation-type authority; include any legislative approvals and steps and metropolitan community partnerships.
- Identify sustainable revenue structures for consideration to support improvements and ongoing operations of the recommended transit structure
- Work directly with assigned staff tasked to manage program planning activities.
- Assist assigned staff in developing a community outreach and communication plan, ensuring planning information reaches those impacted individuals, community organizations, program beneficiaries, and other stakeholders.
- Deliverables
    - Bi-weekly reporting of Planning activities for the Transit Program Grant
    - Provide a recommended transit structure program to meet outlined objectives,

- Outline implementation assistance of approved recommendations.
- Interim Report at three quarters completion and Final Report at completion; includes 15 bound final reports and a digital PDF, and in person PowerPoint presentation of final recommendations to Joplin City Council.

Timeliness

- Complete the scope of services within the approved timeline, which is anticipated to cover up to twelve (12) months from start dates.

Compliance/Reporting

- Assist with required information for reporting to State and Federal granting agencies.

Meetings

- Coordinate and attend meetings in conjunction with and/or on behalf of the City of Joplin.
  - Kick-off, project status, program status, stakeholder meetings, public information gathering forums, city council and/or related boards and commission meetings.

Technical Assistance

- Coordinate or provide support in any technical assistance needed with City and FTA, as needed.

Closeout

- Provide all documentation required for any program closeout.
- Other support related to the Transit Program as required by the City.

Section IV
Evaluation

Qualifications of Respondents
For consideration, proposals must contain evidence of experience and abilities in the specified area and other disciplines directly related to the proposed services included elsewhere in this solicitation.

Emphasis shall be on the quality, completeness, clarity of content, responsiveness to the requirements, and an understanding of the City's needs as it relates to the administration of the Sustainable Transit Structure Plan and Implementation of developed Plan.

The Respondent may be required before the award of any contract to show to the complete satisfaction of the City that it has the necessary facilities, ability, programmatic understanding, staffing, and financial resources to provide the services specified herein in a satisfactory manner.

The Respondent may also be required to give a past complete history and additional references in order to satisfy the City in regard to the Respondent's qualifications.

The City may make reasonable investigations deemed necessary and proper to determine the ability of the Respondent to perform the work, and the Respondent shall furnish to the City all information for this purpose in a timely manner.

The City reserves the right to reject any offer if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, the Respondent fails to satisfy the City that the Respondent is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the work described therein.

Scoring of Proposals
Scoring will emphasize related experience, management, organization, availability of key staff, skill, financial, and other necessary resources to perform the work or provide the services required in timely manner.

Company Profile: (10 Points)
Respondents must provide a listing of all personnel who will be assigned to this project. If the Respondent will need to hire additional staff to satisfy this engagement, please briefly elaborate with a tentative plan of action.

Please include an explanation of each person's area of responsibility, years of related experience, geographic location, and the resume or CV for each professional assigned to this project. Please attach an organizational chart to include any associated decision-makers that will or may have a role in the proposal or project management process.

Experience: (25 Points)
Respondent must provide three (3) examples of directly relatable experience corresponding to the services requested by the City. Please include the name, title, address, telephone number, and email for each client contact. Examples proving the ability to coordinate multiple projects should be included and will be considered in the scoring. Scoring will also emphasize the firm's experience and results related to similar type projects.

Approach Strategy: (25 Points)
Please describe in detail the proposed methodology for this project. Scoring will emphasize the project approach, proven implementation, and/or management strategies by the team, including community and stakeholder engagement.

References: (10 Points)
Please include at least three references for similar type projects. Scoring will emphasize quality of references as well as the quality of performance of previous contracts or services.

Cost Proposal: (30 Points)
Please provide a cost proposal to accomplish the scope of work set forth in this request for proposals

Selection
The evaluation of the Responses shall be based on the requirements described in this RFP. A selection committee made up of qualified City staff shall review, evaluate, and rank all properly submitted responses. The selection committee will have only the response to the solicitation to review for selection of finalists. It is therefore important that respondents emphasize specific information pertinent to the work.

The City will reserve the right to include an interview with the Respondent if the City deems it necessary to aid in the ranking process. If needed, the City will contact those Respondents with the top ranked proposals, and each will be **required** to meet with the selection team where the proposals will be reviewed in depth.

After the selection process, the Selection Committee will contact the Respondent that best meets the City's needs and finalize a contract to present to City Council for approval. Final authority of the final selection ultimately lies with the Joplin City Council regardless of the selection committee.

Section V

General Information and Requirements

Minimum Effective Period of Proposal
All proposals are required to remain in effect for at least 90 days from the date submitted to the City for review. This should be taken into account during budget preparations.

Public Information
All information, documentation, and other materials submitted in response to this solicitation are considered non-confidential and/or non-proprietary and are subject to public disclosure.

MBE/WBE
Please state how your firm or any potential sub-contractors participate in the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Initiative (MBE/WBE).

Type of Contract
The final contract form shall be negotiated between and be mutually acceptable to the parties. Any contract(s) resulting from this effort will be negotiated at the sole discretion of City of Joplin, and/or their agents.

No Lobbying
Respondent acknowledges and accepts that from the Date of Issuance of the RFP until a final decision has been made by the City, it will not take any action, make any effort or support or engage others on its behalf to take actions or efforts with attempt to influence the decision-making process for this RFP in the favor of the Respondent. This includes direct contact with the City Council, City Manager and City staff of the City of Joplin, and others who may be engaged in the process or grant program.

Additionally, the Respondent acknowledges and accepts that it will not attempt to use public communication such as the news media, social media, etc. as a means of attempting to influence the RFP evaluation or decision-making process. Any Respondent violating any of the aforementioned conditions is subject to immediate disqualification from consideration.

City's Reservation of Rights
The City may evaluate the Responses based on the anticipated completion of all or any portion of the Project. The City reserves the right to reject any and all Responses and re-solicit for new Responses, or to reject any and all proposals and temporarily or permanently abandon the Project. The City makes no representations, written or oral, that it will enter into any form of agreement with any respondent to this RFP for any project and no such representation is intended or should be construed by the issuance of this RFP.

Acceptance of Evaluation Methodology
By submitting its Responses to this RFP, Respondent accepts the evaluation process and acknowledges and accepts that the determination of the "most qualified" firm(s) will require subjective judgments by the City.

No Reimbursement for Costs
The Respondent acknowledges and accepts that any costs incurred from the Respondent's participation in this RFP shall be at the sole risk and responsibility of the Respondent.

Eligible Respondents
Only individual firms or lawfully formed business organizations may apply (this does not preclude a Respondent from using consultants). The City will contract only with the individual firm or formal organization that submits its Responses.

Reference Checks
Respondent acknowledges and accepts that through the RFP evaluation process reference checks and background investigation may be conducted as a part of the due-diligence process.

Nonconforming Terms and Conditions
A proposal that includes terms and conditions that do not conform to the terms and conditions in the RFP is subject to rejection as non-responsive. The City reserves the right to permit the Respondent to withdraw nonconforming terms and conditions from its proposal prior to a determination by The City of non-responsiveness based on the submission of nonconforming terms and conditions.

Responses that are qualified with conditional clauses, alterations, items not called for in the RFP documents, or irregularities of any kind are subject to rejection by the City, at its option. Failure to comply with requirements contained in this RFP may result in the rejection of the Responses.

Debarment
By submitting a proposal, the Respondent certifies that it is not currently debarred from submitting proposals for contracts issued by any political subdivision or agency of the State of Missouri or the Federal government and that it is not a person or entity that is currently debarred from submitting proposals for contracts issued by any political subdivision or agency of the State of Missouri or the Federal government. Respondents must be registered at SAM.GOV to be eligible.

Stylistic Considerations
The City's official font is Tahoma. The official color palette is RGB: Regal Blue 18 58 84, Blue Lagoon 0 91 130, Storm Dust 95 95 93, Wasabi, 131 162 38, Buttered Rum 209 177 14, Rust 191 80 11.

Rejection
The City makes no representations of any kind that an award will be made as a result of this RFP or subsequent interview or recommendation. The City reserves the waive any formalities or minor technical inconsistencies or delete any item/requirements from this RFP when deemed to be in City's best interest.

THE CITY OF JOPLIN

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

#2024-RFP-11

Company _____

Address _____

Contact Person _____

Telephone Number _____

Email _____

NOTE TO RESPONDENTS: SUBMIT ENTIRE SECTION WITH RESPONSE. THIS EXECUTION OF OFFER MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND RETURNED WITH THE RESPONDENT'S QUALIFICATIONS. FAILURE TO COMPLETE, SIGN AND RETURN THIS EXECUTION OF OFFER WITH THE QUALIFICATIONS MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF THE QUALIFICATIONS.

SIGNING A FALSE STATEMENT MAY VOID THE SUBMITTED QUALIFICATIONS OR ANY AGREEMENTS OR OTHER CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS, WHICH MAY RESULT FROM THE SUBMISSION OF RESPONDENT'S QUALIFICATIONS, AND THE RESPONDENT MAY BE REMOVED FROM ALL PROPOSER LISTS. A FALSE CERTIFICATION SHALL BE DEEMED A MATERIAL BREACH OF CONTRACT AND, AT THE JRC'S OPTION, MAY RESULT IN TERMINATION OF ANY RESULTING CONTRACT.

By signature hereon, Respondent acknowledges and agrees that (1) this RFP is a solicitation for Interest and is not a contract or an offer to contract; (2) the submission of Responses by Respondent in response to this RFP will not create a contract between the City and Respondent; (3) Neither the City or the Committee, or any of their representatives, have made a representation or warranty, written or oral, that one or more contracts with the City will be awarded under this RFP; and (4) Respondent shall bear, as its sole risk and responsibility, any cost which arises from Respondent's preparation of a response to this RFP.

By signature hereon, Respondent offers and agrees to furnish to the City all of the products and/or services more particularly described in its Responses, and to comply with all terms, conditions and requirements set forth in the RFP documents and contained herein.

By signature hereon, Respondent affirms that they have not given, nor intends to give at any time hereafter, any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor or service to a public servant, elected officials, leadership or staff of the City or partner organizations in connection with the submitted Responses.

By signature hereon, the Respondent hereby certifies that neither the Respondent nor the firm, corporation, partnership or Developer represented by the Respondent, or anyone acting for such firm, corporation, or institution has violated the antitrust laws of this state, or the Federal antitrust laws, nor communicated directly or indirectly the Responses made to any competitor or any other person engaged in such line of business.

By signature hereon, Respondent represents and warrants that:

Respondent is a reputable company regularly engaged in providing products and/or services necessary to meet the terms, conditions and requirements of the RFP;

Respondent has the necessary experience, knowledge, abilities, skills, and resources to satisfactorily perform the terms, conditions and requirements of the RFP;

By signature hereon, Respondent certifies that the individual signing this document and the documents made part of the RFP is authorized to sign such documents on behalf of the company and to bind the company under any agreements or other contractual arrangements, which may result from the submission of the Response.

By signature hereon, Respondent affirms that no compensation has been received for participation in the preparation of the specifications for this RFP.

By signature hereon, Respondent affirms that it has not violated any of the noted No-Lobbying provisions or specification contained in this RFP.

By signature hereon, Respondent agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City and the Committee, all of their officers, agents and employees from and against all claims, actions, suits, demands, proceedings, costs, damages, and liabilities, arising out of, connected with, or resulting from any acts or omissions of Respondent or any agent, employee, subcontractor, or supplier of Respondent in the execution or performance of any agreements or other contractual arrangements which may result from the submission of these Responses.

Submitted and certified this ____day of _____.

BY:

Signature Date:_____

Name (Printed): _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

AGREEMENT
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2024, by and between the **City of Joplin, Missouri**, a Missouri Municipal Corporation, hereinafter referred to as "City," and _____, hereinafter referred to as "Consultant," and with City and Consultant being referred to collectively as "the Parties."

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, City desires to retain a professional Consultant to provide services as described in City's Request for Proposals for Planning Services of the Joplin Transit Program #2024-RFP-11, Areas of Persistent Poverty (AoPP) Program Funded by the Federal Transit Authority (FTA), attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, Consultant desires to provide professional services pursuant to the terms of this agreement, as described in Consultant's Bid Proposal Summary, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, City has selected Consultant as the lowest and best bidder based on full consideration of all factors, preferences, and conditions deemed applicable by City as described in the Formal Bid Tabulation Form; attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit C.

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for valuable consideration each received from the other, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties do hereby agree as follows:

1. Scope of Work and Payment.

a. City agrees to engage Consultant for performance, and Consultant agrees to perform, the scope of services, duties and responsibilities described in Exhibits A and B within the time specified therein.

b. The services of Consultant shall commence only as authorized in writing by City and shall be undertaken and completed as promised by Consultant as described in Exhibits A and B.

c. City agrees to pay Consultant in accordance with the prices and terms set forth in Exhibits A and B for work authorized by City upon presentation of proper invoice and inspection by City of work completed by Consultant. Specifically, City agrees to pay Consultant _____($_____).

d. All information, data, and reports as are existing, available, and necessary for the carrying out of the work, shall be furnished to Consultant without charge, and the Parties shall cooperate with each other in every way possible in carrying out the scope of services.

e. Consultant shall fully coordinate its activities in the performance of this contract with the activities of City.

f. Consultant represents that Consultant will secure the following at Consultant's own expense: all personnel required to perform the services called for under this contract by Consultant. Such personnel shall not be employees of or have any contractual relationship with City except as employees of Consultant. All the services required hereunder will be performed by Consultant or under Consultant's direct supervision and all personnel engaged in the work shall be fully qualified and shall be authorized under state and local

law to perform such services. None of the work or services covered by this contract shall be subcontracted without the written approval of City.

2. Amendments. The covenants and obligations herein contained are the full and complete terms of this Agreement, and no alteration, amendments, or changes to such terms shall be binding unless first reduced to writing and executed with the same formality as this Agreement.

3. Assignment. This Agreement, including payment hereunder, shall not be sub-let, assigned, or otherwise disposed of, except with the prior written consent of the City.

4. Attorney's Fees and Expenses. If City files suit in order to enforce any term of this Agreement and is the prevailing party, Consultant shall be liable for City's reasonable attorney's fees and expenses. In no event shall City be liable for Consultant's reasonable attorney's fees and expenses.

5. Choice of Law and Venue. This Agreement has been made, and its validity, performance and effect shall be determined, in accordance with the laws of the State of Missouri and venue for litigation between the parties shall be solely and exclusively in Jasper County, Missouri.

6. Compliance with Laws. Consultant shall observe and comply with all Federal, State, and local laws and ordinances that affect those employed or engaged by it on the project, or the material or equipment used, or the conduct of the work, and shall procure all necessary licenses, permits, and insurance.

7. Confidentiality. Any reports, data, or similar information given to or prepared or assembled by the Consultant under this contract which the City requests to be kept as confidential shall not be made available to any individual or organization by the Consultant without prior written approval of the City.

8. Consequential Damages. In no event shall City be liable to Contractor for special, indirect, or consequential damages.

9. Contract Documents. The contract documents shall consist of the following: this Agreement, City's Request for Proposal, and Consultant's Response to City's Request for Proposal. In the event of conflict between the contract documents, this Agreement will prevail. In the event of conflict between City's Request for Proposal and Consultant's Response to City's Request for Proposal, City's Request for Proposal will prevail.

10. Counterparts. This Agreement may be signed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument. Facsimile signatures shall be given the same force and effect as original signatures.

11. Entire Agreement. This Agreement (including any Exhibits) contains the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. It may not be altered or amended except by an agreement in writing signed by both parties.

12. Ethics. Consultant warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Consultant, to solicit or secure this Agreement, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Consultant, any fee, commission, gift, or contingent fee.

13. Fiduciary Duty. Consultant owes a fiduciary duty to City, including the duty of care and the duty of loyalty. Consultant shall act in the best interest of City.

14. Headings. The headings of paragraphs in this Agreement are for convenience only. The headings form no part of this Agreement and shall not affect its interpretation.

15. Indemnification. Consultant hereby assumes all risk of, and responsibility for, and agrees to indemnify and save harmless City, from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, actions, recoveries, judgments, costs, and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees and expenses, therewith made, brought or obtained on account of the loss of life or property or injury or damage to the person or property of any person or persons whomsoever, whether such person or persons be Consultant, its agents or employees, or City, its agents or employees, or any third-person in any way connected with the parties hereto, which loss of life or property, or injury or damage to persons or property, shall be due to, or arise out of, result from, or be in any way connected with, this Agreement, except to the extent arising from or caused by the sole or gross negligence or willful misconduct of City, its agents or employees.

16. Independent Contractor. This Agreement does not create an employer-employee relationship between the parties. Consultant is an independent contractor and is not entitled to any benefits including health, dental, vision, disability, life, and unemployment insurance, worker's compensation coverage, and LAGERS. Consultant is an independent contractor and not an employee for all purposes including the application of the Fair Labor Standards Act Minimum Wage and Overtime Payments, Federal Insurance Contribution Act, Social Security Act, Federal Unemployment Tax Act, and the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, Missouri Revenue and Taxation Laws, and Missouri's Worker Compensation Laws and Unemployment Insurance Laws.

17. Insurance. Consultant shall maintain for itself general liability, automobile liability, workers' compensation, fidelity bond, and errors and omissions insurance coverage, as may be customary in the industry, but in no event, less than the limits required by law.

18. Intellectual Property. Any information, know-how, data, results, inventions, and any associated intellectual property, that is made, discovered, created, invented, or generated by Consultant in any activities or work under this Agreement shall be owned by City.

19. Non-Appropriation. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, City is obligated only to make the payments set forth in the attached contract as may lawfully be made from funds budgeted and appropriated for that purpose during City's then current fiscal year at the discretion of City. If no funds are appropriated or otherwise made legally available to make the required payments for this Agreement during the next occurring fiscal year (an "Event of Non-appropriation"), this Agreement will terminate at the end of the then current fiscal year as if terminated expressly. The failure or inability of City to appropriate funds for this Agreement in any subsequent fiscal year shall not be deemed a breach of this Agreement by any party.

20. Notices. All notices required or permitted hereinunder and required to be in writing may be given by first class mail addressed to City and Consultant at the addresses as follows:

City of Joplin, Missouri _____
ATTN: LEGAL, Peter Edwards _____
602 S. Main St. _____
Joplin, MO 64801 _____

The date of delivery of any notice given by mail shall be the date falling on the second full day after the day of its mailing.

21. Records and Audits. The Consultant shall maintain accounts and records, including personnel, property, and financial records, adequate to identify and account for all costs pertaining to the Contract and such other records as may be deemed necessary by the City to assure proper accounting for all project funds. These records will be made available for audit purposes to the City or any authorized representative and will be retained for three years after the expiration of this Contract.

22. Representations. The signatories hereto represent and warrant that they have read this Agreement, that they are fully authorized in the capacities shown, that they understand the terms of this Agreement, and that they are executing the same voluntarily and solely for the consideration described herein.

23. Severability. If any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be construed to be invalid or illegal, the legality or validity of the other provisions of this Agreement shall not be effected thereby. Any illegal or invalid provision of this Agreement shall be severable and any other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

24. Termination. If, through any cause, Consultant shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner Consultant's obligations under this contract, or if Consultant shall violate any of the covenants, agreements, or stipulations of this contract, City shall thereupon have the right to terminate this contract by giving written notice to Consultant of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least five (5) days before the effective day of such termination. City may, without cause, terminate this contract upon thirty (30) day's prior written notice. In either such event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, reports, or other materials prepared by the Consultant shall, at the option of City, become its property. Consultant shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed. Notwithstanding the above, Consultant shall not be relieved of liability to City for damages sustained by City by virtue of any such breach of the contract by Consultant.

25. Third-Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement shall not confer any rights or remedies upon any person other than the parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

26. Unauthorized Aliens. That pursuant to Missouri Revised Statute Sections 285.525 through 285.555, if this contract exceeds the amount of $5,000.00 and Consultant is associated with a business entity, Consultant shall provide an acceptable notarized affidavit stating that the associated business entity is enrolled in and participates in a federal work authorization program with respect to the employees working in connection with the contracted services, and that said business entity does not knowingly employ any person who is an unauthorized alien in connection with the contracted services. Additionally, Consultant must provide documentation for said business entity evidencing current enrollment in a federal work authorization program.

27. Waiver. Waiver of any provision of this Agreement or breach of this Agreement shall not thereafter be deemed to be a consent by the waiving party to any further waiver, modification or breach by the other party, whether new or continuing, of the same or any other covenant, condition or provision of this Agreement. Failure by one of the parties to this Agreement to assert its rights for any breach of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of such rights.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have hereunto set their hands the date first above written.

CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI _____

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Nick Edwards, City Manager By:

ATTEST:_____Holly Nagy, City Clerk

Federal Professional Services/A&E Contract Clauses
Contracts $100,000 or greater

Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion- The Contractor 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 Contractor shall verify that its principals, affiliates, and subcontractors are eligible to participate in this federally funded contract and are not presently declared by any Federal department or agency to be:

A. Debarred from participation in any federally assisted Award
B. Suspended from participation in any federally assisted Award
C. Proposed for debarment from participation in any federally assisted Award
D. Declared ineligible to participate in any federally assisted Award
E. Voluntarily excluded from participation in any federally assisted Award; or
F. Disqualified from participation in any federally assisted Award.

Energy Conservation- The contractor 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.

Access to Records- The Contractor agrees to provide the Purchaser, the FTA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions. The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed. The Contractor agrees to maintain all books, records, accounts and reports required under this contract for a period of not less than three 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 Contractor agrees to maintain same until the Purchaser, the FTA Administrator, the Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives, have disposed of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto. Reference 49 CFR 18.39(i)(11).

Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts- (1) The Contractor 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 the Project. Upon execution of the underlying contract, the Contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, pertaining to the underlying contract or the FTA assisted project for which this contract work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, the Contractor further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification, the

Federal Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 on the Contractor to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate. (2) The Contractor also acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the Federal Government under a contract connected with a project that is financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance originally awarded by FTA under the authority of 49 U.S.C. 5307, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 49 U.S.C. 5307(n)(1) on the Contractor, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate. (3) The Contractor agrees to include the above tow clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA. It is further agreed that the clauses shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to the provisions.

Federal Changes- Contractor 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 Agreement (Form FTA MA (6) dated October, 1999) between Purchaser and FTA, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of this contract. Contractor's failure to so comply shall constitute a material breach of this contract.

Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity

The City of Joplin is an Equal Opportunity Employer. As such, the City agrees to comply with all applicable Federal civil rights laws and implementing regulations. Apart from inconsistent requirements imposed by Federal laws or regulations, the City agrees to comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5323(h)(3) by not using any Federal assistance awarded by FTA to support procurements using exclusionary or discriminatory specifications.

Under this Agreement, the Contractor shall at all times comply with the following requirements and shall include these requirements in each subcontract entered into as part thereof.

Nondiscrimination in Federal Public Transportation Programs- In accordance with Federal transit law 49 U.S.C. 5332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), disability, or age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing requirements FTA may issue.

Race, Color, Religion, National Origin, Sex-In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000e seq., and Federal transit laws at 49 U.S.C. 5332, the Contractor 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," September 24, 1965, 42 U.S.C. 2000e note, as amended by any later Executive Order that amends or supersedes it, referenced in 42 U.S.C. 2000e note. The Contractor agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including 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 Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA

may issue.

Age-In accordance with the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, 29 U.S.C. 621-634,U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (U.S. EEOC) regulations, "Age Discrimination in Employment Act," 29 C.F.R. part 1625, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq., 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. 5332, the Contractor agrees to refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for reason of age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

Disabilities-In accordance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. 794, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 12101et seq., the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4151 et seq., and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. 5332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against individuals on the basis of disability. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

Incorporation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Terms- The preceding provisions include, in part, certain Standard Terms and Conditions required by DOT, whether or not expressly set forth in the preceding contract provisions. All contractual provisions required by DOT, as set forth in FTA Circular 4220.1D, dated April 15, 1996, 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 Contractor shall not perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any City of Joplin requests which would cause City of Joplin to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions.

No Obligation by the Federal Government:

(1) The City of Joplin and the contractor 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 the City of Joplin, contractor, or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the underlying contract.
(2) Contractor agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA. It is further agreed that the clause shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to its provisions.

Termination Provisions:

(1) If contractor refuses or fails to prosecute the work or any separable part, with the diligence that will ensure its completion within the time specified in this contract including any extension, or fails to complete the work within this time, the City of Joplin may, by written notice to contractor, terminate the rights to proceed with the work (or the separable part of the work) that has been delayed. In this event, the City of Joplin may take over the work and complete it by contract or otherwise, and may take possession of and use any materials, appliances, and plant on the work site necessary for completing the work. The contractor and its sureties shall be liable for any damage to the City of Joplin resulting from contractor's failure or refusal to

complete the work within the specified time, whether or not contractor's right to proceed with the work is terminated. This liability includes any increased costs incurred by the City of Joplin in completing the work.

(2) Contractor's right to proceed shall not be terminated nor contractor charged with damages under this clause if:
   (A) The delay in completing the work arises from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of contractor. Examples of such cause include (i)Acts of God or of the public enemy, (ii) Acts of the City of Joplin in either its governmental or contractual capacity, (iii) Acts of another Contractor in the performance of a contract with the City of Joplin, (iv) strikes, (v) freight embargoes, (vi) unusually severe weather, or (vii) delays of subcontractors or suppliers on any tier arising from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of both contractor and the subcontractors or suppliers; and
   (B) Contractor, promptly following the beginning of any delay (unless extended by the City of Joplin), notifies the City of Joplin orally and followed up in writing in the causes of delay. If, in the judgment of the City of Joplin, the findings of fact warrant such action, the time for completion the work shall be extended. The findings of the Director of Public Works shall be final and conclusive

(3) The rights and remedies of the City of Joplin in this clause are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this agreement.

(4) The City of Joplin, by written notice, may terminate this contract in whole or in part, when it is in the City's interest. If this contract is terminated, the City of Joplin shall be liable only for payment under the payment provisions of the contract for services rendered before the effective date of termination. If reasons beyond the control of the City of Joplin (such as reduction in funding appropriation) so dictate, the City of Joplin may cancel this contract for convenience upon thirty (30) days written notice to contractor. Upon such termination, any materials, supplies or equipment for which the City of Joplin pays will be delivered to the City of Joplin. Additionally, the City of Joplin retains the right to cancel the contract for convenience in the event that contractor or its agents behave in any manner detrimental for the security of the City of Joplin personnel or property. In the event of any such termination for convenience, the City of Joplin shall pay to contractor reasonable expense of termination including costs associated with the early termination of any leases and employee termination expenses.

(5) Contractor may terminate this agreement in the event that the City of Joplin fails to pay the agreed compensation, outlined elsewhere in this agreement. In the event that contractor determines that termination is necessary, Contractor shall provide the City of Joplin with written notice of their intentions thirty (30) days prior to termination.

Privacy Act:

(1) The Contractor agrees to comply with, and assures the compliance of its employees with, the information restrictions and other applicable requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a. Among other things, the Contractor agrees to obtain the express consent of the Federal Government before the Contractor or its employees operate a system of records on behalf of the Federal Government. The Contractor understands that the requirements of the Privacy Act, including the civil and criminal penalties for violation of that Act, apply to those individuals involved, and that failure to comply with the terms of the Privacy Act may result in termination of the underlying contract.

(2) The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract to administer and system of records on behalf of the Federal Government financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs):-The contractor, subrecipient or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 C.F.R. part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate, which may include, but is not limited to:

(1) Withholding monthly progress payments;
(2) Assessing sanctions;
(3) Liquidated damages; and/or
(4) Disqualifying the contractor from future bidding as non-responsible. 49 C.F.R. § 26.13(b).

Further, prime contractors are to pay subcontractors for satisfactory performance of their contracts no later than 30 days from receipt of each payment the recipient makes to the prime contractor. 49 C.F.R. § 26.29(a). Finally, for contracts with defined DBE contract goals, the contractor shall utilize the specific DBEs listed unless the contractor obtains the recipient's written consent; and that, unless the recipient's consent is provided, the 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).

Seat Belt Use- The Contractor is encouraged to adopt and promote 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 terms "company-owned" and "company-leased" refer to vehicles owned or leased either by the Contractor or City of Joplin.

Distracted Driving- The Contractor 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 Contractor owns, leases, or rents, or a privately-owned vehicle when on official business in connection with the work performed under this agreement.

Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications Equipment- The Contractor is prohibited to procure or obtain, extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain, or enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that use 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 is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements, the contract clauses listed in Exhibit C, in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA, modified only if necessary to identify the affected parties.

_____Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

_____Name and Title of Authorized Official

_____Date

Certification Regarding Lobbying

The undersigned (Contractor) certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of te undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for making lobbying contacts to an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form—LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions (as amended by "Government wide Guidance for New Restrictions on Lobbying," 61 Fed. Reg. 1413 (1/19/96). Note: Language in paragraph (2) herein has been modified in accordance with Section 10 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (P.L 104-65, to be codified at 2 U.S.C. 1601, et seq.)

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31, U.S.C. 1352 (as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995). Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $10,000 and nor more than $100,000 for each such failure.

Note: Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352©(1)-(2)(A), any person who makes a prohibited expenditure or fails to file or emend a required certification or disclosure form shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $10,000 and not more than $100,000 for each such expenditure or failure.

The Contractor, _____, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. A 3801, et seq., apply to this certification and disclosure, if an.

_____Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

_____Name and Title of Authorized

Official Date_____