### Procuring Preventive Maintenance 5310 Grantees

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### What do we mean by procurement?

- Purchasing for your organization
- Includes buying things, services, and technology
- Examples:
  - Mobile radios
  - Driver uniforms/PPE
  - Computer hardware and software

BUT today, we're talking Preventive Maintenance





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### Why are there requirements?

- To get the best bang for your grant bucks
- To allow for fair competition
- To make sure what you buy, and the vendors you buy from, meet the Federal and State requirements that come with the 5310 grant







# Where do the procurement requirements come from?

- Federal requirements are in:
  - 2 CFR Part 200.318 General Procurement Standards
  - FTA Circular 4220.1F Third Party Contracting Requirements (yet to be updated for 2 CFR 200)
  - Related Federal regulations (such as Buy America and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise)
- State Procurement guidelines are in COMAR (Code of Maryland Regulations) Title 21, State Procurement Regulations



# Where do the procurement requirements come from?

- Your organization's own procurement/purchasing policies and procedures that reflect:
  - Applicable state and local laws and regulations
  - Requirements of grant sources 2 CFR 200 applies to other federal grants

Reference: **MDOT MTA 5310 Program Manual**, Chapter 4 Purchasing, Procurement and Contracting





# What does FTA and MDOT MTA Require?

You can follow your agency's procurement policies and procedures but must also comply FTA/MDOT MTA:

- Allow for full and open competition
- Exclude the use local geographical preferences
- Do not enter into contracts for rolling stock with a period of performance exceeding five years inclusive of options\*
- \* For the 5310s, MDOT MTA conducts the procurement for vehicles on your behalf

Reference: **MDOT MTA 5310 Program Manual**, Chapter 4 Purchasing, Procurement and Contracting





### The requirements depend on...

- Type of grant
- What you are buying
- How much you will be spending





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## **Types of Procurement**

- Micro-Purchases up to \$3,500
- Small Procurements over \$3,500, up to \$25,000
- Large Procurements over \$25,000 (specifically for Preventive Maintenance)
- Dollar amounts are TOTAL COST of purchase (federal + local) not just the grant-funded amount!





#### How difficult is conducting a procurement process?





#### Important

- Follow your own written policies and procedures. (Sample in the MDOT MTA 5310 Manual, Chapter 4 which can be found on the TAM website and in ProjectWise)
- Follow the appropriate checklist for every grant-funded purchase.
- MDOT MTA concurrence is needed for 5310-funded preventive maintenance procurements.
- Keep a procurement file for every grant. Document every step for every grant-funded purchase. Keep copies of everything in the file.





#### **FTA Contract Clauses**

• Checklist of FTA clauses and when they apply:

## Attachment 4.E in the MDOT MTA 5310 Manual

#### Checklist of FTA Provisions Applicability of Third Party Contract Provisions

(excluding micro-purchases, except Davis-Bacon requirements apply to contracts exceeding \$2,000)

Excerpte	ed from	FTA	Circular	4220.1F	

TYPE OF PROCUREMENT						
PROVISION	Professional Services/A&E Management		Rolling Stock Purchase	Construction	Materials & Supplies	
No Federal Government Obligations to Third Parties (by Use of a Disclaimer)	All	All	All	All	All	
False Statements or Claims, Civil and Criminal Fraud	All	All	All	All	All	
Access to Third Party Contract Records	All	All	All	All	All	
Changes to Federal Requirements	All	All	All	All	All	
Termination	>\$10,000 if 49 CFR Part 18 applies.					
Civil Rights (Title VI, ADA, EEO except Special DOL EEO clause for construction projects)	All	All	All	All	All	
Special DOL EEO clause for construction projects				>\$10,000		
Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs)	All	All	All	All	All	
Incorporation of FTA Terms	All	All	All	All	All	
Debarment and Suspension	>\$25,000	>\$25,000	>\$25,000	>\$25,000	>\$25,000	
Buy America			>\$150,000	>\$150,000	>\$150,000	
Resolution of Disputes, Breaches, or Other Litigation	>\$100,000	>\$100,000	>\$100,000	>\$100,000	>\$100,000	
Lobbying	>\$100,000	>\$100,000	>\$100,000	>\$100,000	>\$100,000	
Clean Air	>\$100,000	>\$100,000	>\$100,000	>\$100,000	>\$100,000	
Clean Water	>\$100,000	>\$100,000	>\$100,000	>\$100,000	>\$100,000	
Cargo Preference			Transport by ocean vessel.	Transport by ocean vessel.	Transport by ocean vessel.	
Fly America	Foreign air transp. /travel.	Foreign air transp. /travel.	Foreign air transp. /travel.	Foreign air transp. /travel.	Foreign air transp. /travel.	



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# The Procurement Officer is responsible for ...

- Who is the procurement officer? The person who oversees the procurement of goods and services.
- ensuring that prices are fair and reasonable by conducting an ICE for price range of purchases.
- encouraging the distribution of purchases equitably among local vendors and ensuring that no geographic preferences are shown in any procurement.
- keeping an annually updated record of all estimates received and a description of why each vendor was selected.





# The Procurement Officer is responsible for ...

- conveying to vendors that the purchase is made with federal and/or state funds and that by fulfilling the purchase request, the vendor is agreeing to abide by all federal and/or state terms and conditions.
- maintaining file copies of all 5310 procurements by Fiscal Year and maintaining a written protest procedure.
- ensuring that their procurements do not discriminate against businesses, small or large, owned by persons of racial or ethnic minorities, or women.
- getting written MDOT MTA concurrence for each procurement prior to award and purchase of goods or services.







### Now, Let's focus on Procuring Preventive Maintenance

"Grant Funded vehicles must be maintained in good working order throughout a State- and Federally-compliant preventive maintenance program."

"A preventive maintenance program provides thorough, periodic inspections at intervals that meet or exceed the manufacturer's minimum standards for each vehicle given the terrain and operating conditions experienced by your service."

Reference: 5310 Program Manual Chapter 6, page 6-1 and 6-4)



#### FTA defines preventive maintenance as:

All maintenance costs related to vehicles and non-vehicles. Specifically, it is defined as all the activities, supplies, materials, labor, services, and associated costs required to preserve or extend the functionality and serviceability of the asset in a cost effective manner, up to and including the current state of the art for maintaining such an asset."

**Common expenses** that are eligible for capital funding include, but are not limited to, oil changes, tire rotation, tire replacement, transmission flushes, vandalism repairs (*except catalytic converters – covered under insurance*), mechanic training, and associated labor costs.

Fuel, accident repairs, insurable items, and warranty are not considered preventive maintenance and are therefore ineligible for capital funding under Section 5310. However, they may be eligible for 5310 funding as operating expenses.



### **Procuring Preventive Maintenance**

- If you have a 5310 grant for preventive maintenance (PM), and you pay an outside garage for any PM services, this applies to you.
- 5310 funds PM <u>only</u> for 5310 vehicles. However, even if a 5310 grant funds only <u>part</u> of your maintenance contract, for contracted maintenance to be eligible for 5310 PM reimbursement, you must procure the <u>entire</u> maintenance contract in compliance with MDOT MTA requirements OR procure a separate, compliant contract for 5310 PM.
- If you fall into this category, contact your 5310 Program Manager to discuss further.





#### **Procuring Preventive Maintenance**

- 5310 sub-recipients procuring 5310-funded PM services are strongly encouraged to conduct a <u>single compliant solicitation process to</u> <u>cover the entire two-year grant period</u>, rather than multiple procurements over the two years.
- If over \$25,000 (federal + local), must conduct competitive procurement (request for proposals)
- Below this, can be a small procurement (request for quotes)





#### **Procuring Preventive Maintenance**

Most of you here today have already received your FY2024/FY2025 5310 grant for Preventive Maintenance OR you have remaining funds from an existing grant. (Hint – you should spend those funds down ASAP.)

How did you know how much to ask for?

The rule of thumb is \$1500 per vehicle per year should be used for preventive maintenance



### Preventive Maintenance Specifications

- Follow your maintenance plan for PM interval services. If you do not have a maintenance plan, you should develop one (see the template in the 5310 Program Manual 6.B)
- Include total number of PM services anticipated during contract
- Include other factors/potential deal-breakers
  - Turnaround time
  - Distance from agency
  - Ability to comply with FTA requirements



#### **Procuring Preventive Maintenance Checklist**

- Incorporates requirements for both small and large procurements
- Organized in five phases:
  - Type and method of procurement
  - Independent Cost Estimate
  - Securing quotes
  - Determine best value
  - Requesting MDOT MTA concurrence
- Additional requirements for large procurements:
  - More formal specifications/scope of work/ RFP package
  - Must advertise RFP
  - May have more complicated evaluation process
  - DBE participation





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# How do you know how much your procurement is likely to cost?

- up to \$3,500
- \$3,500 to \$25,000
- over \$25,000



And don't forget it is the TOTAL COST of purchase (federal + local)

#### Answer: an Independent Cost Estimate!



## Preventive Maintenance Independent Cost Estimate (ICE)

- 1. Review fleet maintenance records for last two years
- 2. Identify unit cost of oil changes and other PM services
- 3. Total number of each service performed per vehicle per year, or per mile for total fleet
- 4. Estimate total number of PM services that will be needed during next two years (based on fleet size or projected miles operated)
- 5. Multiple total estimated units by unit costs





#### ATTACHMENT 4.D

You may use this form as a template for your agency's Independent Cost Estimate. Place this form on your agency letterhead and incorporate into your Procurement Procedures.

#### **NAME OF AGENCY** INDEPENDENT COST ESTIMATE (ICE) FORM

Agency Name: Project Name and Grant Number: Date:

Project Description (must include type of good or service, number of units, preliminary specifications or dimensions, product longevity, warranty and/or product service requirements and number of purchase options expected to be exercised):

Date(s) and number of Estimates (cite each estimate source):

Estimate (cite expected unit price and extended price, including all services and required components):

#### Method of Obtaining Estimate (check appropriate section):

- Obtained direct estimate from vendor(s):
- \_\_\_\_\_ Published List Price:
- \_\_\_\_\_ Past Agency Pricing (date and contract):
- Engineering or Technical Estimate:
- Independent Third Party Estimate:
- \_\_\_\_ Other (specify):

**Additional Comments:** 

Rationale for Type of Procurement (explain why the type of procurement and cost estimate was selected):

**Prepared By:** 

**Date Prepared:** 

Phone:

Email:

MTA Form 4.D, ICE Template 9/30/16



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### PM Cost/Price Analysis

 Comparing vendor quotes or proposals – your solicitation requirements should allow for "apples to apples"



Organization Name: Grant Item Description Grant Item Amount (include Fed+Local) Grant Number:

#### Cost Price Analysis

		ICE Cost	Garage 1 (FILL IN)	Garage 2 (FILL IN)	Garage 3 (FILL IN)	Garage 4 (FILL IN)
Preventative MAINTENANCE** Count,	Occurance*					
Tubes/Belts	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Tires	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Oil Changes	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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Subtotal Maintenance	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

\*\* List out all possible items that would be required for service and included in your contract

Turn around time for service			
Distance from facility			
Towing Cost			
Have you worked with vendor in past			
Other			
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# More complicated but needs to be touched on . . .

If you are procuring Preventive Maintenance that is more than \$25,0000 in the two year 5310 grant



## For PM over \$25,000

Steps in a nutshell:

- Prepare the ICE form
- Determine if IFB or RFP
- Prepare the solicitation
  - Develop Specifications
  - $\circ$  Assemble bid package
  - Set DBE project goal (Definition of DBE: To ensure that small disadvantaged business enterprises (DBE) can compete fairly for federally funded transportation-related projects. To ensure that only eligible firms participate as DBEs.)
  - Submit Request for Concurrence to MDOT MTA for review/approval (use checklist) prior to release
  - $\odot$  Receive approval/concurrence before moving forward



## For PM over \$25,000

- Advertise project/solicit bids/proposals
  - $\odot$  Some agencies hold pre-proposal conferences
  - Note: if your organization is a government agency, the solicitation must be posted on eMaryland marketplace (non-profits tend not to be government agencies so you should be good) just need to know.
- Receive, open, and review responses
- Evaluate responses
- Select the best response that meets all the local procurement requirements
- Submit Request for Concurrence packet to MDOT MTA for review and approval for the selected vendor and include all the appropriate documentation (see Large Procurement list)



## For PM over \$25,000

- Award the contract to the successful vendor

   Notify selected and rejected proposers
   Deal with any protests by following appropriate procedures
   Award and execute the contract
- Submit Request for Payment with all appropriate back up documentation
- Maintain all documentation pertaining to the procurement in a file and keep at least three years after purchase and closeout of the federal grant (whichever comes first)



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- Your agency must have an account with Login.gov to access SAM.gov
- Used to check that an entity you are contracting with using Federal funds is not debarred or suspended
- <u>https://sam.gov/content/home</u>





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- 4. Select "Exclusions"
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- 6. Search by Entity Name/Individual Name or DUNS (or both for added confirmation)
- 7. System starts filtering as you type
- 8. Nothing showing up means no exclusions
- 9. Keep a copy of printout or screenshot in Procurement File







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# Procurement Files - what goes into them

- The independent cost estimate (ICE)
- Rationale for the method of procurement (Why did you choose RFP, IFB, or Request for Quote?)
- Solicitation document (RFP, IFB, or Request for Quote)
- Documentation of outreach efforts (advertising of your procurement)
- Contractor responses/bids/proposals/quotes
- Fair and equitable cost analysis of winning proposal (basis for contract price)

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# What else should be in each procurement file?

- Screen shot of the debarment/suspension search results from <u>www.sam.gov</u>
- Contractor selection or rejection
- Correspondence with vendors
- Copy of signed/executed contract and any amendments
- MDOT MTA concurrence/approval letters
- For each procurement over \$25,000:
  - Debarment certification
  - DBE goal evaluation/analysis



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## Samples of Recent Successful PM Procurement

• You can find a couple of recent successful small PM procurements in ProjectWise:

SR-5310; 01-OLTS-SR-5310-References; Procurement Information; Success PM Procurements

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### References

- 5310 Program Manual
- Transportation Association of Maryland (TAM) taminc.org
- Federal requirements:
  - 2 CFR Part 200.318 General Procurement Standards
  - FTA Circular 4220.1F Third Party Contracting Requirements (yet to be updated for 2 CFR 200)
  - Related Federal regulations (such as Buy America and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise)
- State Procurement guidelines are in COMAR (Code of Maryland Regulations) Title 21, State Procurement Regulations
- FTA Best Practices Procurement & Lessons Learned Manual (Report 0105)
- National RTAP Procurement Pro
  - Your MDOT MTA Program Manager



### A few take aways from an FTA webinar – Dos and Don'ts of Procurement

- If you have had an MTA compliance review, look past areas of deficiency from site visits
- Document internal processes; update policies and procedures, especially when:
  - Requirements change
  - Internal processes are modified
- Make sure agency policies and procedures cover:
  - 2 CFR 200.318 –327
  - Other regulations such as Buy America, DBE, etc. as needed.

- Use checklists to standardize compliance
- Thoroughly review all documentation and certifications received for compliance prior to award
- Train all that perform procurement, contract administrative, or project management roles on (agency's) policies and procedures



# A Successful PM Procurement: Action in Maturity

#### STEPS TO SUCCESSFUL CONCURRENCE

- Procurement starts during the 5310 application process!
- Use the ICE form to determine the costs of your preventive maintenance item
- Collect Independent Cost Estimates that do not include the vendor(s) for which you will request concurrence (5310 process does not permit using the same vendors that you used to determine the cost of your PM)



# A Successful Procurement – cont.

- Collect documents:
  - ICE forms from 5310 application
  - ICE form for the vendor(s) for which you are requesting concurrence
  - Responses to your request for bids
  - "Fly America" regulations can be found in the 5310 manual
  - SAM.gov
- Submit documents in a PDF format to your 5310 Program Manager with a cover letter stating your request for concurrence.
- Your letters should include your decision on a vendor or vendors and the reason why you are choosing that vendor(s). It is not neccesarily the lowest bid BUT do not note it as a geographical decision (e.g. Harvey's shop two doors down).



## Need additional assistance?

Your 5310 Manual: Chapter 4 Procurement



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