

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

ORDER NO. 3140

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served March 30, 1988

Application of PRIORITY ONE)
SERVICES, INC., for Special)
Authorization to Conduct Charter)
Operations Pursuant to Contract)
with National Institutes of Health)

Case No. CP-88-03

By application filed March 2, 1988, Priority One Services, Inc. ("applicant"), seeks authority to conduct charter operations pursuant to WMATC Special Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 1 under contract with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health ("NIH"), transporting persons traveling on official government business as described therein, over irregular routes (1) between the NIH Clinical Center and the National Naval Medical Center Hospital, both in Bethesda, Md., on the one hand, and, on the other, various hotels and motels in the Wisconsin Avenue/Rockville Pike corridor, and (2) between the NIH Clinical Center, Bethesda, Md., on the one hand, and, on the other, points in that part of the Metropolitan District within 36 miles of Bethesda, Md. The initial contract period is April 1, 1988, through March 31, 1989. There are options to renew for four successive 12-month periods.

Order No. 3130, served March 7, 1988, generally describes the evidence submitted with the application, and that order is incorporated herein by reference. The Commission required the filing of an affidavit of publication, an equipment list, and evidence that the vehicles have been registered, licensed, and inspected by a Compact signatory jurisdiction. Applicant has complied with these requirements. In addition, applicant has filed an affidavit that the vehicles have been identified in accordance with Commission regulations.

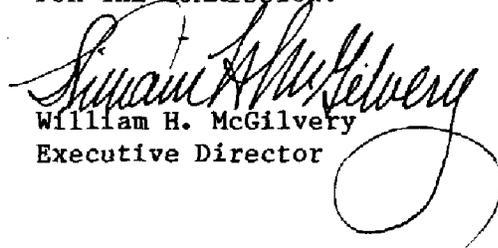
Order No. 3130 noted that the contract could require up to four vehicles, two seating at least 11 passengers and two seating at least 14 passengers. It was further noted that the equipment proposed in the application consisted of two vans seating 15 passengers and one seating 8 passengers. Applicant was directed to supplement the record on this point. The material submitted by applicant now shows that it has acquired four additional vehicles each seating 15 passengers, including the driver. It appears this will be adequate to provide the proposed service.

Commission Regulation No. 70 provides that an application of this type will be granted if it is determined that the applicant is fit, willing, and able properly to perform the proposed service and to conform to the provisions of the Compact and the rules, regulations, and orders of the Commission thereunder, and if it is determined that the proposed operations conform to the provisions of Regulation No. 70. The issue of whether the public convenience and necessity requires such service has been determined in Case No. MP-79-04. See Order No. 2004, served June 20, 1979.

Inasmuch as the contract is for a fixed term of at least 181 days and provides for the transportation of persons traveling on official business with a government agency, the Commission finds that this application conforms to the requirements of Commission Regulation No. 70. It is further found, based on the evidence of record as described in Order No. 3130, that applicant is fit, willing, and able properly to provide the service described above and to conform to the requirements of the Compact and the rules, regulations, and orders of the Commission thereunder.

Applicant has on file an appropriate certificate of insurance. This application will be granted and Authorization No. 135-02 issued.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


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Executive Director