

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2522

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served January 27, 1984

Application of CONGRESSIONAL TOURS,))
INC., for Temporary Authority to)
Conduct Charter Operations Pursuant)
to Contract -- GAO)

Case No. AP-84-03

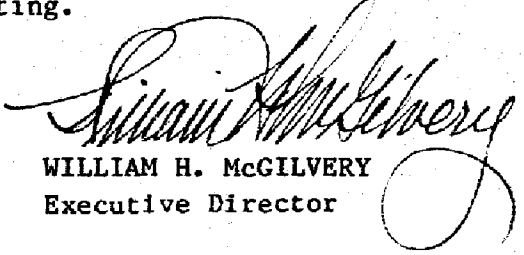
By application filed January 27, 1984, Congressional Tours, Inc., seeks temporary authority to transport employees of the U. S. General Accounting Office, together with mail and express, between facilities of GAO located at 441 G Street, N. W., and 941 North Capitol Street, N. E., Washington, D. C. Service would be performed in a 21-passenger minibus pursuant to a short-term contract between GAO and applicant.

The contract requires two round-trip shuttles an hour from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on each government work day during the period January 30, 1984, through February 24, 1984. Contract revenue would be \$5,472 and applicant projects its expenses (including taxes) will be approximately \$4,040. Congressional operates one 1983 21-passenger minibus and has filed appropriate evidence of insurance.

Congressional states that GAO is renovating some of its offices and is relocating affected employees. GAO plans to acquire its own vehicle to perform the employee shuttle service, but cannot do so before February 25, 1984. Accordingly, GAO has contracted with applicant to provide the service on an interim basis. Only Beltway Limousine Service, Inc., has both appropriate authority and equipment. That carrier has advised the staff that it objects to a grant of this application, but we see no practical way that service details could be worked out between Beltway and GAO without leaving employees stranded next Monday morning. Under these circumstances, we find that the criteria of Title II, Article XII, Section 4(d)(3) of the Compact have been satisfied. Beltway, of course, may seek reconsideration.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Congressional Tours, Inc., is hereby granted the temporary authority described above effective January 30, 1984, and terminating at 11:59 p.m. on February 24, 1984.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION, COMMISSIONERS WORTHY, SCHIFTER AND SHANNON: Worthy, Chairman, not participating.


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Executive Director