

CAPABILITY STATEMENT

Driving Smarter Vehicle Decisions Through Analytics and Expertise

THE CAR MENTOR LLC

Established in 2023 Richmond, Virginia

www.thecarmentor.NET Info@thecarmentor.NET

Leah Francis

Co-Owner, Chief Executive and Director of Procurement Strategy Lfrancis@thecarmentor.net

Tyrone Francis

Co-Owner, Chief Automotive Strategist & Director of Industry Operations Tfrancis@thecarmentor.net

SWaM Certification#835582 Duns Number: 124663490

Small Business
Minority Woman Owner
Disadvantage Owner

Company Overview

The Car Mentor LLC is an automotive consulting firm specializing in procurement support and vehicle strategy. We empower government agencies, businesses, and individuals to make smarter vehicle-related decisions through data-driven insight, unbiased advisement, and hands-on expertise.

With over 25 years of real-world experience in high-volume automotive purchasing, The Car Mentor brings executive-level guidance to every stage of the vehicle lifecycle—from acquisition to disposal.

Core Competencies -

- Vehicle Sourcing & Acquisition: Expert negotiation, and price analysis to find the perfect vehicles
- Automotive Consulting: Professional advice tailored to each client's unique needs, preferences, and financial considerations.
- Fleet Management for Businesses: Offering scalable fleet acquisition and management solutions, focusing on operational efficiency, cost reduction, and sustainability.
- Vehicle Sales Assistance: We handle all aspects of the selling process, including valuation, pricing strategy, market positioning, and negotiations.
- Leasing Advisory Services: Helping clients navigate lease options, evaluate financial impacts, and choose the best terms for their needs. Support for procurement team by delivering vendor-neutral expertise in vehicle sourcing, bid evaluation, and cost analysis. We help your agency or business make compliant, budget-conscious decisions—reducing acquisition risk while increasing value across every stage of the vehicle purchasing process.

Competitive Advantage

- Cost Savings & Expertise: Over a quarter century of knowledge of the automotive industry enables us to negotiate aggressively on behalf of clients, securing the best possible deals.
- Personalized Service: We take the time to understand each client's individual or business goals, offering customized solutions that exceed expectations.
- Efficiency & Transparency: We minimize the time and effort our clients need to spend, with a concierge process designed to be seamless, stressfree, and fully transparent.
- Minority Woman-Owned Business: 51% woman-owned, providing the benefit of diversity in thought leadership, experience, and customercentric approaches.
- Scalable for Growth: Our services are designed to grow with our clients, whether it's a single vehicle purchase or managing a fleet for a growing enterprise.

PROCUREMENT & AUTOMOTIVE SUPPORT SERVICES

The Car Mentor LLC delivers comprehensive, vendor-neutral automotive consulting services designed to support both operational needs and institutional procurement goals. Our expertise spans the full vehicle lifecycle—offering actionable insight, and measurable savings.

- Procurement Strategy & Support
- RFP and bid evaluation assistance
- Vehicle specification validation
- Price benchmarking and market rate analysis
- Vehicle Sourcing & Acquisition
- National inventory scanning and vendor matching
- Independent price negotiation and incentive analysis
- Dealer coordination and delivery logistics
- Vehicle Sales & Disposal Solutions
- Asset liquidation planning and resale execution
- Auction partnerships and resale vendor oversight
- Environmentally responsible vehicle retirement strategies

- Fleet Planning & Optimization
- Right-sizing assessments for cost-effective fleet composition
- Lifecycle analysis and replacement planning
- Transition strategies for electric and hybrid vehicles
- Tax Valuation & Diminished Value Services
- Post-incident diminished value appraisals
- Taxable market value documentation
- Cost recovery strategies for individuals and institutions
- Leasing & Financing Advisory
- Lease term evaluation and total cost projections
- Side-by-side comparison of lease vs. buy scenarios
- Financing and residual value consultation

We act as an extension of your procurement team—protecting your budget, reducing administrative burden, and ensuring that every decision made is transparent, compliant, and cost-effective.

Relevant NAICS & NIGP Codes

NAICS CODES:

- 541611 Admin & General Management Consulting
- 541614 Process, Physical Distribution & Logistics Consulting
- 541618 Other Management Consulting Services
- 541990 Other Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services
- 561110 Office Administrative Services
- 561499 All Other Business Support Services
- 423110 Automobile Merchant Wholesalers
- 441110 New Car Dealers (Consulting/Brokerage)
- 441120 Used Car Dealers (Consulting/Brokerage)
- 488999 Other Transportation Support Activities
- 811198 Automotive Repair (Coordination/Support)
- 926110 Administration of General Economic Programs

NIGP CODES:

- 07000 Automotive Vehicles and Related Transportation Equipment
- 07180 Vehicle Lease and Purchase Consulting
- 95823 Automotive Consulting
- 95844 Fleet Management Services
- 96102 General Consulting Services
- 92537 Vehicle Specification Engineering