

**NEW YORK STATE  
DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES  
GRANT CONTRACT**

**APPENDIX A-1**

The State of New York Contract for grants, including all attachments and appendices (hereinafter referred to as “Contract” or “Agreement”, is hereby made by and between the State of New York acting by and through the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES or State Agency) and the public or private entity (“Contractor” or “Subrecipient”) identified on the face page hereof (Face Page).

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, the State has the authority to regulate and provide funding for the operation of a program or performance of a service; and desires to contract with a responsive and responsible Contractor possessing the necessary resources to provide such services or work; and

**WHEREAS**, the Contractor is ready, willing and able to provide such services or work and possesses or can make available all necessary qualified personnel, licenses, facilities and expertise to perform or have performed the services or work, as applicable, required pursuant to and in compliance with the terms of the Contract, specifications outlined in the grant solicitation, resulting award, and other associated documents comprising the Agreement.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the promises, responsibilities, and covenants herein, the State and the Contractor agree as follows:

**STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**A. Order of Precedence:** In the event of a conflict among (i) the terms of the Contract or (ii) between the terms of the Contract and the original request for proposal, solicitation document, the program application or other Appendix that was completed and executed by the Contractor in connection with the Contract, the order of precedence is as follows:

1. Appendix A – Standard Clauses for New York State Contracts<sup>1</sup>
2. Appendix A-1
3. Modifications to the Face Page
4. Modifications to Appendices B, C and D
5. The Face Page

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<sup>1</sup> To the extent that section IV- Federally Funded Grant Requirements conflict with any other provisions of the Contract, the Federal requirements of Section IV shall supersede all other provisions of the Contract.

6. Appendices B, C and D

7. Other attachments, including, but not limited to, the request for proposal or program application

The documents above, collectively, comprise the entire Agreement and govern the program for the entirety of the term of the Contract and any resulting renewals.

**B. Funding:** Funding for the term of the Contract Period shall not exceed the amount specified as “Funding Amount for the Initial Period” on the Face Page or as subsequently revised to reflect an approved renewal or cost amendment. Funding for the initial and subsequent periods of the Contract shall not exceed the applicable amounts specified in the applicable Appendix B form (Budget).

**C. Contract Performance:** The Contractor shall perform all services or work, as applicable, and comply with all provisions of the Contract to the satisfaction of the State. The Contractor shall provide services or work, as applicable, and meet the program objectives summarized in Appendix D (Work Plan and Special Conditions) in accordance with the provisions of the Contract, relevant laws, rules and regulations, administrative, program and fiscal guidelines, and where applicable, operating certificate for facilities or licenses for an activity or program. For federally-funded grants, DHSES will conduct an evaluation to determine risks posed by Contractors in managing federal awards. Consistent with 2 CFR §200.332, the results of the evaluation may result in the imposition special conditions to this Contract including but not limited to increased monitoring, suspension of reimbursements and cancellation of the Contract.

**D. Modifications:** Any modifications to this Agreement, including any budgetary changes, must be mutually agreed to in writing by both parties. Modifications may be subject to the approval of the AG and OSC in accordance with Appendix A, Section 3, Comptroller's Approval. A modification that would result in a transfer of funds among program activities or budget cost categories that does not affect the amount, consideration, scope or other terms of such Contract may be subject to the approval of the AG and OSC where the amount of such modification is, as a proportion of the total value of the Contract, equal to or greater than ten percent for contracts of five million dollars or less, or five percent for contracts of more than five million dollars. Modifications that are not subject to the AG and OSC approval shall be processed in accordance with the guidelines stated in the Contract.

**E. Severability:** Any provision of the Contract that is held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall be ineffective only to the extent of such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability, without affecting in any way the remaining provisions hereof; provided, however, that the parties to the Contract shall attempt in good faith to reform the Contract in a manner consistent with the intent of any such ineffective provision for the purpose of carrying out such intent. If any provision is held void, invalid or unenforceable with respect to particular circumstances, it shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect in all other circumstances.

**F. Interpretation:** The headings in the Contract are inserted for convenience and reference only and do not modify or restrict any of the provisions herein. All personal pronouns used herein shall be considered to be gender neutral. The Contract has been made under the laws of the State of New York, and the venue for resolving any disputes hereunder shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of New York.

**G. Notice:**

All notices under this Contract, including termination notices, shall be made in writing and directed to the representatives identified herein, or their designees and shall be transmitted :

- a. by certified or registered United States mail, return receipt requested;
- b. by facsimile transmission;
- c. by personal delivery;
- d. by expedited delivery service; and/or
- e. by e-mail.

Notice shall be deemed to have been given either at the time of personal delivery or, in the case of expedited delivery service or certified or registered United States mail, as of the date of first attempted delivery at the address and in the manner provided herein, or in the case of facsimile transmission or e-mail, upon receipt.

The parties may, on written notice, designate other individuals as their representatives. Such representatives shall request, oversee, supervise, and accept performance of services provided by the Contractor and shall receive any required submissions. Whenever an action is to be taken, or approval for services given by the Agency, such action or approval may be given only by the representatives designated pursuant to this Section.

**H. Indemnification:** The Contractor shall be solely responsible and answerable in damages for all accidents, incidents, and/or injuries to persons (including death) or property arising out of or related to the services to be rendered by the Contractor or its subcontractors pursuant to this Contract. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State and its officers and employees from claims, suits, actions, damages and cost of every nature arising out of the provision of services pursuant to the Contract.

**I. Legal Action:** No litigation or regulatory action shall be brought against the State of New York, the State Agency, or against any county or other local government entity with funds provided under the Contract. The term "litigation" shall include commencing or threatening to commence a lawsuit, joining or threatening to join as a party to ongoing litigation, or requesting any relief from the State of New York, the State Agency, or any county, or other local government entity. The term "regulatory action" shall include commencing or threatening to commence a regulatory proceeding or requesting any regulatory relief from the State of New York, the State Agency, or any county, or other local government entity.

**J. Partisan Political Activity and Lobbying:** Funds provided pursuant to the Contract shall not be used for any partisan political activity, or for activities that attempt to influence legislation or election or defeat of any candidate for public office.

**K. Reporting Fraud and Abuse:** Contractor acknowledges that it has reviewed information on how to prevent, detect, and report fraud, waste and abuse of public funds, including information about the federal False Claims Act, the New York State False Claims Act and whistleblower protections and will comply with requirements therein.

**L. Reporting Risks to Performance:** If any specific event, conjunction of circumstances, or any occurrence involving the staff, volunteers, directors, officers, subcontractors, or program participants of the Contractor threatens the successful completion of this project, in whole or in part, the Contractor agrees to notify the State Agency within three (3) calendar days of becoming aware of the occurrence describing the occurrence and the risk it poses to performance under the Contract. The Contractor's notice shall include a written description of the event and a recommended solution. Such events may include, but not be limited to, death or serious injury, an arrest or possible criminal activity.

**M. Federally Funded Grants and Requirements Mandated by Federal Law:** All of the specific federal requirements that are applicable to the Contract are identified in Section IV (FEDERALLY FUNDED GRANT REQUIREMENTS) of this Appendix. To the extent that the Contract is funded in whole or part, with federal funds or mandated by Federal laws: (i) the provisions of the Contract that conflict with Federal rules, Federal regulations, or Federal program specific requirements shall not apply and (ii) the Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable Federal rules, regulations and program specific requirements including, but not limited to, those provisions that are set forth in Section IV (FEDERALLY FUNDED GRANT REQUIREMENTS) of this Appendix. To the extent that section IV (FEDERALLY FUNDED GRANT REQUIREMENTS) conflict with any other provisions of the Contract, the federal requirements of Section IV shall supersede all other provisions of the Contract where required.

**N.** The Contractor must meet the program objectives summarized in the Program Work Plan and Special Conditions (Appendix D) to the satisfaction of DHSES in accordance with provisions of the Contract, relevant laws, rules and regulations, administrative and fiscal guidelines and, where applicable, operating certificates for facilities or license for an activity or program.

## **II. TERM, TERMINATION AND SUSPENSION**

**A. Term:** The term of the Contract shall be as specified on the Face Page, unless terminated sooner as provided herein.

### **B. Renewal:**

**1. General Renewal:** The Contract may consist of successive periods on the same terms and conditions, as specified within the Contract (a "Simplified Renewal Contract"). Each additional or superseding period shall be on the forms specified by the State and shall be incorporated in the Contract.

#### **2. Renewal Notice to Not-for-Profit Contractors:**

**a.** Pursuant to State Finance Law §179-t, if the Contract is with a not-for-profit Contractor and provides for a renewal option, the State shall notify the Contractor of the State's intent to renew or not to renew the Contract no later than ninety (90) calendar days prior to the end of the term of the Contract, unless funding for the renewal is contingent upon enactment of an appropriation. If funding for the renewal is contingent upon enactment of an appropriation, the State shall notify the Contractor of the State's intent to renew or not to renew the Contract the later of: (1) ninety (90) calendar days prior to the end of the term of the Contract, and (2) thirty (30) calendar days after the necessary appropriation becomes law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that the State is unable to comply with the time frames set forth in this paragraph due to unusual circumstances beyond the control of the State ("Unusual Circumstances"), no payment of interest shall be due to the not-for-profit Contractor. For purposes of State Finance Law §179-t, "Unusual Circumstances" shall not mean the failure by the State to (i) plan for implementation of a program, (ii) assign sufficient staff resources to implement a program, (iii) establish a schedule for the implementation of a program or (iv) anticipate any other reasonably foreseeable circumstance.

**b.** Notification to the not-for-profit Contractor of the State's intent to not renew the Contract must be in writing in the form of a letter, with the reason(s) for the non-renewal included. If the State does not provide notice to the not-for-profit Contractor of its intent not to renew the Contract as required in this Section and State Finance Law §179-t, the Contract shall be deemed continued until the date the State

provides the necessary notice to the Contractor, in accordance with State Finance Law §179-t. Expenses incurred by the not-for-profit Contractor during such extension shall be reimbursable under the terms of the Contract.

### **C. Termination:**

#### **1. Grounds:**

- a. Mutual Consent: The Contract may be terminated at any time upon mutual written consent of the State and the Contractor.
- b. Cause: The State may terminate the Contract immediately, upon written notice of termination to the Contractor, if the Contractor fails to comply with any of the terms and conditions of the Contract and/or any applicable laws, rules, regulations, policies, or procedures. If the termination for cause results from unsatisfactory performance by the Contractor, the value of the work performed by the Contractor prior to termination shall be established by the State.
- c. Non-Responsibility: Upon written notice to the Contractor, and a reasonable opportunity to be heard by the appropriate State officials or staff, this Contract may be terminated by the State at the Contractor's expense where the Contractor is determined by the State to be non-responsible. In such event, the State may complete contractual requirements in any manner the State deems advisable and pursue available legal or equitable remedies for breach.
- d. Convenience: The State may terminate the Contract in its sole discretion upon thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice.
- e. Lack of Funds: If for any reason the State or the Federal government terminates or reduces its appropriation to the applicable State Agency or entity entering into the Contract or fails to pay the full amount of the allocation for the operation of one or more programs funded under this Contract, the Contract may be terminated or reduced at the State Agency's discretion. No reduction or termination shall apply to allowable costs already incurred by the Contractor where funds are available to the State Agency for payment of such costs. Upon termination or reduction of the Contract, all remaining funds paid to the Contractor that are not subject to allowable costs already incurred by the Contractor shall be returned to the State Agency. In any event, no liability shall be incurred by the State (including the State Agency) beyond monies available for the purposes of the Contract. The Contractor acknowledges that any funds due to the State Agency or the State of New York because of disallowed expenditures after audit shall be the Contractor's responsibility.
- f. Force Majeure: Performance under the Contract may be terminated or suspended by the State immediately upon the occurrence of a "force majeure" event. For purposes of the Contract, "Force majeure" shall include, but not be limited to, natural disasters, war, rebellion, declared pandemics, insurrection, riot, strikes, lockout and any unforeseen circumstances and acts beyond the control of the parties which render the performance of contractual obligations impossible.

#### **2. Effect of Notice and Termination on State's Payment Obligations:**

Upon receipt of notice of termination provided pursuant to the notice requirements prescribed in this Agreement, the Contractor shall stop work immediately and complete only those specific assignments and/or obligations, if any, subsequently approved by the State. In the event of termination other than

for cause, the Contractor shall be entitled to compensation for services performed through the date of termination that are accepted by the State, and for any subsequent services that are accepted by the State, rendered in connection with any successor consultants and contractors, including transfer of records, briefing and any other services deemed necessary or desirable by the State. The Contractor agrees to cooperate to the fullest respect with any successor consultants and contractors.

**3. *Effect of Termination Based on Misuse or Conversion of State or Federal Property:***

Where the Contract is terminated for cause based on Contractor's failure to use some or all of the real property or equipment purchased pursuant to the Contract for the purposes set forth herein, the State may, at its option, require:

- a. the repayment to the State of any monies previously paid to the Contractor; or
- b. the return of any real property or equipment purchased under the terms of the Contract; or
- c. an appropriate combination of clauses (a) and (b) of Section II(C)(3) herein.

Nothing herein shall be intended to limit the State's ability to pursue such other legal or equitable remedies as may be available.

**D. *Suspension:*** The State may, in its discretion, order the Contractor to suspend performance for a reasonable period of time. In the event of such suspension, the Contractor shall be given a formal written notice outlining the specific details of such suspension. Upon issuance of such notice, the Contractor shall comply with the particulars of the notice. The State shall have no obligation to reimburse Contractor's expenses during such suspension period. Activities may resume at such time as the State issues a formal written notice authorizing a resumption of performance under the Contract.

**III. ADDITIONAL CONTRACTOR OBLIGATIONS, REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES**

**A. Contractor as an Independent Contractor/Employees:**

- 1. The State and the Contractor agree that the Contractor is an independent contractor and not an employee of the State and may neither hold itself out nor claim to be an officer, employee, or subdivision of the State nor make any claim, demand, or application to or for any right based upon any different status. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the State and the Contractor agree that if the Contractor is a New York State municipality, the Contractor shall be permitted to hold itself out, and claim, to be a subdivision of the State. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for the recruitment, hiring, provision of employment benefits, payment of salaries and management of its project personnel. These functions shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Contract, and all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.
- 2. The Contractor warrants that it, its staff, and any and all subcontractors have all the necessary licenses, approvals, and certifications currently required by the laws of any applicable local, state, or Federal government to perform the services or work, as applicable, pursuant to the Contract and/or any subcontract entered into under the Contract. The Contractor further agrees that such required licenses, approvals, and certificates shall be kept in full force and effect during the term of the Contract, or any extension thereof, and to secure any new licenses, approvals, or certificates within the required time frames and/or to require its staff and subcontractors to obtain the requisite licenses, approvals, or certificates. In

the event the Contractor, its staff, and/or subcontractors are notified of a denial or revocation of any license, approval, or certification to perform the services or work, as applicable, under the Contract, Contractor shall immediately notify the State.

**B. Subcontractors:**

1. If the Contractor enters into subcontracts for the performance of work pursuant to the Contract, the Contractor shall take full responsibility for the acts and omissions of its subcontractors. Nothing in the subcontract shall impair the rights of the State under the Contract. No contractual relationship shall be deemed to exist between the subcontractor and the State.
2. If requested by the State, the Contractor agrees not to enter into any subcontracts, or revisions to subcontracts, that are in excess of \$100,000 for the performance of the obligations contained herein until it has received the prior written permission of the State, which shall have the right to review and approve each and every subcontract in excess of \$100,000 prior to giving written permission to the Contractor to enter into the subcontract. All agreements between the Contractor and subcontractors shall be by written contract, signed by individuals authorized to bind the parties. All such subcontracts shall contain provisions for specifying (1) that the work performed by the subcontractor must be in accordance with the terms of the Contract, (2) that nothing contained in the subcontract shall impair the rights of the State under the Contract, and (3) that nothing contained in the subcontract, nor under the Contract, shall be deemed to create any contractual relationship between the subcontractor and the State. In addition, subcontracts shall contain any other provisions which are required to be included in subcontracts pursuant to the terms herein.
3. If requested by the State, the Contractor agrees to require the subcontractor to provide to the State the information the State needs to determine whether a proposed subcontractor is a responsible vendor.
4. When a subcontract equals or exceeds \$100,000, the subcontractor shall submit a Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire (Questionnaire).
5. If requested by the State, upon the execution of a subcontract, the Contractor shall provide detailed subcontract information (a copy of subcontract will suffice) to the State within fifteen (15) calendar days after execution. The State may request from the Contractor copies of subcontracts between a subcontractor and its subcontractor.
6. The Contractor shall require any and all subcontractors to submit to the Contractor all financial claims for Services or work to DHSES, as applicable, rendered and required supporting documentation and reports as necessary to permit Contractor to meet claim deadlines and documentation requirements as established in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule). Subcontractors shall be paid by the Contractor on a timely basis after submitting the required reports and vouchers for reimbursement of services or work, as applicable. Subcontractors shall be informed by the Contractor of the possibility of non-payment or rejection by the Contractor of claims that do not contain the required information, and/or are not received by the Contractor by said due date.

**C. Use of Material, Equipment, or Personnel:**

1. The Contractor shall not use materials, equipment, or personnel paid for under the Contract for any activity other than those provided for under the Contract, except with the State's prior written permission.

2. Any interest accrued on funds paid to the Contractor by the State shall be deemed to be the property of the State and shall either be credited to the State at the close-out of the Contract or, upon the written permission of the State, shall be expended on additional services or work, as applicable, provided for under the Contract.

**D. Property:**

1. For the purposes of the Contract, "Property" is real property, equipment, or tangible personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of \$1,000 or more per unit. For Federally funded contracts, if there is any conflict in the definition of "Property" the federal awarding Agency definitions will apply.
  - a. If an item of Property required by the Contractor is available as surplus to the State, the State at its sole discretion, may arrange to provide such Property to the Contractor in lieu of the purchase of such Property. Such Property shall be returned to the State at the Contractor's cost and expense upon the expiration of the Contract unless the State consents in writing to the Contractor retaining possession of the Property to use for similar purposes.
  - b. In addition, the Contractor agrees to permit the State to inspect the Property and to monitor its use at reasonable intervals during the Contractor's regular business hours.
  - c. The Contractor shall be responsible for maintaining and repairing Property purchased or procured under the Contract at its own cost and expense. The Contractor shall procure and maintain insurance at its own cost and expense in an amount satisfactory to the State Agency, naming the State Agency as an additional insured, covering the loss, theft or destruction of such equipment. The Contractor may not charge rental or use fees under this Contract for use or acquisition of Property to carry out its obligations under the Contract.
  - d. The State has the right to review and approve in writing any new contract for the purchase of or lease for rental of Property (Purchase/Lease Contract) operated in connection with the provision of the services or work, as applicable, as specified in the Contract, if applicable, and any modifications, amendments, or extensions of an existing lease or purchase prior to its execution. If, in its discretion, the State disapproves of any Purchase/Lease Contract, then the State shall not be obligated to make any payments for such Property.
  - e. No member, officer, director or employee of the Contractor shall retain or acquire any interest, direct or indirect, in any Property, paid for with funds under the Contract, nor retain any interest, direct or indirect, in such, without full and complete prior disclosure of such interest and the date of acquisition thereof, in writing to the Contractor and the State.
2. For non-Federally-funded contracts, unless otherwise provided herein, the State shall have the following rights to Property purchased with funds provided under the Contract:
  - a. For cost-reimbursable contracts, all right, title and interest in Property with a remaining useful life shall belong to the State unless otherwise agreed to, in writing, by the State and the Contractor. However, upon agreement by the State, title shall pass to Contractor upon the end of the Property's useful life (as the phrase "useful life" is defined in Internal Revenue Code § 1.169-2).



- b. For performance-based contracts, all right, title and interest in such Property shall belong to the Contractor.
- 3. For Federally funded contracts, title to Property whose requisition cost is borne in whole or in part by monies provided under the Contract shall be governed by the terms and conditions of Section IV (FEDERALLY FUNDED GRANT REQUIREMENTS) contained herein.
- 4. The Contractor shall maintain an inventory of all Property that is owned by the State and obtained by the Contractor under this agreement.
- 5. The Contractor shall execute any documents which the State may reasonably require to effectuate the provisions of this section.

**E. Records and Audits:**

**1. General:**

- a. The Contractor shall establish and maintain, in paper or electronic format, complete and accurate books, records, documents, receipts, accounts, and other evidence directly pertinent to its performance under the Contract (collectively, Records).
- b. The Contractor agrees to produce and retain for the balance of the term of the Contract, and for a period of six years from the later of the date of (i) the Contract and (ii) the most recent renewal of the Contract, any and all Records necessary to substantiate upon audit, the proper deposit and expenditure of funds received under the Contract. Such Records may include, but not be limited to, original books of entry (e.g., cash disbursements and cash receipts journal), and the following specific records (as applicable) to substantiate the types of expenditures noted:
  - i. personal service expenditures: cancelled checks and the related bank statements, time and attendance records, payroll journals, cash and check disbursement records including copies of money orders and the like, vouchers and invoices, records of contract labor, any and all records listing payroll and the money value of non-cash advantages provided to employees, time cards, work schedules and logs, employee personal history folders, detailed and general ledgers, sales records, miscellaneous reports and returns (tax and otherwise), and cost allocation plans, if applicable.
  - ii. payroll taxes and fringe benefits: cancelled checks, copies of related bank statements, cash and check disbursement records including copies of money orders and the like, invoices for fringe benefit expenses, miscellaneous reports and returns (tax and otherwise), and cost allocation plans, if applicable.
  - iii. non-personal services expenditures: original invoices/receipts, cancelled checks and related bank statements, consultant agreements, leases, cost allocation plans, and bid and procurement documentation, such as quotes, proposals and selection records, if applicable.
  - iv. receipt and deposit of advance and reimbursements: itemized bank stamped deposit slips, and a copy of the related bank statements.

- c. The OSC, AG and any other person or entity authorized to conduct an examination, as well as the State Agency or State Agencies involved in the Contract that provided funding, shall have access to the Records during the hours of 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (excluding State recognized holidays), at an office of the Contractor within the State of New York or, if no such office is available, at a mutually agreeable and reasonable venue within the State, for the term specified above for the purposes of inspection, auditing and copying.
  - d. The State shall protect from public disclosure any of the Records which are exempt from disclosure under Section 87 of the Public Officers Law provided that: (i) the Contractor shall timely inform an appropriate State official, in writing, that said records should not be disclosed; and (ii) said records shall be sufficiently identified; and (iii) designation of said records, as exempt under Section 87 of the Public Officers Law, is reasonable.
  - e. Nothing contained herein shall diminish, or in any way adversely affect, the State's rights in connection with its audit and investigatory authority or the State's rights in connection with discovery in any pending or future litigation.
2. **Federal Funds:** For records and audit provisions governing Federal funds, please see Section IV (FEDERALLY FUNDED GRANT REQUIREMENTS) of this Appendix A-1.

**F. Confidentiality:**

- 1. Contractor agrees that it will not use confidential, personally identifiable information relating to individuals who may receive services, or proprietary information disclosed to Contractor in connection with the services or work ("Confidential Information") for any purpose other than in connection with the services or work and in compliance with all applicable provisions of State and federal law. The Contractor is fully responsible for its staff, its subcontractor(s), and any subcontractor's staff with regard to Confidential Information and shall ensure that they meet all obligations with respect to maintaining the confidentiality and security of any information deemed confidential.
- 2. Information which falls into any of the following categories shall not be considered Confidential Information: a) information that is previously rightfully known to the Contractor without restriction on disclosure; b) information that becomes, from no breach of the Contract on the part of the Contractor, generally known in the relevant industry, or is otherwise publicly available; and c) information that is independently developed by Contractor without use of the Confidential Information.
- 3. Except as specifically permitted in this Agreement, Contractor shall not, at any time, in any fashion, form or manner, divulge, disclose, communicate, or use, any Confidential Information other than in connection with the services or as otherwise provided herein.
- 4. Contractor may disclose Confidential Information if such information is required to be disclosed by Contractor by any law, rule, regulation, judicial or administrative process or applicable professional standards, provided that, to the extent permitted by applicable law or regulation, the Contractor notifies the State prior to any such required disclosure.
- 5. Contractor agrees that, as between the Parties, all Confidential Information in its possession obtained in connection with the services or work hereunder is at all times the sole property of the State.

6. Where allowable by law and agreed to by the State, Contractor may retain one copy of the Confidential Information and any summaries, analyses, notes, or extracts prepared by Contractor which are based on or contain portions of the Confidential Information evidencing its services or work for the State as required by law, regulation, professional standards, or reasonable business practice.
7. In protecting the Confidential Information, Contractor shall exercise the same standard of care used by Contractor to protect its own confidential and proprietary information, to prevent the disclosure of Confidential Information to any third party. Contractor shall not use Confidential Information for any purpose other than in furtherance of its services or work for the State.

**G. Publicity:**

1. Publicity regarding the work, services, performance, and/or project governed by this Agreement may not be released without prior written approval from the State. For the purposes of this agreement, "Publicity" includes, but is not limited to: news conferences; news releases; public announcements; advertising; brochures; reports; discussions or presentations at conferences or meetings; and/or the inclusion of State materials, the State's name or other such references to the State in any document or forum.
2. Any Publicity, publications, presentations or announcements of conferences, meetings or trainings which are funded in whole or in part through any activity supported under the Contract may not be published, presented or announced without prior written approval of the State. Any such publication, presentation or announcement shall:
  - a. Acknowledge the support of the State of New York and, if funded with Federal funds, the applicable Federal funding agency; and
  - b. State that the opinions, results, findings and/or interpretations of data contained therein are the responsibility of the Contractor and do not necessarily represent the opinions, interpretations or policy of the State or if funded with Federal funds, the State and the applicable Federal funding agency.
3. Notwithstanding the above, (i) if the Contractor is an educational research institution, the Contractor may, for scholarly or academic purposes, use, present, discuss, report or publish any material, data or analyses, other than Confidential Information, that derives from activity under the Contract and the Contractor agrees to use best efforts to provide copies of any manuscripts arising from Contractor's performance under this Contract, or if requested by the State, the Contractor shall provide the State with a thirty (30) day period in which to review each manuscript for compliance with Confidential Information requirements prior to publication; or (ii) if the Contractor is not an educational research institution, the Contractor may submit for publication, scholarly or academic publications that derive from activity under the Contract (but are not deliverable under the Contract), provided that the Contractor first submits such manuscripts to the State forty-five (45) calendar days prior to submission for consideration by a publisher in order for the State to review the manuscript for compliance with confidentiality requirements and restrictions and to make such other comments as the State deems appropriate. All derivative publications shall follow the same acknowledgments and disclaimer as described in Section III(G)(2) (Publicity) hereof.

**H. Web-Based Applications-Accessibility:** Any network-based information and applications development, or programming delivered to or by the State pursuant to this Contract or procurement, will comply with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and be consistent with New York State Enterprise IT Policy NYS-P08-005, Accessibility of Information Communication Technology, as such policy may be amended, modified, or superseded (the "Accessibility Policy"). The Accessibility Policy requires that State Entity Information

Communication Technology shall be accessible to persons with disabilities as determined by accessibility compliance testing. Such accessibility compliance testing will be conducted by (State Entity name, contractor or other) and any report on the results of such testing must be satisfactory to State Entity.

**I. Unemployment Insurance Compliance:** The Contractor shall remain current in both its quarterly reporting and payment of contributions or payments in lieu of contributions, as applicable, to the State Unemployment Insurance system as a condition of maintaining this grant.

1. The Contractor hereby authorizes the State Department of Labor to disclose to the State Agency staff only such information as is necessary to determine the Contractor's compliance with the State Unemployment Insurance Law. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:
  - a.) any records of unemployment insurance (UI) contributions, interest, and/or penalty payment arrears or reporting delinquency;
  - b.) any debts owed for UI contributions, interest, and/or penalties;
  - c.) the history and results of any audit or investigation; and
  - d.) copies of wage reporting information.
2. Such disclosures are protected under Section 537 of the State Labor Law, which makes it a misdemeanor for the recipient of such information to use or disclose the information for any purpose other than the performing due diligence as a part of the approval process for the Contract.

**J. Charities Registration:**

If applicable, the Contractor agrees to (i) obtain not-for-profit status, a Federal identification number, and a charitable registration number (or a declaration of exemption) and to furnish the State Agency with this information as soon as it is available, (ii) be in compliance with the OAG charities registration requirements at the time of the awarding of this Contract by the State and (iii) remain in compliance with the OAG charities registration requirements throughout the term of the Contract.

**K. Vendor Responsibility:**

The Contractor hereby acknowledges that the State Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire (Questionnaire) and certification are made part of this Contract and that any misrepresentation of fact in the Questionnaire and attachments, or in any Contractor responsibility information that may be requested by the State, may result in termination of this Contract.

The Contractor shall at all times during the contract term remain responsible. During the term of this Contract, any changes in the provided Questionnaire shall be disclosed to the State Agency, in writing, in a timely manner. Failure to make such disclosure may result in a determination of non-responsibility and termination of this Contract. Furthermore, the Contractor agrees, if requested by the State, it must present evidence of its continuing legal authority to do business in New York State, its integrity, experience, ability, prior performance, and organizational and financial capacity.

The State, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to make a final determination of non-responsibility at any time during the term of the Contract, based on any information provided in the Questionnaire and/or any updates,

clarifications, or amendments thereof; and/or when it discovers information that calls into question the responsibility of the Contractor. Prior to making a final determination of non-responsibility, the State shall provide written notice to the Contractor that it has made a preliminary determination of non-responsibility. The State shall detail the reason(s) for the preliminary determination, and shall provide the Contractor with an opportunity to be heard.

The State reserves the right to suspend any or all activities under this Contract, upon discovery of such information warranting review of responsibility. In the event of such suspension, the Contractor will be given written notice outlining the particulars of such suspension. Upon issuance of such notice, the Contractor must comply with the terms of the suspension order. Contract activity may resume at such time as the State issues a written notice authorizing a resumption of performance under this Contract.

#### **L. Workers' Compensation Benefits:**

1. In accordance with Section 142 of the State Finance Law, the Contract shall be void and of no force and effect unless the Contractor shall provide and maintain coverage during the life of the Contract for the benefit of such employees as are required to be covered by the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Law.
2. If a Contractor believes they are exempt from the Workers Compensation insurance requirement they must apply for an exemption.

#### **M. Participation By Minority Group Members And Women With Respect To Grant Contracts: Requirements And Procedures (state-funded grants only)**

##### **1. General Provisions**

- a. The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) is required to implement the provisions of New York State Executive Law Article 15-A and 5 NYCRR Parts 142-144 ("MWBE Regulations") for all State contracts as defined therein, with a value (1) in excess of \$25,000 for labor, services, equipment, materials, or any combination of the foregoing or (2) in excess of \$100,000 for real property renovations and construction.
- b. The Contractor to the subject contract (the "Contractor" and the "Contract," respectively) agrees, in addition to any other nondiscrimination provision of the Contract and at no additional cost to the DHSES, to fully comply and cooperate with the DHSES in the implementation of New York State Executive Law Article 15-A. These requirements include equal employment opportunities for minority group members and women ("EEO") and contracting opportunities for certified minority and women-owned business enterprises ("MWBEs"). Contractor's demonstration of "good faith efforts" pursuant to 5 NYCRR §142.8 shall be a part of these requirements. These provisions shall be deemed supplementary to, and not in lieu of, the nondiscrimination provisions required by New York State Executive Law Article 15 (the "Human Rights Law") or other applicable federal, state or local laws.
- c. Failure to comply with all of the requirements herein may result in a finding of non-responsiveness, non-responsibility and/or a breach of contract, leading to the withholding of funds or such other actions, liquidated damages pursuant to Section III(M)7 of this Appendix or enforcement proceedings as allowed by the Contract.

##### **2. Contract Goals**

- a. For purposes of this contract, DHSES has established overall goals for Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (“MWBE”) participation which are specified in the contract work plan.
- b. For purposes of providing meaningful participation by MWBEs on the Contract and achieving the Contract Goals established in the contract work plan hereof, Contractor should reference the directory of New York State Certified MBWEs found at the following internet address: <https://ny.newnycontracts.com>. Additionally, Contractor is encouraged to contact the Division of Minority and Woman Business Development (518) 292-5250; (212) 803-2414; or (716) 846-8200) to discuss additional methods of maximizing participation by MWBEs on the Contract.
- c. Where MWBE goals have been established herein, pursuant to 5 NYCRR §142.8, Contractor must document “good faith efforts” to provide meaningful participation by MWBEs as subcontractors or suppliers in the performance of the Contract. In accordance with Section 316-a of Article 15-A and 5 NYCRR §142.13, the Contractor acknowledges that if Contractor is found to have willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the MWBE participation goals set forth in the Contract, such a finding constitutes a breach of contract and the Contractor shall be liable to the DHSES for liquidated or other appropriate damages, as set forth herein.

### **3. Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO)**

- a. Contractor agrees to be bound by the provisions of Article 15-A and the MWBE Regulations promulgated by the Division of Minority and Women's Business Development of the Department of Economic Development (the “Division”). If any of these terms or provisions conflict with applicable law or regulations, such laws and regulations shall supersede these requirements.
- b. Contractor shall comply with the following provisions of Article 15-A:
  - i. Contractor and Subcontractors shall undertake or continue existing EEO programs to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status. For these purposes, EEO shall apply in the areas of recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff, or termination and rates of pay or other forms of compensation.
  - ii. The Contractor shall maintain an EEO policy statement and submit it to the DHSES if requested.
  - iii. If Contractor or Subcontractor does not have an existing EEO policy statement, Section 4 below may be used to develop one.
  - iv. The Contractor’s EEO policy statement shall include the following, or similar, language:
    - a) The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status, will undertake or continue existing EEO programs to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination, and shall make and document its conscientious and active efforts to employ and utilize minority group members and women in its work force.
    - b) The Contractor shall state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees that, in the performance of the contract, all qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment

opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.

- c) The Contractor shall request each employment agency, labor union, or authorized representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, to furnish a written statement that such employment agency, labor union, or representative will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status and that such union or representative will affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of the Contractor's obligations herein.
- d) The Contractor will include the provisions of Subdivisions (a) through (c) of this Subsection (iv) and Paragraph "e" of this Section 3, which provides for relevant provisions of the Human Rights Law, in every subcontract in such a manner that the requirements of the subdivisions will be binding upon each subcontractor as to work in connection with the Contract.

**c. Staffing Plan**

To ensure compliance with this Section, the Contractor shall submit a staffing plan to document the composition of the proposed workforce to be utilized in the performance of the Contract by the specified categories listed, including ethnic background, gender, and Federal occupational categories. Contractors shall complete the Local Assistance MWBE Equal Employment Opportunity Staffing Plan form and submit it as part of their bid or proposal or within a reasonable time, but no later than the time of award of the contract.

**d. Workforce Employment Utilization Report**

- i. Once a contract has been awarded and during the term of Contract, Contractor is responsible for updating and providing notice to the DHSES of any changes to the previously submitted Local Assistance MWBE Equal Employment Opportunity Staffing Plan. This information is to be submitted annually or as otherwise required by the DHSES during the term of the contract, for the purpose of reporting the actual workforce utilized in the performance of the contract by the specified categories listed including ethnic background, gender, and Federal occupational categories. The Local Assistance MWBE Workforce Employment Utilization Report form must be used to report this information.
  - ii. Separate forms shall be completed by Contractor and any Subcontractor performing work on the Contract.
  - iii. In limited instances, Contractor may not be able to separate out the workforce utilized in the performance of the Contract from Contractor's and/or subcontractor's total workforce. When a separation can be made, Contractor shall submit the Local Assistance MWBE Workforce Employment Utilization Report and indicate that the information provided relates to the actual workforce utilized on the Contract. When the workforce to be utilized on the contract cannot be separated out from Contractor's and/or subcontractor's total workforce, Contractor shall submit the Local Assistance MWBE Workforce Employment Utilization Report and indicate that the information provided is Contractor's total workforce during the subject time frame, not limited to work specifically under the contract.
- e. Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Human Rights Law, all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions. Contractor and subcontractors shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed (religion), color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, age, disability, predisposing genetic**

characteristic, marital status or domestic violence victim status, and shall also follow the requirements of the Human Rights Law with regard to non-discrimination on the basis of prior criminal conviction and prior arrest.

#### **4. MWBE Utilization Plan**

- a. The Contractor represents and warrants that Contractor has submitted a Local Assistance MWBE Subcontractor/Supplier Utilization Proposal Form either prior to, or at the time of, the execution of the contract.
- b. Contractor agrees to use such Local Assistance MWBE Subcontractor/Supplier Utilization Proposal Form for the performance of MWBEs on the Contract pursuant to the prescribed MWBE goals set forth in the contract workplan.
- c. Contractor further agrees that a failure to submit and/or use such Local Assistance MWBE Subcontractor/Supplier Utilization Proposal Form shall constitute a material breach of the terms of the Contract. Upon the occurrence of such a material breach, DHSES shall be entitled to any remedy provided herein, including but not limited to, a finding of Contractor non-responsiveness.

#### **5. Waivers**

If the DHSES, upon review of the Local Assistance MWBE Subcontractor/Supplier Utilization Proposal Plan, the Detailed Itemization Forms or the Local Assistance MWBE Workforce Employment Utilization Report determines that a Contractor is failing or refusing to comply with the Contract goals and no waiver has been issued in regards to such non-compliance, the DHSES may issue a notice of deficiency to the Contractor. The Contractor must respond to the notice of deficiency within seven (7) business days of receipt. Such response may include a request for partial or total waiver of MWBE Contract Goals.

#### **6. MWBE Subcontractor Utilization Quarterly Report**

Contractor is required to report MWBE Subcontractor utilization, as part of the quarterly claim process, to the DHSES by the last day of the month following the end of each calendar quarter over the term of the Contract documenting the progress made towards achievement of the MWBE goals of the Contract.

#### **7. Liquidated Damages - MWBE Participation**

- a. Where DHSES determines that Contractor is not in compliance with the requirements of the Contract and Contractor refuses to comply with such requirements, or if Contractor is found to have willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the MWBE participation goals, such finding constitutes a breach of Contract and DHSES may withhold payment from the Contractor as liquidated damages and/or provide for other appropriate remedies.
- b. Such liquidated damages shall be calculated as an amount equaling the difference between:
  - 1) All sums identified for payment to MWBEs had the Contractor achieved the contractual MWBE goals; and
  - 2) All sums actually paid to MWBEs for work performed or materials supplied under the Contract.
- c. In the event a determination has been made which requires the payment of liquidated damages and such identified sums have not been withheld by the DHSES, Contractor shall pay such liquidated damages to the DHSES within sixty (60) days after they are assessed by the DHSES unless prior to the expiration of such sixtieth day, the Contractor has filed a complaint with the Director of the Division of



Minority and Woman Business Development pursuant to Subdivision 8 of Section 313 of the Executive Law in which event the liquidated damages shall be payable if Director renders a decision in favor of the DHSES.

## 8. M/WBE AND EEO Policy Statement

- a. The Contractor agrees to adopt the following policies or similar policies with respect to the project being developed or services rendered in this contract with the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services:

### M/WBE

This organization will and will cause its contractors and subcontractors to take good faith actions to achieve the M/WBE contract participations goals set by the State for that area in which the State-funded project is located, by taking the following steps:

- (1) Actively and affirmatively solicit bids for contracts and subcontracts from qualified State certified MBEs or WBEs, including solicitations to M/WBE contractor associations.
- (2) Request a list of State-certified M/WBEs from AGENCY and solicit bids from them directly.
- (3) Ensure that plans, specifications, request for proposals and other documents used to secure bids will be made available in sufficient time for review by prospective M/WBEs.
- (4) Where feasible, divide the work into smaller portions to enhanced participations by M/WBEs and encourage the formation of joint venture and other partnerships among M/WBE contractors to enhance their participation.
- (5) Document and maintain records of bid solicitation, including those to M/WBEs and the results thereof. Contractor will also maintain records of actions that its subcontractors have taken toward meeting M/WBE contract participation goals.
- (6) Ensure that progress payments to M/WBEs are made on a timely basis so that undue financial hardship is avoided, and that bonding and other credit requirements are waived or appropriate alternatives developed to encourage M/WBE participation.

### EEO

(a) This organization will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status, will undertake or continue existing programs of affirmative action to ensure that minority group members are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination, and shall make and document its conscientious and active efforts to employ and utilize minority group members and women in its work force on state contracts. (b) This organization shall state in all solicitation or advertisements for employees that in the performance of the State contract all qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex disability or marital status. (c) At the request of the contracting agency, this organization shall request each employment agency, labor union, or authorized representative will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status and that such union or representative will affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of this organization's obligations herein. (d) Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Human Rights Law, all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions. Contractor and subcontractors shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed (religion), color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, age, disability, predisposing genetic characteristic, marital status or domestic violence victim status, and shall also follow the requirements of the Human Rights Law with regard to non-discrimination on the basis of prior criminal conviction and prior arrest. (e) This organization will include the provisions of sections (a) through (d) of this agreement in every subcontract in such a manner that the requirements of the subdivisions will be binding upon each subcontractor as to work in connection with the State contract.

Contractor agrees to comply with all MWBE and EEO contract goals reflected on the MWBE Utilization Plan and Staffing Plan respectively, that have been submitted with the application for this contract.

#### **N. Additional Terms**

1. The Contractor agrees that if the project is not operational within 60 days of the execution date of the Contract, it will report by letter to DHSES the steps taken to initiate the project, the reasons for delay, and the expected starting date. If the project is not operational within 90 days of the execution date of the Contract, the Contractor will submit a second statement to DHSES explaining the delay. DHSES may either cancel the project and redistribute the funds or extend the implementation date of the project beyond the 90-day period when warranted by extenuating circumstances.
2. DHSES shall make payments and any reconciliation in accordance with the Payment and Reporting Schedule (Appendix C). DHSES shall pay the Contractor for completed, approved projects, a sum not to exceed the amount noted on the Face Page hereof. The Contractor must not request payments or reimbursements that duplicate funding or reimbursement from any other source for Contractor costs and services pursuant to this Contract.
3. The Contractor shall submit detailed itemization forms or a form deemed acceptable to DHSES for personal service, fringe benefit and non-personal service expenditures with any voucher and fiscal cost report requesting reimbursement. Grant-related expenditures shall be reported on Fiscal Cost Reports approved by DHSES. For Federally-funded awards, the detailed Itemization forms shall include the required certifications pursuant to 2 CFR §200.415. These reports must be prepared periodically and as defined in Appendix C of this Contract. All reported expenditures must reconcile to the program accounting records and the approved budget. Prior period adjustments shall be reported in the same accounting period that the correction is made.
4. The Contractor's employment of a consultant must be supported by a written Contract executed by the Contractor and the consultant. A consultant is defined as an individual or organization hired by the Contractor for the stated purpose of accomplishing a specific task relative to the funded project. All consultant services must be obtained in a manner that provides for fair and open competition. The Contractor shall retain copies of all solicitations seeking a consultant, written Contracts and documentation justifying the cost and selection of the consultant, and make them available to DHSES upon request. The Contractor further agrees that it shall assume sole and complete responsibility for fulfilling all the obligations set forth in the Contract and the Contractor must guarantee the work of the consultant as if it were its own. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in a disallowance of costs.
5. Additionally, Contractor must adhere to their own procurement policies and procedures and, at a minimum, the following guidelines when making all procurements. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in a disallowance of costs.
  - a. A Contractor who proposes to purchase goods or services from a particular vendor without competitive bidding must be in accordance with the guidelines, bulletins and regulations of the Office of the State Comptroller, State Procurement Council, and, for Federally-funded awards, contractor must comply with 2 CFR §200.320(c).

- b.** The rate for consultant services, and cost of equipment or goods, shall be reasonable and consistent with the amount paid for similar services or goods and equipment in the marketplace. Time and effort reports are required for consultants.
- c.** Written justification and documentation for all procurements must be maintained on file, and made available to DHSES upon request. All procurements must be made in a fair and open manner and in accordance with the pre-determined methodology established for evaluating bids (e.g., lowest responsible bidder or best value).
- d.** A Contractor that is a State entity must make all procurements in accordance with State Finance Law Article 11 and any other applicable regulations.
- e.** A Contractor that is a local government must make all procurements in accordance with General Municipal Law Article 5-A, and any other applicable regulations.
- f.** A Contractor that is a not-for-profit and all other entities that do not meet the descriptions in Section III(N)(5)(d) or (e) herein must make all procurements as noted below:
  - i.** If the Contractor is eligible to purchase an item or service from a government contract or is able to purchase such item or service elsewhere at a lower than or equal price, then such purchase may be made.
  - ii.** A Contractor may purchase any single piece of equipment, single service or multiples of each that cost up to \$999 at its discretion.
  - iii.** Before purchasing any piece of equipment, service or multiples of each that have an aggregate cost between \$1,000 and \$4,999, a Contractor must secure at least three telephone quotes and create a record for audit of such quotes.
  - iv.** Before purchasing any piece of equipment, service or multiples of each that have an aggregate cost of between \$5,000 and \$9,999, the Contractor must secure at least three written quotes on a vendor's stationery and maintain a record of the competitive procurement process for audit purposes.
  - v.** A Contractor spending in aggregate of \$10,000 and above must use a competitive bidding process. Guidance may be obtained from DHSES. At a minimum, the competitive bidding process must incorporate the following: open, fair advertisement of the opportunity to provide services; equal provision of information to all interested parties; reasonable deadlines; sealed bids opened at one time before a committee who will certify the process; establishment of the methodology for evaluating bids before the bids are opened; and maintenance of a record of competitive procurement process.
- g.** Acceptance of State support for interoperable and emergency communications projects, including funding through the Interoperable Emergency Communication Grant Program, requires that Contractors must use open-standard/vendor-neutral technologies to allow for other public safety/public service agencies (including State agencies and authorities) and jurisdictions in your region to operate on your radio system(s) when required, regardless of the total percentage of system funding from the State. This access for other agencies must

be permitted to support operational and interoperable goals, and without restriction as to specific manufacturers' subscriber equipment. All reasonably compatible subscriber equipment must be permitted to be operated on your system by outside agencies, thus allowing coordinated efforts between local and state public safety/public service agencies and maximizing resources and capabilities.

- h. DHSES reserves the right to suspend program funds if the Contractor is found to be in noncompliance with the provisions of this Contract or other grant Contracts between the Contractor and DHSES or, if the Contractor or principals of the Contractor are under investigation by a New York State or local law enforcement agency for noncompliance with State or federal laws or regulatory provisions or, if in DHSES' judgment, the services provided by the Contractor under the Contract are unsatisfactory or untimely.
- i. DHSES shall provide the Contractor with written notice of noncompliance.
  - ii. Upon the Contractor's failure to correct or comply with the written notice by DHSES, DHSES reserves the right to terminate this Contract, recoup funds and recover any assets purchased with the proceeds of this Contract.
- i. DHSES reserves the right to use approved grant related expenditures to offset disallowed expenditures from any grant funded through its offices upon appropriate notification to the Contractor, or upon reasonable assurance that the Contractor is not in compliance with these terms.

#### **IV. FEDERALLY FUNDED GRANT REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Hatch Act.** The Contractor agrees, as a material condition of the Contract, to comply with all applicable provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.), as amended.
- B. Requirement for System of Award Management:** Unless you are exempted from this requirement under 2 CFR 25.110, you as the subrecipient must maintain the currency of your information in the System of Award Management (SAM) until you submit the final financial report required under this award or receive the final payment, whichever is later. This requires that you review and update the information at least annually after the initial registration, and more frequently if required by changes in your information or another award term. Pursuant to section 2 CFR §25.300, Contractors must maintain a current unique entity identifier prior to and during the life of the Contract. Nonprofit organizations that are first-tier subrecipients for Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) funding must have a unique entity identifier, but are not required to be registered in SAM.
- C.** In accordance with 2 CFR §§200.112 and 200.113, Contractor understands and agrees that it must: (1) disclose in writing any potential conflict of interest to DHSES; and (2) disclose, in a timely manner, in writing to DHSES all violations of federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the grant award. The Contractor shall explain the actual or potential conflict in writing in sufficient detail so that the State contracting agency is able to assess the actual or potential conflict. The Contractor shall provide any additional information necessary for the State contracting agency to fully assess and address the actual or potential conflict of interest. Failure to make required disclosures can result in any remedy available to DHSES for Contractor's noncompliance, including suspension or debarment.

- D. The Contractor must ensure that, for all contracts entered into by the Contractor, the contract provisions required by 2 CFR §200.327 (and Appendix II to 2 CFR Part 200) are included in such contracts. The Contractor further agrees to impose and enforce this requirement for any Contractor subaward agreements.
- E. Where advance payments are approved by DHSES, the Contractor agrees to expend the advance payments in accordance with the purposes set forth in Appendix D and consistent with Appendix B. The advanced funds must be placed in an interest-bearing account and are subject to the rules outlined in 2 CFR Part 200, (Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Contracts to State and Local Governments) which require Contractors to promptly remit back to the federal government, through New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, any interest earned on these advanced funds. The Contractor may keep interest earned up to \$500 per federal fiscal year for administrative expenses. This maximum limit is not per award; it is inclusive of all interest earned as the result of all federal grant program funds received per year. Interest must be reported on Fiscal Cost Reports and remitted to DHSES quarterly.
- F. **Audit Requirements.** This Contract, and any sub-awards resulting from this Contract, may be subject to fiscal and program audits by DHSES, NYS Office of State Comptroller, pertinent federal agencies, and other designated entities to ascertain financial compliance with federal and/or State laws, regulations, and guidelines applicable to this Contract. The Contractor shall meet all audit requirements of the federal government and State of New York. Such audits may include review of the Contractor's accounting, financial, and reporting practices to determine compliance with the Contract and reporting requirements; maintenance of accurate and reliable original accounting records in accordance with governmental accounting standards as well as generally accepted accounting principles; and specific compliance with allowable cost and expenditure documentation standards prescribed by applicable federal, State, and DHSES guidelines.
- G. **Equipment Markings.** The Contractor further agrees that, when practicable, any equipment purchased with grant funding shall be prominently marked as follows: "Purchased with funds provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security."
- H. **Administrative, Cost and Audit Requirements:** The Contractor must comply with the most recent version of the Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit requirements. *Failure to do so may result in disallowance of costs upon audit.* A list of regulations and guidance applicable to United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) grants are listed below:
1. **General Administrative Requirements:**
    - a. 2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards
  2. **Cost Principles:**
    - a. 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E
  3. **Audit Requirements:**

- a. 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F

**I. Contracting with small and minority firms, women's business enterprise and labor surplus area firms.**

1. Consistent with 2 CFR §200.321, the grantee and any subgrantees will take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority firms, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible.
2. Affirmative steps must include:
  - a. Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
  - b. Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
  - c. Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority business, and women's business enterprises;
  - d. Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority business, and women's business enterprises;
  - e. Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce; and
  - f. Requiring the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the affirmative steps listed in subsections (2)(a) through (e) of this section.

**J. Compliance with Laws, Regulations and Program Guidance.** The Contractor shall ensure it is aware of and complies with all applicable laws, regulations and program guidance. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to become familiar with and comply with all terms and conditions associated with acceptance of funds.

**K. Adequate Documentation:** The Contractor must ensure full compliance with all cost documentation requirements, including specific personal service documentation, as applicable directly to the Contractor, sub-recipient or collaborative agency/organization. The Contractor must maintain specific documentation as support for project related personal service expenditures as this Contract is supported by federal funds. Depending upon the nature or extent of personal service provided under this Contract, the Contractor shall maintain semi-annual (or more frequent) personal service certifications and/or an after-the-fact personnel activity reporting system (or equivalent) which complies with all applicable laws, regulations and program guidance. Failure to do so may result in disallowance of costs.

**L. Single Audit Requirements:** For audits of fiscal years beginning on or after December 26, 2014, recipients that expend \$750,000 or more from all federal funding sources during their fiscal year are required to submit an organization-wide financial and compliance audit report. The audit must be performed in accordance with the requirements of GAO's Government Auditing Standards, located at <https://www.gao.gov/topics/auditing-and-financial-management>, and the requirements of Subpart F of 2 C.F.R. Part 200, located at <http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=63811dc3410c008e2f8e28c325cdc09e&mc=true&node=sp2.1.200.f&rgn=div6>. The

final report for such audit must be completed within nine months of the end of the Contractor's fiscal year. The Contractor must provide one copy of such audit report to DHSES within nine (9) months of the end of its fiscal year, or communicate in writing to DHSES that Contractor is exempt from such requirement.

**M. Program Income:** Program income earned by the Contractor during the grant funding Period must be reported in writing to DHSES, in addition to any other statutory reporting requirements. Program income consists of income earned by the grant recipient that is directly generated by a supported activity or earned as a result of the grant program. Program income includes, but is not limited to, income from fees for services performed, the use of rental or real or personal property acquired under federally-funded projects, the sale of commodities or items fabricated under an award, license fees and royalties on patents and copyrights and interest on loans made with federal award funds. For example, if the purpose of a grant is to conduct conferences, any training fees that are generated would be considered program income. Interest earned on grant funds is not considered program income unless specified in Appendix D. The Contractor agrees to report the receipt and expenditures of grant program income to DHSES. Program income (not to include interest earned), generated by the use of these grant funds will be used to enhance the grant project.

**N. Accounting for Grant Expenditures:**

1. Grant funds may be expended only for purposes and activities set forth in this Contract. Accordingly, the most important single requirement of accounting for this grant is the complete and accurate documentation of grant expenditures. If the Contractor receives funding from two or more sources, all necessary steps must be taken to ensure that grant-related transactions are not commingled. This includes, but is not limited to, the establishment of unique budget codes, a separate cost center, or a separate chart of accounts. Expenditures must be cross-referenced to supporting source documents (purchase orders, contracts, real estate leases, invoices, vouchers, timesheets, mileage logs, etc.).
2. Contractor agrees that it shall maintain adequate internal controls and adhere to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for Government or Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for Not-for-Profit Organizations.
3. None of the goals, objectives or tasks, as set forth in Appendix D, shall be sub-awarded to another organization without specific prior written approval by DHSES. Where the intention to make sub-awards is clearly indicated in the application, DHSES approval is deemed given, if these activities are funded, as proposed.
4. If this Contract makes provisions for the Contractor to sub-grant funds to other recipients, the Contractor agrees that all sub-Contractors shall be held accountable by the Contractor for all terms and conditions set forth in this Contract in its entirety. The Contractor further agrees that it shall assume sole and complete responsibility for fulfilling all the obligations set forth in the Contract and the Contractor must guarantee the work of any sub-Contractor as if it were its own.
5. The Contractor agrees that all sub-Contractor arrangements shall be formalized in writing between the parties involved. The writing must, at a minimum, include the following information:
  - Activities to be performed;

- Time schedule;
  - Project policies;
  - Other policies and procedures to be followed;
  - Dollar limitation of the Contract;
  - Appendix A-1, Appendix C, Certified Assurances for Federally Supported Projects, Certification Regarding Lobbying, Debarment and Suspension and any special conditions set forth in the Contract;
  - Applicable federal and/or State cost principles to be used in determining allowable costs; and
  - Property Records or Equipment Inventory Reports.
- O.** The Contractor will not be reimbursed for sub-granted funds unless all expenditures by a sub-Contractor are listed on detailed itemization forms or a form deemed acceptable to DHSES. Backup documentation for such expenditures must be made available to DHSES upon request. All expenditures must be programmatically consistent with the goals and objectives of this Contract and with the Budget set forth in Appendix B.
- P.** Space rental provided by this Contract must be supported by a written lease, maintained on file and made available by the Contractor upon request.
- Q. Equipment and Property:**
1. Any equipment, furniture or supplies or other property purchased pursuant to this Contract is deemed to be the property of the State, except as may otherwise be governed by federal or State laws, rules or regulations or stated in this Contract.
  2. Equipment means tangible, nonexpendable, personal property (including information technology systems) having a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost which equals or exceeds the lesser of the capitalization level established by the non-Federal entity for financial statement purposes, or \$5,000. A Contractor may use its own definition of equipment provided that such definition would at least include all equipment defined above. A copy of the property record(s) or equipment inventory report(s) with relevant purchasing and supporting documentation must be made available to DHSES upon request. Property records or equipment inventory reports must be maintained, by award, that include a description of the property, a serial number or other identification number, the source of property, who holds title, the acquisition date, and cost of the property, percentage of federal participation in the cost of the property, the location, use and condition of the property, and any ultimate disposition data including the date of disposal and sale price of the property. The Contractor must document receipt of all applicable equipment purchased with grant funds. A physical inventory of the property must be taken and the results reconciled with the property records at least once every two (2) years.
  3. Upon completion of all contractual requirements by the Contractor, DHSES will consider a request for continued use and possession of the equipment purchased with grant funds provided the equipment continues to be used in connection with a public security program. When disposing of equipment purchased with homeland security grant funding, a State agency must dispose of equipment in accordance with State Laws and procedures. All other Contractors shall dispose of



equipment as follows:

- a. Items of equipment with a current per unit market value of less than \$5,000 may be retained, sold or otherwise disposed of with no further obligation to the awarding agency.
  - b. Items of equipment with a current per unit fair market value of \$5,000 or more may be retained or sold. If sold, the awarding agency shall have a right to an amount calculated by multiplying the proceeds from the sale by the awarding agency's share of the equipment. If retained, the current market value is to be used in the calculation. To remit payments, award recipients should contact DHSES at 1-866-837-9133 for guidance.
4. Upon completion of all contractual requirements by the Contractor under this Contract, DHSES shall accept a request for continued use and possession of the equipment purchased with grant funds providing the equipment continues to be used in accordance with the contracted activities and guidelines in this Contract.
  5. The Contractor must conduct a physical inventory of property records at least once every two years to verify the existence, current utilization and continued need for the property. In the event the property is no longer required by the Contractor, this fact should be reported to DHSES as soon as possible and appropriate guidelines followed, as specified in this Appendix.
  6. If Contractor disposes of any equipment purchased under this Contract during the active lifespan of said equipment, Contractor must reinvest any proceeds from the disposal into additional equipment items to continue Contractor's organization's activities subject to the guidelines of this Contract. If the Contractor does not reinvest proceeds to continue activities subject to this Contract, the percentage of the proceeds equal to the proportion of the original purchase price paid by funds for the Contract must be repaid to the State of New York.

**R. Remedies.**

In the event Contractor fails to observe or perform any term or condition of the agreement, the State may exercise all rights and remedies available to law or in equity.

**S. Termination for Cause and Convenience.**

Termination rights of the parties shall be as prescribed in Section II(C) of the grant agreement.

**T. Equal Employment Opportunity. (Applicable to contracts for construction work)**

During the performance of this Agreement the Contractor agrees as follows:

- a) The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following:

Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or

termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and skeleton for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

- b) The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.
- c) The Contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicant to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the Contractor legal duty to furnish information.
- d) The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other Agreement or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the Contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- e) The Contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- f) The Contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
- g) In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this Agreement or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this Agreement may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the Contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government Agreements or federally assisted construction Agreements in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

- h) The Contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (l) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance:

Provided, however, that in the event a Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation with a sub-contractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency, the Contractor may request the United State to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

The authorized user further agrees that it will be bound by the above equal opportunity clause with respect to its own employment practices when it participates in federally assisted construction work: Provided, that if the authorized user so participating is the State or local government, the above equal opportunity clause is not applicable to any agency, instrumentality or subdivision of such government which does not participate in work on or under the Agreement.

The authorized user agrees that it will assist and cooperate actively with the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor in obtaining the compliance of Contractors and subcontractors with the equal opportunity clause and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, that it will furnish the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor such information as they may require for the supervision of such compliance, and that it will otherwise assist the administering agency in the discharge of the agency's primary responsibility for securing compliance.

The authorized user further agrees that it will refrain from entering into any Agreement or Agreement modification subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, with a Contractor debarred from, or who has not demonstrated eligibility for, Government Agreements and federally assisted construction Agreements pursuant to the Executive Order and will carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of the equal opportunity clause as may be imposed upon Contractors and subcontractors by the administering agency or the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Part II, Subpart D of the Executive Order. In addition, the authorized user agrees that if it fails or refuses to comply with these undertakings, the administering agency may take any or all of the following actions: Cancel, terminate, or suspend in whole or in part this grant (Agreement, loan, insurance, guarantee); refrain from extending any further assistance to the applicant under the program with respect to which the failure or refund occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from such applicant; and refer the case to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal proceedings.

**U. Davis-Bacon Act. (Applicable to contracts for construction work)**

The Agency head shall cause or require the contracting officer to insert in full in any contract in excess of \$ 2,000 which is entered into for the actual construction, alteration and/or repair, including painting and decorating, of a public building or public work, or building or work

financed in whole or in part from Federal funds or in accordance with guarantees of a Federal agency or financed from funds obtained by pledge of any contract of a Federal agency to make a loan, grant or annual contribution (except where a different meaning is expressly indicated), and which is subject to the labor standards provisions of any of the acts listed in § 5.1, the following clauses (or any modifications thereof to meet the particular needs of the agency, Provided, That such modifications are first approved by the Department of Labor):

1) Minimum wages.

i) All laborers and mechanics employed or working upon the site of the work (or under the United States Housing Act of 1937 or under the Housing Act of 1949 in the construction or development of the project), will be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a week, and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account (except such payroll deductions as are permitted by regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor under the Copeland Act (29 CFR part 3)), the full amount of wages and bona fide fringe benefits (or cash equivalents thereof) due at time of payment computed at rates not less than those contained in the wage determination of the Secretary of Labor which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the contractor and such laborers and mechanics. Contributions made or costs reasonably anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits under section 1(b)(2) of the Davis-Bacon Act on behalf of laborers or mechanics are considered wages paid to such laborers or mechanics, subject to the provisions of paragraph (a)(1)(iv) of this section; also, regular contributions made or costs incurred for more than a weekly period (but not less often than quarterly) under plans, funds, or programs which cover the particular weekly period, are deemed to be constructively made or incurred during such weekly period. Such laborers and mechanics shall be paid the appropriate wage rate and fringe benefits on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed, without regard to skill, except as provided in § 5.5(a)(4). Laborers or mechanics performing work in more than one classification may be compensated at the rate specified for each classification for the time actually worked therein: Provided, That the employer's payroll records accurately set forth the time spent in each classification in which work is performed. The wage determination (including any additional classification and wage rates conformed under paragraph (a)(1)(ii) of this section) and the Davis-Bacon poster (WH-1321) shall be posted at all times by the contractor and its subcontractors at the site of the work in a prominent and accessible place where it can be easily seen by the workers.

(ii)

A) The contracting officer shall require that any class of laborers or mechanics, including helpers, which is not listed in the wage determination and which is to be employed under the contract shall be classified in conformance with the wage determination. The contracting officer shall approve an additional classification and wage rate and fringe benefits therefore only when the following criteria have been met:

- 1) The work to be performed by the classification requested is not performed by a classification in the wage determination; and
- 2) The classification is utilized in the area by the construction industry; and
- 3) The proposed wage rate, including any bona fide fringe benefits, bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination.

B) If the contractor and the laborers and mechanics to be employed in the classification (if known), or their representatives, and the contracting officer agree on the classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits where appropriate), a report of the action taken shall be sent by the contracting officer to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will approve, modify, or disapprove every additional classification action within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

C) In the event the contractor, the laborers or mechanics to be employed in the classification or their representatives, and the contracting officer do not agree on the proposed classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits, where appropriate), the contracting officer shall refer the questions, including the views of all interested parties and the recommendation of the contracting officer, to the Administrator for determination. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will issue a determination within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

D) The wage rate (including fringe benefits where appropriate) determined pursuant to paragraphs (a)(1)(ii) (B) or (C) of this section, shall be paid to all workers performing work in the classification under this contract from the first day on which work is performed in the classification.

iii) Whenever the minimum wage rate prescribed in the contract for a class of laborers or mechanics includes a fringe benefit which is not expressed as an hourly rate, the contractor shall either pay the benefit as stated in the wage determination or shall pay another bona fide fringe benefit or an hourly cash equivalent thereof.

iv) If the contractor does not make payments to a trustee or other third person, the contractor may consider as part of the wages of any laborer or mechanic the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing bona fide fringe benefits under a plan or program, Provided, That the Secretary of Labor has found, upon the written request of the contractor, that the applicable standards of the Davis-Bacon Act have been met. The Secretary of Labor may require the contractor to set aside in a separate account assets for the meeting of obligations under the plan or program.

2) Withholding. The (write in name of Federal Agency or the loan or grant recipient) shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld from the contractor under this contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements, which is held by the same prime contractor, so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to pay laborers and mechanics, including apprentices, trainees, and helpers, employed by the contractor or any subcontractor the full amount of wages required by the contract. In the event of failure to pay any laborer or mechanic, including any apprentice, trainee, or helper, employed or working on the site of the work (or under the United States Housing Act of 1937 or under the Housing Act of 1949 in the construction or development of the project), all or part of the wages required by the contract, the

(Agency) may, after written notice to the contractor, sponsor, applicant, or owner, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds until such violations have ceased.

3) Payrolls and basic records.

i) Payrolls and basic records relating thereto shall be maintained by the contractor during the course of the work and preserved for a period of three years thereafter for all laborers and mechanics working at the site of the work (or under the United States Housing Act of 1937, or under the Housing Act of 1949, in the construction or development of the project). Such records shall contain the name, address, and social security number of each such worker, his or her correct classification, hourly rates of wages paid (including rates of contributions or costs anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits or cash equivalents thereof of the types described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act), daily and weekly number of hours worked, deductions made and actual wages paid. Whenever the Secretary of Labor has found under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(iv) that the wages of any laborer or mechanic include the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing benefits under a plan or program described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act, the contractor shall maintain records which show that the commitment to provide such benefits is enforceable, that the plan or program is financially responsible, and that the plan or program has been communicated in writing to the laborers or mechanics affected, and records which show the costs anticipated or the actual cost incurred in providing such benefits. Contractors employing apprentices or trainees under approved programs shall maintain written evidence of the registration of apprenticeship programs and certification of trainee programs, the registration of the apprentices and trainees, and the ratios and wage rates prescribed in the applicable programs.

ii)

A) The contractor shall submit weekly for each week in which any contract work is performed a copy of all payrolls to the (write in name of appropriate federal agency) if the agency is a party to the contract, but if the agency is not such a party, the contractor will submit the payrolls to the applicant, sponsor, or owner, as the case may be, for transmission to the (write in name of agency). The payrolls submitted shall set out accurately and completely all of the information required to be maintained under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(3)(i), except that full social security numbers and home addresses shall not be included on weekly transmittals. Instead the payrolls shall only need to include an individually identifying number for each employee (e.g., the last four digits of the employee's social security number). The required weekly payroll information may be submitted in any form desired. Optional Form WH-347 is available for this purpose from the Wage and Hour Division Web site at <http://www.dol.gov/esa/whd/forms/wh347instr.htm> or its successor site. The prime contractor is responsible for the submission of copies of payrolls by all subcontractors. Contractors and subcontractors shall maintain the full social security number and current address of each covered worker, and shall provide them upon request to the (write in name of appropriate federal agency) if the agency is a party to the contract, but if the agency is not such a party, the contractor will submit them to the applicant, sponsor, or owner, as the case may be, for transmission to the (write in name of agency), the contractor, or the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor for purposes of an investigation or audit of compliance with prevailing wage requirements. It is not a violation of this section for a

prime contractor to require a subcontractor to provide addresses and social security numbers to the prime contractor for its own records, without weekly submission to the sponsoring government agency (or the applicant, sponsor, or owner).

B) Each payroll submitted shall be accompanied by a “Statement of Compliance,” signed by the contractor or subcontractor or his or her agent who pays or supervises the payment of the persons employed under the contract and shall certify the following:

1) That the payroll for the payroll period contains the information required to be provided under § 5.5 (a)(3)(ii) of Regulations, 29 CFR part 5, the appropriate information is being maintained under § 5.5 (a)(3)(i) of Regulations, 29 CFR part 5, and that such information is correct and complete;

2) That each laborer or mechanic (including each helper, apprentice, and trainee) employed on the contract during the payroll period has been paid the full weekly wages earned, without rebate, either directly or indirectly, and that no deductions have been made either directly or indirectly from the full wages earned, other than permissible deductions as set forth in Regulations, 29 CFR part 3;

3) That each laborer or mechanic has been paid not less than the applicable wage rates and fringe benefits or cash equivalents for the classification of work performed, as specified in the applicable wage determination incorporated into the contract.

C) The weekly submission of a properly executed certification set forth on the reverse side of Optional Form WH-347 shall satisfy the requirement for submission of the “Statement of Compliance” required by paragraph (a)(3)(ii)(B) of this section.

D) The falsification of any of the above certifications may subject the contractor or subcontractor to civil or criminal prosecution under section 1001 of title 18 and section 231 of title 31 of the United States Code.

iii) The contractor or subcontractor shall make the records required under paragraph (a)(3)(i) of this section available for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the (write the name of the agency) or the Department of Labor, and shall permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job. If the contractor or subcontractor fails to submit the required records or to make them available, the Federal agency may, after written notice to the contractor, sponsor, applicant, or owner, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds. Furthermore, failure to submit the required records upon request or to make such records available may be grounds for debarment action pursuant to 29 CFR 5.12.

#### 4) Apprentices and trainees —

i) Apprentices. Apprentices will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they performed when they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a bona fide apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services or with a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office, or if a person is employed in his or her

first 90 days of probationary employment as an apprentice in such an apprenticeship program, who is not individually registered in the program, but who has been certified by the Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services or a State Apprenticeship Agency (where appropriate) to be eligible for probationary employment as an apprentice. The allowable ratio of apprentices to journeymen on the job site in any craft classification shall not be greater than the ratio permitted to the contractor as to the entire work force under the registered program. Any worker listed on a payroll at an apprentice wage rate, who is not registered or otherwise employed as stated above, shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any apprentice performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. Where a contractor is performing construction on a project in a locality other than that in which its program is registered, the ratios and wage rates (expressed in percentages of the journeyman's hourly rate) specified in the contractor's or subcontractor's registered program shall be observed. Every apprentice must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the registered program for the apprentice's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeymen hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Apprentices shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the apprenticeship program. If the apprenticeship program does not specify fringe benefits, apprentices must be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination for the applicable classification. If the Administrator determines that a different practice prevails for the applicable apprentice classification, fringes shall be paid in accordance with that determination. In the event the Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services, or a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office, withdraws approval of an apprenticeship program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize apprentices at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

ii) Trainees. Except as provided in 29 CFR 5.16, trainees will not be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work performed unless they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a program which has received prior approval, evidenced by formal certification by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration. The ratio of trainees to journeymen on the job site shall not be greater than permitted under the plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration. Every trainee must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the approved program for the trainee's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeyman hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Trainees shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the trainee program. If the trainee program does not mention fringe benefits, trainees shall be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination unless the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division determines that there is an apprenticeship program associated with the corresponding journeyman wage rate on the wage determination which provides for less than full fringe benefits for apprentices. Any employee listed on the payroll at a trainee rate who is not registered and participating in a training plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any trainee performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. In the event the Employment and Training Administration withdraws approval of a training program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize trainees at



less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

iii) Equal employment opportunity. The utilization of apprentices, trainees and journeymen under this part shall be in conformity with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Executive Order 11246, as amended, and 29 CFR part 30.

5) Compliance with Copeland Act requirements. The contractor shall comply with the requirements of 29 CFR part 3, which are incorporated by reference in this contract.

6) Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses contained in 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1) through (10) and such other clauses as the (write in the name of the Federal agency) may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all the contract clauses in 29 CFR 5.5.

7) Contract termination: debarment. A breach of the contract clauses in 29 CFR 5.5 may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and a subcontractor as provided in 29 CFR 5.12.

8) Compliance with Davis-Bacon and Related Act requirements. All rulings and interpretations of the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts contained in 29 CFR parts 1, 3, and 5 are herein incorporated by reference in this contract.

9) Disputes concerning labor standards. Disputes arising out of the labor standards provisions of this contract shall not be subject to the general disputes clause of this contract. Such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures of the Department of Labor set forth in 29 CFR parts 5, 6, and 7. Disputes within the meaning of this clause include disputes between the contractor (or any of its subcontractors) and the contracting agency, the U.S. Department of Labor, or the employees or their representatives.

10) Certification of eligibility.

i) By entering into this contract, the contractor certifies that neither it (nor he or she) nor any person or firm who has an interest in the contractor's firm is a person or firm ineligible to be awarded Government contracts by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).

ii) No part of this contract shall be subcontracted to any person or firm ineligible for award of a Government contract by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).

iii) The penalty for making false statements is prescribed in the U.S. Criminal Code, 18 U.S.C. 1001.

**V. Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (Applicable to contracts for construction work greater than \$2,000)**

Contractor. The contractor shall comply with 18 U.S.C. § 874, 40 U.S.C. § 3145, and the requirements of

29 C.F.R. Part 3 as may be applicable, which are incorporated by reference into this contract. Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clause above and such other clauses as FEMA may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all of these contract clauses. Breach. A breach of the contract clauses above may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and subcontractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. § 5.12.

**W. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (Applicable to contracts greater than \$100,000 and mechanics or laborers)**

1) Overtime requirements. No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.

2) Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section, in the sum of \$27 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section.

3) Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. DHSES shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(2) of this section.

4) Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (b)(1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (b)(1) through (4) of this section.

**X. Clean Air Act and The Federal Water Pollution Control Act. (Applicable to all contracts in excess of \$150,000)**

*Clean Air Act*

- a) The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et, seq.
- b) The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the State of New York and understands and agrees that the State of New York will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
- c) The Contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.

*Federal Water Pollution Control Act*

- a) The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33u.s.c. 1251 et seq.
- b) The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the State of New York and understands and agrees that the State of New York will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
- c) The Contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.

**Y. Debarment and Suspension. (Applicable to contracts greater than \$25,000)**

- a) This Agreement is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such, the Contractor is required to verify that none of the Contractor's principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995) or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).
- b) The Contractor must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.
- c) This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by the State of New York. If it is later determined that the Contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to the State of New York, the Federal

Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

- d) The Contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any Agreement that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

**Z. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment. (Applicable to contracts greater than \$100,000)**

*Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended)*

Contractors that apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more must file the required certifications. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal Agreement, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient who in turn will forward the certification(s) to the awarding agency.

**AA. Procurement of Recovered Materials. (Applicable where work involves the use of materials and the contract value is over \$10,000)**

- a) In the performance of this Agreement, the Contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired --
  - i. Competitively within a time frame providing for compliance with the Agreement performance schedule
  - ii. Meeting agreement performance requirements; or
  - iii. At a reasonable price.
- b) Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA-designated items, is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, <https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program>.
- c) The Contractor also agrees to comply with all other applicable requirements of Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act."

**BB. Prohibition on Contracting for Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services**

- a) Definitions. As used in this clause, the terms backhaul; covered foreign country; covered telecommunications equipment or services; interconnection arrangements; roaming; substantial or essential component; and telecommunications equipment or services have the meaning as defined

in FEMA Policy 405-143-1, Prohibitions on Expending FEMA Award Funds for Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services (Interim), as used in this clause—

b) Prohibitions.

1) Section 889(b) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, Pub. L. No. 115-232, and 2 C.F.R. § 200.216 prohibit the head of an executive agency on or after Aug.13, 2020, from obligating or expending grant, cooperative agreement, loan, or loan guarantee funds on certain telecommunications products or from certain entities for national security reasons.

2) Unless an exception in paragraph (c) of this clause applies, the contractor and its subcontractors may not use grant, cooperative agreement, loan, or loan guarantee funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to:

i) Procure or obtain any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology of any system;

ii) Enter into, extend, or renew a contract to procure or obtain any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology of any system;

iii) Enter into, extend, or renew contracts with entities that use covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system; or

iv) Provide, as part of its performance of this contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument, any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system.

c) Exceptions.

1) This clause does not prohibit contractors from providing—

i) A service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or

(ii) Telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.

2) By necessary implication and regulation, the prohibitions also do not apply to: (i) Covered telecommunications equipment or services that: i. Are not used as a substantial or essential

component of any system; and ii. Are not used as critical technology of any system. (ii) Other telecommunications equipment or services that are not considered covered telecommunications equipment or services.

d) Reporting requirement.

1) In the event the contractor identifies covered telecommunications equipment or services used as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, during contract performance, or the contractor is notified of such by a subcontractor at any tier or by any other source, the contractor shall report the information in paragraph (d)(2) of this clause to the recipient or subrecipient, unless elsewhere in this contract are established procedures for reporting the information.

2) The Contractor shall report the following information pursuant to paragraph (d)(1) of this clause:

i) Within one business day from the date of such identification or notification: The contract number; the order number(s), if applicable; supplier name; supplier unique entity identifier (if known); supplier Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code (if known); brand; model number (original equipment manufacturer number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number); item description; and any readily available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended.

ii) Within 10 business days of submitting the information in paragraph (d)(2)(i) of this clause: Any further available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended. In addition, the contractor shall describe the efforts it undertook to prevent use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services, and any additional efforts that will be incorporated to prevent future use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services.

e) Subcontracts. The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (e), in all subcontracts and other contractual instruments.

## **CC. Domestic Preferences for Procurements**

Domestic Preference for Procurements As appropriate, and to the extent consistent with law, the contractor should, to the greatest extent practicable, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States. This includes, but is not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products. For purposes of this clause: Produced in the United States means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States. Manufactured products mean items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

**DD. Access to Records/Retention of Records.**

- a) The Contractor agrees to provide the State of New York, the FEMA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this Agreement for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.
- b) The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.
- c) The Contractor agrees to provide the FEMA Administrator or his authorized representatives access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the Agreement.
- d) In compliance with the Disaster Recovery Act of 2018, the State of New York and the Contractor acknowledge and agree that no language in this Agreement is intended to prohibit audits or internal reviews by the FEMA Administrator or the Comptroller General of the United States.
- e) The Contractor shall establish and maintain complete records, including accurate books, financial records, supporting documents, accounts and other evidence directly pertinent to performance of work performed under this Contract consistent with generally accepted bookkeeping practices. Contractor shall retain all financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and all other records pertinent to the Agreement (collectively, the "Records") (i) for three (3) years from the time of closeout of FEMA's grant to the State or for the period provided in the FEMA regulations at 2 C.F.R. 200.333-337 or (ii) for six (6) years after the closeout of the Agreement, or, as long as required by state law, whichever may be longer.

**EE. Federal Debt.**

The Contractor certifies that it is non-delinquent in its repayment of any federal debt. Examples of relevant debt include delinquent payroll and other taxes, audit disallowance, and benefit overpayments.

**FF. DHS Seal, Logo, and Flags.**

The Contractor shall not use the DHS seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials without specific FEMA pre-approval.

**GG. Compliance with Federal Law, Regulations, and Executive Orders.**

This is an acknowledgement that FEMA financial assistance may be used to fund all or a portion of the Agreement. The Contractor will comply with all applicable Federal law, regulations, executive orders, FEMA policies, procedures, and directives, including but not limited to the applicable Office of Management and Budget Circulars, which may impact the administration of

funds and/or set forth certain cost principles, including the allowability of certain expenses.

**HH. No Obligation by Federal Government.**

The Federal Government is not a party to this Agreement and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, Contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the Agreement.

**II. Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts.**

The Contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the Contractor's actions pertaining to this Agreement.

**JJ. Affirmative Socioeconomic Steps**

If subcontracts are to be let, the prime contractor is required to take all necessary steps identified in 2 C.F.R. § 200.321(b)(1)-(5) to ensure that small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible.

**KK. Copyright**

The Contractor grants to DHSES, a paid-up, royalty-free, nonexclusive, irrevocable, worldwide license in data first produced in the performance of this contract to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, including prepare derivative works, distribute copies to the public, and perform publicly and display publicly such data. For data required by the contract but not first produced in the performance of this contract, the Contractor will identify such data and grant to the DHSES or acquires on its behalf a license of the same scope as for data first produced in the performance of this contract. Data, as used herein, shall include any work subject to copyright under 17 U.S.C. § 102, for example, any written reports or literary works, software and/or source code, music, choreography, pictures or images, graphics, sculptures, videos, motion pictures or other audiovisual works, sound and/or video recordings, and architectural works. Upon or before the completion of this contract, the Contractor will deliver to DHSES data first produced in the performance of this contract and data required by the contract but not first produced in the performance of this contract in formats acceptable by DHSES.

**LL. U.S. Executive Order 13224.**

Contractor, and its subcontractors, must comply with U.S. Executive Order 13224 and U.S. Laws that prohibit transactions with and provision of resources and support to individuals and organizations associated with terrorism.

**MM. Subcontracting.**

The Contractor represents to DHSES that all work shall be performed by personnel experienced in the appropriate and applicable profession and areas of expertise, taking into account the nature of the work



to be performed under this contract. The Contractor must include the contract provisions required by 2 CFR §200.327 (and Appendix II to 2 CFR Part 200), in every contract issued by it so that such provisions will be binding upon each of its contractors as well as the requirement to flow down such terms to all lower-tiered subcontractors.

**NN. Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging while Driving**

Recipients are encouraged to adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging while driving as described in E.O. 13513, including conducting initiatives described in Section 3(a) of the Order when on official government business or when performing any work for or on behalf of the Federal Government.

**OO. E.O. 14074 – Advancing Effective, Accountable Policing and Criminal Justice Practices to Enhance Public Trust and Public Safety**

Recipient State, Tribal, local, or territorial law enforcement agencies must comply with the requirements of section 12(c) of E.O. 14074. Recipient State, Tribal, local, or territorial law enforcement agencies are also encouraged to adopt and enforce policies consistent with E.O. 14074 to support safe and effective policing.

**PP. Required Use of American Iron, Steel, Manufactured Products, and Construction Materials**

Recipients must comply with the “Build America, Buy America” provisions of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and E.O. 14005. Recipients of an award of Federal financial assistance from a program for infrastructure are hereby notified that none of the funds provided under this award may be used for a project for infrastructure unless:

(1) all iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States--this means all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States;

(2) all manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States—this means the manufactured product was manufactured in the United States; and the cost of the components of the manufactured product that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States is greater than 55 percent of the total cost of all components of the manufactured product, unless another standard for determining the minimum amount of domestic content of the manufactured product has been established under applicable law or regulation; and

(3) all construction materials are manufactured in the United States—this means that all manufacturing processes for the construction material occurred in the United States.

The Buy America preference only applies to articles, materials, and supplies that are consumed in, incorporated into, or affixed to an infrastructure project. As such, it does not apply to tools, equipment, and supplies, such as temporary scaffolding, brought to the construction site and removed at or before the completion of the infrastructure project. Nor does a Buy America preference apply to equipment and furnishings, such as movable chairs, desks, and portable computer equipment, that are used at or within the finished infrastructure project but are not an integral part of the structure or permanently affixed to the infrastructure project.

## *Waivers*

When necessary, recipients may apply for, and the agency may grant, a waiver from these requirements. Information on the process for requesting a waiver from these requirements is on the website below.

(a) When the Federal agency has made a determination that one of the following exceptions applies, the awarding official may waive the application of the domestic content procurement preference in any case in which the agency determines that:

- (1) applying the domestic content procurement preference would be inconsistent with the public interest;
- (2) the types of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of a satisfactory quality; or
- (3) the inclusion of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent.

A request to waive the application of the domestic content procurement preference must be in writing. The agency will provide instructions on the format, contents, and supporting materials required for any waiver request. Waiver requests are subject to public comment periods of no less than 15 days and must be reviewed by the Made in America Office.

There may be instances where an award qualifies, in whole or in part, for an existing waiver described at <https://www.fema.gov/grants/policy-guidance/buy-america>

The awarding Component may provide specific instructions to Recipients of awards from infrastructure programs that are subject to the “Build America, Buy America” provisions. Recipients should refer to the Notice of Funding Opportunity for further information on the Buy America preference and waiver process.

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