

Hinesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
(RFP 26-02)  
PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING  
SERVICES  
TO PREPARE A REGIONAL FREIGHT  
PLAN UPDATE**



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RFP's due by 2:00 PM on June 12, 2026



**HINESVILLE AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES  
REGIONAL FREIGHT PLAN UPDATE**

On behalf of the Hinesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (HAMPO), the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission is interested in contracting with a qualified consultant to prepare a Regional Freight Plan Update pursuant to the Scope of Work in Exhibit I herein.

The preferred qualifications of the consultant are previous experience and performance preparing Regional Freight Plans, project understanding/approach, and demonstrated abilities of the project team.

The RFP is available on HAMPO's website: <https://thelcpc.org/hampo/rfq-engineering-services/> or the LCPC/HAMPO office, 100 N. Main Street, Suite 7520 (Rm 2100), Hinesville, GA 31313, or email [jricketson@thelcpc.org](mailto:jricketson@thelcpc.org) or call Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director, (912) 408-2030.

RFP response is due **June 12, 2026** by 2 PM at the LCPC/HAMPO Offices.

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These laws include but are not limited to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 ("Title VI"), the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (P.L. 100.259), Section 162 (a) of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973 (23 USC 324) (sex), Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended.

HAMPO does not discriminate against persons in the provision of its programs, services or activities.

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"The Georgia Department of Transportation in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and 78 Stat. 252, 42 USC 2000d- 42 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, part 21, Nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award."

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## **Introduction**

### **RFP proposal is due Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> by 2 PM**

For the purposes of this contract and project, HAMPO must comply with funding rules and regulations of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) as well as other federal, state and local funding sources. The HAMPO is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Disadvantaged Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals and no proposer will be subject to discrimination based on race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, age, gender, handicap, sexual orientation, veteran's status, or other protected class, as identified by law, in consideration of an award of contract.

The State of Georgia's Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) plan is race neutral with the use of DBEs and small businesses is encouraged.

The proposed work is for the services of a professional consulting firm to prepare a Regional Freight Plan Update.

If you desire to propose, please complete, and return the "Acknowledgement of Receipt of RFP" as shown in the exhibits. Please see the section on submissions for contact information as this is critical for sharing questions and addenda.

HAMPO reserves the right to waive any minor informality, or to issue addenda to this RFP. Any addenda issued will be mailed or emailed to all consultants of record that have completed and returned the RFP Acknowledgement of Receipt Form.

## **Questions**

Questions concerning this RFP must be submitted in writing, may be hand delivered, mailed, or emailed to Jeff Ricketson. All responses to questions will be mailed or emailed to all consultants on record that have completed and returned the RFP Acknowledgement of Receipt Form.

Questions concerning the RFP will be accepted through **1 PM June 3, 2026**, and written responses will be provided no later than **5 PM June 5, 2026**. Q&A will be posted to the HAMPO web page and email notice of same sent to registered proposers.

## **In General**

The Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission is interested in contracting with a qualified consultant to prepare a Regional Freight Plan Update. The preferred qualifications of the consultant are previous experience and performance preparing Regional Freight Plans, project understanding/approach, and demonstrated abilities of the project team.

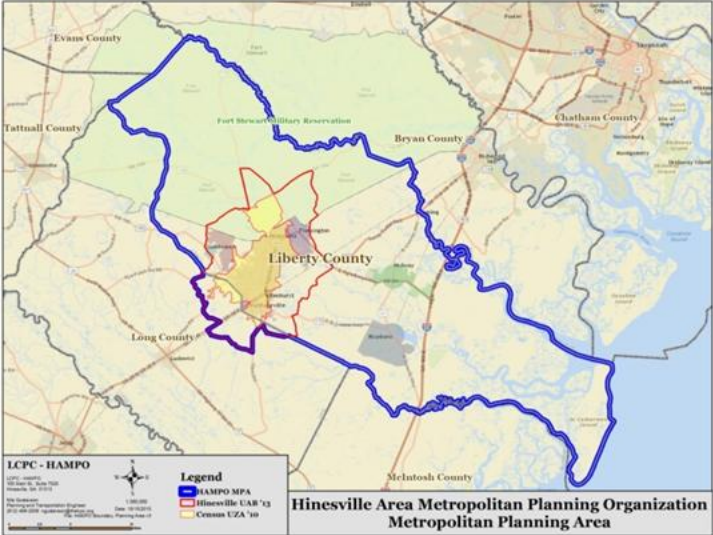
## **Regional Context and Existing Conditions**

In 2003, HAMPO was established pursuant to federal law to address transportation planning within

Liberty County and the urbanized portions Long County, including Fort Stewart and the municipalities of Hinesville, Allenhurst, Flemington, Gum Branch, Midway, Riceboro and Walthourville. In 2005, the Memorandum of Understanding with the Georgia Department of Transportation, affirmed by Governor Perdue, designated the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission (LCPC) as the recipient and management entity for all planning funds and activities associated with HAMPO.

Like many communities throughout the United States, the Hinesville area has a variety of challenges related to traffic congestion, highway safety, efficient movement of freight, and bicycle and pedestrian concerns.

Liberty Transit is the public transportation provider for the Section 5307 urbanized area and maintains a “fixed route” bus service currently providing 3 routes within Hinesville and Flemington..



**Objective**

The Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission is interested in contracting with a qualified consultant to prepare a Regional Freight Plan Update pursuant to the Scope of Work in Exhibit I herein. The Regional Freight Plan Update is due not later than October 29, 2027.

**Scope of Work**

Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission (LCPC), as the management entity for HAMPO, seeks to prepare a federally compliant Regional Freight Plan Update pursuant to the Scope of Work in Exhibit I herein. The Regional Freight Plan Update development process will be managed by the LCPC Executive Director and the selected consultant.

**Content of Proposals**

The consultant must provide a proposal that meets or exceeds all requirements listed in this RFP. The following specific elements should be included:

**Executive Summary**

Present a brief summary describing the proposal and your company and its capabilities. Give the names of the person(s), address(es), telephone and e-mail address. The summary must be limited to a maximum of two pages and the signer of the proposal must declare that the proposal is in all respects fair and in good faith without collusion or fraud and that the signer of the proposal has the authority to bind the principal proponent.

### **Experience and Ability and Additional Proposal Requirements**

This RFP is for preparation of a Regional Freight Plan Update. The LCPC has the right to increase or decrease the Contractor's assignment and/or areas of operation within the scope of this contract.

The proposal should provide a detailed outline of how work will be accomplished.

At a minimum the proposal should include the following information:

- Organizational Chart
- Information describing company's technical and analytical capabilities
- Training and experience (list all certifications)
- Resumes of personnel who will work on project
- At least three references on similar projects
- Other unique services your company can provide

Include any pertinent information needed to determine the proposer's experience and ability to perform the anticipated work.

### **Past Performance**

The proposers shall include a list of consulting services similar to the Statement of Work specified in the RFP currently in place or completed within the past five years. Include any pertinent information needed to determine the proposer's past performance.

The proposal will address how the proposers have previously managed tracking the information required in the scope of work. For each of the above items the proposers shall include details of the project such as: the public agency, their contact, all pertinent phone numbers and dollar amounts. The proposers shall provide information necessary to investigate the work with the public or private agency.

The proposers shall provide at least three (3) references for contracts of a similar size and scope, (if available) including at least two references for current contracts or those awarded during the past five years. Include the name of the organization, the length of the contract, a brief summary of the work, and the name and telephone number of a responsible contact person. Also provide a description of any conflicts occurring over the last five (5) years with these or any other contract for similar work.

### **Understanding of the Project Requirements**

The proposers shall provide their interpretation of what is required to meet the needs of the LCPC/HAMPO. The proposer will use this document, their knowledge and experience to develop their understanding of this project. The proposers are urged to develop scenarios or examples to fully explain their position.

### **Cost Proposal**

The proposal shall include a cost proposal (See Exhibit J herein) in a separately sealed envelope.

The cost proposal will be evaluated and scored in accordance with scoring criteria. By submitting a response, the proposer agrees that it has read, understood and will submit a proposal by the follow instructions/rules:

1. Cost proposals containing a minimum order/ship quantity or dollar value, unless otherwise noted in the RFP, will be treated as non-responsive and may not be considered for award; and
2. In the event there is discrepancy between the proposer's unit price and extended price, the unit price shall govern; and
3. In the event there is a discrepancy between (1) the proposer's pricing as quoted on the RFP's provided cost worksheet and (2) the proposer's pricing as quoted by the proposer in one or more additional documents, the former shall govern; and
4. The prices quoted and listed in the cost proposal shall be firm throughout the term of the resulting contract, unless otherwise noted in the RFP or contract.

Invoicing and Status Reports shall be submitted quarterly and within 30 days after end of the respective quarter.

### **Additional Requirements**

The following additional requirements shall be included:

1. Each Proposal shall be typed and should be concise but comprehensive.
2. Required certifications must be completed, signed, and submitted with each proposal. (Exhibits B, C, D, & E.)
3. Proposals shall start with a transmittal letter signed by the principal followed by a Table of Contents.
4. Proposals submitted in response to this RFP must remain firm for a period of sixty (60) days following the deadline for submission for this RFP.
5. The bidder will describe how they plan to incorporate the DBE and/or small business participation.
6. Proposals may also include any miscellaneous information.

### **Submission**

Six (6) hard copies and one (1) digital copy on a USB drive. RFP proposals shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "RFP 26-02: HAMPO MTP RFP" no later than 2 PM on **June 12, 2026**, to:

Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director  
Hinesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization c/o LCPC  
100 N. Main Street, Suite 7520 (package delivery must note Room 2100)  
Hinesville, GA 31313

**Evaluation and Selection**

It is the LCPC’s intent to evaluate the proposals based on technical merit and price. It is the intent of the LCPC to choose the proposer whose proposal provides the highest value to the LCPC/HAMPO. The LCPC reserves the right to waive any irregularities, reject any and/or all proposals, in whole or in part, when, in the LCPC’s opinion, such rejection is in the best interests of the LCPC/HAMPO.

**Evaluation Criteria**

Each proposal will be reviewed by a selection committee of qualified individuals. Their proposal review and evaluation will be subjective; however, the weighing values are established to minimize that subjectivity. The following delineates the value attributed to each section.

<b><u>Section</u></b>	<b><u>Weight</u></b>
Company/Personnel Experience	25%
Project Understanding/Approach	25%
Past Performance	25%
Technical Total	75%
Fee	25%
Total	100%

*Note: While the evaluation team will review the proposal in its entirety and may consider anything, they find relevant, particular emphasis is placed on the following:*

*Current Project Knowledge – knowledge of current location/site analysis technology, practices and procedures.*

*Company Experience – detailed information relative to the proposer’s general qualifications as well as specific to this project; past performance record on similar work, corporate history and team organization.*

*Project Understanding – provision of adequate, specific, information regarding the proposer’s technical approach to this project. Such information shall include, but not be limited to:*

**Selection Committee**

The Selection Committee will consist of a five-person panel from HAMPO TCC committee members including the LCPC/HAMPO Executive Director, Hinesville City Manager, the Liberty County Administrator, the Liberty County Engineer and the Hinesville City Engineer. The LCPC/HAMPO Executive Director will moderate the selection process.

**Requirements and Selection Process**

1. The proposals will be ranked using the evaluation criteria.
2. Negotiations concerning scope and fee will be conducted with the most qualified offeror. If

agreement is not reached with the most qualified offeror, the negotiations will be held with the next most qualified offeror.

3. Confidentiality will be maintained during the selection process.
4. The offeror with whom negotiations are conducted will be given reasonable opportunity to support and clarify its proposal.
5. Unsuccessful offerors will be notified at the earliest practicable time that their proposals are no longer being considered.
6. Award will be made to the offeror whose proposal will be the most advantageous to the HAMPO. The HAMPO reserves the right not to make an award.
7. Respondents are advised that the Executive Director for LCPC/HAMPO is solely responsible for the award of the Contract.
8. Any respondent who communicates with any HAMPO elected members, the press or engages the services of any individual or firm for the purposes of influencing the outcome of the proposal process will be disqualified from further consideration.

### **Proof of Insurance**

1. The primary firm must include evidence in the proposal that he or she maintains the following minimum insurance:
  - Workers' compensation and employer's liability in amounts required by law;
  - Commercial general liability with limits of liability not less than \$1,000,000;
  - Automobile liability insurance with limits of liability not less than \$1,000,000; and,
  - Professional Liability with limits of liability not less than \$1,000,000.

### **Disqualification**

The HAMPO will disqualify any proposal it determines to be unresponsive, including, but not limited to the following:

1. Proposals that fail to meet the minimum requirements listed within this RFP.
2. Proposals that are received after the submission deadline.
3. Proposals in which consultants misrepresent goods or services or provide demonstrably false information.
4. Proposals that identify individuals which are currently subject to State or Federal debarment order or determination.

### **Protests**

The HAMPO's policy and procedure for the administrative resolution of protests is set forth in the appendix as "Exhibit H: Protest Policy and Procedures".

### **Grant Requirements**

The selected Firm agrees to comply with all applicable state, and local laws, rules and regulations, all as amended, in the performance of its contract with HAMPO. The selected Consultant acknowledges and agrees that the contract by and between the HAMPO and the selected Consultant shall include certain contract provisions required by the HAMPO, Georgia Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Code of Federal Regulations, all as amended. Such contract shall be construed under, governed by, and enforced in accordance with law without regard to conflict of law or choice of law principles.

### **Form of Contract**

Preparation of contract shall be the responsibility of the selected Firm. HAMPO, GDOT, FHWA and FTA require that specific clauses accompany federally funded projects executed by the MPO. Consultants should be prepared to abide by the necessary clauses and include each verbatim and unaltered in a potential contract (see appendix).

### **Amendments to the Contract**

HAMPO reserves the right to negotiate mutually acceptable amendments to the Contract arising from the RFP and with respect to the addition of services that are consistent with the services solicited by the RFP. The right to negotiate mutually acceptable amendments applies for the term of this Contract and any extensions.

### **Terms and Conditions**

1. The HAMPO, reserves the right to reject any and all proposals for failure to meet the requirements contained herein, to waive any technicalities, and to select the proposal which, in the HAMPO's sole judgment, best meets the requirements of the project.
2. The HAMPO creates no obligation on the part of the HAMPO to award a contract or to compensate the proposer for any costs incurred during the proposal presentation, response, submission, or oral interviews (if held). The HAMPO reserves the right to award a contract based upon proposals received without further discussion or negotiation. Proposers should not rely upon the opportunity to alter their Proposal during discussions.
3. Inspection – Proposer's shall permit, if requested, authorized representatives of the HAMPO to inspect a Proposer's data, facilities, equipment and records relating to this RFP. Unsubstantiated statements or the refusal to permit audit or inspection may cause the Proposer to be deemed non-responsive.
4. Proprietary Information – All Proposals shall become the property of the HAMPO. If any proprietary information is contained in or attached to a proposal, it must be clearly identified as such.
5. Limitation on Funding – The Contract for services resulting from this RFP will be subject to the contract between the HAMPO and the availability of on-going funds from the HAMPO's funding sources. The Contract for this service is contingent upon receipt of these funds by the HAMPO. If funding from these sources is eliminated or decreased, the HAMPO reserves the right to terminate the Contract or modify it accordingly.
6. Protest and Appeal Procedures – The procurement procedures and appeal processes are contained in Exhibits attached hereto and made a part thereof.
7. Insurance: The firm selected to perform the work described in this RFP will be required to provide and maintain evidence of public liability, worker's compensation and property damage insurance with limits of not less than \$1,000,000.

### **HAMPO's Reservation of Rights and Disclaimers**

1. The HAMPO is requesting responses to this RFP pursuant to its determination that such a process best serves the interests of the HAMPO and the public, and not because of any legal requirement to do so.
2. The HAMPO shall not be responsible in any manner for any costs associated with responses to this RFP.
3. The HAMPO reserves the unqualified right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to undertake discussions with one or more respondents or any third party, to waive any irregularities, to waive defects or noncompliance in the filing or contents of any Proposal, and to proceed with that Proposal, or elements of one or more Proposals, if any, which in its sole judgment will, under the circumstances, best serve the HAMPO's interest.
4. The HAMPO reserves the unqualified right to amend the terms of this RFP at any time, and to solicit and accept modifications to any Proposal at any time when it is in the best interest of the HAMPO to do so.
5. The HAMPO reserves the unqualified right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to choose or reject any Proposal received in response to this RFP, either based on an evaluation of the factors listed in this RFP or for other reasons, whether any Proposal offers the highest monetary compensation to the HAMPO or any other public entity.
6. The HAMPO reserves the unqualified right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to reject any and all Proposals or to suspend or abandon this RFP process at any time, with no recourse for any Respondent.
7. The information contained in this RFP and in any subsequent addenda or related documents is provided as general information only. The HAMPO makes no representations, warranties, or guarantees that the information contained herein is accurate or complete. The furnishing of such information by the HAMPO shall not create or be deemed to create any obligation or liability upon it for any reasons whatsoever, and each recipient of the RFP, by submitting a Proposal to the HAMPO, expressly agrees that it has not relied upon the foregoing information, and that it shall not hold the HAMPO, or any third party who advised or prepared a report for the HAMPO, liable or responsible therefore in any manner whatsoever.
8. The HAMPO may, at any time, request further information from any Respondent, interview any respondents to more fully understand their responses to this RFP, and require any respondent to arrange a site visit for its Selection Advisory Committee.
9. The HAMPO reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to develop the project on any schedule and use any chosen approach.
10. Neither the expression of any respondent's interest, nor the submission of any respondent's qualifications and any documents or other information, nor the acceptance thereof by the HAMPO, nor any correspondence, discussions, meetings or other communications between a respondent and the HAMPO, nor a determination by the HAMPO that the respondent is

qualified hereunder, shall:

- (i) Impose any obligation on the HAMPO to include the respondent in any such further procedures which the HAMPO may utilize prior to the final selection of a respondent,
  - (ii) Be deemed to impose any obligation whatsoever on the HAMPO to select the respondent, or to enter negotiations with the respondent, or
  - (iii) Entitle the respondents to any compensation or reimbursement for any costs or expenses incurred by the respondent in connection with the respondent's submission hereunder. No costs of responding to the RFP or any addenda thereto, nor of the attending any subsequent interviews or meetings in connection with this development opportunity, shall be reimbursed by the HAMPO.
11. The HAMPO may consult individuals familiar with each respondent regarding the respondent's prior operations and development or management projects, financial plan, past performance, experience and qualifications, or other matters, whether or not the specific individuals are identified in the RFP response. Submission of a proposal in response to this RFP shall constitute permission for the HAMPO to make such inquiries, and authorization to third parties to respond thereto.
12. The individual responses to this RFP, including all drawings, plans, photos and narrative material shall become the property of the HAMPO upon their receipt thereof. The HAMPO will maintain the confidentiality of any material that is provided in response to this RFP and clearly marked "Confidential", to the maximum extent possible, in a manner consistent with applicable law. Given the nature of the public records law, respondents should nevertheless be aware that any information given to the HAMPO in response to this RFP or any correspondence, discussion, meeting, or other communication between the respondent and the HAMPO before, with, or after the submission of the response, either orally or in writing, may not be, or may not be deemed to have been, proprietary or confidential.
13. Neither the members of the HAMPO nor any individual member, nor any officer, agent, or employee thereof shall be charged personally by a respondent or any third party with any liability or held liable to it under any term or provision of this RFP nor any statement made herein.
14. The HAMPO reserves the unqualified right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to disqualify any team, firm, or individual from any phase or component of the selection process for this development opportunity, due to:
- (i) Felonious or other criminal record in any jurisdiction (domestic or foreign);
  - (ii) A determination by the HAMPO that the respondent has failed to disclose:
    - (a) Any matter that materially relates to the fitness or ability of the respondent to perform the work and services associated with this development opportunity, or
    - (b) A conflict of interest; or
    - (c) A determination that such disqualification would serve the public interest.
15. The HAMPO reserves the unqualified right to:
- (i) Disqualify any prospective respondent or reject any response at any time solely on the grounds that a real or perceived legal or policy conflict of interest is presented;

- (ii) Require any prospective respondent to take any action or supply any information necessary to remove the conflict, including without limitation, obtaining an opinion from the State Ethics Commission; or
- (iii) Terminate any contract arising out of this RFP if, in the opinion of the HAMPO, any such relationship would constitute or have the potential to create a real or perceived conflict of interest.

**APPENDIX**

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**Name of Firm:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to Jeff Ricketson at [jricketson@thelcpc.org](mailto:jricketson@thelcpc.org)

**\*Addenda and Q&A will only be forwarded to those firms that complete and submit the *RECEIPT OF RFP* form.**

**EXHIBIT B: GENERAL INFORMATION FORM**

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**(Must be completed and submitted with Proposal)**

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization is (check one):

Corporation;  Partnership;  Association;  Joint Venture;  Sole Proprietorship;  
 Public Agency;  Quasi-Public Agency

Other: (Explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Name, Title, Telephone Number and email of the Organization's Authorized Representative:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledgment of received Addenda No(s): \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned, being cognizant of the pages, documents and Exhibits concerned herewith agrees to provide the HAMPO, with the services described in the Request for PROPOSALS for CONSULTING Services for Regional Freight Plan Update (RFP 26-02).

The stated Proposal shall be firm for 60 days from the June 12, 2026, deadline for this Proposal.

I hereby affirm that this Proposal is genuine, not a sham or collusive, and is not made in the interest of any person not therein named.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**EXHIBIT C: DBE UTILIZATION FORM**

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The undersigned Bidder/Offeror has satisfied the requirements of the solicitation in the following manner (please check the appropriate space):

The Bidder/Offeror anticipates use one or more DBE and/or small business on the project to include approximately \_\_\_\_% of the total contract amount.

**DBE PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE**

The Bidder/Offeror shall complete the following information for all DBE’s participating in the contract that comprises the DBE Utilization percent stated in the DBE Utilization Form. The Bidder/Offeror shall also furnish the name and telephone number of the appropriate contact person should the HAMPO have any questions in relation to the information furnished herein.

**DBE IDENTIFICATION AND INFORMATION FORM**

Name and Address	Contact Name and Telephone Number	Participation Percent of Total Contract Value	Description of Work to be Performed	Certified DBE by GDOT?
				( ) yes ( ) no
				( ) yes ( ) no
				( ) yes ( ) no
				( ) yes ( ) no

**EXHIBIT D: CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO PROPOSE**

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(Name of Proposer): \_\_\_\_\_ hereby certifies that it is not included on the U.S. Comptroller General’s Debarred Bidders List.

Signature of Authorized official: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

The Proposer further 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. Have not within a three (3) year period preceding this Proposal, 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 a false statement, or receiving stolen property.
- B) 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 enumerated in Paragraph B of this certification.
- C) Have not within a three (3) year period preceding this Proposal had any public transactions (federal, state or local) terminated for cause or default.

Where the Proposer is unable to certify to any of the statements in this Certification, such Proposer shall attach an explanation to this Proposal.

Check One:

\_\_\_\_\_ I DO CERTIFY    \_\_\_\_\_ I DO NOT CERTIFY

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME & TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT E: CERTIFICATION OF NON-COLLUSION**

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The undersigned certifies under penalties of perjury that this Proposal has been made and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this Certification, the word “person” shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, Union committee, club, or other organization, entity or group of individuals.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## **EXHIBIT F: FEDERALLY REQUIRED CONTRACT CLAUSES**

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#### **NO GOVERNMENT OBLIGATION TO THIRD PARTIES**

(1) The Purchaser and 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 Purchaser, Contractor, or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the underlying contract.

(2) The 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.

#### **ASSIGNABILITY CLAUSE**

Neither HAMPO nor the contractor shall assign or transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the other

#### **PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS& 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 this 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 two 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 - 49 CFR Part 18**

**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 Master Agreement between HAMPO 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.

#### **INCORPORATION OF FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) TERMS - FIA Circular 4220.1F**

**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 USDOT, as set forth in FTA Circular 4220.1F 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 the HAMPO requests which would cause the HAMPO to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions.

### **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)**

**ADA Access** - This requirement applies to contracts for Architectural and CONSULTING Services. The contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5301 (d), which states the Federal policy that the elderly and persons with disabilities have the same right as other persons to use mass transportation service and facilities, and that special efforts shall be made in planning and designing those services and facilities to implement that policy. The contractor also agrees to comply with all applicable requirements of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps, with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq., which requires that accessible facilities and services be made available to persons with disabilities, including any subsequent amendments to that Act, and with the Architectural Barriers act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4151 et seq., which requires that buildings and public accommodations be accessible to persons with disabilities, including any subsequent amendments to that Act. In addition, the contractor agrees to comply with any and all applicable requirements issued by the FTA, DOT, DOJ, U.S. GSA, U.S. EEOC, U.S. FCC, any subsequent amendments thereto and any other nondiscrimination statute(s) that may apply to the Project.

### **GOVERNMENT-WIDE DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION (NONPROCUREMENT)** **49 CFR Part 29, Executive Order 12549**

This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 49 CFR Part 29. As such, the contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor, its principals, as defined at 49 CFR 29.995, or affiliates, as defined at 49 CFR 29.905, are excluded or disqualified as defined at 49 CFR 29.940 and 29.945. The contractor is required to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C and must include the requirement to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into. By signing and submitting its bid or proposal, the bidder or proposer certifies as follows:

The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by the HAMPO. If it is later determined that the bidder or proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to the HAMPO, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 49 CFR 29, Subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

### **ENERGY CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS** - 42 U.S.C. 6321 et seq. , 49 CFR Part 18

**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.

### **SEISMIC SAFETY REQUIREMENTS** - 42 U.S.C. 7701 et seq. 49 , CFR Part 41

**Seismic Safety** - The contractor agrees that any new building or addition to an existing building will be designed and constructed in accordance with the standards for Seismic Safety required in Department of Transportation Seismic Safety Regulations 49 CFR Part 41 and will certify to compliance to the extent required by the regulation. The contractor also agrees to ensure that all work performed under this contract including work performed by a subcontractor is in compliance with the standards required by the Seismic Safety Regulations and the certification of compliance issued on the project.

### **FLY AMERICA REQUIREMENTS** – 49 U.S.C. §40118, 41 CFR Part 301-10

The Fly America requirements apply to the transportation of persons or property, by air, between a place in the U.S. and a place outside the U.S., or between places outside the U.S., when the FTA will participate in the costs of such air transportation. Transportation on a foreign air carrier is permissible when provided by a foreign air carrier under a code share agreement when the ticket identifies the U.S. air carrier's designator code and flight number. Transportation by a foreign air carrier is also permissible if there is a bilateral or multilateral air transportation agreement to which the U.S. Government and a foreign government are parties and which the Federal DOT has determined meets the requirements of the Fly America Act. Micro-purchases are defined as those purchases under \$2,500. These requirements do not apply to micro-purchases. The Fly America requirements flow down from FTA recipients and sub-recipients to first tier contractors, who are responsible for ensuring that lower tier contractors and subcontractors are in compliance. The relevant statutes and regulations do not mandate any specified clause or language. FTA proposes the following language.- The Contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. 40118 (the "Fly America" Act) in accordance with the General Services Administration's regulations at 41 CFR Part 301-10, which provide that recipients and sub-recipients of Federal funds and their contractors are required to use U.S. Flag air carriers for U.S. Government-financed international air travel and transportation of their personal effects or property, to the extent such service is available, unless travel by foreign air carrier is a matter of necessity, as defined by the Fly America Act. The Contractor shall submit, if a foreign air carrier was used, an appropriate certification or memorandum adequately explaining why service by a U.S. flag air carrier was not available or why it was necessary to use a foreign air carrier and shall, in any event, provide a certificate of compliance with the Fly America requirements. The Contractor agrees to include the requirements of this section in all subcontracts that may involve international air transportation.

**TERMINATION - 49 U.S.C. Part 18, FTA Circular 4220.1F**

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

**b. Termination for Default [Breach or Cause] (General Provision)** If the Contractor does not deliver supplies in accordance with the contract delivery schedule, or, if the contract is for services, the Contractor fails to perform in the manner called for in the contract, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of the contract, the HAMPO may terminate this contract for default. Termination shall be effective by serving a notice of termination on the contractor setting forth the manner in which the Contractor is in default. The contractor will only be paid the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in the contract. If it is later determined by the HAMPO that the Contractor had an excusable reason for not performing, such as a strike, fire, or flood, events which are not the fault of or are beyond the control of the Contractor, the HAMPO, after setting up a new delivery of performance schedule, may allow the Contractor to continue work, or treat the termination as a termination for convenience.

**c. Opportunity to Cure (General Provision)** The HAMPO in its sole discretion may, in the case of a termination for breach or default, allow the Contractor [an appropriately short period of time] in which to cure the defect. In such case, the notice of termination will state the time period in which cure is permitted and other appropriate conditions. If Contractor fails to remedy to the HAMPO's satisfaction the breach or default of any of the terms, covenants, or conditions of this Contract within [ten (10) days] after receipt by Contractor of written notice from the HAMPO setting forth the nature of said breach or default, the HAMPO shall have the right to terminate the Contract without any further obligation to Contractor. Any such termination for default shall not in any way operate to preclude the HAMPO from also pursuing all available remedies against Contractor and its sureties for said breach or default.

**d. Waiver of Remedies for any Breach** In the event that the HAMPO elects to waive its remedies for any breach by Contractor of any covenant, term or condition of this Contract, such waiver by the HAMPO shall not limit the HAMPO's remedies for any succeeding breach of that or of any other term, covenant, or condition of this Contract.

**f. Termination for Default (Supplies and Service)** If the Contractor fails to deliver supplies or to perform the services within the time specified in this contract or any extension or if the Contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of this contract, the HAMPO may terminate this contract for default. The HAMPO shall terminate by delivering to the Contractor a Notice of Termination specifying the nature of the default. The Contractor will only be paid the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner or performance set forth in this contract.

If, after termination for failure to fulfill contract obligations, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the HAMPO.

If, after serving a notice of termination for default, the HAMPO determines that the Contractor has an excusable reason for not performing, such as strike, fire, flood, events which are not the fault of and are beyond the control of the contractor, the HAMPO, after setting up a new work schedule, may allow the Contractor to continue work, or treat the termination as a termination for convenience.

**ACCESS TO RECORDS AND REPORTS - 49 U.S.C. 5325, 18 CFR 18.36 (i), 49 CFR 633.17**

**Access to Records** - The following access to records requirements apply to this Contract:

1. Where the Purchaser is not a State but a local government and is the FTA Recipient or a sub-grantee of the FTA Recipient in accordance with 49 C. F. R. 18.36(i), 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. Contractor also agrees, pursuant to 49 C. F. R. 633.17 to provide the FTA Administrator or his authorized representatives including any PMO Contractor access to Contractor's records and construction sites pertaining to a major capital project, defined at 49 U.S.C. 5302(a)1, which is receiving federal financial assistance through the programs described at 49 U.S.C. 5307, 5309 or 5311.
2. Where the Purchaser is a State and is the FTA Recipient or a sub-grantee of the FTA Recipient in accordance with 49 C.F.R. 633.17, Contractor agrees to provide the Purchaser, the FTA Administrator or his authorized representatives, including any

PMO Contractor, access to the Contractor's records and construction sites pertaining to a major capital project, defined at 49 U.S.C. 5302(a)1, which is receiving federal financial assistance through the programs described at 49 U.S.C. 5307, 5309 or 5311. By definition, a major capital project excludes contracts of less than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$100,000.

3. Where the Purchaser enters into a negotiated contract for other than a small purchase or under the simplified acquisition threshold and is an institution of higher education, a hospital or other non-profit organization and is the FTA Recipient or a sub-grantee of the FTA Recipient in accordance with 49 C.F.R. 19.48, Contractor agrees to provide the Purchaser, FTA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their duly authorized representatives with access to any books, documents, papers and record of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions.
4. Where any Purchaser which is the FTA Recipient or a sub-grantee of the FTA Recipient in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 5325(a) enters into a contract for a capital project or improvement (defined at 49 U.S.C. 5302(a)1) through other than competitive bidding, the Contractor shall make available records related to the contract to the Purchaser, the Secretary of Transportation and the Comptroller General or any authorized officer or employee of any of them for the purposes of conducting an audit and inspection.
5. 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.
6. 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).
7. FTA does not require the inclusion of these requirements in subcontracts.

**Requirements for Access to Records and Reports by Types of Contract**

<b>Contract Characteristics</b>	<b>Operational Service Contract</b>	<b>Turnkey</b>	<b>Construction</b>	<b>Architectural CONSULTING</b>	<b>Acquisition of Rolling Stock</b>	<b>Professional Services</b>
<u>I State Grantees</u>	None	Those imposed on state pass thru to Contractor	None	None	None	None
a. Contracts below SAT (\$100,000)	None unless <sup>1</sup> non-competitive award		Yes, if non-competitive award or if funded thru <sup>2</sup> 5307/5309/5311	None unless non-competitive award	None unless non-competitive award	None unless non-competitive award
b. Contracts above \$100,000/Capital Projects						
<u>II Non State Grantees</u>	Yes <sup>3</sup>	Those imposed on non- state Grantee pass thru to Contractor	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
a. Contracts below SAT (\$100,000)	Yes <sup>3</sup>		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
b. Contracts above \$100,000/Capital Projects						

**CIVIL RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS**

29 U.S.C. § 623, 42 U.S.C. § 2000, 42 U.S.C. § 6102, 42 U.S.C. § 12112  
42 U.S.C. § 12132, 49 U.S.C. § 5332, 29 CFR Part 1630, 41 CFR Parts 60 et seq.

**Civil Rights** - The following requirements apply to the underlying contract:

- (1) Nondiscrimination - In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, section 303 of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6102, section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12132, and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, or disability. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing requirements FTA may issue.
- (2) Equal Employment Opportunity - The following equal employment opportunity requirements apply to the underlying contract:
  - (a) Race, Color, Creed, National Origin, Sex - In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, 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. Parts 60 *et seq.*, (which implement Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note), and with any applicable Federal statutes, executive orders, regulations, and Federal policies that may in the future affect construction activities undertaken in the course of the Project. The Contractor agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
  - (b) Age - In accordance with section 4 of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § § 623 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.
  - (c) Disabilities - In accordance with section 102 of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12112, the Contractor agrees that it will comply with the requirements of U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, "Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act," 29 C.F.R. Part 1630, pertaining to employment of persons with disabilities. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
- (3) The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA, modified only if necessary to identify the affected parties.

### **DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) - 49 CFR Part 26**

- (a) This contract is subject to the requirements of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26, *Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs*. The national goal for participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) is 10%.
- (b) The contractor 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 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of this DOT-assisted contract. 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 HAMPO deems appropriate. Each subcontract the contractor signs with a subcontractor must include the assurance in this paragraph (see 49 CFR 26.13(b)). The successful bidder/offeror will be required to report its DBE participation obtained through race-neutral means throughout the period of performance.
- (d) The contractor is required to pay its subcontractors performing work related to this contract for satisfactory performance of that work no later than 30 days after the contractor's receipt of payment for that work from the HAMPO. In addition, the contractor is required to return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within 30 days after the subcontractor's work related to this contract is satisfactorily completed.
- (e) The contractor must promptly notify the HAMPO, whenever a DBE subcontractor performing work related to this contract is terminated or fails to complete its work and must make good faith efforts to engage another DBE subcontractor to perform at least the same amount of work. The contractor may not terminate any DBE subcontractor and perform that work through its own forces or those of an affiliate without prior written consent of the HAMPO.

## **LOBBYING RESTRICTIONS**

The Recipient agrees that neither it nor any Third Party Participant will use federal assistance to influence any officer or employee of a federal agency, member of Congress or an employee of a member of Congress, or officer or employee of Congress on matters that involve the Underlying Agreement, including any extension or modification, according to the following:

- a) Laws, Regulations, Requirements, and Guidance. This includes:
  - i) The Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. § 1352, as amended, 16 FTA Master Agreement MA(24), 10-1-2017
  - ii) U.S. DOT regulations, “New Restrictions on Lobbying,” 49 C.F.R. part 20, to the extent consistent with 31 U.S.C. § 1352, as amended, and
  - iii) Other applicable federal laws, regulations, requirements, and guidance prohibiting the use of federal assistance for any activity concerning legislation or appropriations designed to influence the U.S. Congress or a state legislature, and
- b) Exception. If permitted by applicable federal law, regulations, requirements, or guidance, such lobbying activities described above may be undertaken through the Recipient’s or Subrecipient’s proper official channels.

## **DISPUTES, BREACHES, DEFAULTS, OR OTHER LITIGATION**

- c) FTA Interest. FTA has a vested interest in the settlement of any violation of federal law, regulation, or requirement, or any disagreement involving the Award, the accompanying Underlying Agreement, and any Amendments thereto including, but not limited to, a default, breach, major dispute, or litigation, and FTA reserves the right to concur in any settlement or compromise.
- d) Notification to FTA. If a current or prospective legal matter that may affect the Federal Government emerges, the Recipient must promptly notify the FTA Chief Counsel, or FTA Regional Counsel for the Region in which the Recipient is located.
  - i) The types of legal matters that require notification include, but are not limited to, a major dispute, breach, default, litigation, or naming the Federal Government as a party to litigation or a legal disagreement in any forum for any reason.
  - ii) Matters that may affect the Federal Government include, but are not limited to, the Federal Government’s interests in the Award, the accompanying Underlying Agreement, and any Amendments thereto, or the Federal Government’s administration or enforcement of federal laws, regulations, and requirements.
  - iii) If the Recipient has credible evidence that a Principal, Official, Employee, Agent, or Third Party Participant of the Recipient, or other person has submitted a false claim under the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3729 et seq., or has committed a criminal or civil violation of law pertaining to such matters as fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving federal assistance, the Recipient must promptly notify the U.S. DOT Inspector General, in addition to the FTA Chief Counsel or Regional Counsel for the Region in which the Recipient is located.
- e) Federal Interest in Recovery. The Federal Government retains the right to a proportionate share of any proceeds recovered from any third party, based on the percentage of the federal share for the Underlying Agreement. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the Recipient may return all liquidated damages it receives to its Award Budget for its Underlying Agreement rather than return the federal share of those liquidated damages to the Federal Government, provided that the Recipient receives FTA’s prior written concurrence.
- f) Enforcement. The Recipient must pursue its legal rights and remedies available under any third party agreement or any federal, state, or local law or regulation.

## **EXHIBIT G: HAMPO REQUIRED CONTRACT CLAUSES**

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#### 3.8.1 Required Clauses

As LCPC is a direct recipient of federal grants from the US Department of Transportation, the following contract clauses shall be included in all contracts entered into by sealed bids, competitive proposals, and/or non-competitive proposals:

“During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor"), agree as follows:

1. Compliance with Regulations: The Contractor shall comply with the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as DOT), Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, part 21, as they may be amended from time to time, (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations), which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.

2. Nondiscrimination: The Contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment. The Contractor shall not participate either directly or indirectly in discrimination prohibited by Section 21.5 of the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers a program set forth in Appendix B of the Regulations.

3. Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurement of Materials and Equipment: In all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiations made by the Contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurement of materials or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by the Contractor of the Contractor's obligations under this contract and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the ground of race, color, sex, or national origin.

4. Information and Reports: The Contractor shall provide all information and reports required by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto, and shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information and its facilities as may be determined by the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission (hereinafter referred to as the LCPC) or the Federal Highway Administration to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Regulations, orders, and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, the Contractor shall so certify to the LCPC, or the Federal Highway Administration as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

5. Sanctions for Noncompliance: In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this contract, the LCPC shall impose such contract sanctions as it or the Federal Highway Administration may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:

- a. Withholding of payments to the Contractor under the contract until the Contractor complies; and/or
- b. Cancellation, termination, or suspension of the contract, in whole or in part.

6. Prompt Payment and Retainage: The contractor is required to pay its subcontractor performing work

related to this contract for satisfactory performance of that work no later than 30 days after the contractor's receipt of payment for that work from the LCPC. In addition, the contractor is required to return any retainage payment to those subcontractors within 30 days after the subcontractor's work related to this contract is satisfactorily completed OR is required to return any retainage payment to those subcontractors within 30 days after incremental acceptance of the subcontractor's work by the LCPC and contractor's receipt of the partial retainage payment related to the subcontractor's work.

7. Incorporation of Provisions: The Contractor shall include the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (7) in every subcontract, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Regulations, or directives issued pursuant thereto.

The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any subcontractor or procurement as the LCPC or the United States Department of Transportation may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, that in the event a Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or supplier as a result of such direction, the Contractor may request the LCPC enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the state and, in addition, the Contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.”

## **EXHIBIT H: PROTEST POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

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#### **Policy**

The HAMPO requires that all prospective contractors be accorded fair and equal consideration in the solicitation and award of contracts. To that end, any interested party shall have the right to protest alleged inequities in the procurement process and to have its issues heard, evaluated and resolved administratively. "Interested party" is defined as an actual or prospective offeror whose direct economic interest would be affected by the award of a contract or by failure to award a contract.

Chapter VII, Sec. 1.b. of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Circular 4220.1F addresses protests where federal funds are involved. FTA will only review protests regarding matters that are primarily of Federal concern.

#### **Submittal Procedures**

An interested party wishing to protest a matter involving a proposed procurement or contract award shall file a written submission with the HAMPO Executive Director by certified mail or other delivery method by which receipt can be verified. Electronic submission of protests is not acceptable unless an original signed copy of the protest is received by the HAMPO Executive Director within 24 hours (not including weekends and holidays) after receipt of the electronic copy. The HAMPO Executive Director may, however, permit the electronic provision of supplemental information after the initial protest submittal. The protest shall include, at a minimum:

1. The name and address of the protesting party and its relationship to the procurement sufficient to establish that the protest is being filed by an interested party;
2. Identity of the contact person for the protestor, including name, title, address, telephone, fax and e-mail addresses. If the contact point is a third party representing the protestor, the same information must be provided, plus a statement defining the relationship between the protestor and the third party;
3. Identification of the procurement;
4. A description of the nature of the protest, referencing the portion(s) of the solicitation involved;
5. Identification of the provision(s) of any law, regulation, or other governance upon which the protest is based;
6. A complete discussion of the basis for the protest, including all supporting facts, documents or data;
7. A statement of the specific relief requested; and
8. A notarized affirmation by the protestor (if an individual) or by an owner or officer of the protestor (if not an individual) as to the truth and accuracy of the statements made in the protest submittal.

The protestor is solely responsible for the completeness and validity of the information provided. Any documents relevant to the protest should be attached to the written submission. Documents which are readily available on the internet may be referenced to an appropriate link.

Protests shall be submitted in accordance with the requirements of this Protest Policy and Procedures and any directions included in the solicitation and shall be addressed to the HAMPO Executive Director. Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, the written protest shall be accompanied by an electronic copy (CD)

in PDF format. In case of a variance in the content of the written and CD submittals, the written version shall prevail.

The Contracting Officer or an assigned Contracting Officer in cases where the conduct of the Contracting Officer for the procurement is called into question, shall conduct the administrative processing of protests filed with HAMPO or with FTA, and shall be responsible for the processing, documenting a protest, and recommending a decision to the HAMPO Executive Director.

The HAMPO Executive Director shall request legal counsel to review and advise concerning any legal issues involved in a protest.

The HAMPO Executive Director shall be responsible for overseeing the decision process and for the content of the decision. The HAMPO Executive Director shall ensure that all relevant parties within HAMPO have been involved in the decision-making process and shall, as circumstances require, obtain the concurrence of the Mayor, City Council or other personnel in a decision prior to its issuance.

HAMPO may decide a protest solely upon the written submission. The protest submission should, therefore, include all materials necessary to support the protester's position. Additional or supplemental materials may only be submitted at the request of, or with the permission of, the HAMPO Executive Director.

If the procurement uses federal funds, a notice of receipt of a protest must be given to the appropriate regional office of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The form of notice may be specified by the regional office.

### **Protests of the Solicitation Process**

A protest related to the technical scope or specification, terms, conditions, or form of a solicitation must be received no later than ten (10) working days prior to the date established for opening of bids or receipt of proposals; if the protest addresses an amendment to the solicitation, it must be received no later than ten (10) working days prior to the date established for opening bids or receipt of proposals or five (5) working days after the date of issuance of the amendment, whichever is later; in no event, however, may a protest of this nature be submitted after bids or proposals are received. The protest must conform in all respects to the requirements set forth above.

Upon receipt of such a protest, the HAMPO Executive Director shall notify all prospective offerors and other known interested parties of the receipt and nature of the protest and shall post a notice of the protest on the procurement web page. Unless the HAMPO Executive Director determines that delay will be prejudicial to the interest of HAMPO or that the protest patently lacks substantial merit, the solicitation process will be extended pending resolution of the protest.

Protests will be considered and either denied or sustained, in part or in whole, by the HAMPO Executive Director in writing. A written decision specifying the grounds for sustaining all or part of or denying the protest will be transmitted to the protestor prior to the receipt of bids or proposals in a manner that provides verification of receipt.

A notice of the decision shall be provided to all parties given notice of the protest and posted to HAMPO's procurement web page.

Should the protest be upheld in whole or in substantial part, the Contracting Officer may either (1) amend the solicitation to correct the document or process accordingly; or (2) cancel the solicitation in its entirety. If

the solicitation is amended, the time for receipt of bids or proposals shall be equitably extended to permit all participants to revise their bids or proposals to reflect the decision.

If the protest is denied, the solicitation shall proceed as if the protest had not been filed, unless the protester pursues the protest with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) as defined below, or otherwise appeals the decision of the HAMPO Executive Director, as defined below.

Protests received by HAMPO after the time periods specified above shall be considered untimely and may be denied on that basis unless the HAMPO Executive Director concludes that the issue(s) raised by the protest involves substantial prejudice to the integrity of the procurement process.

### **Protests of the Evaluation Process**

All bidders/proposers will be notified of the recommended award upon a determination of a recommendation to be made to the Policy Committee. This notice will be transmitted to each proposer at the address contained in its proposal form and shall be posted on the web procurement page. Transmittal may be by electronic means or by hard copy.

Any proposer whose proposal is valid at the time of the staff determination may protest the recommended award on one or more of the following grounds:

1. That the recommended awardee does not meet the requirements of the solicitation;
2. That the bid or proposal recommended for acceptance does not meet the criteria of the solicitation or award;
3. That the evaluation process conducted by HAMPO is improper, illegal, or the decision to recommend award is arbitrary and capricious.

The protest must conform in all respects to the requirements set forth above. The protest must be received by HAMPO at the address specified in the solicitation, no later than five (5) calendar days after the date such notification is publicly posted or sent to the bidder or proposer, whichever is earlier. A written decision stating the grounds for allowing or denying the protest will be transmitted to the protestor and the proposer recommended for award in a manner that provides verification of receipt. Such decision shall be final, except as provided below or by applicable law or regulation.

### **Evaluation of Protests**

A protest decision should ordinarily be written and published within ten (10) working days of receipt of the protest. The HAMPO Executive Director may extend the response period if additional time is required to gather and evaluate information necessary for the decision or for other good cause.

Upon receipt of a protest, the Contracting Officer shall notify parties involved in the procurement as identified above, and such Board personnel or others as may be appropriate or necessary to determine the validity of the protest. Copies of the protest submittal, or portions thereof, may be provided to the notified parties as appropriate.



freight network is also needed to position the area as regional and national trade and logistics hub. As the trend towards an expanded international trade economy continues with the recent deepening of the Port of Savannah, the HAMPO region with its strategic location, mild climate, roadway and rail facilities, military presence, and strong business focus and support is ideally positioned to become a leader in the growing global trade economy. However, attaining this leadership role is dependent upon the implementation of the necessary infrastructure improvements to support this planned growth which will allow this region to achieve its long- term economic goals.

A comprehensive, integrated, intermodal approach is needed to identify and meet the future freight and logistics needs of the HAMPO region. This Regional Freight Plan Update will build upon previous planning work to help provide a blueprint for addressing the projected freight movement needs, realistic opportunities for funding essential improvements, and functional responsibilities for implementation. This comprehensive, intermodal plan will provide a policy framework and the short and long-term capital improvement projects needed to support the region's planned development potential for freight. The Regional Freight Plan Update will also be integrated with the 2025 Liberty County Comprehensive Plan, the HAMPO 2050 MTP, and the GDOT Statewide Freight and Logistics Plan to ensure consistency across many levels. The Plan will include the identification of critical transportation infrastructure, as well as environmental and land use strategies needed to achieve the overall goals.

To compete for and obtain funding on statewide and national levels, eligible transportation infrastructure projects must be supported by a strong technical analysis based on existing and projected public needs, a cost-benefit assessment, and inclusion in a short-range work program coordinated with a long-range component. This overall planning approach, including the short and long-term components, will ensure that elements and projects can be quickly placed within local and the state modal plans for consistency and fiscal programming. The technical, data-based analysis will document the projected commodity flows and mobility needs to support the region's plan to provide the required infrastructure improvements for freight and take advantage of the region's proximity to the Port of Savannah within the Atlantic coastal region of the Southeastern United States.

Combining the mobility needs of the public, private and military sectors for required supporting infrastructure into a comprehensive plan will provide this region with the best opportunity to be nationally competitive for the highly sought after public funds in light of the freight emphasis of Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and future surface transportation reauthorizations. In addition, with reasonable and defensible future projections, the potential for private investments is also increased.

The update of the Regional Freight Plan will include working with the Freight Advisory Committee. The Consultant will complete the following sub-tasks as part of the development of the HAMPO Regional Freight Plan.

## 1) Freight-Focused Stakeholder Outreach

A Freight Advisory Committee of stakeholders will be created to garner input of the freight needs for the HAMPO area. The Consultant will work with LCPC/HAMPO staff and the Freight Advisory Committee to garner input and to develop and refine policy recommendations for the Freight Plan. The Freight Advisory Committee will, at a minimum, consist of the following public and private freight-related stakeholders:

### Public

Ft. Stewart  
Mid Coast Regional Airport  
LCDA

### Private

SNF  
Elan Technology  
Target Distribution Center  
Tire Rack  
Hugo Boss  
Howmet Aerospace  
Seohan Auto Georgia

The Freight Advisory Committee will meet in person or virtually, as needed, to discuss freight-related issues and needs of the HAMPO area. Other freight-related stakeholders may be added to the Freight Advisory Committee or interviewed by the Consultant, as needed.

## 2) Existing Conditions Analysis and Development of Project Prioritization Process

### 2.1) Project Criteria Development

Early in the development of the Regional Freight Plan, the Consultant will work with the Freight Advisory Committee, HAMPO Committees and LCPC/HAMPO staff to develop the specific criteria to be used to identify the priority of improvements needed for inclusion into the Freight plan and subsequently the MTP. Special efforts will be made to educate local government officials and key stakeholders on the application of these criteria so that strong support for the final recommendations is created prior to the completion of the Plan. The criteria must reflect the values of the region and its member communities to the greatest extent possible and help identify the best collection of realistic projects. A review of the freight-specific criteria used for the 2050 MTP will

be the starting point for the development of the Regional Freight Study.

The criteria must not only represent the intent of the transportation policy and strategy but also allow meaningful comparisons of value between and among both individual and groups of projects and other integrated planning efforts. The Consultant will conduct research on freight-specific prioritization methodologies that have been utilized for MPOs similar in size and character to HAMPO. Coordination with HAMPO Committees, local staff and participation of stakeholders through the involvement process will be critical in the criteria and overall prioritization process.

## 2.2) Existing Conditions Analysis

Through the integrated effort with the 2050 MTP Update, the Consultant will review the existing freight-intensive land uses within the HAMPO region and adjacent areas. Existing truck existing truck volume data will also be collected from GDOT sources. Commodity Flow Survey (CFS), 2024 TranSearch data, Ports Performance Freight Statistics, Transportation Services Index (TSI), Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), Freight Data Programs, Border Crossing/Entry Data, North America Trans-Border Freight, and data from the American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI) will be requested from GDOT. The Freight Analysis Framework (FAF) data from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will also be obtained and incorporated into the Regional Freight Study.

The consultant will identify, and map freight origins and destinations based upon the data obtained from the sources listed previously. Information received from the interviews with representatives from Fort Stewart will be incorporated into the analysis. The regional freight network will be analyzed including data from the ongoing update of the Georgia Freight Plan (2023), Georgia State Rail Plan, other GDOT studies ( including but not limited to Business Case for Truck Parking and Blocked Rail Crossings) the CORE MPO Freight Plan, local high freight enterprises, Bryan County, Long County, the Ports of Savannah and Brunswick, and Cordele Inland Port near 1-75 in South Georgia.

Truck parking has been a focus of FHWA and GDOT during the past few years. Given the HAMPO MPO's proximity to the Savannah and Brunswick ports, its two exits on Interstate 95, and the presence of significant warehousing and distribution facilities in Liberty County, the consultant will assess the current and future need for truck parking in the HAMPO MPO area. The assessment will identify gaps that exist between current and projected supply and demand, and include recommendations of strategies to generate adequate and safe truck parking for the region.

Results of the technical existing conditions analysis will be presented to the Freight Advisory Committee for review and comment to ensure that all known issues have been identified.

## 3) 2050 Future Conditions and Identification of Needs

The next task will include development of the future conditions and identification of future deficiencies and needs. The future development and land use maps developed as part of the earlier land use assessment sub-tasks will be utilized to identify potential future freight-intensive land uses. Future truck volumes and potential future commodity flow data will also be reviewed and analyzed. Transportation projects that are currently programmed (funded) across the region, including those in the GDOT Freight and Logistics Implementation Plan, will be assumed to be in place for the future year analysis.

The consultant will utilize the technical results of the future year analysis as well as input from the Freight Advisory Committee to identify potential future deficiencies and develop an initial list of needs. The consultant will also use Integrated Corridor Freight Planning (ICFP) and Intensive Freight Activity Use Location (IFAIL) methodology to help integrate potential land use and freight transportation opportunities and challenges. The result will likely be a list of potential freight infrastructure deficiencies including one or more of the following for truck freight:

- Bottlenecks
- Network connectivity (National Highway Freight Network & National Multimodal Freight Network and any gaps within these)
- Infrastructure deficiencies

Results of the technical future conditions analysis will be presented to the HAMPO Committees for review and comment.

#### 4) Recommendations and Plan Development

The final task is the plan and final recommendations for the Regional Freight Plan Update, based upon the prioritization criteria developed earlier in the study. Through a collaborative effort with HAMPO Committees, LCPC/HAMPO staff and the Freight Advisory Committee, specific freight-related projects with planning level costs will be developed including:

- Short-term, quick fix projects (implementation within 5 years)
- Mid-to-long range projects (implementation beyond 5 year horizon)
- Prioritized project list based upon approved prioritization methodology with funding strategies
- Freight-related policies
- Traffic Management Solutions

Deliverables:

- Final Regional Freight Plan Update with prioritized freight-specific project list and policies for incorporation into the 2050 HAMPO MTP.

## 5) Agency Review and Adoption

Following concurrence and approval from the HAMPO Project Manager, GDOT, FHWA and FTA, a 30-day public comment period for the plan will be held. During the development of the Regional Freight Plan Public Involvement Plan, described previously, the specific elements of the comment period and methods for outreach will be identified. It is anticipated that a public open house will be incorporated, along with presentation materials suitable for municipal governments and boards.

- 1.1. Facilitate agency and MPO review and adoption process, including development and maintenance of comment log documenting feedback received during Federal and State review period, MPO staff and Committee review, and public comment period.

The consultant(s) will be responsible for all tasks and activities identified in the scope of work and negotiated during the competitive RFP process. HAMPO/LCPC staff will manage the planning process and will perform the following activities.

- Participation in kick-off and status meetings
- Review of status reports and invoices
- Monitoring and adherence to project schedule
- Management of grant reimbursement process
- Review of data needs list and transmittal of all applicable and available data not readily available in open-source platforms
- Review of all draft and final deliverables produced by consultants
- Publication of consultant deliverables to MPO webpage and social media page
- Attendance and participation in Public and Stakeholder meetings
- Collection of comments and questions from the public throughout the planning process
- Facilitation of MPO committee adoption of plan goals and objectives as well as the Regional Freight Plan prioritization process.

### **Project Schedule**

The HAMPO Regional Freight Plan Update will commence in July 2026 and be completed not later than October 29, 2027. The selected consultant will coordinate with the HAMPO Project Manager to produce a milestone schedule for the phasing of the project.

**EXHIBIT J: FEE SCHEDULE [REVISED JUNE 4, 2026]**

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**Estimated Costs for preparing the Regional Freight Plan Update:**

<u>TASK</u>	<u>COST</u>
1. Freight-Focused Stakeholder Outreach	\$
2. Project Criteria Development	\$
3. Existing Conditions Analysis	\$
4. 2050 Future Conditions and Identification of Needs	\$
5. Recommendations and Plan Development	\$
6. Agency Review and Adoption	\$
7. Draft and Final Report	\$
8. <u>Direct Expenses (Travel, copies, etc)</u>	\$ _____
Total All Tasks	\$

Submitting Entity: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Entity Principal

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