

This cooperative agreement is made and entered into by the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, MT/DK State Office (BLM), and MONTANA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & CONSERVATION, the recipient, for the purpose of transferring something of value to the recipient to carry out a public purpose of support or stimulation authorized by a law of the United States.

Acceptance of a Federal Financial Assistance award from the Department of the Interior (DOI) carries with it the responsibility to be aware of and comply with the terms and conditions of award. Acceptance is defined as the start of work, drawing down funds, or accepting the award via electronic means.

Funding Opportunity Number: L23AS00327  
Required Cost Sharing/Matching: No  
Indirect Cost Rate: Yes

**DNRC SABHRS # 53804**

Required Periodic Status Reporting:

Performance Reports: Quarterly  
SF425 Financial Reports: Quarterly

Reporting is now occurring electronically within the Grant Solutions system.

Refer to Attachment No. 1 for Award Terms and Conditions (if needed)

KEY PERSONNEL:

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There will be substantive BLM programmatic involvement by providing a BLM professional from the Good Neighbor Authority Program that will work side by side with recipient on all projects and be providing project orientation and hands-on training. Recipients and BLM will share responsibility for project management, control, and direction although BLM will have the right to intervene by modifying the project management plan, if project is not staying on schedule, technical issues arise, etc. In addition, BLM and recipient will meet weekly to discuss progress and track project outcomes; review any training needs; and then decide what direction to take in finalizing project or move to the next phase.

**1. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT OBJECTIVES:**

A. Objective(s):

MT DNRC would:

- Upon request from BLM, provide qualified personnel and other resources, as available, to assist the BLM with prescribed fire or other authorized forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration services activities on lands under their jurisdiction and management.
- Invoice the BLM no more often than monthly through the ASAP portal for actual costs incurred during the billing period, as outlined in the attached financial plan (Attachment B -Budget Narrative).

The Montana BLM would:

- Provide overall project direction and oversight.
- Consult with MT DNRC and obtain pre-approval to any use of Local Government Fire Forces (LGFFs) sponsored by the MT DNRC in support of prescribed fire projects. All use of LGFF will be in accordance with Section II of the NRCG Mobilization of Local Government Fire Forces.
- Communicate to Tier 3 Dispatch Center managing a prescribed fire incident that when utilizing MT DNRC or LGFF resources, a resource order will be required. Resource orders will be utilized as supporting documentation for reimbursement and agreement monitoring.
- Reference and follow all protocols stated in the NRCG Mobilization of Local Firefighting Forces and Chapter 50 of the Northern Rockies Supplement to the NWCG Standards for Interagency Incident Business Management.
- Reimburse the MT DNRC for expenses incurred during the project period as shown in the attached financial plan (Attachment B -Budget Narrative). The BLM would make payment upon receipt of the MT DNRC's invoice.

**B. Public Benefit(s)**

The reduction of natural and activity fuels across Montana through the efficient sharing of resources between MT DNRC and BLM will benefit the public, BLM, and natural resources. MT DNRC personnel and resources are often the closest available resources and having the ability to utilize those resources will increase the BLM's ability to implement prescribed fires, while also increasing interagency cooperation. MT DNRC supports increasing the capacity of agencies, local government cooperators, private landowners, and contractors to use prescribed fire via training and cooperative agreements.

**C. Federal Award Performance Goals**

Milestone / Task / Activity	Start Date	Completion Date
As available, MT DNRC personnel or other resources may assist the BLM with implementation of prescribed fire or other authorized forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration services activities on lands under BLM jurisdiction and management.	September 2023	October 2028

**2. PROPOSED WORK**

- A. The Recipient's Project Proposal, dated 06/01/2023 entitled Montana Statewide BLM GNA Prescribed Fire Support, is accepted by the BLM and incorporated herein, as part of this agreement in order to serve as the project work plan.

Additional documents incorporated by reference: The following recipient documents BLM-GNA-2023-000093, dated 06/01/2023 to include: Standard Form (SF) 424 Application for Federal Assistance, SF424A, Budget Information - Non-Construction Programs, SF424B, Assurances - Non-Construction Programs, Budget Detail, and signed

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Certification Regarding Lobbying - Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans and Cooperative Agreements.

B. In addition, the BLM will:

Make site visits as warranted by program needs.

C. In addition, the recipient will also be responsible for significant developments, i.e., events which may occur between the scheduled performance reporting dates that have significant impact upon the supported activity. In such cases, the recipient must inform the BLM or pass-through entity as soon as the following types of conditions become known:

1. Problems, delays, or adverse conditions which will materially impair the ability to meet the objective of the Federal award. This disclosure must include a statement of the action taken, or contemplated, and any assistance needed to resolve the situation.
2. Favorable developments which enable meeting time schedules and objectives sooner or at less cost than anticipated or producing more or different beneficial results than originally planned.

### **3. TERM OF AGREEMENT**

A. The term, or period of performance, of this agreement shall become effective as of the date shown on the signed award cover page and may remain in effect for a maximum of five (5) years.

The BLM will consider continued support of the project upon; (a) the recipient showing progress satisfactory to the BLM toward program goals and the determination by the BLM that continuation of the program would be in the best interests of the Government, (b) project is still in line with management's top priorities, and/or (c) the availability of funds.

1. A request to extend the project and/or budget period shall be requested by the recipient and submitted to the GMO in writing at least 30 days prior to the expiration date of the period of performance. A written justification should be included any request for changes.

B. Budget and Program Revisions

1. Recipients must submit in writing to the BLM's Program Officer (PO) any request for budget or program revision in accordance with 2 CFR 200.308.

2. All modifications to the agreement shall be in writing and signed by the GMO. No oral statements or any written statements made by any person other than the GMO, shall in any manner modify or otherwise affect the terms of the agreement.

C. Termination. This agreement may be terminated in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR, Subpart D, Section 200.339 Termination.

### **4. FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND PAYMENT METHOD**

A. **Funding.** The Recipient agrees not to exceed the total amount of available incremental funding. The Government is not obligated to reimburse the Recipient for the Recipient's expenditure of amounts in excess of the total available incremental funding nor is the Recipient obligated to continue performance beyond the incrementally funded amount. The obligation of funds for future incremental payments shall be subject to the availability of funds.

Funds obligated but not expended by the recipient in a FY may be carried forward and expended in subsequent years.

B. **Maximum Obligations.** The Recipient agrees not to exceed the total amount of available incremental funding. The Government is not obligated to reimburse the Recipient for the Recipient's expenditure of amounts in excess of the total available incremental funding nor is the Recipient obligated to continue performance beyond the incrementally funded amount. The obligation of funds for future incremental payments shall be subject to the availability of funds.

The total obligations, including modifications, represent the amount for which the BLM will be responsible under the terms of this agreement. The BLM shall not be responsible to pay for, nor shall the recipient be responsible to perform, any effort that will require the expenditure of Federal funds above the current obligated amount.

C. **Reimbursable Costs and Limitations.** The recipient shall not incur costs or obligate funds for any purpose pertaining to operation of the program or activities beyond the expiration date stated in the agreement. The only costs which are authorized for a period of up to 90 days following the award expiration date are those strictly associated with closeout activities for preparation of the final report. The BLM's financial participation is limited. The BLM will only fund up to its share of those amounts requested in the project proposal and as are subsequently approved and funded in the agreement. The recipient shall not be obligated to continue performance under the agreement or to incur costs in excess of the costs set forth in the proposal and subsequent agreement. However, if the Recipient chooses to expend funds in excess of the approved project budget, the Recipient will be responsible to fund the excess without funding participation by the Bureau.

D. **Cost Sharing and Matching**

Cost sharing for this agreement shall be in accordance with 2 CFR, Subpart D, Section 200.306, Cost sharing or matching.

1. There is no cost share or match legislatively required for this award.

E. **Program Income**

Program income generated under this award shall be in accordance with **2 CFR, Subpart D, Section 200.307(e)(1) Deduction** - Program income must be deducted from total allowable costs to determine the net allowable costs, and be used for current costs unless the Federal awarding agency authorizes otherwise. Program income that the non-Federal entity did not anticipate at the time of the Federal award must be used to reduce the Federal award and non-Federal entity contributions rather than to increase the funds committed to the project. Program

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income generated through the performance of this project must be reported on Standard Form (SF) 425, Federal Financial Report (see section **6. PERFORMANCE, FINANCIAL, AND OTHER REPORTING**).

#### F. Indirect Costs

1. Indirect costs are approved for reimbursement under this agreement per the recipient's approved federal agency negotiated indirect cost rate agreement (NICRA) dated 05/31/2022. The indirect cost rate is shown on the award cover sheet under "Indirect Cost Rate." As these rates are subject to change, the rate used for reimbursement shall be based on the rate in effect when the work was performed.

#### G. Payment by Reimbursement

1. Payment will be made by draw-down reimbursement through the Department of the Treasury, Automated Standard Application for Payment (ASAP) System. See following website: <http://www.fms.treas.gov/asap> Treasury Circular 1075 (31 CFR 205) requires that draw-downs to a recipient organization shall be limited to the minimum amounts needed and shall be timed to be in accordance with the actual, immediate cash requirements of the recipient organization in carrying out the purposes of the approved program or project. The timing and amount of cash advances shall be as close as is administratively feasible to the actual disbursements by the recipient organization for direct program or project costs and the proportionate share of any allowable indirect costs.

2. Funds that are available from repayments to and interest earned on a revolving fund, program income, rebates, refunds, contract settlements, audit recoveries, credits, discounts, and interest earned on any of those funds, must be disbursed before requesting additional cash payments.

#### H. Payment Review

If a recipient has a history of poor performance, financial instability, uses a management system not meeting standards prescribed by the Uniform Administrative Requirements, has not conformed to the terms and conditions of the award, and/or is not otherwise responsible in safeguarding Federal funds, they may be determined to be "high risk" and be placed on Agency Review. Agency Review limits a recipient's access to funds by requiring that all draw-down requests reviewed and approved prior to their being released. Recipients on agency review must submit a completed Standard Form (SF) 270 Request for Advance Payment or Reimbursement for each payment requested along with a detailed explanation of how the costs correspond to the approved budget categories as listed on their Application for Federal Assistance SF-424A Budget Information and their Detailed Budget Breakdown or Challenge Cost Share Program Commitment Document, whichever is applicable. Being put on Agency Review does not relieve the recipient of required financial or performance reporting requirements.

#### I. System for Award Management (SAM, [www.SAM.gov](http://www.SAM.gov))

Recipients of Federal financial assistance must maintain current registration with the System for Award Management (SAM, [www.SAM.gov](http://www.SAM.gov)). Failure to maintain registration can

impact access to funds and future obligations under this agreement and any other financial assistance or procurement award the recipient may have with the Federal government.

## **5. PERFORMANCE & FINANCIAL MONITORING**

A. In accordance with 2 CFR 200.327 Financial Reporting and 200.328 Monitoring and Reporting Program Performance, the recipient is responsible for oversight, monitoring, and reporting of its activities under Federal awards to assure compliance with applicable Federal requirements and that performance expectations are being achieved. The BLM's monitoring of the recipient's activities may include review of the award file including discussions with the recipient regarding reporting, award activities, and project status (desk reviews), analysis of financial and performance reports, and discussions of specific issues related to project implementation, observation of project activity, and review of planned versus actual progress (site visits). The BLM has the right to inspect and evaluate the work performed or being performed under this agreement, and the premises where the work is being performed, at all reasonable times and in a manner that will not unduly delay the work. If the BLM performs inspection or evaluation on the premises of the recipient or a sub-recipient, the recipient shall furnish and shall require sub-recipients to furnish all reasonable facilities and assistance for the safe and convenient performance of these duties.

1. BLM programmatic monitoring addresses the content and substance of the program. It is a qualitative review to determine performance, innovation, and contributions to the field. The BLM may make site visits as warranted by program needs. In addition, the BLM has the right of timely and unrestricted access to any books, documents, papers, or other records of the recipient's that are pertinent to the award, in order to make audits, examinations, excerpts, transcripts, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to recipient personnel for the purpose of interviews and discussions related to such documents.

2. BLM financial monitoring ensures compliance with financial guidelines and general accounting practices. On-site or internal financial reviews are conducted to determine if: (1) award recipients are properly accounting for the receipt and expenditures of federal funds; (2) expenditures are in compliance with federal requirements and award special conditions; and (3) proper documentation on financial monitoring activities is prepared, maintained, and distributed as appropriate.

## **6. PERFORMANCE, FINANCIAL, AND OTHER REPORTING**

Periodic financial, performance, and (if applicable) youth employment status reporting is a condition of this financial assistance award. Submission of reports is required whether or not any work has been attempted and/or any funds have been drawn down or expended. Failure to comply with the reporting requirements included in this agreement may be considered a material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of the award. Non-compliance may result in withholding of future payments, suspension or termination of the agreement, recovery of funds paid under the agreement, and withholding of future awards. The periodic status reporting required under this agreement is as follows.

### **A. Annual Federal Financial Reports**

1. Recipients of Federal financial assistance are required to submit periodic financial reports which document the financial status of their awards. The Federal Financial Report (FFR) or Standard Form (SF) 425 and SF425A - Attachment is the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) standard form used to report financial status. Expenditures and/or income may be reported either on a cash or accrual basis, whichever method is normally used by the recipient. Submitted SF425 reports must be signed by an authorized official of the recipient certifying that the information complete, accurate, consistent with the recipient's accounting system, and that all expenditures and obligations are for the purposes set forth in the agreement. The SF425 represents a claim to the Federal government, filing a false claim may result in civil or criminal penalties. Blank SF425 forms with instructions are available on the Grants.gov web site, URL: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/forms.html>.

2. Annual Reporting. Financial status reports under this agreement must be submitted on an annual basis. Reporting periods and report due dates under this agreement shall be as follows:

<u>Reporting Period Dates</u>	<u>Submit Reports By</u>
Award Start Date through September 30, 2028* .....	by 90 Calendar days after September 30 <sup>th</sup> . *

\*And each 12-Month period thereafter for the life of the agreement.

3. Annual financial reports are due by 90 Calendar days after the end of the reporting period. Reporting is now occurring electronically within the Grant Solutions system.

4. At the end of the agreement, final SF425 financial reports are due by 120 Calendar days after the expiration, termination, and/or project completion, whichever comes first. Reporting is now occurring electronically within the Grant Solutions system.

**B. Annual Performance Reports**

1. Recipients of Federal financial assistance are required to submit periodic performance reports prepared in accordance with 2 CFR, Subpart D, Section 200.328 Monitoring and Reporting Program Performance. There is no standard form, however performance reports should always relate to the performance goals and objectives identified in Section 1. of this agreement. Performance reports must be submitted in a narrative summary to include, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Completed established goals, work in progress, future work, the percentage of work completed (based on Section 1 and 2 of this document).
- b. The reasons why established goals and objectives were not met or problems which may impact the ability to complete work on time with recommendations on their resolution, if appropriate.
- c. Prediction of future activities and how they will be accomplished.

d. Where the accomplishments of the Federal award can be quantified, a computation of the cost (for example, related to units of accomplishment) may be required if that information will be useful.

e. Where performance trend data and analysis would be informative to the BLM program the Federal awarding agency should include this as a performance reporting requirement.

f. Additional pertinent information including, when appropriate, analysis and explanation of cost overruns or high unit costs.

2. Annual Reporting. Performance status reports under this agreement must be submitted on an annual basis. Reporting periods and report due dates under this agreement shall be as follows:

<u><b>Reporting Period Dates</b></u>	<u><b>Submit Reports By</b></u>
Award Start Date <i>through</i> September 30, 2028* .....	by 90 Calendar days after September 30 <sup>th</sup> . *

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3. Annual performance reports are due by 90 Calendar days after the end of the reporting period. Reporting is now occurring electronically within the Grant Solutions system.

4. At the end of the agreement, final performance reports are due by 120 Calendar days after the expiration, termination, and/or project completion, whichever comes first. Reporting is now occurring electronically within the Grant Solutions system.

C. Property Reporting: None

**7. LIABILITY, INSURANCE, AND INDEMNIFICATION**

A. Liability. The BLM assumes no liability for any actions or activities conducted under this agreement except to the extent that recourse or remedies are provided by Congress under the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 USC 2671.

B. Indemnification. The recipient hereby agrees:

1. To indemnify the federal government, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), from any act or omission of the recipient, its officers, employees, or (members, participants, agents, representatives, agents as appropriate) (1) against third party claims for damages arising from one or more activities carried out in connection with this financial assistance agreement and (2) for damage or loss to government property resulting from such an activity, to the extent the laws of the State where the recipient is located permit. This obligation shall survive the termination of this agreement.



2. To pay the United States the full value for all damage to the lands or other property of the United States caused by the recipient, its officers, employees, or (members, participants, agents, representatives, agents as appropriate).

3. To provide workers' compensation protection to the recipient's officers, employees, and representatives.

4. To cooperate with the BLM in the investigation and defense of any claims that may be filed with the BLM arising out of the activities of the recipient, its agents, and employees.

5. In the event of damage to or destruction of the buildings and facilities assigned for the use of the recipient in whole or in part by any cause whatsoever, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to require the BLM to replace or repair the buildings or facilities. If the BLM determines in writing, after consultation with the recipient that damage to the buildings or portions thereof renders such buildings unsuitable for continued use by the recipient, the BLM shall assume sole control over such buildings or portions thereof. If the buildings or facilities rendered unsuitable for use are essential for conducting operations authorized under this agreement, then failure to substitute and assign other facilities acceptable to the recipient will constitute termination of this agreement by the BLM.

C. Flow-down. For the purposes of this clause, "recipient" includes such subrecipients, contractors, or subcontractors as, in the judgment of the recipient and subject to the Government's determination of sufficiency, have sufficient resources and/or maintain adequate and appropriate insurance to achieve the purposes of this clause.

D. Identified Activities. All activities carried out in connection with this financial assistance agreement.

## **8. BLM PROPERTY STANDARDS**

A. Government-furnished property (GFP), such as tools and equipment, furnished by the BLM to the recipient shall be used for official purposes only and shall be subject to the terms of the agreement. Tools and equipment shall be returned in the same condition received except for normal wear and tear in project use. Any BLM property used or other property acquired under this agreement, including intangible property such as copyrights and patents, shall be governed by the property management provisions of 2 CFR, Subpart D, Sections 200.310 to 200.316, Property Standards.

B. Insurance Coverage: The non-Federal entity must, at a minimum, provide the equivalent insurance coverage for real property and equipment acquired or improved with Federal funds as provided to property owned by the non-Federal entity. Refer to 2 CFR, Part 200, Subpart D, Section 310.

C. Intangible Property.

1. Title to intangible property (see § 200.59 Intangible property) acquired under a Federal award vests upon acquisition in the non-Federal entity. The non-Federal entity must use that property for the originally-authorized purpose, and must not encumber the property without

approval of the Federal awarding agency. When no longer needed for the originally authorized purpose, disposition of the intangible property must occur in accordance with the provisions in § 200.313 Equipment paragraph (e).

2. The non-Federal entity may copyright any work that is subject to copyright and was developed, or for which ownership was acquired, under a Federal award. The Federal awarding agency reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the work for Federal purposes, and to authorize others to do so.

3. The non-Federal entity is subject to applicable regulations governing patents and inventions, including Government-wide regulations issued by the Department of Commerce at 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Awards, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements."

4. The Federal government has the right to: (a) Obtain, reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the data produced under a Federal award; and (b) Authorize others to receive, reproduce, publish, or otherwise use such data for Federal purposes.

D. Recipient staff will be required to complete a BLM-approved Defensive Driving Course if driving a Government-owned vehicle (GOV).

E. Recipient staff will be required to complete a BLM-approved Four-wheel ATV safety and training program if using Government-furnished ATVs.

F. Recipient staff will be required to complete a BLM-approved safety and training program if using Government-furnished power equipment, such as chainsaws, wood chippers, etc. The recipient will be responsible for meeting all protective equipment requirements if using Government-furnished equipment.

## **9. KEY OFFICIALS**

The key officials on this agreement are listed on the award cover page(s) and are considered to be essential to ensure maximum coordination and communication between the parties and the work being performed. Upon written notice, either party may designate an alternate to act in the place of their designated key official.

## **10. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

DOI Standard Award Terms and Conditions (version 3), June 1, 2023 - **Effective for agreements issued on or after June 1, 2023** <https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/doi-award-terms-and-conditions-version-3-effective-june-1-2023.pdf>

The U.S. Department of the Interior agencies, including the Bureau of Land Management implemented the new regulations on December 26, 2014 in the 2 CFR, Part 200—UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS, COST PRINCIPLES, AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

A. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

1. By accepting Federal funding, your organization agrees to abide by the new Uniform Guidance for Grants in the expenditure of Federal funds and performance under this financial assistance award, which was implemented by Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Final Guidance has been issued and has superseded requirements from OMB Circulars, which have been replaced by the 2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Grants and Agreements, Part 200.

2 CFR, Part 200 is available at the following website: [http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?c=ecfr&tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr200\\_main\\_02.tpl](http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?c=ecfr&tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr200_main_02.tpl)

#### B. Administrative Requirements

1. [2 CFR Part 200](#) Subparts A through E - UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS, AND COST PRINCIPLES.

2. [2 CFR, Subpart B](#), 200.112 - CONFLICT OF INTEREST – *Refer to Section 13, item 1. of this document for full text term and condition.*

3. [2 CFR, Subpart B](#), 200.317 – 316 - Procurement Standards.

a. §200.326 Contract Provisions: The non-Federal entity's contracts must contain the applicable provisions described in Appendix II to Part, 200 – Contract Provisions for non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards. *Refer to Section 13, item 2. of this document for full text term and condition.*

4. [2 CFR, Subpart C, Part 200.412 - 419](#) – Direct and Indirect (F & A) Cost

a. 2 CFR, [Appendix III to Part 200 - Indirect \(F&A\) Costs Identification and Assignment, and Rate Determination for Institutions of Higher Education \(IHEs\)](#)

b. [Appendix IV to Part 200 - Indirect \(F&A\) Costs Identification and Assignment, and Rate Determination for Nonprofit Organizations](#)

c. [Appendix V to Part 200 - State/Local Government-wide Central Service Cost Allocation Plans](#)

5. [2 CFR Part 200 Subpart F - AUDIT REQUIREMENTS](#). Non-Federal entities that expend \$750,000.00, or more, in federal awards in a single year shall have a single or program-specific audit conducted for that year in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 (31 U.S.C. 7501-7507) and revised OMB Circular A-133, available at: [http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars\\_default](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars_default).

a. This and any other federal financial assistance award should be reported under its appropriate Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number, refer to header for appropriate CFDA to report.

6. [Appendix XII to Part 200—Award Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters](#). (Refer to Section 13. 3. below for full text.)

#### C. Program Legislation and/or Regulations:

1. Scientific integrity is vital to Department of the Interior (DOI) activities under which scientific research, data, summaries, syntheses, interpretations, presentations, and/or publications are developed and used. Failure to uphold the highest degree of scientific integrity will result not only in potentially flawed scientific results, interpretations, and applications but will damage DOI's reputation and ability to uphold the public's trust. All work performed must comply with the DOI Scientific Integrity Policy posted to <http://www.doi.gov>, or its equivalent as provided by

their organization or State law. For more information go to URL:  
<https://www.doi.gov/scientificintegrity>.

2. Geospatial Data Act of 2018, Pub. L. 115-254, Subtitle F – Geospatial Data, §§ 751-759C, codified at 43 U.S.C. §§ 2801-2811 – Federal recipient collection of geospatial data through the use of the Department of the Interior financial assistance funds requires a due diligence search at the GeoPlatform.gov list of datasets to discover whether the needed geospatial-related data, products, or services already exist. If the required data set already exists, the recipient must use it. If the required data is not already available, the recipient must produce the proposed geospatial data, products, or services in compliance with applicable proposed guidance and standards established by the Federal Geospatial Data Committee (FGDV) posted at [www.fgdc.gov](http://www.fgdc.gov).

Recipients must submit a digital copy of all GIS data produced or collected as part of the award funds to the bureau or office via email or data transfer. All GIS data files shall be in an open format. All delineated GIS data (points, lines or polygons) should be established in compliance with the approved open data standards with complete feature level metadata.

#### D. Standard Award Terms and Conditions

##### 1. Code of Federal Regulations/Regulatory Requirements, as applicable:

- a. [2 CFR Part 25](#), *Universal Identifier and System of Award Management*
- b. [2 CFR Part 170, Appendix A Award Term](#) - *Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation*
- c. [2 CFR Part 175](#), *Award Term for Trafficking in Persons*
- d. [2 CFR Part 180](#) & [2 CFR Part 1400](#), *Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement)*
- e. [2 CFR Part 182](#) & [2 CFR Part 1401](#), *Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Financial Assistance)*
- f. [43 CFR 18](#), *New Restrictions on Lobbying*: Submission of an application also represents the applicant's certification of the statements in [43 CFR Part 18, Appendix A](#), *Certification Regarding Lobbying*.
- g. [41 USC §4712](#), *Enhancement of Recipient and Sub-recipient Employee Whistleblower Protection*.

(a) This award and related subawards and contracts over the simplified acquisition threshold and all employees working on this award and related subawards and contracts over the simplified acquisition threshold are subject to the whistleblower rights and remedies in the pilot program on award recipient employee whistleblower protections established at 41 U.S.C. 4712 by section 828 of the *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013* (P.L. 112-239).

(b) Recipients, and their subrecipients and contractors awarded contracts over the simplified acquisition threshold related to this award, shall inform their employees in writing, in the predominant language of the workforce, of the employee whistleblower rights and protections under 41 U.S.C. 4712.

(c) The award recipient shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (c), in all subawards or subcontracts over the simplified acquisition threshold, 42 CFR §52.203-17 (as referenced in 42 CFR §3.908-9).

h. [41 USC §6306](#), *Prohibition on Members of Congress Making Contracts with Federal Government*: No member of or delegate to the United States Congress or Resident Commissioner shall be admitted to any share or part of this award, or to any benefit that may arise therefrom; this provision shall not be construed to extend to an award made to a corporation for the public's general benefit.

i. [Executive Order 13513](#), *Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging while Driving*: Recipients are encouraged to adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging while driving, including conducting initiatives of the type described in section 3(a) of the order.

j. [Executive Order 13043](#), *Increase Seat Belt Use in the United States*: Recipients of grants/cooperative agreements and/or sub-awards are encouraged to adopt and enforce on-the-job seat belt use policies and programs for their employees when operating company-owned, rented, or personally owned vehicles. These measures include, but are not limited to, conducting education, awareness, and other appropriate programs for their employees about the importance of wearing seat belts and the consequences of not wearing them.

k. [Executive Order 13658](#), *Minimum Wage for Contractors*, seeks to increase the efficiency and cost savings in the work performed by parties who contract with the Federal Government by increasing the hourly minimum wage paid by those contractors and any subcontractors. (see 79 CFR 9851). Refer to Section 13, item 4. of this document for full text term and condition.

l. **Opposition to Any Legislation.** In accordance with the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Act, 2006, Title IV, Section 402, no part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be available for any activity or the publication or distribution of literature that in any way tends to promote public support or opposition to any legislative proposal on which Congressional action is not complete other than to communicate to Members of Congress as described in 18 U.S.C. 1913.

m. Endorsements.

(1) Recipient shall not publicize or otherwise circulate, promotional material (such as advertisements, sales brochures, press releases, speeches, still and motion pictures, articles, manuscripts or other publications) which states or implies governmental, Departmental, bureau, or government employee endorsement of a product, service, or position which the recipient represents. No release of information relating to this award may state or imply that the Government approves of the recipient's work products, or considers the recipient's work product to be superior to other products or services.

(2) All information submitted for publication or other public releases of information regarding this project shall carry the following disclaimer:

***The views and conclusions contained in this document are those of the authors and should not be interpreted as representing the opinions or policies of the U.S. Government. Mention of trade names or commercial products does not constitute their endorsement by the U.S. Government.***

(3) Recipient must obtain prior Government approval for any public information releases concerning this award which refer to the Department of the Interior

or any bureau or employee (by name or title). The specific text, layout photographs, etc. of the proposed release must be submitted with the request for approval.

(4) A recipient further agrees to include this provision in a subaward to and subrecipient, except for a subaward to a State government, a local government, or to a federally recognized Indian tribal government.

n. Publications of Results of Studies. No party will unilaterally publish a joint publication without consulting the other party. This restriction does not apply to popular publications of previously published technical matter. Publications pursuant to this Agreement may be produced independently or in collaboration with others; however, in all cases proper credit will be given to the efforts of those parties contribution to the publication. In the event no agreement is reached concerning the manner of publication or interpretation of results, either party may publish data after due notice and submission of the proposed manuscripts to the other. In such instances, the party publishing the data will give due credit to the cooperation but assume full responsibility for any statements on which there is a difference of opinion.

o. Retention and Access Requirements for Records.

(1) All recipient financial and programmatic records, supporting documents, statistical records, and other grants-related records shall be maintained and available for access in accordance with 2 CFR, Subpart D, Sections 200.333 through 200.337, Record Retention and Access.

(2) Inspector General's (IG's) Office Access to Records - Recipients shall provide additional access for the IG's office to examine recipient's records and to interview officers/employees of recipient.

p. Prohibition on Issuing Financial Assistance Awards to Entities that Require Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements.

Section 743 of Division E, Title VII of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Resolution Appropriations Act of 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235) prohibits the use of funds appropriated or otherwise made available under that or any other Act for grants or cooperative agreements to an entity that requires employees or contractors of such entity seeking to report fraud, waste, or abuse to sign internal confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting such employees or contractors from lawfully reporting such waste, fraud, or abuse to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

Recipients must not require their employees or contractors seeking to report fraud, waste, or abuse to sign internal confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting such employees or contractors from lawfully reporting such waste, fraud, or abuse to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

Recipients must notify their employees or contractors that existing internal confidentiality agreements covered by this condition are no longer in effect.

2. Order of Precedence. Any inconsistency in this agreement shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order: (a) Any national policy requirements and administrative management standards; (b) 2 CFR. Part 200; (c) requirements of the applicable

OMB Circulars and Treasury regulations; (d) special terms and conditions; (e) all agreement sections, documents, exhibits, and attachments; and (f) the recipient's project proposal.

## 11. SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A. Deposit of Publications. In addition to any requirements listed in the Project Management Plan, two (2) copies of each applicable publication produced under this agreement shall be sent to the Natural Resources Library with a transmittal that identifies the sender and the publication, and states that the publication is intended for deposit in the Natural Resources Library. Publications shall be sent to the following address:

U.S. Department of the Interior  
Natural Resources Library  
Interior Service Center  
Gifts and Exchanges Section  
1849 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20240

B. Marketing, Publications and Communications. Any outreach, marketing or communication activities, which may include BLM funding, staff or equipment, or the use of the BLM logo, must be approved by the Communications Director or the Communications Director's designee of BLM Colorado prior to initiating work done as a result of the activities, project or program supported through this agreement. This includes any form of communication, whether in print, video, or other type of electronic format

### C. Access

In the event of a site/facility closure, the Recipient shall not perform or make deliveries to the site/facility until it is reopened by the Government, unless otherwise instructed by the Grants Management Officer or Program Officer.

### D. Prohibition on Providing Funds to the Enemy

(a) The recipient must—

(1) Exercise due diligence to ensure that none of the funds, including supplies and services, received under this grant or cooperative agreement are provided directly or indirectly (including through subawards or contracts) to a person or entity who is actively opposing the United States or coalition forces involved in a contingency operation in which members of the Armed Forces are actively engaged in hostilities, which must be completed through 2 CFR 180.300 prior to issuing a subaward or contract and;

(2) Terminate or void in whole or in part any subaward or contract with a person or entity listed in SAM as a prohibited or restricted source pursuant to subtitle E of Title VIII of the NDAA for FY 2015, unless the Federal awarding agency provides written approval to continue the subaward or contract.

(b) The recipient may include the substance of this clause, including paragraph (a) of this clause, in subawards under this grant or cooperative agreement that have an estimated value over \$50,000 and will be performed outside the United States, including its outlying areas.

(c) The Federal awarding agency has the authority to terminate or void this grant or cooperative agreement, in whole or in part, if the Federal awarding agency becomes aware that the recipient failed to exercise due diligence as required by paragraph (a) of this clause or if the Federal awarding agency becomes aware that any funds received under this grant or cooperative



agreement have been provided directly or indirectly to a person or entity who is actively opposing coalition forces involved in a contingency operation in which members of the Armed Forces are actively engaged in hostilities.

#### E. Additional Access to Recipient Records

(a) In addition to any other existing examination-of-records authority, the Federal Government is authorized to examine any records of the recipient and its subawards or contracts to the extent necessary to ensure that funds, including supplies and services, available under this grant or cooperative agreement are not provided, directly or indirectly, to a person or entity that is actively opposing United States or coalition forces involved in a contingency operation in which members of the Armed Forces are actively engaged in hostilities, except for awards awarded by the Department of Defense on or before Dec 19, 2017 that will be performed in the United States Central Command (USCENTCOM) theater of operations.

(b) The substance of this clause, including this paragraph (b), is required to be included in subawards or contracts under this grant or cooperative agreement that have an estimated value over \$50,000 and will be performed outside the United States, including its outlying areas.

F. Prohibition on certain telecommunication and video surveillance services or equipment  
Federal award recipients are prohibited from using government funds to enter contracts (or extend or renew contracts) with entities that use covered telecommunications equipment or services as described in section 889 of the 2019 National Defense Authorization Act. This prohibition applies even if the contract is not intended to procure or obtain, any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services.

## 12. DEFINITIONS & ACRONYMS

**Agency Review:** If a recipient has a history of poor performance, financial instability, has a management system not meeting standards prescribed by the Uniform Administrative Requirements, has not conformed to the terms and conditions of the award, and/or is not otherwise responsible in safeguarding federal funds, they may be placed on Agency Review. Agency Review limits a recipient's access to funds by requiring that all payments must be requested, reviewed, and approved prior to their being released.

**Award Recipient:** The Award Recipient is the recipient's individual who is authorized to act for the applicant and to assume the obligations imposed by the Federal laws, regulations, requirements, and conditions that apply to grant applications or grant awards.

**BLM:** Bureau of Land Management may, also be referred to as Bureau.

**CFR:** Code of Federal Regulations.

**DOI:** Department of the Interior.

**FFR:** Federal Financial Report or Standard Form (SF) 425.

**Financial Assistance Agreement:** This grant or cooperative agreement. The term grant is defined as all Federal financial assistance that provides support or stimulation to accomplish a public purpose. Use of the term "grant" includes grants and/or cooperative agreements awarded by the Federal Government to eligible recipients.

**FY:** Federal Fiscal Year which runs from October 1 through September 30 each year.



**GMO:** Grants Management Officer, the only individual in the BLM who is authorized to obligate funds, award, modify, and/or terminate assistance agreements.

**GMS:** Grants Management Specialist, the administrative individual authorized to prepare assistance agreement awards and modifications, but who cannot obligate funds, award, modify, and/or terminate the agreement.

**NTE:** Not-to-exceed amount, the maximum Federal funding amount available for reimbursement to the recipient.

**OMB:** The Office of Management and Budget. OMB leads development of government-wide policy to assure that grants are managed properly and that Federal dollars are spent in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. OMB Circulars that apply to this agreement may be found on the OMB Website, URL: [http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars\\_default/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars_default/).

**PI:** The BLM Project Inspector, the technical advisor assisting the BLM Program Officer in administering and monitoring the technical aspects of the agreement. The Project Inspector is not authorized to modify this agreement or obligate the Government in any way.

**PO:** The BLM Program Officer, appointed for the purposes of monitoring the technical aspects of the agreement. The PO will work closely with the RPM and is authorized to clarify technical requirements, and review and approve work which is clearly within the objectives specified in this agreement. The PO will review financial, performance, and youth employment reports, and review and recommend approval of payments to the GMO if a recipient is on Agency Review. The PO is not authorized to modify this agreement or obligate the Government in any way.

**Recipient:** The organization and/or individual named in Box 5. of the "Grant and Cooperative Agreement" cover sheet.

**RPM:** The recipient's Project or Program Manager, designated to direct the project or activity being supported by the agreement. The RPM is responsible and accountable to the recipient and BLM for the proper implementation of the project or activity.

### **13. FULL TEXT TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

#### **1. Department of Interior Conflict of Interest Term and Condition:**

a. The Recipient must establish safeguards to prohibit its employees and Subrecipients from using their positions for purposes that constitute or present the appearance of a personal or organizational conflict of interest. The Recipient is responsible for notifying the Grants Officer in writing of any actual or potential conflicts of interest that may arise during the life of this award. Conflicts of interest include any relationship or matter which might place the Recipient or its employees in a position of conflict, real or apparent, between their responsibilities under the agreement and any other outside interests. Conflicts of interest may also include, but are not limited to, direct or indirect financial interests, close personal relationships, positions of trust in outside organizations, consideration of future employment arrangements with a different organization, or decision-making affecting the award that would cause a reasonable person with knowledge of the relevant facts to question the impartiality of the Recipient and/or Recipient's employees and Sub-recipients in the matter.

b. The Grants Officer and the servicing Ethics Counselor will determine if a conflict of interest exists. If a conflict of interest exists, the Grants Officer will determine whether a

mitigation plan is feasible. Mitigation plans must be approved by the Grants Officer in writing. Failure to resolve conflicts of interest in a manner that satisfies the government may be cause for termination of the award.

c. Failure to make required disclosures may result in any of the remedies described in 2 CFR § 200.338, Remedies for Noncompliance, including suspension or debarment (see also 2 CFR Part 180).

d. Definitions:

(1) Conflict of Interest is defined as any relationship or matter which might place the Recipient, its employees, and/or its Subrecipients in a position of conflict, real or apparent, between their responsibilities under the agreement and any other outside interests. Conflicts of interest may also include, but are not limited to, direct or indirect financial interests, close personal relationships, positions of trust in outside organizations, consideration of future employment arrangements with a different organization, or decision-making affecting the award that would cause a reasonable person with knowledge of the relevant facts to question the impartiality of the Recipient and/or Recipient's employees and Subrecipients in the matter.

(2) Close Personal Relationship means a Federal award program employee's childhood or other friend, sibling, or other family relations that may compromise or impair the fairness and impartiality of the Proposal Evaluator and Advisor and Grants Officer in the review, selection, award, and management of a financial assistance award.

(3) Discretionary Federal Financial Assistance means Federal awards including grants and agreements that are awarded at the discretion of the agency.

(4) Employment means:

(a) In any capacity, even if otherwise permissible, by any applicant or potential applicant for a Federal financial assistance award;

(b) Employment within the last 12 months with a different organization applying for some portion of the award's approved project activities and funding to complete them OR expected to apply for and to receive some portion of the award; and/or

(c) Employment with a different organization of any member of the organization employee's household or a relative with whom the organization's employee has a close personal relationship who is applying for some portion of the award's approved project activities and funding to complete them OR expected to apply for and to receive some portion of the award.

(d) Non-Federal entity means a State, local government, Indian tribe, institution of higher education, or nonprofit organization that carries out a Federal award as a Recipient or Subrecipient.

(e) Recipient means a non-Federal entity that receives a Federal award directly from a Federal awarding agency to carry out an activity under a Federal program. The term Recipient does not include Subrecipients.

(f) Subrecipient means a non-Federal entity that receives a subaward from a pass-through entity to carry out part of a Federal program, but does not include an individual who is a beneficiary of such program. A Subrecipient may also be a recipient of other Federal awards directly from a Federal awarding agency.

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## 2. Appendix II to Part 200—Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards

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.

(A) Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$150,000, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

(B) All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement.

(C) Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of “federally assisted construction contract” in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, “Equal Employment Opportunity” (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), 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.”

(D) Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148). When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, “Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction”). In accordance with the statute, contractors must 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 must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, “Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States”). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

(E) Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40

U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

(F) Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement. If the Federal award meets the definition of “funding agreement” under 37 CFR §401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that “funding agreement,” the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 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.

(G) Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as amended—Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

(H) Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)—A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the Governmentwide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), “Debarment and Suspension.” SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

(I) Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)—Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must 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 non-Federal award.

(J) See §200.322 Procurement of recovered materials.

### **3. Appendix XII to Part 200—Award Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters**

#### **A. Reporting of Matters Related to Recipient Integrity and Performance**

## 1. General Reporting Requirement

If the total value of your currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts from all Federal awarding agencies exceeds \$10,000,000 for any period of time during the period of performance of this Federal award, then you as the recipient during that period of time must maintain the currency of information reported to the System for Award Management (SAM) that is made available in the designated integrity and performance system (currently the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS)) 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.

## 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:

(1) A criminal proceeding that resulted in a conviction, as defined in paragraph 5 of this award term and condition;

(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;

(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

(4) Any other criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding if:

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

(ii) It had a different disposition arrived at by consent or compromise with an acknowledgment of fault on your part; and

(iii) The requirement in this award term and condition to disclose information about the proceeding does not conflict with applicable laws and regulations.

## 3. Reporting Procedures

Enter in the SAM Entity Management area the information that SAM requires about each proceeding described in paragraph 2 of this award term and condition. You do not need to submit the information a second time under assistance awards that you received if you already provided the information through SAM because you were required to do so under Federal procurement contracts that you were awarded.

## 4. Reporting Frequency

During any period of time when you are subject to the requirement in paragraph 1 of this award term and condition, you must report proceedings information through SAM for the most recent five year period, either to report new information about any proceeding(s) that you have not reported previously or affirm that there is no new information to report. Recipients that have Federal contract, grant, and cooperative agreement awards with a cumulative total value greater than \$10,000,000 must disclose semiannually any information about the criminal, civil, and administrative proceedings.

#### 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—

(1) Only the Federal share of the funding under any Federal award with a recipient cost share or match; and

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

#### **4. MINIMUM WAGES UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 13658 (January 2015)**

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause—

“United States” means the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

“Worker”—

(1) Means any person engaged in performing work on, or in connection with, a contract covered by Executive Order 13658, and

(i) Whose wages under such contract are governed by the Fair Labor Standards Act (29 U.S.C. chapter 8), the Service Contract Labor Standards statute (41 U.S.C. chapter 67), or the Wage Rate Requirements (Construction) statute (40 U.S.C. chapter 31, subchapter IV),

(ii) Other than individuals employed in a bona fide executive, administrative, or professional capacity, as those terms are defined in 29 CFR part 541,

(iii) Regardless of the contractual relationship alleged to exist between the individual and the employer.

(2) Includes workers performing on, or in connection with, the contract whose wages are calculated pursuant to special certificates issued under 29 U.S.C. 214(c).

(3) Also includes any person working on, or in connection with, the contract and individually registered in a bona fide apprenticeship or training program registered with the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship, or with a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office of Apprenticeship.

(b) Executive Order Minimum Wage rate.

(1) The Contractor shall pay to workers, while performing in the United States, and performing on, or in connection with, this contract, a minimum hourly wage rate of \$10.10 per hour beginning January 1, 2015.

(2) The Contractor shall adjust the minimum wage paid, if necessary, beginning January 1, 2016 and annually thereafter, to meet the Secretary of Labor's annual E.O. minimum wage. The Administrator of the Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division (the Administrator) will publish annual determinations in the Federal Register no later than 90 days before the effective date of the new E.O. minimum wage rate. The Administrator will also publish the applicable E.O. minimum wage on [www.wdol.gov](http://www.wdol.gov) (or any successor Web site) and on all wage determinations issued under the Service Contract Labor Standards statute or the Wage Rate Requirements (Construction) statute. The applicable published E.O. minimum wage is incorporated by reference into this contract.

(3) (i) The Contractor may request a price adjustment only after the effective date of the new annual E.O. minimum wage determination. Prices will be adjusted only if labor costs increase as a result of an increase in the annual E.O. minimum wage, and for associated labor costs and relevant subcontract costs. Associated labor costs shall include increases or decreases that result from changes in social security and unemployment taxes and workers' compensation insurance, but will not otherwise include any amount for general and administrative costs, overhead, or profit.

(ii) Subcontractors may be entitled to adjustments due to the new minimum wage, pursuant to paragraph (b)(2). Contractors shall consider any subcontractor requests for such price adjustment.

(iii) The Contracting Officer will not adjust the contract price under this clause for any costs other than those identified in paragraph (b)(3)(i) of this clause, and will not provide duplicate price adjustments with any price adjustment under clauses implementing the Service Contract Labor Standards statute or the Wage Rate Requirements (Construction) statute.

(4) The Contractor warrants that the prices in this contract do not include allowance for any contingency to cover increased costs for which adjustment is provided under this clause.

(5) A pay period under this clause may not be longer than semi-monthly, but may be shorter to comply with any applicable law or other requirement under this contract establishing a shorter pay period. Workers shall be paid no later than one pay period following the end of the regular pay period in which such wages were earned or accrued.

(6) The Contractor shall pay, unconditionally to each worker, all wages due free and clear without subsequent rebate or kickback. The Contractor may make deductions that reduce a worker's wages below the E.O. minimum wage rate only if done in accordance with 29 CFR 10.23, Deductions.

(7) The Contractor shall not discharge any part of its minimum wage obligation under this clause by furnishing fringe benefits or, with respect to workers whose wages are governed by the Service Contract Labor Standards statute, the cash equivalent thereof.

(8) Nothing in this clause shall excuse the Contractor from compliance with any applicable Federal or State prevailing wage law or any applicable law or municipal ordinance establishing a minimum wage higher than the E.O. minimum wage. However, wage increases under such other laws or municipal ordinances are not subject to price adjustment under this subpart.

(9) The Contractor shall pay the E.O. minimum wage rate whenever it is higher than any applicable collective bargaining agreement(s) wage rate.

(10) The Contractor shall follow the policies and procedures in 29 CFR 10.24(b) and 10.28 for treatment of workers engaged in an occupation in which they customarily and regularly receive more than \$30 a month in tips.

(c) (1) This clause applies to workers as defined in paragraph (a). As provided in that definition—

(i) Workers are covered regardless of the contractual relationship alleged to exist between the contractor or subcontractor and the worker;

(ii) Workers with disabilities whose wages are calculated pursuant to special certificates issued under 29 U.S.C. 214(c) are covered; and

(iii) Workers who are registered in a bona fide apprenticeship program or training program registered with the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship, or with a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office of Apprenticeship, are covered.

(2) This clause does not apply to—

(i) Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)-covered individuals performing in connection with contracts covered by the E.O., i.e. those individuals who perform duties necessary to the performance of the contract, but who are not directly engaged in performing the specific work called for by the contract, and who spend less than 20 percent of their hours worked in a particular workweek performing in connection with such contracts;

(ii) Individuals exempted from the minimum wage requirements of the FLSA under 29 U.S.C. 213(a) and 214(a) and (b), unless otherwise covered by the Service Contract Labor Standards statute, or the Wage Rate Requirements (Construction) statute. These individuals include but are not limited to—

(a) Learners, apprentices, or messengers whose wages are calculated pursuant to special certificates issued under 29 U.S.C. 214(a).

(b) Students whose wages are calculated pursuant to special certificates issued under 29 U.S.C. 214(b).

(c) Those employed in a bona fide executive, administrative, or professional capacity (29 U.S.C. 213(a)(1) and 29 CFR part 541).

(d) Notice. The Contractor shall notify all workers performing work on, or in connection with, this contract of the applicable E.O. minimum wage rate under this clause. With respect to workers covered by the Service Contract Labor Standards statute or the Wage Rate



Requirements (Construction) statute, the Contractor may meet this requirement by posting, in a prominent and accessible place at the worksite, the applicable wage determination under those statutes. With respect to workers whose wages are governed by the FLSA, the Contractor shall post notice, utilizing the poster provided by the Administrator, which can be obtained at [www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts](http://www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts), in a prominent and accessible place at the worksite. Contractors that customarily post notices to workers electronically may post the notice electronically provided the electronic posting is displayed prominently on any Web site that is maintained by the contractor, whether external or internal, and customarily used for notices to workers about terms and conditions of employment.

(e) Payroll Records.

(1) The Contractor shall make and maintain records, for three years after completion of the work, containing the following information for each worker:

- (i) Name, address, and social security number;
- (ii) The worker's occupation(s) or classification(s);
- (iii) The rate or rates of wages paid;
- (iv) The number of daily and weekly hours worked by each worker;
- (v) Any deductions made; and
- (vi) Total wages paid.

(2) The Contractor shall make records pursuant to paragraph (e)(1) of this clause available for inspection and transcription by authorized representatives of the Administrator. The Contractor shall also make such records available upon request of the Contracting Officer.

(3) The Contractor shall make a copy of the contract available, as applicable, for inspection or transcription by authorized representatives of the Administrator.

(4) Failure to comply with this paragraph (e) shall be a violation of 29 CFR 10.26 and this contract. Upon direction of the Administrator or upon the Contracting Officer's own action, payment shall be withheld until such time as the noncompliance is corrected.

(5) Nothing in this clause limits or otherwise modifies the Contractor's payroll and recordkeeping obligations, if any, under the Service Contract Labor Standards statute, the Wage Rate Requirements (Construction) statute, the Fair Labor Standards Act, or any other applicable law.

(f) Access. The Contractor shall permit authorized representatives of the Administrator to conduct investigations, including interviewing workers at the worksite during normal working hours.

(g) Withholding. The Contracting Officer, upon his or her own action or upon written request of the Administrator, will withhold funds or cause funds to be withheld, from the Contractor under this or any other Federal contract with the same Contractor, sufficient to pay workers the full amount of wages required by this clause.

(h) Disputes. Department of Labor has set forth in 29 CFR 10.51, Disputes concerning contractor compliance, the procedures for resolving disputes concerning a contractor's compliance with Department of Labor regulations at 29 CFR part 10. Such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with those procedures and not the Disputes clause of this contract. These

disputes include disputes between the Contractor (or any of its subcontractors) and the contracting agency, the Department of Labor, or the workers or their representatives.

(i) Anti-retaliation. The Contractor shall not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any worker because such worker has filed any complaint or instituted or caused to be instituted any proceeding under or related to compliance with the E.O. or this clause, or has testified or is about to testify in any such proceeding.

(j) Subcontractor compliance. The Contractor is responsible for subcontractor compliance with the requirements of this clause and may be held liable for unpaid wages due subcontractor workers.

(k) Subcontracts. The Contractor shall include the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (k) in all subcontracts, regardless of dollar value, that are subject to the Service Contract Labor Standards statute or the Wage Rate Requirements (Construction) statute, and are to be performed in whole or in part in the United States.

***END OF AGREEMENT***

