

1. MANDATORY TRAINING FOR NON-PROFIT RECIPIENTS

Recipient acknowledges that two employees of this recipient organization must complete the mandatory on-line training, "EPA Grant Management Training for Non-Profit Applicants and Recipients." One person must be the project manager, or equivalent, for this assistance agreement. The other individual must be the person authorized to draw down funds for this assistance agreement. Both employees must complete the training prior to the return of the award document to EPA and the receipt of any grant funds. The recipient may access the course through the internet at:

<http://www.epa.gov/ogd/>

At the end of the course the recipient must print, sign and return the certificate of completion with the affirmation of acceptance to the appropriate grants office. EPA will not release funds to the recipient until the required training is completed. Certifications must be maintained throughout the life of the agreement. The training must be completed every three (3) years by both employees and when there are personnel changes.

2. ADVANCE METHOD OF PAYMENT

In accordance with EPA regulations, the recipient is authorized to receive advance payments under this agreement, provided that the recipient takes action to minimize the time elapsing between the transfer of funds from EPA and the disbursement of those funds.

3. REIMBURSEMENT LIMITATION

EPA's financial obligations to the recipient are limited by the amount of federal funding awarded to date as shown on line 15 in its approved EPA budget. If the recipient incurs costs in anticipation of receiving additional funds from EPA, it does so at its own risk.

The recipient is responsible for ensuring that projects funded under this agreement avoid unnecessary delays and are completed within the EPA approved budget.

4. 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.

5. INDIRECT COSTS

If the recipient does not have a previously established indirect cost rate, it agrees to prepare and submit its indirect cost rate proposal in accordance with the appropriate federal cost principle, OMB Circular A-122, "Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations" or OMB Circular A-21, "Cost Principles for Educational Institutions."

The recipient must send its proposal to its cognizant federal agency within ninety (90) days from the effective date of the award for this assistance agreement. If EPA is the cognizant federal agency of either the educational institution or the non-profit organization, the recipient must send its indirect cost rate proposal within ninety (90) days from the effective date of the award to:

Regular Mail

Grants Administration Division
Office of Grants and Debarment
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, MC 3903R
Washington, DC 20460
Attn: OGD Indirect Cost Rate Proposal Control Desk

Mail Courier (e.g. FedEx, UPS, etc.)

Grants Administration Division
Office of Grants and Debarment
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, 5th floor
Washington, DC 20004
Attn: OGD Indirect Cost Rate Proposal Control Desk

Electronic submissions of proposals may be mailed to OGD_IndirectCost@epa.gov.

The non-profit recipient agrees to follow the enclosed “Sample Indirect Cost Proposal Format for Nonprofit Organizations.” The sample proposal may also be accessed at: <http://www.epa.gov/ogd/recipient/sample1.htm>. Another resource is the “EPA Guide on How to Prepare an Indirect Cost Rate Proposal for a Non-Profit Organization,” and may be found at <http://www.epa.gov/ogd/recipient/indirect.htm>.

Additionally, the non-profit recipient must submit its indirect cost rate proposal (including audited proposals) for approval to the address above, if all of the following three conditions apply: (1) Recipient had an active EPA contract or grant(s) after June 1, 1998; (2) EPA was its cognizant agency for indirect cost rate negotiation and approval during that time; and (3) recipient did not have an approved indirect cost rate for that period.

Recipients are entitled to reimbursement of indirect costs, subject to any statutory or regulatory administrative cost limitations, if they have a current rate agreement or have submitted an indirect cost rate proposal to their cognizant federal agency for review and approval. Recipients are responsible for maintaining an approved indirect cost rate. Recipients with differences between their provisional rates and final rates are not entitled to more than the award amount, without EPA approval.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 30.26, the non-profit recipient (including non-profit institutions of higher education) agrees to comply with the audit requirements prescribed in the Single Audit Act Amendments, and revised OMB Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."

6. ELECTRONIC TRANSFER OF FUNDS (*pick this condition or the FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS condition-not both. Delete text in italics*)

The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 requires that Federal payments be made by electronic funds transfer after January 2, 1999. In order to comply with the Act, a recipient must receive payments via one of two electronic mechanisms available to them:

A) Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP)

ASAP is an automated drawdown system sponsored by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Recipients must enroll with Treasury. Additional information concerning ASAP can be obtained by contacting the EPA Las Vegas Finance Center, at (702) 798-2485, <http://www.epa.gov/ocfo/finservices/payinfo.htm> or by visiting www.fms.treas.gov/asap.

Under this payment mechanism, the recipient initiates, via ASAP, an electronic payment request which is approved or rejected based on the amount of available funds authorized by EPA in the recipient's account. Approved funds are credited to the recipient organization at the financial institution identified on the recipient's ASAP enrollment application.

In order to receive payments via ASAP the recipient must first complete an ASAP enrollment application and have an ASAP account set up.

B) Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

Under this payment mechanism, the recipient submits an EPA Payment Request Form to EPA for approval. Approved funds are credited to the recipient organization at its designated financial institution. In order to receive EFT payments the recipient must first complete and return the *ACH Vendor/Miscellaneous Payment Enrollment* form (TFS Form 3881) to the EPA Las Vegas Finance Center. The Enrollment form can be found by visiting <http://www.epa.gov/ocfo/finservices/payinfo.htm#grants>. Upon receipt and processing of the enrollment form, the LVFC will send you a letter assigning you an EFT Control Number. At that time you will also receive an EFT payment process Recipient's manual along with a supply of EPA Payment Requests and other required forms. Additional information concerning EFT can be obtained by contacting the EPA Las Vegas Finance Center, at (702) 798-2485.

6. FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS (*pick this condition or the ELECTRONIC TRANSFER OF FUNDS condition -not both. Delete text in italics*)

Under the Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP), the recipient initiates an electronic or voice-activated telephone payment request which is approved or rejected

based on the amount of available funds authorized by EPA in the recipient's account. Approved funds are credited to the recipient organization at the financial institution identified on the recipient's ASAP enrollment application.

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

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7. FEDERAL FINANCIAL REPORT/GRANT CLOSEOUT

A) Interim Federal Financial Report (FFR)

An Interim Federal Financial Report (FFR SF-425) is to be submitted to the appropriate EPA Grants Management Office 90 days after the anniversary of the project period start date. Interim FFRs should be submitted to: *(add appropriate address. Delete text in italics.)*

B) Final Federal Financial Report

Pursuant to 40 CFR 30.52(a)(1) and 30.71(a), EPA recipients shall submit a final Federal Financial Report – also called the SF-425 – to EPA's Las Vegas Finance Center (LVFC), within ninety (90) days after the expiration of the budget period end date. Please note that these reports are required by EPA grant regulations (see 40 Code of Federal Regulations §30.52(a)(2)). Completed SF-425s must be faxed to 702-798-2423 or mailed to the following address: US EPA LVFC, P.O. Box 98515, Las Vegas, NV 89193-8515. The LVFC will make adjustments, as necessary, to obligated funds after reviewing and accepting a final Federal Financial Report.

C) Closeout

The Administrative Closeout Phase for this grant will be initiated with the submission of a "final" FFR. At that time, the recipient must submit the following forms/reports to the EPA Grants Management Office, if applicable:

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

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

8. EXTENSION OF PROJECT/BUDGET PERIOD EXPIRATION DATE

In accordance with 40 C.F.R. §30.25(f)(2), the recipient is authorized, without EPA's approval, to extend the project and budget period expiration date(s) for up to 12 months as long as the extension:

- is not prohibited by the terms and conditions of the award;
- does not require additional Federal funds;
- does not involve any change in the approved objective or scope of the project;
- does not extend the project merely for the purpose of using an unobligated balance; or
- is not precluded by a statute or regulation, or is authorized solely on the basis of terms set forth in the statutes.

If the recipient chooses this one-time extension, the recipient must submit a written justification with the revised expiration date and interim FFR to EPA at least 10 days before the expiration date of this award document. The submission must be in writing and should be submitted to the EPA Region or Headquarters Grants Management Office.

9. SUBAWARD POLICY

Recipient agrees to follow applicable sub-grant procedures in accordance with 40 CFR Part 30, or Part 31, as appropriate. Subgrants/subawards do not have to be competed; however, successful applicants cannot use subgrants/subawards to avoid requirements in EPA regulations for competitive procurement by using subgrants/subawards to acquire commercial services or products from for-profit organizations.

Recipient agrees to comply with the following when selecting sub-recipients and establishing sub-awards:

- a) to establish all sub-award agreements in writing;
- b) to maintain primary responsibility for ensuring successful completion of the EPA-approved project (this responsibility cannot be delegated or transferred to a sub-recipient);
- c) to ensure that any sub-award(s) comply with the standards in Section 210(a)-(d) of OMB Circular A-133 and will not be used to acquire commercial goods or services for the recipient;
- d) to ensure that any sub-award(s) are awarded to eligible sub-recipient(s) and that proposed sub-award costs are necessary, reasonable, and allocable;
- e) to ensure that any sub-award(s) to 501(c)(4) organizations do not involve lobbying activities;
- f) to monitor the performance of the sub-recipient(s) and ensure that they comply with all applicable regulations, statutes, and terms and conditions which flow down in the sub-award;
- g) to obtain the appropriate consent from the EPA Project Officer prior to making a sub-award to a foreign or international organization, or a sub-award to be performed in a foreign country; and

- h) to obtain prior approval from the EPA Project Officer for any new sub-award work that is not outlined in the approved work plan in accordance with 40 CFR Parts 30.25 and 31.30, as applicable.

Recipient agrees that any questions about the eligibility of a sub-recipient or other issues pertaining to the sub-award(s) will be addressed to the recipient's EPA Project Officer listed on the first page of your assistance award or assistance amendment document.

Recipient agrees to be responsible for selection of any sub-recipient(s) and, if applicable, for conducting sub-award competitions.

Additional information regarding sub-awards may be found at:
<http://www.epa.gov/ogd/guide/subaward-policy-part-2.pdf>.

Guidance for distinguishing between vendor and sub-recipient relationships and ensuring compliance with Section 210(a)-(d) of OMB Circular A-133 may be found at:
<http://www.epa.gov/ogd/guide/subawards-appendix-b.pdf> and
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/a133/a133.html>

Non-profit Subrecipients:

Subrecipients that are non-profit organizations are subject to the provisions of regulations in 40 CFR Part 30, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-profit Organizations."

State and Local Government Subrecipients:

State and local government sub-recipients are subject to the provisions of regulations in 40 CFR Part 31, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments."

For-profit Subrecipients:

Recipient shall utilize terms and conditions in all subgrants to for-profit sub-recipients that apply the following regulations to for-profit sub-recipients: 40 CFR Sections 30.2, 30.13, 30.14, 30.16, 30.17, 30.18, 30.20, 30.23, 30.25, 30.26(d), 30.28, 30.31, 30.34, 30.35, 30.36, 30.37, 30.40-47, 30.51, 30.53, 30.61, 30.62. For the purposes of applying the listed regulations to for-profit sub-recipients, the Recipient shall perform the functions that the regulations provide will be performed by EPA.

Recipient shall establish a procedure for resolving disputes with for-profit sub-recipients.

Recipient shall not reimburse a for-profit sub-recipient until receipt of documentation that the subrecipient has incurred eligible and allowable costs.

Recipient shall obtain a final report detailing how the subrecipient expended funds in a format prescribed by the Recipient.

Recipient shall ensure that every subgrant includes any clauses required by Federal statute and executive orders and their implementing regulations.

Recipient shall ensure that subrecipients are aware of requirements imposed upon them by Federal statutes and regulations.

10. SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT

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

Recipient may access the Excluded Parties List System at www.epls.gov. This term and condition supersedes EPA Form 5700-49, “Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters.”

11. TRAFFICKING VICTIM PROTECTION ACT OF 2000

To implement requirements of Section 106 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, as amended, the following provisions apply to this award:

a. We, as the Federal awarding agency may unilaterally terminate this award, without penalty, if a subrecipient that is a private entity: (1) is determined to have violated an applicable prohibition in the Prohibition Statement below; or (2) has an employee who is determined by the agency official authorized to terminate the award to have violated an applicable prohibition in the Prohibition Statement below through conduct that is either: (a) associated with performance under this award; or (b) imputed to the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 2 CFR part 180, “OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement),” as implemented by our agency at 2 CFR part 1532. You must inform us immediately of any information you receive from any source alleging a violation of a prohibition in the Prohibition Statement below.

b. Our right to terminate unilaterally that is described in paragraph a of this award term: (1) implements section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)), and (2) is in addition to all other remedies for noncompliance that are available to us under this award.

c. You must include the requirements of the Prohibition Statement below in any subaward you make to a private entity.

Prohibition Statement - You as the recipient, your employees, subrecipients under this award, and subrecipients' employees may not engage in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect; procure a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect; or use forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

12. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION

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 40 CFR 36.200 - 36.230. 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 40 CFR 36.300.

The consequences for violating this condition are detailed under Title 40 CFR 36.510. Recipients can access the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 40 Part 36 at http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_06/40cfr36_06.html.

13. HOTEL-MOTEL FIRE SAFETY

Pursuant to 40 CFR 30.18, if applicable, and 15 USC 2225a, the recipient agrees to ensure that all space for conferences, meetings, conventions, or training seminars funded in whole or in part with federal funds complies with the protection and control guidelines of the Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act (PL 101-391, as amended). Recipients may search the Hotel-Motel National Master List at <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/applications/hotel/> to see if a property is in compliance (FEMA ID is currently not required), or to find other information about the Act.

14. LOBBYING AND LITIGATION

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 United States unless authorized under existing law. The recipient shall abide by its respective OMB Circular (A-21, A-87, or A-122), which prohibits the use of federal grant funds for litigation against the United States or for lobbying or other political activities.

15. RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING

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.

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.

16. RECYCLING AND WASTE PREVENTION

In accordance with the polices set forth in EPA Order 1000.25 and Executive Order 13423, Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy and Transportation Management (January 24, 2007) and or 40 CFR 30.16, 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, or to Standard Forms, which are printed on recycled paper and are available through the General Services Administration.

17. SINGLE AUDITS

In accordance with OMB Circular A-133, which implements the single Audit Act, the recipient hereby agrees to obtain a single audit from an independent auditor if it expends \$500,000 or more in total Federal funds in any fiscal year. Within nine months after the end of a recipient's fiscal year or 30 days after receiving the report from the auditor, the recipient shall submit a copy of the SF-SAC and a Single Audit Report Package.

The recipient MUST submit a copy of the SF-SAC and a Single Audit Report Package, using the Federal Audit Clearinghouse's Internet Data Entry System. Complete information on how to accomplish the 2008 and beyond Single Audit Submissions is available on the Federal Audit Clearinghouse Web site: <http://harvester.census.gov/fac/>.

18. PAYMENT TO CONSULTANTS

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 (formerly GS-18), 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. As of January 1, 2010, the limit is \$596.00 per day and \$74.50 per hour. This rate does not include transportation and subsistence costs for travel performed (the recipient will pay these in accordance with their normal travel reimbursement practices).

Subagreements with firms for services which are awarded using the procurement requirements in 40 CFR 30 or 31, as applicable, 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 40 CFR 31.36(j) or 30.27(b).

19. *(Add the appropriate DBE Term and Condition to all grants from the standard DBE Terms and Conditions - DELETE TEXT IN ITALICS)*

