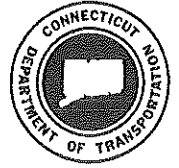




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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 1606-NGOV-68-L

RE: APPLICATION OF GRIFFIN TRANSPORT, LLC. TO OPERATE FOUR (4) MOTOR VEHICLES, HAVING A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN (11) ADULTS, FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PASSENGERS FOR HIRE BY VIRTUE OF A CONTRACT WITH, OR A LOWER TIER CONTRACT FOR ANY FEDERAL, STATE OR MUNICIPAL AGENCY BETWEEN ALL POINTS IN CONNECTICUT FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN NORWALK.

FINAL DECISION

OCTOBER 26, 2016

I. INTRODUCTION

A. APPLICATION

By application filed on June 9, 2016, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Griffin Transport, LLC (hereinafter "applicant") located at 40 Richards Avenue, 3rd Floor, Norwalk, Connecticut seeks authorization to operate four (4) motor vehicles, having a passenger seating capacity of less than eleven (11) adults, for the transportation of passengers for hire by virtue of a contract with, or a lower tier contract for, any federal, state or municipal agency between all points in Connecticut from a headquarters in Norwalk.

B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, Section 13b-103(a) (3), as amended, a public hearing on this application was held on October 25, 2015.

Notice of the application and of the hearing to be held thereon was given to the applicant and to such other parties as required pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103(a)(1), as amended. Legal notice to the public was given by publication on the department's website.

A hearing officer designated by the Commissioner pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-17 conducted the hearing on this matter.

C. APPEARANCES

George Kollie appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's address is 40 Richards Avenue, 3rd Floor, Norwalk, Connecticut 06854.

Claude Bisson, Transportation Manager for Logisticare Solutions, LLC appeared as a witness. His mailing address is 127 Washington Avenue, 5th Floor, North Haven, CT 06473.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks to operate four (4) vehicles under contract with Logisticare.
2. Two (2) of the vehicles will be side loading wheelchair accessible vehicles. All of the vehicles will be Dodge Caravans.
3. Mr. Kollie currently operates a livery service in Rhode Island, Mega Transportation, under contract with Logisticare and has done so for the past two years.
4. Claude Bisson from Logisticare supports the application as they need operators

in the Fairfield County area.

5. Logisticare also needs wheelchair accessible vehicles.
6. The applicant has \$50,674 in a Bank of America account.
7. The applicant's first six months of expenses are insurance of \$32,305, vehicle maintenance of \$8,000, property tax of \$2,340, dispatch fees of \$3,000, and rent of \$3,000 for a total of \$48,645.
8. The applicant has four or five drivers lined up to provide the service.
9. This application was not opposed.

III. DISCUSSION

The department has jurisdiction over each person, association, limited liability company or corporation owning or operating a motor vehicle in livery service, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-102, as amended.

In determining whether a livery permit should be granted, the department shall take into consideration the present or future public convenience and necessity. The applicant must prove that the public's convenience and necessity will be improved by the proposed service. Additionally, the applicant must show the suitability of the applicant or the suitability of the management if the applicant is a limited liability company or corporation, the financial responsibility of the applicant, the ability of the applicant efficiently and properly to perform the service for which authority is requested and the fitness, willingness and ability of the applicant to conform to the provisions of the statutes and the requirements and regulations of the department thereunder, in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103.

To show financial support, the applicant has presented evidence that the applicant's first six months of expenses are: insurance of \$32,305, vehicle maintenance of \$8,000, property tax of \$2,340, dispatch fees of \$3,000, and rent of \$3,000 for a total expense of \$48,645. The applicant has \$50,674 in a Bank of America account which will cover these expenses. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is financially viable to operate the proposed livery service.

Regarding the applicant's suitability, Mr. Kollie submitted a criminal record check which disclosed no convictions. The applicant has shown the requisite suitability to be granted a livery permit. Mr. Kollie has been in the transportation business for the past two years and is currently under contract with Logisticare in Rhode Island. Based on the evidence presented, applicant is suitable to perform the proposed livery service.

Mr. Bisson testified that Logisticare will enter into a contract with the applicant for four vehicles if the department grants the applicant livery authority. Logisticare needs vehicles in

the Fairfield county area and vehicles that are wheelchair accessible.

Based on all of the evidence presented, the applicant will be granted a governmental livery permit.

IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103, as amended, the application is hereby granted. Accordingly, Livery Permit Number 3563, standing in the name of Griffin Transport, LLC is hereby issued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NO. 3563

DURATIONAL LIVERY SERVICE UNDER CONTRACT WITH LOGISTICARE DOCKET NO. 1606-NGOV-68-L-GRANTED ON OCTOBER 26, 2016

Griffin Transport, LLC is authorized to operate four (4) motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) adults or less, for the provision of transportation for hire by virtue of a contract with Logisticare from a headquarters in Norwalk.

RESTRICTIONS:

Two of the vehicles granted in this decision must be wheelchair accessible. The applicant must register and insure all of the motor vehicles granted in this docket within sixty (60) days from the date of this final decision. Any vehicles not registered or insured within the sixty (60) day period will be revoked automatically.

The applicant must submit an executed contract with Logisticare within sixty (60) days of the date of this final decision or the authority contained herein will be automatically revoked. This decision constitutes notice pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 4-182.

The authority for the four (4) vehicles granted in Docket No. 1606-NGOV-68-L shall be durational in nature and shall exist only for the period of time that the permit holder has a current and continuing contract in effect for the provision of service with Logisticare.

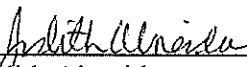
The permit holder shall notify the department of any termination of its contract with Logisticare or the cessation of the active provision of service thereunder. The permit holder shall file with the department on an annual basis, upon registration or re-registration of the motor vehicles authorized in this decision, a current, executed copy of the extension of said contract. Failure to file an extension of the contract, or a new executed contract shall void the authority for the vehicles authorized pursuant to this contract.

This permit is not transferable and shall remain in effect until revoked by the department or until the contract under which this authority is granted has expired. Failure of the permit holder to maintain proper insurance and/or comply with all pertinent motor vehicle laws and other State statutes and/or rules, regulations and orders of the department shall be considered sufficient cause to amend, suspend or revoke said permit.

A memorandum of this permit, bearing the seal of the department, shall be conspicuously posted in each motor vehicle operated under this permit.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on October 26, 2016.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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