



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF FOR-HIRE VEHICLES

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APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT SERVICE PROVIDER (PSP) AND MODERN TAXIMETER SYSTEM (MTS)

Section 1

Company Information

Form with fields for Company Name, Other Trade Names, Name of Owner/Operator, Business Tax ID Number, Merchant Account Number, Address, City, State, Zip Code, Website, Email, Phone, Primary Point of Contact Name, Secondary Point of Contact Name, Registered agent: Name, Email, Phone, Address for service of process, and Surcharge Payment Method (Wire Transfer, ACH).

Section 2

MTS & Operation Information

Form with questions: Does your company have a safety monitoring call center?, Is your proposed MTS fully integrated with the app of a digital dispatch service other than the DC Taxi App?, Provide names of the approved taximeter installation shops that will install your MTS units?, Which of the following mobile payments do you currently support?, and What is your timeline to implement Apple Pay and Android Pay if not currently supported?

APPLICATION INSTRUCTION

To be accepted for review (not approved), the application form must be typed, signed by the business owner or operator, and returned to the agency in person or by courier service with a self-addressed, stamped, return envelope. The application must include all attachments required below. **An Incomplete application will not be accepted.** If accepted for review, the application will go through the review and approval process, during which additional information and documentation may be required. All the official DC government certificates or documents provided must be effective during the approval operating period.

If the application is submitted by U.S. Mail or by courier service, the agency will provide a decision on whether to accept the application for review (not whether to grant the application) within three (3) business days. For applications submitted by hand delivery, the applicant must make an appointment with the agency to review the application; at this meeting, the agency will determine whether to accept the application (not whether to grant the application). An incomplete application will not be accepted. Once the application is accepted, no additional information or documents will be accepted unless requested by the agency.

During the review process, applicants may be required to provide additional information and documentation, including one or more MTS unit demonstrations. Failure to timely provide requested additional information or documentation, failure to timely cooperate with program staff, or making false oral or written statements will result in the denial of the application. A decision to approve or deny the application will be provided in writing within thirty (30) days after application acceptance.

ATTACHMENT CHECKLIST

General

- Attachment G-1:** Application fee of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), certified check or money order, paid to D.C. Treasurer.
- Attachment G-2:** An original surety bond of one-hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) payable to the D.C. Treasurer and effective during the PSP/MTS licensing period and for one (1) year thereafter. The bond must be issued using the form attached hereto.
- Attachment G-3:** Certificate that the application owns or otherwise has the right to use all intellectual property incorporated in or used by the proposed MTS.
- Attachment G-4:** Copy of your current Occupancy Permit if you have a bona fide administrative office in the District of Columbia.
- Attachment G-5:** Current Certificate of Good Standing and Clean Hands from the D.C. Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) located at 1100 4th Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20024. Phone: (202) 442-4400. Email: dcra@dc.gov.

- **Attachment G-6:** Business Tax Registration from the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Office of Tax & Revenue located at 1101 4th Street SW, Suite 270W, Washington, D.C. 20024. Phone: (202) 727-4 TAX.
- **Attachment G-7:** List of the telephone numbers for: (1) customer service available during normal working hours for passengers; and (2) technical support available twenty-four (24) hours a day for taxicab operators.
- **Attachment G-8:** All current service agreement(s) including a pricing chart that you will offer to associate with taxicab companies and independent owners.
- **Attachment G-9:** A current complete vehicle inventory list (for renewal PSPs only).
- **Attachment G-10:** A current complete taxicab operator list (for renewal PSPs only).
- **Attachment G-11:** Describe the measures you have in place to detect and report to the Department of For-Hire Vehicles unusual service patterns suggestive of violations of the rules and regulations, such as a taxicab operator who consistently reports no credit card transactions.
- **Attachment G-12:** Describe the measures that you have in place (if a renewal PSP) or that you propose to use (for a new PSP) to ensure data quality and timely submission of trip data, vehicle inventory, and other data required to be provided to the agency.

MTS Technical

- **Attachment M-1:** A high-level description and a diagram of the proposed MTS architecture showing each MTS component and how the components are connected and communicate with each other and with the backend system.
- **Attachment M-2:** Detailed specifications and images of each proposed MTS unit hardware component, with a brief narrative description of how each component operates and the functions it serves in the MTS unit.
- **Attachment M-3:** A description of the open Application Programming Interface (API) used by the MTS describing all supported API calls, sending events, serializing events, and code samples, and including a description of how vehicle location and meter status information will be communicated to the agency via the API.
- **Attachment M-4:** Documentation of how a visually-impaired, blind, or physically-disabled passenger is able to make a cashless payment without giving his or her payment card to the operator.
- **Attachment M-5:** Documentation of how the MTS unit will install the Public Service Announcement (PSA) videos within fourteen (14) calendar days of notification from the agency that it must be uploaded to and used by all MTS units.
- **Attachment M-6:** Documentation of: (1) the forms of cashless payment that the proposed MTS would offer to passengers; (2) how cash and cashless payments are processed; (3) how an EMV chip-enabled credit card is processed; and (4) a copy of a printed receipt of a payment.
- **Attachment M-7:** Documentation showing the detailed electronic manifest that will appear on the operator console (DIM).

- **Attachment M-8:** Documentation showing how text messages and notifications are delivered on the operator console (DIM).
- **Attachment M-9:** Documentation showing the location of the operator safety feature and how the feature functions if activated.
- **Attachment M-10:** Documentation of how the passenger safety alert functions on the PIM.
- **Attachment M-11:** Documentation showing that a full image of the taxicab operator’s license will be available at all times on the PIM.
- **Attachment M-12:** Documentation showing that the navigation path for each trip will be available to the passenger on the proposed PIM.
- **Attachment M-13:** Documentation showing that the MTS will be fully integrated with the DC TaxiApp, as required by Title 31 of the DCMR, administrative issuances, and the Department of For-Hire Vehicles’ integration interface specification.
- **Attachment M-14:** List all digital dispatch services other than DC TaxiApp with which you are affiliated with or are integrated with, and how a trip is accepted and payment processed for each.
- **Attachment M-15:** Documentation of a timeline implementation of a passenger rating of the ride experience on the rear console (PIM).

I hereby certify subject to the penalties of perjury that: (1) I have read and agree to comply with the regulations in Title 31 of the D.C. Municipal Regulations and with all applicable administrative issuances; (2) I have read the application instructions; (3) the applicant owns the rights to or holds licenses to use all intellectual property associated with the Applicant’s proposed PSP/MTS; (4) all documentation and information on this form and in the attached documents is true and correct.

Owner/Operator Signature _____ **Date** _____

Owner/Operator Printed Name _____

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