



Federal Construction Contract Provisions

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SECTION 1 General Information

BONDING REQUIREMENTS: IC 36-1-12-4.5, IC 36-1-12-13.1, IC 36-1-12-14 e

The minimum requirements for contracts exceeding \$100,000 for construction shall be as follows:

A Bid Bond or a certified check shall be filed with each bid equivalent to 5% of the bid price as assurance that the bidder will, upon acceptance of their bid, execute such contractual documents as may be required within the time specified.

A Performance Bond for 100% of the contract price to assure fulfillment of the contractor's obligations under the contract.

A Payment Bond for 100% of the contract price to assure payment of all persons supplying labor and material in the execution of the work provided for in the contract.

NOTE: The Bid Bond must be submitted with the bid and the Performance Bond and Payment Bond must be provided to the project owner *before* construction begins on the project.

RETAINAGE: IC 36-1-12-14

Public work contracts in excess of \$100,000 require the retainage of 5% of the dollar value of all work satisfactorily completed by the contractor(s). The escrow agent shall be selected by mutual agreement between the board of the awarding agency and the contractor(s). The contractor shall be paid in full within sixty one (61) days after the date of substantial completion. If upon substantial completion of the public work there remain uncompleted minor items, an amount equal to two hundred percent (200%) of the value of each item as determined by the architect/engineer shall be withheld until the item is completed.

CHANGE ORDERS: IC 36-1-12-18

A change order may not be issued before

commencement of the actual construction except in the case of an emergency. In such a case, the board of awarding agency must make a declaration and the board's minutes must show the nature of the emergency. The total of all change orders issued that increase the scope of the project may not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the amount of the original contract. A change order issued as a result of circumstances that could not have been reasonably foreseen does not increase the scope of the project. All change orders must be prepared by the project engineer or architect and approved and signed by the board of the awarding agency and the contractor. All change orders must be directly related to the original public work project.

Contractor must ensure to procure domestic products for all federal assisted projects in compliance with the Buy American Build America Act. This shall include reviewing manufacture information determining and certifying that to the best of the contractor's knowledge and belief all iron and steel products, manufactured products and construction materials referenced in any change orders comply with the provisions set by the Buy America Build America Act unless otherwise specified by a waiver.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:
24 CFR 570.611

In the procurement of supplies, equipment, construction and/or services by recipients and subrecipients, any conflict of interest is prohibited. No persons who exercise or have exercised any functions or responsibilities with respect to CDBG activities assisted under this part or who are in a position to participate in a decision making process or gain inside information with regard to such activities, may obtain a financial interest or benefit from a CDBG-assisted activity, or have a financial interest in any contract, subcontract, or agreement with respect to a CDBG-assisted activity, or with respect to

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the proceeds of the CDBG-assisted activity, either for themselves or those with whom they have business or immediate family ties, during their tenure or for one year thereafter.

MINORITY, WOMEN AND VETERAN BUSINESS PARTICIPATION: IC 4-13-16.5 IC 5-22-14-3.5

On each CDBG funded project, the grantee is required to maintain documentation supporting their best efforts to achieve the state goal of 10% MBE/WBE and 3% IVOSB participation. Only those businesses duly registered on IDOA's Minority and Women's Business Enterprises List may be counted toward the 10% goal and businesses participating in Indiana Veteran Owned Small Business Program may be counted toward the 3% goal. For IDOA's MBE/WBE List and IVOSB program the information is available at www.in.gov/idoa/2352.htm.

CODE OF CONDUCT: 24 CFR 84.42

The recipient of CDBG grant funds shall maintain written standards of conduct governing the performance of employees engaged in the award and administration of contracts stating that no employee, officer, or agent shall participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by Federal funds if a real or apparent conflict of interest would be involved.

RECORD RETENTION: 24 CFR 85.42

Financial records, supporting documents, statistical records and all other records pertinent to a grant shall be retained for a period of five years. If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit or other action is started before the expiration of the five-year period, the records shall be retained until all litigations, claims or audit findings involving the records have been resolved. The retention period starts from the date of the submission of the final expenditure report or, from the date of the submission of the annual financial status report covering the last

expenditure of grant funds for that year.

ACCESS TO RECORDS: 24 CFR 85.42-e

The awarding agency and the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives, shall have the right of access to any pertinent books, documents, papers or other records which are pertinent to the grant in order to make audits, examinations, excerpts and transcripts. The right of access in this section must not be limited to the required retention period but shall last as long as the records are retained.

CONTRACT PROVISIONS:

In addition to provisions defining a sound and completed procurement contract, any recipient of federal funds shall include the following:

Contracts other than small purchases shall contain provisions or conditions which will allow for administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms and provide for such sanctions and penalties as may be appropriate.

All contracts in excess of \$25,000 shall contain suitable provisions for termination by the grantee including the manner by which it will be affected and the basis for settlement. In addition, such contract shall describe conditions under which the contract may be terminated for default as well as conditions where the contract may be terminated because of circumstances beyond the control of the contractor.

Contracts, subcontracts, and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$100,000 shall contain a provision which requires compliance with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under Section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 USC 1857 (h)), Section 508 of the Clear Water Act (33 USC 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR, Part 15), which prohibit

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the use under non-exempt federal contracts, grants or loans of facilities included on the EPA List of Violating Facilities. The provision shall require reporting of violations to the grantor agency and to the US EPA Administrator for Enforcement (EN-329).

Contracts, subcontracts, and subgrants shall contain a provision which requires compliance with the requirements of the Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act, 41 USC 8301 note, and all applicable rules and notices, as may be amended, if applicable to the Grantee's infrastructure project. Pursuant to HUD's Notice, "Public Interest Phased Implementation Waiver for FY 2022 and 2023 of Build America, Buy America Provisions as Applied to Recipients of HUD Federal Financial Assistance" (88 FR 1700 I), any funds obligated by HUD on or after the applicable listed effective dates, are subject to BABA requirements, unless excepted by a waiver.

These contract provisions shall apply to all work performed on the contract by the contractor's own organization and with the assistance of workers under the contractor's immediate superintendence and to all work performed on the contract.

Except as otherwise provided for in each section, the contractor shall insert in each subcontract all of the stipulations contained in these Required Contract Provisions, and further require their inclusion in any lower tier subcontract that may in turn be made. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with these Required Contract Provisions.

A breach of any of the stipulations contained in these Required Contract Provisions shall be sufficient grounds for termination of the contract.

A breach of the Required Contract Provisions may also be grounds for debarment as provided in 29 CFR 5.12.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING USE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FOR LOBBYING:

(Applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts

which exceed \$100,000- 49 CFR 20)

The prospective participant certifies, by signing and submitting this bid or proposal, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that:

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 Federal 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.

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 Federal 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-III, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed with this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31 U.S.C. 1352. 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.

The prospective participant also agrees by submitting his or her bid or proposal that he or she shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower tier subcontracts, which exceed \$100,000, and that all such recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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Any and all contractors, subcontractors, independent contractors, suppliers, facilitators or any person participating in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance shall:

- a. Prohibit discrimination based on race, color or national origin under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;
- b. Prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and amended by the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972;
- c. Prohibit discrimination on the basis of age under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975;
- d. Prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability under
- e. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973;
- f. Take affirmative action to employ and advance qualified disabled people under Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973;
- g. Promote and insure equal opportunity for all persons, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin under Executive Order 11246 as Amended;
- h. Display posters which summarize the Federal laws prohibiting job discrimination based on race, color, sex, national origin, religion, age, equal pay and disability;
- i. Prohibit discrimination based on disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
- j. Assure that all buildings assigned for public use be designed, constructed and altered so as to be accessible to and usable by persons with physical disabilities under the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968; and
- k. Avoid maintaining or providing any segregated facilities.

Any and all contractors, subcontractors, independent contractors, suppliers, facilitators or any person participating in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance shall:

Comply with the provisions for the elimination of Lead- Based paint hazards under 24 CFR Part 35;

Take all necessary precautions to guard against damages to property and injury to persons.

Comply with the provisions of the Build America Buy America Act. Contractors shall procure iron and steel, construction material, and manufactured products that are produced in the United States, unless a waiver is in effect.

SECTION 2 Equal Employment Opportunity Regulations

NONDISCRIMINATION:

(Applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts of \$10,000 or more)

Equal employment opportunity (EEO) requirements not to discriminate and to take affirmative action to assure equal opportunity as set forth under laws, executive orders, rules, regulations (28 CFR 35, 29 CFR 1630 and 41 CFR 60) and orders of the Secretary of Labor as modified by the provisions prescribed herein, and imposed pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 140 shall constitute the EEO and specific affirmative action standards for the contractor's project activities under this contract. The Equal Opportunity Construction Contractor Specifications set forth under 41 CFR 60-4.3 and the provisions of the American Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.D. 12101 et seq.) set forth under 28 CFR 35 and 29 CFR 1630 are incorporated by reference in this contract. In the execution of this contract, the contractor agrees to comply with the following minimum specific requirement activities of EEO.

The contractor will work with the awarding agency and the Federal Government in carrying out EEO obligations and in their review of his/her activities under the contract.

The contractor will accept as his operating policy the following statement: "It is the policy of this Company to assure that

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applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, religion, sex, color, national origin, age or disability.

Such action shall include: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship, pre-apprenticeship, and/or on-the-job training."

EEO OFFICER:

The contractor will designate and make known to the awarding agency an EEO Officer who will have the responsibility for and must be capable of effectively administering and promoting an active contractor program of EEO and who must be assigned adequate authority and responsibility to do so.

DISSEMINATION OF POLICY:

All members of the contractor's staff who are authorized to hire, supervise, promote, and discharge employees, or who recommend such action, or who are substantially involved in such action, will be made fully cognizant of, and will implement, the contractor's EEO policy and contractual responsibilities to provide EEO in each grade and classification of employment. To ensure that the above agreement will be met, the following actions will be taken as a minimum:

Periodic meetings of supervisory and personnel office employees will be conducted before the start of work and then not less often than once every six months, at which time the contractor's EEO policy and its implementation will be reviewed and explained. The meetings will be conducted by the EEO officer.

All new supervisory or personnel office employees will be given a thorough indoctrination by the EEO Officer, covering all major aspects of the contractor's EEO obligations within thirty days following their

reporting for duty with the contractor.

All personnel who are engaged in direct recruitment for the project will be instructed by the EEO Officer in the contractor's procedures for locating and hiring minority employees.

Notices and posters identifying the contractor's EEO policy will be placed in areas readily accessible to employees, applicants for employment and potential employees.

The contractor's EEO policy and the procedures to implement such policy will be brought to the attention of employees by means of meetings, employee handbooks, or other appropriate means.

RECRUITMENT OF EMPLOYEES:

When advertising for employees, the contractor will include in all advertisements for employees the notation: "An Equal Opportunity Employer." All such advertisements will be placed in publications having a large circulation among minority groups in the area from which the project work force would normally be derived.

The contractor will, unless precluded by a valid bargaining agreement, conduct systematic and direct recruitment through public and private employee referral sources likely to yield qualified minority group applicants. To meet this requirement, the contractor will identify sources of potential minority group employees and establish with such identified sources procedures whereby minority group applicants may be referred to the contractor for employment consideration.

In the event the contractor has a valid bargaining agreement providing for exclusive hall referrals, he is expected to observe the provisions of that agreement to the extent that the system permits the contractor's compliance with EEO contract provisions. (The DOL has held that where implementations of such agreements have the effect of discriminating against minorities or women, or obligates the contractor to do the same, such implementation violates Executive Order 11246, as amended.)

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The contractor will encourage his present employees to refer minority group applicants for employment. Information and procedures with regard to referring minority group applicants will be discussed with employees.

**SELECTION OF SUBCONTRACTORS,
PROCUREMENT OF MATERIALS AND
LEASING OF EQUIPMENT:**

The contractor shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment.

The contractor shall notify all potential subcontractors and suppliers of his/her EEO obligations under this contract.

Disadvantaged business enterprises (DBE) as defined in 49 CFR 23 and Veteran Owned business (VOB) as defined in 38 CFR 74, shall have equal opportunity to compete for and perform subcontracts which the contractor enters into pursuant to this contract. The contractor will use his best efforts to solicit bids from and to utilize DBE and VOB subcontractors or subcontractors with meaningful minority group and female representation among their employees.

The contractor will use his best efforts to ensure subcontractor compliance with their EEO obligations.

EEO RECORDS AND REPORTS:

The contractor shall keep such records as necessary to document compliance with the EEO requirements. Such records shall be retained for a period of three years following completion of the contract work and shall be available at reasonable times and places for inspection by authorized representatives. The records kept by the contractor shall document the following:

The number of minority and non-minority group members and women employed in each work classification on the project;

The progress and efforts being made in cooperation with unions, when applicable, to increase employment opportunities for minorities and women;

The progress and efforts being made in locating, hiring, training, qualifying, and upgrading minority and female employees; and

The progress and efforts being made in securing the services of DBE subcontractors or subcontractors with meaningful minority and female representation among their employees.

NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES:

Applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts of \$10,000 or more.

By the execution of this contract or subcontract, or the consummation of this material supply agreement or purchase order, all parties certify that the firm does not maintain or provide for its employees any segregated facilities at any of its establishments, and that the firm does not permit its employees to perform their services at any location under its control, where segregated facilities are maintained. The contractor agrees that a breach of this certification is a violation of the EEO provisions of this contract. The contractor further certifies that no employee will be denied access to adequate facilities on the basis of sex or disability.

As used in this certification, the term "segregated facilities" refers to facilities provided for employees which are segregated by explicit directive, or on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age or disability, because of habit, local custom, or otherwise. The only exception will be for the disabled when the demands for accessibility override, (e.g. disabled parking).

The contractor agrees that it has obtained or will obtain identical certification from proposed subcontractors or material suppliers prior to award of subcontracts or consummation of material supply agreements of \$10,000 or more and that it

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will retain such certifications in its files.

FALSIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS:

The falsification of any of the above certifications may subject the contractor to civil or criminal prosecution under 18U.S.C. 1001 and 31 U.S.C. 231.

The contractor or subcontractor shall make the records required available for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the awarding agency or the DOL, and shall permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job. If the contractor or subcontractor fails to submit the required records or to make them available, the awarding agency, HUD or DOL, or all may, after written notice to the contractor, sponsor, applicant, or owner, take such actions as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds. Furthermore, failure to submit the required records upon request or to make such records available may be grounds of debarment action pursuant to 29 CFR 5.12.

SECTION 3

The purpose of Section 3 requires that recipients of HUD funds and their contractors and subcontractors provide jobs and other economic opportunities to low-income persons. The CDBG project service area for Section 3 compliance will be the nonmetropolitan county.

Contractors and subcontractors participating in federally- assisted projects are required to track and report their activity relative to the hiring and training of low- and moderate-income persons and the use of local businesses owned by low-income persons. This information must be reported by all contractors and subcontractors, whose contract is \$100,000 or greater, prior to project completion utilizing the "Section 3 Compliance form".

All Section 3 covered contracts shall include the following Section 3 clause:

"The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (Section 3). The parties to this contract agree to comply with this Section and certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with these regulations.

The contractor agrees to notify each labor organization or representative workers with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement of the contractor's commitments under this Section 3 clause and include this clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with the Section 3 regulations. The contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled after the contractor is selected but before the contract is executed with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 CFR Part 135 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the contractors' obligations under this section of the Code of Federal Regulations. Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in this Part may result in sanctions, termination of this contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts."

OFFICE OF FEDERAL CONTRACT COMPLIANCE (OFCCP)

For federally assisted construction contracts, the OFCCP administers and enforces Executive Order 11246, as amended. This Order prohibits discrimination and requires affirmative action to ensure equal employment opportunity without regard to race, color, sex, religion and/or national origin; and the implementing regulations at 41 CFR Parts 60-1 through 60-50. Generally, all contractors and subcontractors holding non- exempt federally assisted construction contracts and subcontracts exceeding \$10,000 must comply with Executive Order 11246.

A "Notice of Requirement for

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Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Employment Opportunity" (Executive Order 11246) is to be included in the bid solicitations for all federally assisted construction contracts and subcontracts in excess of \$10,000. The Notice, which is published at 41 CFR 60-4.2, informs the contractor/bidder of the affirmative action requirements imposed under Executive Order 11246, including the specified goals for minority and female participation.

Covered federally assisted construction contracts and subcontracts must incorporate the equal opportunity clause found at 41 CFR 60-1.4(b).

The equal opportunity clause may be expressly included in each contract or subcontract or incorporated by reference. Importantly, the equal opportunity clauses are deemed to be a part of every covered construction contract and subcontract even if they are not physically incorporated in the contract documents.

In addition to the equal opportunity clauses, federally assisted construction contracts and subcontracts in excess of \$10,000 must include the "Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications" which are found at 41 CFR 60-4.3. The specifications describe the affirmative action obligations and set forth the specific affirmative action steps the construction contractor must implement in order to make a good faith effort to achieve the goals for minority and female participation that were listed in the bid solicitation.

Additional information regarding OFCCP Compliance may be found at www.dol.gov/esa/OFCCP or, at 1-800-397-6251. The Indiana office is located at 46 East Ohio Street, Suite 419, Indianapolis, IN 46204 and phone number is 317-226-5860.

SECTION 3 Federal Labor Standards Regulations

Any and all contractors, subcontractors, independent contractors, suppliers, facilitators or any person participating in any program or activity receiving federal financial

assistance shall:

Comply with federal labor standards regulations as follows:

1. Davis-Bacon Act
2. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act
3. Copeland Act (Anti-Kickback Act)
4. Fair Labor Standards Act

The U. S. Department of Labor has published rules and regulations corresponding to the above regulations at Title 29 CFR Parts 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION PRIMARY COVERED TRANSACTIONS:

(Applicable to all Federal-aid contracts 49 CFR 29)

By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.

The inability of a person to provide the certification set out 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 prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such a person from participation in this transaction.

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 prospective primary participant 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.

The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the

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department or agency to which this proposal is submitted if any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

The terms "covered transaction", "debarred", "suspended", "ineligible", "lower tier covered transaction", "participant", "person", "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this proposal 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 debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.

The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal 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.

A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not 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 non-procurement portion of the "Lists of Parties Excluded from Federal

Procurement or Non procurement Programs" (Non-procurement List) which is compiled by the General Services Administration.

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 participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

If a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is 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.

The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

Have not within a 3-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statement, or receiving stolen property.

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 this certification; and

Have not within a 3-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.

Where the prospective primary

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participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION APPLICABLE TO ALL SUBCONTRACTS, PURCHASE ORDERS AND OTHER LOWER TIER TRANSACTIONS OF \$25,000 OR MORE

By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier is providing the certification set out below.

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.

The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "primary covered transaction," "participant," "person," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contract the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal 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 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.

The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this 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.

A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not 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 Non-procurement List.

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 participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

If a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is 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.

The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this

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transaction by any Federal department or agency.

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 proposal.

PAYMENT OF PREVAILING WAGES:

Applicable to all Federal-aid (CDBG) construction contracts exceeding \$2,000 and to all related subcontracts:

All mechanics and laborers employed or working upon the site of the work will be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a week and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account except such payroll deductions as are permitted by regulations (29 CFR 3) issued by the Secretary of labor under the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. 276c) the full amounts of wages and bona fide fringe benefits or cash equivalents thereof due at time of payment. The payment shall be computed at wage rates not less than those contained in the wage determination of the Secretary of Labor, hereinafter called "the wage determination", which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the contractor or its subcontractors and such laborers and mechanics. The wage determination shall be posted at all times by the contractor and its subcontractors at the site of the work in a prominent and accessible place where it can be easily seen by the workers. For the purpose of this Section, contributions made, or costs reasonably anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits under Section 1 (b)(2) of the Davis-Bacon Act {40 U.S.C. 276a) on behalf of laborers or mechanics are considered wages paid. Regular contributions made or costs incurred for more than a weekly period (but not less often than quarterly) under plans, funds, or programs, which cover the particular weekly period, are deemed to be constructively made or incurred during such weekly period: Such laborers and mechanics shall be paid the appropriate wage rate and

fringe benefits on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed, without regard to skill.

Laborers or mechanics performing work in more than one classification may be compensated at the rate specified for each classification for the time actually worked therein, provided, that the employer's payroll records accurately set forth the time spent in each classification in which work is performed.

All rulings and interpretations of the Davis-Bacon Act and related acts contained in 29 CFR 1, 3 and 5 are herein incorporated by reference in this contract.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS:

Wages, working conditions, and employee benefits shall be established and administered, and personnel actions of every type including hiring, upgrading, promotion, transfer, demotion, layoff, and termination, shall be taken without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability. The following procedures shall be followed:

The contractor will conduct periodic inspections of project sites to insure that working conditions and employee facilities do not indicate discriminatory treatment of project site personnel.

The contractor will periodically evaluate the spread of wages paid within each classification to determine any evidence of discriminatory wage practices. The contractor will periodically review selected personnel actions in depth to determine whether there is evidence of discrimination. Where evidence is found, the contractor will promptly take corrective action. If the review indicates that the discrimination may extend beyond the actions reviewed, such corrective action shall include all affected persons.

The contractor will promptly investigate all complaints of alleged discrimination made to the contractor in connection with his obligations under this contract, will attempt to resolve such complaints, and will take appropriate

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corrective action within a reasonable time. If the investigation indicates that the discrimination may affect persons other than the complainant, such corrective action shall include such other persons. Upon completion of each investigation, the contractor will inform every complainant of all of his avenues of appeal.

The contractor will assist in locating, qualifying, and increasing the skills of minority group and women employees, and applicants for employment.

CONFORMANCE RATES:

The awarding agency shall require that any class of laborers or mechanics employed under the contract which is not listed in the wage determination shall be classified in conformance with the wage decision.

An additional classification, wage rate and fringe benefits may be approved only when the following criteria have been met:

- 1) The work to be performed by the additional classification is not performed by any other classification in the wage determination;
- 2) The additional classification is utilized in the area by the construction industry;
- 3) The proposed wage rate, including any bona fide fringe benefits, bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination.

If the contractor or subcontractor, laborers and mechanics, awarding agency and the contracting officer agree on the classification and conformance wage rate including the amount designated for fringe benefits where appropriate, the conformance rates shall be paid to all workers performing work in that classification from the first day on which work is performed in the classification.

In the event the contractor or subcontractors, laborers and mechanics, awarding agency and the contracting officer do not agree on the proposed classification

and wage rate including the amount designated for fringe benefits where appropriate, the contracting officer {OCRA Labor Standards Compliance Officer} shall refer the questions, including the views of all interested parties and the recommendation of the contracting officer, to the Wage and Hour Administrator for determination. Said Administrator, or an authorized representative, will issue a determination within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting agency or will notify within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary. Any work performed during the waiting period will be paid at the base wage and fringe benefit amount conditionally assigned by the contracting officer until a conformance rate is assigned by the Wage and Hour Administrator.

PAYMENT OF FRINGE BENEFITS:

Whenever the minimum wage rate prescribed in the contract for a class of laborers or mechanics includes a fringe benefit which is not expressed as an hourly rate, the contractor or subcontractors, as appropriate, shall either pay the benefit as stated in the wage determination or shall pay another bona fide fringe benefit or an hourly case equivalent thereof. If the contractor or subcontractor does not make payments to a trustee or other third person, he/she may consider as a part of the wages of any laborer or mechanic the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing bona fide fringe benefits under a plan or program, provided that the Secretary of Labor has found, upon the written request of the contractor, that the applicable standards of the Davis-Bacon Act have been met.

APPRENTICE PARTICIPATION:

Apprentices will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they perform when they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a bona fide apprenticeship program duly registered with the DOL, Employment and Training Administration, Bureau of

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Apprenticeship and Training, or with a State apprenticeship agency recognized by the Bureau.

The allowable ratio of apprentices to journeyman-level employees on the job site in any craft classification shall not be greater than the ratio permitted to the contractor as to the entire work force under the registered program. Any employee listed on a payroll at an apprentice wage rate, who is not registered or otherwise employed as stated above, shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate listed in the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any apprentice performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. Where a contractor or subcontractor is performing construction on a project in a locality other than that in which its program is registered, the ratios and wage rates (expressed in percentages of the journeyman-level hourly rate) specified in the contractor's or subcontractor's registered program shall be observed. Every apprentice must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the registered program for the apprentice's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeyman-level hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Apprentices shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the apprenticeship program. If the apprenticeship program does not specify fringe benefits, apprentices must be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination for the applicable classification. If the Administrator for the Wage and Hour Division determines that a different practice prevails for the applicable apprentice classification, fringes shall be paid in accordance with that determination.

In the event the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, or a State apprenticeship agency recognized by the Bureau, withdraws approval of an apprenticeship program, the contractor or subcontractor will no longer be permitted to

utilize apprentices at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the comparable work performed by regular employees until an acceptable program is approved.

OVERTIME REQUIREMENTS:

No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers, mechanics, watchmen, or guards (including apprentices) shall require or permit any laborer, mechanic, watchman, guard or apprentice in any workweek in which he/she is employed on such work, to work in excess of 40 hours in such workweek unless such laborer, mechanic, watchman, guard or apprentice receives compensation at a rate not less than one-and-one-half times his/her basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in such workweek.

WITHHOLDING PAYMENT FOR UNPAID WAGES:

The awarding agency shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the DOL withhold, or cause to be withheld, from the contractor or subcontractor under this contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other Federally-assisted contract subject to Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements which is held by the same prime contractor, as much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to pay laborers and mechanics employed by the contractor or any subcontractor the full amount of wages required by the contract. In the event of failure to pay any laborer or mechanic employed or working on the site of the work, all or part of the wages required by the contract, the contracting agency may, after written notice to the contractor, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds until such violations have ceased.

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VIOLATIONS AND LIABILITY FOR UNPAID WAGES AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:

In the event of any violation of the requirements set forth in this document, the contractor, and any subcontractor responsible for the violation shall be liable to the affected employee for his/her unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States for liquidated damages.

STATEMENTS AND PAYROLLS:

Applicable to all Federally assisted construction contracts exceeding \$2,000 and to all related subcontracts, except for projects located on roadways classified as local roads or rural collectors, which are exempt.

The Contractor shall comply with the Copeland Regulations of the Secretary of Labor.

Payrolls and basic records relating thereto shall be maintained by the contractor and each subcontractor during the course of the work and preserved for a period of 3 years from the date of completion of the contract for all laborers, mechanics, apprentices, watchmen, helpers and guards working at the site of the work.

The payroll records shall contain the name and last four digits of the social security number of each such employee; his or her correct classification; hourly rates of wages paid (including rates of contributions or costs anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits or cash equivalent thereof the types described in Section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis Bacon Act); daily and weekly number of hours worked; deductions made; and actual wages paid. Whenever the Secretary of Labor has found that the wages of any laborer or mechanic include the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing benefits under a plan or program described in Section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis Bacon Act, the contractor and subcontractor shall maintain records which show that the commitment to provide such benefits is enforceable, that the plan or program is

financially responsible, that the plan or program has been communicated in writing to the laborers or mechanics affected, and show the cost anticipated or the actual cost incurred in providing benefits. Contractors or subcontractors employing apprentices under approved programs shall maintain written evidence of the registration of apprentices and ratios and wage rates prescribed in the applicable programs.

Each contractor and subcontractor shall furnish, each week in which any contract work is performed, to the awarding agency or an agent thereof, a certified payroll report of wages paid each of its employees. The payroll submitted shall set out accurately and completely all of the information required to be maintained. This information may be submitted in any form desired. Optional Form WH-347 is available for this purpose and may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents (Federal stock number 029-005-0014-1), U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington D.C. 20402. The prime contractor is responsible for the submission of copies of payrolls by all subcontractors.

Each payroll submitted shall be accompanied by a "Statement of Compliance," signed by the contractor or subcontractor or his/her agent who pays or supervises the payment of the persons employed under the contract and shall certify the following:

That the payroll for the payroll period contains the information required to be maintained and that such information is correct and complete;

That such laborer or mechanic employed on the contract during the payroll period has been paid the full weekly wages earned, without rebate, either directly or indirectly, and that no deductions have been made either directly or indirectly from the full wages earned, other than permissible deductions as set forth in the Regulations, 29 CFR 3;

That each laborer or mechanic has been paid not less than the applicable wage rate and fringe benefits or cash equivalent for the classification of work performed, as specified in the applicable wage

