

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2392

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served January 21, 1983

Application of EDWARDS TRUCKING )  
COMPANY, INC., for Special )  
Authorization to Perform Charter )  
Operations Pursuant to Contract )  
with the Department of the Interior)

Case No. CP-83-01

By application submitted January 14, 1983, as supplemented and accepted for filing on January 17, 1983, Edwards Trucking Company, Inc. (Edwards), 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 Department of the Interior -- U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), transporting FWS employees and persons on official government business, over irregular routes, between the Main Interior Building, 18th and C Streets, N. W., Washington, D.C., and the Broyhill Building, 1000 North Glebe Road, Arlington, Va. The contract was negotiated between FWS and the Small Business Administration and subcontracted by the Small Business Administration to Edwards pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Small Business Act.

The contract, which would commence upon a grant of authority, extends through September 30, 1983, with FWS holding an option to continue service through December 31, 1983. Edwards would provide a scheduled shuttle service at a total price of \$131.39 per day (from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except weekends and federal holidays) in vans manufactured no earlier than 1980 capable of accommodating at least 12 passengers. Edwards' equipment list includes three vehicles that would meet contract specifications.

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

Edwards' balance sheet, dated June 30, 1982, shows current assets of \$749,600, total assets of \$1,023,108, current liabilities of \$702,820 and stockholders equity of \$280,528. For the nine months ended June 30, 1982, Edwards earned revenue of \$2,259,201 and generated a before-tax gain of \$77,488. On the instant contract, Edwards projects a daily inclusive cost of \$100 and calculates receipt of \$131.39 per day for a \$31.39 per day before-tax net profit.

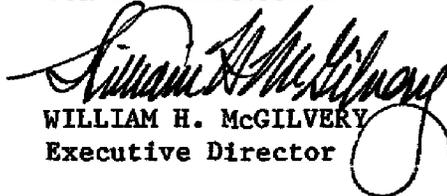
The FWS contracting officer submitted an affidavit stating that the subject transportation service has not been rendered in the past and that applicant has the ability properly to perform the proposed transportation service. The service entails shuttling FWS personnel as well as persons traveling on official government business, on 11 daily scheduled runs using one vehicle for approximately 80 passengers each day.

Inasmuch as there is a contract for the transportation of government employees by 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 Edwards Trucking Company, 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 Wednesday, January 26, 1983.
2. That applicant shall file an affidavit of such publication with the Commission no later than Wednesday, February 2, 1983.
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, February 7, 1983, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest on counsel for applicant, Donald L. Noble, Esquire, 9015 Woodyard Road, Clinton, MD. 20735.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

  
WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY  
Executive Director