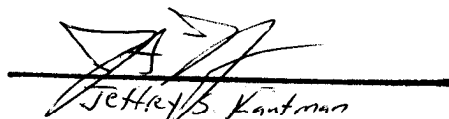


1. GRANT TITLE Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP)	
2. NAME OF AGENCY Merced	3. Grant Period From: 10/01/2017 To: 09/30/2018
4. AGENCY UNIT TO ADMINISTER GRANT Merced Police Department	
5. GRANT DESCRIPTION Best practice strategies will be conducted to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in crashes involving alcohol and other primary collision factors. The funded strategies may include impaired driving enforcement, enforcement operations focusing on primary collision factors, distracted driving, night-time seat belt enforcement, special enforcement operations encouraging motorcycle safety, enforcement and public awareness in areas with a high number of bicycle and pedestrian collisions, and educational programs. These strategies are designed to earn media attention thus enhancing the overall deterrent effect.	
6. Federal Funds Allocated Under This Agreement Shall Not Exceed: \$120,000.00	
7. TERMS AND CONDITIONS: The parties agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the following which are by this reference made a part of the Agreement: - Schedule A – Problem Statement, Goals and Objectives and Method of Procedure - Schedule B – Detailed Budget Estimate and Sub-Budget Estimate (if applicable) - Schedule B-1 – Budget Narrative and Sub-Budget Narrative (if applicable) - Exhibit A – Certifications and Assurances - Exhibit B* – OTS Grant Program Manual *Items shown with an asterisk (*), are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this agreement as if attached hereto. These documents can be viewed at the OTS home web page under Grants: www.ots.ca.gov. We, the officials named below, hereby swear under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that we are duly authorized to legally bind the Grant recipient to the above described Grant terms and conditions. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed by the parties hereto.	
8. Approval Signatures	
A. AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL OF DEPARTMENT NAME: Steven S. Carrigan PHONE: (209) 385-6834 TITLE: City Manager FAX: ADDRESS: 611 W 22nd Street Merced, CA 95340 EMAIL: carrigans@cityofmerced.org _____ _____ (Signature) (Date)	B. AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL OF OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY NAME: Rhonda L. Craft PHONE: (916) 509-3030 TITLE: Director FAX: (916) 509-3055 ADDRESS: 2208 Kausen Drive, Suite 300 Elk Grove, CA 95758 EMAIL: rhonda.craft@ots.ca.gov _____ _____ (Signature) (Date)
C. ACCOUNTING OFFICER OF OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY NAME: Carolyn Vu ADDRESS: 2208 Kausen Drive, Suite 300 Elk Grove, CA 95758	9. DUNS NUMBER DUNS #: 169211554 REGISTERED ADDRESS: 678 W 18th St CITY: Merced ZIP+4: 95340-4700

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


 Jeffrey S. Kantman
 Interim City Attorney, Merced

10. PROJECTED EXPENDITURES						
FUND	CFDA	ITEM/APPROPRIATION	F.Y.	CHAPTER	STATUTE	PROJECTED EXPENDITURES
402PT-18	20.600	0521-0890-101	2016	2016	23/16	\$12,000.00
164-AL-18	20.608	0521-0890-101	2016	2016	23/16	\$12,000.00
402PT-18	20.600	0521-0890-101	2017	2017	14/17	\$48,000.00
164-AL-18	20.608	0521-0890-101	2017	2017	14/17	\$48,000.00
				AGREEMENT TOTAL		\$120,000.00
<i>I CERTIFY upon my own personal knowledge that the budgeted funds for the current budget year are available for the period and purpose of the expenditure stated above.</i>				AMOUNT ENCUMBERED BY THIS DOCUMENT		
				\$120,000.00		
				PRIOR AMOUNT ENCUMBERED FOR THIS AGREEMENT		
ACCOUNTING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE				DATE SIGNED		TOTAL AMOUNT ENCUMBERED TO DATE
						\$120,000.00

1. PROBLEM STATEMENT

As evidenced below, Merced continues to have concerns and problems with collisions that have injuries and fatalities. In 2016, Merced had 4 fatalities. We only had 3 in 2015. Total number of people injured in collisions in Merced in 2016 was 533 which is an increase from 2015 when we had 432. During 2016, MPD issued 619 tickets for traffic moving violations and 1,060 traffic administrative citations. MPD had 255 DUI arrests in 2016. This is an increase from the 242 in 2015. Collisions involving pedestrians rose from 54 to 67 from 2015 to 2016. Collisions involving bicycles rose from 53 to 58 from 2015 to 2016. Nighttime collisions increased from 135 to 174. Total calls for service for collisions increased from 1,939 to 2,172. MPD is continuing to have issues with traffic violations, unsafe driving resulting in injuries and fatalities, and driving while under the influence of alcohol. MPD will use OTS grant funding to drastically reduce all of these traffic related issues. MPD will use OTS funding to impact the City of Merced, our jurisdiction for law enforcement activities.

2. PERFORMANCE MEASURES

A. Goals:

1. Reduce the number of persons killed in traffic collisions.
2. Reduce the number of persons injured in traffic collisions.
3. Reduce the number of pedestrians killed in traffic collisions.
4. Reduce the number of pedestrians injured in traffic collisions.
5. Reduce the number of bicyclists killed in traffic collisions.
6. Reduce the number of bicyclists injured in traffic collisions.
7. Reduce the number of persons killed in alcohol-involved collisions.
8. Reduce the number of persons injured in alcohol-involved collisions.
9. Reduce the number of persons killed in drug-involved collisions.
10. Reduce the number of persons injured in drug-involved collisions.
11. Reduce the number of persons killed in alcohol/drug combo-involved collisions.
12. Reduce the number of persons injured in alcohol/drug combo-involved collisions.
13. Reduce the number of motorcyclists killed in traffic collisions.
14. Reduce the number of motorcyclists injured in traffic collisions.
15. Reduce hit & run fatal collisions.
16. Reduce hit & run injury collisions.
17. Reduce nighttime (2100 - 0259 hours) fatal collisions.
18. Reduce nighttime (2100 - 0259 hours) injury collisions.

B. Objectives:

	Target Number
1. Issue a press release announcing the kick-off of the grant by November 15. The kick-off press releases and media advisories, alerts, and materials must be emailed to the OTS Public Information Officer at pio@ots.ca.gov, and copied to your OTS Coordinator, for approval 14 days prior to the issuance date of the release.	1
2. Participate and report data (as required) in the following campaigns, National Walk to School Day, NHTSA Winter & Summer Mobilization, National Bicycle Safety Month, National Click it or Ticket Mobilization, National Teen Driver Safety Week, National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, National Motorcycle Safety Month, National Child Passenger Safety Week, and California's Pedestrian Safety Month.	10
3. Develop (by December 31) and/or maintain a "HOT Sheet" program to notify patrol and traffic officers to be on the lookout for identified repeat DUI offenders with a suspended or revoked license as a result of DUI convictions. Updated HOT sheets should be distributed to patrol and traffic officers monthly.	12
4. Send law enforcement personnel to the NHTSA Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) (minimum 16 hours) POST-certified training.	2
5. Send law enforcement personnel to the NHTSA Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) 16 hour POST-certified training.	2
6. Send law enforcement personnel to the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training.	2
7. Send law enforcement personnel to the DRE Recertification training.	2
8. Send law enforcement personnel to SFST Instructor training.	1
9. Send law enforcement personnel to DRE Instructor training.	1

10. Conduct DUI/DL Checkpoints. A minimum of 1 checkpoint should be conducted during the NHTSA Winter Mobilization and 1 during the Summer Mobilization. To enhance the overall deterrent effect and promote high visibility, it is recommended the grantee issue an advance press release and conduct social media activity for each checkpoint. For combination DUI/DL checkpoints, departments should issue press releases that mention DL's will be checked at the DUI/DL checkpoint. Signs for DUI/DL checkpoints should read "DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint Ahead." OTS does not fund or support independent DL checkpoints. Only on an exception basis and with OTS pre-approval will OTS fund checkpoints that begin prior to 1800 hours. When possible, DUI/DL Checkpoint screeners should be DRE- or ARIDE-trained.	5
11. Conduct DUI Saturation Patrol operation(s).	27
12. Conduct Warrant Service operation(s) targeting multiple DUI offenders who fail to appear in court.	2
13. Conduct Stakeout operation(s) that employ police officers to observe the "worst of the worst" repeat DUI offender probationers with suspended or revoked driver licenses.	1
14. Conduct Traffic Enforcement operation(s), including but not limited to, primary collision factor violations.	18
15. Conduct highly publicized Distracted Driving enforcement operation(s) targeting drivers using hand held cell phones and texting.	8
16. Conduct highly publicized Motorcycle Safety enforcement operation(s) in areas or during events with a high number of motorcycle incidents or collisions resulting from unsafe speed, DUI, following too closely, unsafe lane changes, improper turning, and other primary collision factor violations by motorcyclists and other drivers.	2
17. Conduct Nighttime (1800-0559) Click It or Ticket enforcement operations.	8
18. Conduct highly publicized pedestrian and/or bicycle enforcement operation(s) in areas or during events with a high number of pedestrian and/or bicycle collisions resulting from violations made by pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers.	16
3. METHOD OF PROCEDURE	
A. <u>Phase 1 – Program Preparation (1st Quarter of Grant Year)</u>	
- The police department will develop operational plans to implement the “best practice” strategies outlined in the objectives section. - All training needed to implement the program should be conducted this quarter. - All grant related purchases needed to implement the program should be made this quarter. - In order to develop/maintain the “Hot Sheets,” research will be conducted to identify the “worst of the worst” repeat DUI offenders with a suspended or revoked license as a result of DUI convictions. The Hot Sheets may include the driver’s name, last known address, DOB, description, current license status, and the number of times suspended or revoked for DUI. Hot Sheets should be updated and distributed to traffic and patrol officers at least monthly. - Implementation of the STEP grant activities will be accomplished by deploying personnel at high collision locations. <u>Media Requirements</u> - Issue a press release announcing the kick-off of the grant by November 15. The kick-off press releases and media advisories, alerts, and materials must be emailed to the OTS Public Information Officer at pio@ots.ca.gov, and copied to your OTS Coordinator, for approval 14 days prior to the issuance date of the release.	
B. <u>Phase 2 – Program Operations (Throughout Grant Year)</u>	
- The police department will work to create media opportunities throughout the grant period to call attention to the innovative program strategies and outcomes. <u>Media Requirements</u> - Send all grant-related activity press releases, media advisories, alerts and general public materials to the OTS Public Information Officer (PIO) at pio@ots.ca.gov, with a copy to your OTS Coordinator. - If an OTS template-based press release is used, the OTS PIO and Coordinator should be copied when the release is distributed to the press. If an OTS template is not used, or is substantially changed, a draft press release shall be sent to the OTS PIO for approval. Optimum lead time would be 10-20 days prior to the release date to ensure adequate turn-around time.	

- Press releases reporting the results of grant activities such as enforcement operations are exempt from the recommended advance approval process, but still should be copied to the OTS PIO and Coordinator when the release is distributed to the press.
- Activities such as warrant or probation sweeps and court stings that could be compromised by advanced publicity are exempt from pre-publicity, but are encouraged to offer embargoed media coverage and to report the results.
- Use the following standard language in all press, media, and printed materials: Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.
- Email the OTS PIO at pio@ots.ca.gov and copy your OTS Coordinator at least 30 days in advance, a short description of any significant grant-related traffic safety event or program so OTS has sufficient notice to arrange for attendance and/or participation in the event.
- Submit a draft or rough-cut of all printed or recorded material (brochures, posters, scripts, artwork, trailer graphics, etc.) to the OTS PIO at pio@ots.ca.gov and copy your OTS Coordinator for approval 14 days prior to the production or duplication.
- Include the OTS logo, space permitting, on grant-funded print materials; consult your OTS Coordinator for specifics.

C. Phase 3 – Data Collection & Reporting (Throughout Grant Year)

- Invoice Claims (due January 30, April 30, July 30, and October 30)
- Quarterly Performance Reports (due January 30, April 30, July 30, and October 30)
 - Collect and report quarterly, appropriate data that supports the progress of goals and objectives.
 - Provide a brief list of activity conducted, procurement of grant-funded items, and significant media activities. Include status of grant-funded personnel, status of contracts, challenges, or special accomplishments.
 - Provide a brief summary of quarterly accomplishments and explanations for objectives not completed or plans for upcoming activities.
 - Collect, analyze and report statistical data relating to the grant goals and objectives.

4. METHOD OF EVALUATION

Using the data compiled during the grant, the Grant Director will complete the “Final Evaluation” section in the fourth/final Quarterly Performance Report (QPR). The Final Evaluation should provide a brief summary of the grant’s accomplishments, challenges and significant activities. This narrative should also include whether goals and objectives were met, exceeded, or an explanation of why objectives were not completed.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

This program has full administrative support, and every effort will be made to continue the grant activities after grant conclusion.

FUND NUMBER	CATALOG NUMBER (CFDA)	FUND DESCRIPTION	TOTAL AMOUNT
402PT	20.600	State and Community Highway Safety	\$60,000.00
164AL	20.608	Minimum Penalties for Repeat Offenders for Driving While Intoxicated	\$60,000.00

COST CATEGORY	CFDA	TOTAL COST TO GRANT
A. PERSONNEL COSTS		
Positions and Salaries		
Full-Time		\$0.00
Overtime		
DUI/DL Checkpoints	20.608	\$32,000.00
DUI Saturation Patrols	20.608	\$17,280.00
Warrant Service Operations	20.608	\$4,000.00
Stakeouts	20.608	\$2,000.00
Benefits	20.608	\$4,229.00
Traffic Enforcement	20.600	\$11,520.00
Distracted Driving	20.600	\$3,840.00
Motorcycle Safety	20.600	\$1,280.00
Night-time Click It Or Ticket	20.600	\$3,840.00
Pedestrian and Bicycle Enforcement	20.600	\$7,680.00
Benefits	20.600	\$2,154.00
Part-Time		\$0.00
Category Sub-Total		\$89,823.00
B. TRAVEL EXPENSES		
In State Travel	20.600	\$2,186.00
		\$0.00
Category Sub-Total		\$2,186.00
C. CONTRACTUAL SERVICES		
Multi-Media Presentations	20.600	\$6,000.00
Category Sub-Total		\$6,000.00
D. EQUIPMENT		
Crash Data Retrieval System	20.600	\$20,000.00
Category Sub-Total		\$20,000.00
E. OTHER DIRECT COSTS		
DUI Checkpoint Supplies	20.608	\$491.00
Laptop Computer	20.600	\$1,500.00
Category Sub-Total		\$1,991.00
F. INDIRECT COSTS		
		\$0.00
Category Sub-Total		\$0.00

GRANT TOTAL	\$120,000.00
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BUDGET NARRATIVE	
PERSONNEL COSTS	QUANTITY
DUI/DL Checkpoints - Overtime for grant funded law enforcement operations conducted by appropriate department personnel.	5
DUI Saturation Patrols - Overtime for grant funded law enforcement operations conducted by appropriate department personnel.	27
Warrant Service Operations - Overtime for grant funded law enforcement operations conducted by appropriate department personnel.	2
Stakeouts - Overtime for grant funded law enforcement operations conducted by appropriate department personnel.	1
Benefits - 7.65% 1.45% - Medicare 6.20% - Social Security	1
Traffic Enforcement - Overtime for grant funded law enforcement operations conducted by appropriate department personnel.	18
Distracted Driving - Overtime for grant funded law enforcement operations conducted by appropriate department personnel.	8
Motorcycle Safety - Overtime for grant funded law enforcement operations conducted by appropriate department personnel.	2
Night-time Click It Or Ticket - Overtime for grant funded law enforcement operations conducted by appropriate department personnel.	8
Pedestrian and Bicycle Enforcement - Overtime for grant funded law enforcement operations conducted by appropriate department personnel.	16
Benefits - 7.65% 1.45% - Medicare 6.20% - Social Security	1
TRAVEL EXPENSES	
In State Travel - Costs are included for appropriate staff to attend conferences and training events supporting the grant goals and objectives and/or traffic safety. Local mileage for grant activities and meetings is included. All conferences, seminars or training not specifically identified in the Budget Narrative must be approved by OTS. All travel claimed must be at the agency approved rate. Per Diem may not be claimed for meals provided at conferences when registration fees are paid with OTS grant funds.	1
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	
Multi-Media Presentations - To provide high-impact traffic safety presentations to convey the message about the consequences of drinking and driving, distracted driving and making the right choices when behind the wheel.	4
EQUIPMENT	
Crash Data Retrieval System - Hardware and software necessary to retrieve and analyze information from vehicle event data recorders for the purpose of investigating serious traffic collisions. Costs may	1

include tax, shipping and accessories needed to make the system fully functional.	
OTHER DIRECT COSTS	
DUI Checkpoint Supplies - On-scene supplies needed to conduct sobriety checkpoints. Costs may include 28" traffic cones, MUTCD compliant traffic signs, MUTCD compliant high visibility vests (maximum of 10), traffic counters (maximum of 2), generator, gas for generators, lighting, reflective banners, electronic flares, PAS device supplies, heater, propane for heaters, fan, anti-fatigue mats, and canopies. Additional items may be purchased if approved by OTS. The cost of food and beverages will not be reimbursed.	1
Laptop Computer - For use in tracking grant activities and producing required reports. Costs may include a printer and accessories.	1
INDIRECT COSTS	
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STATEMENTS/DISCLAIMERS	
There will be no program income generated from this grant.	
Nothing in this 'agreement' shall be interpreted as a requirement, formal or informal, that a particular law enforcement officer issue a specified or predetermined number of citations in pursuance of the goals and objectives.	

CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES

Failure to comply with applicable Federal statutes, regulations, and directives may subject Grantee Agency officials to civil or criminal penalties and/or place the State in a high risk grantee status in accordance with 49 CFR §18.12.

The officials named on the grant agreement, certify by way of signature on the grant agreement signature page, that the Grantee Agency complies with all applicable Federal statutes, regulations, and directives and State rules, guidelines, policies and laws in effect with respect to the periods for which it receives grant funding. Applicable provisions include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 23 U.S.C. Chapter 4—Highway Safety Act of 1966, as amended
- 49 CFR Part 18—Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments
- 23 CFR Part 1200—Uniform Procedures for State Highway Safety Grant Programs

NONDISCRIMINATION

The Grantee Agency will comply with all Federal statutes and implementing regulations relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Pub. L. 88- 352), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin (and 49 CFR Part 21); (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1681-1683 and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-336), as amended (42 U.S.C. 12101, et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disabilities (and 49 CFR Part 27); (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (Pub. L. 100-259), which requires Federal-aid recipients and all sub-recipients to prevent discrimination and ensure nondiscrimination in all of their programs and activities; (f) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (Pub. L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (g) the comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (Pub. L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (h) Sections 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912, as amended (42 U.S.C. 290dd-3 and 290ee-3), relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (i) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended (42 U.S.C. 3601, et seq.), relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (j) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (k) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

BUY AMERICA ACT

The Grantee Agency will comply with the provisions of the Buy America Act (49 U.S.C. 5323(j)), which contains the following requirements:

Only steel, iron and manufactured products produced in the United States may be purchased with Federal funds unless the Secretary of Transportation determines that such domestic purchases would be inconsistent with the public interest, that such materials are not reasonably available and of a satisfactory quality, or that inclusion of domestic materials will increase the cost of the overall project contract by more than 25 percent. Clear justification for the purchase of non-domestic items must be in the form of a waiver request submitted to and approved by the Secretary of Transportation.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY (HATCHACT)

The Grantee Agency will comply with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. 1501-1508) which limits the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING FEDERAL LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form- LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-award at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grant, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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

RESTRICTION ON STATE LOBBYING

None of the funds under this program will be used for any activity specifically designed to urge or influence a State or local legislator to favor or oppose the adoption of any specific legislative proposal pending before any State or local legislative body. Such activities include both direct and indirect (e.g., "grassroots") lobbying activities, with one exception. This does not preclude a State official whose salary is supported with NHTSA funds from engaging in direct communications with State or local legislative officials, in accordance with customary State practice, even if such communications urge legislative officials to favor or oppose the adoption of a specific pending legislative proposal.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

Instructions for Primary Certification

1. By signing and submitting this grant agreement, the Grantee Agency Official is providing the certification set out below.
2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the Grantee Agency Official to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.
3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the Grantee Agency Official knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.
4. The Grant Agency Official shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to which this grant agreement is submitted if at any time the Grantee Agency Official learns its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
5. The terms *covered transaction*, *debarred*, *suspended*, *ineligible*, *lower tier covered transaction*, *participant*, *person*, *primary covered transaction*, *principal*, *grant agreement*, and *voluntarily excluded*, as used in this clause, have the meaning set out in the Definitions and coverage sections of 49 CFR Part 29. You may contact the department or agency to which this grant agreement is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
6. The Grantee Agency Official agrees by submitting this grant agreement that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who

- is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR Part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.
7. The Grantee Agency Official further agrees by submitting this grant agreement that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
 8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR Part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the list of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Non-procurement Programs.
 9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
 10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR Part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters-Primary Covered Transactions

1. The Grantee Agency Official certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that its principals:
 - a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal department or agency;
 - b. Have not within a three-year period preceding this grant agreement been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of record, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or Local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
 - d. Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/grant agreement had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.
2. Where the Grantee Agency Official is unable to certify to any of the Statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this grant agreement.

Instructions for Lower Tier Certification

1. By signing and submitting this grant agreement, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this grant agreement is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms *covered transaction*, *debarred*, *suspended*, *ineligible*, *lower tier covered transaction*, *participant*, *person*, *primary covered transaction*, *principal*, *grant agreement*, and *voluntarily excluded*, as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definition and Coverage sections of 49 CFR Part 29. You may contact the person to whom this grant agreement is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this grant agreement that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR Part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or

voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.

6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this grant agreement that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion— Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions. (See below)
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR Part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Non-procurement Programs.
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR Part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transactions:

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this grant agreement, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this grant agreement.

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