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Cooperative Agreement

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09/20/2017

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New

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09/27/2017

PAYMENT METHOD:

Advance

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20179

RECIPIENT TYPE:

County

Send Payment Request to:

Las Vegas Finance Center

RECIPIENT:

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PROJECT TITLE AND DESCRIPTION

Community Wide Petroleum BF Assessment

Under this Cooperative Agreement, Niagara County will develop and implement a program to assess local "brownfields" properties, or properties whose expansion, redevelopment or reuse may be complicated by the presence of petroleum substances. The Community Wide Petroleum Substances Assessment Program will target vacant, abandoned and underutilized commercial and industrial sites to encourage redevelopment. Niagara County will select and assess sites believed to be contaminated specifically with petroleum substances throughout the city. Niagara County will involve residents and other stakeholders surrounding the sites by holding community meetings and sharing information.

BUDGET PERIOD

10/01/2017 - 09/30/2020

PROJECT PERIOD

10/01/2017 - 09/30/2020

TOTAL BUDGET PERIOD COST

\$100,000.00

TOTAL PROJECT PERIOD COST

\$100,000.00

NOTICE OF AWARD

Based on your Application dated 06/27/2017 including all modifications and amendments, the United States acting by and through the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby awards \$100,000. EPA agrees to cost-share 100.00% of all approved budget period costs incurred, up to and not exceeding total federal funding of \$100,000. Recipient's signature is not required on this agreement. The recipient demonstrates its commitment to carry out this award by either: 1) drawing down funds within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date; or 2) not filing a notice of disagreement with the award terms and conditions within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. If the recipient disagrees with the terms and conditions specified in this award, the authorized representative of the recipient must furnish a notice of disagreement to the EPA Award Official within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. In case of disagreement, and until the disagreement is resolved, the recipient should not draw down on the funds provided by this award/amendment, and any costs incurred by the recipient are at its own risk. This agreement is subject to applicable EPA regulatory and statutory provisions, all terms and conditions of this agreement and any attachments.

ISSUING OFFICE (GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICE)**ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS**

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Digital signature applied by EPA Award Official Richard Manna - Assistant Regional Administrator for Policy and Management

DATE

09/20/2017

EPA Funding Information

FUNDS	FORMER AWARD	THIS ACTION	AMENDED TOTAL
EPA Amount This Action	\$	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
EPA In-Kind Amount	\$	\$	\$ 0
Unexpended Prior Year Balance	\$	\$	\$ 0
Other Federal Funds	\$	\$	\$ 0
Recipient Contribution	\$	\$	\$ 0
State Contribution	\$	\$	\$ 0
Local Contribution	\$	\$	\$ 0
Other Contribution	\$	\$	\$ 0
Allowable Project Cost	\$ 0	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000

Assistance Program (CFDA)	Statutory Authority	Regulatory Authority
66.818 - Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements	CERCLA: Sec. 104(k)(2)	2 CFR 200 2 CFR 1500 and 40 CFR 33

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Site Name	Req No	FY	Approp. Code	Budget Organization	PRC	Object Class	Site/Project	Cost Organization	Obligation / Deobligation
-	1702HE0335	17	E4	02D0AG7	301D79XBP	4114	G200OR00		100,000
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Budget Summary Page

Table A - Object Class Category (Non-construction)	Total Approved Allowable Budget Period Cost
1. Personnel	\$6,332
2. Fringe Benefits	\$2,660
3. Travel	\$3,000
4. Equipment	\$0
5. Supplies	\$0
6. Contractual	\$88,008
7. Construction	\$0
8. Other	\$0
9. Total Direct Charges	\$100,000
10. Indirect Costs: % Base	\$0
11. Total (Share: Recipient <u>0.00</u> % Federal <u>100.00</u> %.)	\$100,000
12. Total Approved Assistance Amount	\$100,000
13. Program Income	\$0
14. Total EPA Amount Awarded This Action	\$100,000
15. Total EPA Amount Awarded To Date	\$100,000

Administrative Conditions

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The recipient agrees to comply with the current EPA general terms and conditions available at: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-general-terms-and-conditions-effective-april-27-2017-or-later>. These terms and conditions are in addition to the assurances and certifications made as a part of the award and the terms, conditions or restrictions cited throughout the award.

The EPA repository for the general terms and conditions by year can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/grants/grant-terms-and-conditions>.

GRANT-SPECIFIC ADMINISTRATIVE CONDITIONS

A. UTILIZATION OF SMALL, MINORITY AND WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

GENERAL COMPLIANCE, 40 CFR, Part 33

The recipient agrees to comply with the requirements of EPA's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program for procurement activities under assistance agreements, contained in 40 CFR, Part 33.

REPORTING PROVISION

MBE/WBE reporting is required annually for assistance agreements where there are funds budgeted for procuring construction, equipment, services and supplies, including funds budgeted for direct procurement by the recipient or procurement under subawards or loans in the "Other" category, that exceed the threshold amount of \$150,000, including amendments and/or modifications.

Based on EPA's review of the planned budget, this award does not meet the condition above and is not subject to the reporting requirements of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program. However, if during the performance of the award the total of all funds expended for direct procurement by the recipient and procurement under subawards or loans in the "Other" category exceeds \$150,000, annual reports will be required in accordance with the reporting paragraph below and you are required to notify your grant specialist for additional instructions.

The recipient also agrees to request prior approval from EPA for procurements that may activate DBE Program reporting requirements.

This provision represents an approved deviation from the MBE/WBE reporting requirements as described in 40 CFR, Part 33, Section 33.502; however, the other requirements outlined in 40 CFR Part 33 remain in effect, including the Good Faith Efforts requirements as described in 40 CFR Part 33 Subpart C and Fair Share Objectives negotiation as described in 40 CFR Part 33 Subpart D and explained below.

MBE/WBE REPORTING, 40 CFR, Part 33, Subpart E

When required, MBE/WBE reports must be submitted annually. The recipient agrees to complete and submit a "MBE/WBE Utilization Under Federal Grants, Cooperative Agreements and Interagency Agreements" report (EPA Form 5700-52A) on an annual basis. All procurement actions are reportable, not just that portion which exceeds \$150,000.

When completing the annual report, recipients are instructed to check the box titled "annual" in section 1B of the form. For the final report, recipients are instructed to check the box indicated for the "last report" of the project in section 1B of the form. Annual reports are due by October 30th of each year. Final reports are due by October 30th or 90 days after the end of the project period, whichever comes first.

The reporting requirement is based on total procurements. Recipients with expended and/or budgeted funds for procurement are required to report annually whether the planned procurements take place during the reporting period or not. If no budgeted procurements take place during the reporting period, the recipient should check the box in section 5B when completing the form.

MBE/WBE reports should be sent to the Region 2 Grants Office's central mailbox (Region2_GrantApplicationBox@epa.gov) with a courtesy copy to the grants specialist. The current EPA Form 5700-52A can be found at <http://www2.epa.gov/grants/epa-grantee-forms>

FAIR SHARE OBJECTIVES, 40 CFR, Part 33, Subpart D

This assistance agreement is a Technical Assistance Grant (TAG); or the award amount is \$250,000 or less; or the total dollar amount of all of the recipient's financial assistance agreements from EPA in the current Federal fiscal year is \$250,000 or less. Therefore, the recipient of this assistance agreement is exempt from the fair share objective requirements of 40 CFR, Part 33, Subpart D, and is not required to negotiate fair share objectives/goals for the utilization of MBE/WBEs in its procurements.

FAIR SHARE OBJECTIVES, 40 CFR, Part 33, Subpart D

A recipient must negotiate with the appropriate EPA award official, or his/her designee, fair share objectives for MBE and WBE participation in procurement under the financial assistance agreements.

In accordance with 40 CFR, Section 33.411 some recipients may be exempt from the fair share objectives requirements as described in 40 CFR, Part 33, Subpart D. Recipients should work with their DBE coordinator, if they think their organization may qualify for an exemption.

Accepting the Fair Share Objectives/Goals of Another Recipient

The dollar amount of this assistance agreement, or the total dollar amount of all of the recipient's financial assistance agreements in the current federal fiscal year from EPA is \$250,000, or more. The recipient accepts the applicable MBE/WBE fair share objectives/goals negotiated with EPA by the **New York State Department of Environmental Conservation** as follows:

Construction - Minority and Women Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) Participation Goals:

Combined MBE/WBE statewide 20%

Non-Construction – Minority and Women Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) Participation Goals: (For all other professional and contractual services; supplies and equipment)

Combined MBE/WBE statewide 20%

By signing this financial assistance agreement, the recipient is accepting the fair share objectives/goals stated above and attests to the fact that it is purchasing the same or similar construction, supplies, services and equipment, in the same or similar relevant geographic buying market as **New York State Department of Environmental Conservation**.

Negotiating Fair Share Objectives/Goals, 40 CFR, Section 33.404

The recipient has the option to negotiate its own MBE/WBE fair share objectives/goals. If the recipient wishes to negotiate its own MBE/WBE fair share objectives/goals, the recipient agrees to submit proposed MBE/WBE objectives/goals based on an availability analysis, or disparity study, of qualified MBEs and WBEs in their relevant geographic buying market for construction, services, supplies and equipment.

The submission of proposed fair share goals with the supporting analysis or disparity study means that the recipient is **not** accepting the fair share objectives/goals of another recipient. The recipient agrees to submit proposed fair share objectives/goals, together with the supporting availability analysis or disparity study, to the Regional MBE/WBE Coordinator within 120 days of its acceptance of the financial assistance award. EPA will respond to the proposed fair share objective/goals within 30 days of receiving the submission. If proposed fair share objective/goals are not received within the 120 day time frame, the recipient may not expend its EPA funds for procurements until the proposed fair share objective/goals are submitted.

SIX GOOD FAITH EFFORTS, 40 CFR, Part 33, Subpart C

Pursuant to 40 CFR, Section 33.301, the recipient agrees to make the following good faith efforts whenever procuring construction, equipment, services and supplies under an EPA financial assistance agreement, and to require that sub-recipients, loan recipients, and prime contractors also comply. Records documenting compliance with the six good faith efforts shall be retained:

(a) Ensure DBEs are made aware of contracting opportunities to the fullest extent practicable through outreach and recruitment activities. For Indian Tribal, State and Local and Government recipients, this will include placing DBEs on solicitation lists and soliciting them whenever they are potential sources.

(b) Make information on forthcoming opportunities available to DBEs and arrange time frames for contracts and establish delivery schedules, where the requirements permit, in a way that encourages and facilitates participation by DBEs in the competitive process. This includes, whenever possible, posting solicitations for bids or proposals for a minimum of 30 calendar days before the bid or proposal closing date.

(c) Consider in the contracting process whether firms competing for large contracts could subcontract with DBEs. For Indian Tribal, State and local Government recipients, this will include dividing total requirements when economically feasible into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by DBEs in the competitive process.

(d) Encourage contracting with a consortium of DBEs when a contract is too large for one of these firms to handle individually.

(e) Use the services and assistance of the SBA and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.

(f) If the prime contractor awards subcontracts, require the prime contractor to take the steps in paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section.

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION PROVISIONS, 40 CFR, Section 33.302

The recipient agrees to comply with the contract administration provisions of 40 CFR, Section 33.302.

BIDDERS LIST, 40 CFR, Section 33.501(b) and (c)

Recipients of a Continuing Environmental Program Grant or other annual reporting grant, agree to create and maintain a bidders list. Recipients of an EPA financial assistance agreement to capitalize a revolving loan fund also agree to require entities receiving identified loans to create and maintain a bidders list if the recipient of the loan is subject to, or chooses to follow, competitive bidding requirements. Please see 40 CFR, Section 33.501 (b) and (c) for specific requirements and exemptions.

B. ADVANCE METHOD OF PAYMENT

Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.305, the recipient is authorized to receive advance payments under this agreement, provided that the recipient takes action to minimize the time elapsing between the transfer of funds from EPA and the disbursement of those funds. The recipient shall request Federal payments by completing the EPA Payment Requests Form (EPA Form 190-F-04-001) and emailing it to the Las Vegas Finance Center at LVFC-grants@epa.gov. This form can be found at <http://www2.epa.gov/grants/epa-grantee-forms>. All email attachments must be sent in pdf format.

C. INTERIM FEDERAL FINANCIAL REPORT AND CLOSE-OUT INSTRUCTIONS

1. Interim Federal Financial Reports (FFRs)

Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.327, EPA recipients shall submit an interim annual Federal Financial Report (SF-425) to EPA no later than 90 calendar days following the anniversary of the start date of the agreement. The FFR must be emailed to LVFC-grants@epa.gov. A courtesy copy of the interim FFR can be submitted to the Grants and Audit Management Branch via email to Region2_GrantApplicationBox@epa.gov. All email attachments must be sent in pdf format. Documents emailed to us in any other format will not be accepted.

EPA may take enforcement actions in accordance with 2 CFR 200.338 if the recipient does not comply with this term and condition.

2. Closeout

The Administrative Closeout Phase for this grant will be initiated with the submission of a "final" FFR, in accordance with 2 CFR 200.343. At that time, the recipient must submit the following forms/reports to the EPA Region 2 Grants and Audit Management Branch, if applicable:

- Federally Owned Property Report
- An Inventory of all Property Acquired with federal funds
- Contractor's or Grantee's Invention Disclosure Report (EPA Form 3340-3)

Additionally, the recipient's Final Request for Payment should be submitted to the LVFC.

D. EXTENSION OF PROJECT/BUDGET PERIOD EXPIRATION DATE

EPA has not exercised the waiver option to allow automatic one-time extensions for non-research grants under 2 CFR 200.308 (d)(2). Therefore, if a no cost time extension is necessary to extend the period of availability of funds the recipient must submit a written request to the EPA prior to the budget/project period expiration dates. **The written request must include:** a written justification describing the need for additional time, an estimated date of completion, and a revised schedule for project completion including updated milestone target dates for the approved workplan activities. In addition, if there are overdue reports required by the administrative and programmatic terms and conditions of this assistance agreement, the recipient must ensure that they are submitted along with or prior to submitting the no cost time extension request.

The extension request must be submitted to the EPA-Grants and Audit Management Branch via email to Region2_GrantApplicationBox@epa.gov. An interim FFR (SF-425) covering all expenditures and obligations to date, must be emailed to the Las Vegas Finance Office at LVFC-grants@epa.gov or sent to the following address:

US EPA, Las Vegas Finance Center
4220 S. Maryland Pkwy, Bld C, Rm 503
Las Vegas, NV 89119

To expedite processing of your request, please submit a courtesy copy of the interim FFR to the Grants and Audit Management Branch along with your written extension request. All email attachments must be sent in pdf format. Documents emailed to us in any other format will not be accepted.

Programmatic Conditions

GRANT-SPECIFIC PROGRAMMATIC CONDITIONS

Assessment Terms and

Conditions

I. GENERAL FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

NOTE: For the purposes of these Terms and Conditions the term "assessment" includes, eligible activities under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) §104(k)(2)(A)(i) such as activities involving the inventory, characterization, assessment, and planning relating to brownfield sites as described in the EPA approved workplan.

A. Federal Policy and Guidance

1. a. Cooperative Agreement Recipients: By awarding this cooperative agreement, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has approved the proposal for the Cooperative Agreement Recipient (CAR) submitted in the Fiscal Year 2017 competition for Brownfields assessment cooperative agreements.

- b. In implementing this agreement, the CAR shall ensure that work done with cooperative agreement funds complies with the requirements of the CERCLA §104(k). The CAR shall also ensure that assessment activities supported with cooperative agreement funding comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations.
- c. The CAR must comply with federal cross-cutting requirements. These requirements include, but are not limited to, DBE requirements found at 40 CFR Part 33; OSHA Worker Health & Safety Standard 29 CFR 1910.120; the Uniform Relocation Act; National Historic Preservation Act; Endangered Species Act; and Permits required by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act; Executive Order 11246, Equal Employment Opportunity, and implementing regulations at 41 CFR 60-4; Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, as amended (40 USC §327-333) the Anti-Kickback Act (40 USC §276c) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as implemented by Executive Orders 11914 and 11250.
- d. The CAR must comply with Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirements and associated U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) regulations for all construction, alteration and repair contracts and subcontracts awarded with funds provided under this agreement. Activities conducted under assessment cooperative agreements generally do not involve construction, alteration and repair within the meaning of the Davis-Bacon Act. However, the recipient must contact the EPA Project Officer if there are unique circumstances (e.g. removal of an underground storage tank or another structure and restoration of the site) which indicate that the Davis-Bacon Act applies to an activity the CAR intends to carry out with funds provided under this agreement. EPA will provide guidance on Davis-Bacon Act compliance if necessary.

II. SITE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

A. Eligible Brownfields Site Determinations

1.
 - a. The CAR must provide information to EPA about site-specific work prior to incurring any costs under this cooperative agreement for sites that have not already been pre-approved in the CAR's workplan by EPA. The information that must be provided includes whether or not the site meets the definition of a brownfield site as defined in §101(39) of CERCLA, whether the CAR is the potentially responsible party under CERCLA §107 and/or has defenses to liability.
 - b. If the site is excluded from the general definition of a brownfield, but is eligible for a property-specific funding determination, then the CAR may request a property-specific funding determination. In their request, the CAR must provide information sufficient for EPA to make a property-specific funding determination on how financial assistance will protect human health and the environment, and either promote economic development or enable the creation of, preservation of, or addition to parks, greenways, undeveloped property, other recreational property, or other property used for nonprofit purposes. The CAR must not incur costs for assessing sites requiring a property-specific funding determination by EPA until the EPA Project Officer has advised the CAR that the Agency has determined that the property is eligible.
2.
 - a. For any petroleum contaminated brownfield site that is not included in the CAR's EPA approved workplan, the CAR shall provide sufficient documentation to EPA prior to incurring costs under this cooperative agreement which documents that:
 - (1) a State has determined that the petroleum site is of relatively low risk, as compared to other petroleum-only sites in the State,
 - (2) the State determines there is "no viable responsible party" for the site;
 - (3) the State determines that the person assessing or investigating the site is a person who is not potentially liable for cleaning up the site; and
 - (4) the site is not subject to any order issued under section 9003(h) of the Solid Waste Disposal Act.

This documentation must be prepared by the CAR or the State, following contact and discussion with the appropriate petroleum program official. Refer to EPA's FY17 Proposal

- b. Documentation must include (1) the identity of the State program official contacted, (2) the State official's telephone number, (3) the date of the contact, and (4) a summary of the discussion relating to the state's determination that the site is of relatively low risk, that there is no viable responsible party and that the person assessing or investigating the site is not potentially liable for cleaning up the site. Other documentation provided by a State to the recipient relevant to any of the determinations by the State must also be provided to the EPA Project Officer.
- c. If the State chooses not to make the determinations described in Section II.A.2.a. above, the CAR must contact the EPA Project Officer and provide the necessary information for EPA to make the requisite determinations.
- d. EPA will make all determinations on the eligibility of petroleum-contaminated brownfields sites located on tribal lands (i.e., reservation lands or lands otherwise in Indian country, as defined at 18 U.S.C. 1151). Before incurring costs for these sites, the CAR must contact the EPA Project Officer and provide the necessary information for EPA to make the determinations described in Section II.A.2.a. above.

III. GENERAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

A. Term of the Agreement

1. The term of this agreement is three years from the start date of project/budget period, unless otherwise extended by EPA at the CAR's request.
2. If after 18 months from the date of award, EPA determines that the CAR has not made sufficient progress in implementing its cooperative agreement, the recipient must implement a corrective action plan approved by the EPA Project Officer. Alternatively, EPA may terminate this agreement under 2 CFR 200.339 for material non-compliance with its terms, or with the consent of the CAR as provided at 2 CFR 200.339 if EPA determines that insufficient progress was not the fault of the CAR. For purposes of assessment cooperative agreements, the CAR demonstrates "sufficient progress" when 35% of funds have been drawn down and obligated to eligible activities; for assessment coalition cooperative agreements "sufficient progress" is demonstrated when a solicitation for services has been released, sites are prioritized or an inventory has been initiated if necessary, community involvement activities have been initiated and a Memorandum of Agreement is in place, or other documented activities that demonstrate to EPA's satisfaction that the CAR will successfully perform the cooperative agreement.
3. Assessment funding for an eligible brownfield site may not exceed \$200,000 unless a waiver has been granted by EPA. Following the granting of a waiver, funding is not to exceed \$350,000 at the site.

B. Substantial Involvement

1. EPA may be substantially involved in overseeing and monitoring this cooperative agreement.
 - a. Substantial involvement by EPA generally includes administrative activities by the Project Officer such as monitoring, reviewing project phases, and approving substantive terms included in professional services contracts.
 - b. Substantial EPA involvement also includes brownfields property-specific funding determinations described in Section I.B. If the CAR awards a subaward for site assessment, the CAR must obtain technical assistance from EPA on which sites qualify as a brownfield site and determine whether the statutory prohibition found in section 104(k)(4)(B)(i)(IV) of CERCLA applies. This prohibition does not allow

the subrecipient to use EPA funds to assess a site for which the subrecipient is potentially liable under §107 of CERCLA. (See Section III.C.3. for more information on subawards.)

- c. Substantial EPA involvement may include reviewing financial and environmental status reports; and monitoring all reporting, record-keeping, and other program requirements.
 - d. EPA may waive any of the provisions in Term and Condition III.B.1. with the exception of property-specific funding determinations. EPA will provide waivers in writing.
2. Effect of EPA's substantial involvement includes:
- a. EPA's review of any project phase, document, or cost incurred under this cooperative agreement, will not have any effect upon CERCLA §128 *Eligible Response Site* determinations or rights, authorities, and actions under CERCLA or any federal statute.
 - b. The CAR remains responsible for ensuring that all assessments are protective of human health and the environment and comply with all applicable federal and state laws.
 - c. The CAR and its subrecipients remain responsible for incurring costs that are allowable under 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart E.

C. Cooperative Agreement Recipient Roles and Responsibilities

1. The CAR must acquire the services of a qualified environmental professional(s) to coordinate, direct, and oversee the brownfields assessment activities at a particular site, if they do not have such a professional on staff.
2. The CAR is responsible for ensuring that contractors and subrecipients comply with the terms of their agreements with the CAR, and that agreements between the CAR and subrecipients and contractors comply with the terms and conditions of this agreement.
3. Subawards are defined at 2 CFR 200.92. The CAR may not subaward to for-profit organizations. The CAR must obtain commercial services and products necessary to carry out this agreement under competitive procurement procedures as described in 2 CFR Part 200.317 through 200.326. In addition, EPA policy encourages awarding subawards competitively and the CAR must consider awarding subawards through competition.
4. The CAR is responsible for ensuring that EPA's Brownfields assessment funding received under this cooperative agreement, or in combination with any other previously awarded Brownfields Assessment cooperative agreements does not exceed the \$200,000 funding limitation for an individual brownfield site. Waiver of this funding limit for a brownfields site must be approved by EPA prior to the expenditure of funding exceeding \$200,000. In no case may EPA funding exceed \$350,000 on a site receiving a waiver.
5. CARs expending funding from a community-wide assessment cooperative agreement must include this amount in any total funding expended on the site.
6. Competency of Organizations Generating Environmental Measurement Data: In accordance with Agency Policy Directive Number FEM-2012-02, Policy to Assure the Competency of Organizations Generating Environmental Measurement Data under Agency-Funded Assistance Agreements, the CAR agrees, by entering into this agreement, that it has demonstrated competency prior to award, or alternatively, where a pre-award demonstration of competency is not practicable, the CAR agrees to demonstrate competency prior to carrying out any activities under the award involving the generation or use of environmental data. The CAR shall maintain competency for the duration of the project period of this agreement and this will be documented during the annual reporting process. A copy of

the Policy is available online at http://www.epa.gov/fem/lab_comp.htm or a copy may also be requested by contacting the EPA Project Officer for this award.

D. Quarterly Progress Reports

1. In accordance with EPA regulations 2 CFR Parts 200 and 1500 (specifically, 200.328 *monitoring and reporting program performance*), the CAR agrees to submit quarterly progress reports to the EPA Project Officer within thirty days after each reporting period. (Due each January 31, April 30, July 31, and October 31 for the duration of the agreement.) These reports shall cover work status, work progress, difficulties encountered, preliminary data results and a statement of activity anticipated during the subsequent reporting period, including a description of equipment, techniques, and materials to be used or evaluated. A discussion of expenditures and financial status for each workplan task, along with a comparison of the percentage of the project completed to the project schedule and an explanation of significant discrepancies shall be included in the report. The report shall also include any changes of key personnel concerned with the project.

Quarterly progress reports must clearly differentiate which activities were completed with EPA funds provided under the Brownfield assessment cooperative agreement, versus any other funding source used to help accomplish project activities.

In addition, the report shall include brief information on each of the following areas: 1) a comparison of actual accomplishments to the anticipated outputs/outcomes specified in the cooperative agreement workplan; 2) reasons why anticipated outputs/outcomes were not met; and 3) other pertinent information, including, when appropriate, analysis and explanation of cost overruns or high unit costs. The CAR agrees that it will notify EPA of problems, delays, or adverse conditions which materially impair the ability to meet the outputs/outcomes specified in the cooperative agreement workplan.

2. The CAR must submit progress reports on a quarterly basis to the EPA Project Officer. Each quarterly progress reports must include:
 - a. Summary and status of approved activities performed during the reporting quarter, summary of the performance outputs/outcomes achieved during the reporting quarter, a description of problems or difficulties encountered during the reporting quarter that may affect the project schedule and a discussion of meeting the performance outputs/outcomes.
 - b. An update on project schedules and milestones; including an explanation of any discrepancies from the approved workplan.
 - c. A list of the properties where assessment activities were performed and/or completed during the reporting quarter.
 - d. A budget recap summary table with the following information: current approved project budget; costs incurred during the reporting quarter; costs incurred to date (cumulative expenditures); and total remaining funds. The CAR should include an explanation of any discrepancies in the budget from the approved workplan.
4. The CAR must maintain records that will enable it to report to EPA on the amount of funds disbursed by the CAR to assess specific properties under this cooperative agreement.
5. In accordance with 2 CFR 200.328(d)(1), the CAR agrees to inform EPA as soon as problems, delays, or adverse conditions become known which will materially impair the ability to meet the outputs/outcomes specified in the approved workplan.

E. Property Profile Submission

1. The CAR must report on interim progress (i.e., assessment started) and any final accomplishments (i.e., assessment completed, cleanup required, contaminants, institution controls, engineering controls) by completing and submitting relevant portions of the Property Profile Form using the Brownfields Program on-line reporting system, known as Assessment, Cleanup and Redevelopment Exchange System (ACRES). The CAR must enter the data in ACRES as soon as the interim action or final accomplishment has occurred, or within 30 days after the end of each reporting quarter. EPA will provide the CAR with training prior to obtaining access to ACRES.

The training is required to obtain access to ACRES. The CAR must utilize the ACRES system unless approval is obtained from the regional Project Officer to utilize and submit the Property Profile Form instead.

F. Community Outreach

1. The CAR agrees to clearly reference EPA investments in the project during all phases of community outreach outlined in the EPA-approved workplan, which may include the development of any post-project summary or success materials that highlight achievements to which this project contributed. Specifically:
 - a. The CAR agrees to notify the EPA Project Officer listed in this award document of public or media events publicizing the accomplishment of significant events related to construction or site reuse projects as a result of this agreement, and provide the opportunity for attendance and participation by federal representatives with at least ten (10) working days' notice.
 - b. To increase public awareness of projects serving communities where English is not the predominant language, recipients are encouraged to include in their outreach strategies communication in non-English languages. Translation costs for this purpose are allowable, provided the costs are reasonable.
 - c. Project Outreach Materials
 - i) If any document, fact sheet, and/or web material are developed as part of this cooperative agreement, then they shall include the following statement: "Though this project has been funded, wholly or in part, by EPA, the contents of this document do not necessarily reflect the views and policies of EPA."
 - ii) If a sign is developed, as part of a project funded by this cooperative agreement, then the sign shall include either a statement (e.g., this project has been funded, wholly or in part, by EPA) and/or EPA's logo acknowledging that EPA is a source of funding for the project. The EPA logo may be used on project signage when the sign can be placed in a visible location with direct linkage to site activities. Use of the EPA logo must follow the sign specifications available at: <http://www.epa.gov/ogd/tc.htm>.

G. Final Technical Cooperative Agreement Report with Environmental Results

1. In accordance with EPA regulations 2 CFR Parts 200 and 1500 (specifically, 200.328 *monitoring and reporting program performance*), the CAR agrees to submit to the EPA Project Officer within 90 days after the expiration or termination of the approved project period a final technical report on the cooperative agreement and at least one reproducible copy suitable for printing. The final technical report shall document project activities over the entire project period and shall include brief information on each of the following areas: 1) a comparison of actual accomplishments with the anticipated outputs/outcomes specified in the assistance agreement workplan; 2) reasons why anticipated outputs/outcomes were not met; and 3) other pertinent information, including, when appropriate, analysis and explanation of cost overruns or high unit costs. The CAR agrees that it will notify EPA of problems, delays, or adverse conditions which materially impair the ability to meet the outputs/outcomes specified in the cooperative agreement workplan.

IV. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

A. Eligible Uses of the Funds for the Cooperative Agreement Recipient

1. To the extent allowable under the workplan, cooperative agreement funds may be used for eligible programmatic expenses to inventory, characterize, assess, and conduct planning and outreach. Eligible programmatic expenses include activities described in Section IV. of these Terms and Conditions. In addition, eligible programmatic expenses may include:
 - a. Determining whether assessment activities at a particular site are authorized by CERCLA

§104(k);

- b. Ensuring that an assessment complies with applicable requirements under federal and state laws, as required by CERCLA §104(k);
- c. Using a portion of the cooperative agreement funds to purchase environmental insurance for the characterization or assessment of the site. Funds may not be used to purchase insurance intended to provide coverage for any of the ineligible uses under Section IV.B.; and
- d. Any other eligible programmatic costs including direct costs incurred by the recipient in reporting to EPA; procuring and managing contracts; awarding and managing subawards to the extent allowable under Section IV.B.2.; and carrying out community involvement pertaining to the assessment activities.

B. Ineligible Uses of the Funds for the Cooperative Agreement Recipient

1. Cooperative agreement funds shall not be used by the CAR for any of the following activities:
 - a. Cleanup activities;
 - b. Site development activities that are not brownfields assessment activities (e.g., construction of a new facility);
 - c. Job training unrelated to performing a specific assessment at a site covered by the cooperative agreement;
 - d. To pay for a penalty or fine;
 - e. To pay a federal cost share requirement (for example, a cost-share required by another federal grant) unless there is specific statutory authority;
 - f. To pay for a response cost at a brownfields site for which the CAR of the cooperative agreement or subaward recipient is potentially liable under CERCLA §107;
 - g. To pay a cost of compliance with any federal law, excluding the cost of compliance with laws applicable to the assessment; and
 - h. Unallowable costs (e.g., lobbying and fund raising) under 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart E.
2. Under CERCLA §104(k)(4)(B), administrative costs are prohibited costs under this agreement. Prohibited administrative costs include all indirect costs under 2 CFR Part 225 for state, local and tribal governments, as applicable.
 - a. Ineligible administrative costs include costs incurred in the form of salaries, benefits, contractual costs, supplies, and data processing charges, incurred to comply with most provisions of the *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit requirements for Federal Awards at* 2 CFR 200 and 2 CFR 1500. Direct costs for cooperative agreement administration, with the exception of costs specifically identified as eligible programmatic costs, are ineligible even if the CAR is required to carry out the activity under the cooperative agreement. Costs incurred to report quarterly performance to EPA under the cooperative agreement are eligible.
 - b. Ineligible cooperative agreement administration costs include direct costs for:
 - (1) Preparation of applications for brownfields grants;
 - (2) Record retention required under 2 CFR 1500.6;

- (3) Record-keeping associated with equipment purchases required under 2 CFR 200.313;
 - (4) Preparing revisions and changes in the budgets, scopes of work, program plans and other activities required under 2 CFR 200.308;
 - (5) Maintaining and operating financial management systems required under 2 CFR 200.302;
 - (6) Preparing payment requests and handling payments under 2 CFR 200.305;
 - (7) Non-federal audits required under 2 CFR 200 Subpart F; and
 - (8) Close out under 2 CFR 200.343.
3. Cooperative agreement funds may not be used for any of the following properties:
- a. Facilities listed, or proposed for listing, on the National Priorities List (NPL);
 - b. Facilities subject to unilateral administrative orders, court orders, and administrative orders on consent or judicial consent decree issued to or entered by parties under CERCLA;
 - c. Facilities that are subject to the jurisdiction, custody or control of the United States government except for land held in trust by the United States government for an Indian tribe; or
 - d. A site excluded from the definition of a brownfields site for which EPA has not made a property-specific funding determination.

C. Interest-Bearing Accounts and Program Income

1. In accordance with 2 CFR 1500.7, during the performance period of the cooperative agreement the CAR is authorized to add program income to the funds awarded by EPA and use the program income under the same terms and conditions of this agreement. Program income for the assessment CAR shall be defined as the gross income received by the recipient, directly generated by the cooperative agreement award or earned during the period of the award. Program income includes, but is not limited to, fees charged for conducting assessment, site characterizations, clean up planning or other activities when the costs for the activity is charged to this agreement.
2. The CAR must deposit advances of cooperative agreement funds and program income (i.e. fees) in an interest bearing account.
 - a. For interest earned on advances, CARs are subject to the provisions of 2 CFR 200.305(b)(7)(ii) relating to remitting interest on advances to EPA on a quarterly basis.
 - b. Interest earned on program income is considered additional program income.
 - c. The CAR must disburse program income (including interest earned on program income) before requesting additional payments from EPA as required by 2 CFR 1500.8.

V. ASSESSMENT ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

A. Authorized Assessment Activities

1. Prior to conducting or engaging in any on-site activity with the potential to impact historic properties (such as invasive sampling), the CAR shall consult with EPA regarding potential applicability of the National Historic Preservation Act and, if applicable, shall assist EPA in complying with any requirements of the Act and implementing regulations.

B. Quality Assurance (QA) Requirements

1. When environmental data are collected as part of the brownfields assessment, the CAR shall comply with 2 CFR 1500.11 requirements to develop and implement quality assurance practices sufficient to produce data adequate to meet project objectives and to minimize data loss. State law may impose additional QA requirements.
2. The CAR shall prepare a QA plan and submit such plan to the EPA Project Officer for approval. The PO will review the QA plan to insure that it meets programmatic needs and to insure that all of the required elements of the QA plan are included. Once approved by the PO, the QA plan is forwarded to the EPA QA staff for their review and approval. The CAR may not perform work at any site under this cooperative agreement until EPA has approved the QA plan in writing.

C. All Appropriate Inquiry

1. As required by CERCLA §104(k)(2)(B)(ii) and CERCLA §101(35)(B), the CAR shall ensure that a Phase I site characterization and assessment carried out under this agreement will be performed in accordance with EPA's all appropriate inquiries regulation. The CAR shall utilize the practices in ASTM standard E1527-13 "Standard Practices for Environmental Site Assessment: Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Process," or EPA's All Appropriate Inquiries Final Rule (40 CFR 312). A suggested outline for an AAI final report is provided in "All Appropriate Inquiries Rule: Reporting Requirements and Suggestions on Report Content", (Publication Number: EPA 560-F-14-003). This does not preclude the use of cooperative agreement funds for additional site characterization and assessment activities that may be necessary to characterize the environmental impacts at the site or to comply with applicable State standards.
2. All Appropriate Inquiries (AAI) final reports produced with funding from this agreement must comply with 40 C.F.R. Part 312 and must, at a minimum, include the information below. All AAI reports submitted to EPA Project Officers as deliverables under this agreement must be accompanied by a completed "All Appropriate Inquiries Final Rule: Reporting Requirements Checklist for Assessment Grant Recipients" (Publication Number: EPA 560-R-10-030) that EPA's Project Officer will provide to the recipient. The checklist also is available to CARs on EPA's website at www.epa.gov/brownfields.
 - a. An *opinion* as to whether the inquiry has identified conditions indicative of releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances, and as applicable, pollutants and contaminants, petroleum or petroleum products, or controlled substances, on, at, in, or to the subject property.
 - b. An identification of "*significant*" *data gaps* (as defined in 40 C.F.R. 312.10), if any, in the information collected for the inquiry. Significant data gaps include missing or unattainable information that affects the ability of the environmental professional to identify conditions indicative of releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances, and as applicable, pollutants and contaminants, petroleum or petroleum products, or controlled substances, on, at, in, or to the subject property. The documentation of significant data gaps must include information regarding the significance of these data gaps.
 - c. *Qualifications and signature* of the environmental professional(s). The environmental professional must place the following statements in the document and sign the document:
 - "[I, We] declare that, to the best of [my, our] professional knowledge and belief, [I, we] meet the definition of Environmental Professional as defined in §312.10 of this part."
 - "[I, We] have the specific qualifications based on education, training, and experience to

assess a property of the nature, history, and setting of the subject property. [I, We] have developed and performed the all appropriate inquiries in conformance with the standards and practices set forth in 40 CFR Part 312.”

Note: Please use either “I” or “We.”

- d. In compliance with §312.31(b), the environmental professional must include in the final report an *opinion regarding additional appropriate investigation* , if the environmental professional has such an opinion.
3. EPA may review checklists and AAI final reports for compliance with the AAI regulation documentation requirements at 40 CFR part 312 (or comparable requirements for those using ASTM Standard 1527-13). Any deficiencies identified during an EPA review of these documents must be corrected by the recipient within 30 days of notification. Failure to correct any identified deficiencies may result in EPA disallowing the costs for the entire AAI report as authorized by 2 CFR 200.338 through 2 CFR 200.342. If a recipient willfully fails to correct the deficiencies the Agency may consider other available remedies under 2 CFR 200.342.

D. Completion of Assessment Activities

1. The CAR shall properly document the completion of all activities described in the EPA approved workplan. This must be done through a final report or letter from a qualified environmental professional, or other documentation provided by a State or Tribe that shows assessments are complete.

VII. PAYMENT AND CLOSEOUT

A. Payment Schedule

1. The CAR may request payment from EPA pursuant to 2 CFR 200.305.

B. Schedule for Closeout

1. Closeout will be conducted in accordance with 2 CFR 200.343. EPA will close out the award when it determines that all applicable administrative actions and all required work under the cooperative agreement have been completed.
2. The CAR, within 90 days after the end date of the period of performance or the termination of the cooperative agreement, must submit all financial, performance, and other reports required as a condition of the cooperative agreement or 2 CFR Part 200.
 - a. The CAR must submit the following documentation:
 - (1) The Final Technical Cooperative Agreement Report as described in Section III.G. of these Grant-Specific Programmatic Terms and Conditions.
 - (2) A Final Federal Financial Report (FFR - SF425). To be submitted in accordance with the Grant-Specific Administrative Condition above, titled INTERIM FEDERAL FINANCIAL REPORT AND CLOSE-OUT INSTRUCTIONS
 - (3) A Final MBE/WBE Report (EPA Form 5700-52A) if required. Please refer to the Grant-Specific Administrative Condition above, titled, UTILIZATION OF SMALL, MINORITY AND WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES for applicable reporting requirements.
 - b. The CAR must ensure that all appropriate data has been entered into ACRES or all Property Profile Forms are submitted to the Region.

- c. The CAR must immediately refund to EPA any balance of unobligated (unencumbered) cash advanced that is not authorized to be retained for use on other cooperative agreements.

VIII. CYBERSECURITY

(a) The recipient agrees that when collecting and managing environmental data under this assistance agreement, it will protect the data by following all applicable State or Tribal law cybersecurity requirements.

(b) (1) EPA must ensure that any connections between the recipient's network or information system and EPA networks used by the recipient to transfer data under this agreement, are secure. For purposes of this Section, a connection is defined as a dedicated persistent interface between an Agency IT system and an external IT system for the purpose of transferring information. Transitory, user-controlled connections such as website browsing are excluded from this definition.

If the recipient's connections as defined above do not go through the Environmental Information Exchange Network or EPA's Central Data Exchange, the recipient agrees to contact the EPA Project Officer (PO) no later than 90 days after the date of this award and work with the designated Regional/Headquarters Information Security Officer to ensure that the connections meet EPA security requirements, including entering into Interconnection Service Agreements as appropriate. This condition does not apply to manual entry of data by the recipient into systems operated and used by EPA's regulatory programs for the submission of reporting and/or compliance data.

(2) The recipient agrees that any subawards it makes under this agreement will require the subrecipient to comply with the requirements in (b)(1) if the subrecipient's network or information system is connected to EPA networks to transfer data to the Agency using systems other than the Environmental Information Exchange Network or EPA's Central Data Exchange. The recipient will be in compliance with this condition: by including this requirement in subaward agreements; and during subrecipient monitoring deemed necessary by the recipient under 2 CFR 200.331(d), by inquiring whether the subrecipient has contacted the EPA Project Officer. Nothing in this condition requires the recipient to contact the EPA Project Officer on behalf of a subrecipient or to be involved in the negotiation of an Interconnection Service Agreement between the subrecipient and EPA.

EPA General Terms and Conditions

Effective April 27, 2017

1. Introduction

The recipient and any sub-recipient must comply with the applicable EPA general terms and conditions outlined below. These terms and conditions are in addition to the assurances and certifications made as part of the award and terms, conditions or restrictions reflected on the official assistance award document. Recipients **must** review their official award document for additional administrative and programmatic requirements. Failure to comply with the general terms and conditions outlined below and those directly reflected on the official assistance award document may result in enforcement actions as outlined in 2 CFR 200.338 and 200.339.

2. Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards

This award is subject to the requirements of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; Title 2 CFR, Parts 200 and 1500. 2 CFR 1500.1, Adoption of 2 CFR 200, states Environmental Protection Agency adopts the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards to Non-Federal Entities (subparts A through F of 2 CFR 200), as supplemented by 2 CFR Part 1500, as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) policies and procedures for financial assistance administration. 2 CFR Part 1500 satisfies the requirements of 2 CFR 200.110(a) and gives regulatory effect to the OMB guidance as supplemented by 2 CFR Part 1500. This award is also subject to applicable requirements contained in EPA programmatic regulations located in 40 CFR Chapter 1 Subchapter B.

2.1. Implementing Procurement Standards. Per 2 CFR 200.110, there is a two-year grace period available to non-Federal entities for implementation of the procurement standards in 2 CFR 200.317 through 200.326. As detailed in the 2015 OMB Compliance Supplement, non-Federal entities choosing to delay implementation will need to specify in their documented policies and procedures that they continue to comply with 40 CFR Part 30 or 31, as applicable, for two additional fiscal years which begins after December 26, 2014.

2.2. Effective Date and Incremental or Supplemental Funding. Consistent with the OMB Frequently Asked Questions at <https://cfo.gov/cofar> on Effective Date and Incremental Funding, any new funding through an amendment (supplemental or incremental) on or after December 26, 2014, and any unobligated balances (defined at 200.98) remaining on the award at the time of the amendment, will be subject to the requirements of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements (2 CFR 200 and 1500).

Financial Information

3. Reimbursement Limitation

EPA's financial obligations to the recipient are limited by the amount of federal funding awarded to date as reflected on the award document. If the recipient incurs costs in anticipation of receiving additional funds from EPA, it does so at its own risk. See 2 CFR 1500.8

4. Payment Methods

The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 requires that Federal payments be made by electronic funds transfer. In order to comply with the Act, a recipient must receive payments via one of two electronic methods available to them:

4.1. Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP). The ASAP system is the preferred method of payment for EPA grantees. ASAP enrollment is highly encouraged for organizations that have multiple grants/cooperative agreements and for those with a frequent need to request funds. If the recipient uses multiple bank accounts for EPA grants/cooperative agreements, the recipient must enroll in ASAP. To enroll in ASAP, please complete the ASAP Initiate Enrollment form located at:

<http://www2.epa.gov/financial/forms> and email it to LVFC-grants@epa.gov or mail it to:

USEPA LVFC

4220 S. Maryland Pkwy

Bldg C, Suite 503

Las Vegas, NV 89119

Under this payment mechanism, the recipient initiates an electronic payment request online via ASAP, which is approved or rejected based on the amount of available funds authorized by EPA in the recipient's ASAP account. Approved funds are credited to the account at the financial institution of the recipient organization identified on the recipient's ASAP enrollment application. Additional information concerning ASAP and enrollment can be obtained by contacting the EPA Las Vegas Finance Center, at 702-798-2485, or by visiting: www.fms.treas.gov/asap.

4.2. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).

Under this payment mechanism, the EPA Las Vegas Finance Center will obtain the recipient's banking information from the System for Award Management (SAM). Once the agreement is awarded and no restrictions are identified by the awarding office, a Las Vegas Finance Center Representative will send the recipient an email message with the EFT Control Number and payment information. Additional information concerning EFT can be obtained by contacting the EPA Las Vegas Finance Center at 702-798-2485, or by visiting: <http://www2.epa.gov/financial/grants>.

NOTE: If the banking information is not correct or changes at any time prior to the end of this agreement, the recipient must update the organization's SAM registration and notify the EPA Las Vegas Finance Center as soon as possible. This is vital to ensure proper and timely deposit of funds.

5. Payment Drawdown

The recipient agrees to draw cash only as needed for its disbursement. Failure on the part of the recipient to comply with this condition may cause the undisbursed portions of the assistance agreement to be revoked or financing method changed to a reimbursable basis.

Selected Items of Cost

6. Consultant Cap

EPA participation in the salary rate (excluding overhead) paid to individual consultants retained by recipients or by a recipient's contractors or subcontractors shall be limited to the maximum daily rate for a Level IV of the Executive Schedule, available at: <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/>, to be adjusted annually. This limit applies to consultation services of designated individuals with specialized skills who are paid at a daily or hourly rate. This rate does not include transportation and subsistence costs for travel performed (the recipient will pay these in accordance with their normal travel reimbursement practices).

Subagreements with firms for services which are awarded using the procurement requirements in Subpart D of 2 CFR 200 are not affected by this limitation unless the terms of the contract provide the recipient with responsibility for the selection, direction and control of the individuals who will be providing services under the contract at an hourly or daily rate of compensation. See 2 CFR 1500.9.

7. Establishing and Managing Subawards

If the recipient chooses to pass funds from this assistance agreement to other entities, the recipient must comply with applicable provisions of 2 CFR Part 200 and the EPA Subaward Policy, which may be found at: <https://epa.gov/grants/epa-subaward-policy>.

As a pass-through entity, the recipient agrees to:

7.1. Be responsible for selecting subrecipients and as appropriate conducting subaward competitions using a system for properly differentiating between subrecipients and procurement contractors under the standards at 2 CFR 200.330 and EPA's supplemental guidance in Appendix A of the EPA Subaward Policy.

a. For-profit organizations and individual consultants, in almost all cases, are not eligible subrecipients under EPA financial assistance programs and the pass-through entity must obtain prior written approval from EPA's Award Official for subawards to these entities unless the EPA-approved budget and work plan for this agreement contain a precise description of such subawards.

b. Stipends and travel assistance for trainees (including interns) and similar individuals who are not employees of the pass-through entity must be classified as participant support costs rather than subawards as required by 2 CFR 200.75 and 2 CFR 200.92.

7.2. Establish and follow a system that ensures all subaward agreements are in writing and contain all of the elements required by 2 CFR 200.331(a). EPA has developed a template for subaward agreements that is available in Appendix D of the EPA Subaward Policy.

7.3. Prior to making subawards, ensure that each subrecipient has a "unique entity identifier." This identifier is required for registering in the System for Award Management (SAM) and by 2 CFR Part 25 and 2 CFR 200.331(a)(1). The unique entity identifier currently is the subrecipient's Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number. Information regarding obtaining a DUNS number and registering in SAM is available in the General Condition of the pass-through entity's agreement with EPA entitled "**Central Contractor Registration/System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements**" T&C of the pass-through entity's agreement with the EPA.

7.4. Ensure that subrecipients are aware that they are subject to the same requirements as those that apply to the pass-through entity's EPA award as required by 2 CFR 200.331(a)(2). These requirements include, among others:

a. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and other Federal statutes and regulations prohibiting discrimination in Federal financial assistance programs, as applicable.

b. Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation under Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) set forth in the General Condition pass-through entity's agreement with EPA entitled "**Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation.**"

c. Limitations on individual consultant fees as set forth in 2 CFR 1500.9 and the General Condition of the pass-through entity's agreement with EPA entitled "**Consultant Fee Cap.**"

d. EPA's prohibition on paying management fees as set forth in General Condition of the pass-through entity's agreement with EPA entitled "**Management Fees.**"

e. The Procurement Standards in 2 CFR Part 200 including those requiring competition when the subrecipient acquires goods and services from contractors (including consultants).

EPA provides general information on other statutes, regulations and Executive Orders on the Grants internet site at www.epa.gov/grants. Many Federal requirements are agreement or program specific and EPA

encourages pass-through entities to review the terms of their assistance agreement carefully and consult with their EPA Project Officer for advice if necessary.

7.5. Establish and follow a system for evaluating subrecipient risks of noncompliance with Federal statutes, regulations and the terms and conditions of the subaward as required by 2 CFR 200.331(b) and document the evaluation. Risk factors may include:

- a.** Prior experience with same or similar subawards;
- b.** Results of previous audits;
- c.** Whether new or substantially changed personnel or systems, and;
- d.** Extent and results of Federal awarding agency or the pass-through entity's monitoring.

7.6. Establish and follow a process for deciding whether to impose additional requirements on subrecipients based on risk factors as required by 2 CFR 200.331(c). Examples of additional requirements authorized by 2 CFR 200.207 include:

- a.** Requiring payments as reimbursements rather than advance payments;
- b.** Withholding authority to proceed to the next phase until receipt of evidence of acceptable performance within a given period of performance;
- c.** Requiring additional, more detailed financial reports;
- d.** Requiring additional project monitoring;
- e.** Requiring the non-Federal entity to obtain technical or management assistance, and
- f.** Establishing additional prior approvals.

7.7. Establish and follow a system for monitoring subrecipient performance that includes the elements required by 2 CFR 200.331(d) and report the results of the monitoring in performance reports as provided in the reporting terms and conditions of this agreement.

7.8. Establish and maintain an accounting system which ensures compliance with the \$25,000 limitation at 2 CFR 200.68 on including subaward costs in Modified Total Direct Cost for the purposes of distributing indirect costs.

7.9. Work with EPA's Project Officer to obtain the written consent of EPA's Office of International and Tribal Affairs (OITA), prior to awarding a subaward to a foreign or international organization, or a subaward to be performed in a foreign country even if that subaward is described in a proposed scope of work.

7.10. Obtain written approval from EPA's Award Official for any subawards that are not described in the approved work plan in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200.308.

7.11. Obtain the written approval of EPA's Award Official prior to awarding a subaward to an individual if the EPA-approved scope of work does not include a description of subawards to individuals.

7.12. Establish and follow written procedures under 2 CFR 200.302(b)(7) for determining that subaward costs are allowable in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E and the terms and conditions of this award. These procedures may provide for allowability determinations on a pre-award basis, through ongoing monitoring of costs that subrecipients incur, or a combination of both approaches provided the pass-through entity documents its determinations.

7.13. Establish and maintain a system under 2 CFR 200.331(d)(3) and 2 CFR 200.521(c) for issuing management decisions for audits of subrecipients that relate to Federal awards. However, the recipient remains accountable to EPA for ensuring that unallowable subaward costs initially paid by EPA are reimbursed or mitigated through offset with allowable costs whether the recipient recovers those costs from the subrecipient or not.

7.14. As provided in 2 CFR 200.332, pass-through entities must obtain EPA approval to make fixed amount subawards. EPA is restricting the use of fixed amount subawards to a limited number of situations that are

authorized in official EPA pilot projects. Recipients should consult with their EPA Project Officer regarding the status of these pilot projects.

By accepting this award, the recipient is certifying that it either has systems in place to comply with the requirements described in Items 7.1 through 7.14 above or will refrain from making subawards until the systems are designed and implemented.

8. Management Fees

Management fees or similar charges in excess of the direct costs and approved indirect rates are not allowable. The term "management fees or similar charges" refers to expenses added to the direct costs in order to accumulate and reserve funds for ongoing business expenses; unforeseen liabilities; or for other similar costs which are not allowable under this assistance agreement. Management fees or similar charges may not be used to improve or expand the project funded under this agreement, except to the extent authorized as a direct cost of carrying out the scope of work.

Reporting and Additional Post-Award Requirements

9. Central Contractor Registration/System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements

9.1. Requirement for System for Award Management (SAM) Unless exempted from this requirement under 2 CFR 25.110, the recipient must maintain the currency of the organization's information in SAM until the submittal of the final financial report required under this award or receipt of the final payment, whichever is later. This requires that the recipient reviews and updates the information at least annually after the initial registration, and more frequently if required by changes in the information or another award term.

9.2. Requirement for Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) numbers. If the recipient is authorized to make subawards under this award, the recipient:

9.2.1. Must notify potential subrecipients that no entity (definition paragraph 9.3 of this award term) may receive a subaward unless the entity has provided its DUNS number.

9.2.2. May not make a subaward to an entity unless the entity has provided its DUNS number.

9.3. Definitions. For the purposes of this award term:

9.3.1. System for Award Management (SAM) means the Federal repository into which an entity must provide information required for the conduct of business as a recipient. Additional information about registration procedures may be found at the System for Award Management (SAM) Internet site: <https://www.sam.gov>.

9.3.2. Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number means the nine-digit number established and assigned by Dun and Bradstreet, Inc. (D&B) to uniquely identify business entities. A DUNS number may be obtained from D&B by telephone (currently 866-705-5711) or the Internet (currently at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>).

9.3.3. Entity, as it is used in this award term, means all of the following, as defined at 2 CFR part 25, subpart C:

9.3.3.1. A Governmental organization, which is a State, local government, or Indian tribe;

9.3.3.2. A foreign public entity;

9.3.3.3. A domestic or foreign nonprofit organization;

9.3.3.4. A domestic or foreign for-profit organization; and

9.3.3.5. A Federal agency, but only as a subrecipient under an award or subaward to a non-Federal entity.

9.3.4. Subaward:

9.3.4.1. This term means a legal instrument to provide support for the performance of any portion of the substantive project or program for which the recipient received this award and that the recipient awards to an eligible subrecipient.

9.3.4.2. The term does not include procurement of property and services needed to carry out the project or program (for further explanation, see 2 CFR 200 Subpart D).

9.3.4.3. A subaward may be provided through any legal agreement, including an agreement that the recipient considers a contract.

9.3.5. Subrecipient means an entity that:

9.3.5.1. Receives a subaward from the recipient under this award; and

9.3.5.2. Is accountable to the recipient for the use of the Federal funds provided by the subaward.

10. Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation

10.1. Reporting of first-tier subawards.

10.1.1. Applicability. Unless the recipient is exempt as provided in paragraph 10.4. of this award term, the recipient must report each action that obligates \$25,000 or more in Federal funds that does not include Recovery funds (as defined in section 1512(a)(2) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. 111-5) for a subaward to an entity (see definitions in paragraph 10.5 of this award term).

10.1.2. Where and when to report. (1) The recipient must report each obligating action described in paragraph 10.1.1 of this award term to www.fsrs.gov. (2) For subaward information, report no later than the end of the month following the month in which the obligation was made. (For example, if the obligation was made on any date during the month of November of a given year, the obligation must be reported by no later than December 31 of that year.)

10.1.3. What to report. The recipient must report the information about each obligating action as described in the submission instructions available at: <http://www.fsrs.gov>.

10.2. Reporting Total Compensation of Recipient Executives.

10.2.1. Applicability and what to report. The recipient must report total compensation for each of their five most highly compensated executives for the preceding completed fiscal year, if:

10.2.1.1. the total Federal funding authorized to date under this award is \$25,000 or more;

10.2.1.2. in the preceding fiscal year, the recipient received:(i.) 80 percent or more of their annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR 170.320 (and subawards); (ii.) and \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR 170.320 (and subawards); and

10.2.1.3. The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, see the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at: <http://www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm>.)

10.2.2. Where and when to report. The recipient must report executive total compensation described in paragraph 10.2.1 of this award term: (i.) As part of the registration Central System for Award Management profile available at www.sam.gov. (ii.) By the end of the month following the month in which this award is made, and annually thereafter.

10.3. Reporting of Total Compensation of Subrecipient Executives.

10.3.1. Applicability and what to report. Unless exempt as provided in paragraph 10.4. of this award term, for each first-tier subrecipient under this award, the recipient shall report the names and total compensation of each of the subrecipient's five most highly compensated executives for the subrecipient's preceding completed fiscal year, if:

10.3.1.1. in the subrecipient's preceding fiscal year, the subrecipient received: (i.) 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR 170.320 (and subawards); and (ii.) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts), and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act (and subawards); and

10.3.1.2. The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, see the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at:

<http://www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm>.)

10.3.2. Where and when to report. The recipient must report subrecipient executive total compensation described in paragraph 10.3.1. of this award term:

10.3.2.1. To the recipient.

10.3.2.2. By the end of the month following the month during which the recipient makes the subaward. For example, if a subaward is obligated on any date during the month of October of a given year (i.e., between October 1 and 31), the recipient must report any required compensation information of the subrecipient by November 30 of that year.

10.4. Exemptions

10.4.1. If, in the previous tax year, the recipient had gross income, from all sources, under \$300,000, the recipient is exempt from the requirements to report:

10.4.1.1. subawards, and the total compensation of the five most highly compensated executives of any subrecipient.

10.5. Definitions. For purposes of this award term:

10.5.1. Entity means all of the following, as defined in 2 CFR Part 25: (i.) A Governmental organization, which is a State, local government, or Indian tribe; (ii.) A foreign public entity; (iii.) A domestic or foreign nonprofit organization; (iv.) A domestic or foreign for-profit organization; (v.) A Federal agency, but only as a subrecipient under an award or subaward to a non-Federal entity.

10.5.2. Executive means officers, managing partners, or any other employees in management positions.

10.5.3. Subaward:

10.5.3.1. This term means a legal instrument to provide support for the performance of any portion of the substantive project or program for which you received this award and that the recipient award to an eligible subrecipient.

10.5.3.2. The term does not include procurement of property and services needed to carry out the project or program (for further explanation, see 2 CFR 200 Subpart D).

10.5.3.3. A subaward may be provided through any legal agreement, including an agreement that the recipient or a subrecipient considers a contract.

10.5.4. Subrecipient means an entity that:

10.5.4.1. Receives a subaward from the recipient under this award; and

10.5.4.2. Is accountable to the recipient for the use of the Federal funds provided by the subaward.

10.5.5. Total compensation means the cash and noncash dollar value earned by the executive during the recipient's or subrecipient's preceding fiscal year and includes the following (for more information see 17 CFR 229.402(c)(2)):

10.5.5.1. Salary and bonus.

10.5.5.2. Awards of stock, stock options and stock appreciation rights. Use the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes with respect to the fiscal year in accordance with the Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (Revised 2004) (FAS 123R), Shared Based Payments.

- 10.5.5.3.** Earnings for services under non-equity incentive plans. This does not include group life, health, hospitalization or medical reimbursement plans that do not discriminate in favor of executives, and are available generally to all salaried employees.
- 10.5.5.4.** Change in pension value. This is the change in present value of defined benefit and actuarial pension plans.
- 10.5.5.5.** Above-market earnings on deferred compensation which is not tax-qualified.
- 10.5.5.6.** Other compensation, if the aggregate value of all such other compensation (e.g. severance, termination payments, value of life insurance paid on behalf of the employee, perquisites or property) for the executive exceeds \$10,000.

11. Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters - Reporting of Matters Related to Recipient Integrity and Performance

11.1. General Reporting Requirement

If the total value of your currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts from all Federal awarding agencies exceeds \$10,000,000 for any period of time during the period of performance of this Federal award, then you as the recipient during that period of time must maintain the currency of information reported to the System for Award Management (SAM) that is made available in the designated integrity and performance system (currently the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIS)) about civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings described in paragraph 2 of this award term and condition. This is a statutory requirement under section 872 of Public Law 110-417, as amended (41 U.S.C. 2313). As required by section 3010 of Public Law 111-212, all information posted in the designated integrity and performance system on or after April 15, 2011, except past performance reviews required for Federal procurement contracts, will be publicly available.

11.2. Proceedings About Which You Must Report

Submit the information required about each proceeding that:

- 11.2.1.** Is in connection with the award or performance of a grant, cooperative agreement, or procurement contract from the Federal Government;
- 11.2.2.** Reached its final disposition during the most recent five year period; and
- 11.2.3.** Is one of the following:
 - 11.2.3.1.** A criminal proceeding that resulted in a conviction, as defined in paragraph 5 of this award term and condition;
 - 11.2.3.2.** A civil proceeding that resulted in a finding of fault and liability and payment of a monetary fine, penalty, reimbursement, restitution, or damages of \$5,000 or more;
 - 11.2.3.3.** An administrative proceeding, as defined in paragraph 5. of this award term and condition, that resulted in a finding of fault and liability and your payment of either a monetary fine or penalty of \$5,000 or more or reimbursement, restitution, or damages in excess of \$100,000; or
 - 11.2.3.4.** Any other criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding if:
 - 11.2.3.4.1.** It could have led to an outcome described in paragraph 11.2.3.1, 11.2.3.2, or 11.2.3.3 of this award term and condition;
 - 11.2.3.4.2.** It had a different disposition arrived at by consent or compromise with an acknowledgment of fault on your part; and
 - 11.2.3.4.3.** The requirement in this award term and condition to disclose information about the proceeding does not conflict with applicable laws and regulations.

11.3. Reporting Procedures

Enter in the SAM Entity Management area the information that SAM requires about each proceeding described in paragraph 2 of this award term and condition. You do not need to submit the information a

second time under assistance awards that you received if you already provided the information through SAM because you were required to do so under Federal procurement contracts that you were awarded.

11.4. Reporting Frequency

During any period of time when you are subject to the requirement in paragraph 11.1 of this award term and condition, you must report proceedings information through SAM for the most recent five year period, either to report new information about any proceeding(s) that you have not reported previously or affirm that there is no new information to report. Recipients that have Federal contract, grant, and cooperative agreement awards with a cumulative total value greater than \$10,000,000 must disclose semiannually any information about the criminal, civil, and administrative proceedings.

11.5. Definitions

For purposes of this award term and condition:

11.5.1. Administrative proceeding means a non-judicial process that is adjudicatory in nature in order to make a determination of fault or liability (*e.g.*, Securities and Exchange Commission Administrative proceedings, Civilian Board of Contract Appeals proceedings, and Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals proceedings). This includes proceedings at the Federal and State level but only in connection with performance of a Federal contract or grant. It does not include audits, site visits, corrective plans, or inspection of deliverables.

11.5.2. Conviction, for purposes of this award term and condition, means a judgment or conviction of a criminal offense by any court of competent jurisdiction, whether entered upon a verdict or a plea, and includes a conviction entered upon a plea of *nolo contendere*.

11.5.3. Total value of currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts includes—

11.5.3.1. Only the Federal share of the funding under any Federal award with a recipient cost share or match; and

11.5.3.2. The value of all expected funding increments under a Federal award and options, even if not yet exercised.

12. Federal Financial Reporting (FFR)

Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.327 and 200.343, EPA recipients must submit the Federal Financial Report (SF-425) at least annually and no more frequently than quarterly. EPA's standard reporting frequency is annual unless an EPA Region has included an additional term and condition specifying greater reporting frequency within this award document. EPA recipients must submit the SF-425 no later than 30 days after the end of each specified reporting period for quarterly and semi-annual reports, and 90 calendar days for annual and final reports. Extension of reporting due dates may be approved by EPA upon request of the recipient. The FFR form is available on the internet at:

<http://www2.epa.gov/financial/forms>. All FFRs must be submitted to the Las Vegas Finance Center (LVFC) via email LVFC-grants@epa.gov or mail it to:

USEPA LVFC
4220 S. Maryland
Pkwy Bldg C, Suite
503
Las Vegas, NV 89119

The LVFC will make adjustments, as necessary, to obligated funds after reviewing and accepting a final Federal Financial Report. Recipients will be notified and instructed by EPA if they must complete any additional forms for the closeout of the assistance agreement.

13. Indirect Cost Rate Agreements

Recipients are entitled to reimbursement of indirect costs, subject to any statutory or regulatory administrative cost limitations, if they have a current Federally-approved indirect cost rate agreement or have submitted an indirect cost rate proposal to their cognizant federal agency for review and approval and a final rate has been determined by the cognizant agency. Recipients are responsible for

maintaining an approved indirect cost rate for the life of the award. Recipients with differences between their provisional rates and final rates are not entitled to more than the award amount, without prior approval from EPA.

14. Audit Requirements

In accordance with 2 CFR 200.501(a), the recipient hereby agrees to obtain a single audit from an independent auditor, if their organization expends \$750,000 or more in total Federal funds in their fiscal year beginning on or after December 26, 2014.

The recipient must submit the form SF-SAC and a Single Audit Report Package within 9 months of the end of the recipient's fiscal year or 30 days after receiving the report from an independent auditor. The SF-SAC and a Single Audit Report Package MUST be submitted using the Federal Audit Clearinghouse's Internet Data Entry System available at:

[https://harvester.census.gov/facides/\(S\(3wauez2yufokbe3engv0dtek\)\)/account/login.aspx](https://harvester.census.gov/facides/(S(3wauez2yufokbe3engv0dtek))/account/login.aspx).

For complete information on how to accomplish the single audit submissions, you will need to visit the Federal Audit Clearinghouse Web site: <https://harvester.census.gov/facweb/Default.aspx>.

15. Closeout Requirements

Reports required for closeout of the assistance agreement must be submitted in accordance with this agreement. Submission requirements and frequently asked questions can also be found at:

<http://www2.epa.gov/grants/frequently-asked-questions-about-closeout-information>.

16. Suspension and Debarment

Recipients shall fully comply with Subpart C of 2 CFR Part 180 entitled, "Responsibilities of Participants Regarding Transactions Doing Business with Other Persons," as implemented and supplemented by 2 CFR Part 1532. Recipient is responsible for ensuring that any lower tier covered transaction, as described in Subpart B of 2 CFR Part 180, entitled "Covered Transactions," includes a term or condition requiring compliance with Subpart C. Recipient is responsible for further requiring the inclusion of a similar term or condition in any subsequent lower tier covered transactions. Recipient acknowledges that failing to disclose the information required under 2 CFR 180.335 may result in the delay or negation of this assistance agreement, or pursuance of legal remedies, including suspension and debarment.

Recipients may access suspension and debarment information at: <http://www.sam.gov>. This system allows recipients to perform searches determining whether an entity or individual is excluded from receiving Federal assistance. This term and condition supersedes EPA Form 5700-49, "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters."

17. Disclosing Conflict of Interests

17.1. For awards to Non-federal entities and individuals (other than states and fellowship recipients under 40 CFR Part 46).

As required by 2 CFR 200.112, EPA has established a policy (COI Policy) for disclosure of conflicts of interest (COI) that may affect EPA financial assistance awards. EPA's COI Policy is posted at <http://www2.epa.gov/grants/epas-financial-assistance-conflict-interest-policy>. The posted version of EPA's COI Policy is applicable to new funding (initial awards, supplemental and incremental funding) awarded on or after October 1, 2015. This COI term and condition supersedes prior COI terms and conditions for this award based on either EPA's May 22, 2015 Revised Interim COI Policy or December 26, 2014 Interim COI Policy.

For competitive awards, recipients must disclose any competition related COI described in section 4.0(a) of the COI Policy that are discovered after award to the EPA Grants Specialist listed on the Assistance Agreement/Amendment within 30 calendar days of discovery of the

COI. The Grants Specialist will respond to any such disclosure within 30 calendar days.

EPA's COI Policy requires that recipients have systems in place to address, resolve and disclose to EPA COIs described in sections 4.0(b), (c) and/or (d) of the COI Policy that affect any contract or subaward regardless of amount funded under this award. The recipient's COI Point of Contact for the award must disclose any COI to the EPA Grants Specialist listed on the Assistance Agreement/Amendment within 30 calendar days of the discovery of the potential COI and their approach for resolving the COI.

EPA's COI Policy requires that subrecipients have systems in place to address, resolve and disclose COI's described in section 4.0(b)(c) and (d) of the COI Policy regardless of the amount of the transaction. Recipients who are pass-through entities as defined at 2 CFR 200.74 must require that subrecipients being considered for or receiving subawards disclose COI to the pass-through entities in a manner that, at a minimum, is in accordance with sections 5.0(d) and 7.0(c) of EPA's COI Policy. Pass-through entities must disclose the subrecipient COI along with the approach for resolving the COI to the EPA Grants Specialist listed on the Assistance Agreement/Amendment within 30 calendar days of receiving notification of the COI by the subrecipient.

EPA only requires that recipients and subrecipients disclose COI's that are discovered under their systems for addressing and resolving COI. If recipients or subrecipients do not discover a COI, they do not need to advise EPA or the pass-through entity of the absence of a COI.

Upon notice from the recipient of a potential COI and the approach for resolving it, the Agency will then make a determination regarding the effectiveness of these measures within 30 days of receipt of the recipient's notice unless a longer period is necessary due to the complexity of the matter. Recipients may not request payment from EPA for costs for transactions subject to the COI pending notification of EPA's determination. Failure to disclose a COI may result in cost disallowances.

Disclosure of a potential COI will not necessarily result in EPA disallowing costs, with the exception of procurement contracts that the Agency determines violate 2 CFR 200.318(c)(1) or (2), provided the recipient notifies EPA of measures the recipient or subrecipient has taken to eliminate, neutralize or mitigate the conflict of interest when making the disclosure.

17.2. For awards to states including state universities that are state agencies or

instrumentalities As required by 2 CFR 200.112, EPA has established a policy (COI Policy) for disclosure of conflicts of interest (COI) that may affect EPA financial assistance awards. EPA's COI Policy is posted at:

<http://www2.epa.gov/grants/epas-financial-assistance-conflict-interest-policy>. The posted version of EPA's COI Policy is applicable to new funding (initial awards, supplemental, incremental funding) awarded on or after October 1, 2015. This COI term and condition supersedes prior COI terms and conditions for this award based on either EPA's May 22, 2015 Revised Interim COI Policy or December 26, 2014 Interim COI Policy.

For competitive awards, recipients must disclose any competition related COI described in section 4.0(a) of the COI Policy that are discovered after award to the EPA Grants Specialist listed on the Assistance Agreement/Amendment within 30 calendar days of discovery of the COI. The Grants Specialist will respond to any such disclosure within 30 calendar days.

States including state universities that are state agencies and instrumentalities receiving funding

from EPA are only required to disclose subrecipient COI as a pass-through entity as defined by 2 CFR 200.74. Any other COI are subject to state laws, regulations and policies. EPA's COI Policy requires that subrecipients have systems in place to address, resolve and disclose COIs described in section 4.0(b)(c) and (d) of the COI Policy that arise after EPA made the award regardless of the amount of the transaction. States who are pass-through entities as defined at 2 CFR 200.74 must require that subrecipients being considered for or receiving subawards disclose COI to the state in a manner that, as a minimum, in accordance with sections 5.0(d) and 7.0(c) of EPA's COI Policy. States must disclose the subrecipient COI along with the approach for resolving the COI to the EPA Grants Specialist listed on the Assistance Agreement/Amendment within 30 calendar days of receiving notification of the COI by the subrecipient.

EPA only requires that subrecipients disclose COI's to state pass-through entities that are discovered under their systems for addressing, resolving, and disclosing COI. If subrecipients do not discover a COI, they do not need to advise state pass-through entities of the absence of a COI.

Upon receiving notice of a potential COI and the approach for resolving it, the Agency will make a determination regarding the effectiveness of these measures within 30 days of receipt of the state's notice of a subrecipient COI unless a longer period is necessary due to the complexity of the matter. States may not request payment from EPA for costs for transactions subject to the COI pending notification of EPA's determination. A subrecipient's failure to disclose a COI to the state and EPA may result in cost disallowances.

Disclosure of a potential subrecipient COI will not necessarily result in EPA disallowing costs, with the exception of procurement contracts that the Agency determines violate 2 CFR 200.318(c)(1) or (2), provided the subrecipient has taken measures that EPA and the state agree eliminate, neutralize or mitigate the conflict of interest.

Programmatic General Terms and Conditions

18. Sufficient Progress

EPA will measure sufficient progress by examining the performance required under the workplan in conjunction with the milestone schedule, the time remaining for performance within the project period and/or the availability of funds necessary to complete the project. EPA may terminate the assistance agreement for failure to ensure reasonable completion of the project within the project period.

19. Copyrighted Material and Data

In accordance with 2 CFR 200.315, EPA has the right to reproduce, publish, use and authorize others to reproduce, publish and use copyrighted works or other data developed under this assistance agreement for Federal purposes.

Examples of a Federal purpose include but are not limited to: (1) Use by EPA and other Federal employees for official Government purposes; (2) Use by Federal contractors performing specific tasks for the Government; (3) Publication in EPA documents provided the document does not disclose trade secrets (e.g. software codes) and the work is properly attributed to the recipient through citation or otherwise; (4) Reproduction of documents for inclusion in Federal depositories; (5) Use by State, tribal and local governments that carry out delegated Federal environmental programs as "co-regulators" or act as official partners with EPA to carry out a national environmental program within their jurisdiction and; (6) Limited use by other grantees to carry out Federal grants provided the use is consistent with the terms of EPA's authorization to the other grantee to use the copyrighted works or other data.

Under Item 6, the grantee acknowledges that EPA may authorize another grantee(s) to use the copyrighted works or other data developed under this grant as a result of:

- the selection of another grantee by EPA to perform a project that will involve the use of the

- copyrighted works or other data or;
- termination or expiration of this agreement.

In addition, EPA may authorize another grantee to use copyrighted works or other data developed with Agency funds provided under this grant to perform another grant when such use promotes efficient and effective use of Federal grant funds.

20. Patents and Inventions

Rights to inventions made under this assistance agreement are subject to federal patent and licensing regulations, which are codified at Title 37 CFR Part 401 and Title 35 USC Sections 200-212.

Pursuant to the Bayh-Dole Act (set forth in 35 USC 200-212), EPA retains the right to a worldwide, nonexclusive, nontransferable, irrevocable, paid-up license to practice the invention owned by the assistance agreement holder, as defined in the Act. To streamline the invention reporting process and to facilitate compliance with the Bayh-Dole Act, the recipient must utilize the Interagency Edison extramural invention reporting system at <http://iEdison.gov>. Annual utilization reports must be submitted through the system. The recipient is required to notify the Project Officer identified on the award document when an invention report, patent report, or utilization report is filed at <http://iEdison.gov>. EPA elects not to require the recipient to provide a report prior to the close-out of a funding agreement listing all subject inventions or stating that there were none.

In accordance with Executive Order 12591, as amended, government owned and operated laboratories can enter into cooperative research and development agreements with other federal laboratories, state and local governments, universities, and the private sector, and license, assign, or waive rights to intellectual property “developed by the laboratory either under such cooperative research or development agreements and from within individual laboratories.”

21. Acknowledgement Requirements for Non-ORD Assistance Agreements

The recipient agrees that any reports, documents, publications or other materials developed for public distribution supported by this assistance agreement shall contain the following statement:

"This project has been funded wholly or in part by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under assistance agreement (number) to (recipient). The contents of this document do not necessarily reflect the views and policies of the Environmental Protection Agency, nor does the EPA endorse trade names or recommend the use of commercial products mentioned in this document."

Recipients of EPA Office of Research Development (ORD) research awards must follow the acknowledgement requirements outlined in the research T&Cs available at: <http://www.nsf.gov/awards/managing/rtc.jsp>. A Federal-wide workgroup is currently updating the Federal-Wide Research Terms and Conditions Overlay to the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and when completed recipients of EPA ORD research must abide by the research T&Cs.

22. Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility

Recipients are subject to the program accessibility provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, codified in 40 CFR Part 7, which includes an obligation to provide individuals with disabilities reasonable accommodations and an equal and effective opportunity to benefit from or participate in a program, including those offered through electronic and information technology (“EIT”). In compliance with Section 504, EIT systems or products funded by this award must be designed to meet the diverse needs of users (e.g., U.S. public, recipient personnel) without barriers or diminished function or quality. Systems shall include usability features or functions that accommodate the needs of persons with disabilities, including those who use assistive technology. At this time, the EPA will consider a recipient’s websites, interactive tools, and other EIT as being in compliance with Section 504 if such

technologies meet standards established under Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, codified at 36 CFR Part 1194. While Section 508 does not apply directly to grant recipients, we encourage recipients to follow either the 508 guidelines or other comparable guidelines that concern accessibility to EIT for individuals with disabilities.

Recipients may wish to consult the latest Section 508 guidelines issued by the U.S. Access Board or W3C's Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 (see <http://www.access-board.gov/sec508/guide/index.htm>).

23. Human Subjects

Human subjects research is any activity that meets the regulatory definitions of both research AND human subject. *Research* is a systematic investigation, including research development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge. *Human subject* means a living individual about whom an investigator (whether professional or student) conducting research obtains (1) data through intervention or interaction with the individual, or (2) identifiable private information. [40 CFR 26.102 (d)(f)]

No research involving human subjects will be conducted under this agreement without prior written approval of the EPA to proceed with that research. If engaged in human subjects research as part of this agreement, the recipient agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of EPA Regulation 40 CFR 26 (Protection of Human Subjects). This includes, at Subpart A, the Basic Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Research Subjects, also known as the Common Rule. It also includes, at Subparts B, C, and D, prohibitions and additional protections for children, nursing women, pregnant women, and fetuses in research conducted or supported by EPA.

The recipient further agrees to comply with EPA's procedures for oversight of the recipient's compliance with 40 CFR 26, as given in EPA Order 1000.17 Change A1 (Policy and Procedures on Protection of Human Research Subjects in EPA Conducted or Supported Research). As per this order, no human subject may be involved in any research conducted under this assistance agreement, including recruitment, until the research has been approved or determined to be exempt by the EPA Human Subjects Research Review Official (HSRRO) after review of the approval or exemption determination of the Institutional Review Board(s) (IRB(s)) with jurisdiction over the research under 40 CFR 26.

For HSRRO approval, the recipient must forward to the Project Officer: (1) copies of all documents upon which the IRB(s) with jurisdiction based their approval(s) or exemption determination(s), (2) copies of the IRB approval or exemption determination letter(s), (3) copy of the IRB-approved consent forms and subject recruitment materials, if applicable, and (4) copies of all supplementary IRB correspondence.

Following the initial approvals indicated above, the recipient must, as part of the annual report(s), provide evidence of continuing review and approval of the research by the IRB(s) with jurisdiction, as required by 40 CFR 26.109(e). Materials submitted to the IRB(s) for their continuing review and approval are to be provided to the Project Officer upon IRB approval. During the course of the research, investigators must promptly report any unanticipated problems involving risk to subjects or others according to requirements set forth by the IRB. In addition, any event that is significant enough to result in the removal of the subject from the study should also be reported to the Project Officer, even if the event is not reportable to the IRB of record.

24. Light Refreshments and/or Meals

FOR NON-STATE RECIPIENTS:

Unless the event(s) and all of its components are described in the approved workplan, the recipient agrees to obtain prior approval from EPA for the use of grant funds for light refreshments and/or meals served at meetings, conferences, training workshops and outreach activities (events). The recipient must send requests for approval to the EPA Project Officer and include:

- (1) An estimated budget and description for the light refreshments, meals, and/or beverages to be served at the event(s);
- (2) A description of the purpose, agenda, location, length and timing for the event; and,
- (3) An estimated number of participants in the event and a description of their roles.

Costs for light refreshments and meals for recipient staff meetings and similar day-to-day activities are not allowable under EPA assistance agreements.

Recipients may address questions about whether costs for light refreshments, and meals for events may be allowable to the recipient's EPA Project Officer; however, the Agency Award Official or Grant Management Officer will make final determinations on allowability. Agency policy prohibits the use of EPA funds for receptions, banquets and similar activities that take place after normal business hours unless the recipient has provided a justification that has been expressly approved by EPA's Award Official or Grants Management Officer.

EPA funding for meals, light refreshments, and space rental may not be used for any portion of an event where alcohol is served, purchased, or otherwise available as part of the event or meeting, even if EPA funds are not used to purchase the alcohol.

Note: U.S. General Services Administration regulations define light refreshments for morning, afternoon or evening breaks to include, but not be limited to, coffee, tea, milk, juice, soft drinks, donuts, bagels, fruit, pretzels, cookies, chips, or muffins. (41 CFR 301-74.7)

FOR STATE CONTINUING ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM GRANT RECIPIENTS EXCLUDING STATE UNIVERSITIES:

If the state maintains systems capable of complying with federal grant regulations at 2 CFR 200.432 and 200.438, EPA has waived the prior approval requirements for the use of EPA funds for light refreshments and/or meals served at meetings, conferences, and training, as described above. The state may follow its own procedures without requesting prior approval from EPA. However, notwithstanding state policies, EPA funds may not be used for (1) evening receptions, or (2) other evening events (with the exception of working meetings). Examples of working meetings include those evening events in which small groups discuss technical subjects on the basis of a structured agenda or there are presentations being conducted by experts. EPA funds for meals, light refreshments, and space rental may not be used for any portion of an event (including evening working meetings) where alcohol is served, purchased, or otherwise available as part of the event or meeting, even if EPA funds are not used to purchase the alcohol.

By accepting this award, the state is certifying that it has systems in place (including internal controls) to comply with the requirements described above.

25. Tangible Personal Property

25.1 Reporting Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.312 and 200.314, property reports, if applicable, are required for Federally-owned property in the custody of a non-Federal entity upon completion of the Federal award or when the property is no longer needed. Additionally, upon termination or completion of the project, residual unused supplies with a total aggregate fair market value exceeding \$5,000 not needed for any other Federally-sponsored programs or projects must be reported. For Superfund awards under Subpart O, refer to 40 CFR 35.6340 and 35.6660 for property reporting requirements. Recipients should utilize the Tangible Personal Property Report form series (SF-428) to report tangible personal property.

25.2 Disposition

25.2.1 Most Recipients. Consistent with 2 CFR 200.313, unless instructed otherwise on the official award document or this award term, the recipient may keep the equipment and continue to use it on the project originally funded through this assistance agreement or on other federally funded projects whether or not the project or program continues to be supported by Federal

funds.

25.2.2 State Agencies. Per 2 CFR 200.313(b), state agencies may manage and dispose of equipment acquired under this assistance agreement in accordance with state laws and procedures.

25.2.3 Superfund Recipients. Equipment purchased under Superfund projects is subject to specific disposal options in accordance with 40 CFR Part 35.6345.

26. Dual Use Research of Concern (DURC) (Added 4/27/2017)

The recipient agrees to conduct all life science research* in compliance with [EPA's Order on the Policy and Procedures for Managing Dual Use Research of Concern](#) (EPA DURC Order) and [United States Government Policy for Institutional Oversight of Life Sciences Dual Use Research of Concern \(iDURC Policy\)](#). If the recipient is an institution within the United States that receives funding through this agreement, or from any other source, the recipient agrees to comply with the iDURC Policy if they conduct or sponsor research involving any of the agents or toxins identified in Section 6.2.1 of the iDURC Policy. If the institution is outside the United States and receives funding through this agreement to conduct or sponsor research involving any of those same agents or toxins, the recipient agrees to comply with the iDURC Policy. The recipient agrees to provide any additional information that may be requested by EPA regarding DURC and iDURC. The recipient agrees to immediately notify the EPA Project Officer should the project use or introduce use of any of the agents or toxins identified in the iDURC Policy. The recipient's Institution/Organization must also comply with USG iDURC policy and EPA DURC Order and will inform the appropriate government agency if funded by such agency of research with the agents or toxins identified in Section 6.2.1 of the iDURC Policy. If privately funded the recipient agrees to notify the National Institutes of Health at DURC@od.nih.gov.

**"Life Sciences Research,"* for purposes of the EPA DURC Order, and based on the definition of research in 40 CFR §26.102(d), is a systematic investigation designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge involving living organisms (e.g., microbes, human beings, animals, and plants) and their products. EPA does not consider the following activities to be research: routine product testing, quality control, mapping, collection of general-purpose statistics, routine monitoring and evaluation of an operational program, observational studies, and the training of scientific and technical personnel. [Note: This is consistent with Office of Management and Budget Circular A-11.]

Public Policy Requirements

27. Civil Rights Obligations (Modified 10/12/16)

This term and condition incorporates by reference the signed assurance provided by the recipient's authorized representative on: 1) EPA Form 4700-4, "Preaward Compliance Review Report for All Applicants and Recipients Requesting EPA Financial Assistance"; and 2) Standard Form 424B or Standard Form 424D, as applicable.

These assurances and this term and condition obligate the recipient to comply fully with applicable civil rights statutes and implementing EPA regulations.

a. Statutory Requirements

- i. In carrying out this agreement, the recipient must comply with:
 1. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination based on race, color, and national origin, including limited English proficiency (LEP), by entities receiving Federal financial assistance.
 2. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities by entities receiving Federal financial assistance; and
 3. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, which prohibits age discrimination by entities receiving Federal financial assistance.

- ii. If the recipient is an education program or activity (e.g., school, college or university) or if the recipient is conducting an education program or activity under this agreement, it must also comply with:
 - 1. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities operated by entities receiving Federal financial assistance. For further information about your compliance obligations regarding Title IX, see 40 CFR Part 5 and <https://www.justice.gov/crt/title-ix>
- iii. If this agreement is funded with financial assistance under the Clean Water Act (CWA), the recipient must also comply with:
 - 1. Section 13 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in CWA-funded programs or activities.

b. Regulatory Requirements

- i. The recipient agrees to comply with all applicable EPA civil rights regulations, including:
 - 1. For Title IX obligations, 40 C.F.R. Part 5; and
 - 2. For Title VI, Section 504, Age Discrimination Act, and Section 13 obligations, 40 CFR Part 7.
 - 3. As noted on the EPA Form 4700-4 signed by the recipient's authorized representative, these regulations establish specific requirements including maintaining compliance information, establishing grievance procedures, designating a Civil Rights Coordinator and providing notices of non-discrimination.

c. TITLE VI – LEP, Public Participation and Affirmative Compliance Obligation

- i. As a recipient of EPA financial assistance, you are required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act to provide meaningful access to LEP individuals. In implementing that requirement, the recipient agrees to use as a guide the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) document entitled "Guidance to Environmental Protection Agency Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons." The guidance can be found at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2004/06/25/04-14464/guidance-to-environmental-protection-agency-financial-assistance-recipients-regarding-title-vi>
- ii. If the recipient is administering permitting programs under this agreement, the recipient agrees to use as a guide OCR's Title VI Public Involvement Guidance for EPA Assistance Recipients Administering Environmental Permitting Programs. The Guidance can be found at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/pdf/06-2691.pdf>.
- iii. In accepting this assistance agreement, the recipient acknowledges it has an affirmative obligation to implement effective Title VI compliance programs and ensure that its actions do not involve discriminatory treatment and do not have discriminatory effects even when facially neutral. The recipient must be prepared to demonstrate to EPA that such compliance programs exist and are being implemented or to otherwise demonstrate how it is meeting its Title VI obligations.

28. Drug-Free Workplace

The recipient organization of this EPA assistance agreement must make an ongoing, good faith effort to maintain a drug-free workplace pursuant to the specific requirements set forth in Title 2 CFR Part 1536 Subpart B. Additionally, in accordance with these regulations, the recipient organization must identify all known workplaces under its federal awards, and keep this information on file during the performance of the award.

Those recipients who are individuals must comply with the drug-free provisions set forth in Title 2 CFR Part 1536 Subpart C.

The consequences for violating this condition are detailed under Title 2 CFR Part 1536 Subpart E. Recipients can access the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 2 Part 1536 at www.ecfr.gov/.

29. Hotel-Motel Fire Safety

Pursuant to 15 USC 2225a, the recipient agrees to ensure that all space for conferences, meetings, conventions or training seminars funded in whole or in part with federal funds complies with the protection and control guidelines of the Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act (PL 101-391, as amended). Recipients may search the Hotel-Motel National Master List at <https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/hotel/> to see if a property is in compliance, or to find other information about the Act.

30. Lobbying and Litigation

a. All Recipients.

- i. The chief executive officer of this recipient agency shall ensure that no grant funds awarded under this assistance agreement are used to engage in lobbying of the Federal Government or in litigation against the U.S. unless authorized under existing law. The recipient shall abide by the Cost Principles available at 2 CFR 200 which generally prohibits the use of federal grant funds for litigation against the U.S. or for lobbying or other political activities.
- ii. The recipient agrees to comply with Title 40 CFR Part 34, New Restrictions on Lobbying. The recipient shall include the language of this provision in award documents for all subawards exceeding \$100,000, and require that subrecipients submit certification and disclosure forms accordingly.
- iii. In accordance with the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, any recipient who makes a prohibited expenditure under Title 40 CFR Part 34 or fails to file the required certification or lobbying forms shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such expenditure.
- iv. Contracts awarded by a recipient shall contain, when applicable, the anti-lobbying provision as stipulated in the Appendix II to Part 200—Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards.
- v. Pursuant to Section 18 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act, the recipient affirms that it is not a nonprofit organization described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; or that it is a nonprofit organization described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Code but does not and will not engage in lobbying activities as defined in Section 3 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act. Nonprofit organizations exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that engage in lobbying activities are ineligible for EPA subawards.

31. Recycled Paper

When directed to provide paper documents, the recipient agrees to use recycled paper and double sided printing for all reports which are prepared as a part of this agreement and delivered to EPA. This requirement does not apply to reports prepared on forms supplied by EPA.

32. Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

Consistent with goals of section 6002 of RCRA (42 U.S.C. 6962), State and local institutions of higher education, hospitals and non-profit organization recipients agree to give preference in procurement programs to the purchase of specific products containing recycled materials, as identified in 40 CFR Part 247.

Consistent with section 6002 of RCRA (42 U.S.C. 6962) and 2 CFR 200.322, State agencies or agencies of a political subdivision of a State and its contractors are required to purchase certain items made from recycled materials, as identified in 40 CFR Part 247, when the purchase price exceeds \$10,000 during the course of a fiscal year or where the quantity of such items acquired in the course of the preceding fiscal

year was \$10,000 or more. Pursuant to 40 CFR 247.2 (d), the recipient may decide not to procure such items if they are not reasonably available in a reasonable period of time; fail to meet reasonable performance standards; or are only available at an unreasonable price.

33. Trafficking in Persons

a. Provisions applicable to a recipient that is a private entity.

- i. The recipient, the recipient's employees, subrecipients under this award, and subrecipients' employees may not—
 1. Engage in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect;
 2. Procure a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect; or
 3. Use forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.
- ii. We as the Federal awarding agency may unilaterally terminate this award, without penalty, if the recipient or a subrecipient that is a private entity—
 1. Is determined to have violated a prohibition in paragraph a of this award term; or
 2. Has an employee who is determined by the agency official authorized to terminate the award to have violated a prohibition in paragraph a of this award term through conduct that is either—
 - a. Associated with performance under this award; or
 - b. Imputed to the recipient or subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 2 CFR part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," as implemented by our Agency at 2 CFR 1532.

b. Provision applicable to a recipient other than a private entity. EPA may unilaterally terminate this award, without penalty, if a subrecipient that is a private entity—

- i. Is determined to have violated an applicable prohibition in paragraph a. of this award term; or
- ii. Has an employee who is determined by the agency official authorized to terminate the award to have violated an applicable prohibition in paragraph a of this award term through conduct that is either—
 1. Associated with performance under this award; or
 2. Imputed to the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 2 CFR part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," as implemented by EPA at 2 CFR 1532

c. Provisions applicable to any recipient.

- i. The recipient must inform the EPA immediately of any information received from any source alleging a violation of a prohibition in paragraph a of this award term.
- ii. Our right to terminate unilaterally that is described in paragraph a and b:
 1. Implements section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)), and
 2. Is in addition to all other remedies for noncompliance that are available to us under this award.
- iii. The recipient must include the requirements of paragraph a of this award term in any

subaward made to a private entity.

- d. **Definitions.** For purposes of this award term:
- i. “Employee” means either:
 1. An individual employed by you or a subrecipient who is engaged in the performance of the project or program under this award; or
 2. Another person engaged in the performance of the project or program under this award and not compensated by you including, but not limited to, a volunteer or individual whose services are contributed by a third party as an in-kind contribution toward cost sharing or matching requirements.
 - ii. “Forced labor” means labor obtained by any of the following methods: the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.
 - iii. “Private entity”:
 1. Means any entity other than a State, local government, Indian tribe, or foreign public entity, as those terms are defined in 2 CFR 175.25.
 2. Includes:
 - a. A nonprofit organization, including any nonprofit institution of higher education, hospital, or tribal organization other than one included in the definition of Indian tribe at 2 CFR 175.25(b).
 - b. A for-profit organization.
 - iv. “Severe forms of trafficking in persons,” “commercial sex act,” and “coercion” have the meanings given at section 103 of the TVPA, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7102).