

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

ORDER NO. 2625

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served November 1, 1984

Application of LAWSON TRANSPOR-)
TATION CORPORATION, for Special)
Authorization to Conduct Charter)
Operations Pursuant to Contract)
with Department of Defense --)
Military District of Washington)

Case No. CP-84-10

By application filed October 29, 1984, Lawson Transportation Corporation seeks authority to conduct charter operations pursuant to WMATC Special Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 1 under contract with the Department of Defense through the Department of the Army, Military District of Washington, transporting Departmental employees and persons traveling on official government business between the Washington Navy Yard, M Street, S.E., at 1st through 11th Streets, Washington, D.C., Fort McNair, 4th Street at M through V Streets, S.W., Washington, D.C., 1900 Half Street, Washington, D.C., and the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

The contract requires that a shuttle service be provided, Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays, at 30 minute intervals beginning at 8:20 a.m. and ending at approximately 4:15 p.m. The service will be provided using leased coaches.

Applicant is experienced in providing charter coach transportation. With its application, Lawson's president and manager, James Channon, indicates that he is familiar with the Compact and the Commission's rules and regulations and will comply therewith, that applicant has not been found unfit by any regulatory agency, and that it is not under any fitness investigation.

Applicant's balance sheet, dated October 4, 1984, shows current assets of \$55,877 and fixed assets of \$2,100. Applicant lists current liabilities of \$40,538, but no long-term or other liabilities. Equity and retained earnings of \$17,439 are listed. For the period February 1, 1984, to September 30, 1984, applicant shows revenues of \$320,600 and operating expenses of \$293,489. Applicant projects revenues of \$205,430, from service to be provided under the contract with concomitant expenses of \$200,074, for an operating ratio of 97 percent.

H. Buckley Cording, contracting officer with the Department of the Army, Military District of Washington, and Deputy Chief of Staff for Acquisition submitted a notarized letter in support of the application stating that ridership on the service for which it has contracted with applicant is estimated at 230,516 passengers per year. The letter further states that applicant's qualifications have been investigated and the Department is satisfied that applicant is capable of performing the proposed service properly.

Inasmuch as a contract has been executed for the transportation of employees pursuant to contract with an employer as well as persons traveling on official government business, between points with the Metropolitan District, for a period in excess of 181 days the application appears amenable to processing under Commission Regulation No. 70. */ Consequently, 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 Lawson Transportation, 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, November 7, 1984.

2. That applicant shall file an affidavit of such publication with the Commission no later than Wednesday, November 14, 1984.

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 26, 1984, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest on John M. Ballenger, Esquire, 123 South Royal Street, Alexandria, Va. 22314.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY
Executive Director

*/ See Order No. 2004, served June 20, 1979.