

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2443

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served July 21, 1983

Application of SUGGS TRANSPORTATION)
SERVICE, INC., for Special)
Authorization to Perform Charter)
Operations Pursuant to Contract —)
INS)

Case No. CP-83-07

By application filed July 18, 1983, 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 U. S. Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), transporting INS personnel, together with mail, express and baggage in the same vehicle with passengers, on a per-call basis between points in the Metropolitan District. These points include, but are not limited to, the INS District Office, Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation and Department of State, all in the District of Columbia, as well as local airports.

The contract, which is to commence at time of award and extend for 35 weeks (or until February 29, 1984 whichever is later), is between INS and the United States Small Business Administration (SBA). The SBA has subcontracted with Suggs to provide the service at a specified rate for each potential trip. Service is to be available between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. Two drivers and two sedans would be on call for the INS dispatcher with another driver and vehicle (sedan, station wagon or van) to perform courier service and additional drivers and vehicles, including a 15-passenger van, available as needed.

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 March 31, 1983, shows current assets of \$315,389, total assets of \$492,350, current liabilities of \$148,586 and net worth of \$286,859. For the three months ended March 31, 1983, applicant shows a pre-tax net profit on operations of \$42,682. On the instant contract Suggs projects revenues of \$80,000 and revenue deductions of \$71,952 for an operating ratio of 89.9. Applicant has an appropriate certificate of insurance on file with the Commission.

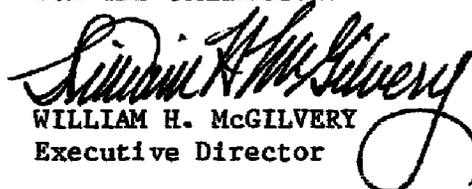
An INS assistant commissioner submitted an affidavit stating that INS, a division of the Department of Justice, has been using federal employees to provide the service in the past and that approximately 700 persons would require transportation in the eight-month period on an as-needed basis. INS was furnished with applicant's name by the SBA, and both agencies are satisfied with Suggs' ability to perform the proposed service.

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 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 Wednesday, July 27, 1983.
2. That applicant shall file an affidavit of such publication with the Commission no later than Wednesday, August 3, 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, August 8, 1983, 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:


WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY
Executive Director