

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2383

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served November 17, 1982

Application of SUGGS TRANSPORTATION)  
SERVICE, INC., for Special )  
Authorization to Perform Charter )  
Operations Pursuant to Contract )  
with U. S. Information Agency )

Case No. CP-82-09

By application filed November 16, 1982, Suggs Transportation Service, Inc., seeks authorization to conduct charter operations pursuant to WMATC Special Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 1 under a contract with the United States Information Agency (USIA) transporting USIA employees, over irregular routes, between the Donohoe Building, 4th and C Streets, S. W., the Department of Health and Human Services, 4th Street and Independence Avenue, S. W., USIA facilities at 1776 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., and the Department of State, 23rd Street and Constitution Avenue, N. W., all in the District of Columbia.

The contract, which commences December 10, 1982, for a period of one year, is between the USIA and the Small Business Administration. The SBA has subcontracted with Suggs to provide the service at a total price of \$171.96 for each day of van operations (from 8 a.m. to 5:55 p.m. except weekends and federal holidays) and \$3,611.20 for each month of minibus operations (from 8:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. except weekends and federal holidays). One van (15-passenger capacity) and one minibus (17-20-passenger capacity) are required plus appropriate backup vehicles. Applicant's equipment list includes three new 15-passenger vans, but no minibuses have yet been acquired.

Applicant is an experienced transportation company, and states that it is familiar (and will comply) with the terms of the Compact and the Commission's rules, regulations and requirements thereunder. Suggs has not been found unfit by any regulatory agency and is not a respondent in any pending fitness investigation.

Suggs' balance sheet, dated June 30, 1982, shows current assets of \$309,576, total assets of \$397,064, current liabilities of \$49,005 and net worth of \$329,315. For the six months ended June 30, 1982, Suggs earned revenues of \$453,620 and generated before-income-tax profits of \$163,424. On the instant contract, Suggs projects revenues of \$50,212.80 and expenses (including allowable fixed costs) of \$46,639.39 for a before-income-tax operating ratio of 92.88.

Suggs submitted a certificate of insurance showing a \$550,000 combined automobile limit, but with an incorrect cancellation clause. Applicant's president has been counseled about correcting this deficiency.

The USIA contracting officer submitted an affidavit stating that the agency (formerly the International Communication Agency) is part of the executive branch of the federal government. Its employees require shuttle transportation between various federal facilities, and this requirement has been heightened by the relocation of some USIA offices from 1776 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., to the Donohoe Building. The service has not been performed in the past, and the Small Business Administration has certified Suggs' competence to perform the proposed service.

Inasmuch as there is a contract for the transportation of government employees or their employer for a period in excess of 181 days, this application appears to be amenable to processing under Commission Regulation No. 70. See Order No. 2004, served June 20, 1979, and effective July 21, 1979. Pursuant to Commission Regulation No. 70-06, notice of this application must be published and opportunity given for the filing of protests. Protests, if any, must be written, sworn and notarized, and must contain all evidence and argument upon which the protestant would rely.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Suggs Transportation Service, Inc., publish once, in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, notice of this application in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission no later than Friday, November 19, 1982.

2. That applicant shall file an affidavit of such publication with the Commission no later than Wednesday, November 24, 1982.

3. That any person desiring to protest this application shall file a notarized protest in conformance with Commission Regulation No. 70-06 at the office of the Commission, Suite 316, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006, no later than Monday,

November 29, 1982, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest on counsel for applicant, Regis A. Johnston, Esquire, 4004 St. Barnabas Road, Suitland, Md. 20746.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

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