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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP No. 2020-114

FOR

**Five-Year Transit Plan & Twenty-Year Transit
Vision Planning Services**

Due Date & Time

Friday, January 22, 2021 at 2:00 pm AZ



**PROFESSIONAL –
Five-Year Transit Plan & Twenty-Year Transit Vision Planning Services**

RFP No. 2020-114

RFP ISSUANCE DATE: Friday, December 4, 2020

SUBMITTAL DUE DATE AND TIME: Friday, January 22, 2021 at 2:00 pm AZ

SUBMITTAL LOCATION: Mountain Line
3773 N. Kaspar Dr.,
Flagstaff, AZ 86004

PRE-SUBMITTAL MEETING: Friday, December 18, 2020 at 2:00 pm AZ.
The Pre-Submittal Meeting is non-mandatory and will be virtual; meeting link TBA.

ONE-STEP PROCESS: This is a one-step solicitation. The successful Respondent, if any, will be selected at the end of the RFP process.

QUESTIONS: All questions must to be submitted via email only by 5:00 PM, Friday, January 1 2021. Answers to questions and other clarifications will be in the final Addenda issued through Mountain Line Website.



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**SECTION I: LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
FOR Mountain Line RFP NO. 2020-114
PROFESSIONAL –**

Five-Year Transit Plan & Twenty-Year Transit Vision Planning Services

Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority, a political subdivision of the State of Arizona (“Mountain Line”) is seeking a qualified Respondent for Five-Year Transit Plan & Twenty-Year Transit Vision Planning Services.

If your firm is interested in being considered for this project, you may obtain a copy of the Request for Proposals (“RFP”) packet at website: <https://mountainline.az.gov/services-programs/purchasing/>.

Any/all associated addenda for this RFP will be available at the website: <https://mountainline.az.gov/services-programs/purchasing/>. The Respondent bears sole responsibility to check the website for any/all addenda. Mountain Line will not email or send out copies or notifications of any/all addenda(s).

A pre-submittal conference will be held.

This is a one-step solicitation. The successful Respondent, if any, will be selected and recommended to the appropriate Mountain Line Board of Directors for Award. No contract shall exist until properly and formally approved for Award and fully executed by the Respondent and the properly authorized Mountain Line signatory.

Sealed Responses to this RFP (“Responses”) will be received by email with the RFP name and RFP number clearly marked in the subject line at the following address until the date and time set forth below:

Due Date and Time: Friday, January 22, 2021 at 2:00 pm AZ.

purchasing@naipta.az.gov

Responses received by the correct time and date shall be opened and only the name of the Respondents shall be publicly read. All other information contained in the Response shall remain confidential until award is made. All Submittals received after the time stated in the RFP will not be considered and will be returned to the Respondent unopened. The Respondent assumes the risk of any delay in delivery of its Response, including without limitation, delay in the U.S. Mail or in the handling of the mail by employees of Mountain Line. Whether sent by mail or by means of personal delivery, the Respondent assumes responsibility for having his Response deposited on time at the place specified.

This announcement does not commit Mountain Line to award a contract and Mountain Line shall not reimburse any Respondent for any costs incurred in the preparation of a response. Mountain Line reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or in part, any or all responses submitted and/or to cancel this announcement and/or RFP. Mountain Line reserves the right to waive any informality or irregularity in any Responses received and to be the sole judge of the merits of the respective Responses received. Any contract awarded shall be based upon the response determined by



Mountain Line most advantageous to Mountain Line. No contract shall exist unless and until properly executed by Mountain Line, including formal approval by Mountain Line Board when required. The Mountain Line's Purchasing Policy ("Purchasing Policy") governs this procurement and is incorporated into the RFP by this reference. If there is any conflict between this advertisement and the terms of the RFP or any applicable code or statute, the RFP, code and/or statute shall prevail over this advertisement.

**RESPONDENTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO
CAREFULLY READ THE ENTIRE RFP.**



SECTION II: PROCUREMENT SCHEDULE

Procurement Schedule for this RFP (all dates are approximate) and may be changed by Addendum:

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| A. RFP issued | Date set forth on Page 2 of this RFP |
| B. Pre-submittal meeting | Date and time set forth on Page 2 of this RFP |
| C. Questions due to Purchasing | Date and time set forth on Page 2 of this RFP |
| D. Response due | Date and time set forth on Page 2 of this RFP |

SECTION III: INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPONDENTS

INSTRUCTION 1: DEFINED AND CONTROLLING TERMS

- 1.01 **Definitions:** Terms used in this RFP have the meanings indicated in the Contract, the Project Specifications, Special Provisions, and Contract Documents, as applicable. Additional terms used in this RFP have the meanings indicated below:
- A. “Consultants” shall mean the Subconsultants retained by the Respondent for the performance of any of the Services to be provided by the Respondent under the Contract Documents.
 - B. “Firm” shall mean each or any of the individuals, firms, partnerships, joint ventures, corporations or other legal entities submitting their qualifications in response to this RFP.
 - C. “Mountain Line” shall mean the Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority, a political subdivision of the State of Arizona.
 - D. “Project” shall mean the Project set forth in Section IV Project Description set forth below.
 - E. “Purchasing Policy” shall mean Mountain Line’s Purchasing Policy which governs this procurement and is incorporated in this RFP by this reference.
 - F. “Respondent” shall mean the qualified, licensed person, firm or corporation who furnishes Services under the Contract Documents.
 - G. “Respondent” shall have the same meaning as “Firm.”
 - H. “Response” or “Submittal” shall mean the Response.
 - I. “Response” shall mean a response submitted in response to this RFP.



- J. “Services” shall mean any and all services to be provided under the Contract Documents and may include, but not be limited to: Five-Year Transit Plan & Twenty-Year Transit Vision-, and any and all other services required for the full, professional and timely performance by the Respondent and its Consultants.
- K. “Site” shall mean the physical location where the Project is located and any ancillary or adjacent areas to be utilized by Respondent and/or Mountain Line in relation to the Project.

INSTRUCTION 2: MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF RESPONDENTS

- 2.01 Professional License/Certification/Registration: All individual architects, engineers, Consultants and other professionals engaged in providing Services for Mountain Line shall be licensed shall be licensed or certified by and/or registered with the State of Arizona as required pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-121, *et seq.*, for the types of work included in Services to be rendered by them related to the Project that is the subject of this RFP, and each Respondent must certify its compliance by completing, signing and returning the form provided as **Attachment 5** hereto.
- 2.02 Legal Worker Certification: To ensure Mountain Line’ compliance with A.R.S. § 41-4401, every Respondent must comply with A.R.S. § 23-214(A) and all federal immigration laws and regulations that relate to its employees, and each Respondent must certify its compliance by completing, signing and returning the form provided as **Attachment 11** hereto.
- 2.03 No Israel Boycott: Mountain Line is prohibited by A.R.S. § 35-393.01 from entering to a contract with any company for professional services unless the contract with the company includes a written certification that the company is not currently engaged in, and will not, for the duration of the contract, engage in, a boycott of Israel. By submitting a Response, a Respondent represents to Mountain Line that it is not currently engaged in a boycott of Israel and that it will agree to language in the contract prohibiting any such boycott for the duration of the contract.
- 2.04 Insurance: Respondent must have or obtain within the time period set by Mountain Line, the Insurance coverages and certifications and fully comply with the insurance requirements set forth in **Attachment 16** to this RFP.
- 2.05 Failure to Meet Minimum Requirements: Any violation or failure to meet the requirements of this Instruction II may, at the sole option of Mountain Line, cause a Response to be considered non-responsive and/or the Respondent being deemed non-responsible resulting in the rejection of the Response, and may result in cancellation or termination of the resultant Contract if discovered after the Contract has been awarded.

INSTRUCTION 3: ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

- 3.01 Mountain Line Standard Contract: Mountain Line has developed standard forms of Contracts and Task Orders, which can be found on our website at <https://mountainline.az.gov/services-programs/purchasing/>. If selected, as the Respondent for this Project, a Respondent agrees to execute this form of Contract Documents. Provisions in a Response that conflict with, and/or exceptions to, and/or requests for changes in, Mountain Line’s contract terms, Special Conditions, Exhibits and/or other Contract Documents may result in a Response being



considered nonresponsive and rejected. By submitting a Response, Respondent also acknowledges its understanding and agreement that Mountain Line may make changes in the standard form of contract documents and that therefore the form of contract documents presented to the successful Respondent may be different from the form of contract documents referenced above, in which case the successful Respondent will be given the opportunity to review the changes.

- 3.02 Contract Documents: The Contract Documents may include, without limitation, this RFP, any addenda to this RFP issued by Mountain Line, the Response of the successful Respondent, Mountain Line General Conditions, Task Orders and such other terms as Mountain Line determines are in its best interest and appropriate for the Project.
- 3.03 Prior Contracts Not Applicable: Any previous agreements, contracts, or other documents, which have been executed between the Respondent and Mountain Line, if any, are not applicable to this RFP or any resultant contract.

INSTRUCTION 4: RESPONDENTS' PRE-SUBMITTAL OBLIGATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS

- 4.01 Respondent's Obligations: It is the responsibility of each Respondent before submitting a Response to:
- A. Examine and carefully study the RFP, and any data and reference items identified in the Bidding Documents;
 - B. Become familiar with and satisfy itself as to all Laws and Regulations that may affect cost, progress, and performance of the Services;
 - C. Consider the information known to Respondent itself; information commonly known to businesses performing like Services doing business in the community of the Project; information and observations obtained from visits to the community; the RFP; and to consider: (1) the cost, progress, and performance of the Services; (2) the means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures to be employed by Respondent; and (3) safety precautions and programs.
 - D. Become aware of the general nature of the Services to be performed by Respondent and others on the Project that relates to the Services as indicated in the RFP;
 - E. Promptly give Mountain Line written notice of all conflicts, errors, ambiguities, or discrepancies that Respondent discovers in the RFP and confirm that the written resolution thereof by Mountain Line is acceptable to Respondent; and
 - F. Determine that the RFP is generally sufficient to indicate and convey understanding of all terms and conditions for the performance and furnishing of the Services.
- 4.02 Respondent's Representations: By signing and submitting its Response, Respondent represents, certifies and agrees that:
- A. Respondent has complied with every requirement of this Instruction and the RFP;



- B. The submission of the Response did not involve collusion or other anti-competitive practices;
- C. The Respondent shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment in violation of the Federal Executive Order 11246;
- D. The Respondent has not given or offered to give, and does not intend to give at any time hereafter any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip favor, or service to a public servant in connection with the submitted Response;
- E. Failure to sign the Response, or the falsity of a statement in a signed Response, shall void the submitted Response or any resulting contracts, and the Respondent may be disbarred;
- F. The Respondent is current in all obligations due to Mountain Line, if any;
- G. Based on the information and observations referred to in the preceding Instruction 4.01, that at the time of submitting its Response no further examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies, or data are necessary for the determination of its Response and that Respondent has the financial, bonding (if required), technical and resource capacity and capability to fully and timely perform the scope of services in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the RFP and the Contract Documents; and,
- H. There will be no subsequent financial or time adjustment, other than that provided by the subsequent Contract, for lack of such familiarization.

INSTRUCTION 5: PREPARATION OF RESPONSE

- 5.01 Response Contents: All Responses shall include all of the information, documents, Attachments and other items set forth in Section VI Response Contents below, fully completed. In the case of any conflict between this Instruction 5 and the requirements set forth in Section VI shall control.
- 5.02 Simple and Clear: Responses should be prepared simply and economically, providing adequate information in a straightforward and concise manner. The Response must display clearly and accurately the capability, knowledge, experience and capacity of the Firm to meet all of the requirements of this RFP including those set forth in Section V Scope of Services and respond to the evaluation criteria in Section VII Evaluation of this RFP.
- 5.03 Response Format and Length: All Responses must be in ink or typewritten and must not exceed 18 pages in length (exclusive of resumes, attachments and letters of recommendation) unless a different page limitation is set forth in Section VI Response Contents below. No oral, telegraphic, electronic, facsimile, or telephonic responses or modifications will be considered.
- 5.04 Contract Exceptions: The Respondent shall clearly identify any/all exceptions to the RFP specifications or contract terms on **Attachment 7**. This is the only means for a Respondent to identify any/all exceptions to the specifications in this RFP and/or Mountain Line's standard Contract terms. Exceptions raised at a later time, or in any other location in the Response, will not be considered in any negotiations. Respondents may review the Contract at:



<https://mountainline.az.gov/services-programs/purchasing/>. Exceptions to Mountain Line's standard Contract terms and/or the terms of this RFP may, in Mountain Line's sole discretion, be basis for the Response to be rejected as nonresponsive.

5.05 Public Record/Confidential Information:

- A. All Responses submitted in response to this RFP, whether or not accepted by Mountain Line, shall become a matter of public record available for review, subsequent to the award notification, in accordance with Mountain Line's Procurement Policy.
- B. If a person believes that a response, offer, specification, or protest contains information that should be withheld as proprietary or confidential, a statement advising Mountain Line of this fact shall accompany the submission and the information shall be identified on **Attachment 8**.
- C. The information identified by the person as confidential shall not be disclosed until Mountain Line makes a written determination whether the information must be disclosed under Arizona law. If Mountain Line determines that the information must be disclosed, Mountain Line will provide the Respondent with notice of such fact, and that the Respondent has five (5) days within which to file a legal action protesting the planned disclosure. If no legal action is taken within the time specified, Mountain Line will disclose the information and will not be responsible for any claims or losses arising from or related to such disclosure.

5.06 Signature: The Response shall be submitted with an original ink signature by a person authorized to sign the offer. If the Respondent is a corporation or other legal entity, the Response must be signed in the legal name of the corporation followed by the name of the state of incorporation or organization and the legal signature of an officer or other person authorized to bind the corporation or other legal entity to a contract. Unsigned Responses will be considered nonresponsive and will be rejected.

5.07 Time: Periods of time, stated as number of days, shall be calendar days.

5.08 Modifications: Erasures, interlineations, or other modifications in the Response shall be initialed in original ink by the authorized person signing the Response. No Response shall be altered, amended, or withdrawn after the specified due date and time.

5.09 No Reimbursement: Mountain Line shall not reimburse the cost of developing, presenting, submitting or providing any Response to this solicitation, or any other costs or expenses of any Respondent.

INSTRUCTION 6: ERRORS, INQUIRIES AND ADDENDA

6.01 Errors: It is the responsibility of all Respondents to examine the entire RFP package and seek clarification of any item or requirement and to check all responses for accuracy before submitting a Response. Negligence or errors in preparing a Response confers no right of withdrawal or correction after Response due date and time.



- 6.02 **Notice of Errors:** Should a Respondent find any ambiguity, conflict, inconsistency, omission or other error in the RFP or should the Respondent be in doubt as to its meaning, he or she shall at once notify the contact person listed on page 2 of this RFP, via email only, and ask that the RFP be clarified or modified. If prior to the date fixed for submission of Responses, a Respondent knows of or should have known of an error in the RFP, but fails to notify Mountain Line of the error, the Respondent shall bid at its own risk, and if awarded the contract shall not be entitled to additional compensation or time by reason of the error or its later correction.
- 6.03 **Questions:** All questions regarding the contents of this solicitation and the solicitation process (including requests for ADA accommodations), shall be directed to the contact person listed, via email only, and shall be submitted no later than the stated deadline for submitting questions on page 2 of this RFP. Questions improperly submitted and/or received by Mountain Line after the deadline will not be answered.
- 6.04 **Answers:** Answers to the written questions or requests for clarification or modification of the RFP submitted by Respondents, as well as any other changes to the RFP, will be provided in a timely manner in the form of FAQ or Addenda via Mountain Line Procurement website: <https://mountainline.az.gov/services-programs/purchasing/>.
- 6.05 **Correspondence:** Any correspondence related to the RFP should refer to the appropriate RFP number and title, page and paragraph number. However, the Respondent shall not place the RFP number and title on the outside of any envelope containing questions since such an envelope may be identified as a sealed Response and may not be opened until after the official RFP due date and time.
- 6.06 **Addendum:** It is each Respondent's obligation to assure that it has received and reviewed all Addenda issued. Each Respondent shall acknowledge receipt of Addenda by completing, signing and including **Attachment 2** in the Response. Failure by a Respondent to acknowledge receipt of all Addenda may result in that Respondent's Response being deemed non-responsive and possibly rejected. Addenda acknowledgement returned to Mountain Line separately from a Response will not be accepted.
- 6.07 **Respondent Registration:** In order to obtain information and/or register for this RFP, a Respondent must:
- A. Register as a vendor on the following website: <https://mountainline.az.gov/services-programs/purchasing/>.and/or
- The following information should be provided: company name, contact person's name, company, address, telephone number, email address and fax number.

INSTRUCTION 7: RESPONSE SUBMITTAL, DUE DATE AND TIME

- 7.01 **Sealed Bid Submittal:** Each Response shall be submitted at the email address set forth on Page 2 of this RFP with the RFP name, RFP number, and Respondent's name clearly indicated in the subject line..
- 7.02 **Due Date and Time:** Respondents must submit their Response to Mountain Line Purchasing Department by the Due Date and Time and at the address or physical location listed on page



2 of this RFP. Responses will be accepted by Mountain Line during normal business hours until the Due Date and Time specified.

- 7.03 Timely Delivery: It is the responsibility of the Respondent to ensure on-time delivery of the Response to the address listed on page 1 of this RFP. Late Responses shall not be considered under any circumstances.
- 7.04 Late Responses: Any Response or other Response received after the Response Due Date and Time will be rejected as non-responsive and returned to the sending Respondent unopened.

INSTRUCTION 8: WITHDRAWAL OF RESPONSE

At any time prior to the specified Response Due Date and Time, a Respondent may withdraw the Response in person or by submitting a request in writing or via e-mail to the contact person whose name appears on page 2 of this RFP. Any request to withdraw a Response must be made by a duly authorized representative of the Respondent. Respondent is responsible for making arrangements and paying any and all expenses associated with the return of the Response.

INSTRUCTION 9: RESPONSE OPENING

Responses shall be opened at the time and place stated in this RFP. The name of each Respondent shall be publicly read and recorded in the presence of a witness. All other information received in response of this RFP shall be shown only to Mountain Line personnel having legitimate interest in the evaluation process. After award of the contract, the successful Responses and the evaluation documentation shall be open for public inspection.

INSTRUCTION 10: Mountain Line RESERVED RIGHTS

Notwithstanding any other provision of this RFP, Mountain Line expressly reserves the right to:

- a. Extend the date by which Responses are due;
- b. Withhold the award or cancel this RFP for any reason Mountain Line determines;
- c. Reject any or all Responses, in whole or in part;
- d. Waive any immaterial defect, irregularity or informality in any Response;
- e. Reissue an RFP;
- f. Unless the Respondent states otherwise, award by individual line item, by group of line items, or as a total, whichever is deemed most advantageous to Mountain Line. If a Respondent's Response is an "all or nothing" offer, it must be expressly so indicated in the Response; and/or
- g. Exercise any and/or all other rights available to Mountain Line under the terms of the RFP, the Purchasing Policy, at law, or in equity.



INSTRUCTION 11: ADDITIONAL PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

- 11.01 Interest in More Than One Response: No person, firm, partnership, joint venture, corporation or other legal entity shall be permitted to submit more than one (1) Response for the same Project. A person, firm, partnership, joint venture, corporation or other legal entity that has submitted a sub-consultant Response to a Respondent is disqualified from submitting a Response for the Project as a Respondent. A person, firm, partnership, joint venture, corporation or other legal entity shall be allowed to submit a sub-consultant Response to more than one (1) Respondent.
- 11.02 Lobbying/Influence/Gratuities: As prescribed in HS-902 of Mountain Line's Purchasing Policy, any attempt to influence an employee or agent to breach Mountain Line Ethical Code of Conduct, or any unethical conduct, may be grounds for Disbarment or Suspension under HS-702.
- A. An attempt to influence includes, but is not limited to:
1. Any Respondent, or any agent, representative or affiliate of a Respondent, offering or providing a gratuity, gift, tip, present, donation, money, entertainment or educational passes or tickets, or any type of valuable contribution or subsidy, that is offered or given with the intent to influence a decision, obtain a contract, garner favorable treatment, or gain favorable consideration of any kind. Paying the expense of normal business meals, which are generally made available to all eligible persons, shall not be prohibited by this provision.
 2. Any communication regarding this solicitation for the purpose of influencing the process or the award, between any Respondent, or any agent, representative or affiliate of a Respondent, and Mountain Line, including but not limited to Mountain Line's Board of Directors, officers, employees, and/or consultants hired to assist in the solicitation, is prohibited.
- B. This prohibition is imposed from the time of the first public notice of the solicitation until Mountain Line cancels the solicitation, rejects all responses, awards a contract, or otherwise takes action which ends the solicitation process. This section shall not prohibit public comment at any public meeting of Mountain Line Board.
- C. This prohibition shall not apply to communication with the official contact(s) specifically identified in the solicitation, or to Mountain Line-initiated communications, made for the purposes of conducting the procurement, and in the manner prescribed in the solicitation, including but not limited to pre-submittal conferences, clarification of Responses, presentations if provided for in the solicitation, requests for Best and Final Responses, contract negotiations, interviews, protest/appeal resolution, or surveying nonresponsive Respondents.
- 11.03 Excluded Information: Respondents shall not submit to, or communicate in any way with Mountain Line regarding, information prohibited from consideration by applicable Arizona or Federal law. Accordingly, any Response that contains any information of this type will be deemed nonresponsive, will not be considered and the Response will be returned to the



Respondent. This exclusion of information applies to the Response, to any interview and to all other aspects of the RFP competition.

- 11.04 Restriction on Communications: Respondents and members of their teams shall not communicate concerning this RFP with the Respondent for this project, Mountain Line' Project Executive, any Mountain Line Consultant or Program Manager, Selection Committee members, or employees of Mountain Line, except as stipulated in Inquiries and Addenda above. A Respondent's failure to abide by this requirement may result in rejection of a Response.
- 11.05 Disbarment/Clarification: A Respondent (including each of its principals) who is currently disbarred, suspended or otherwise lawfully prohibited from any public procurement activity may have its Response rejected. Mountain Line reserves the right to obtain Respondent clarifications where necessary to arrive at a full and complete understanding of Respondent's service, product, and/or Response. Clarification means a communication with a Respondent for the sole purpose of eliminating ambiguities in the Response and does not give Respondent an opportunity to revise or modify its Response.
- 11.06 All Remedies Available: With regard to any violation of any of the provisions of this Instruction 11, Mountain Line expressly reserves the right to pursue any and all remedies available to it under Mountain Line's Purchasing Policy, at law or in equity, including, but not limited to, the following:
- A. Any violation of this Section discovered before an award of the resultant contract may, in Mountain Line's sole discretion, subject a Respondent to a warning letter, rejection of its Response, or disbarment, depending on the nature of the violation.
 - B. If a violation of this Section is discovered after the resultant contract has been awarded, Mountain Line may, by written notice to the Respondent, cancel the resultant contract. In the event Mountain Line cancels the resultant contract pursuant to this provision, Mountain Line shall be entitled, in addition to any and all other available rights and remedies, to withhold or recover from the Respondent the amount of any gratuity provided and any and all incidental and/or consequential damages incurred by Mountain Line as a result of the violation.

INSTRUCTION 12: ACCEPTANCE PERIOD

- 12.01 In order to allow for an adequate evaluation, Mountain Line requires all Responses to be valid and irrevocable for one hundred and eighty (180) days after the opening time and date and each Respondent agrees that it will hold open its Response for such period.
- 12.02 No contract or agreement, expressed or implied, shall exist between Mountain Line and any Respondent, or be binding on Mountain Line, before formal approval by Mountain Line Board and the execution of the resulting written contract by both parties.
- 12.03 If agreement on the terms of a resultant Contract cannot be reached after a period deemed reasonable by Mountain Line in its sole discretion, Mountain Line may negotiate and enter a Contract with any other Respondent who submitted a timely and responsive Response to this RFP, as provided by law.



INSTRUCTION 13: EVALUATION

Evaluation of timely and responsive Responses submitted by responsible Respondents shall be based upon the evaluation process and criteria set forth in Section VII to this RFP.

INSTRUCTION 14: PROTESTS

Mountain Line believes that it can best maintain its reputation for treating firms, Respondents, etc., in a fair, honest, and consistent manner by conducting solicitations in good faith and by granting competitors an equal opportunity to win an award. If a Respondent believes that Mountain Line has fallen short of these goals, it may submit a written protest pursuant to Mountain Line's Purchasing Policy, which is available at: <https://mountainline.az.gov/services-programs/purchasing/>.

INSTRUCTION 15: COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENTS

- 15.01 An award of contract resulting from this RFP may be extended for use to other municipalities and government agencies of the state. Any such usage by other municipalities and government agencies must be in accordance with the ordinance, charter and/or rules and regulations of the respective political entity. Any public agencies not identified within this RFP who wish to cooperatively use the contract are subject to the approval of Proposer.
- 15.02 Mountain Line is also a member of S.A.V.E. (Strategic Alliance for Volume Expenditures), which consists of numerous municipalities, counties, universities, colleges, schools, cities, and other Arizona State agencies. These cooperatives are achieved through Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA) in accordance with provisions allowed by A.R.S. § 11-952 and § 41-2632. The IGAs permit purchases of material, equipment and services from proposers at the prices, terms and conditions contained in contracts originated between any and all of these agencies and a successful Respondent.

SECTION IV – PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Purpose

The purpose of this project is to complete a new Five-Year Transit Plan for Mountain Line services, including prioritized implementation and a long-term (2040) service vision.

Timeline

This project is to begin in February 2021 and must be completed by November to meet the schedule of submittal to the Mountain Board of Directors for adoption of the plan in December of 2021.

Local Funding

Mountain Line local funds are derived from a dedicated transit sales tax. A 17 cent per \$100 sales tax for transit services was first approved by voters in 2000. In 2008, voters approved a renewal of the tax and approved increased sales tax for four new transit services, which increased the total transit sales tax rate to about 29 cents per \$100. Those services included the purchase of new hybrid diesel buses, new routes-including a bus rapid transit route-, and more frequent service on some existing routes. A sales tax renewal was approved in 2016 to extend the sunset of the 29 cents per \$100 to 2030.



In 2018, a ballot measure (Proposition 421) to increase the transit sales tax failed by nearly 300 votes. The funding from this proposition would have increased frequencies, extended service later at night, and secured one million dollars annually from Northern Arizona University (NAU) to fund transit passes for all students.

Mountain Line has capitalized on all available local funding for capital and operations and seeks to utilize this planning process as a launchpad to understand what improvements to the system may be supported in a future tax question.

Diverse transit needs of the communities we serve

A key choice examined in the 2017 Five-Year Transit Plan (Plan) was how Mountain Line should prioritize any future service investments. Within a fixed budget, a trade-off is always present between concentrating service into routes that generate the highest ridership (frequency) and spreading service out to cover more people and places (coverage). Public input guided a decision by the Mountain Line Board of Directors about how to balance ridership and coverage goals in the Plan. The Board directed staff to maintain all existing coverage, so that no one would lose access to the service they ride today. The Board also directed staff to focus any new future funding on increasing frequencies and increasing ridership. The Board of Directors continue to support this balance of frequency and coverage today. However, this does not limit the demand for public transit in under- and un-served areas.

The Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (NAIPTA) is the transit agency in northern Arizona operating the Mountain Line system in Flagstaff. The NAIPTA service area encompasses 525 square miles and matches the Flagstaff Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) boundary. Currently Mountain Line provides fixed route service within the City limits, encompassing 25 square miles. While there is strong demand for transit in the communities surrounding Flagstaff, there is not a partner willing or able to contribute funding or source of funding for service outside of Flagstaff City limits. However, this does not limit Mountain Line's interest in exploring opportunities to support the diverse transportation needs of the surrounding communities.

Within City limits, Mountain Line generally knows the coverage gaps and deficient frequency where transit demand is high, and we need to confirm with public and get a sense of prioritization for services that are lacking. Mountain Line completed an On-Demand Study in 2019 identifying ways to serve coverage and temporal gaps with microtransit and TNC partnerships. A grant was recently awarded to pilot one these coverage gaps, beginning in August 2021.

Current projects

Mountain Line strives to provide the finest transportation services and actively works to keep the system modern and relevant. Current projects include the design and construction of a Downtown Connection Center (move-in estimated in 2023), project development of a second bus rapid transit (BRT) route under the Capital Investment Grant (CIG) program, planning for additional bus storage capacity, conducting a Strategic Investment Plan, and planning for a transition to electric buses according to our Zero Emissions Bus Transition Plan.



SECTION V – SCOPE OF SERVICES

This process is intended to conclude in a compelling narrative for what Mountain Line plans to do and be in the future, why it has chosen its intended path to financial and operational sustainability, and how it will generate the requisite financial resources.

Ultimately, the Five-Year Transit Plan and 20-Year Transit Vision is intended to be a short- and long-term, living, integrated, comprehensive vision and implementation plan for the region’s public transportation system and investments. The Five-Year Transit Plan and 20-Year Transit Vision should establish Mountain Line as the “Go To” and “Can Do” organization in the region for implementing transit and mobility options that are safe, attractive, comfortable and workable, and helping to make the communities it serves more livable. The Five-Year Transit Plan and 20-Year Transit Vision should demonstrate that Mountain Line is responsive and proactive, that it has the capacity to maintain the safety and quality of its services, equipment, infrastructure, and facilities, while also accommodating growth and development now and in the future. The final document should be usable (short) and easily accessed by many.

The successful vendor will clearly define in the proposal the project management approach, outline of tasks, and demonstrate how you will lead the process. A draft outline is provided on the last page of the scope of work to guide vendor understanding. The draft outline and four stages used in this scope of work are draft and not necessarily sequential. Vendors should identify if/how tasks would overlap for a successful project outcome.

Stage 1: Define the Vision

Stage 2: Determine Future Needs

Stage 3: Analyze Options and Prioritize Implementation

Stage 4: Establish Financial Plan

Option: 2023 Mid-Life Update

Stage 1: Define the Vision

The consultant needs to understand the background environment and Mountain Line’s mission driven desire to provide a transit system that maximizes opportunities in the greater Flagstaff area. This work includes understanding the strengths and capacities of Mountain Line as an organization, the relationships between the local partners, and the diverse transportation needs of the communities we serve. The Five-Year Transit Plan and 20-Year Transit Vision will need to integrate with existing, pending, and envisioned transportation projects and assimilate key planning documents. The vendor’s ability to perceive synergy across jurisdictional lines and engage the team in embracing solutions is required. This role will include equal parts leadership, facilitation, and perception.

Mountain Line intends to develop the Five-Year Transit Plan and 20-Year Transit Vision by undertaking a thorough Board, organization, stakeholder, and public engagement process. The Five-Year Transit Plan and 20-Year Transit Vision should cast a vision that engages, energizes, and empowers the Board, Mountain Line employees, stakeholders, and the public to shift the focus from “what is” to “what is possible.” Mountain Line enjoys a strong reputation in the community which needs to be maintained and nurtured. The Five-Year Transit Plan and 20-Year Transit Vision needs to expand engagement and educate the community on the role and value of transit.

Mountain Line is seeking an ongoing dialogue and presence in the community throughout the process, with four or more public events and project branding. The successful vendor shall weave equity and environmental justice considerations into all aspects of the public participation plan, including targeted outreach to Title VI areas of our community and organizations who represent Title VI populations, ease of contributing feedback, and overcoming barriers that prevent participation. A strong online component will compliment in-person public participation, first utilizing existing



available platforms such as Mountain Line's website and licenses for Zoom, Remix, and the Flagstaff Community Forum. Please indicate in proposal if you intend to

1. provide an online platform and/or create a website for this effort, or
2. utilize Mountain Line's website and provide content.

Mountain Line sees this Five-Year Transit Plan and 20-Year Transit Vision outreach as an opportunity to establish a lasting committee of engaged citizens that may include transit riders, community leaders, and members of organizations whose mission overlaps with Mountain Line. This committee would report to Mountain Line leadership team rather than the Board of Directors or Transit Advisory Committee and could be a guiding voice for the prioritized implementation component of the Five-Year Transit Plan and 20-Year Transit Vision.

Without resources, plans are not implemented. The Five-Year Transit Plan and 20-Year Transit Vision should inspire public and stakeholder confidence in Mountain Line and help create the community involvement, momentum, and support Mountain Line will need in order to achieve the region's short and long-range transit goals and objectives. Mountain Line is utilizing this opportunity for public review of growth scenarios, transition to electric buses, and capital needs to understand what might be supported for a future tax question. Two voter surveys were conducted over the past three years and recommendations were to further explore and understand ties to key issues through focus groups and additional surveys of likely voters. The vendor should review results of this effort and incorporate recommendations into this effort. Additionally, Mountain Line regularly conducts Never Rider surveys. The vendor will incorporate key points and recommendations of past outreach efforts into the public participation approach. Tax renewal prior to the 2030 sunset should be the minimum level of success as a result of public engagement.

Stage 2: Determine Future Needs

The successful vendor will produce a spectrum of service scenarios, drawing on recommendations from previous plans and studies and public feedback on how to best support travel patterns. When completed and finalized, the Five-Year Transit Plan and 20-Year Transit Vision will be a compilation of area maps that identify route configuration, frequencies, and integrated mobility options that support the fixed route system. The maps will be easy for the general public to understand, focusing on marketing and not transit planning, with graphics that can be used to educate public for any outcome the Board chooses.

Mountain Line provides a menu of mobility options including fixed route, paratransit, taxi vouchers, and vanpool. In 2021 we will start a Mobility On-Demand pilot to explore how we might creatively address a coverage gap. Additionally, transit stop locations attempt to capitalize the bicycle and pedestrian network, and the City and NAU are working to bring in a bike share program. Mountain Line's fixed route system has a proven balance of coverage and frequency within the current funding capacity and we are not seeking to re-examine where service currently exists. However, if no additional funding is received, inflation and traffic forecasts will impede Mountain Line's ability to simply maintain current service, and land use changes and major destinations are frequently located outside of the transit watershed. The vendor will outline what changes are needed to transit service if no additional funding is received, drawing on specific recommendations from the Strategic Investment Plan.

The Five-Year Transit Plan and 20-Year Transit Vision is intended to be inclusive and comprehensive, analyzing the impacts of population and employment growth, land use policies and development patterns on the transit network. The Five-Year Transit Plan and 20-Year Transit Vision will guide development of an integrated transportation system between fixed route and a variety of mobility options, such as walking, bicycling, paratransit, regional transit, BRT, park-n-rides, transit station/stop redevelopment, on-demand solutions such as microtransit and TNC partnerships, vanpool, and bike share. The Plan will consider catalysts and establish triggers for optimizing,



enhancing, or expanding service, and for transitioning to different modes, such as micromobility and fixed route.

Mountain Line must also adjust current schedules to allow time for electric bus on-route charging starting in 2023 with two buses and moving forward according to the ZEB Transition Plan. The vendor will build the time needed to charge buses into growth scenarios.

There are funding challenges to providing fixed route transit service outside of City limits and public expectations must be set on what solutions are available in those surrounding communities in order to receive meaningful feedback. Ideas for how service may be provided outside the City limits but within the service area should be considered.

Capital

Mountain Line's financial plan includes costs to maintain a state of good repair for all existing capital and cannot accommodate new capital. Bus storage at Mountain Line Kaspar Drive headquarters is currently at capacity. The Five-Year Transit Plan and 20-Year Transit Vision will provide new rolling stock and transit stop additions that are needed to support every service scenario; Mountain Line staff will provide facility expansion needs based on rolling stock additions. Traffic projections in the five- and ten-year horizons shall be analyzed to determine whether additional buses are required in service just to maintain current frequency. The Five-Year Transit Plan and 20-Year Transit Vision will also outline an equity analysis process to approach bus stop improvements.

Mountain Line is currently conducting planning efforts that may require continuous investment in new capital that is not available under the current funding and financial plan. For example, the BRT project includes painted bus-only lanes and Traffic Signal Priority. The Zero Emissions Bus (ZEB) Transition Plan includes battery-electric buses and charging infrastructure. The Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) will identify problem areas and transit treatments to address the problem and will outline a process to annually update the capital plan and how it flows into the financial plan. These and other plans and studies must be incorporated into the Five-Year Transit Plan and 20-Year Transit Vision. The vendor must incorporate cost and timeline details from those plans to inform the Five-Year Transit Plan and 20-Year Transit Vision and integrate public feedback regarding support for funding capital needs. The vendor will provide recommendations on how best to fund new capital investments and maintain them in a state of good repair.

Key Infrastructure and Capital Projects

The Five-Year Transit Plan and 20-Year Transit Vision will identify key infrastructure and capital projects that are needed to sustain every service scenario, and will incorporate planned and new infrastructure projects into service scenarios. Some examples include:

1. For transit service on the Mesa to change from a deviation to a sustained as part of the regular Route 2, westbound thoroughfare is needed from Gemini Road/Pine Cliff Drive onto Forest Avenue.
2. Route 3 currently serves Fourth Street as a deviation. When Fourth Street is constructed south of Butler Avenue, Mountain Line will need a service scenario along the Fourth Street corridor while maintaining service on Foxglenn Street.
3. Transit service scenarios to planned activity centers and high-occupancy housing, and current and planned locations of human service agencies.
4. First and last mile connections that support transit. The current and future pedestrian and bicycle network detailed in the Flagstaff Active Transportation Master Plan must be integrated into service scenarios.
5. If BRT is funded and implemented, portions of routes that currently overlap BRT will need to change.



Transit Supportive Policies

The Five-Year Transit Plan and 20-Year Transit Vision will recommend transit supportive policies and integrate into service scenarios as appropriate. The vendor shall draw mainly from existing documents listed below but also suggest policies that have been effective in other communities.

1. Transit Guidelines
2. 2017 Five-Year Transit Plan
 - a. Permanent Transit Network
3. Partner agency policies
4. Strategic Work Plan
 - a. High quality bus stops
5. Synthesize Mountain Line and partner agency overarching community goals such as affordable housing and climate action, identifying ways that transit is part of the solution.
6. Coordinate with the City of Flagstaff to provide transit metrics that could be incorporated into plans, policies and development standards.

Recommendations for Improvement

There may be methods of delivering existing services that are more cost-efficient than current practices. The vendor will look at all of Mountain Line services, especially paratransit, with an eye to efficiencies that are possible and provide recommendations.

The vendor will provide a list of appropriate peers to measure Mountain Line against. A variety of peers should reflect the unique aspects of Flagstaff and Mountain Line, for example,

- a transit agency who has similar paratransit policies, service area, and trips
- college towns that have similar small urban size with transit intensive ridership
- cities that have similar workforce development challenges with \$15/hour minimum wage

Mountain Line seeks to tell our story of success beyond just ridership metrics. The Plan will update Mountain Line's Strategic Workplan (available for review at <https://mountainline.az.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Mountain-Line-2020-Strategic-Plan.pdf>) and guide staff in identifying and setting key performance indicators and goals for the five years following the adoption of the Plan. The vendor will recommend Key Performance Indicators (KPI) to correlate with our Strategic Workplan Goals. KPIs will be graphically displayed for use in future marketing opportunities. Recommended peers may vary by key performance indicator identified based on appropriate aspects.

Mountain Line recognizes the importance of keeping transportation disadvantaged populations in the forefront of decision-making when transit service changes are involved. While we have a Title VI Policy and procedures that are updated regularly, there may be ways to make it a more robust and meaningful process. For example, an equity analysis tool for service changes and bus stop improvements that is consistently applied would be useful methodology to guide decisions. The vendor will review the current Title VI procedures and provide recommendations for improvement based on best practices. Ideally these recommendations would be developed early so new procedures can be utilized in decision making for this process.

Stage 3: Analyze Options and Prioritize Implementation

The Five-Year Transit Plan and 20-Year Transit Vision will evaluate the cost-effectiveness of various mobility and public transportation options, assess organizational capacity, and forecast the financing needed in order to accomplish the goals and objectives of the region. Drawing on public feedback and future needs, transit service alternatives/network scenarios will be graphically displayed in a way that are easy for the general public to understand. The successful vendor will enable public review of proposed solutions to adjust, confirm, and/or rank them according to how well they support travel patterns.



The following shall be provided for each service alternative:

1. Maps that clearly communicate
 - a. Routes
 - b. Frequencies
 - c. Integrated transportation system
 - i. on-demand and microtransit solutions
 - ii. first and last mile connections
 - iii. bike share
 - iv. paratransit
 - v. taxi voucher
 - vi. vanpool
 - d. Transit stop locations that might better serve areas under the integrated mobility perspective.
2. Estimated ridership
3. Estimated Small Transit Intensive Cities (STIC) program measures

The network scenarios will be presented to the public and stakeholders for feedback, and then refined. Using these network scenarios, tiered funding options will be developed.

Stage 4: Establish Financial Plan

The vendor will develop a framework for financial sustainability for the Five-Year Transit Plan and 20-Year Transit Vision. Finalized outcomes and recommendations shall be graphically displayed for future marketing opportunities.

1. Funding estimates and financing strategies for operational and capital costs
 - a. i.e., incremental cost for new electric buses should be paid for by tax, yet electricity costs should be offset through partnership with utility company
 - b. graphically displayed for future marketing opportunities
2. Key Infrastructure and Capital Projects that support transit service scenarios
 - a. graphically displayed for future marketing opportunities
3. Paratransit service area impacts and costs associated with all fixed route service growth scenarios
 - a. graphically displayed for future marketing opportunities

Mid-Life Update

Mountain Line will have the option in 2023 to update any proposition-related items of the Five-Year Transit Plan and 20-Year Transit Vision if the Board does not bring a tax question to voters in 2022. Tasks may include but are not limited to updating graphics, network scenarios, costs, targeted surveys, etc. Mountain Line has a budget set aside for this task and if needed, will work with the vendor in 2023 to define deliverables based on specific tasks. Vendor must confirm ability to complete this task and identify pricing per hour for work done in 2023 in proposal.

Draft Outline of Process

Award vendor

Stage 1: Define the vision

- Kickoff meeting with Mountain Line
- Assemble background information
- Create online landing page and public materials
- Public outreach #1



- Board presentation/workshop #1
- Form lasting committee of engaged citizens

Stage 2: Determine future needs

- Forecast transportation and ridership demand
 - Land use
 - Transit/Transportation Planning
 - Multimodal
- Develop network scenarios
- Identify Capital needs
- Key infrastructure and Capital Projects
- Transit supportive policies
- Recommendations for improvement
 - Paratransit efficiencies
 - Peer agencies
 - Key performance indicators
 - Equity Analysis
- Public outreach #2
- Board presentation #2

Stage 3: Analyze options and prioritize implementation

- Develop transit service alternatives
- Create capital and O&M plan for transit services
- Evaluate alternatives
- Create network scenarios
- Create public materials
- Public outreach #3
- Board presentation #3
- Refine network scenarios
- Prioritize implementation of alternatives
- Create tiered funding options

Stage 4: Establish financial plan

- Develop financial sustainability
 - Financing strategies
 - Developmental triggers
 - Identification of revenue sources
- Public outreach #4

Complete Five-Year Transit Plan and 20-Year Transit Vision
Board presentation #4, seek Plan approval
Mid-Life Update (2023 option)



SECTION VI – RESPONSE CONTENTS

1. Required Response Contents in addition to Attachments: The Response shall include:

- A. A transmittal/cover letter that introduces the Firm, confirms that all elements of the RFP have been read and understood, and summarizes your interest in the work. The transmittal letter shall be one-page maximum and signed by an individual authorized to bind the Firm contractually. Acknowledgement that the firm is agreeable to engaging with Mountain Line and has read and accepted the contractual language indicated in Mountain Line professional consultant agreement.
- B. Executive Summary (included in page count of 18 pages) providing a summary illustrating the team's capabilities, experience with similar projects, qualifications, and unique attributes.
- C. Relevant Experience and Performance (included in page count). Provide no more than five (5) examples of master planning for transit systems of similar size and scope completed in the last five years. For each comparable project identified, provide:
 1. Description of project including: unique aspects/learnings/creative outcomes and relevance to Mountain Line Project
 2. Project duration
 3. Role of the Respondent and Deliverables
 4. Respondent's partnering efforts and successes
 5. Owner's reference information (name, title, telephone number and email)
- D. Project Team: Qualifications and experience of the individuals directly involved with the project.
 1. Provide an overview of the team (included in page count) that includes:
 - a. A general description of the Respondent and/ or Team, including the Legal Organization of the proposed team.
 - b. Summaries of the key skills and contributions of each team member to this work. Explain the role of all anticipated professional disciplines that you will require during the duration of this project.
 - c. Home office locations of key staff, length of time with Respondent.
 - d. A description of how the Respondent will ensure that a qualified team would be continuously available and managed for the duration of this project.



- e. Documentation of where individuals on the proposed project team for this project have successfully worked together previously in completing the projects described in the Relevant Experience section.
 2. Provide an organization chart, including any consultants (one (1) page included in page count)
 3. Provide key staff one (1) page resumes (not included in page count)
 4. Identify any contract or subcontract held by the Respondent or officers of the Respondent, which has been terminated within the last five years. Identify any claims arising from a contract resulting in litigation or arbitration within the last three years. Briefly describe the circumstances and the outcomes.
 - E. Project Approach (included in page count).
 1. Describe:
 - a. The Team's philosophy and approach to the project
 - b. How the team will approach this initiative
 - c. Any significant challenges the Team would anticipate in delivery of this project
 - d. Any innovation or best practices that could be implemented to improve the deliverables or approach for Mountain Line in the future
 - e. The Team's competitive advantages and why they would be the best team to partner with Mountain Line on this high priority project
 2. Provide a high-level work plan that shows inputs/outputs, milestones, method of documentation and data reporting, along with a listing of the Respondents' Deliverables.
 3. Do not provide any site development or utilization solutions for Mountain Line project within your Response. Provide your approach of how your firm would develop the highest level of master planning for this Project.
 - F. Index tabs may contain photographs if there is no other identifying information contained thereon with respect to the photographs. If any photographs are included and identifiable as to their respective project the index tabs will be counted as a page and included in the page count.
- 2. Required Attachments:** The following Attachments must be included in the Response and unless otherwise indicated, are not included in the page count:
- A. Authorization to Submit Response and Required Certifications (**Attachment 1**);
 - B. Addendum Acknowledgement (if no Addendum issued insert "None") (**Attachment 2**);
 - C. Organizational Information (**Attachment 3**);



- D. Key Personnel Information (**Attachment 4**);
 - E. Firm and Key Personnel Licenses/Registration (**Attachment 5**);
 - F. Past Performance Surveys (3 required) (**Attachment 6**);
 - G. Exceptions to RFP Requirements and/or Contract Provisions (**Attachment 7**);
 - H. Proprietary and/or Confidential Information (**Attachment 8**);
 - I. Vendor Registration Form/Taxpayer I.D. Number (**Attachment 9**);
 - J. Current W9 (Attachment 10)
 - K. Legal Worker Certification (**Attachment 11**);
 - L. Non-Collusion Affidavit (**Attachment 12**);
 - M. Conflict of Interest Certification (**Attachment 13**);
 - N. Anti-Lobbying Certification (**Attachment 14**);
 - O. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Proposed Debarment, and other Responsibility Matters (**Attachment 15**);
 - P. Insurance Requirements Acknowledgement (**Attachment 16**); and
 - Q. Proposal Pricing (**Attachment 17**)
3. **Required Contents of the Proposal:** The following must be submitted electronically as required under Instruction 7 above:
- R. One (1) electronic, editable pdf version via email.
4. **Other Forms/Attachments:** All other forms and attachments provided are for reference only and do not need to be included in the Response.

SECTION VII – EVALUATION

1. **Most Advantageous to Mountain Line:** Pursuant to Mountain Line Purchasing Policy, evaluation of Responses and award of the Contract will be made with reasonable promptness to the Respondent whose Response best conforms to the Scope of Services and will be most advantageous to Mountain Line with respect to price, qualifications, conformity to Scope of Services and other factors.
2. **Mandatory Compliance:** This is a compliance section and carries no evaluation points. Respondents must meet minimum criteria as specified to receive further consideration.
- A. Professional Standing
 - 1) The Arizona Corporation Commission shall properly have certified the Respondent for corporation and limited liability companies.



- 2) The lead professional must be properly registered, licensed and certified at the time of submission, if required.
- 3) The Respondent must have been in continuous business for a minimum of five years.

B. Financial Stability

1. Respondents must demonstrate the availability of resources and financial capability required to complete the Services.
2. Copies of audited financial statements are not required with the Submittal. Prior to the final selection, Mountain Line reserves the right to require a Respondent to provide a copy of the Respondent's financial statements for the previous two fiscal years.
3. Mountain Line reserves the right to make such additional investigations as it deems necessary to establish the competence and financial stability of any Respondent submitting a Response.

3. Evaluation Criteria for Responses and Scoring: This is an evaluation section which establishes criteria and the associated total potential points for each category.

Max points * Quality Level = Score

Evaluation Factors	Max Points	Quality Level	Score
Experience with agency planning processes that have been turned into voter measures	35		
Public participation plan that balances in-person online outreach, ensuring access and inclusion of Title VI populations	20		
Clearly defined project management approach with an outline of tasks, demonstrating vendor leadership of the process	20		
Clearly demonstrate ability to meet desired timeline for completion			
Pricing	10		
Past Performance Survey (Minimum of 3)	5		
TOTAL POSSIBLE			100



Quality Level will be based on the following scoring method:

Quality Level	Points	Description
Excellent	100%	Meets all requirements.
Good	75%	Meets all requirements; strengths and weaknesses, if any, tend to offset one another equally.
Fair	50%	Does not meet all requirements; strengths and weaknesses do not offset one another equally.
Poor	25%	Serious doubt exists about ability to meet needs but may be sufficient; significant weaknesses without offsetting strengths.
Deficient	0	Will not meet minimum needs.

4. Response Evaluation Process:

A. Selection Committee: An appropriately qualified Selection Committee shall evaluate the responses and performance data that are submitted in response to the RFP for the proposed contract.

- 1) The Selection Committee will evaluate the Responses submitted in response to this RFP. The evaluation will be to determine the qualifications of each Respondent to perform the Services under this RFP based on the selection criteria listed herein.
- 2) In making its determination, the Selection Committee will evaluate the Response, client references, interviews (for Respondents on the short-list only), and additional information received or obtained by the Selection Committee. The Committee may request or obtain additional information at any time during the selection process through interviews, presentations, correspondence, and visitation of completed projects or otherwise.
- 3) During the selection process, Mountain Line will evaluate each Response to determine which Respondent (if any) is best qualified to perform the required Services and can provide the experience specified in this RFP.

B. Short List: In order of preference, based on criteria established by the Selection Committee and included in the RFP, a short list of no more than three (3) Respondents deemed to be the most qualified to provide the Services by the Selection Committee will be established. Notwithstanding the presumptive limit of three (3) Respondents on the short list, in the event that the scores for more than three of the highest scoring Responses are within ten percent (10%) of one another, the short list will be comprised of all such Respondents.

C. Team Oral Presentation/Interview: The Selection Committee will interview each Respondent on the short list so that they may present their credentials, comparable past work and any ideas they wish to share with the Selection Committee.

- 1) A letter invitation will be sent via email to each interviewed Respondent with the specific evaluation and scoring criteria along with the time, date and location of the interview;



Respondents who are invited to attend the interview will not be given access to the conference room prior to the interview.

- 2) The order in which the Respondents appear before the Selection Committee will be determined by lottery.
 - 3) The team will have thirty (30) minutes to present to the Selection Committee their firms qualifications. The roundtable discussion will last sixty (60) minutes for questions and discussion between the Committee and the Respondent. It is the responsibility of the Selection Committee to develop an agenda for this part of the interview. The time limits will be strictly enforced.
 - 4) No more than six (6) representatives of the Respondent's team may be present (this includes presentation operators if needed). The prospective key personnel for the Project must be present. Only the individuals proposed for the project team are allowed. Individuals other than the project team will not be allowed in the interviews; absolutely no exceptions.
- D. Shortlisted Respondents Evaluation: The Evaluation Committee will evaluate finalist Respondents after the oral presentations/interviews based on the criteria described below. Mountain Line reserves the right to request additional information from Respondents prior to final selection, and to consider information about the Respondents other than that submitted in the Response.
- 1) Finalist Respondents Team Interview (Maximum 50 Points): Mountain Line may provide interview questions in advance to Respondents. Mountain Line' Selection Committee will evaluate interviews based on the team's responses to questions, ability to effectively communicate, and the Committee's assessment of the team's ability to work successfully with each other and Mountain Line staff. Mountain Line may also ask Respondents to submit written responses to some questions in advance of the interviews.
 - 2) Strategic Fit (Maximum 50 Points): Mountain Line will evaluate proposed solutions based on overall best fit with Mountain Line goals and objectives. The Committee will consider solution simplicity, overall alignment with the requirements set forth in the RFP, as well as compliance with contract terms and conditions and any and all additional findings from Mountain Line' due diligence process.
- E. Ranking: After the interviews the Selection Committee will select the three (3) Respondents deemed to be the most qualified to provide the Services stated herein and will rank the three (3) selected Respondents in order of preference.
- F. Negotiation: Mountain Line shall enter into negotiations for a contract with the highest qualified Respondent on the short list for the Services. The negotiations shall include consideration of compensation and other contract terms that Mountain Line determines to be fair and reasonable. In making this decision, Mountain Line shall take into account the estimated value, the scope, the complexity and the nature of the Services to be rendered.
- 1) If negotiations are successful, Mountain Line will request approval from Mountain Line Board of Directors to execute Mountain Line' standard contract for the Services.



- 2) If Mountain Line is unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with the highest-ranked Respondent, at a price and with terms which Mountain Line determines to be fair and reasonable, negotiations with that Respondent will be formally terminated.
- 3) Mountain Line may then undertake negotiations with the next highest-ranked Respondent in sequence until an agreement is reached or determine to reject all Submittals and re-solicit the RFP or use another selection process that Mountain Line deems prudent.

Respondents that are unable to accommodate Mountain Line regarding acceptable fees and/or costs will not be allowed an opportunity to resubmit fees and/or costs once they have been released from negotiations.

5. Notice of Intent to Award: The next step will be for Mountain Line to issue a Notice of Intent to Award, and if applicable notices of the intent not to award at all or to some Respondents. Mountain Line reserves the right to cancel this RFP, to reject any or all Responses, and to waive or decline to waive any irregularities in any submitted Responses, or to withhold the award for any reason it may determine in the best interest of Mountain Line.

6. Delivery of Insurance Policies or Certificates and Execution of Contract Documents: Within ten (10) days of receipt of notice of intent to award, the successful Respondent shall deliver to Mountain Line the required insurance policies or certificates in a form satisfactory to Mountain Line. Policies or Certificates must reference Mountain Line Project Number and Mountain Line Project Name with the original submission and with each and every updated submission thereafter. Failure to do so may result in rejection of the successful Respondent's Response and withdrawal of the Notice of Intent to Award. Promptly after Mountain Line receives satisfactory insurance policies or certificates Mountain Line will deliver to the successful Respondent two (2) duplicated originals of the form of contract documents to be executed by the successful Respondent. The successful Respondent shall execute and return to Mountain Line System all copies of the contract documents within ten (10) days after receipt of the contract documents. Failure to return the executed copies of the contract documents may result in rejection of the successful Respondent's Response and withdrawal of the Notice of Intent to Award.

7. Changes in Respondent Organization: In order for a Respondent to remain qualified for award under this RFP after it has been shortlisted, unless otherwise approved in writing by Mountain Line, the Respondent's organization as identified in its Response must remain intact for the duration of the procurement process. If a Respondent wishes to make changes in the Respondent Team Members or Key Personnel identified in its Response, including, without limitation, additions, deletions, reorganizations and/or role changes, the Respondent shall submit to Mountain Line a written request for approval of the change. Any such request shall be addressed to Mountain Line' designated point-of-contact for this RFP. If a request is made from a Respondent to allow the deletion or role change of any Respondent Team Member or Key Personnel identified in its Response, the Respondent shall submit such information as may be required by Mountain Line to demonstrate that the changed Team Member meets the RFP criteria. Mountain Line is under no obligation to approve such requests and may approve or disapprove an entire request, or any portion of a request, in its sole discretion.

SECTION VII: AWARD

This is a one-step competition. The successful Respondent, if any, will be selected and recommended by the Selection Committee to the appropriate Mountain Line Officer and/or Mountain Line Board of



Directors for Award. Any Contract resulting from this RFP will be awarded consistent with the appropriate Mountain Line authority as approved by the Board of Directors, Mountain Line's Purchasing Policy and requirements, and applicable statutes. No contract shall exist until the final written Contract is properly and formally approved for Award and fully executed by the Respondent and the properly authorized Mountain Line signatory.



ATTACHMENT 1: AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT RESPONSE AND REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS

By signing below, the Respondent hereby certifies that:

- * They have read, understand, and agree that acceptance by Mountain Line of the Respondent's Response by the award and execution of a contract will create a binding contract; and
- * They agree to fully comply with all terms and conditions as set forth in Mountain Line's Purchasing Policy, and amendments thereto, together with the specifications and other documentary forms herewith made a part of this specific procurement;

The person signing the Response certifies that he/she is the person in the Respondent's organization responsible for, or authorized to make, decisions.

The Respondent is a corporation or other legal entity.

No attempt has been made or will be made by the Respondent to induce any other Respondents or person to submit or not to submit a Response in response to this RFP.

The price (if any) and terms and conditions in this Response are valid for 180 days from the date of submission.

RESPONDENT SUBMITTING Response

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE

FEDERAL TAX ID NUMBER

EMAIL

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

DATE

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE



ATTACHMENT 2: ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Receipt by the undersigned of the following addenda is hereby acknowledged:

Addendum Number: 1 Dated: _____

Addendum Number: 2 Dated: _____

Addendum Number: 3 Dated: _____

Addendum Number: 4 Dated: _____

Addendum Number: 5 Dated: _____

Addendum Number: 6 Dated: _____

(Respondent)

(Address Line 1)

(Print Name)

(Address Line 2)

(Print Title)

(Phone)

(Signature Required)

(Fax)

(Email Address)

(Federal Taxpayer ID Number)



ATTACHMENT 3: ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

The Respondent shall use this document to describe the background of its company.

1. Name of Respondent: _____
dba: _____
2. To whom should correspondence regarding this contract be addressed?
Individual's Name: _____
Company Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email address: _____
Contact Person (if different from above): _____
3. Date business was established: _____
4. Ownership (e.g., public company, partnership, subsidiary): _____
5. Primary line of business: _____
6. Total number of employees: _____
7. Is your agency acting as the administrative agent for any other agency or organization?

If yes, describe the relationship in both legal and functional aspects.
8. Does the organization have any uncorrected audit exceptions? _____

If yes, please explain.
9. Has any state or federal agency ever made a finding of non-compliance with any relevant civil rights requirement with respect to your program? _____

If yes, please explain.
10. Have there ever been any felony convictions of any key personnel (i.e., Administrator, CEO, Financial Officers, major stockholders or those with controlling interest)? _____

If yes, please explain:
11. Has anyone in your organization, or has your organization, ever been restricted or, in any way sanctioned, or excluded from participation in any governmentally funded healthcare programs including, but not limited to, Medicare or Medicaid/AHCCCS? _____
If yes, please explain.



ATTACHMENT 4: KEY PERSONNEL INFORMATION

Provide Information below for each key person to be involved in providing the Services. This format must be used for resumes and representative projects. List LEED certification after the individual's name, where applicable.

1. Name (Include LEED Certification, if Applicable):
2. Role in this Contract:
3. Years of Experience - Total:
4. Years of Experience - With Current Firm:
5. Firm Name and Location (*City and State*):
6. Education (*Degree and Specialization*):
7. Current Professional Registration (*State and Discipline*):
8. Other Professional Qualifications (*Publications, Organizations, Training, Awards, Etc.*):
9. Representative Projects. Projects should have been begun or completed within the last five (5) years. For each project, include the following information:
 - A. Relevant Project - Title and Location (City and State):
 - B. Relevant Project - Year Completed - Professional Services:
 - C. Relevant Project - Year Completed (*If Applicable*):
 - D. Relevant Project - Brief Description (*Brief Scope, Size, Cost Etc.*) and Specific Role:
 - E. Relevant Project - Brief Description and if Project Performed with Current Firm:



ATTACHMENT 5: FIRM AND KEY PERSONNEL LICENSES/REGISTRATIONS

(List Only Arizona Professional Licenses/Registrations for Firm)

Firm Name: _____

Firm Licenses/Registrations: _____

List your Firm's current individual Arizona Professional Licenses/ Only:

Arizona Branch	Individual	Discipline	Arizona Licenses/Board of Technical Registration	Expiration Date



Attachment 6: Past Performance Survey
RFP Serial Number

Past Performance Survey of: _____
(Name of Company Being Surveyed)

Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority, Mountain Line, collects past performance information (on firms and key personnel) to assist in procuring/awarding projects based on value. The firm/individual listed above has listed you as a reference for a past project they have completed. We would greatly appreciate it if you would take a few moments to complete this survey.

The first half of the survey contains open ended questions that help us to better understand your working relationship with the individual or firm. The second section of the survey asks for you to rate the individual or firm in several areas based on your past experience.

Client Name: _____ Date Completed: _____
Project Name: _____

Section 1: Working Relationship Questions

Please describe your relationship with the firm or individual (types of projects etc.):
(Please feel free to add a document or attachment if there is not enough space below.)

What did you like best about this company or individual? (Please feel free to add a document or attachment if there is not enough space below.)



Did you experience any problems with this company or individual? If so, please describe the situation. Was the problem resolved to your satisfaction? (Please feel free to add a document or attachment if there is not enough space below.)

Section 2: Rating Criteria:

Please rate each of the criteria on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 representing that you were very satisfied (and would hire the company / individual again) and 1 representing that you were very unsatisfied (and would never hire the company / individual again). Please rate each of the criteria to the best of your knowledge. If you do not have sufficient knowledge of past performance in a particular area, please leave it blank.

NO	CRITERIA	UNIT	RATING
1	How satisfied were you with how this vendor met your expectations for cost of services rendered?	(1-10)	
2	How satisfied were you with the vendor's ability to effectively communicate with you during the planning	(1-10)	
3	What is your overall rating of the training materials used by the individual / vendor?	(1-10)	
4	How satisfied were you with the vendor's ability to meet your overall expectations?	(1-10)	
5	Rate your likeliness to contract with this firm/individual again.	(1-10)	

If we can contact you with follow up questions, please provide your phone number and email information.

Date: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Printed Name and Title of Evaluator: _____

Signature: _____

Address of Agency: _____



Thank you for your time and effort in assisting the Mountain Line in this important endeavor.

Please email the completed survey to: purchasing@naipta.az.gov

ATTACHMENT 7: EXCEPTIONS TO RFP REQUIREMENTS AND/OR CONTRACT PROVISIONS

Respondents must use this section to state any exceptions to the RFP requirements and/or any requested language changes to the terms and conditions, contract, etc.

This is the only time Respondents may contest these issues. Requests for changes after the date Responses are due will not be considered and could subject the Respondent to non-award on grounds of non-responsiveness.

Please sign and include this statement with your Response.

I have read Mountain Line' Contract Provisions and:

- I accept them
- I have stated my exceptions and have included them in this Response.

Printed Name of Authorized Individual

Name of Submitting Firm

Signature of Authorized Individual

Date





ATTACHMENT 8: PROPRIETARY AND/OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Since Mountain Line is subject to Arizona’s Public Records Act, Title 39 Chapter 1 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, Respondent is advised that any documents it provides to Mountain Line in response to a solicitation will be available to the public if a proper Public Records Request is made, except that Mountain Line is not required to disclose or make available any record or other matter that reveals proprietary information provided to Mountain Line by a Respondent that is from a non-governmental source. See A.R.S. § 48-5541.01(M)(4)(b).

Any specific documents or information that the Firm deems to be proprietary and/or confidential must be clearly identified as such in the firm along with justification for its proprietary and/or confidential status.

The Firm may not claim that the entire Response or the entire submission is proprietary and/or confidential. It is the Firm’s responsibility to clearly identify each document and each piece of information in their submission that is proprietary and/or confidential. The final determination of nondisclosure, however, rests with the Procurement Officer.

Firms should be aware that if a Court determines that the Firms information is not proprietary and/or confidential; Mountain Line will be required to disclose such information pursuant to a public records request. In such cases, the firm understands and agrees that Mountain Line shall comply with the Court’s determination and Respondent shall not hold Mountain Line liable for any costs, damages or claims whatsoever related to releasing the information.

This is the only notice that will be given to Respondents regarding the Firm’s responsibility to clearly identify its proprietary and/or confidential information. If a public records request is submitted to Mountain Line and the Respondent did not clearly identify its proprietary and/or confidential information at the time their Response is submitted, Mountain Line will not provide Firm with any subsequent notice or opportunity to identify proprietary and/or confidential documents or information.

I hereby certify that I acknowledge acceptance of the terms above and that I have:

- Determined that no documents or information contained within this Response are proprietary and/or confidential in nature.
- Clearly identified specific documents or information that are deemed to be proprietary and/or confidential and have justified the reason for the proprietary status of any identified documents or information contained herein.

Printed Name of Authorized Individual

Name of Submitting Firm

Signature of Authorized Individual

Date



ATTACHMENT 9: VENDOR REGISTRATION FORM

Contact Name: _____

Agency/Company Name: _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address: _____

Address: _____

Description of Service: _____

Certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise? Y___ N___

Tax Identification Number: _____



**Attachment 10: Current W9 Cover Page
Document on next page**



Form **W-9**
(Rev. November 2005)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.

Print or type See specific instructions on page 2.	Name (as shown on your income tax return)	
	Business name, if different from above	
	Check appropriate box: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/Sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from backup withholding	
	Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)	Requester's name and address (optional)
City, state, and ZIP code		
List account number(s) here (optional)		

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on Line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Social security number	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
OR									
Employer identification number	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien).

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the Certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. (See the instructions on page 4.)

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶

Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS, must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

U.S. person. Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee.

In 3 above, if applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

Note. If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

For federal tax purposes, you are considered a person if you are:

- An individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States, or
- Any estate (other than a foreign estate) or trust. See Regulations sections 301.7701-6(a) and 7(a) for additional information.

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.

The person who gives Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States is in the following cases:

- The U.S. owner of a disregarded entity and not the entity,



ATTACHMENT 11: LEGAL WORKER CERTIFICATION

As required by A.R.S. § 41-4401, Mountain Line is prohibited from awarding a contract to any Professional who fails, or whose consultants fail, to comply with A.R.S. § 23-214(A). The undersigned entity warrants that it complies fully with all federal immigration laws and regulations that relate to its employees, that it shall verify, through the employment verification pilot program as jointly administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Social Security Administration or any of its successor programs, the employment eligibility of each employee hired after December 31, 2007, and that it shall require its consultants and sub-consultants to provide the same warranties to the below entity.

The undersigned acknowledges that a breach of this warranty by the below entity or by any consultant or sub-consultant under any Contract resulting from this solicitation shall be deemed a material breach of the Contract, and is grounds for penalties, including termination of the Contract, by Mountain Line. Mountain Line retains the right to inspect the records of the below Respondent, consultants and sub-consultants employee who performs work under the Contract, and to conduct random verification of the employment records of the below entity and any consultants and sub-consultants who works on the Contract, to ensure that the below entity and each consultant and sub-consultant is complying with the warranties set forth above.

(Respondent)

(Address Line 1)

(Print Name)

(Address Line 2)

(Print Title)

(Phone)

(Signature Required)

(Fax)

(Email Address)

(Federal Taxpayer ID Number)

(Date)



ATTACHMENT 13: CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that to the best of his/her knowledge: **(check only one)**

- () There is no officer or employee of Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority or whose relative has, a substantial interest in any contract resulting from this request.
- () The names of any and all public officers or employees of Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority who have, or whose relative has, a substantial interest in any contract resulting from this request, and the nature of the substantial interest, are included below or as an attachment to this certification.

(Firm)

(Address)

(Signature Required)

(Phone)

(Print Name)

(Email)

(Print Title)

(Federal Taxpayer ID Number)



ATTACHMENT 14: ANTI-LOBBYING CERTIFICATION
Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions

In accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (“FAR”), 52.203-11:

- (a) The definitions and prohibitions contained in the clause, at FAR 52.203-12, Limitation on Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions, included in this solicitation, are hereby incorporated by reference in paragraph (b) of this certification.
- (b) The offeror, by signing its offer, hereby certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that on or after December 23, 1989:
 - (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress on his or her behalf in connection with the awarding of this contract;
 - (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds (including profit or fee received under a covered Federal transaction) have been paid, or will be paid, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress on his or her behalf in connection with this solicitation, the offeror shall complete and submit, with its offer, OMB standard form LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, to the Contracting Officer; and
 - (3) He or she will include the language of this certification in all subcontract awards at any tier and require that all recipients of subcontract awards in excess of \$100,000 shall certify and disclose accordingly.
- (c) Submission of this certification and disclosure is a prerequisite for making or entering into this contract imposed by section 1352, Title 31, United States Code. Any person who makes an expenditure prohibited under this provision or who fails to file or amend the disclosure form to be filed or amended by this provision, shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000, and not more than \$100,000, for each such failure.

_____	_____
(Firm)	(Address)
_____	_____
(Signature Required)	(Phone)
_____	_____
(Print Name)	(Email)
_____	_____
(Print Title)	(Federal Taxpayer ID Number)



Date: _____



ATTACHMENT 15: CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, PROPOSED DEBARMENT, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

In accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation, 52.209-5:

1. The Offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that:
 - A. The Offeror and/or any of its Principals:
 - (i) (Check one) **Are** () or **are not** () presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency; (The debarred list (List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Non-Procurement Programs) is at <http://epls.arnet.gov> on the Web.)
 - (ii) (Check one) **Have** () or **have not** (), within a three-year period preceding this offer, 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) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and
 - (iii) (Check one) **Are** () or **are not** () presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (a)(1)(i)(B) of this provision.
 - B. The Offeror (Check one) **has** () or **has not** (), within a three-year period preceding this Response, had one or more contracts terminated for default by any Federal agency.
2. "Principals," for the purposes of this certification, means officers; directors; owners; partners; and, persons having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity (e.g., general manager; plant manager; head of a subsidiary, division, or business segment, and similar positions).
3. This Certification Concerns a Matter Within the Jurisdiction of an Agency of the United States and the Making of a False, Fictitious, or Fraudulent Certification May Render the Maker Subject to Prosecution Under Section 1001, Title 18, United States Code.
4. The Offeror shall provide immediate written notice to the Contracting Officer if, at any time prior to contract award, the Offeror learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
5. A certification that any of the items in paragraph (a) of this provision exists will not necessarily result in withholding of an award under this solicitation. However, the certification will be considered in connection with a determination of the Offeror's responsibility. Failure of the Offeror to furnish a certification or provide such additional information as requested by the Contracting Officer may render the Offeror non-responsible.
6. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by paragraph (a) of this provision. The



knowledge and information of an Offeror is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

7. The certification in paragraph 1 above is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making award. If it is later determined that the Respondent knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Government, the Contracting Officer may terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation for default.

(Firm)

(Address Line 1)

(Print Name)

(Address Line 2)

(Print Title)

(Phone)

(Signature Required)

(Fax)

(Email Address)

(Federal Taxpayer ID Number)

(Date)



ATTACHMENT 16: INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

*Any Respondent awarded a contract subsequent to this solicitation will be expected, upon request by Mountain Line, to submit the forms in this **Attachment** as a condition of the Contract, in addition to acknowledging the insurance requirements on this **Attachment** and submitting this signed **Attachment** as part of their Response.*

INSURANCE PROVISIONS AND REQUIRED COVERAGE, TERM AND TERMINATIONS

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

- A. Contractor shall obtain and submit to Mountain Line before any Services are performed, certificates from the Contractor's insurance carriers indicating the presence of coverages and limits of liability as set forth in the Contract Documents, but in no event shall the coverages and limits be less than those specified as follows:

1. Workers' Compensation:

Coverage A. Statutory Benefits.

Coverage B. Employer's Liability.

Bodily Injury by accident	\$1,000,000 each accident
Bodily Injury by disease	\$1,000,000 policy limit
Bodily Injury by disease	\$1,000,000 each employee

Coverage must include a Waiver of Subrogation endorsement.

Where applicable, U.S. Longshore and Harbor Workers Compensation Act Endorsement shall be attached to the policy.

2. Commercial Auto Coverage:

Auto Liability limits of \$1,000,000 each accident, combined Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability insurance. Certificate to reflect coverage for "Any Auto" or "All Owned, Scheduled, Hired and Non-Owned".

If the Contract Documents require Contractor to remove and haul hazardous waste from the Project site, or if the Project involves such similar environmental exposure, pollution liability coverage equivalent to that provided under the ISO Pollution Liability-Broadened Coverage for Covered Autos Endorsement shall be provided, and the Motor Carrier Act Endorsement (MCS 90) shall be attached.

3. Commercial General Liability:

Each Occurrence Limit	\$1,000,000
Personal Injury/Advertising Injury Limit	\$1,000,000
Products/Completed Operations Aggregate Limit	\$1,000,000



General Aggregate Limit \$2,000,000
(other than Products/Completed Operations)

Coverage must include a Waiver of Subrogation endorsement.

Both policy forms must include:

- i. Premises and Operations coverage with no explosion, collapse or underground damage (XCU) exclusions.
- ii. Products and Completed Operations coverage. Contractor agrees to maintain this coverage for a minimum of 10 years following completion of the Contractor Work and to continue to include Mountain Line as an Additional Insured for the entire 10-year period.
- iii. Blanket contractual coverage for the indemnity/hold harmless agreements assumed in this Subcontract and in the Prime Contract. Any Employee Exclusion will be deleted.
- iv. Broad Form Property Damage coverage, including completed operations or its equivalent.
- v. An endorsement including Mountain Line, each of the Partners, and any other party required to be included as an additional insured under the Contract Documents, and any other parties in interest as Additional Insured(s) under the coverage specified under Comprehensive General Liability or Commercial General Liability. The endorsement shall be on ISO forms CG2010B 11/85 or CG2026 11/85, or equivalent. Additional Insured Endorsements on both ISO forms CG2010 10/01 and CG2037 10/01 are acceptable. ISO forms CG2010A or CG2010B 10/93 and/or 3/97, or their equivalent, ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE. Any form that does not grant additional insured status for both the ongoing operations and products/completed operations coverages IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.
- vi. An endorsement stating: "Such coverage as is afforded by this policy for the benefit of the additional insured(s) is primary and any other coverage maintained by such additional insured(s) shall be non-contributing with the coverage provided under this policy."
- vii. Coverage must be on an "Occurrence" form. "Claims Made" and "Modified Occurrence" forms are not acceptable.
- viii. Coverage to include general aggregate limits on a "per project" basis.

4. Excess Liability:

Umbrella Liability to extend the above liability coverages and limits to reach a total combined limit of:

Each Occurrence	\$5,000,000
Aggregate	\$5,000,000

5. Errors & Omissions Liability

(Applicable any design/engineering services are part of Work)



Per Occurrence	\$3,000,000
Aggregate	\$5,000,000

Any claims made retro-active data shall be clearly shown on the Certificate of Insurance and shall be effective prior to the commencement of any work

Coverage provided must have no exclusion for design-build projects. Designer must provide evidence of coverage for nine (9) years beyond completion of the Project in the form of a renewal insurance policy certificate and/or the purchase of an extended reporting period endorsement should the policy be cancelled or non-renewed

6. Pollution Legal Liability

Per Claim/Aggregate	\$1,000,000
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(Applicable as to any pollutants or hazardous waste exposures as part of Work)

Contractor shall maintain insurance covering losses caused by pollution conditions (including mold) that arise from the Work.

7. Other Requirements

- i. All policies must contain an endorsement affording an unqualified thirty (30) days notice of cancellation to the additional insured(s) in the event of cancellation, non-renewal or material reduction in coverage.
- ii. All policies must be written by insurance companies whose rating, in the most recent Best's Rating Guide, is not less than A- VII. All coverage forms must be acceptable to Mountain Line.
- iii. Certificates of Insurance with the required endorsements evidencing the required coverages must be delivered to Mountain Line prior to commencement of any Work. Failure of Mountain Line to demand such certificate or other evidence of full compliance with these insurance requirements or failure of Mountain Line to identify a deficiency from evidence that is provided shall not be construed as a waiver of Contractor's obligation to maintain such insurance. Mountain Line shall have the right, but not the obligation, to prohibit Contractor or any of its subcontractors from entering the Project site until such certificates or other evidence that insurance has been placed in complete compliance with these requirements is received and approved by Mountain Line.
- iv. Contractor shall be responsible to satisfy any deductible or self-insured retention with respect to any of the coverages required by the Contract Documents.
- v. Mountain Line reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to require higher limits of liability coverage at Mountain Line's expense if, in Mountain Line's



opinion, operations by or on behalf of Contractor create higher than normal hazards and, to require Contractor to include additional parties in interest to be Additional Insureds.

- vi. In the event that rental of equipment is undertaken to complete and/or perform the Work, Contractor agrees that it shall be solely responsible for such rental equipment. Such responsibility shall include, but not be limited to, theft, fire, vandalism and use by unauthorized persons.
- vii. In the event that materials or any other type of personal property (“personal property”) is acquired for the Project or delivered to the Project site, Contractor agrees that it shall be solely responsible for such property until it becomes a fixture on the Project, or otherwise is installed and incorporated as a final part of the Project. Such responsibility shall include, but not be limited to, theft, fire, vandalism and use by unauthorized persons.
- viii. Contractor shall maintain “all risk” property insurance, on a replacement cost basis, covering loss or damage to personal property (for which it has title and/or risk of loss) which is to become a final part of the Project, during any time such personal property is in transit and while stored or worked upon away from the Project site. Mountain Line shall be included as additional insured under such insurance.

B. Mountain Line and Contractor waive all rights against each other and against Mountain Line and the Partners for damages caused by fire or other perils covered by Contractor's Risk or any other property insurance, except such rights as they may have to the proceeds of such insurance. Such insurance may be subject to an amount deductible from the sums otherwise payable thereunder and the burden of such deduction shall be borne by the party receiving the direct benefit of such insurance.

C. Any additional provisions specific to the Project are attached. In the event of any conflict between the attached terms and the terms of this Exhibit, the Contractor shall comply with the more stringent provisions.

(Firm)

(Address)

(Signature Required)

(Phone)

(Print Name)

(Email)



(Print Title)

(Federal Taxpayer ID Number)

Date: _____



ATTACHMENT 17: PROPOSAL PRICING

The Contract will bind the Proposer to furnish and deliver at the Proposal price, and in accordance with conditions of said accepted Proposal and specifications for ninety (90) calendar days after the opening of the Proposal.

_____	_____
(Firm)	(Address)
_____	_____
(Signature Required)	(Phone)
_____	_____
(Print Name)	(Email)
_____	_____
(Print Title)	(Federal Taxpayer ID Number)
Date: _____	

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