



# **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**Alameda Corridor  
Financial Audit Services**

**To be submitted to:**

**Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority  
3760 Kilroy Airport Way, Suite 200  
Long Beach, California 90806**

**March 6, 2025**



**Prospective Consultants:**

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR FINANCIAL AUDIT SERVICES**

The Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (“ACTA”) invites the submittal of proposals for a firm to provide Financial Audit Services. A five-year contract is contemplated. These services shall commence after an agreement is awarded by the ACTA Governing Board.

Interested firms are invited to submit a proposal to provide the subject services. Instructions and forms to be used in preparing proposals are set forth in this RFP.

The schedule for this RFP will be as follows:

<b>Request for Proposals Published</b>	<b>March 6, 2025</b>
<b>Questions Due</b>	<b>March 13, 2025, by 3:00 p.m. PST</b>
<b>Responses to Questions Posted</b>	<b>March 20, 2025</b>
<b>Proposals Due</b>	<b>April 10, 2025, by 3:00 p.m. PST</b>
<b>Interviews</b>	<b>Week of May 12, 2025 (Tentative)</b>
<b>Consideration by Governing Board</b>	<b>June 16, 2025 (Tentative Special Meeting)</b>

For questions regarding this RFP, please email [finaud-rfp@acta.org](mailto:finaud-rfp@acta.org) by March 13, 2025, **by 3:00 p.m. PST**. Responses to questions will be posted on ACTA’s website at <https://www.acta.org/newsroom/contract-opportunities/finaud> on March 20, 2025. It is the responsibility of proposers to review ACTA’s website for any RFP revisions or answers to questions prior to submitting a proposal to ensure their proposal is complete and responsive.

In addition to providing information requested in this RFP, there are additional administrative documents that must be submitted with the proposal. Please refer to Section 3 of the RFP for further information on required documentation. **In order for your proposal to be deemed responsive, the required documents MUST be included with your proposal. If your firm cannot agree to the requirements exactly as set forth in this RFP, do not submit a proposal.** ACTA will be releasing an RFP for an internal auditor concurrent with this RFP process. The firm selected to serve as financial auditor will not be eligible to serve as the internal auditor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Leue".

Michael Leue  
Chief Executive Officer

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1. Brief Overview of the Project

The Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA) is soliciting proposals from qualified certified public accountants to audit its financial statements.

### 1.2. The Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority

The Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (“ACTA”) was established on August 31, 1989, through a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) between the City of Long Beach and the City of Los Angeles. ACTA was created primarily for the purpose of developing, financing, constructing, and operating the Alameda Corridor.

In November 1995, the Alameda Corridor was designated by Congress as a Project of National Significance. This allowed ACTA to seek a federal loan as part of the funding package to build the \$2.4 billion project.

The Alameda Corridor is a 20-mile long, multiple-track rail system designed to link the rail facilities of Port of Los Angeles and Port of Long Beach with the transcontinental rail network of the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) and the BNSF Railway (BNSF), near downtown Los Angeles. The Corridor consolidated the freight rail traffic from four lines, 90 miles in length, onto a single fully grade-separated route. The Corridor operates 24-hours a day, 7-days a week. See Attachment 1.

The original Alameda Corridor Project was substantially complete in April 2002 when revenue operations on the Corridor began. ACTA is now focused on revenue collections from its two primary users, UP and BNSF, and repayment of the bonds which were issued in order to pay for the construction of the project. ACTA is also responsible for the maintenance-of-way activities on the Corridor.

ACTA has a seven-member Governing Board, comprised of two members each from Port of Los Angeles and Port of Long Beach, one member each from the City of Los Angeles and the City of Long Beach and one member representing the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA).

For further information regarding ACTA including current Governing Board members, historical revenues, annual reports, budgets please see its website: <https://www.acta.org/>

## 2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

ACTA is soliciting the services of qualified certified public accountants to audit its financial statements for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2029. An option to extend the agreement may authorize the selected consultant to provide services for an additional term, dependent upon ACTA Governing Board approval. The audits are to be performed in accordance with the provisions contained in this RFP. See attachment 2 for the proposed scope of work.

### 3. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

#### 3.1. Proposal Submission

Proposals shall not exceed 20 pages, written in no less than 11-point font, with 1-inch page margins. Any supporting documentation provided in an Appendix will not count towards this limit. Resumes, rates and fees, and the contract administrative documents may be submitted in an Appendix.

One (1) digital copy (pdf) of your proposal including appendices must be submitted by email on or before 3:00 p.m. PST **Thursday, April 10, 2025** to [финауд-rfp@acta.org](mailto:финауд-rfp@acta.org) Subject: Financial Audit RFP.

ACTA will send a confirmation of receipt email to all electronic submissions. However, it is the responsibility of the proposer to confirm receipt if a confirmation email is not received following submission. The proposal opening will not be a public event.

Proposers are solely responsible for the timeliness of their submittals. As such, Proposers are cautioned to budget adequate time to ensure that their proposals are delivered via email before the deadline set forth above.

By submitting a proposal, Proposers certify that such proposal constitutes their full and complete written response to the RFP and evidences their acknowledgement that additional written material outside of such proposal shall not be considered in connection with this RFP, unless ACTA provides a written request that additional written materials be submitted. Absent such written request, Proposers are instructed to not submit to ACTA written or other materials outside of the proposal, either in a subsequent interview or otherwise.

Proposers shall be responsible for all costs incurred in the preparation and submittal of their Proposals, and such costs or expenses shall not be included as a part of their proposal.

#### 3.2. Evaluation Process and Selection Criteria

All proposals meeting the requirements of this RFP shall be reviewed and rated by an evaluation committee according to the following criteria: 1) Firm Qualifications; 2) Project Organization & Management; 3) Experience and Qualification of Proposed Personnel; 4) Contract Fee Schedule; and 5) Clarity and Comprehensiveness of the Proposal. See Attachment 3 for RFP Selection Evaluation Form.

ACTA may contact one or more proposing firms for interviews with the evaluation committee as part of the proposal evaluation process. At ACTA's discretion, interviews may be conducted in-person or via a virtual meeting platform such Microsoft Teams.

The evaluation committee will make the final recommendation for selecting a consultant, which shall be subject to approval of ACTA's CEO and ACTA's Governing Board. ACTA reserves the right to select and award agreements to one or more firms, however such selection shall not guarantee that any amount of work may be assigned to a firm during the term of the agreement.

Proposers are advised that all documentation submitted in response to this RFP will be considered property of ACTA and may become available to the public as a public record and may be released without further

notification. Any information that the proposer considers confidential should not be submitted with the proposal.

The right to reject any and all proposals shall, in every case, be reserved, as shall the right to waive any informality in the proposal when to do so would be to the advantage of ACTA.

### 3.3. Proposal Content

The following items shall be included in a proposal. Proposals that fail to address all requested information and/or include all requested documentation may be deemed non-responsive and rejected.

#### 3.3.1. Transmittal Cover Letter

Provide a narrative which introduces the firm and team highlighting the special strengths of the firm to perform the work requested in this RFP. Provide a brief description of the firm including legal structure, headquarters and other locations. Please include a statement in the cover transmittal letter indicating that the firm can comply with the agreement terms set forth in Attachment 4. The letter should be signed by an authorized principal of the proposing consulting firm.

#### 3.3.2. Table of Contents

Include a table of contents of the materials presented in the Proposal showing the applicable page numbers.

#### 3.3.3. Firm Qualifications, Experience and References

Provide a narrative describing the firm's qualifications to perform the project work, including past (relevant) experience and at least three client references, with contact names and information. Include information regarding your firm's experience involving the size and level of complexity of the proposed project. For any project referenced to demonstrate your firm's qualifications, provide the year or years in which the work was performed, and, if applicable, note which member or members of the proposed project team were involved.

#### 3.3.4. Project Organization, Personnel and Staffing

Provide a brief description of all key personnel and technical staff (including vendors, partners or subconsultants) to be involved and their relationship to the services to be provided.

Include names, titles, licenses, certificates, fields of expertise, and relevant experience for all proposed personnel and staff.

- Identify the Project Manager for the proposed services.
- Complete resumes should be provided as part of an appendix to the proposal.
- Provide a project organization chart which depicts the organization of the project team, including reporting relationships to ACTA and supervision of project team staff.

### 3.3.5. Project Management

Provide information that identifies how the project will be managed, with a detailed schedule or timeline for completion of the Project. Identify any known or potential reasons for modifications or delays in implementing and completing the Project. Identify any assumptions made in the proposed schedule and timeline.

### 3.3.6. Hourly Rates and Pricing

Provide rates and pricing for all personnel and materials to be provided under the Agreement, including hourly and overtime rates. Provide any additional details for assumptions or other contingencies that apply to the rates and pricing.

### 3.3.7. Small Business Enterprise Participation Requirements

The ACTA Governing Board has established a Small Business Enterprise (SBE) participation goal for all ACTA contracts awarded after January 1, 2017, of an aggregate average of 25% by contract value, and/or 25% of all contracts awarded to certified SBE firms. The minimum required SBE participation level by contract value for the proposed Project shall be 0%. However, if a Proposer is a certified SBE firm, please so state in your transmittal cover letter. Please complete forms in Attachment 4, Exhibit F and Exhibit G, under the Sample Agreement.

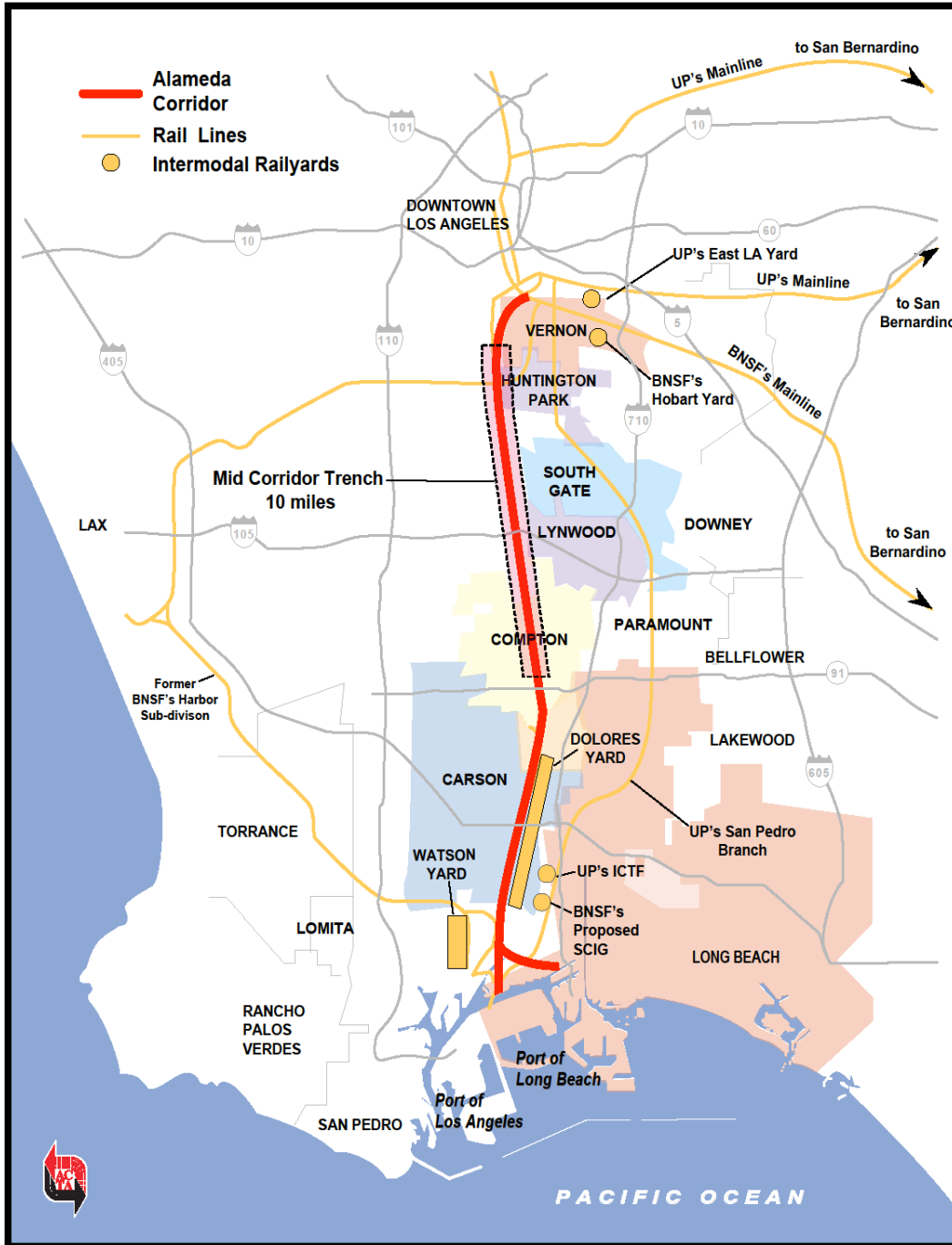
### 3.3.8. Required Evidence of Insurance

Provide a letter from your insurance carrier indicating that the insurance requirements for this project as described in the sample agreement (Attachment 4) are presently part of the proposer's coverage, or that the insurance company can provide such coverage should the proposer be selected. The insurance carrier must be aware of the indemnification requirements also set forth in the sample agreement. Proposers are not required to purchase the required insurance in order to submit a proposal; however, all required insurance will need to be submitted at the time of contract award.



## ATTACHMENT 1

### Alameda Corridor Map





## **Attachment 2**

### **SCOPE of WORK**

A. Summary of Work to be Performed

ACTA desires the consultant to express an opinion on the fair presentation of its basic financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The consultant shall also be responsible for performing certain limited procedures involving supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board and mandated by generally accepted auditing standards.

B. Auditing Standards to be Followed

To meet the requirements of this request for proposals, the audit shall be performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

C. Reports to be Issued

Following the completion of the audit of the fiscal year's financial statements, the consultant shall issue:

1. A report on the fair presentation of the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, including an opinion on the fair presentation of the supplementary schedule of expenditures of federal awards in relation to the audited financial statements.
2. A report on compliance and internal control over financial reporting based on an audit of the financial statements
3. A report on compliance and internal control over compliance applicable to each major federal program.

In the required report[s] on compliance and internal controls, the consultant shall communicate any reportable conditions found during the audit. A reportable condition shall be defined as a significant deficiency in the design or operation of the internal control structure, which could adversely affect the organization's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements.

Reportable conditions that are also material weaknesses shall be identified as such in the report. Non-reportable conditions discovered by the consultant shall be reported in a

separate letter to management, which shall be referred to in the reports on compliance and internal controls.

The report on compliance and internal controls shall include all material instances of noncompliance. All nonmaterial instances of noncompliance shall be reported in a separate management letter, which shall be referred to in the report on compliance and internal controls.

Reporting to the Audit Committee. Consultant shall make ACTA's Audit Committee informed of each of the following:

1. The consultant's responsibility under generally accepted auditing standards
2. An overview of the planned scope and timing of the audit
3. Significant findings from the audit
4. Significant accounting policies
5. Management judgments and estimates
6. Significant audit adjustments
7. Uncorrected audit adjustments
8. Disagreements with management
9. Difficulties with management
10. Management consultation with other accountants
11. Major issues discussed with management prior to retention
12. Management advisory services
13. Other matters including fraud, illegal acts, related party transactions, and legal matters

D. Special Considerations

1. ACTA has determined that the United States Department of Transportation will function as the cognizant agency.
2. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and related consultant's report, as well as the reports on compliance and internal controls are not to be included in the comprehensive annual financial report, but are to be issued separately.
3. A list of findings (if any) and audits, can be found on ACTA's website at [www.acta.org](http://www.acta.org).

E. Working Paper Retention and Access to Working Papers

All working papers and reports must be retained, at the consultant's expense, for a minimum of five (5) years, unless the consultant is notified in writing by ACTA of the need to extend the retention period. The consultant will be required to make working papers available, upon request and with ACTA's written approval, to the following parties or their designees:

Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority

United States Department of Transportation

U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO)

Parties designated by the federal or state governments or by ACTA as part of an audit quality review process

Auditors of entities of which ACTA is a recipient or sub-recipient of grant funds

Auditors of entities of which ACTA has agreements that allows such entities to perform audit of ACTA

Any party or entity specifically authorized by ACTA in writing

In addition, the consultant shall respond to the reasonable inquiries of successor consultant and allow successor consultant to review working papers relating to matters of continuing accounting significance.

F. Schedule for FY 2025 Audit

A similar time schedule will be developed for audits of future fiscal years.

Each of the following should be completed by the Consultant no later than the dates indicated.

1. Detailed Audit Plan

The Consultant shall provide ACTA by July 10, 2025, an Engagement Letter, detailed audit plan and a list of all schedules to be prepared by ACTA.

2. Fieldwork

The Consultant shall begin fieldwork by September 8, 2025.  
The Consultant shall complete all fieldwork by October 9, 2025.

3. Draft Reports

The Consultant shall have drafts of the audit reports and recommendations to management available for review by the Chief Financial Officer by October 23, 2025.

4. Final Reports

The final reports shall be provided to ACTA management by November 5, 2025. The final audit reports and recommendations to management will be presented to the Audit Committee on November 13, 2025. The final audited financial statements will be presented to ACTA's Governing Board on November 13, 2025, as well, following the Audit Committee meeting.

G. Entrance Conferences, Progress Reporting and Exit Conferences

Week of

Entrance conference with ACTA

August 18

- The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss key audit issues and problems and review the detailed audit plan. This meeting will also be used to establish overall liaison for the audit and to make arrangements needs of the Consultant.

Entrance conference with Chief Financial Officer and other key personnel.

September 8

- The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss how detailed field work will be performed, acquaint ACTA and Consultant's personnel, and review audit timeline.

Exit conference with Chief Financial Officer and other key personnel

October 13

- The purpose of this meeting will be to summarize the results of the field work and to review significant findings or outstanding issues

H. Date Final Report is Due

The Chief Financial Officer and his staff shall prepare draft financial statements, notes and all required supplementary schedules no later than September 25, 2025. The Consultant shall provide all recommendations, revisions and suggestions for improvement to the Chief Financial Officer by October 9, 2025. ACTA and Consultant will work together to complete the draft. A revised report, including draft Consultant 's reports shall be delivered by October 23, 2025.

The Chief Financial Officer and his staff will complete their review of the draft report as expeditiously as possible. During that period, the Consultant should be available for any meetings that may be necessary to discuss the audit reports. Once all issues for discussion are resolved, the final signed report, bound and printed, shall be delivered to the Chief Financial Officer by November 5, 2025. Appropriate management staff of the Consultant should be available to attend the Audit Committee and Governing Board meetings as required. Please note that this time may need to be revised if the State Controller's Report is due prior to the November 5, 2025, date.

### Attachment 3

#### RFP Selection Evaluation Form

**PROJECT: Financial Audit Services**

**SCORING GUIDELINES:**

Rater's Score: (Range 0-5) - 0=not included/non responsive; 1=Marginal Abilities, Serious Deficiencies; 2=Adequate with Minor Deficiencies; 3=Adequate, Standard-Acceptable; 4=Well Qualified; 5=Exceptionally Well Qualified.

Weighing Factor: Input using a range of 1 through 6, with 1 being of relative lower importance and 6 being relative highest importance. You may use each number (1 through 6) more than once; however, in establishing weights, the total of all the weighing factors (A -E) must equal 20.

Weighted Score= Rater's Score multiplied by (x) Weighing Factor. Totals should be calculated for each criterion.

Total score= Sum of all weighted scores.

Firm Name	Evaluated by	Date		
CRITERIA TO BE RATED		RATER'S SCORE	WEIGHTED SCORE	WEIGHING FACTOR
A. Firm Qualifications	How long has the company been in business? Has the company done similar work as confirmed by references?		5	
B. Project Organization & Management	Is the team organized to provide efficient, professional and quality services?		5	
C. Experience and Qualification of Proposed Personnel	Does the proposed team have qualifications and experience for requested services?		6	
D. Contract Fee Schedule	Does team have cost effective fees?		3	
E. Clarity and Comprehensiveness of the Proposal	Is the Proposal clear, comprehensive, and understandable?		1	
	<b>Maximum points possible=100</b>		A+B+C+D+E=20	Total Points=100

**Attachment 4**  
**SAMPLE AGREEMENT**

AGREEMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BETWEEN THE ALAMEDA CORRIDOR  
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
AND

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THIS AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made and entered into by and between the ALAMEDA CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, a California Joint Powers Authority (“ACTA”) acting by and through its Governing Board (“Board”), and \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, whose address is \_\_\_\_\_ (“Consultant”).

WHEREAS, ACTA requires the professional, expert and technical services of Consultant on a temporary or occasional basis to conduct annual independent financial audits for ACTA’s financial statements (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, Consultant is an organization that provides these services, including, but not limited to those services required by ACTA and, by virtue of training and experience, is well-qualified to provide such services to ACTA; and

WHEREAS, ACTA does not employ personnel with the required expertise nor is it feasible to do so on a temporary or occasional basis;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Incorporation of Recitals

1.1 The recitals to this Agreement above are incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

2. Services To Be Performed By Consultant

2.1 All of the potential services Consultant shall perform for ACTA are set forth in Exhibit A hereto and hereinafter shall be referred to as “Scope of Work.”

2.2 Consultant’s performance of tasks or subtasks shall occur as follows:

a. ACTA’s Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) or Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”) shall issue a written Contract Task Order (“CTO”) in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B that specifies, without limitation: the task or subtask to be performed; the specific services required in connection with such task or subtask; the deliverables required in the performance of such task or subtask; the schedule for the performance of such task or subtask; authorized personnel who may perform the task or subtask; and authorized compensation for such task or subtask.



b. Consultant, to reflect its agreement with all the terms of such CTO, shall sign, date and return such CTO to ACTA.

c. Following ACTA's receipt of the CTO signed by Consultant, ACTA's CEO or CFO shall issue a Notice to Proceed in the form attached hereto as Exhibit C that has been signed by ACTA's CEO or CFO authorizing Consultant to commence performance of the services contemplated by such CTO.

2.3 Consultant acknowledges and agrees that it lacks authority to perform and that ACTA's CEO or CFO lacks authority to request the performance of any services outside the Scope of Work. Consultant further acknowledges and agrees that any services it performs outside the Scope of Work or a CTO, or in the absence of both a CTO and a Notice to Proceed, are performed as a volunteer and shall not be compensable under this Agreement.

2.4 The Scope of Work shall be performed by personnel qualified and competent in the sole reasonable discretion of ACTA's CEO or CFO, whether performance is undertaken by Consultant or third-parties with whom Consultant has contracted on the effective date of this Agreement, whom ACTA's CEO or CFO may subsequently approve in writing ("Subconsultants"), or as listed on CTOs. Obligations of this Agreement, whether undertaken by Consultant or Subconsultants, are and shall be the responsibility of Consultant. Consultant acknowledges and agrees that this Agreement creates no rights in Subconsultants with respect to ACTA and that obligations that may be owed to Subconsultants, including, but not limited to, the obligation to pay Subconsultants for services performed, are those of Consultant alone. Upon ACTA's written request, Consultant shall supply ACTA with all agreements between it and its Subconsultants.

2.5 Consultant, at its sole cost and expense, shall furnish all services, materials, equipment, subsistence, transportation and all other items necessary to perform the Scope of Work. As between ACTA and Consultant, Consultant is solely responsible for any taxes or fees which may be assessed against it or its employees resulting from performance of the Scope of Work, whether social security, payroll or other, and regardless of whether assessed by the federal government, any state, City, or any other governmental entity.

2.6 ACTA's CEO shall resolve in his sole reasonable discretion any issues or questions which may arise during the term of this Agreement as to the quality or acceptability of Consultant's performance of the Scope of Work, the manner of performance, the interpretation of direction given to Consultant, the acceptable completion of a CTO, and the amount of compensation due. Upon written notice from ACTA's CEO or CFO, Consultant shall assign replacement personnel and/or shall remedy any deficient services or work product to his reasonable satisfaction and at Consultant's sole cost and expense. Compliance with the requirements of this Section 2.6 is a condition to payment by ACTA of compensation to Consultant pursuant to this Agreement.

2.7 Consultant's representative responsible for administering this Agreement, \_\_\_\_\_ ("Project Manager"), shall not be changed without ACTA's CEO's written approval. ACTA's CEO or CFO may, for any reason in their sole reasonable discretion, require Consultant to substitute a new Project Manager. If ACTA

requests such a substitution, the substitute Project Manager shall expend whatever time and costs necessary to become familiar with the services provided and any portions of the Scope of Work already performed at Consultant's sole cost and expense.

2.8 If the law requires Consultant, in performing the Scope of Work, to follow a different standard of care than the ordinary standard of care applied to a reasonable person, Consultant shall perform such services with the degree of diligence, skill, judgment, and care applicable to Consultant's profession ("professional standard"). Consultants not required to follow a professional standard shall exercise the degree of care required of ordinary persons.

2.9 For portions of the Scope of Work to be performed on a time and material basis, Consultant shall assign personnel, whether employees or Subconsultants, with the lowest applicable hourly rate who are fully competent to provide the services required. If Consultant finds it necessary to have any portion of the Scope of Work, which this Section 2.9 would require to be performed by personnel at a lower rate, to be performed by personnel at a higher rate, Consultant shall, nevertheless, invoice ACTA at the lower rate.

2.10 Consultant shall promptly consider and implement any written comments of ACTA's CEO or CFO.

2.11 Consultant shall review information provided by ACTA. Any such information reasonably believed by Consultant to be inaccurate, incomplete or inapplicable shall be brought promptly to the attention of ACTA in writing.

2.12 Consultant shall perform the Scope of Work as expeditiously as possible and at the time or times required by ACTA. Time is of the essence in the performance of the Scope of Work. Consultant's failure to conform to the schedule set forth in a project CTO shall entitle ACTA to have services completed by others, shall obligate Consultant to pay ACTA ACTA's cost to undertake completion of such services, and shall authorize ACTA to withhold such amounts from any payments otherwise due to Consultant. Consultant's failure to timely perform in accordance with the schedule set forth in a CTO shall result in economic losses to the ACTA, including, but not limited to, the timely bidding and awarding of contracts, completion of any project in connection with which Consultant's services are rendered and the use of such project by ACTA, the users of the Alameda Corridor and the public.

### 3. Services To Be Performed By ACTA

3.1 ACTA shall provide Consultant upon request all documents and papers in possession of ACTA which may be lawfully supplied to Consultant which, in the sole reasonable discretion of ACTA's CEO, are necessary for Consultant to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

3.2 Consultant shall provide ACTA with reasonable advance written notice if it requires access to any premises under the control of ACTA. Subsequent access rights, if any, shall be granted to Consultant at the sole reasonable discretion of ACTA's CEO, specifying conditions Consultant must satisfy in connection with such access. Consultant acknowledges that such premises may be occupied or used by railroad

companies, tenants or contractors of ACTA and that access rights granted by ACTA to Consultant shall be consistent with any such occupancy or use.

3.3 ACTA shall not be obligated to provide information and/or services except as specified in this Agreement.

#### 4. Effective Date and Term

4.1 The effective date of this Agreement shall be the date of its execution by ACTA's CEO or his designee upon authorization of the Board.

4.2 Commencing on the Agreement's effective date, this Agreement shall be in full force and effect until the earlier of the following occurs:

- a. \_\_\_ ( ) years has lapsed from the effective date of this Agreement; or
- b. \_\_\_ ( ) years has lapsed from the effective date of this Agreement in the event that ACTA's Board exercises its option under Section 4.3 of this Agreement to extend the term an additional \_\_\_ ( ) years; or
- c. ACTA's Board, in its sole discretion, terminates this Agreement pursuant to Section 6.

4.3 The ACTA Board has the option to renew the term of the Agreement for \_\_\_ ( ) renewal period of \_\_\_ ( ) years. Exercise of the option to renew shall be by approval of the ACTA Board prior to the expiration of the Agreement. Upon approval of the \_\_\_ ( ) year renewal period by the ACTA Board, ACTA's CEO shall provide written notice of said approval to Consultant.

#### 5. Compensation.

5.1 For the full and satisfactory performance of the Scope of Work, ACTA shall pay Consultant and Consultant shall accept a sum not to exceed \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$\_\_\_\_\_). The total sum payable under this Agreement shall be determined by CTOs and Consultant acknowledges that final compensation may not reach the maximum sum allowed for herein.

5.2 Compensation payable under this Agreement for payment for labor, travel, per diem, materials, supplies, transportation, and all other direct and indirect costs and expenses incurred by Consultant ("Expenses") are listed in Exhibit D. No markups or premiums shall be applied to services performed by Subconsultants unless Exhibit D expressly so allows.

5.3 Compensation payable under this Agreement shall be on a (1) Fixed Fee, (2) Time and Materials, (3) Equal Payment or (4) any combination of the three, as may be more particularly specified in a CTO.

- a. Fixed Fee. Lump sum compensation for satisfactory performance as may

be specified in a particular CTO.

b. Time and Materials Fee. Consultant shall be paid based on the actual time expended in the performance of tasks or subtasks using the applicable rates set forth in Exhibit D. Consultant will also be reimbursed for materials and other out-of-pocket expenses at cost. The rates identified in Exhibit D state the maximum rates Consultant shall charge under this Agreement. No premium rates, including, but not limited to, overtime or hazardous duty premiums, shall be charged unless authorized in Exhibit D.

c. Equal Payment Fee. Consultant shall be paid equal amounts over time throughout a particular CTO, up to the stated fixed amount.

5.4 Each month during the term of this Agreement, as a prerequisite to payment for services, Consultant shall submit a written invoice to ACTA for services performed during the prior month, accompanied by such records and receipts as may be required by Section 5.6. If payments are to be based on the performance of established milestones, Consultant shall bill as each milestone is completed, but not more often than once a month.

Consultant shall submit one (1) original and one (1) copy of each such invoice for payment in the format that contains the information specified in Exhibit E, and that includes the following certification:

“I certify under penalty of perjury that the above invoice is true and just, in accordance with the terms of Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_, that payment of this invoice has not been received and that none of the items contained in the invoice have been submitted to any other agency.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signed)

5.5 Where Consultant employs Subconsultants under this Agreement, Consultant shall submit to ACTA, with each monthly invoice, a Monthly Subconsultant Monitoring Report Form (Exhibit F) listing SBE/VSBE/MBE/WBE/DVBE/OBE amounts. Consultant shall provide an explanation for any item that does not meet or exceed the anticipated participation levels for this Agreement, with specific plans and recommendations for improved Subconsultant utilization. Invoices will not be paid without a completed Monthly Subconsultant Monitoring Report Form.

5.6 Consultant shall submit supporting documents with each invoice, which may include, but not be limited to, provider invoices, receipts, payrolls, and time sheets. Consultant is not required to submit support for direct costs items of \$25 or less. All invoices are subject to audit.

5.7 All sums due and payable to Consultant shall be paid as soon as, in the ordinary course of ACTA business, the same may be reviewed and approved.

For payment and processing, all invoices shall be mailed to the

following address:

Accounts Payable Department  
Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority  
3760 Kilroy Airport Way, Suite 200  
Long Beach, California 90806

In addition to, or in lieu of, mailing invoices per the above instructions, Consultant may email invoices to [accountspayable@acta.org](mailto:accountspayable@acta.org), and Consultant shall be responsible for confirming receipt of emailed invoices. ACTA shall not be responsible for invoices incorrectly emailed or not received due to technical issues, regardless of the source of such issues.

## 6. Termination

6.1 The Board, in its sole discretion, shall have the right to terminate and cancel all or any part of this Agreement for any reason upon ACTA's CEO giving the Consultant ten (10) days' advance, written notice of the Board's election to cancel and terminate this Agreement. It is agreed that any Agreement entered into shall not limit the right of ACTA to hire additional consultants or perform the services described in this Agreement either during or after the term of this Agreement.

6.2 Upon receipt of such written notice, Consultant shall cease the performance of the Scope of Work. Consultant shall be entitled to compensation only for services actually performed prior to such termination. ACTA's CEO, in his sole reasonable discretion, shall determine the amount of services actually performed and shall allocate a portion of the total compensation due Consultant accordingly.

6.3 If Board so terminates this Agreement, Consultant shall deliver all drawings, specifications, plans, reports, studies, calculations, estimates, documents and other work product produced pursuant to this Agreement to ACTA in an organized, usable form with all items properly labeled to the degree of detail specified by ACTA's CEO. No compensation shall be due Consultant until it complies with the requirements of this paragraph.

6.4 Pursuant to Section 5 of ACTA's Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, ACTA shall be restricted in its powers in the same manner as the City of Los Angeles is restricted in its exercise of similar powers. Therefore, this Agreement is subject to the provisions of the Los Angeles City Charter Section 320 which precludes ACTA from making any expenditure of funds or incurring any liability, including contractual commitments, in excess of the amount appropriated therefor.

The Board, in awarding this Agreement, is expected to appropriate sufficient funds to meet the estimated expenditure of funds through June 30 of the current fiscal year and to make further appropriations in each succeeding fiscal year during the life of the Agreement. However, the Board is under no legal obligation to do so.

ACTA, its board, officers, and employees are not bound by the terms of this Agreement or obligated to make payment thereunder in any fiscal year in which the Board does not appropriate funds therefore. The Consultant is not entitled to any

compensation in any fiscal year in which funds have not been appropriated for the Agreement by the Board.

Although the Consultant is not obligated to perform any work under the Agreement in any fiscal year in which no appropriation for the Agreement has been made, the Consultant agrees to resume performance of the work required by the Agreement on the same terms and conditions for a period of sixty (60) days after the end of the fiscal year if an appropriation therefore is approved by the Board within that 60-day period. The Consultant is responsible for maintaining all insurance and bonds during this 60-day period until the appropriation is made; however, such extension of time is not compensable.

If in any subsequent fiscal year funds are not appropriated by the Board for the work required by the Agreement, the Agreement shall be terminated. However, such termination shall not relieve the parties of liability for any obligation previously incurred.

## 7. Recordkeeping and Audit Rights

7.1 Consultant shall keep and maintain full, complete and accurate books of accounts and records of the services performed under this Agreement in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied. Consultant's books and records shall be readily accessible to and open for inspection and copying at the premises by ACTA, its auditors or other authorized representatives. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, failure to do so shall constitute a conclusive waiver of any right to compensation for such services as are otherwise compensable hereunder. Such books and records shall be maintained by Consultant for a period of three (3) years after completion of services to be performed under this Agreement or until all disputes, appeals, litigation or claims arising from this Agreement have been resolved.

7.2 During the term of this Agreement, ACTA may audit, review and copy any and all writings (as that term is defined in Section 250 of the California Evidence Code) of Consultant and Subconsultants arising from or related to this Agreement or performance of the Scope of Work, whether such writings are (a) in final form or not, (b) prepared by Consultant, Subconsultants or any individual or entity acting for or on behalf of Consultant or a Subconsultant, and (c) without regard to whether such writings have previously been provided to ACTA. Consultant shall be responsible for obtaining access to and providing writings of Subconsultants. Consultant shall provide ACTA at Consultant's sole cost and expense a copy of all such writings within fourteen (14) calendar days of a written request by ACTA. ACTA's right shall also include inspection at reasonable times of the Consultant's office or facilities which are engaged in the performance of the Scope of Work. Consultant shall, at no cost to ACTA, furnish reasonable facilities and assistance for such review and audit. Consultant's failure to comply with this Section 7.2 shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement and shall entitle ACTA to withhold any payment due under this Agreement until such breach is cured.

## 8. Consultant Is An Independent Contractor

Consultant, in the performance of the Scope of Work, is an independent contractor and not an agent or employee of ACTA. Consultant shall not represent itself as an agent or employee of ACTA and shall have no power to bind ACTA in contract or otherwise.

9. Indemnification

Except for the sole negligence or willful misconduct of ACTA, its Board or any of its officers, agents, employees, assigns and successors in interest, Consultant undertakes and agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless ACTA, its Board and any of its officers, agents, employees, assigns, and successors in interest from and against all suits and causes of action, arbitration proceedings, administrative proceedings, claims, losses, demands and expenses, including, but not limited to, attorney's fees (both in house and outside counsel) and cost of litigation (including all actual litigation costs incurred by ACTA, including but not limited to, costs of experts and consultants), damages or liability of any nature whatsoever, for death or injury to any person, including Consultant's employees and agents, or damage or destruction of any property of either party hereto or of third parties, arising in any manner by reason of the negligent acts, errors, omissions or willful misconduct incident to the performance of this Agreement by Consultant or its subcontractors of any tier. Rights and remedies available to ACTA under this provision are cumulative of those provided for elsewhere in this Agreement and those allowed under the laws of the United States and the State of California.

10. Insurance

10.1 Insurance procured by Consultant on Behalf of Consultant

In addition to and not as a substitute for, or limitation of, any of the indemnity obligations imposed by Section 9, and as a condition precedent to the effectiveness of this Agreement, Consultant shall procure and maintain at its sole cost and expense and keep in force at all times during the term of this Agreement the following insurance:

(a) Commercial General Liability Insurance

Commercial general liability insurance covering personal and advertising injury, bodily injury, and property damage providing contractual liability, independent contractors, products and completed operations, and premises/operations coverage written by an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of California rated VII, A- or better in Best's Insurance Guide (or an alternate guide acceptable to ACTA if Best's is not available) within Consultant's normal limits of liability but not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) combined single limit for injury or claim. Said limits shall provide first dollar coverage except that ACTA's CEO may permit a self-insured retention or self-insurance in those cases where, in his judgment, such retention or self-insurance is justified by the net worth of Consultant. The retention or self-insurance provided shall provide that any other insurance maintained by ACTA shall be excess of Consultant's insurance and shall not contribute to it. In all cases, regardless of any deductible or retention, said insurance shall contain a defense of suits provision,

a severability of interest clause. Where Consultant's operations involve work within 50 feet of railroad track, Consultant's commercial general liability insurance shall have the railroad exclusion deleted. Each policy shall name ACTA, its Board, officers, agents and employees as Primary additional insureds.

(b) Automobile Liability Insurance

Automobile liability insurance written by an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of California rated VII, A- or better in Best's Insurance Guide (or an alternate guide acceptable to ACTA if Best's is not available) within Consultant's normal limits of liability but not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) covering damages, injuries or death resulting from each accident or claim arising out of any one claim or accident. Said insurance shall protect against claims arising from actions or operations of the insured, or by its employees. Coverage shall contain a defense of suits provision and a severability of interest clause. Each policy shall name ACTA, its Board, officers, agents and employees as Primary additional insureds.

(c) Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability

Consultant shall certify that it is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the California Labor code which requires every employer to be insured against liability for Workers' Compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that Code, and that Consultant shall comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the tasks under this Agreement. Coverage for claims under U.S. Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, if required under applicable law, shall be included. Consultant shall submit Workers' Compensation policies whether underwritten by the state insurance fund or private carrier, which provide that the public or private carrier waives its right of subrogation against ACTA in any circumstance in which it is alleged that actions or omissions of ACTA contributed to the accident. Such Worker's Compensation and occupational disease requirements shall include coverage for all employees of Consultant, and for all employees of any subcontractor or other vendor retained by Consultant.

(d) Professional Liability Insurance

Consultant is required to provide Professional Liability insurance with respect to negligent or wrongful acts, errors or omissions, or failure to render services in connection with the professional services to be provided under this Agreement. This insurance shall protect against claims arising from professional services of the insured, or by its employees, agents, or contractors, and include coverage (or no exclusion) for contractual liability.

Consultant certifies that it now has professional liability insurance in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), which covers work to be performed pursuant to this Agreement and that it will keep such insurance or its equivalent in effect at all times during performance of said Agreement and until two (2) years following acceptance of the completed project by Board.

10.2 Insurance Procured by Consultant on Behalf of ACTA



In addition to and not as a substitute for, or limitation of, any of the indemnity obligations imposed by Section 9, and where Consultant is required to name ACTA, its Board, officers, agents and employees as Primary additional insureds on any insurance policy required by this Agreement, Consultant shall cause ACTA to be named as an additional insured on all policies it procures in connection with this Section 10. Consultant shall cause such additional insured status to be reflected in the original policy or by additional insured endorsement (CG 2010 or equivalent) substantially as follows:

"Notwithstanding any inconsistent statement in the policy to which this endorsement is attached, or any endorsement or certificate now or hereafter attached hereto, it is agreed that the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority, its Board, their officers, agents and employees, are additional insureds hereunder, and that coverage is provided for all contractual obligations, operations, uses, occupations, acts and activities of the insured under Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_, and under any amendments, modifications, extensions or renewals of said Agreement regardless of where such contractual obligations, operations, uses, occupations, acts and activities occur.

"The coverage provided by the policy to which this endorsement is attached is primary coverage and any other insurance carried by ACTA is excess coverage;

"In the event of one of the named insured's incurring liability to any other of the named insureds, this policy shall provide protection for each named insured against whom claim is or may be made, including claims by other named insureds, in the same manner as if separate policies had been issued to each named insured. Nothing contained herein shall operate to increase the company's limit of liability; and

"Notice of occurrences or claims under the policy shall be made to ACTA's CEO with copies sent to ACTA's Co-General Counsel at the following addresses: 1) Office of the Long Beach City Attorney, 411 West Ocean Boulevard, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Long Beach, California 90802, and 2) Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney, 425 S. Palos Verdes Street, San Pedro, California, 90731."

### 10.3 Required Features of Coverages

Insurance procured by Consultant in connection with this Section 10 shall include the following features:

(a) Acceptable Evidence and Approval of Insurance

Consultant's insurance broker or agent shall submit to ACTA the appropriate proof of insurance on Consultant's behalf.

Upon request by ACTA, Consultant shall furnish full copies of certified policies of any insurance policy required herein. This obligation is intended to, and shall, survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

(b) Carrier Requirements

All insurance which Consultant is required to provide pursuant to this Agreement shall be placed with insurance carriers authorized to do business in the State of California and which are rated A-, VII or better in Best's Insurance Guide. Carriers without a Best's rating shall meet comparable standards in another rating service acceptable to ACTA.

(c) Notice of Cancellation

For each insurance policy described above, Consultant shall give a 10-day prior notice of cancellation or reduction in coverage for nonpayment of premium, and a 30-day prior notice of cancellation or reduction in coverage for any other reason, by written notice via registered mail and addressed to ACTA as set forth herein.

(d) Modification of Coverage

ACTA's CEO, at his sole reasonable discretion, based upon recommendation of independent insurance consultants to ACTA, may increase or decrease amounts and types of insurance coverage required hereunder at any time during the term hereof by giving ninety (90) days' prior written notice to Consultant.

(e) Renewal of Policies

At least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of any policy required by this Agreement, Consultant shall renew or extend such policy in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement and direct their insurance broker or agent to submit to the ACTA a renewal endorsement or renewal certificate or, if new insurance has been obtained, evidence of insurance as specified above. If Consultant neglects or fails to secure or maintain the insurance required above, ACTA's CEO may, at his own option but without any obligation, obtain such insurance to protect ACTA's interests. The cost of such insurance shall be deducted from the next payment due Consultant.

(f) Limits of Coverage

If Consultant maintains higher limits than the minimums required by this Agreement, ACTA requires and shall be entitled to coverage for the higher limits maintained by Consultant. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to ACTA.

#### 10.4 Accident Reports

Consultant shall report in writing to ACTA's CEO within fifteen (15) calendar days after it, its officers or managing agents have knowledge of any accident or occurrence involving death of or injury to any person or persons, or damage in excess of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to property, occurring upon any Alameda Corridor property if Consultant's officers, agents or employees are involved in such an accident or occurrence. Such report shall contain to the extent available (1) the name and address of the persons involved, (2) a general statement as to the nature and extent of injury or damage, (3) the date and hour of occurrence, (4) the names and addresses of known witnesses, and (5) such other information as may be known to Consultant, its officers or managing agents.

11. Personal Services Agreement

Consultant acknowledges that it has been selected to perform the Scope of Work because of its experience, qualifications and expertise. Any assignment or other transfer of this Agreement or any part hereof shall be void provided, however, that Consultant may permit Subconsultant(s) to perform portions of the Scope of Work in accordance with Section 2.3. All Subconsultants whom Consultant utilizes, however, shall be deemed to be its agents. Subconsultants' performance of the Scope of Work shall not be deemed to release Consultant from its obligations under this Agreement or to impose any obligation on ACTA to such Subconsultant(s) or give the Subconsultant(s) any rights against ACTA.

12. Confidentiality

Consultant shall not disclose any proprietary or confidential information of ACTA to any third party or parties during or after the term of this Agreement without the prior written consent of ACTA. The data, documents, reports, or other materials which contain information relating to the review, documentation, analysis and evaluation of the Scope of Work and any recommendations made by Consultant relative thereto shall be considered confidential and shall not be reproduced, altered, used or disseminated by Consultant or its employees or agents in any manner except and only to the extent necessary in the performance of the work under this Agreement. In addition, Consultant is required to safeguard such information from access by unauthorized personnel.

13. Affirmative Action

Consultant shall not discriminate in its employment practices against any employee or applicant for employment because of employee's or applicant's race, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, sexual orientation, disability, marital status, domestic partner status, or medical condition. All subcontracts awarded shall contain a like nondiscrimination provision.

14. Small/Very Small Business Enterprise Program

It is the policy of ACTA to provide Small Business Enterprises (SBE), Very Small Business Enterprises (VSBE), and Minority-Owned, Women-Owned, Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises and all Other Business Enterprises (MBE/WBE/DVBE/OBE) an equal opportunity to participate in the performance of all ACTA contracts in all areas where such contracts afford such participation opportunities. Consultant shall assist ACTA in implementing this policy and shall use its best efforts to afford the opportunity for SBEs, VSBEs, MBEs, WBEs, DVBEs, and OBEs to achieve participation in subcontracts where such participation opportunities present themselves and attempt to ensure that all available business enterprises, including SBEs, VSBEs, MBEs, WBEs, DVBEs, and OBEs, have equal participation opportunities which might be presented under this Agreement. See Exhibit G.

15. Conflict of Interest

It is hereby understood and agreed that the parties to this Agreement have read and are aware of the provisions of Section 1090 et seq. and Section 87100 et seq. of

the California Government Code relating to conflict of interest of public officers and employees, as well as the Conflict of Interest Code of ACTA. All parties hereto agree that they are unaware of any financial or economic interest of any public officer or employee of ACTA relating to this Agreement. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, it is further understood and agreed that if such financial interest does exist at the inception of this Agreement, ACTA may immediately terminate this Agreement by giving written notice thereof.

16. Compliance with Applicable Laws

Consultant's activities under this Agreement, including its performance of the Scope of Work, shall comply with all federal, state, municipal, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and orders.

17. Trademarks, Copyrights and Patents

Consultant shall promptly and fully inform ACTA's CEO in writing of any patents, trademarks or copyrights related to services provided under this Agreement or patent trademark or copyright disputes, existing or potential, which Consultant has knowledge of, relating to any idea, design, method, material, equipment or other matter connected to this Agreement. Consultant agrees to save, keep, hold harmless, protect and indemnify ACTA and any of its officers or agents from any damages, cost, or expenses in law or equity from infringement of any patent, trademark, service mark or copyright of any person or persons, or corporations in consequence of the use by ACTA of any materials supplied by Consultant in the performance of this Agreement.

18. Proprietary Information

Writings, as that term is defined in Section 250 of the California Evidence Code (including, without limitation, drawings, specifications, estimates, reports, records, reference material, data, charts, documents, renderings, computations, computer tapes or disks, submittals and other items of any type whatsoever, whether in the form of writing, figures or delineations), which are obtained, generated, compiled or derived in connection with this Agreement (collectively hereafter referred to as "property"), are owned by ACTA as soon as they are developed, whether in draft or final form. ACTA has the right to use or permit the use of property and any ideas or methods represented by such property for any purpose and at any time without compensation other than that provided in this Agreement. Consultant hereby warrants and represents that ACTA at all times owns rights provided for in this section free and clear of all third-party claims whether presently existing or arising in the future, whether or not presently known. Consultant need not obtain for ACTA the right to use any idea, design, method, material, equipment or other matter which is the subject of a valid patent, unless such patent is owned by Consultant or one of its employees, or its Subconsultant or the Subconsultant's employees, in which case such right shall be obtained without additional compensation. Whether or not Consultant's initial proposal or proposals made during this Agreement are accepted by ACTA, it is agreed that all information of any nature whatsoever connected with the Scope of Work, regardless of the form of communication, which has been or may be given by Consultant, its Subconsultants or

on either's behalf, whether prior or subsequent to this Agreement becoming effective, to the ACTA, its Board, officers, agents or employees, is not given in confidence. Accordingly, ACTA or its designees may use or disclose such information without liability of any kind, except as may arise under valid patents.

19. Royalty-Free License

If research or development is furnished in connection with this Agreement and if, in the course of such research or development, patentable work product is produced by Consultant, its officers, agents, employees, or Subconsultants, ACTA shall have, without cost or expense to it, an irrevocable, non-exclusive royalty-free license to make and use, itself or by anyone on its behalf, such work product in connection with any activity now or hereafter engaged in or permitted by ACTA. Upon ACTA's request, Consultant, at its sole cost and expense, shall promptly furnish or obtain from the appropriate person a form of license satisfactory to ACTA. It is expressly understood and agreed that, as between ACTA and Consultant, the referenced license shall arise for ACTA's benefit immediately upon the production of the work product, and is not dependent on the written license specified above. ACTA may transfer such license to its successors in the operation or ownership of any real or personal property now or hereafter owned or operated by ACTA.

20. ACTA's Disclosure Obligations

Consultant acknowledges that ACTA is subject to laws, rules and/or regulations generally requiring it to disclose records upon request, which laws, rules and/or regulations include, but are not limited to, the California Public Records Act (California Government Code Sections 6250 et seq.) ("Disclosure Laws").

21. Notices

In all cases where written notice is to be given under this Agreement, service shall be deemed sufficient if said notice is deposited in the United States mail, registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, and postage prepaid. When so given, such notice shall be effective from the date of mailing of the same. For the purpose hereof, unless otherwise provided by notice in writing from the respective parties, notice to ACTA shall be addressed to its Chief Executive Officer, Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority, 3760 Kilroy Airport Way, Suite 200, Long Beach, California 90806, and notice to Consultant shall be addressed to it at the address set forth above. Nothing herein contained shall preclude or render inoperative service of such notice in the manner provided by law.

22. Construction of Agreement

This Agreement shall not be construed against the party preparing the same, shall be construed without regard to the identity of the person who drafted such and shall be construed as if all parties had jointly prepared this Agreement and it shall be deemed their joint work product; each and every provision of this Agreement shall be construed as though all of the parties hereto participated equally in the drafting hereof; and any uncertainty or ambiguity shall not be interpreted against any one party. As a result of the foregoing, any rule of construction that a document is to be construed

against the drafting party shall not be applicable.

23. Titles and Captions

The parties have inserted the section titles in this Agreement only as a matter of convenience and for reference, and the section titles in no way define, limit, extend or describe the scope of this Agreement or the intent of the parties in including any particular provision in this Agreement.

24. Modification in Writing

This Agreement shall not be amended, nor any provision or breach hereof waived, except in writing signed by the parties which expressly refers to this Agreement. Any such modifications are subject to all applicable approval processes required by ACTA.

25. Waiver

A failure of any party to this Agreement to enforce the Agreement upon a breach or default shall not waive the breach or default or any other breach or default. All waivers shall be in writing.

26. Governing Law/Venue

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California, without reference to the conflicts of law, rules and principles of such State. The parties agree that all actions or proceedings arising in connection with this Agreement shall be tried and litigated exclusively in the State or Federal courts located in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, in the judicial district required by court rules.

27. Severability

Should any part, term, condition or provision of this Agreement be declared or determined by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced by any rule of law or public policy, the validity of the remaining parts, terms, conditions or provisions of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby, and such invalid, illegal or unenforceable part, term, condition or provision shall be treated as follows: (a) if such part, term, condition or provision is immaterial to this Agreement, then such part, term, condition or provision shall be deemed not to be a part of this Agreement; or (b) if such part, term, condition or provision is material to this Agreement, then the parties shall revise the part, term, condition or provision so as to comply with the applicable law or public policy and to effect the original intent of the parties as closely as possible.

28. Integrated Agreement

This Agreement contains the entire understanding and agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the matters referred to herein. No other representations, covenants, undertakings, or prior or contemporaneous agreements, oral or written,

regarding such matters which are not specifically contained, referenced, and/or incorporated into this Agreement by reference shall be deemed in any way to exist or bind any of the parties. Each party acknowledges that it has not been induced to enter into the Agreement and has not executed the Agreement in reliance upon any promises, representations, warranties or statements not contained, referenced, and/or incorporated into the Agreement. **THE PARTIES ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS AGREEMENT IS INTENDED TO BE, AND IS, AN INTEGRATED AGREEMENT.**

29. Exhibits; Sections

All exhibits to which reference is made in this Agreement are deemed incorporated in this Agreement, whether or not actually attached. To the extent the terms of an exhibit conflict with or appear to conflict with the terms of the body of the Agreement, the terms of the body of the Agreement shall control. References to sections are to sections of this Agreement unless stated otherwise.

30. Counterparts and Electronic Signatures

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which when taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

The use of electronic signatures herein, or in any amendments to this Agreement, and any electronic records related to this Agreement (including, without limitation, any agreement or other record created, generated, sent, communicated, received, or stored by electronic means), shall be of the same legal effect, validity and enforceability as a manually executed signature or use of a paper-based record-keeping system to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, including the Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, the California Uniform Electronic Transaction Act and any other applicable law, including, without limitation, any state law based on the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act or the Uniform Commercial Code.

The words "execution," "signed," "signature," and words of like import in this Agreement shall include images of manually executed signatures transmitted by facsimile or other electronic format (including, without limitation, "pdf" "tif" or "jpg") and other electronic signatures (including, without limitation, DocuSign or Acrobat Sign).

The parties agree that electronically signed and/or electronically transmitted signatures shall be conclusive proof, admissible in judicial proceedings, of such party's execution of this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the date next to their signatures.

ALAMEDA CORRIDOR  
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael C. Leue, P.E.  
Chief Executive Officer

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

CONSULTANT NAME

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM

\_\_\_\_\_, 2025  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ City Attorney

By \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, ACTA Co-General Counsel



# **Exhibit A**

## **Scope of Work**

**Exhibit "B"**

**Contract Task Order**

(Date)  
(Consultant)  
(Consultant address)  
(City, State, Zip)

Attention: (Project Manager)

Subject: Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Contract Task Order No. \_\_\_\_

Project Name

Pursuant to Section 2 of Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_, after receipt of a written Notice to Proceed signed by ACTA's CEO, Consultant shall proceed with the following:

<u>Task Services</u>	<u>Authorized Amount</u>
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Consultant shall provide all required task, services, and deliverables in accordance with Exhibit A to Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Consultant shall complete the work within \_\_\_\_ calendar days from ACTA's transmittal of its written Notice to Proceed.

Consultant shall undertake the following MBE/WBE/SBE/VSBE/DVBE/OBE utilization in connection with its performance of this Contract Task Order No. \_\_\_\_:

Consultant acknowledges that the terms and conditions of Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_ govern this Contract Task Order and that its signature below reflects its agreement with the terms and conditions of this Contract Task Order No. \_\_\_\_.

If you have any questions, please contact \_\_\_\_\_ at (562) 247-\_\_\_\_\_.

Very truly yours,

Mike Leue  
ACTA Chief Executive Officer

ACCEPTED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Consultant Name)

**Exhibit "C"**

**Form of Notice to Proceed**

(Date)  
(Consultant)  
(Consultant address)  
(City, State, Zip)

Attention: (Project Manager)

Subject: Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Notice to Proceed – Contract Task Order No. \_\_\_\_  
Project Name

This is to notify and direct you to commence performance of the subject Contract Task Order No. \_\_\_\_\_. Enclosed is your set of the executed Contract Task Order documents.

If you have any questions, please contact \_\_\_\_\_ at (562) 247-\_\_\_\_\_.

Very truly yours,

Mike Leue  
ACTA Chief Executive Officer

Enclosure: Contract Task No. \_\_\_\_

# **Exhibit D**

## **Rates**

EXHIBIT E

Company Letterhead

Agreement No.:  
TIN:

Invoice Number:  
Date:  
ACTA PM:

Task number, Project Title  
Billing Period: Month/Day/Year to Month/Day/Year

Authorized PD Budget	Current Invoice	Invoiced To-Date	PD Balance
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

PERSONNEL:	Rate/Hour	Current Hours	Cumulative Hours	Current Total
Name & Title	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00
"	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00
"	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00
"	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00
"	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00
"	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00
<b>Total Labor Cost:</b>				<b>\$0.00</b>

SUBCONSULTANT:	Activity	Current Total
Name of Subconsultant	Work Performed	\$0.00
"		\$0.00
"		\$0.00
"		\$0.00
<b>Total Subconsultant Cost:</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES:	Current Total	
Mileage, Parking, Car Rentals, Reproduction/Copies, etc.	\$0.00	
"	\$0.00	
"	\$0.00	
"	\$0.00	
"	\$0.00	
<b>Total Other Direct Cost:</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

REMIT PAYMENT TO: Company Name Address City, ST Zip
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**TOTAL AMOUNT NOW DUE: \$0.00**

Progress Report: Describe the work undertaken during this billing period. Identify accomplishments and challenges encountered. Provide other info as appropriate.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the above bill is just and correct according to the terms of Agmt #\_\_\_\_\_ and that payment has not been received.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Consultant Representative Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date:  
APPROVED AS TO SCOPE AND  
AMOUNT OF WORK PERFORMED  
\_\_\_\_\_  
ACTA PROJECT MANAGER

**Exhibit F**

**ALAMEDA CORRIDOR  
MONTHLY SUBCONTRACTOR MONITORING REPORT**

Instructions: Please indicate the participation levels achieved for the month of \_\_\_\_\_ for the referenced contract number.

Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date \_\_\_\_\_ End Date \_\_\_\_\_

Committed SBE Participation Percentage \_\_\_\_\_

				PROPOSED	ACTUALS		
	Name of Subcontractor	Work Performed	Certifications:* SBE/VSBE/MBE/WBE/OBE/DVBE	Original Proposed SBE Percentage	Amount Paid This Month	Amount Paid to Date	Overall Contract Amount Percentage (Paid to Date)
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							

\* Indicate all certifications held by each subcontractor

## EXHIBIT G

### SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

The Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (“ACTA”) is committed to creating an environment that provides all individuals and businesses open access to the business opportunities available at ACTA. ACTA's Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Program was created to provide opportunities for small businesses to participate in professional service and construction contracts. It is the policy of ACTA to solicit participation in the performance of all service contracts by all individuals and businesses, including, but not limited to, SBEs, women-owned business enterprises (WBEs), minority-owned business enterprises (MBEs), and disabled veteran business enterprises (DVBES). The SBE Program allows ACTA to target small business participation, including MBEs, WBEs, and DVBES, more effectively.

An overall ACTA goal of 25% SBE participation by total contract value and/or by total number of contracts awarded to SBE prime consultants or contractors has been established for the Program. The specific goal or requirement for each contract opportunity may be higher or lower based on the scope of work, and will be stated in the specific request for proposals or bids. **Based on the work to be performed under this Agreement, it has been determined that the percentage of required small business participation will be 0%.**

Consultant shall be responsible for determining the SBE status of its subconsultants for purposes of meeting the small business requirement, where required, and for reporting to ACTA. Subconsultants must qualify as an SBE based on the type of services that they will be performing under the Agreement. All business participation will be determined by the percentage of the total amount of compensation under the agreement paid to SBEs.





# Contractor Description Form

For the Prime Contractor and each Subcontractor, state the type of SBE certification claimed and, if available, return documentation with this form to ACTA evidencing the declared SBE certification.

## PRIME CONTRACTOR

Contract #: \_\_\_\_\_ Award Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Contract Term: \_\_\_\_\_

Contract Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Award Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Group: SBE VSBE MBE WBE DVBE OBE  
(Circle all that apply)

If claimed, state SBE certification type: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## SUBCONTRACTOR

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Award Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Services to be provided: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Group: SBE VSBE MBE WBE DVBE OBE  
(Circle all that apply)

If claimed, state SBE certification type: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## SUBCONTRACTOR

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Award Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Services to be provided: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Group: SBE VSBE MBE WBE DVBE OBE  
(Circle all that apply)

If claimed, state SBE certification type: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_