| **Procurement Element** | **FTA 3rd Party Circular Reference (C4220.1F)** | **Documentation****(File links and notes)** |
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| **Standard Requirements** |
| Written Procurement ProceduresThe Common Grant Rule for non-governmental recipients requires the recipient to have written procurement procedures as a condition of self- certification. Procedures are expected to address: 1) Solicitations; 2) Necessity; 3) Lease vs. Purchase; 4) Metric Use; 5) Environmental & Energy Efficiency Preferences; 6) Procurement Methods; 7) Legal Restrictions; 8) Third Party Contract Provisions; 9) Sources; and 10) Resolution of Third Party Contracting Issues | 2 CFR 200.319 (d)1,2C4220.1F – III, 3.aVI, 2.e | * REQUIRED, no exceptions.
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| **Solicitation Requirements** |
| Sole Source Pre-ApprovalThe Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity may authorize a noncompetitive procurement in response to a written request from the non-Federal entity. | 2 CFR 200.320 (c)C4220.1F – VI, 3.i(1)(e) | * REQUIRED if only one vender responded to the solicitation.
* N/A if two or more vendors responded.
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| Independent Cost EstimateThe grantee made and documented an independent cost estimate before receipt of quotes. Make sure this is dated and signed. | 2 CFR 200.324 (a)C4220.1F – VI, 6 | * REQUIRED, no exceptions.
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| No Brand Name RestrictionsEither no brand names are used or “brand name or equal” is used in soliciting quotes. The minimum needs and important characteristics of the service or equipment are clearly described. | 2 CFR 200.319 (b)(6)C4220.1F – VI, 2.a.(3)VI, 2.a.(4)(f) | * MUST meet this requirement, no exceptions.
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| Firm Fixed Price Eligible Procurement A firm fixed-price contract is awarded to the responsible bidder whose bid conformed with material terms and conditions. | 2 CFR 200.320 (b)(1)(c)C4220.1F – VI, 3.c.(1)(c) | * REQUIRED if solicitation was a bid.
* NOT REQUIRED if solicitation is an RFP.
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| Solicitation Prequalification CriteriaThere must be a current list that includes enough qualified sources to ensure maximum full and open competition, and potential bidders are not precluded from qualifying during the solicitation period from issuance of the solicitation to its closing date. | 2 CFR 200.319 (e)C4220.1F – VI, 1.c | * Most commonly used in procurement of property involving lengthy evaluations.
* PERMITTED with small procurements.
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| Adequate Number of Price Quotes / Proposals Solicited When using small purchase procurements, the recipient must obtain price or rate quotations from an adequate number of qualified sources. | 2 CFR 200.320 -(a)(2)(i)C4220.1F –VI, 3.b.(2)(a)VI, 3.c.(2)(b)VI, 3.d.(2)(c) | * REQUIRED, no exceptions.
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| No Unreasonable Qualification RequirementsThe Common Grant Rules prohibit solicitation requirements that contain features that unduly restrict competition. Some situations considered to be impermissibly restrictive of competition include but not limited to imposing unreasonable business requirements for bidders or offerors. | 2 CFR 200.319 (b)(1)C4220.1F-VI, 2.a.(4)(a) | * REQUIRED, no exceptions.
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| Geographic Preferences The solicitation for quotes contains no in-State or local geographic preference except for when procuring architectural or engineering services. | 2 CFR 200.319 (c)C4220.1F –VI, 2.a.(4)(g) | * REQUIRED, no exceptions.
	+ EXCEPT when procuring A&E services.
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| Qualifications Exclude Price Offeror’s qualifications are evaluated and documented. The most qualified offeror has been selected. | 2 CFR 200.320 b.2(iv)C4220.1F – VI, 3.f.(3)VI, 3.h | * REQUIRED for A/E and other services
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| Evaluation—Factors Specified in Solicitation All evaluation factors and their relative importance are specified in the solicitation; but numerical or percentage ratings or weights need not be disclosed. | 2 CFR 200.319 d.(1)(2)C4220.1F-VI, 3.d.(2)(b)VI, 3.d.(2)(d)VI, 3.d.(2)(e) | * REQUIRED, no exceptions.
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| Transit Vehicle Manufacturer (TVM) CertificationRecipient is obligated to check the TVM listing on FTA’s website or FTA’s Office of Civil Rights at the time of bid opening to ensure TVM’s compliance with 49 CFR part 26, “Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs.” | FTA C. 9030.1E -V, 11.h | * REQUIRED, no exceptions.
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| No Unnecessary Experience & Excessive Bonding Requirements The solicitation does not impose unnecessary experience requirement, nor does it impose bonding requirements on third party contractors other than construction bonding specified by the Common Grant Rules and the FTA. | 2 CFR 200.319 (b)(2)C4220.1F-VI, 2.a.(4)(b)VI, 2.a.(4)(e) | * REQUIRED, no exceptions.
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| Bid Security / BondBidder included a bid bond, certified check, or other negotiable instrument with the bid equivalent to 5 percent of the bid price. | 2 CFR 200.326 (a)C4220.1F – IV, 2.i.(1)(a)IV, 2.i.(1)(e) | * REQUIRED for construction projects over $100,000, no exceptions.
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| Veterans Hiring PreferenceRecipients and subrecipients of Federal financial assistance under this chapter shall ensure that contractors working on a capital project funded using such assistance give a hiring preference, to the extent practicable, to veterans (as defined in section 2108 of title 5) who have the requisite skills and abilities to perform the construction work required under the contract. | C4220.1F-IV, 2.c.(1)(c) | * REQUIRED on construction projects.
	+ Provide DOCUMENTATION of attempts to solicit veteran owned businesses.
* NOT REQUIRED in small procurements.
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| Required Clauses in SolicitationsThe grantee included only required clauses based on procurement type and cost.  | 2 CFR 200 Appendix IIC4220.1F–IV, 2Appendix D | * REQUIRED, no exceptions.
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| Sufficient Bid Time The grantee must provide sufficient time for contractors to prepare and respond to bids prior to the date set for bid opening. | 2 CFR 200.320 b(ii)(a)C4220.1F – VI, 3.c.(2)(d) | * REQUIRED, no exceptions.
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| Clear, Accurate, and Complete SpecificationA complete, adequate, and realistic specification or purchase description was available and included any specifications and pertinent attachments that define the items or services sought in order for the bidder to properly respond. | 2 CFR 200.319 (d)(1)C4220.1F –VI, 2.aIII, 3.a.(1)(b)III, 3.a.(1)(d)VI, 3.c.(1)(a)VI, 3.c.(2)(c) | * REQUIRED, no exceptions.
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| Solicitation Advertised/PublicizedProcurement solicitations must be publicly advertised and allow adequate time for bidders to respond. | 2 CFR 200.320 (b)C4220.1F-VI, 3.c.(2)(a)VI, 3.d.(2)(a) | * REQUIRED in small procurements.
* NOT REQUIRED when obtaining quotes.
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| Bid / RFP OpeningAll Bids/RFPs were publicly opened at the time and place prescribed in the Bid documents or RFP.  | 2 CFR 200.320 (b)(1)(ii)(c)C4220.1F – VI, 3.c.(2)(e) | * REQUIRED, no exceptions.
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| DBE GoalRecipients who have or anticipate awarding over $250,000 to prime contractors during the fiscal year (excluding transit vehicle purchases) must set a DBE goal. DBE assurances must be included in procurement solicitations. | 49 CFR Part 26C4220.1F IV, a.6(a) | * REQUIRED, no exceptions
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| **Selection Procedures and Process** |
| Adequate Number of Quotes/Proposals ReceivedTwo or more responsible bidders are willing and able to compete effectively for the business. | 2 CFR 200.320 (a)(2)(i)C4220.1F –VI, 3.c.(1)(b)VI, 3.d.(2)(c) | * Documentation REQUIRED.
* If less than two responses are received:
	+ Communicate with contractors to learn why they did not respond.
	+ Reissue solicitation if found to be too restrictive.
	+ Obtain pre-approval from NCTCOG if solicitation was not restrictive.
	+ Document evaluation steps and determination in the written record of procurement history.
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| Sole Source Justification If only one proposal was received and selected, the contract file contains documentation that award of a contract was infeasible under small purchase procedures, sealed bids, or competitive proposals and at least one of the following circumstances applies:1. The item was available only from a single source.
2. Public exigency for the requirement did not permit delay resulting from a competitive solicitation.
3. An emergency for the requirement did not permit a delay resulting from a competitive solicitation.
4. The FTA authorized noncompetitive negotiations.

Competition was determined inadequate after solicitation of a number of sources. | 2 CFR 200.320 (c)C4220.1F –VI, 3.i.(1)VI, 3.i.(1)(b)VI, 3.i.(1)©VI, 3.i.(1)©VI, 3.i.(2) | * REQUIED if only one vendor responded.
* NOT REQUIRED if two or more bids/proposals received.
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| Cost or Price Analysis Either a cost or price analysis must be performed prior to the initial contract award and upon the exercise of an option, contract modification or change order.* Price analysis is used when competition is adequate/price within range of ICE. This is usually for commercial/regular items. Price from supplier should be compared with market prices.
* Cost analysis is used when competition is inadequate/price not within range of ICE. This is usually for non-regular purchases. Costs should be broken down. Review profit separate from cost to see if reasonable
 | 2 CFR 200.324 (b)C4220.1F –VI, 6.aVI, 6.bVI, 6.c | * Price Analysis – REQUIRED to determine price reasonableness.
	+ Use of a pre-printed form is permissible.
	+ An abbreviated format may be used with micro-purchases.
* Cost Analysis – REQUIRED
	+ WHEN a Price Analysis will not provide sufficient information to determine price reasonableness.
* EXCEPTION: When price reasonableness can be justified based on catalog or market price, a cost analysis is not required.
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| No Organizational Conflict of Interest The grantee evaluated potential organizational conflicts with prospective vendors to avoid or mitigate potential conflicts prior to award. | 2 CFR 200.319 (b)(5)C4220.1F –VI, 2.a.(4)(h) | * REQUIRED, no exceptions.
	+ NOTE: Individual/Personal COI documentation does not meet the requirement for Organizational COI.
* FORM 1295 is ACCEPTABLE
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| Discussions with BiddersDepending upon the type of solicitation, the grantee may need to have discussions with offerors. If there is a competitive range for proposals a discussion with bidders is prudent. | C4220.1F – VI, 3.c.(1)(e) | * PREFERED if there is a competitive range.
* NOT REQUIRED, if the solicitation is a bid.
	+ Bid award is based on price and price-related factors only.
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| Evaluation—Specified Factors Applied During SelectionThe grantee evaluated bids or proposals only on the evaluation factors included in the solicitation documents.  | 2 CFR 200.319 (d)(2)2 CFR 200.320 (b)(2)(i) and (ii)C4220.1F – VI, 7(a) | * REQUIRED, no exceptions.
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| Evaluation of Options The option quantities or periods contained in the contractor’s bid or offer were evaluated in order to determine contract award. (To be eligible for Federal funding, options must be evaluated as part of the price evaluation of offers, or must be treated as sole source award.) | C4220.1F –IV, 1.dV, 7.a.(1)VI, 7.b | * REQUIRED and MUST BE documented.
	+ If option costs and terms are not evaluated during and documented in the original agreement, each option exercised will be considered a sole source and sole source procurement procedures must be followed.
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| No Debarment or Suspension Proof that a check of the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS), which is a part of the System for Awards Management (SAM) at: [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov/) was done. | 2 CFR Part 1802 CFR 200.21441 U.S.C. 2313C4220.1F –IV, 2.a.(2) | * APPLIES to all contracts whose total cost is or will be >$25k at the end of the term. Contract term = base + option years. Must be completed and dated before the agreement is signed.
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| Policy Board Approval of Procurement Award If required by grantee’s procurement policy | Agency Procurement Policy / Procedures | * REQUIRED according to the organization’s procurement policy.
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| Award to Lowest Responsive and Responsible BidA firm fixed price contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. | 2 CFR 200.320 (b)(1)(ii)(d)C4220.1F – VI, 3.c.(1)(d)VI, 3.c.(2)(f) | * REQUIRED if solicitation was a Bid.
* NOT REQUIRED if solicitation was an RFP.
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| Award to Responsible Contractor The grantee made a determination that it was awarding to a responsible contractor considering such matters as contractor integrity, compliance with public policy, record of past performance, and financial and technical resources. | 2 CFR 200.318 (h)C4220.1F –VI, 8.b | * REQUIRED, no exceptions.
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| Rejecting Bids Any and all rejected bids have sound reasoning and have been thoroughly documented. | 2 CFR 200.320 (b)(1)(ii)(e)C4220.1F – VI, 3.c.(2)(g) | * REQUIRED if Bids/RFPs have been rejected.
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| Pre-Award Certification (Vehicles)To acquire rolling stock, grantee must adhere to federal requirements and FTA regulation “Pre-Award and Post-Delivery Audits of Rolling Stock Purchases,” 49 CFR Part 663, that do not conflict with 49 U.S.C. Section 5323(m). | 49 U.S.C. Section 5323(m)C4220.1F – IV, 2.e.(6) | * REQUIRED, no exceptions.
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| No Arbitrary ActionAn example of arbitrary action is when award is made to a contractor other than the one who most satisfied all the grantee’s requirements as specified in the solicitation and as evaluated by staff. | 2 CFR 200.319 (b)(7)C4220.1F –VI, 2.a.(4)(j) | * REQUIRED, no exceptions.
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| Written Record of Procurement History At a minimum, these records include:1. Rationale for the method of procurement,
2. Selection of contract type,
3. Reasons for contractor selection or rejection, and
4. Basis for the contract price.
 | 2 CFR 200.318 (i)C4220.1F –III, 3.d.(1) | * REQUIRED, no exceptions
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| **Contract and Agreement Requirements** |
| Qualifications Based Negotiations The grantee selected the most qualified offeror and documented how a fair and reasonable compensation was negotiated. | 2 CFR 200.320 b.2(iv)C4220.1F – VI, 3.f.(3) | * REQUIRED for A/E and other services
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| Time and Materials Contract RestrictionsThe grantee determined that no other type of contract is suitable; and the contract specifies a ceiling price. | 2 CFR 200.318 (j)C4220.1F –VI, 2.c.(2)(c) | * USUALLY does not apply; however, if recipient chooses a Time and Materials Contract, then recipient is REQUIRED to follow restriction guidelines.
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| Cost Plus Percentage of Cost The cost plus a percentage of cost method of contracting must not be used. | 2 CFR 200.324 (d)C4220.1F – VI, 2.c.(2)(a) | * PROHIBITED, no exceptions
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| PiggybackingRecipient determined the contract price is still fair and reasonable and provisions comply with all Federal Regulations including FTA’s Buy America. Documentation of acquired contract rights is kept in grantee’s procurement file.  | C4220.1F – V, 7.a.(2) | * ALL options for piggybacking should be submitted to NCTCOG for PRE-APPROVAL.
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| Contract Term Limitations (Rolling Stock & Parts)Buses Recipient may have a multi-year contract with an option not exceeding 5 years. The option may not be exercised later than 5 years after the original contract date.Rail: Recipient may have a multi-year contract with an option not exceeding 7 years. The option may not be exercised later than 7 years after the original contract date.  | C4220.1F – IV, 2.e.(10) | * REQUIRED for rolling stock & parts, no exceptions.
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| Required Clauses in ContractsThe grantee included only required clauses based on procurement type and cost.  | 2 CFR 200 Appendix IIC4220.1F –IV, 2Appendix D | * REQUIRED, no exceptions.
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| Required State ClausesProcurements made after 9/1/2017 must include affirmative statement that vendor is/will not boycotting Israel during term of contract. | 2 CFR 200.215Texas State House Bill 89Senate Bill 13Senate Bill 19 | * REVIEW state regulations and determine if/when these apply.
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| Liquidated Damages ProvisionsIf the contract contains liquidated damages provisions, the assessment for damages is specified in the contract at a specific rate per day for each day of overrun in contract time. | C4220.1F – IV, 2.b.(6)(b)1 | * DETERMINED by recipient and the contractor and is clearly outlined in the agreement.
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| Bid Performance Security / BondThe grantee has documentation indicating the contractor has a performance bond for 100 percent of the contract price securing the fulfillment of all contract requirements. | 2 CFR 200.326 (b)C4220.1F – IV, 2.i.(1)(b)IV, 2.i.(1)(e) | * REQUIRED for construction projects over $100,000, no exceptions.
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| Bid Payment Security / Bond The grantee has documentation indicating the contractor has a payment bond for 100 percent of the contract price assuring payment of all labor and material regarding work provided for the contract. | 2 CFR 200.326 (c)C4220.1F – IV, 2.i.(1)(c)IV, 2.i.(1)(e) | * REQUIRED for construction projects over $100,000, no exceptions.
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| Sound and Complete AgreementIt includes: 1. payment provisions
2. defined period of performance
3. dispute clauses
4. remedies for breach of contract

provisions covering termination for cause and convenience. | 2 CFR 200.318 (k)C4220.1F –III, 3.bIV, 2.b.(6)(b)2IV, 2.b.(6)(b)4 | * REQUIRED, no exceptions.
* A Purchase Orders are considered an agreement.
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| Altoona Bus Test Reports The grantee received the appropriate full Bus Testing Report before acceptance of first vehicle. Testing can be scheduled at <http://www.altoonabustest.com>  | 49 CFR 665.7 (a) | * REQUIRED, no exceptions.
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| Progress and Advance PaymentsThe contract contains progress payments based on costs incurred (as opposed to percent of completion, except that percent of completion may be used in construction contracts) and the contract contains a provision giving the grantee title to property (materials, work in progress, and finished goods) for which progress payments are made. The contract may contain other security in lieu of obtaining title.The contractor did not receive an advance payment utilizing FTA fundsand the contract does not contain advance payment provisions or, if it did, prior written concurrence was obtained from FTA. | 2 CFR 200.305 b.3b.4C4220.1F-IV, 2.b.(5)(b)IV, 2.b.(5)(c) | * Progress Payments are REQUIRED.
* Advance Payments are not recommended; they are infrequent and require PRE-APPROVAL.
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| DBE Good Faith Efforts If recipient does not meet the established DBE goal, recipient must demonstrate having, in good faith, attempted to  | C4220.1F – VI, 3.i.(1)(b)VII, 2VI, 6.a | * REQUIRED, no exceptions.
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| Post-Delivery Certification (Vehicles)A post-delivery inspection of vehicles was performed prior to vehicles being used in regular service.  | 49 U.S.C Section 5323C4220.1F – IV, 2.e.(6) | * REQUIRED, no exceptions.
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