

NONUNION PROTECTIVE ARRANGEMENT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 5333(B) OF TITLE 49 OF THE U.S. CODE
October 17, 2014

The term “Grantee” refers to the applicant for assistance; a “Recipient” as used herein, shall refer to any entity receiving transportation assistance under the grant. A Recipient may also act as the Grantee. The term "project" shall be deemed to cover and refer to the activities funded under the grant.

These protective arrangements are intended for the benefit of transit employees in the service area of the project, who are considered as third-party beneficiaries to the employee protective arrangements incorporated by reference in the grant contract between the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Grantee, and the parties to the contract so signify by executing that contract. Transit employees are also third-party beneficiaries to the protective arrangements incorporated in subsequent contracts of assistance, pursuant to the Department’s certification, between the Grantee and any Recipient. Employees may assert claims through their representative with respect to the protective arrangements under this provision. This clause creates no independent cause of action against the United States Government.

- (1) The project shall be carried out in such a manner and upon such terms and conditions as will not adversely affect employees in the mass passenger transportation industry within the service area of the project. The “service area” as used herein, includes the geographic area over which the project is operated and the area whose population is served by the project, including adjacent areas affected by the project;
- (2) All rights, privileges, and benefits (including collective bargaining rights and pension rights and benefits) of employees (including employees already retired) shall be preserved and continued. This Arrangement does not create any collective bargaining relationship where one does not already exist or between any Recipient and the employees of another employer;
- (3) The Recipient shall be financially responsible for any deprivation of employment or other worsening of employment position as a result of the project;
- (4) In the event an employee is terminated or laid off as a result of the project, he shall be granted priority of employment or reemployment to fill any vacant position for which he or she is, or by training or retraining can become, qualified. In the event training or retraining is required by such employment or reemployment, the Recipient shall provide or provide for such training or retraining at no cost to the employee;
- (5) Any employee who is laid off or otherwise deprived of employment or placed in a worse position with respect to compensation, hours, working conditions, fringe benefits, or rights and privileges pertaining thereto at any time during his or her employment as a result of the project, including any program of efficiencies or economies directly or indirectly related thereto, shall be entitled to receive any applicable rights, privileges and benefits as specified in the employee protective arrangement certified by the Secretary of Labor under Section 405(b) of the Rail

Passenger Service Act of 1970 on April 16, 1971.¹ An employee shall not be regarded as deprived of employment or placed in a worse position with respect to compensation, etc., in case of his or her resignation, death, retirement, dismissal for cause, or failure to work due to disability or discipline. The phrase "as a result of the project" as used herein shall include events occurring in anticipation of, during, and subsequent to the project;

(6) In the event any provision of these conditions is held to be invalid or otherwise unenforceable, the Recipient, the employees and/or their representatives may invoke the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Labor to determine substitute fair and equitable employee protective arrangements which shall be incorporated in these conditions;

(7) The Recipient agrees that any dispute, claim, or grievance arising from or relating to the interpretation, application or enforcement of these terms and conditions which cannot be settled by the parties thereto within thirty (30) days after the dispute or controversy arises, may be submitted at the written request of any party to the dispute to the Secretary of Labor who may appoint a staff member to serve as arbitrator and render a final and binding determination or may direct the parties to proceed to arbitration administered by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, or a comparable private sector neutral arbitration organization. The arbitrator's award will be final and binding.

In the event of any dispute as to whether or not a particular employee was affected by the project, it shall be the employee's obligation to identify the project and specify the pertinent facts of the Project relied upon. It shall then be the burden of the Recipient to prove that factors other than the project affected the employee. The claiming employee shall prevail if it is established that the project had an effect upon the employee even if other factors may also have affected the employee (Hodgson's Affidavit in Civil Action No. 825-71)²;

(8) The Recipient shall maintain and keep on file all relevant books and records in sufficient detail as to provide the basic information necessary to the making of the decisions called for in the preceding paragraph;

(9) The Recipient will post, in a prominent and accessible place, a notice stating that the Recipient is a recipient of Federal assistance under the Federal Transit Act and has agreed to comply with the provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 5333(b). The notice shall specify the terms and conditions set forth herein for the protection of employees.

¹ See Appendix C-1

https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/OLMS/regs/compliance/transit/9_AppendixC1.pdf

² https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/OLMS/regs/compliance/transit/10_Hodgson_Affadavit.pdf