



Guide for FTA Subrecipients Reporting on Transit Vehicle Manufacturer (TVM) Purchases

Authority:

- [49 CFR 26.5](#): Definition of Transit Vehicle Manufacturer (TVM)
- [49 CFR 26.49\(a\)\(4\)](#): What are the requirements for transit vehicle manufacturers (TVMs) and for awarding DOT-assisted contracts to TVMs?

What is a Transit Vehicle Manufacturer (TVM)?

A Transit Vehicle Manufacturer (TVM) is any manufacturer whose primary business purpose is to build vehicles specifically for public mass transportation. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Buses, rail cars, trolleys, ferries, and paratransit vehicles.
- Producers of vehicles that receive post-production alterations or retrofitting for public transportation use.
- Note: Businesses that manufacture vehicles solely for personal use or for sale "off the lot" are not considered TVMs.

Definition of Paratransit Vehicles:

- Paratransit vehicles are specialized transportation vehicles designed to provide flexible, on-demand services for individuals who are unable to use fixed-route public transit due to disabilities, age, or other mobility limitations.
- These vehicles typically include accessible vans, minibuses, and shuttle buses equipped with features such as wheelchair lifts, ramps, and securement systems to accommodate passengers with special needs.
- Personal-use vehicle manufacturers do not qualify as TVMs.



Example of Paratransit Vehicle

Alaska DOT&PF responsibilities when reporting vehicle purchases:

- Under the 2014 DBE regulation updates, FTA recipients must report transit vehicle procurement awards within 30 days of the contract award (defined as the issuance of a purchase order, signed contract, or Notice of Award).
- The report must include:
 - The name of the successful bidder.
 - The total dollar value of the contract.
 - Important: Only eligible TVMs may bid on FTA-assisted transit vehicle procurements.

Subrecipient responsibilities when reporting vehicle purchases:

- Per the Project Agreement, if a subrecipient purchases one or more transit vehicles (excluding unmodified mass-produced vans or unmodified pop-top vans), they must:
 - Report the purchase within 15 days of the contract award (defined as the issuance of a purchase order, signed contract, or Notice of Award).

How to determine if a vehicle purchase needs to be reported:

- If your project is funded under any of the following grant programs, vehicle purchases must be reported:
 - 5303, 5309, 5339(c), 5339, 5310, 5311(f), 5311 (CRRSAA IFA, CARES, CRRSAA), STP 5311

Where to find the list of eligible TVMs:

- The current list of eligible Transit Vehicle Manufacturers (TVM) can be found here: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/civil-rights-ada/eligible-transit-vehicle-manufacturers>

Reporting deadlines:

- All vehicle purchases must be submitted within 15 days of the contract award.

Where to report TVM purchases:

- Submit vehicle purchases in the purchase vehicle log found here: <https://arcg.is/0fTSaL>

Compliance Requirements:

- As outlined in the Project Agreement, subrecipients must:
 - Comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and codes at the state, federal, and local levels.
 - Follow the FTA Master Agreement and all related policies, procedures, and directives.
 - Failure to comply constitutes a material breach of the contract.

FAQs:

Q: Does this DBE reporting requirement include mass transit 30-40 ft. buses with ADA accessibility, funded under 5339(c)?

A: Yes, these vehicles must be reported.

Need Assistance?

- For any questions or concerns, please contact: DOT.CRO.ProjectsDocs@alaska.gov