



PORT CORPUS CHRISTI®

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
for
CLEAN PORTS PROGRAM PROJECT
PRE- AND POST-EMISSIONS INVENTORY**

PROJECT NO. 25-803B2

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**Proposal Submission Deadline:
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SECTION 1

NOTICE OF SOLICITATION

The Port of Corpus Christi Authority (“PCCA”) is requesting proposals from qualified firms or teams interested in PCCA’s Clean Ports Program Project Pre- and Post-Emissions Inventory. This is a grant funded through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Clean Ports Program.

If you are interested in providing pre- and post-emission inventory services to the PCCA the complete Request for Proposal (RFP) may be obtained at the PCCA’s procurement website (<https://pocca.procureware.com>). Proposers must register on the PCCA’s procurement website in order to access the RFP.

A pre-proposal meeting is scheduled at 10:00 AM on Thursday, June 25, 2026, at the Ortiz International Center located at 402 Charles Zahn, Jr. Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401. Proposers are to report to the front desk. For virtual access to the meeting, login information will be published prior to the meeting date/time.

In order to be considered, Proposals must be received electronically at PCCA’s procurement website (<https://pocca.procureware.com>), addressed to the Port of Corpus Christi Authority, Attn: Melinda Licon, Manager of Procurement Services, 400 Charles Zahn, Jr. Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401, no later than 3:00 PM on Wednesday, July 8, 2026 (the “Deadline”). Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered. Proposals may not be faxed or emailed to PCCA office. PCCA reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals received.

Proposers must not attempt to contact staff members, Commissioners, or agents of PCCA associated with this RFP to discuss or ask questions about the contents of the RFP other than in writing as provided above. Any such contact may result in disqualification of the Proposer.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE PORT COMMISSION
OF THE PORT OF CORPUS CHRISTI AUTHORITY
OF NUECES COUNTY, TEXAS

SECTION 2

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Port of Corpus Christi Authority (“PCCA”), a navigation district and political subdivision of the State of Texas, which is located in San Patricio and Nueces County and exercises jurisdiction over PCCA owned lands and waterways, is requesting Proposals for Clean Ports Program Project Pre- and Post-Emissions Inventory.

PCCA is seeking to contract a qualified technical service provider with demonstrable, relevant experience to prepare pre- and post-emissions inventories for select Port operation activities from harbor craft, cargo-handling equipment, and locomotives as part of PCCA’s Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Clean Ports Program (CPP) Grant Project and in accordance with PCCA’s Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP). The Port’s scope under EPA’s CPP funding opportunity accelerates the implementation of PCCA’s plans and progress towards emissions-reduction targets for both criteria and greenhouse gas pollutants.

Project Overview

The Project scope consists of procuring equipment to be added to PCCA’s and sub-awardees’ fleets, as well as installing supporting infrastructure. Under the grant, PCCA and its sub-awardees will acquire:

- ZE Sweeper Truck (Total 1)
- ZE Tug (Total 3)
- ZE Locomotive (Total 2)
- ZE Forklift (Total 8)
- Charging Station (Total 9)

A map of the Project location, showing planned equipment and infrastructure, is illustrated in Figure 1.

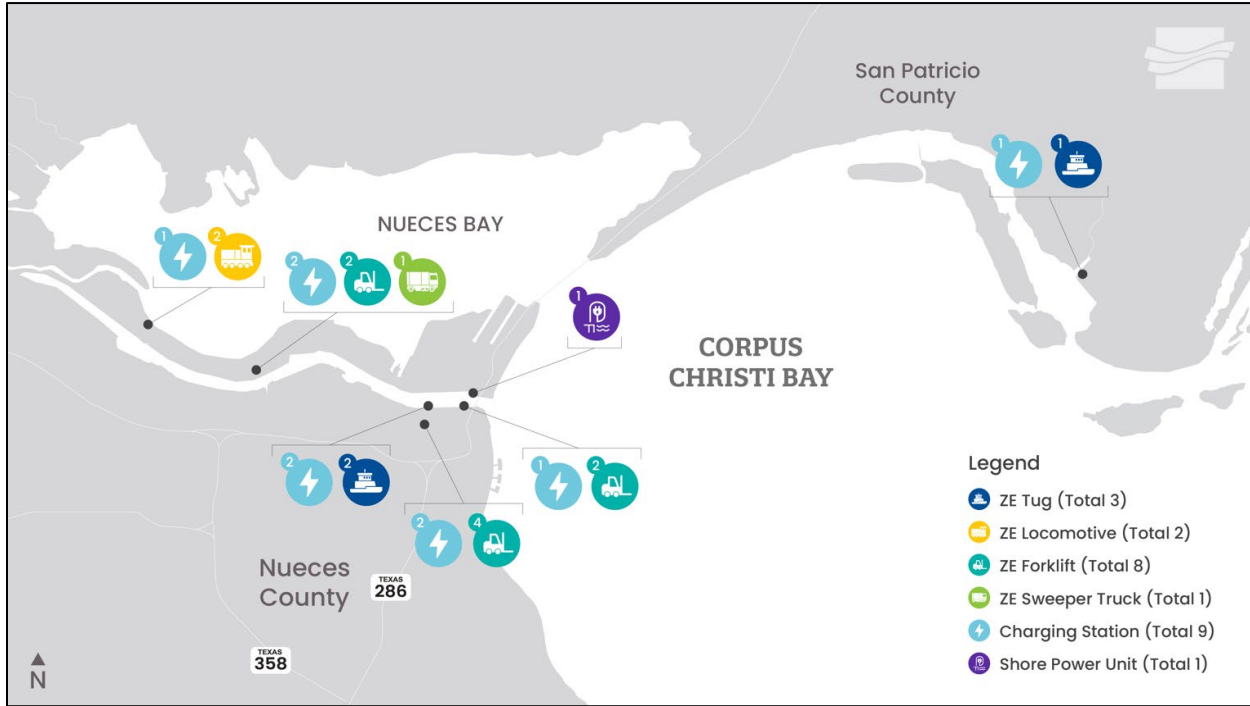


Figure 1: Map of Project Location

The Project will include pre- and post-emissions inventories, with projection modeling, to actualize emissions avoided through the purchase of the ZE equipment and infrastructure. The Project is estimated to achieve an annual emission avoidance of 186 short tons (ST) of nitrogen oxides (NOx), 3 tons of PM2.5 (conferring annual health benefits equivalent to \$790,000), 650 tons of carbon monoxide (CO), and 800,000 gallons of diesel fuel consumption. A more detailed breakdown of the Project’s estimated emissions avoided is included in Table 1.

Table 1: Anticipated Outputs and Outcomes

Activities	Outputs	Outcomes
Repower 2 Locomotives to ZE	Two (2) ZE locomotives	Annual Emissions reductions: 14 tons of NOx 0.5 tons of PM2.5 6,570 tons of CO2 584,000 gallons of diesel fuel eliminated annually \$140,000 annual health benefits due to elimination of PM2.5
Purchase 3 ZE tugboats	Three (3) ZE tugboats will operate at the Port of Corpus Christi	Annual Emissions Avoided: 145 tons of NOx 2 tons of PM2.5 2,025 tons of CO2 180,000 gallons of diesel fuel eliminated annually \$570,000 annual health benefits due to elimination of PM2.5

Activities	Outputs	Outcomes
Provide shore power to liquid bulk terminal	Tankers at one (1) berth will be able to use shore power	Annual Emissions Avoided: 23 tons of NOx 0.28 tons of PM2.5 650 tons of CO2 (604 MT of CO2e) \$40,000 annual health benefits due to elimination of PM2.5
Purchase 9 zero-emission equipment	Eight (8) battery electric forklifts purchased One (1) ZE sweeper truck purchased 5 chargers installed	Annual Emissions Avoided: 0.1 tons of NOx 0.004 tons of PM2.5 5.6 tons of CO2 500 gallons of diesel fuel eliminated annually \$40,000 annual health benefits due to elimination of PM2.5

PCCA has also conducted an emissions inventory every three years for the past decade and has maintained publicly available emissions inventories since 2017 (<https://portofcc.com/about/port/environmental-planning-compliance/>).

End of Section

SECTION 3

PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR CONTRACT AWARD

- Wednesday, June 17, 2026 Request for Proposals issued.
- Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 10:00 AM Pre-Proposal Meeting
- Thursday, July 2, 2026 at 5:00 PM Deadline for Questions
- Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at 3:00 PM Deadline for Submission of Proposal
- July 13 - 17, 2026 Evaluation of Proposals Consultant Interviews (at PCCA discretion)
- Tuesday, August 18, 2026 Presentation to Port Commission for Award

End of Section

SECTION 4

INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

4.01 Examination of RFP Documents

By submitting a proposal, the Proposer represents that this RFP and any applicable Addenda has been examined, that the Proposer has become familiar with the work required, and that the responding Proposer is capable of performing quality work to successfully achieve the objectives of PCCA.

4.02 Questions and/or Inquiries and PCCA Contact Restrictions

Questions and/or inquiries regarding this RFP shall be submitted online to the PCCA procurement website (<https://pocca.procureware.com/home>) and will be responded to via the same website. PCCA responses to questions and inquiries will be available to all registered Proposers via the PCCA procurement website. Proposers may only rely upon written information provided by PCCA to questions or inquiries on the PCCA procurement website. Proposers may not rely upon, nor is PCCA responsible for, any oral information or instructions provided in reference to the RFP.

Proposers must not attempt to contact staff members, Port Commissioners, or agents of PCCA associated with this RFP to discuss or ask questions about the contents of the RFP, other than in writing as provided above. Any such contact may result in disqualification of the Proposer. To the extent that a Proposer relies upon information obtained from third parties and/or outside of the formal process described above, the Proposer does so at its own risk.

4.03 Addenda

If any inquiries or questions, in the opinion of PCCA, warrant a modification to this RFP, a written Addendum will be prepared and posted, as described below, and may not result in a direct response to an inquiry or question.

In addition, PCCA may make changes, additions, or deletions to the requirements in this RFP prior the submittal date. Any modification will be made by written addendum. Each addendum to this RFP will be posted on the PCCA procurement website (<https://pocca.procureware.com/home>). PCCA will not be bound to any modifications or deviations from the requirements set forth in this RFP as the result of oral instructions. Proposers submitting a Proposal shall acknowledge receipt of addenda in their submittal. Failure to acknowledge receipt of all addenda may cause a Proposal to be deemed non-responsive. Proposers will be solely responsible for ensuring that all addenda have been received, acknowledged, and incorporated into the submitted Proposal.

4.04 Pre-Proposal Meeting

A pre-proposal meeting is scheduled at 10:00 AM on Thursday, June 25, 2026, at the Ortiz International Center located at 402 Charles Zahn, Jr. Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401. Proposers are to report to the front desk. For virtual access to the meeting, login information will be published prior to the meeting date/time.

4.05 Submission of Proposals

PCCA intends to select a qualified firm or team to provide services for the project identified in this RFP; however, Port operations and the business environment are subject to change, and PCCA reserves the right to delay or not award a contract for this project should such action be in the best interest of PCCA.

Proposer must provide a clear and concise proposal that meets all outlined criteria as listed in Section 5.05. Each section must be clearly labeled to meet the evaluation criteria. Failure to provide a response to meet all criteria listed in the RFP may result in your submission being deemed non-responsive.

In addition, PCCA may modify, expand, or reduce the scope of work to meet operational or budgetary needs.

- A. Date and Time of Submission: Proposal must be received electronically on the procurement website (<https://pocca.procureware.com/home>) by 3:00 PM on Wednesday, July 8, 2026. Packages received after the above-specified date and time will be returned to the Proposer unopened.
- B. It is the Proposer's sole responsibility to ensure that the Proposal is delivered in the manner addressed in this RFP by the due date and time. PCCA has the right to reject any Proposals not properly delivered and will not be responsible for any electronic files submitted that do not transmit or experience issues when accessed or downloaded.
- C. Acceptance of Proposal:
 - 1. PCCA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, waive any informalities or irregularities in the Proposal, request additional information or revisions to the Proposal, and to negotiate with any or all Proposers in accordance with Section 5.06 of this RFP.
 - 2. PCCA reserves the right to withdraw this RFP at any time without prior notice, and PCCA makes no representation that a contract will be awarded to any Proposer responding to this RFP.
 - 3. PCCA reserves the right to issue a new RFP for any or all work listed herein.

4. Proposal submitted are not to be copyrighted.
5. PCCA reserves the right to require confirmation of information furnished by any Proposer and/or request any Proposer to provide additional evidence of qualifications to successfully perform the work.

4.06 Confidential Status and Disclosure of Proposal Contents

As a political subdivision of the State of Texas, PCCA is subject to the Texas Public Information Act (“the Act”), Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code, and has no authority to enter into a confidentiality agreement in contravention of the Act in response to any public information requests under the Act that are submitted during the RFP process. PCCA shall deem and argue to the Texas Attorney General that all Proposal submitted in response to the RFP are confidential under the Act; however, once the RFP process has concluded, this exception will no longer apply.

Proposers should be aware that the Texas Attorney General may determine that full or partial disclosure is required for information deemed to be confidential or proprietary by a Proposer. It is the sole obligation of the Proposer to advocate for the confidential or proprietary nature of any information provided in or along with its Proposal. PCCA shall not advocate for the confidentiality of the statement’s material to the Texas Attorney General or to any other person or entity. PCCA shall, pursuant to the Act, make a good faith effort to notify the Proposer, upon receipt of any public information request involving a submitted Proposal after the conclusion of the RFP process.

For any such request, the Proposer will be responsible for submitting written justification to the Texas Attorney General detailing why particular information should be withheld, such as the exception applicable to certain commercial information. In order to protect its ability to claim exemption from the release of information contained in a submitted Proposal, the Proposer should clearly designate within its Proposal and accompanying materials any information that it believes to be exempt from disclosure and provide legal justification for each instance. Confidential information should be easily separable from the remainder of the RFP. Marking the entire Proposal as Confidential is not acceptable.

By submitting a Proposal, the Proposer acknowledges its understanding and agreement that PCCA shall have no liability to the Proposer or any other person or entity for any disclosure of information made in accordance with the Act.

Further, publicity or news releases pertaining to the RFP, responses to this RFP, or discussions of any kind related to the RFP, or response documents may not be released without prior written approval of PCCA.

This section applies regardless of whether a contract is awarded as a result of this RFP.

4.07 Pre-Contractual Expenses

PCCA shall not, in any event, be liable for any pre-contractual expense incurred by Proposers in the preparation of its Proposal. Pre-contractual expenses are defined as expenses incurred by Proposer in:

- A. Preparing its Proposal in response to this RFP.
- B. Submitting its Proposal to PCCA.
- C. Negotiating with PCCA on any matter related to a submitted Proposal.
- D. Any other expenses incurred by Proposer prior to the date of award of an agreement resulting from this RFP.

4.08 Conflict of Interest

The Proposer is required to complete a Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (Form CIQ) attached as **Exhibit B** and submit it within the Proposal if the Proposer has:

- A. Any employment or other business relationship with any employee of PCCA.
- B. Given any gifts or services of more than \$100 in aggregate value to any employee or relative of an employee of PCCA within the preceding 12-month period.

4.09 Texas Ethics Commission Rules

The successful Proposer will be required to comply with the provisions of Section 2252.908 of the Texas Government Code and Chapter 46 of the Texas Ethics Commission Rules by preparing and submitting Texas Form 1295, "Certificate of Interested Parties" and submitting the signed form to PCCA at the time the contract is executed for any agreement that requires Approval of the Port Commission. The successful Proposer will be required to submit the Texas Form 1295 using PCCA provided project number and description in Box 3 on the form.

Information on Form 1295 and associated code and rules can be found at:

<https://www.ethics.state.tx.us>

4.10 Agreement

PCCA will enter into an Agreement with the selected Proposer. A sample PCCA Consulting Services Contract is included in **Exhibit A**.

The entire RFP document, technical specifications, technical drawings, addenda (if any), Proposer proposal and response document(s) and the executed agreement between PCCA

and Proposer shall constitute the entire contract and agreement. All work shall be performed in accordance with these documents for the duration of the Contract.

End of Section

SECTION 5

PROPOSAL, EVALUATION AND AWARD

5.01 Proposal Content

Proposals should not include any unnecessarily elaborate promotional material. Lengthy narrative is discouraged, and proposals should be brief, clear, and concise. Proposers are encouraged to limit the submittals to less than **20 pages**, excluding resumes, cover page, table of contents, letter of transmittal, and subconsultant letters.

A. Letter of Transmittal.

Shall not exceed two pages and at a minimum contain the following information:

1. A brief profile of the Proposer organization, including the types of services offered; the year founded; form of the organization (corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship); number, size, and location of offices; total number of employees; and the names of all owners, if the organization is not a public company.
2. Identification of Proposer who will have contractual responsibility with the Port Authority. Identification shall include legal name of company, corporate address, telephone number and email address of the Proposer's contact person.
3. Proposed working relationship between Proposer and subconsultants, if applicable.
4. Acknowledgement of receipt of all addenda, if any.

B. Appendices

Appendices, resumes, subconsultant letters, and information considered by the Proposer to be pertinent to this RFP and has not been specifically solicited in any of the foregoing sections may be placed in a separate appendix section. Appendices shall be relevant and brief and may contain the following information:

1. The Proposer should provide resumes only for proposed project managers and key personnel. The Proposer can also include brief biographies of other support personnel where such information may be relevant to the successful completion of the required services. Resumes are limited to two pages per each person identified.

2. If the Proposer will engage subconsultants to assist with specific projects, provide a letter from each subconsultant that includes the company name, address, contact person, telephone number, and project function, a statement authorizing the use of the subconsultant's name in the Proposal, and description of the service to be provided. These letters are limited to two pages per subconsultant.
3. Additional information. If the Proposer desires to include additional information considered to be material to the RFP, such information may be provided in a brief appendix. The Proposer is advised that lengthy marketing brochures, descriptions, company histories, or similar material will not be evaluated and considered as part of the selection process.

5.02 Technical Proposal

A. Qualifications, Relevant Experience, and References

This section of the proposal shall demonstrate the Proposer's ability to satisfactorily perform the required emission inventory and analysis services. The Proposer shall:

1. Provide a brief profile of the Firm, including:
 - a. Types of services offered
 - b. Year founded
 - c. Form of organization (corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship)
 - d. Number, size, and location of offices
 - e. Total number of employees
 - f. Names of owners (if not a public company)
2. Describe the Firm's experience performing work of a similar nature, including:
 - a. Emissions inventory development
 - b. Air quality analysis
 - c. Maritime, port, rail, or cargo handling equipment emissions
 - d. EPA emissions modeling methodologies

- e. Highlight the participation of proposed key personnel in these projects.
3. Provide a brief history of the Proposer's experience in air emissions inventory development, emissions modeling, and avoided emissions analysis.
4. Demonstrate a successful track record in:
 - a. Developing emission inventories for ports or similar facilities
 - b. Applying EPA emission factor models (e.g., NONROAD, MOVES, or successor tools)
 - c. Analyzing emissions from tugboats, locomotives, and cargo handling equipment
5. Describe specialized training, technical expertise, and professional competence directly related to emissions analysis, environmental compliance, and air quality modeling.
6. If subcontractors will be used:
 - a. Identify each subcontractor (company name, address, contact person, phone number)
 - b. Define their role and responsibilities in the project
7. Provide a minimum of three (3) references for similar completed projects. Include:
 - a. Client name and organization
 - b. Contact name, title, address, and phone number
 - c. Description of work performed

The Port Authority reserves the right to verify references and request additional information.

B. Proposed Team and Organization

This section shall demonstrate the adequacy and experience of the Proposer's team, including subcontractors.

The Proposer shall:

1. Identify the proposed **Project Manager** and provide a brief resume (maximum two pages), including:
 - a. Education, training, and experience
 - b. Relevant certifications or licenses
 - c. Experience managing similar emission inventory or environmental projects
 - d. Location of the Project Manager and project management staff
2. Identify key personnel (including subcontractors) and provide resumes (maximum two pages each), including:
 - a. Education and credentials
 - b. Relevant project experience within the past three (3) years
 - c. Specific roles in emission inventory development and analysis
3. Include a statement confirming:
 - a. Availability of key personnel for the duration of the project
 - b. Commitment that key personnel will not be replaced without prior written approval from the Port Authority
4. Provide an organizational chart:
 - a. Showing reporting structure and communication lines
 - b. Identifying roles and responsibilities of all team members
5. Include letters from each subcontractor confirming:
 - a. Participation in the proposal
 - b. Scope of work they will perform

C. Detailed Work Plan

The Proposer shall provide a clear narrative demonstrating its understanding of the Scope of Work and approach to completing the emission inventory project.

The Proposer shall:

1. Describe the proposed technical approach and work plan, including:
 - a. Data collection and coordination with stakeholders
 - b. Emissions calculation methodologies
 - c. Approach to estimating avoided emissions
 - d. Use of EPA-approved models and tools
 - e. Deliverable development and reporting
2. Describe project management and resource allocation, including:
 - a. Roles of team members and subcontractors
 - b. Schedule and milestones
 - c. Methods to ensure quality, budget control, and timely completion

D. Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC)

This section shall describe the Proposer’s QA/QC program for ensuring accuracy and reliability of results.

The Proposer shall:

1. Describe QA/QC policies and procedures applicable to:
 - a. Data collection and validation
 - b. Emission calculations
 - c. Reporting and documentation
2. Identify personnel responsible for QA/QC functions and describe their roles.
3. Explain how QA/QC processes will be:
 - a. Documented
 - b. Reviewed internally

- c. Verified prior to submission of deliverables

E. Fee Proposal

The Proposer shall provide the total cost for completing the Scope of Work.

- 1. Include total not-to-exceed cost
- 2. Provide detailed cost breakdown, including:
 - a. Labor hours and rates by classification
 - b. Direct expenses (if applicable)

F. Exceptions and Deviations

The Proposer shall clearly state any exceptions or deviations from the requirements of this RFP.

- 1. Any proposed alternative approaches must be fully explained
- 2. Deviations that may impact scope, schedule, or deliverables must be clearly identified

5.04 Evaluation Process

- A. First, PCCA will evaluate, rank, and score the Respondents, based on the **proposal(s) submitted**, which shall demonstrate competence, qualifications, experience, and pricing for Clean Ports Program Project Pre- and Post-Emissions Inventory. All responsive **proposals** will be examined, evaluated, ranked and scored by an **Evaluation Committee**.
- B. Proposal(s) that do not conform to the instructions or which do not address all the services as specified may be eliminated from consideration; however, PCCA reserves the right to accept proposal(s) if it is determined to be in the best interest of PCCA.
- C. While PCCA appreciates a brief, straightforward, concise reply, the proposer must fully understand that the evaluation is based on the totality of information provided. Accuracy, organization, and completeness are essential. Omissions, ambiguous and equivocal statements may be construed against the Respondent. The submitted proposal may be incorporated into any contract which results from this procurement packet, and respondents are cautioned not to make claims or statements it is not prepared to commit to contractually. Failure of the Respondent to meet such claims will result in a requirement that the respondent provide resources necessary to meet submitted claims, without extending an additional cost to PCCA.

- D. PCCA Compliance & Assurance Department may initiate discussions with selected Respondents; however, Respondents may not initiate discussions. Respondents shall not contact any PCCA personnel during the procurement process without the express permission from PCCA Compliance & Assurance Department. PCCA Compliance & Assurance Department may disqualify any Respondent who has made visits and/or contacted PCCA personnel or distributed any literature without authorization from PCCA Compliance & Assurance Department.
- E. All correspondence relating to this procurement from the advertisement to the award shall be sent to PCCA Compliance & Assurance Department. PCCA Compliance & Assurance staff shall coordinate all presentations and/or meetings between PCCA and the Respondent(s) relating to this solicitation.
- F. Selected Respondents may be expected to make a presentation and demonstration to the **Evaluation Committee**. In addition to a presentation, Respondents may be expected to make a presentation and demonstration to the Port Commissioners. Respondent's **RFP**, presentations and evaluations may develop into negotiating sessions with Respondent(s) as selected by the **Evaluation Committee**.

5.05 Comparative Evaluation Criteria

The following criteria will be applied to those proposals which have met the minimum requirements:

- A. **Proposed Cost and Fees – 40 points**
 - 1. The proposer shall clearly itemize and provide a list of all fees to cover the requested scope of work and deliverables. The proposer shall also provide an hourly rate for any additional work which is not included in the scope of work.
 - 2. It is not the intent of PCCA to limit innovative solutions by dollar constraints, but rather to determine which proposal has the potential of providing the best value for the services required.
 - 3. The fee proposal shall clearly set forth the basis for the time and fees to be charged for the work proposed and at a minimum should contain the following information:
 - a. Estimate of the number of hours to complete the scope of services
 - b. Hourly rates for performing such services as indicated above
 - c. Any and all costs associated with this program including any tools to be used.

- d. Total firm fixed cost to complete this program, including a payment schedule

B. Qualifications, Relevant Experience, Proposed Team and Organization & References – 30 points

- 1. This section of the proposal shall establish the ability of the Proposer to satisfactorily perform the required work by citing experience in performing work of a similar nature and complexity to the Scope of Work shown in Section 6 of this RFP; proven competence in the services to be provided; strength and stability of the firm; staffing capability; current workload; track record of meeting schedules on similar system implementations and supportive client references.
- 2. This section of the Proposal shall also establish the adequacy and experience of the Proposer’s staff (including subconsultants) to provide the requested services, as well as to identify and describe the experience of key personnel who will be assigned to the project.
 - a. Demonstrated experience with similar emission inventory projects
 - b. Knowledge of EPA emission methodologies and applicable regulations
 - c. Qualifications and expertise of key personnel
 - d. Organizational structure and capacity to perform the work

C. Technical Approach, Detailed Work Plan & Quality Assurance and Control Program – 30 points

- 1. The Proposer shall demonstrate the Proposer’s understanding of PCCA’s needs and requirements of a Clean Ports Program Project Pre- and Post-Emissions Inventory project and its capabilities and provide a work plan to exhibit the Proposer’s comprehensive knowledge of and approach to conducting a strategic solution to meet or exceed the requested scope of work.
- 2. This section of the Proposer’s response to the RFP should also provide:
 - a. Overall technical approach and understanding of the scope
 - b. Detailed work plan, schedule, and task sequence
 - c. Data collection and management strategy

- d. Emissions calculation methodology and tools
- e. Quality Assurance/Quality Control procedures
- f. Ability to deliver accurate, defensible, and well-documented results

5.06 Negotiation Process

The committee will determine whether acceptance of the most favorable initial proposal without discussion is appropriate, or whether interviews and/or discussions should be conducted with Proposers that fall within the competitive range.

A. Negotiations

PCCA reserves the right to negotiate directly with the highest ranked Proposer or with each Proposer whose proposal falls within the overall competitive range. Each Proposer remaining within the overall competitive range at the close of negotiations may be allowed to submit a final supplement called a “best and final offer.” PCCA reserves the right to negotiate all elements that comprise the successful Proposer’s response to ensure that the best possible consideration be afforded to all concerned.

B. Best and Final Offer (BAFO)

1. All Proposers that submit best and final offers will be evaluated by the committee, or designated committee members, based upon those best and final offers.
2. PCCA expects to conduct negotiations with Proposer’s representatives authorized to contractually obligate the respondent with an offer.
3. If Respondent is unable to agree to contract terms and conditions, PCCA reserves the right to terminate contract negotiations with that respondent and initiate negotiations with the next Respondent. The contract will be awarded to that responsible offeror(s) whose offer, conforming to the solicitation, offers Best Value to PCCA, price and other factors considered.
4. After negotiation of terms, staff will present its recommendation to the Port Commission for the most advantageous for recommendation shall be presented to Commissioners’ for consideration and approval of award of the contract. **The Port Commission reserve the right to accept a waiver if a Respondent does not meet all competencies, qualifications, and/or experience.**
5. **No award can be made until approved by Port Commission. Neither RFP, the Respondent’s presentation, nor an evaluation by the Evaluation Committee obligate PCCA to award a contract for the**

services. Progress toward this end is solely at the discretion of PCCA and may be terminated at any time prior to execution of an agreement.

End of Section

SECTION 6

SCOPE OF WORK

6.01 Scope of Work

Tasks associated with both the pre- and post- emission inventory will include:

Task 1. Data Collection and Coordination with Data Providers

Coordinate with the Port's collaborating entities and data providers to identify needed data.

Deliverables: Develop data tables provided by the Authority's collaborating entities. Input and output data will be reviewed for technical correctness and reasonableness to ensure accurate and defensible results.

Task 2. Pre-Emission Inventory

Use current data and operations to develop a baseline emission inventory for terminals and Port area where forklifts, street sweeper, tugs, and locomotives will operate.

Deliverables: Draft Emission Inventory Report and Final Pre-Emission Inventory Report.

Task 3. Tugboat Inventory

Collect tugboat fleet, operational, and activity information from the participating sub-awardees in the Project: Bay Houston Towing, Signet Maritime, and Suderman and Young Towing Company. The collected data will be reviewed and used to calculate emissions avoided.

Deliverables: Tugboat activity data, total emissions from operation of the equipment, estimation of avoided emissions as compared to the similar tug in the fleet used for the same hours/operations and reflecting the tugboat activity reported to a level of detail that includes emissions avoided by vessel type and location, and a detailed description of data collection and avoided emission estimation methods.

Task 4. Cargo Handling Equipment (CHE) Inventory

Request specific forklift and street sweeper data from each facility/terminal operator where new forklifts will be utilized, which is captured by PCCA's Samsara telematics software system. Additionally, requests will be made to facility/terminal operators forecasting terminal tonnages for the coming years. The data will be reviewed, and the emissions avoided will be calculated using the latest EPA emission factor model methodology.

Deliverables: CHE activity data, total emissions from operation of the equipment, estimation of avoided emissions as compared to the similar CHE in the fleet used for the same hours/operations and reflecting the CHE activity reported to a level of detail that includes emissions avoided by terminal type, by equipment type, and by fuel type, and a detailed description of data collection and avoided emission estimation methods.

Task 5. Locomotive Inventory

Request information on rail activities serving PCCA, including rail freight volumes. Locomotive avoided emission estimates will include Watco locomotive operations within the PCCA’s terminals. If year-specific rail information from Watco is unavailable, other methods, such as scaling throughput changes, will be used.

Deliverables: Locomotive activity data, total emissions from operation of the equipment, estimation of avoided emissions as compared to the similar locomotives in the fleet used for the same hours/operations and reflecting the rail activity, and a detailed description of data collection and avoided emission estimation methods.

Task 6. Prepare Draft and Final Post-Air Emissions Inventory Deliverables

Prepare a detailed draft report including data collection, calculation methods, total emissions, and comparative avoided emissions. Wherever possible, graphic representations will be used to illustrate the data and emissions. The draft report will be provided to the Project Manager for review, and the comments will be provided and incorporated. After a second round of review, finalize the report and submit it electronically.

Deliverables: Draft Emission Inventory Report and Final Post-Emission Inventory Report.

End of Section

SECTION 7

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Without limiting the indemnity obligations or liabilities of Consultant or its insurers, Consultant agrees to carry and maintain at its sole expense policies of insurance ("the Policies") of the types and in the minimum amounts as follows:

TYPE OF INSURANCE	MINIMUM LIMITS
A. Professional Liability/Errors & Omissions	\$1,000,000 per Claim/Aggregate

Consultant will procure and maintain professional liability insurance for protection from claims arising out of performance of its Services under this Contract caused by any error, omission, or act for which the Consultant is legally liable. Policies written on a claims-made basis shall have an extended reporting period of at least two (2) years beyond termination of the Contract.

The minimum insurance required may be increased periodically upon request by Authority to commercially reasonable limits. The company writing each of the Policies must possess a current rating with A.M. Best Company of at least "A-, VII". Consultant's liability shall not be limited to the specified amounts of insurance required herein.

End of Section

SECTION 8

GRANT REQUIREMENTS

- Attachment A – EPA General Terms and Conditions
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- EPA Certifications

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ATTACHMENT A

EPA GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This project is funded through EPA's Clean Ports Program: Zero-Emission Technology Deployment Competition. As such, the Bidder must comply with the following EPA General Terms and Conditions.

Environmental Protection Agency

General Terms and Conditions

Effective October 1, 2024

Revision History:

The Environmental Protection Agency’s General Terms and Conditions ***are published and become effective October 1st at the start of the federal fiscal year.*** Any additions, revisions, or changes to the terms and conditions after October 1 will be summarized below.

T&C Number	Effective Date	Description of Changes
#54	4/03/2025	Added new T&C on Federal anti-discrimination laws.
#3	4/03/2025	Added a new termination provision if the award no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities.
#27	4/03/2025	Updated pursuant to a class exception to subparts of 40 CFR Part 33 issued on March 17, 2025.
#8, 42, 47	4/03/2025	Revised in accordance with administration priorities.
#41	4/26/2025	Added a new T&C on the procurement of synthetic nucleic acids and benchtop nucleic acid synthesis equipment.
#15	3/12/2025	The Federal Subaward Reporting System (FSRS) was decommissioned and replaced fully by the System for Award Management (SAM.gov), all references to FSRS have been replaced with SAM.gov to reflect this change.
#18	11/26/2024	Added language on the de minimis rate for grants amended to incorporate the October 2024 Revisions to 2 CFR Part 200.

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Preface

1. Introduction

- (a) These terms and conditions are in addition to the assurances and certifications made as part of the award and terms, conditions, and 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 200.339](#) and [2 CFR 200.340](#).
- (b) If the EPA General Terms and Conditions have been revised, EPA will update the terms and conditions when it provides additional funding (incremental or supplemental) prior to the end of the period of performance of this agreement. The recipient must comply with the revised terms and conditions after the effective date of the EPA action that leads to the revision. Revised terms and conditions do not apply to the recipient's expenditures of EPA funds or activities the recipient carries out prior to the effective date of the EPA action. EPA will inform the recipient of revised terms and conditions in the action adding additional funds.

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 Part 200](#) and [2 CFR Part 1500](#). 2 CFR 1500.2, Adoption of 2 CFR Part 200, states the EPA 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 Part 200), as supplemented by 2 CFR Part 1500, as the 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.

3. Termination (Updated 4/03/2025)

Consistent with [2 CFR 200.340](#), EPA may terminate this award in part or its entirety:

- (a) If a recipient or subrecipient fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the award, including statutory or regulatory requirements;
- (b) With the consent of the recipient when both the recipient and the EPA agree upon the termination conditions, which include the effective date and, in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated;
- (c) If a recipient sends the EPA a written notification of the reasons for such termination, the effective date, and in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated; however, if the EPA determines that the remaining portion of the Federal award will not accomplish the

purposes for which the Federal award was made, the EPA may terminate the award in its entirety; or

- (d) Pursuant to the programmatic terms and conditions specified in the Federal award.
- (e) By the EPA or pass-through entity to the extent authorized by law, if an award no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities. **This provision applies to all new awards and funding amendments (incremental and supplemental) made on or after April 3, 2025.**

Financial Information

4. 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 1500.9](#).

5. Automated Standard Application Payments (ASAP) and Proper Payment Draw Down

Electronic Payments. Recipients must be enrolled or enroll in the Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) system to receive payments under EPA financial assistance agreements unless:

- EPA grants a recipient-specific exception;
- The assistance program has received a waiver from this requirement;
- The recipient is exempt from this requirement under [31 CFR 208.4](#); or,
- The recipient is a fellowship recipient pursuant to [40 CFR Part 46](#).

EPA will not make payments to recipients until the ASAP enrollment is completed or if recipients fall under one of the above categories. EPA's Research Triangle Park Finance Center (RTPFC) will initiate the ASAP enrollment based on the key contact information on the grant application. The "payee" on the key contacts form will receive an email from ASAP indicating the steps required for completing the enrollment. Recipients may request exceptions using the procedures below.

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 payments are credited to the account at the financial institution of the recipient organization set up by the recipient during the ASAP enrollment process.

Additional information concerning ASAP and enrollment can be obtained by contacting the EPA RTPFC, at rtpfc-grants@epa.gov, or by visiting: <https://www.fiscal.treasury.gov/asap/>.

EPA will grant exceptions to the ASAP enrollment requirement only in situations in which the recipient demonstrates to EPA that receiving payment via ASAP places an undue administrative or financial management burden on the recipient or EPA determines that granting the waiver is in the public interest. Recipients may request an exception to the requirement by following the procedures specified in [RAIN-2018-G06-R](#).

Proper Payment Drawdown (for recipients other than states)

- (a) As required by [2 CFR 200.305\(b\)](#), the recipient must draw funds from ASAP only for the minimum amounts needed for actual and immediate cash requirements to pay employees, contractors, subrecipients or to satisfy other obligations for allowable costs under this assistance agreement. The timing and amounts of the drawdowns must be as close as administratively feasible to actual disbursements of EPA funds. Disbursement within 5 business days of drawdown will comply with this requirement and the recipient agrees to meet this standard when performing this award.
- (b) Recipients may not retain more than 5% of the amount drawn down, or \$1,000 whichever is less, 5 business days after drawdown to materially comply with the standard. Any EPA funds subject to this paragraph that remain undisbursed after 5 business days must be fully disbursed within 15 business days of draw down or be returned to EPA.
- (c) If the recipient draws down EPA funds in excess of that allowed by paragraph b., the recipient must contact rtpfc-grants@epa.gov for instructions on whether to return the funds to EPA. The recipient must comply with the requirements at [2 CFR 200.305\(b\)\(11\)](#) regarding depositing advances of Federal funds in interest bearing accounts.
- (d) Returning Funds: [Pay.gov](#) is the preferred mechanism to return funds. It is free, secure, paperless, expedient, and does not require the recipient//vendor to create an account. Contact RTPFC-Grants at rtpfc-grants@epa.gov to obtain complete instructions. Additional information is available at the [Pay.gov website](#). Information on how to repay EPA via check is available at <https://www.epa.gov/financial/makepayment>. Instructions on how to return funds to EPA electronically via ASAP are available at <https://www.fiscal.treasury.gov/asap/>.
- (e) Failure on the part of the recipient to materially comply with this condition may, in addition to EPA recovery of the un-disbursed portions of the drawn down funds, lead to changing the payment method from advance payment to a reimbursable basis. EPA may also take other remedies for noncompliance under [2 CFR 200.208](#) and/or [2 CFR 200.339](#).
- (f) If the recipient believes that there are extraordinary circumstances that prevent it from complying with the 5-business day disbursement requirement throughout the performance period of this agreement, recipients may request an exception to the requirement by following the procedures specified in [RAIN-2018-G06-R](#). EPA will grant exceptions to the 5-business day disbursement requirement only if the recipient demonstrates that compliance places an undue administrative or financial management burden or EPA determines that granting the exception is in the public interest. EPA will grant exceptions to the 5-business day disbursement requirement only if the recipient demonstrates that compliance places an undue administrative or financial management burden or EPA determines that granting the exception is in the public interest.

Proper Payment Drawdown for State Recipients

In accordance with [2 CFR 200.305\(a\)](#), payments are governed by Treasury-State Cash Management Improvement Act (CMIA) agreements and default procedures codified [at 31 CFR Part 205, Subparts A and B](#) and [Treasury Financial Manual \(TFM\) 4A-2000, "Overall Disbursing Rules for All Federal Agencies"](#) unless a program specific regulation (e.g. 40 CFR 35.3160 or 40 CFR 35.3560) provides

otherwise. Pursuant to 31 CFR Part 205, [Subpart A—Rules Applicable to Federal Assistance Programs Included in a Treasury-State Agreement](#), States follow their Treasury-State CMIA Agreement for major Federal programs listed in the agreement. For those programs not listed as major in the Treasury-State agreement, the State follows the default procedures in 31 CFR Part 205, [Subpart B—Rules Applicable to Federal Assistance Programs Not Included in a Treasury-State Agreement](#), which directs State recipients to draw-down and disburse Federal financial assistance funds in anticipation of immediate cash needs of the State for work under the award. States must comply with [2 CFR 200.302\(a\)](#) in reconciling costs incurred and charged to EPA financial assistance agreements at time of close out unless a program specific regulation provides otherwise.

Selected Items of Cost

6. Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Service Equipment or Services

Prohibition on covered telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment is effective on all obligations and expenditures of EPA financial assistance funding as of August 13, 2020, including awards made before that date.

As required by [2 CFR 200.216](#), EPA recipients and subrecipients, including borrowers under EPA-funded revolving loan fund programs, are prohibited from obligating or expending Federal loan or grant funds to procure or obtain covered telecommunications equipment or services; extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain covered telecommunications equipment or services; or enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain covered telecommunications equipment or services. As described in section 889 of [Public Law 115-232](#), “covered telecommunications equipment or services” means any of the following:

1. Telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);
2. For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);
3. Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment;
4. Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

Pursuant to [2 CFR 200.216\(c\)](#), “covered telecommunications equipment or services” also include systems that use covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. Consistent with [2 CFR](#)

[200.471](#), costs incurred for telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment such as phones, internet, video surveillance, and cloud servers are allowable except for the following circumstances:

- (a) Obligating or expending EPA funds for covered telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment or services as described in [2 CFR 200.216](#) to:
 - (1) Procure or obtain, extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain;
 - (2) Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure; or
 - (3) Obtain the equipment, services, or systems.

Certain prohibited equipment, systems, or services, including equipment, systems, or services produced or provided by entities identified in section 889 of [Public Law 115-232](#), are recorded in the [System for Award Management](#) exclusion list.

7. 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).

Information on how to calculate the maximum daily rate and the daily pay limitation is available at the Office Of Personnel Management's [Fact Sheet: How to Compute Rates of Pay](#) and [Fact Sheet: Expert and Consultant Pay](#). Specifically, to determine the maximum daily rate, follow these steps:

- (1) Divide the Level IV salary by 2087 to determine the hourly rate. Rates must be rounded to the nearest cent, counting one-half cent and over as the next higher cent (e.g., round \$18.845 to \$18.85).
- (2) Multiply the hourly rate by 8 hours. The product is the maximum daily rate.

Contracts and subcontracts with firms for services that are awarded using the procurement requirements in Subpart D of 2 CFR Part 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 1500.10](#).

8. Establishing and Managing Subawards (Updated 4/03/2025)

If the recipient chooses to pass funds from this assistance agreement to other entities, the recipient must comply with applicable subaward provisions of 2 CFR Part 200 and the [EPA Subaward Policy](#).

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

1. Select subrecipients and conduct subaward competitions, as appropriate, using a system that properly differentiates between subrecipients and procurement contractors consistent with the differentiating characteristics explained in 2 CFR [200.331](#) and EPA's supplemental guidance in [Appendix A of the EPA Subaward Policy](#).
2. Verify that the potential subrecipient is not excluded or disqualified in accordance with the verification methods provided in [2 CFR 180.300](#), such as confirming in SAM.gov that a potential subrecipient is not suspended, debarred, or otherwise excluded from receiving Federal funds.
3. Establish and follow a system that ensures all subaward agreements are in writing and contain all of the elements required by [2 CFR 200.332\(b\)](#). EPA has developed a template for subaward agreements that is available in [Appendix D of the EPA Subaward Policy](#).
4. Prior to making subawards, ensure that each subrecipient has a "Unique Entity Identifier" (UEI). The UEI is required by [2 CFR Part 25](#) and [2 CFR 200.332\(b\)](#). Subrecipients are not required to complete full [System for Award Management \(SAM.gov\)](#) registration to obtain a UEI. Information regarding obtaining a UEI is available at the System for Award Management (SAM.gov) Internet site: <http://www.sam.gov/SAM/> and in the General Condition of the pass-through entity's agreement with EPA entitled "**System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements**" T&C of the pass-through entity's agreement with the EPA.
5. Ensure that subrecipients are aware of the requirements that apply to the subaward, including those that flow down from the recipient, as required by [2 CFR 200.332\(b\)](#) and monitor the activities of the subrecipient to ensure compliance with these requirements per [2 CFR 200.332\(e\)](#). 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, including provisions protecting free speech, religious liberty, public welfare, and the environment per [2 CFR 200.300\(a\)](#), as well as regulations, including [2 CFR 200.300\(b\)](#) prohibiting discrimination based on sex.
 - 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 1500.10](#) 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) and Domestic preferences for procurements at [2 CFR 200.322](#).
- f. Other statutes, regulations and Executive Orders that may apply to subawards are described at [Information on Requirements that Pass-Through Entities must “Flow Down” to Subrecipients](#). 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.
6. Establish and follow a system for evaluating subrecipient fraud risk and risk of noncompliance with a subaward to determine the appropriate monitoring described at [2 CFR 200.332\(c\)](#) and consider whether, based on the evaluation of risk, additional monitoring tools may be useful as described in [2 CFR 200.332\(f\)](#). When evaluating a subrecipient’s risk, a pass-through entity should consider:
- a. The subrecipient’s prior experience with same or similar subawards;
 - b. Results of previous audits, including considering whether the subrecipient receives a Single Audit, in accordance with [2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F](#) and the extent to which the same or similar subawards have been audited as a major program;
 - c. Whether the subrecipient has new personnel or new or substantially change systems, and
 - d. The extent and results of any Federal agency monitoring (for example, if the subrecipient also receives Federal awards directly from the Federal agency).
7. Establish and follow a process for deciding whether to implement specific conditions in subawards based on risk factors, as described in [2 CFR 200.208](#), and notify EPA of the specific conditions as required by [2 CFR 200.332\(d\)](#). Examples of specific conditions, per [2 CFR 200.208](#), may 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;
 - c. Requiring additional or more detailed financial reports;
 - d. Requiring additional or project monitoring;
 - e. Requiring the recipient or subrecipient to obtain technical or management assistance; or
 - f. Establishing additional prior approvals.
8. Establish and follow a system for monitoring subrecipient performance that includes the elements required at [2 CFR 200.332\(e\)](#), such as reviewing financial and performance reports, and report the results of the monitoring in performance reports as provided in the reporting terms and conditions of this agreement.
9. Ensure that a subrecipient provides a plan for and takes corrective action on all significant developments that negatively affect the subaward. Per [2 CFR 200.332\(e\)\(2\)](#), significant developments include Single Audit findings related to the subaward, other audit findings, site visits, and written notifications from a subrecipient of adverse conditions that will impact their ability to meet the

milestones or objectives of the subaward.

- 10.** Establish and maintain an accounting system which ensures compliance with the \$50,000 limitation at [2 CFR 200.1](#), *Modified Total Direct Costs*, if applicable, on including subaward costs in *Modified Total Direct Costs* for the purposes of distributing indirect costs. Recipients with Federally approved indirect cost rates that use a different basis for distributing indirect costs to subawards must comply with their Indirect Cost Rate Agreement.
- 11.** 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.
- 12.** Obtain prior written approval from the EPA's Award Official for any subawards or subaward activities that are not described in the approved work plan in accordance with [2 CFR 200.308](#). As provided in 2 CFR [200.308\(f\)\(6\)](#), recipients must obtain prior approval to change a named subrecipient from the EPA Award Official if the pass-through entity described the original subrecipient's qualifications and/or performance history in the competitive application. Recipients must contact their Project Officer to begin the prior approval process.
- 13.** Obtain prior written approval from the EPA's Award Official before awarding a subaward to an individual if the EPA-approved scope of work does not include a description of subawards to individuals.
- 14.** 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.
- 15.** Verify that the subrecipient is audited, as applicable, per [2 CFR part 200, Subpart F](#), and establish and maintain a system under [2 CFR 200.332\(g\)](#) and [2 CFR 200.521](#) for issuing management decisions for audits of subrecipients that relate to the Federal award from the recipient. The recipient remains accountable to EPA for ensuring that unallowable subaward costs initially paid by EPA are either reimbursed or offset with allowable costs, regardless of whether the recipient recovers those costs from the subrecipient.
- 16.** As provided in [2 CFR 200.333](#), pass-through entities must obtain EPA approval to make fixed amount subawards. Recipients should consult with their EPA Project Officer regarding how to obtain EPA approval.

By accepting this award, the recipient is certifying that it either has systems in place to comply

with the requirements described in Items 1 through 16 above or will refrain from making subawards until the systems are designed and implemented.

Subawards to Federal Agencies – Clarity on Applicable EPA Terms and Conditions: If the subrecipient is a Federal agency, the only provisions of the EPA General Terms and Conditions implementing 2 CFR Part 200 on subawards that apply are: (1) the requirement for the Federal agency to obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) in accordance with 2 CFR Part 25 as described in Item 4 above and (2) the requirement for the recipient to report on first-tier subawards as described in EPA General Term and Condition 15.1, “Reporting of first tier subawards.”

As provided within [2 CFR 200.101\(a\)\(2\)](#), all other provisions of 2 CFR Part 200, Subparts A through E, do not apply to subawards with federal agencies. Transactions between the recipient and the Federal agency subrecipient will be governed by the Federal agency subrecipient’s cost reimbursement agreement with the recipient.

9. 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.

10. Federal Employee Costs

The recipient understands that none of the funds for this project (including funds contributed by the recipient as cost sharing) may be used to pay for the travel of Federal employees or for other costs associated with Federal participation in this project unless a Federal agency will be providing services to the recipient as authorized by a Federal statute.

11. Foreign Travel

EPA policy requires that all foreign travel must be approved by its Office of International and Tribal Affairs. The recipient agrees to obtain prior EPA approval before using funds available under this agreement for international travel unless the trip(s) are already described in the EPA approved budget for this agreement. Foreign travel includes trips to Mexico and Canada but does not include trips to Puerto Rico, the U.S. Territories or possessions. Recipients that request post-award approval to travel frequently to Mexico and Canada by motor vehicle (e.g., for sampling or meetings) may describe their proposed travel in general terms in their request for EPA approval. Requests for prior approval must be submitted to the Project Officer for this agreement.

12. The Fly America Act and Foreign Travel

The recipient understands that all foreign travel **funded under this assistance agreement** must comply with the Fly America Act. All travel must be on U.S. air carriers certified under 49 U.S.C. Section 40118, to the extent that service by such carriers is available even if foreign air carrier costs are less than the American air carrier.

13. Union Organizing

Grant funds may not be used to support or oppose union organizing, whether directly or as an offset for other funds.

Reporting and Additional Post-Award Requirements

14. System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements

- 14.1 Requirement for System for Award Management (SAM)** Unless exempted from this requirement under [2 CFR 25.110](#), the recipient must maintain current and active registration SAM.gov. The recipient's registration must always be current and active until it submits all final reports required under this Federal award or receive the final payment, whichever is later. The recipient must review and update its information in SAM.gov at least annually from the date of its initial registration or any subsequent updates to ensure it is current, accurate, and complete. If applicable, this includes identifying the recipient's immediate and highest-level owner and subsidiaries and providing information about the recipient's predecessors that have received a Federal award or contract within the last three years.
- 14.2 Requirement for Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).** If the recipient is authorized to make subawards under this award, the recipient:
- a. Must notify potential subrecipients that no entity may receive a subaward unless the entity has provided its UEI to the recipient.
 - b. Must not make a subaward to an entity unless the entity has provided its UEI. Subrecipients are not required to complete full registration in SAM.gov to obtain a UEI.
- 14.3 Definitions.** For the Purpose of this award term:
- a. **System for Award Management (SAM.gov)** means the Federal repository into which an entity must provide the information required for the conduct of business as a recipient. Additional information about registration procedures may be found in SAM.gov (currently at: <https://www.sam.gov>).
 - b. **Unique Entity Identifier** means the universal identifier assigned by SAM.gov to uniquely identify an entity.
 - c. **Entity** is defined at [2 CFR 25.400](#) and includes all of the following types as defined in [2 CFR 200.1](#):
 - 1) Non-federal entity,
 - 2) Foreign organization;

- 3) Foreign public entity;
- 4) Domestic for-profit organization; and
- 5) Federal agency.
- d. **Subaward** has the meaning given in [2 CFR 200.1](#)
- e. **Subrecipient** has the meaning given in [2 CFR 200.1](#)

15. Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation (Updated 3/12/2025)

15.1 Reporting of first tier subawards.

- a. **Applicability.** Unless the recipient is exempt as provided in paragraph 15.4. of this award term, the recipient must report each action that obligates \$30,000 or more in Federal funds for a subaward to an entity or Federal agency. The recipient must also report a subaward if a modification increases the Federal funding to an amount that equals or exceeds \$30,000.
- b. **Reporting Requirements.** (1) The entity or Federal agency must report each subaward described in paragraph 15.1.a of this award term at the [System for Award Management \(SAM.gov\)](#). (2) For subaward information, report no later than the end of the month following the month in which the subaward was made. (For example, if the subaward 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.)

15.2 Reporting Total Compensation of Recipient Executives.

- a. **Applicability.** The recipient must report the total compensation for each of its five most highly compensated executives for the preceding completed fiscal year, if:
 - 15.2.a.1.** The total Federal funding authorized to date under this award is \$30,000 or more;
 - 15.2.a.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 awards (and subawards) subject to the Transparency Act); (ii.) and \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal awards (and subawards) subject to the Transparency Act; and
 - 15.2.a.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 after receiving this subaward. (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>.)
- b. **Reporting Requirements.** The recipient must report executive total compensation described in paragraph 15.2.a of this award term: (i.) As part of the recipient's registration profile at <https://www.sam.gov/SAM/> (ii.) No later than the end of the month following the month in which this award is made, and annually thereafter

(For example if this award was made on any date of November in a given year, the executive total compensation must be reported by no later than December 31 of that year.)

15.3 Reporting Total Compensation of Subrecipient Executives.

- a. Applicability.** Unless a first-tier subrecipient is exempt as provided in paragraph 15.4. of this award term, the recipient must report the executive total compensation of each of the subrecipient's five most highly compensated executives for the subrecipient's preceding completed fiscal year, if:
- 15.3.a.1.** The total federal funding authorized to date under the subaward equals or exceeds \$30,000; and
- 15.3.a.2.** 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 awards subject to the Transparency Act; and (ii.) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts), and Federal awards (and subawards) subject to the Transparency Act; and
- 15.3.a.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 after receiving this subaward. (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>.)
- b. Reporting Requirements.** Subrecipients must report their executive total compensation described in paragraph 15.3.a. of this award term to the recipient. The recipient is required to submit this information to SAM.gov no later than the end of the month following the month in which the subaward was made. (For example, if a subaward was made on any date during the month of October of a given year, the subaward must be reported no later than November 30 of that year).

15.4 Exemptions

- a.** 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:
- 15.4.a.1.** (i) subawards, and (ii) the total compensation of the five most highly compensated executives of any subrecipient.

15.5 Definitions. For purposes of this award term:

- a. Entity:** includes:
- (1) whether for profit or nonprofit: (i) A corporation; (ii) An association; (iii) A partnership; (iv) A limited liability company; (v) A limited liability partnership; (vi) A sole proprietorship; (vii) Any other legal business entity; (viii) Another grantee or contractor that is not excluded by subparagraph (2); and (ix) Any State or locality.

- (2) It does not include: (i) An individual recipient of Federal financial assistance; or (ii) A Federal employee.
- b. Executive** means an officer, managing partner, or any other employee holding a management position.
 - c. Subaward:** has the meaning given in [2 CFR 200.1](#)
 - d. Subrecipient** has the meaning given in [2 CFR 200.1](#).
 - e. Total compensation** means the cash and noncash dollar value an executive earns during the recipient's or subrecipient's preceding fiscal year. This includes all items of compensation as prescribed in [17 CFR 229.402\(c\)\(2\)](#).

16. Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters – Reporting of Matters Related to Recipient Integrity and Performance

16.1 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 SAM.gov that is made available in the designated integrity and performance system (currently the responsibility/qualification information) 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.

16.2 Proceedings About Which You Must Report

Submit the information required about each proceeding that:

- a.** Is in connection with the award or performance of a grant, cooperative agreement, or procurement contract from the Federal Government;
- b.** Reached its final disposition during the most recent five-year period; and
- c.** Is one of the following:
 - 16.2.c.1.** A criminal proceeding that resulted in a conviction, as defined in paragraph 5 of this award term and condition;
 - 16.2.c.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;
 - 16.2.c.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
 - 16.2.c.4.** Any other criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding if:

16.2.c.4.1. It could have led to an outcome described in paragraph 16.2.c.1, 16.2.c.2, or 16.2.c.3 of this award term and condition;

16.2.c.4.2. It had a different disposition arrived at by consent or compromise with an acknowledgment of fault on your part; and

16.2.c.4.3. The requirement in this award term and condition to disclose information about the proceeding does not conflict with applicable laws and regulations.

16.3 Reporting Procedures

Enter in SAM.gov Entity Management area the information that SAM.gov 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.gov because you were required to do so under Federal procurement contracts that you were awarded.

16.4 Reporting Frequency

During any period of time when you are subject to the requirement in paragraph 16.1 of this award term and condition, you must report proceedings information through SAM.gov 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.

16.5 Definitions

For purposes of this award term and condition:

- a. 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.
- b. 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*.
- c. Total value of currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts includes –
 - 16.5.c.1.** Only the Federal share of the funding under any Federal award with a recipient cost share or match; and
 - 16.5.c.2.** The value of all expected funding increments under a Federal award and options, even if not yet exercised.

17. Federal Financial Reporting (FFR)

Pursuant to [2 CFR 200.328](#) and [2 CFR 200.344](#), 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 in accordance with [2 CFR 200.208](#). EPA recipients must submit the SF-425 no later than 30 calendar days after the conclusion of each specified reporting period for quarterly and semi-annual reports and 90 calendar days for annual reports. Final reports are due no later than 120 calendar days after the conclusion of the period of performance of the award. Extension of reporting due dates may be approved by EPA when requested and justified by the recipient. The FFR form is available on the internet at: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/sf-425-federal-financial-report>. All FFRs must be submitted to the Research Triangle Park Finance Center (RTPFC) via email at rtpfc-grants@epa.gov or mail it to:

US Environmental Protection Agency
RTP-Finance Center (Mail Code AA216-01)
4930 Page Rd.
Durham, NC 27703

The RTPFC 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.

18. Indirect Cost Rate Agreements

This term and condition provides requirements for recipients using EPA funds for indirect costs and applies to all EPA assistance agreements unless there are [statutory or regulatory limits on IDCs](#). See also [EPA's Indirect Cost Policy for Recipients of EPA Assistance Agreements](#) (IDC Policy).

In order for the assistance agreement recipient to use EPA funding for indirect costs, the IDC category of the recipient's assistance agreement award budget must include an amount for IDCs and at least one of the following must apply:

- With the exception of "exempt" agencies and Institutions of Higher Education as noted below, all recipients must have one of the following current (not expired) IDC rates, including IDC rates that have been extended by the cognizant agency:
 - Provisional
 - Final
 - Fixed rate with carry-forward
 - Predetermined
 - Grants awarded before October 1, 2024 - 10% de minimis rate of modified total direct costs authorized by [2 CFR 200.414\(f\)](#)
 - Grants awarded on or after October 1, 2024 – up to a 15% de minimis rate of modified total direct costs authorized by [2 CFR 200.414\(f\)](#)
 - Grants amended to incorporate the October 2024 Revisions to 2 CFR 200 – up to a

15% de minimis rate of modified total direct costs authorized by [2 CFR 200.414\(f\)](#), effective as of the date of the amendment and going forward, cannot be applied retroactively

- EPA-approved use of an expired fixed rate with carry-forward on an exception basis, as detailed in section 6.4.a. of the IDC Policy
- “Exempt” state of local governmental departments or agencies are agencies that receive up to and including \$35,000,000 in Federal funding per the department or agency’s fiscal year and must have an IDC rate proposal developed in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, Appendix VII, with documentation maintained and available for audit.
- Institutions of Higher Education must use the IDC rate(s) on the approved rate agreement in place at the time of award during the life of the assistance agreement (unless the rate was provisional at time of award, in which case the rate will change once it becomes final). As provided by 2 CFR Part 200, Appendix III(C)(7), the term “life of the assistance agreement”, means each competitive segment of the project. If negotiated rate agreements do not extend through the life of the Federal award at the time of the initial award, then the negotiated rate for the last year of the Federal award must be extended through the end of the award. Additional information is available in the regulation.

IDCs incurred during any period of the assistance agreement that are not covered by the provisions above are not allowable costs and must not be drawn down by the recipient. Recipients may budget for IDCs if they have submitted a proposed IDC rate to their cognizant Federal agency, or requested an exception from EPA under subsection 6.4 of the IDC Policy. However, recipients may not draw down IDCs until their rate is approved, if applicable, or EPA grants an exception. IDC drawdowns must comply with the indirect rate corresponding to the period during which the costs were incurred. If the recipient’s indirect cost rate has not been finalized within one year after the period of performance ends, the EPA Grants Management Officer is authorized to close the recipient’s award using their most recently negotiated rate per [2 CFR 200.344\(h\)](#).

This term and condition does not govern indirect rates for subrecipients or recipient procurement contractors under EPA assistance agreements. Pass-through entities are required to comply with 2 CFR 200.332(b)(4)(i) and (ii) when establishing indirect cost rates for subawards.

19. 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 \$1,000,000 or more in total Federal funds in their fiscal year for that year.

The recipient must submit a single audit report within 9 months of the end of the recipient’s fiscal year or 30 days after receiving the report from an independent auditor. The single audit report MUST be submitted using the Federal Audit Clearinghouse available at: <https://fac.gov/>.

For complete information on how to accomplish the single audit submissions, the recipient will need to visit the Federal Audit Clearinghouse Web site: <https://fac.gov/>

20. 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: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/frequent-questions-about-closeouts>

21. Suspension and Debarment

Recipient shall fully comply with Subpart C of 2 C.F.R. Part 180 entitled, “Responsibilities of Participants Regarding Transactions Doing Business With Other Persons,” as implemented and supplemented by [2 C.F.R. Part 1532](#). Recipient is responsible for ensuring that any lower tier covered transaction, as described in Subpart B of [2 C.F.R. Part 180](#), entitled “Covered Transactions,” and [2 C.F.R. § 1532.220](#), includes a term or condition requiring compliance with 2 C.F.R. Part 180, Subpart C. Recipient is responsible for further requiring the inclusion of a similar term and condition in any subsequent lower tier covered transactions. Recipient acknowledges that failing to disclose the information required under [2 C.F.R. § 180.335](#) to the EPA office that is entering into the transaction with the recipient may result in the delay or negation of this assistance agreement, or pursuance of administrative remedies, including suspension and debarment. Recipients may access the SAM.gov exclusion list at <https://sam.gov/SAM/> to determine whether an entity or individual is presently excluded or disqualified.

22. Representation by Corporations Regarding Delinquent Tax Liability or a Felony Conviction under any Federal Law

This award is subject to the provisions contained in an appropriations act(s) which prohibits the Federal Government from entering into a contract, memorandum of understanding, or cooperative agreement with, make a grant to, or provide a loan or loan guarantee to any corporation having a delinquent Federal tax liability or a felony conviction under any Federal law, unless the agency has considered suspension or debarment of the corporation and has made a determination that this further action is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government. A “corporation” is a legal entity that is separate and distinct from the entities that own, manage, or control it. It is organized and incorporated under the jurisdictional authority of a governmental body, such as a State or the District of Columbia. A corporation may be a for-profit or non-profit organization.

As required by the appropriations act(s) prohibitions, the Government will not enter into a contract, memorandum of understanding, or cooperative agreement with, make a grant to, or provide a loan or loan guarantee with any corporation that — (1) Has any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, where the awarding agency is aware of the unpaid tax liability, unless an agency has considered suspension or debarment of the corporation and made a determination that suspension or debarment is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government; or (2) Was convicted of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law within the preceding 24 months, where the awarding agency is aware of the conviction, unless an agency has

considered suspension or debarment of the corporation and made a determination that this action is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government.

By accepting this award, the recipient represents that it is not a corporation that has any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability; and it is not a corporation that was convicted of a felony criminal violation under a Federal law within the preceding 24 months.

Alternatively, by accepting this award, the recipient represents that it disclosed unpaid Federal tax liability information and/or Federal felony conviction information to the EPA. The recipient may accept this award if the EPA Suspension and Debarment Official has considered suspension or debarment of the corporation based on tax liabilities and/or Federal felony convictions and determined that suspension or debarment is not necessary to protect the Government's interests.

If the recipient fails to comply with this term and condition, EPA will annul this agreement and may recover any funds the recipient has expended in violation of the appropriations act(s) prohibition(s). The EPA may also pursue other administrative remedies as outlined in [2 CFR 200.339](#) and [2 CFR 200.340](#) and may also pursue suspension and debarment.

23. Disclosing Conflict of Interest

23.1 For Awards to Recipients, Subrecipients, 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 <https://www.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.

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 Grant 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 200.1 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 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.

23.2 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: <https://www.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.

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 200.1](#). 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 200.1](#) 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 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.

24. Transfer of Funds

24.1 Transfer of Funds

Applicable to all assistance agreements other than Continuing Environmental Program Grants subject to 40 CFR 35.114 and 40 CFR 35.514 when EPA's share of the total award exceeds the Simplified Acquisition Threshold. Simplified Acquisition Threshold is defined at 2 CFR 200.1 and is currently set at \$250,000 but the amount is subject to adjustment.

- (1) As provided at [2 CFR 200.308\(i\)](#), the recipient must obtain prior approval from EPA's Grants Management Officer if the cumulative amount of funding transfers among direct budget categories or programs, functions and activities exceeds 10% of the total budget, as last approved by EPA, including cost share. Recipients must submit requests for prior approval to the Grant Specialist and Grants Management Officer with a copy to the Project Officer for this agreement.

- (2) Recipients must notify EPA's Grant Specialist and Project Officer of cumulative funding transfers among direct budget categories or programs, functions and activities that do not exceed 10% of the total budget for the agreement. Prior approval by EPA's Grants Management Officer is required if the transfer involves any of the items listed in [2 CFR 200.407](#) that EPA did not previously approve at time of award or in response to a previous post-award request by the recipient.

24.2 Post-Award Changes for Continuing Environmental Program Grants

Applicable to Continuing Environmental Program Grants subject to 40 CFR 35.114 and 40 CFR 35.514 when EPA's share of the total project costs exceeds the Simplified Acquisition Threshold. Simplified Acquisition Threshold is defined at 2 CFR 200.1 and is currently set at \$250,000 but the amount is subject to adjustment.

To determine if a post-award change in work plan commitments is significant and requires prior written approval for the purposes of [40 CFR §35.114\(a\)](#) or [40 CFR §35.514\(a\)](#), the recipient agrees to consult the EPA Project Officer (PO) before making the change. The term work plan commitments is defined at [40 CFR §35.102](#). If the PO determines the change is significant, the recipient cannot make the change without prior written approval by the EPA Award Official or Grants Management Officer.

The recipient must obtain written approval from the EPA Award Official prior to transferring funds from one budget category to another if the EPA Award Official determines that such transfer significantly changes work plan commitment(s). All transfers must be reported in required performance reports. In addition, unless approved with the budget at the time of award, Continuing Environmental Program (CEP) recipients must also obtain prior written approval from the EPA Award Official or Grants Management Officer to use EPA funds for directly charging compensation for administrative and clerical personnel under [2 CFR 200.413\(c\)](#) and the General Provisions for Selected Items of Cost allowability at [2 CFR 200.420](#) through [2 CFR 200.476](#) as supplemented by [EPA's Guidance on Selected Items of Cost](#). The recipient is not required to obtain prior written approval from the EPA Award Official for other items requiring prior EPA approval listed in [2 CFR 200.407](#).

25. Electronic/Digital Signatures on Financial Assistance Agreement Form(s)/Document(s)

Throughout the life of this assistance agreement, the recipient agrees to ensure that any form(s)/document(s) required to be signed by the recipient and submitted to EPA through any means including but not limited to hard copy via U.S. mail or express mail, hand delivery or through electronic means such as e-mail are: (1) signed by the individual identified on the form/document, and (2) the signer has the authority to sign the form/document for the recipient. Submission of any signed form(s)/document(s) is subject to any provisions of law on making false statements (e.g., 18 U.S.C. 1001).

26. 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\(g\)\(2\)](#). 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 at least 10 calendar days before the conclusion of the period of performance as required by [2 CFR 200.308\(f\)\(10\)](#). **The written request must include:** a 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 general, administrative, and/or 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.

27. Utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (Updated 4/03/2025)

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](#).

The following text provides updates to 40 CFR Part 33 based upon the associated class exception or highlights a requirement.

1) EPA MBE/WBE CERTIFICATION, 40 CFR, Part 33, Subpart B

The EPA no longer certifies entities as Minority-Owned Business Entities (MBEs) or Women-Owned Business Entities (WBEs) pursuant to a class exception issued in October 2019. The class exception was authorized pursuant to the authority in [2 CFR, Section 1500.4\(b\)](#).

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

Pursuant to [40 CFR Section 33.301](#), the recipient agrees to make 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. The specific six good faith efforts can be found at: [40 CFR Section 33.301 \(a\)-\(f\)](#).

However, in EPA assistance agreements that are for the benefit of Native Americans, the recipient must solicit and recruit Native American organizations and Native American-owned economic enterprises and give them preference in the award process prior to undertaking the six good faith efforts ([40 CFR Section 33.304](#)). If recruiting efforts are unsuccessful, the recipient must follow the six good faith efforts.

3) CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION PROVISIONS, 40 CFR, Section 33.302

The recipient agrees to comply with the contract administration provisions of [40 CFR Section 33.302](#) (a)-(d) and (i).

4) 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.

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

The EPA is suspending negotiations of fair share objectives with recipients under 40 CFR Part 33, Subpart D pursuant to a class exception issued on March 17, 2025. The class exception was authorized pursuant to the authority in [2 CFR, Section 1500.4\(b\)](#).

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

The EPA is suspending recipient reporting requirements under 40 CFR 33.502 pursuant to a class exception issued on March 17, 2025. The class exception was authorized pursuant to the authority in [2 CFR, Section 1500.4\(b\)](#).

7) MBE/WBE RECORDKEEPING, 40 CFR, Part 33, Subpart E

The EPA is suspending recipient recordkeeping requirements under 40 CFR Part 33, Subpart E pursuant to a class exception issued on March 17, 2025. The class exception was authorized pursuant to the authority in 2 CFR, Section 1500.4(b).

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28. 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.

29. 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. This includes the right to require recipients and subrecipients to make such works available through agency-designated public access repositories.

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 [i.e., authorized by] 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 recipients to carry out Federal grants provided the use is consistent with the terms of EPA’s authorization to the other recipient to use the copyrighted works or other data.

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

- The selection of another recipient 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 recipient 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.

30. 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 <https://www.nist.gov/iedison>. 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 <https://www.nist.gov/iedison>. 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.”

31. 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

Environmental Protection Agency endorse trade names or recommend the use of commercial products mentioned in this document, as well as any images, video, text, or other content created by generative artificial intelligence tools, nor does any such content necessarily reflect the views and policies of the Environmental Protection Agency.”

Recipients of EPA Office of Research Development (ORD) research awards must follow the acknowledgement requirements outlined in the research T&Cs available at: <https://www.nsf.gov/awards/managing/rtc.jsp>. In accordance with the [Research Terms and Conditions Overlay to the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards \(Uniform Guidance\), 2 CFR §200](#), recipients of EPA ORD research must abide by the research T&Cs.

32. 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 <https://www.access-board.gov/about/policy/accessibility.html>).

33. 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: (i) Obtains information or biospecimens through intervention or interaction with the individual, and uses, studies, or analyzes the information or biospecimens; or (ii) Obtains, uses, studies, analyzes, or generates identifiable private information or identifiable biospecimens [40 CFR 26.102\(e\)\(l\)](#).

No research involving human subjects shall be conducted under this agreement without prior written approval of the EPA Human Subject Research Review Official (HSRRO) 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 1000.17A (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 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 EPA HSRRO via 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 EPA HSRRO via the Project Officer, even if the event is not reportable to the IRB of record.

34. Animal Subjects

The recipient agrees to comply with the Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544), as amended, 7 USC 2131- 2156. Recipient also agrees to abide by the "U.S. Government Principles for the Utilization and Care of Vertebrate Animals used in Testing, Research, and Training." (Federal Register 50(97): 20864-20865. May 20,1985). The nine principles can be viewed at <https://olaw.nih.gov/policies-laws/phs-policy.htm>. For additional information about the Principles, the recipient should consult the [Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals](#), prepared by the Institute of Laboratory Animal Resources, National Research Council.

35. Light Refreshments and/or Meals

(a) APPLICABLE TO ALL AGREEMENTS EXCEPT STATE CONTINUING ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS (AS DESCRIBED BELOW):

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 discrete portion of an event or meeting, such as a reception, banquet, or another similar entertainment-oriented activity, where alcohol is served, purchased, or otherwise available as part of the discrete portion of the event or meeting, even if EPA funds are not used to purchase the alcohol. This restriction does not prohibit a recipient from using its own funds, private donations, or separate fees charged to the meeting attendees (that are not program income) for discrete portions of events or meetings, such as receptions, banquets, or another similar entertainment-oriented activity where alcohol is served.

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](#))

(b) 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 [2 CFR 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 in paragraph (a) 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) Meetings

(e.g. routine staff meetings) that do not meet the definition of “Conference” in [2 CFR 200.432](#), (2) 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.

36. Tangible Personal Property

36.1 Reporting

Pursuant to [2 CFR 200.312](#) and [2 CFR 200.314](#), property reports, if applicable, are required for Federally-owned property in the custody of a recipient or subrecipient 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 \$10,000 not needed for any other Federally-funded programs or projects must be reported. For Superfund awards under Subpart O, refer to [40 CFR 35.6340](#) and [40 CFR 35.6660](#) for property reporting requirements. Recipients should utilize the Tangible Personal Property Report form series (SF-428) to report tangible personal property.

36.2 Disposition

36.2.1. Most Recipients or Subrecipients. Consistent with [2 CFR 200.313](#), unless instructed otherwise on the official award document, this award term, or at closeout, the recipient or subrecipient, including a subrecipient of a State or an Indian Tribe, 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.

36.2.2. State Agencies. Per [2 CFR 200.313\(b\)](#), recipients that are State agencies must manage and dispose of equipment acquired under this assistance agreement in accordance with state laws and procedures.

36.2.3. Indian Tribes. Per [2 CFR 200.313\(b\)](#), recipients that are Indian Tribes must manage and dispose of equipment acquired under this assistance agreement in accordance with tribal laws and procedures. If such laws and procedures do not exist, Indian Tribes, unless instructed otherwise on the official award document or at closeout, 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.

36.2.4. Superfund Recipients. Equipment purchased for Superfund projects under Subpart O is subject to specific disposal options in accordance with [40 CFR Part 35.6345](#).

37. Dual Use Research of Concern (DURC)

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.]

38. Research Misconduct

In accordance with [2 CFR 200.329](#), the recipient and subrecipient agree to notify the EPA Project Officer in writing about research misconduct involving research activities that are supported in whole or in part with EPA funds under this project. EPA defines research misconduct as fabrication, falsification, or plagiarism in proposing, performing, or reviewing research, or in reporting research results [65 FR 76262. I], or ordering, advising or suggesting that subordinates engage in research misconduct. The recipient agrees to:

- (1) Immediately notify the EPA Project Officer who will then inform the EPA Office of Inspector General (OIG) if, at any time, an allegation of research misconduct falls into one of the categories listed below:
 - A. Public health of safety is at risk
 - B. Agency resources or interests are threatened
 - C. Circumstances where research activities should be suspended
 - D. There is a reasonable indication of possible violations of civil or criminal law

- E. Federal action is required to protect the interests of those involved in the investigation
 - F. The research entity believes that the inquiry or investigation may be made public prematurely so that appropriate steps can be taken to safeguard evidence and protect the rights of those involved
 - G. Circumstances where the research community or public should be informed. [65 FR 76263.III]
- (2) Report other allegations to the OIG when they have conducted an inquiry and determined that there is sufficient evidence to proceed with an investigation. [65 FR 76263. III]

39. Scientific Integrity Terms and Conditions

The recipient agrees to comply with [EPA's Scientific Integrity Policy](#) when conducting, supervising, and communicating science and when using or applying the results of science. For purposes of this award condition scientific activities include, but are not limited to, computer modelling, economic analysis, field sampling, laboratory experimentation, demonstrating new technology, statistical analysis, and writing a review article on a scientific issue. The recipient agrees to:

39.1 Scientific Products

39.1.1. Produce scientific products of the highest quality, rigor, and objectivity, by adhering to applicable EPA [information quality guidelines, quality policy](#), and peer review policy.

39.1.2. Prohibit all recipient employees, contractors, and program participants, including scientists, managers, and other recipient leadership, from suppressing, altering, or otherwise impeding the timely release of scientific findings or conclusions.

39.1.3. Adhere to [EPA's Peer Review Handbook, 4th Edition](#), for the peer review of scientific and technical work products generated through EPA grants or cooperative agreements which, by definition, are not primarily for EPA's direct use or benefit.

39.2 Scientific Findings

39.2.1. Require that reviews regarding the content of a scientific product that are conducted by the project manager and other recipient managers and the broader management chain be based only on scientific quality considerations, e.g., the methods used are clear and appropriate, the presentation of results and conclusions is impartial.

39.2.2. Ensure scientific findings are generated and disseminated in a timely and transparent manner, including scientific research performed by employees, contractors, and program participants, who assist with developing or applying the results of scientific activities.

39.2.3. Include, when communicating scientific findings, an explication of underlying assumptions, accurate contextualization of uncertainties, and a description of the probabilities associated with both optimistic and pessimistic projections, if applicable.

39.2.4. Document the use of independent validation of scientific methods.

39.2.5. Document any independent review of the recipient's scientific facilities and testing activities, as occurs with accreditation by a nationally or internationally recognized sanctioning body.

39.2.6. Make scientific information available online in open formats in a timely manner, including access to data and non-proprietary models.

39.3 Scientific Misconduct

39.3.1. Prohibit intimidation or coercion of scientists to alter scientific data, findings, or professional opinions or non-scientific influence of scientific advisory boards. In addition, recipient employees, contractors, and program participants, including scientists, managers, and other leadership, shall not knowingly misrepresent, exaggerate, or downplay areas of scientific uncertainty.

39.3.2. Prohibit retaliation or other punitive actions toward recipient employees who uncover or report allegations of scientific and research misconduct, or who express a differing scientific opinion. Employees who have allegedly engaged in scientific or research misconduct shall be afforded the due process protections provided by law, regulation, and applicable collective bargaining agreements, prior to any action. Recipients shall ensure that all employees and contractors of the recipient shall be familiar with these protections and avoid the appearance of retaliatory actions.

39.3.3. Require all recipient employees, contractors, and program participants to act honestly and refrain from acts of research misconduct, including publication or reporting, as described in [EPA's Policy and Procedures for Addressing Research Misconduct](#), Section 9.C. Research misconduct does not include honest error or differences of opinion. While EPA retains the ultimate oversight authority for EPA-supported research, grant recipients conducting research bear primary responsibility for prevention and detection of research misconduct and for the inquiry, investigation, and adjudication of research misconduct alleged to have occurred in association with their own institution.

39.3.4. Take the actions required on the part of the recipient described in the EPA's Policy and Procedures for Addressing Research Misconduct, Sections 6 through 9, when research misconduct is suspected or found.

39.4 Additional Resources

For more information about the Scientific Integrity Policy, an introductory video can be accessed at: <https://youtu.be/FQJCy8BXXq8>. A training video is available at: <https://youtu.be/Zc0T7foot8>.

40. Post-Award Disclosure of Current and Pending Support on Research Grants

The recipient is required to notify EPA if there has been a change in support for senior/key persons since submission of its application or the last reporting period in the performance report. If there has been a change, the recipient must report the change within 30 calendar days to the EPA Project Officer. The information should also be included in the next due performance report. If there has been a change, submit a revised current and pending support form (see 'EPA Current and Pending Support'). Senior/key persons must certify that the information contained in the updated current and pending support form is current, accurate, and complete. For additional details on what information needs to be disclosed, please see NSTC Pre-award and Post-award disclosures Relating to the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support at [NSTC Research Security Subcommittee NSPM-33 Implementation Guidance Disclosure Requirements & Standardization](#).

EPA may consult with the Lead/Contact PI and the Authorized Organization Representative (AOR), if necessary, to determine the impact of the new information on the EPA-funded research grant and, where necessary, take appropriate action.

If the recipient discovers that a senior/key person on an active EPA grant failed to disclose current and pending support information or provided inaccurate information as part of the proposal submission process, it must submit a revised current and pending support form (see 'EPA Current and Pending Support') to the EPA Project Officer within 30 calendar days of the identification of the undisclosed or inaccurate current and pending information.

41. Procurement of Synthetic Nucleic Acids and Benchtop Nucleic Acid Synthesis Equipment (Effective 4/26/2025)

Beginning on April 26, 2025, the recipient must procure synthetic nucleic acids and benchtop nucleic acid synthesis equipment, as defined in the [2024 Office of Science and Technology Policy \(OSTP\) Framework for Nucleic Acid Synthesis Screening \(Framework\)](#), from providers or manufacturers that attest to adhering to the Framework. The attestation may be posted on a public website or provided directly to the recipient upon request. The recipient must include this requirement in all lower tier agreements (for example subrecipients or subcontractors).

Public Policy Requirements

42. Civil Rights Obligations (Updated 4/03/2025)

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) Certifications and Representations in SAM.gov 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 federal and 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, 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 <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 C.F.R Part 7](#).

Note that for financial assistance awarded to any entity, including any subrecipient, in the State of Louisiana, pursuant to a permanent injunction issued by the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, EPA will not impose any disparate-impact or cumulative-impact-analysis requirements under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in any pre-award assurances or terms and conditions accompanying the application for and receipt of this grant award.

- 3) The statutory and national policy requirements at [2 CFR 200.300\(a\)](#).
- 4) For Federal awards that are subject to a Federal statute prohibiting discrimination based on sex, the Federal agency or pass-through entity must ensure that the award is administered in accordance with [2 CFR 200.300](#).
- 5) As noted on the EPA Form 4700-4 signed by the recipient's authorized representative, these regulations establish specific requirements as applicable, including, but not limited to collecting, maintaining, and providing upon request compliance information, establishing grievance procedures, designating a Civil Rights Coordinator, and providing notices of non-discrimination.

(c) Title VI – Limited English Proficiency (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 take reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to LEP individuals. In implementing that requirement, the recipient may refer to the EPA 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 may refer to EPA's "Title VI Public Involvement Guidance for EPA Assistance Recipients

Administering Environmental Permitting Programs.” The Guidance can be found at: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2006-03-21/pdf/06-2691.pdf>.

- iii. In accepting this assistance agreement, the recipient acknowledges it has an affirmative obligation to implement effective federal civil rights compliance programs, as required by EPA’s nondiscrimination regulations at 40 C.F.R. Parts 5 and 7, and ensure that it does not discriminate in its programs and activities in violation of federal civil rights laws and regulations. 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 federal civil rights obligations. For further assistance on civil rights compliance, the recipient may refer to the EPA document entitled, “Civil Rights Guidance on Procedural Safeguards: Requirements and Best Practices.” The Guidance can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/external-civil-rights/civil-rights-guidance-procedural-safeguards><http://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-08/civil-rights-guidance-on-procedural-safeguards-august-2024.pdf>.

43. 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/.

44. Hotel-Motel Fire Safety

Pursuant to U.S.C. 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.

45. Lobbying Restrictions

a) This assistance agreement is subject to lobbying restrictions as described below. Applicable to all assistance agreements:

- 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 Part 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 contract provisions provided in [Appendix II to Part 200](#).
- v. By accepting this award, the recipient affirms that it is not a nonprofit organization described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as required by Section 18 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act; 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.

b) Applicable to assistance agreements when the amount of the award is over \$100,000:

- i. By accepting this award, the recipient certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief that:
 - 1) No Federal appropriated funds have been or will be paid, by or on behalf of the recipient, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
 - 2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, or any employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the recipient shall complete and submit the linked [Standard Form -- LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying,"](#) in accordance with its instructions.
 - 3) The recipient shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards exceeding \$100,000 at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

- ii. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each failure.

46. 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.

47. Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (Updated 4/03/2025)

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](#).

- a) Consistent with section 6002 of RCRA (42 U.S.C. 6962) and [2 CFR 200.323](#), the recipient or subrecipient that is a State agency or agency 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 or subrecipient 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.

48. Trafficking in Persons

a) Provisions applicable to a recipient that is a private entity receiving funds under the award.

- i. The recipient, the recipient's employees, subrecipients under this award, and subrecipients' employees may not engage in:
 - 1) Severe forms of trafficking in persons
 - 2) The procurement of a commercial sex act during the period of time that this award or any subaward is in effect;
 - 3) The use forced labor in the performance of this award or any subaward; or
 - 4) Acts that directly support or advance trafficking in persons, including the following acts:
 - i. Destroying, concealing, removing, confiscating, or otherwise denying an employee access to that employee's identity or immigration documents;
 - ii. Failing to provide return transportation or pay for return transportation costs to an employee from a country outside the United States to the country from

c) Provisions applicable to any recipient

- i. The recipient must inform the EPA and the EPA’s Office of Inspector General immediately of any information received from any source alleging a violation of a prohibition in paragraph 48.a.i. of this award term.
- ii. The EPA’s right to terminate unilaterally that is described in paragraphs 48.a. and 48.b.:
 - 1) Implements the requirements of 22 U.S.C. Chapter 78, and
 - 2) Is in addition to all other remedies for noncompliance that are available to the EPA under this award.
- iii. The recipient must include the requirements of paragraph 48.a.1. of this award term in any subaward made to a private entity.
- iv. If applicable, the recipient must also comply with the compliance plan and certification requirements in [2 CFR 175.105\(b\)](#).

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 the recipient 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 requirements.
- ii. “Private Entity” means any entity, including for-profit organizations, nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, and hospitals. The term does not include foreign public entities, Indian Tribes, local governments, or states as defined in [2 CFR 200.1](#)
- iii. The terms “severe forms of trafficking in persons,” “commercial sex act,” “sex trafficking,” “Abuse or threatened abuse of law or legal process,” “coercion,” “debt bondage,” and involuntary servitude” have the meanings given at section 103 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7102).

49. Build America, Buy America – Required Use of American Iron, Steel, Manufactured Products, and Construction Materials (effective October 23, 2023, and forward)

Buy America Preference. Recipients of an award of Federal financial assistance from a program for infrastructure are hereby notified that none of the funds provided under this award may be used for an infrastructure project unless:

- (1) All iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States—this means all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States;
- (2) All manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States— this means the manufactured product was manufactured in the United States; and the cost of the

components of the manufactured product that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States is greater than 55 percent of the total cost of all components of the manufactured product, unless another standard that meets or exceeds this standard has been established under applicable law or regulation for determining the minimum amount of domestic content of the manufactured product; and

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

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

Categorization of articles, materials, and supplies. An article, material, or supply should only be classified into one of the following categories: (i) Iron or steel products; (ii) Manufactured products; (iii) Construction materials; or (iv) Section 70917(c) materials. An article, material, or supply should not be considered to fall into multiple categories. In some cases, an article, material, or supply may not fall under any of the categories listed in this paragraph. The classification of an article, material, or supply as falling into one of the categories listed in this paragraph must be made based on its status at the time it is brought to the work site for incorporation into an infrastructure project. In general, the work site is the location of the infrastructure project at which the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials will be incorporated.

Application of the Buy America Preference by category. An article, material, or supply incorporated into an infrastructure project must meet the Buy America Preference for only the single category in which it is classified.

Determining the cost of components for manufactured products. In determining whether the cost of components for manufactured products is greater than 55 percent of the total cost of all components, use the following instructions:

(a) For components purchased by the manufacturer, the acquisition cost, including transportation costs to the place of incorporation into the manufactured product (whether or not such costs are paid to a domestic firm), and any applicable duty (whether or not a duty-free entry certificate is issued); or

(b) For components manufactured by the manufacturer, all costs associated with the manufacture of the component, including transportation costs as described in paragraph (a), plus

allocable overhead costs, but excluding profit. Cost of components does not include any costs associated with the manufacture of the manufactured product.

Construction material standards. The Buy America Preference applies to the following construction materials incorporated into infrastructure projects. Each construction material is followed by a standard for the material to be considered “produced in the United States.” Except as specifically provided, only a single standard should be applied to a single construction material.

- (1) Non-ferrous metals. All manufacturing processes, from initial smelting or melting through final shaping, coating, and assembly, occurred in the United States.
- (2) Plastic and polymer-based products. All manufacturing processes, from initial combination of constituent plastic or polymer-based inputs, or, where applicable, constituent composite materials, until the item is in its final form, occurred in the United States.
- (3) Glass. All manufacturing processes, from initial batching and melting of raw materials through annealing, cooling, and cutting, occurred in the United States.
- (4) Fiber optic cable (including drop cable). All manufacturing processes, from the initial ribboning (if applicable), through buffering, fiber stranding and jacketing, occurred in the United States. All manufacturing processes also include the standards for glass and optical fiber, but not for non-ferrous metals, plastic and polymer-based products, or any others.
- (5) Optical fiber. All manufacturing processes, from the initial preform fabrication stage through the completion of the draw, occurred in the United States.
- (6) Lumber. All manufacturing processes, from initial debarking through treatment and planing, occurred in the United States.
- (7) Drywall. All manufacturing processes, from initial blending of mined or synthetic gypsum plaster and additives through cutting and drying of sandwiched panels, occurred in the United States.
- (8) Engineered wood. All manufacturing processes from the initial combination of constituent materials until the wood product is in its final form, occurred in the United States.

Waivers. When supported by rationale provided in IJA §70914, the recipient may submit a waiver request in writing to EPA. Recipients should request guidance on the submission instructions of an EPA waiver request from the EPA Project Officer for this agreement. A list of approved EPA waivers (general applicability and project specific) is available on the [EPA Build America, Buy America website](#).

EPA may waive the application of the Buy America Preference when it has determined that one of the following exceptions applies:

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

For questions regarding the Build America, Buy America Act requirements for this assistance agreement or to determine if there is an approved waiver in place, please contact the EPA Project Officer for this agreement.

Definitions. For legal definitions and sourcing requirements, the recipient must consult the [EPA Build America, Buy America website](#), [2 CFR Part 184](#), and the [Office of Management and Budget's \(OMB\) Memorandum M-24-02 Implementation Guidance on Application of Buy America Preference in Federal Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure](#).

50. Required Certifications and Consequences of Fraud

Per [2 CFR 200.415\(a\)](#), financial reports must include a certification that must be signed by an official who is authorized to legally bind the recipient which reads as follows:

“By signing this report, I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the report is true, complete, and accurate, and the expenditures, disbursements and cash receipts are for the purposes and objectives set forth in the terms and conditions of the Federal award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil or administrative penalties for fraud, false statements, false claims or otherwise. (U.S. Code Title 18, Section 1001 and Title 31, Sections 3729-3730 and 3801-3812).”

As outlined in [2 CFR 200.415\(b\)](#), subrecipients of all tiers under the Federal award must certify to the pass-through entity whenever applying for funds, requesting payment, and submitting financial reports as follows:

“I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information provided herein is true, complete, and accurate. I am aware that the provision of false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative consequences including, but not limited to violations of U.S. Code Title 18, Sections 2, 1001, 1343 and Title 31, Sections 3729-3730 and 3801-3812.”

The certifications must be maintained in accordance with the record retention requirements at [2 CFR 200.334](#).

51. Reporting Waste, Fraud and Abuse

Consistent with [2 CFR 200.113](#), the recipient and any subrecipients of this award must promptly report in writing whenever there is credible evidence of the commission of a violation of Federal criminal law involving fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, or gratuity violations found in Title 18 of the United States Code or a violation of the civil False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. 3729-3733) to the EPA Project Officer, the pass-through entity (if applicable), and the [EPA Office of Inspector General \(OIG\)](#). The methods to contact the EPA OIG are (1) online submission via the [EPA OIG Hotline Complaint](#)

[Form](#); (2) email to OIG_Hotline@epa.gov; (3) phone 1-888-546-8740; or (4) mail directed to Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Inspector General, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2410T), Washington, DC 20460.

To support awareness of the OIG hotline, recipients and/or subrecipients receiving an EPA award or subaward of \$1,000,000 or more must display EPA OIG Hotline posters in facilities where the work is performed under the grant. EPA OIG Hotline posters may be [downloaded or printed](#) or may be obtained by contacting the OIG at 1- 888-546-8740. Recipients and subrecipients need not comply with this requirement if they have established a mechanism, such as a hotline, by which employees may report suspected instances of improper conduct and have provided instructions that encourage employees to make such reports.

Recipients and subrecipients are also required to report matters related to recipient integrity and performance in accordance with [Appendix XII to 2 CFR Part 200](#).

52. Whistleblower Protections

This award is subject to whistleblower protections, including the protections established at 41 U.S.C. 4712 and [2 CFR 200.217](#) providing that an employee of the recipient or subrecipient may not be discharged, demoted, or otherwise discriminated against as a reprisal for disclosing to a person or body described in paragraph (a)(2) of 41 U.S.C. 4712 information that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of gross mismanagement of a Federal contract or grant, a gross waste of Federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a Federal contract, grant, or subaward, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a Federal contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract), grant. These covered persons or bodies include:

- a. A member of Congress or representative of a committee of Congress.
- b. An Inspector General.
- c. The Government Accountability Office.
- d. A Federal employee responsible for contract or grant oversight or management at the relevant agency.
- e. An authorized official of the Department of Justice or other law enforcement agency.
- f. A court of grand jury.
- g. A management official or other employee of the contractor, subcontractor, or grantee who has the responsibility to investigate, discover, or address misconduct.

Consistent with 41 U.S.C. 4712(d), the recipient and subrecipients must inform their employees in writing, in the predominant language of the workforce or organization, of employee whistleblower rights and protections under 41 U.S.C. 4712. Additional information about whistleblower protections, including protections for such employees may be found at the [EPA Office of Inspector General's Whistleblower Protection page](#).

53. Access to Records

In accordance with [2 CFR 200.337](#), EPA, the pass-through entity, the EPA Office of Inspector General (OIG), and the Comptroller General of the United States have the right to access any records of the recipient and subrecipient pertinent to this award, to perform audits, execute site visits, or for any other official use. This right of access also includes timely and reasonable access to the recipient and subrecipient's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents or the Federal award in general. This right of access shall continue as long as the records are retained.

54. Federal Anti-Discrimination Laws (Added 4/03/2025; Updated 8/25/2025)

This term and condition applies to all new awards and funding amendments (incremental and supplemental) made on or after April 3, 2025.

By accepting this EPA financial assistance agreement, (A) the recipient agrees that its compliance in all respects with all applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws is material to the government's payment decisions for purposes of section 3729(b)(4) of title 31, United States Code; and (B) the recipient certifies that it does not operate any programs violating any applicable Federal anti-discrimination law or promoting any such violation.

ATTACHMENT B

FEDERALLY REQUIRED CONTRACT
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In addition to other provisions required by the Federal agency or non-Federal entity, all contracts made by the non-Federal entity under the Federal award must contain provisions covering the following, as applicable.

Build America, Buy American (BABA) Requirements. The Contractor agrees to comply with Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (P.L. 117-58, §§70911-70917 (BABA)). The BABA preference requirement applies to the entire infrastructure project, even if it is funded by both Federal and Non-Federal funds. Additional information on BABA compliance is available in EPA's "Build America, Buy America" General Term and Condition.

Equal Employment Opportunity. Contractor agrees to comply with the regulations contained in 41 CFR Part 60-1.4(b) in accordance with Executive Order 11246 "Equal Employment Opportunity" as amended by Executive Order 11375 "Amending Executive Order 11246 relating to Equal Employment Opportunity" and implementing regulations at 41 CFR Part 60 "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor."

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

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

Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

(2) The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

(3) The contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the contractor's legal duty to furnish information.

(4) The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(5) The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

(6) The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

(7) In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

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

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

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

The applicant agrees that it will assist and cooperate actively with the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor in obtaining the compliance of contractors and subcontractors with the equal opportunity clause and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, that it

will furnish the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor such information as they may require for the supervision of such compliance, and that it will otherwise assist the administering agency in the discharge of the agency's primary responsibility for securing compliance.

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

Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 276a to a-7). For all construction contracts (as defined in 29 CFR 5.2), the Contractor shall comply with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a to a-7) and as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Governing Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). Under this Act, contractors shall be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors shall be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The Contractor expressly acknowledges that the award of this contract is conditioned upon the acceptance of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor.

By accepting this contract, the Contractor acknowledges and agrees to the terms provided in the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts Requirements for Contractors and Subcontractors Under EPA Grants.

Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (18 U.S.C. 874 and 40 U.S.C. 276c).

Contractor. The contractor shall comply with 18 U.S.C. § 874, 40 U.S.C. § 3145, and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. Part 3 as may be applicable, which are incorporated by reference into this contract.

Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clause above and such other clauses as EPA may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all of these contract clauses.

Breach. A breach of the contract clauses above may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and subcontractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. § 5.12.

Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.

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

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

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

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

Rights to Inventions. The Contractor agrees that any contracts or agreements for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work shall provide for the rights of the Federal Government and the Authority in any resulting invention in accordance with 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

Clean Air Act. The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.

The contractor agrees to report each violation to the Authority and understands and agrees that the Authority will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with federal assistance provided by EPA.

Federal Water Pollution Control Act. The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.

The contractor agrees to report each violation to the Authority and understands and agrees that the Authority will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with federal assistance provided by EPA.

Debarment and Suspension. This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. Part 180 and 2 C.F.R. Part 3000. As such, the contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor's principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995) or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

The contractor must comply with 2 C.F.R. Part 180, subpart C and 2C.F.R. Part 3000, subpart C, and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by Authority. If it is later determined that the contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. Part 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. Part 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to Authority, the federal government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

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

Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended). Contractors who apply or bid for an award of more than \$100,000 shall file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used federally appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with obtaining any federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-federal funds that takes place in

connection with obtaining any federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient who in turn will forward the certification(s) to the federal awarding agency.

Procurement of Recovered Materials. In the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired—

Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;

Meeting contract performance requirements; or

At a reasonable price.

Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA-designated items, is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines webpage:

<https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program>.

The Contractor also agrees to comply with all other applicable requirements of Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act.

Prohibition on Contracting for Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services.

Recipients and subrecipients are prohibited from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to:

- a. Procure or obtain;
- b. Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or
- c. Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in Public Law 115–232, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
 - i. For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
 - ii. Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.

- iii. Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.
- d. In implementing the prohibition under Public Law 115–232, section 889, subsection (f), paragraph (1), heads of executive agencies administering loan, grant, or subsidy programs shall prioritize available funding and technical support to assist affected businesses, institutions and organizations as is reasonably necessary for those affected entities to transition from covered communications equipment and services, to procure replacement equipment and services, and to ensure that communications service to users and customers is sustained.

Domestic Preferences for Procurements.

As appropriate, and to the extent consistent with law, the contractor should, to the greatest extent practicable, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States. This includes, but is not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products.

For purposes of this clause:

Produced in the United States means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.

Manufactured products mean items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

Access to Records. The Contractor agrees to provide the Authority, the EPA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.

The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.

The Contractor agrees to provide the EPA Administrator or his authorized representatives access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract.

Compliance with Federal Law, Regulations and Executive Orders. This is an acknowledgement that EPA financial assistance will be used to fund all or a portion of the contract. The contractor will comply with all applicable federal law, regulations, executive orders, EPA policies, procedures, and directives.

No Obligation by Federal Government. The federal government is not a party to this contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-federal entity, contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.

Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts. The contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the contractor's actions pertaining to this contract.

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

ATTACHMENT C

EPA CERTIFICATIONS

ATTACHMENT C - EPA CERTIFICATIONS

This checklist will be used to ensure that all required procurement certifications listed within have been read, initialed, and signed by the Respondent BEFORE their proposal is submitted. All certifications listed below follow this checklist.

Bidder's Initials:

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- A. Lobbying Certification _____
 - B. Suspension and Debarment Certification _____
 - C. Delinquent Federal and State Business Tax Certification _____
 - D. Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Service
or Equipment _____
 - E. Utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise _____
 - F. Pre-Bid Good Faith Efforts _____

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

NAME / TITLE: _____

RESPONDENT/
CONTRACTOR: _____

LOBBYING CERTIFICATION FORM

To be completed by the prime contractor and all subcontractors.

The Respondent/Contractor certifies that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for making lobbying contacts to an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form--LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions [as amended by "Government-wide Guidance for New Restrictions on Lobbying," 61 Fed. Reg. 1413 (1/19/96). Note: Language in paragraph (2) herein has been modified in accordance with Section 10 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-65, to be codified at 2 U.S.C. 1601, *et seq.*)]

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31 U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995). Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

[Note: Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 1352(c)(1)-(2)(A), any person who makes a prohibited expenditure or fails to file or amend a required certification or disclosure form shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such expenditure or failure.]

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The Respondent/Contractor/Subcontractor, _____, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Respondent/Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. A 3801, *et seq.* apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

NAME / TITLE: _____

RESPONDENT/
CONTRACTOR: _____

SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION FORM

*Certification Regarding
Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters
Primary Covered Transactions
To be completed by the prime contractor and all subcontractors.*

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 13 CFR Part 145. The regulations were published as Part VII of the May 26, 1988 Federal Register (pages 19160-19211).

The prospective primary Respondent/Contractor certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals:

- (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for disbarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
- (b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
- (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

Where the prospective primary Respondent is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective primary participant shall attach an explanation to this Statement of Qualifications.

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

NAME / TITLE: _____

RESPONDENT/
CONTRACTOR: _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION

By signing and submitting this Statement of Qualifications, the Respondent/Contractor is providing the certification set out below.

1. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in the denial of participation in this covered transaction. The Respondent/Contractor shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the Owner's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the Respondent/Contractor to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the Owner determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the Respondent/Contractor knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the Owner may terminate this transaction for cause or default.
3. The Respondent/Contractor shall provide immediate written notice to the Owner to which this Statement of Qualifications is submitted if at any time the Respondent/Contractor learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms "bid," "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "Statement of Qualifications," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the Owner to which this Statement of Qualifications is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations (13 CFR Part 145).
5. The Respondent/Contractor agrees by submitting this Statement of Qualifications that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a subcontractor who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the Owner entering into this transaction.
6. The Respondent/Contractor further agrees by submitting this Statement of Qualifications that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion- Lower Tier Covered Transactions," provided by the Owner entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
7. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a Respondent/Contractor is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
8. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a Respondent/Contractor in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a subcontractor who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the Owner may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

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DELINQUENT FEDERAL AND STATE BUSINESS TAX CERTIFICATION

All Respondents shall certify that Respondent is not delinquent in a tax owed the state under Chapter 171, Tax Code, pursuant to the Texas Business Corporation Act, Texas Statutes, Article 2.45.

And

The contractor hereby certifies the following:

- a. Does not have any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability; and was not convicted of the felony criminal violation under any Federal law within the preceding 24 months.
- b. Agrees to require all subcontractors to provide this certification and to flow this requirement down to participants at all lower tiers, without regard to the value of any subcontract.

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

NAME / TITLE: _____

RESPONDENT/
CONTRACTOR: _____

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**PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE
SERVICE OR EQUIPMENT**

Contractor hereby acknowledges that the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, Pub. L. 115232, § 889 (Aug. 13, 2018) (the Act) prohibits the Owner from procuring certain “covered telecommunications equipment or services,” as defined in the Act, in federally assisted procurements and that the instant procurement is a federally assisted procurement subject to that prohibition. Contractor represents and warrants that it has performed a due diligence review of its supply chain and that no such “covered telecommunications equipment or services” shall be provided to the Owner that would cause the Owner to be in violation of the prohibition contained in the Act.

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

NAME / TITLE: _____

RESPONDENT/
CONTRACTOR: _____

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UTILIZATION OF DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

Respondents shall submit this completed form with the bid to demonstrate the Respondent's plan to meet EPA's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program contained in [40 CFR, Part 33](#). If the Respondent cannot meet the DBE goal, the Respondent has the burden to demonstrate "Good Faith Efforts," which shall include correctly and accurately preparing and submitting this form, a Record of Good Faith Efforts and supporting documentation evidencing their "Good Faith Efforts".

Procurement Categories	DBE %
Services (Design)	8%

NAICS Code	Description of Work (Plan Sheet #, Unit Price #, Scope of Work #, as applicable)	% of Total Bid Price	Services or Supplier	Certified Firm Name Firm Address Contact Name Phone No. and E-Mail

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

NAME / TITLE: _____

RESPONDENT/
CONTRACTOR: _____

PRE-BID GOOD FAITH EFFORTS

Respondent Name: _____ **Project Name** _____

A Respondent that may be unable to complete or follow a Fair Share Objective to meet the EPA DBE Goals. If the Bidder cannot meet the DBE goals set by the EPA, the Respondent has the burden to demonstrate "Good Faith Efforts" to meet the DBE goal. Please attach any documentation on good faith efforts with the bid.

UNLESS THE RESPONDENT'S PARTICIPATION PLAN MEETS THE CONTRACT GOAL, FAILURE TO SUBMIT THIS FORM MAY RESULT IN THE RESPONDENT BEING FOUND NON-RESPONSIVE.

NAICS Code	Certified Firm Name Address, Phone No. and E-Mail	Certified Firm Contact Person	Methods of Contact	Prime Contact Dates	Certified Firm Response	Results of Contact (why suitable or not suitable for work)
			Phone E-mail			
			Phone E-mail			
			Phone E-mail			
			Phone Email			
			Phone Email			

SIGNATURE: _____

NAME / TITLE: _____

RESPONDENT/
CONTRACTOR: _____

EXHIBIT A

**CONSULTING SERVICES CONTRACT
(SAMPLE)**

THIS CONTRACT (the “Contract”) is made and entered into effective as of the ____ day of _____ 2025, (“Effective Date”) by and between the Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County, Texas (“Authority”), and _____ (“Consultant”), each a “Party” and collectively as “Parties”.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and mutual covenants contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. CONTRACT: Authority hereby engages the Consultant and the Consultant hereby accepts its engagement for the purpose of providing to Authority the consulting services (“Services”) as are generally described in the “Scope of Services” set forth in Exhibit A to this Contract which is incorporated herein by reference.

2. PERIOD OF SERVICE: The Consultant shall complete the Services on or before _____ (the “Deadline”), unless the Authority agrees to extend the Deadline for good reason; provided, however, that the Authority may terminate this Contract at any time in accordance with Section 14. Time is of the essence in performance of this Contract. There will be no obligation established between Authority and the Consultant for performance of the Services until Authority provides the Consultant execution of this Contract and receipt by the Authority of appropriate Certificates of Insurance and other documentation as may be required herein. The term of this Contract (“Term”) shall begin on the Effective Date and shall end on the first to occur of the following: (1) the Deadline, as the same may have been extended by the Authority, (2) the date on which, in the opinion of Authority, all of the Services have been rendered, (3) the date on which this Contract is terminated by the Authority pursuant to Section 14, or (4) the date on which this Contract is terminated by the Consultant pursuant to Section 14.

3. COORDINATION OF SERVICES BY AUTHORITY: Authority shall designate a Contract Representative who will, on behalf of Authority, coordinate with the Consultant and administer this Contract. It shall be the responsibility of the Consultant to coordinate all assignment-related activities with the Contract Representative.

For the purposes of this Contract, the Representative shall be:

E-mail: _____

Authority may change the Contract Representative at any time by giving the Consultant written notice of such change.

4. NOTICES: Notices, demands, requests or other formal communication related to the Contract shall be deemed to have been given when received, whether delivered personally or mailed. E-mail communications may be considered as formal notification provided the e-mail message states the message is intended as a formal notice and the receiving Party acknowledges receipt of the message as a formal notification. Notices shall be addressed as follows:

If to the Authority: Kent A. Britton
Chief Executive Officer
Port of Corpus Christi Authority
400 Charles Zahn, Jr. Drive
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401
E-mail: kbritton@pocca.com

If to the Consultant: _____

E-mail: _____

Either Party may change the mailing or E-mail address for notifications by providing written notice of such change to the other Party.

5. CHANGES: This Contract may be changed or modified at the request of either the Consultant or the Authority, provided both Parties agree to the requested change, and a written amendment or modification of this Contract is prepared and executed by the Parties.

6. CONSULTANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES: In addition to all other obligations contained herein, the Consultant agrees, warrants, and represents that:

6.1 The Consultant will furnish all material, equipment, labor and supplies in such quantities and of the proper quality to professionally and timely perform the Services, except as otherwise mutually agreed by the Parties;

6.2 The Consultant shall perform the Services with the professional skill and care ordinarily provided by competent consultants practicing in the same or similar locality and under the same or similar circumstances and professional license;

6.3 The Consultant will comply with the provisions of all federal, state, and local laws, regulations, ordinances, requirements and codes which are applicable to its performance of Services;

6.4 The Consultant is not and will not be bound by any agreement and has not assumed nor will assume any obligation which would, in any way, restrict its ability to perform the Services or be inconsistent with the Services;

6.5 In performing the Services, the Consultant will not use any third party's confidential or propriety information, or infringe the rights of another party, nor will the Consultant disclose to the Authority, or bring onto the Authority's premises, or induce the Authority to use any third party's confidential or proprietary information;

6.6 The Consultant does not have the authority to act for the Authority, bind the Authority in any respect, or incur any debts or liabilities in the name of or on behalf of the Authority, except as otherwise expressly authorized in writing by the Authority;

6.7 Consultant is an independent contractor for the performance of his duties under this Contract. Accordingly, the Consultant shall be responsible for payment of all taxes including federal, state and local taxes arising out of the Consultant's activities in accordance with this Contract. Consultant is responsible for payment of the compensation, including any withholding, Social Security, or other taxes on such compensation, of any subcontractors retained by Consultant, or Consultant's employees performing Services consistent with its status as an independent contractor and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations;

6.8 Consultant has and hereby retains full control of any supervision over the Consultant's obligations hereunder and over any persons employed or subcontracted by the Consultant for performing Services hereunder;

6.9 Consultant will in no way be considered an agent, partner, joint venturer, or employee of Authority at any time during the Term. Consultant will not undertake to commit Authority to any course of action in relation to a third party unless expressly requested and authorized to do so by the Authority in writing.

6.10 As of the Effective Date and at all times while providing Services hereunder, the Consultant shall possess and maintain in good standing any and all licenses or other authorizations and approvals necessary to perform the Services.

7. COMPENSATION: The compensation to be paid Consultant for providing the Services shall be the compensation described in Exhibit B attached hereto, which is incorporated herein by reference; provided, however, the total fees paid to Consultant for the Services (including reimbursable travel expenses and other direct costs) shall not exceed _____ Dollars (\$ _____). Consultant will obtain the written approval of Authority's Contract Representative relative to incurring travel and other direct costs before incurring such expenses.

8. INVOICE PROCEDURE AND PAYMENT: Consultant shall submit invoices monthly to the Authority for work performed during the preceding calendar month. Such invoices shall be due and payable by Authority on or before thirty (30) days from receipt by Authority. Monthly compensation will be for the Services actually performed during the billing period, invoiced in accordance with the Fee Schedule included in Exhibit B. Invoices shall also describe any preapproved reimbursable costs. Consultant will provide sufficient detail with each invoice to substantiate the requested amount of monthly payment. At the Authority's request, Consultant

will provide additional backup such as invoices for materials and subcontracted service or other documentation sufficient to establish the accuracy of the invoices.

9. INSURANCE: Consultant shall procure and maintain at its sole expense, for as long as Consultant is obligated to provide Services under this Contract, the policies of insurance described in Exhibit C attached hereto and in at least the minimum amounts specified in Exhibit C to protect Consultant from claims which may arise out of or result from Consultant's Services pursuant to this Contract, whether such operations be by Consultant, by any subcontractor of Consultant, by anyone directly or indirectly employed by Consultant or Consultant's subcontractor, or by anyone for whose acts Consultant or Consultant's subcontractor may be liable. At least five (5) days prior to execution of this Contract, Consultant will provide to Authority's Risk Program Manager certificates of insurance issued by each insurance company providing any of the required insurance coverage, and the text entered in each certificate must be acceptable to Authority. The requirement to provide acceptable certificates of insurance is a material condition of this Contract, and work under this Contract will not commence until certificates of insurance have been received, reviewed, and accepted by Authority. The minimum limits of liability and coverage for the insurance required are set forth in Exhibit C attached hereto, which is incorporated herein by reference.

10. INDEMNIFICATION AND RELEASE. Consultant hereby releases and discharges Authority and its agents, servants, representatives, employees, officers, directors, and Port Commissioners (collectively, the "Authority Parties") from liability for and assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property of Consultant and the injury or death of any person employed by Consultant. To the fullest extent allowed by law, Consultant shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Authority Parties from and against all damages, losses, costs and expenses, of any nature whatsoever, whether incurred as a judgment, settlement, penalty, fine or otherwise (including reasonable attorneys' fees and the cost of defense), in connection with any action, proceeding, demand or claim but only to the extent caused by the negligent acts, errors, or omissions of the Consultant, its employees, agents, or subconsultants, or others for whom the Consultant is legally liable, in the performance of Services under this Contract. The Consultant is not obligated under this paragraph to indemnify the Authority Parties for the negligent acts of the Authority Parties.

Consultant's indemnity obligations under this Section 10 shall not be limited by a limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits owed by Consultant to any employee of Consultant under workers' or workmen's compensation acts, disability benefit acts, or other employee benefit acts. The obligations of the Consultant under this Section 10 shall survive the end of the Term of the Contract.

11. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY: Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, neither Party shall be liable or responsible to the other Party for any indirect, incidental or consequential loss or damage of any nature whatsoever (including, but not limited to, contract, negligence or tort liability) of the other Party, including without limitation, any actual or anticipated profits, loss of time, inconvenience, commercial loss or any other damages, even if the Party has advance notice of the possibility of such damages.

12. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTED PARTIES: Consultant will comply with the provisions of Section 2252.908 of the Texas Government Code and Chapter 46 of the Texas Ethics Commission Rules by preparing a Texas Form 1295, "Certificate of Interested Parties" and submitting the signed form to Authority at the time Consultant submits the signed contract to Authority. This provision will only apply to contracts approved by the Port of Corpus Christi Authority Port Commission.

13. ASSIGNMENT: Neither Authority nor Consultant will assign or transfer its interest in this Contract without the written consent of the other.

14. SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION: Authority may suspend or terminate this Contract for convenience with seven (7) days prior written notice to Consultant of such action. Upon termination of this Contract in accordance with this paragraph, Authority will have no further obligation to the Consultant hereunder except to pay the Consultant unpaid fees and expenses which the Consultant can reasonably show to have been earned under this Contract. **Under no circumstances may Consultant claim or recover consequential damages from Authority.**

In the event of suspension of Services, the Consultant shall resume the full performance of the Services when directed in writing to do so by Authority. Suspension of the Services for reasons other than the Consultant's negligence or failure to perform shall not affect the Consultant's compensation as provided for in this Contract. The schedule for performance of the Services shall be amended by a mutually agreed, written modification to this Contract to reflect the suspension.

Either Party may terminate this Contract by giving written notice to the other Party if the other Party ("Defaulting Party"): (a) materially breaches any term, condition or provision of this Contract and fails to cure the breach to the satisfaction of the notifying Party within ten (10) days after the Defaulting Party receives a written notice of the breach from the notifying Party, or (b) becomes the subject of any proceedings under state or federal law for the relief of debtors or otherwise becomes insolvent, or bankrupt, or makes any assignments for the benefit of one or more creditors.

15. DISPUTES: Each Party agrees that any dispute between the Parties relating to this Contract will first be submitted in writing to a panel of two senior executives of the Authority and Consultant, who shall promptly meet and confer in an effort to resolve such dispute through good faith consultation and negotiation. Each Party's executive shall be identified by notice to the other Party, and may be changed at any time thereafter also by notice to the other. Any decisions of the executives will be final and binding on the Parties. In the event the executives are unable to resolve any dispute within thirty (30) days after submission to them, either Party may then refer such dispute to mediation.

If the Parties refer to mediation any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Contract or the existence, validity, breach or termination thereof, whether during or after its term, they shall select a mutually acceptable mediator within forty-five (45) days thereafter. Neither Party shall unreasonably withhold consent to the selection of a mediator. The Parties shall share equally the costs of mediation. If the Parties agree, they may substitute other forms of alternative dispute resolution. Any mediation shall not extend beyond thirty (30) days after the appointment

of the mediator, and should the Parties fail to resolve any dispute by mediation within such 30-day period, the Parties shall have all rights available at law or in equity.

16. ATTORNEY'S FEES, DEFAULT: In the event Consultant or Authority breach any of the terms of this Contract and the Party not in default employs attorneys to protect or enforce its rights hereunder and prevails, then the defaulting Party agrees to pay reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred by the prevailing Party.

17. STAFFING: Consultant will designate in writing to Authority its representative, and the manner in which it will provide staff support for the project, which must be approved by Authority. Consultant must notify Authority's Contract Representative of any change in personnel assigned to perform work under this Contract, and the Authority's Contract Representative has the right to reject the person or persons assigned to fill the position or positions. The Authority's Contract Representative shall also have the right to require the removal of the Consultant's previously assigned personnel, including Consultant's representative, provided sufficient cause for such removal exists. The criteria for requesting removal of an individual will be based on, but not limited to, the following: technical incompetence, inability to meet the position's qualifications, failure to perform, poor attendance, ethics violation, unsafe work habits, or damage to Authority or other property. Upon notice for removal, Consultant shall replace such personnel with personnel substantially equal in ability and qualifications for the positions and shall submit the proposed replacement personnel qualification and abilities to the Authority, in writing, for approval.

18. OWNERSHIP OF WORK PRODUCT: Studies, plans, reports, surveys, drawings, specifications, computations and other information (collectively "Work Product") and documents prepared by the Consultant, subconsultants, and/or suppliers under this Contract will remain the Authority's property upon completion. This provision does not apply to pre-existing proprietary information of Consultant, subconsultants, and/or suppliers.

19. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION: It is understood that information developed by or communicated to Consultant in the performance of this Contract, as well as any and all information in whatever form or medium supplied to Consultant in connection herewith which is not generally available to the public is proprietary to the Authority and constitutes confidential information of the Authority. Consultant will make no oral or written disclosure of such information to third parties either during or after the term of this Contract, except as approved in writing by the Authority's Contract Representative or as otherwise required by law. In the event the Consultant becomes aware that confidential information must be disclosed under a legal requirement, Consultant will notify Authority of the requirement and the affected information.

20. FORCE MAJEURE: Neither Party shall be considered in default in the performance of its obligations hereunder to the extent that the performance of such obligation is delayed by any cause beyond the reasonable control of the affected Party. In the event of such a delay, the time for performance for the affected Party shall be extended for a period equal to the time lost during the delay, or the Contract may be terminated in accordance with terms herein should such delay be sufficient that termination is in the best interest of the Authority.

21. SEVERABILITY and WAIVER: If any part of this Contract is held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such determination shall not affect any other provision of this Contract, and this Contract shall then be construed as if the invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had not been included in this Contract. Further, the failure of either Party in any one or more instances to insist upon strict performance of any of the terms and provisions of this Contract or to exercise any option herein conferred shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment to any extent of the right to assert or rely upon any such terms, provisions or options on any future occasion.

22. GOVERNING LAW: This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. The Parties agree that venue of all claims and lawsuits arising out of this Contract shall lie in Nueces County, Texas.

23. OPEN RECORDS: The Authority is a governmental body subject to the requirements of the Texas Public Information Act (Texas Government Code, chapter 552), and as such the Authority is required to disclose to the public (upon request) this Contract and certain other information and documents relating to the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby. In this regard, the Consultant agrees that the disclosure of this Contract or any other information or materials related to the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby to the public by the Authority as required by the Texas Public Information Act or any other applicable law will not expose the Authority (or any party acting by, through or under the Authority) to any claim, liability or action by the Consultant.

24. NO ORGANIZATIONAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Consultant hereby certifies that it has no actual or potential Organizational Conflict of Interest. "Organizational Conflict of Interest" means that because of other activities or relationships with other persons or entities, the Consultant is unable or potentially unable to render impartial assistance or advice to Authority or the Consultant's objectivity in performing the services under this Contract is or might otherwise be impaired. An "Organizational Conflict of Interest" also exists if an owner, director, manager, trustee, or employee of the Consultant publicly opposes, works against, or takes a position adverse to the project, permit, or objectives for which the Consultant is engaged hereunder. Consultant agrees to immediately notify Authority of any actual or potential Organizational Conflict of Interest that develops or occurs during the term of this Contract. Consultant agrees that Authority may terminate this Contract immediately if it becomes aware of any Organizational Conflict of Interest during the term of the Contract.

25. SECTION 2271.002, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE: To the extent required by Section 2271.002 of the Texas Government Code, Consultant represents that Consultant does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel through the term of this Contract. For purposes of this representation, "boycott Israel" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes.

26. DEFAMATION: The Parties covenant and agree that in no event, and at no time during the Term or at any time thereafter, shall either of them disparage, denigrate, slander, libel or otherwise defame the other or the other's businesses, services, properties or assets, or employees, personnel, agents, or representatives.

27. HEADINGS: All Section headings or other titles used in this Contract are used solely for convenience and shall not affect or be used in connection with the interpretation or construction of this Contract.

28. ENTIRETY OF CONTRACT: This writing embodies the entire Contract and understanding between the Parties hereto, and there are no other contracts or understandings, oral or written, between them with reference to the subject matter hereof that are not merged herein and superseded hereby. No alteration, change, or modification of the terms of this Contract shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by both Parties hereto.

[Signature page follows this page]

SAMPLE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Contract is made effective as of the Effective Date.

**PORT OF CORPUS CHRISTI AUTHORITY OF
NUECES COUNTY, TEXAS**

By: _____
Name: Kent A. Britton
Title: Chief Executive Officer
Date: _____

“Authority”

INSERT COMPANY NAME

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

“Consultant”

SAMPLE

**“EXHIBIT A”
(SAMPLE)**

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Consultant will perform the following services in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract:

[Drafting Notes: A detailed description of the project and anticipated scope of work will be developed by Authority and included in a Request for Proposal (if a RFP method of procurement is used). Prior to issuance of the contract, the scope of work should be updated and revised, as appropriate, based on the selected Consultant’s proposal and negotiations. The scope of work should clearly define Authority’s expectations and deliverables.]

SAMPLE

**“EXHIBIT B”
(SAMPLE)**

FEE SCHEDULE

[Drafting Note: Insert agreed fee schedule for fixed fee or hourly rates and reimbursable expense. If a rate table is provided by the Consultant as part of a proposal, or for use in negotiations, and the Table, as amended through negotiations is acceptable to Authority, that table may be used as Exhibit B.]

The Consultant will perform the Services described in Exhibit A in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract on a fixed rate or an hourly fee basis; provided, however, that the total fees paid to Consultant for the Services (including reimbursable travel expense and other direct costs) will not exceed \$ _____, without Authority’s written approval. Services provided by Consultant will be billed as specified in this Exhibit B. These fees will cover all of Consultant’s overhead costs, including but not limited to, office rent, long distance telephone charges, postage, payroll and copying charges.

The Authority agrees to reimburse the Consultant for certain authorized and approved travel expenses incurred by the Consultant during the Term and directly resulting from the Consultant’s performance of the Services under this Contract. Authority will also reimburse the Consultant for certain authorized and approved direct costs incurred by the Consultant in performing the Services. The Consultant shall submit proper documentation of any such approved travel expenses and direct costs to Authority from time to time, and such costs and expenses shall be billed to Authority at Consultant’s actual cost.

Not later than the twentieth (20th) day of each calendar month, Consultant shall submit to Authority detailed invoices for all services performed and direct costs incurred, if any, pursuant to this Agreement during the prior calendar month. The invoices shall describe the Services performed during the prior month, approved travel expenses or direct costs, milestone achievements, and tasks performed or completed. Authority shall review the invoices and notify Consultant in writing (including email) within twenty (20) days of any disputed amounts.

Should this Contract be terminated for any reason, the Consultant will be paid all fees earned up to the termination date and any approved travel expenses or direct costs incurred prior to the termination date.

EXHIBIT C

INSURANCE

Drafting Note: Contact Authority's Risk Manager for guidance:

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EXHIBIT B

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

FORM CIQ

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.

A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

1 Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.

2 Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire. (The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)

3 Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.

Name of Officer

4 Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?

Yes No

B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

Yes No

5 Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more.

6 Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a-1).

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Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

Date

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

A complete copy of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code may be found at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm>. For easy reference, below are some of the sections cited on this form.

Local Government Code § 176.001(1-a): "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:

- (A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;
- (B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or
- (C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A) and (B):

(a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:

(2) the vendor:

(A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that

(i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed;
or

(ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;

(B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:

(i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or

(ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

Local Government Code § 176.006(a) and (a-1)

(a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:

(1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);

(2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or

(3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.

(a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:

(1) the date that the vendor:

(A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or

(B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

(2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

(A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);

(B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or

(C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.