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PROCUREMENT GUIDELINES HEARING FOR RAIL TRANSIT EQUIPMENT

A public hearing will be held on January 12 to review proposed guidelines for terms and conditions to be included in contracts for rail transit equipment purchased with Federal capital grant funds, it was announced today by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA).

The hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 12, 1977, 9:30 a.m. at the Department of Transportation Headquarters, Room 6332, 400 Seventh Street S.W., Washington, D.C.

The proposed guidelines are the result of data obtained from a public hearing in October 1975, recommendations from the American Public Transit Association and the Railway Progress Institute, both trade associations; fixed guideway transit operators, developers, transit suppliers, consultants and other interested parties.

The proposed guidelines to be reviewed include: Authority of the Engineer on Other Agent of the Buyer; Extra Work (change); Guarantee/Warranty; Title; Risk of Loss; Acceptance; Indemnification; Payment; Liquidated Damages; Termination for Default, Excusable Delays; Stop Work Orders (Suspension of Work); Changes in Laws or Regulations; Approval of Subcontracts; Inspections and Tests;

Disputes and Claims; Pre-bid Amendments to Buyer's Solicitation; Buyers Pre-bid Appeal Procedures, and Exemption from Guidelines.

Written statements may be submitted by March 12, 1977 and further information obtained from the UMTA Office of Safety and Product Qualification, 2100 2nd Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590, (202) 426-9545.

All persons, official bodies and organizations interested in presenting written and/or oral testimony pertaining to this hearing may register in advance of the hearing by calling (202) 426-4043 or writing the Director, UMTA Office of Public Affairs, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Room 9330, Washington, D.C. 20590. Those persons, official bodies or organizations who do not register in advance will be heard after advanced registrants have been called and heard.

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