

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES-AUTOMOTIVE CENTER AT DTCC OWENS CAMPUS  
ISSUED BY DELAWARE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
CONTRACT NUMBER DTCC18006-DSGNAUTOCEN**

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**I. Overview**

Delaware Technical and Community College, seeks professional services to provide architectural design, engineering, and contract management services for a federally funded Economic Development Administration project to build an Automotive Center of Excellence at the Owens Campus of Delaware Technical and Community College in Georgetown, Delaware. This request for proposals (“RFP”) is issued pursuant to 29 *Del. C.* §§ [6981 and 6982](#).

The proposed schedule of events subject to the RFP is outlined below:

Public Notice	Date: <u>September 10, 2018</u>
Deadline for Questions	Date: <u>September 14, 2018</u>
Response to Questions Posted by:	Date: <u>September 18, 2018</u>
Deadline for Receipt of Proposals (Time)	Date: <u>September 24, 2018 at 1:00 PM (Local Time)</u>
Estimated Notification of Award	Date: <u>October 15, 2018</u>

Each proposal must be accompanied by a transmittal letter which briefly summarizes the proposing firm’s interest in providing the required professional services. The transmittal letter must also clearly state and justify any exceptions to the requirements of the RFP which the applicant may have taken in presenting the proposal. (Applicant exceptions must also be recorded on Attachment 3).

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Delaware Technical and Community College reserves the right to deny any and all exceptions taken to the RFP requirements.

**MANDATORY PREBID MEETING**

A mandatory pre-bid meeting has been scheduled for September 14, 2018. **This is a mandatory meeting.** If a Vendor does not attend this meeting, they shall be disqualified and shall not be considered for further evaluation. Meeting will take place at 10:00 am in the Campus Director's Office, in the Arts & Sciences Building, Owens Campus, Georgetown, Delaware.

**II. Scope of Services**

See Appendix B.

**III. Required Information**

The following information shall be provided in each proposal in the order listed below. Failure to respond to any request for information within this proposal may result in rejection of the proposal at the sole discretion of the State.

**A. Minimum Requirements**

1. Provide Delaware license(s) and/or certification(s) necessary to perform services as identified in the scope of work.

Prior to the execution of an award document, the successful Vendor shall either furnish the Agency with proof of State of Delaware Business Licensure or initiate the process of application where required.

2. Vendor shall provide responses to the Request for Proposal (RFP) scope of work and clearly identify capabilities as presented in the General Evaluation Requirements below.
3. Complete all appropriate attachments and forms as identified within the RFP.
4. Proof of insurance and amount of insurance shall be furnished to the Agency prior to the start of the contract period and shall be no less than the requirements in this RFP.
5. Agreement to perform all services consistent with the EDA grant and EDA Standard Terms and Conditions for Construction Projects. See Appendix B.

**B. General Evaluation Requirements**

1. Understanding of the project
  - a. State your firms understanding of the project and the issues surrounding the successful delivery. (15 points)
2. Experience
  - a. Demonstrate the firms experience related to design and construction of public school/higher education projects with an emphasis on demonstrated ability in the State of

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Delaware and also working on federally-funded projects. Include a minimum of three (3) client references. (15 points)

b. Demonstrate the firms experience with projects of the type identified in the Scope of Work. (15 points)

3. Expertise

a. Provide an organizational chart identifying key staff and key consultants (5 points)

b. Provide resumes for key staff and consultants identifying relevant experience, education, registrations, etc. (5 points)

4. Defined approach

a. Defined approach the firm/team will take on the project (20 points)

b. Knowledge of site and project requirements (15 points)

5. Geographic location relative to project site. (10 points)

Total points 100

**IV. Professional Services RFP Administrative Information**

**A. RFP Issuance**

**1. Public Notice**

Public notice has been provided in accordance with 29 *Del. C.* [§6981](#).

**2. Obtaining Copies of the RFP**

This RFP is available in electronic form through the State of Delaware Procurement website at [www.bids.delaware.gov](http://www.bids.delaware.gov) . Paper copies of this RFP will not be available.

**3. RFP Designated Contact**

All requests, questions, or other communications about this RFP shall be made in writing to Delaware Technical and Community College. Address all communications to the person listed below; communications made to other Delaware Technical and Community College personnel or attempting to ask questions by phone or in person will not be allowed or recognized as valid and may disqualify the vendor. Vendors should rely only on written statements issued by the RFP designated contact.

**Gerard McNesby, Vice President for Finance**

**100 Campus Drive**

**Office of the President**

**Dover, Delaware 19904**

[gmcnesby@dtcc.edu](mailto:gmcnesby@dtcc.edu)

(302) 857-1672

To ensure that written requests are received and answered in a timely manner, electronic mail (e-mail) correspondence is acceptable, but other forms of delivery, such as postal and courier services can also be used.

**4. Organizations Ineligible to Bid**

Any individual, business, organization, corporation, consortium, partnership, joint venture, or any other entity including subcontractors currently debarred or suspended

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is ineligible to bid. Any entity ineligible to conduct business in the State of Delaware for any reason is ineligible to respond to the RFP.

**5. Exclusions**

The Proposal Evaluation Team reserves the right to refuse to consider any proposal from a vendor who:

- a. Has been convicted for commission of a criminal offense as an incident to obtaining or attempting to obtain a public or private contract or subcontract, or in the performance of the contract or subcontract;
- b. Has been convicted under State or Federal statutes of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, receiving stolen property, or other offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty that currently and seriously affects responsibility as a State contractor;
- c. Has been convicted or has had a civil judgment entered for a violation under State or Federal antitrust statutes;
- d. Has violated contract provisions such as;
  - 1) Knowing failure without good cause to perform in accordance with the specifications or within the time limit provided in the contract; or
  - 2) Failure to perform or unsatisfactory performance in accordance with terms of one or more contracts;
- e. Has violated ethical standards set out in law or regulation; and
- f. Any other cause listed in regulations of the State of Delaware determined to be serious and compelling as to affect responsibility as a State contractor, including suspension or debarment by another governmental entity for a cause listed in the regulations.

**B. RFP Submissions**

**1. Acknowledgement of Understanding of Terms**

By submitting a bid, each vendor shall be deemed to acknowledge that it has carefully read all sections of this RFP, including all forms, schedules and exhibits hereto, and has fully informed itself as to all existing conditions and limitations.

**2. Proposals**

To be considered, all proposals must be submitted in writing and respond to the items outlined in this RFP. Delaware Tech reserves the right to reject any non-responsive or non-conforming proposals. Each proposal must be submitted with six (6) paper copies and one (1) electronic copy on CD or DVD media disk, or USB memory drive. Please provide a separate electronic pricing file from the rest of the RFP proposal responses.

All properly sealed and marked proposals are to be sent to Delaware Technical and Community College and received no later than **1:00 PM (Local Time) on September 24, 2018**. The Proposals may be delivered by Express Delivery (e.g., FedEx, UPS, etc.), US Mail, or by hand to:

**Gerard McNesby, Vice President for Finance**  
**100 Campus Drive**  
**Office of the President**  
**Dover, Delaware 19904**

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**Vendors are directed to clearly print “*BID ENCLOSED*” and “*CONTRACT NO. DTCC18006-DSGNAUTOCEN*” on the outside of the bid submission package.**

Any proposal received after the Deadline for Receipt of Proposals date shall not be considered and shall be returned unopened. The proposing vendor bears the risk of delays in delivery. The contents of any proposal shall not be disclosed as to be made available to competing entities during the negotiation process.

Upon receipt of vendor proposals, each vendor shall be presumed to be thoroughly familiar with all specifications and requirements of this RFP. The failure or omission to examine any form, instrument or document shall in no way relieve vendors from any obligation in respect to this RFP.

**3. Proposal Modifications**

Any changes, amendments or modifications to a proposal must be made in writing, submitted in the same manner as the original response and conspicuously labeled as a change, amendment or modification to a previously submitted proposal. Changes, amendments or modifications to proposals shall not be accepted or considered after the hour and date specified as the deadline for submission of proposals.

**4. Proposal Costs and Expenses**

Delaware Technical and Community College will not pay any costs incurred by any Vendor associated with any aspect of responding to this solicitation, including proposal preparation, printing or delivery, attendance at vendor’s conference, system demonstrations or negotiation process.

**5. Proposal Expiration Date**

Prices quoted in the proposal shall remain fixed and binding on the bidder at least through September 1, 2018. Delaware Technical and Community College reserves the right to ask for an extension of time if needed.

**6. Late Proposals**

Proposals received after the specified date and time will not be accepted or considered. To guard against premature opening, sealed proposals shall be submitted, plainly marked with the proposal title, vendor name, and time and date of the proposal opening. Evaluation of the proposals is expected to begin shortly after the proposal due date. To document compliance with the deadline, the proposal will be date and time stamped upon receipt.

**7. Proposal Opening**

Delaware Technical and Community College will receive proposals until the date and time shown in this RFP. Proposals will be opened in the presence of Delaware Technical and Community College personnel. Any unopened proposals will be returned to the submitting Vendor.

**8. Non-Conforming Proposals**

Non-conforming proposals will not be considered. Non-conforming proposals are defined as those that do not meet the requirements of this RFP. The determination of

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whether an RFP requirement is substantive or a mere formality shall reside solely within Delaware Technical and Community College.

**9. Concise Proposals**

Delaware Technical and Community College discourages overly lengthy and costly proposals. It is the desire that proposals be prepared in a straightforward and concise manner. Unnecessarily elaborate brochures or other promotional materials beyond those sufficient to present a complete and effective proposal are not desired. Delaware Technical and Community College's interest is in the quality and responsiveness of the proposal.

**10. Realistic Proposals**

It is the expectation of Delaware Technical and Community College that vendors can fully satisfy the obligations of the proposal in the manner and timeframe defined within the proposal. Proposals must be realistic and must represent the best estimate of time, materials and other costs including the impact of inflation and any economic or other factors that are reasonably predictable.

Delaware Technical and Community College shall bear no responsibility or increase obligation for a vendor's failure to accurately estimate the costs or resources required to meet the obligations defined in the proposal.

**11. Confidentiality of Documents**

Subject to applicable law or the order of a court of competent jurisdiction to the contrary, all documents submitted as part of the vendor's proposal will be treated as confidential during the evaluation process. As such, vendor proposals will not be available for review by anyone other than Delaware Technical and Community College/Proposal Evaluation Team or its designated agents. There shall be no disclosure of any vendor's information to a competing vendor prior to award of the contract unless such disclosure is required by law or by order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

The State of Delaware and its constituent agencies, including Delaware Technical and Community College are required to comply with the State of Delaware Freedom of Information Act, [29 Del. C. § 10001, et seq. \("FOIA"\)](#). FOIA requires that the State of Delaware's records are public records (unless otherwise declared by FOIA or other law to be exempt from disclosure) and are subject to inspection and copying by any person upon a written request. Once a proposal is received by Delaware Technical and Community College and a decision on contract award is made, the content of selected and non-selected vendor proposals will likely become subject to FOIA's public disclosure obligations.

Delaware Technical and Community College wishes to create a business-friendly environment and procurement process. As such, Delaware Technical and Community College respects the vendor community's desire to protect its intellectual property, trade secrets, and confidential business information (collectively referred to herein as "confidential business information"). Proposals must contain sufficient information to be evaluated. If a vendor feels that they cannot submit their proposal without including confidential business information, they must adhere to the following procedure or their proposal may be deemed unresponsive, may not be recommended for selection, and

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any applicable protection for the vendor's confidential business information may be lost.

In order to allow Delaware Technical and Community College to assess its ability to protect a vendor's confidential business information, vendors will be permitted to designate appropriate portions of their proposal as confidential business information.

Vendor(s) may submit portions of a proposal considered to be confidential business information in a separate, sealed envelope labeled "Confidential Business Information" and include the specific RFP number. The envelope must contain a letter from the Vendor's legal counsel describing the documents in the envelope, representing in good faith that the information in each document is not "public record" as defined by 29 Del. C. § 10002, and briefly stating the reasons that each document meets the said definitions.

Upon receipt of a proposal accompanied by such a separate, sealed envelope, Delaware Technical and Community College will open the envelope to determine whether the procedure described above has been followed. A vendor's allegation as to its confidential business information shall not be binding on Delaware Technical and Community College. Delaware Technical and Community College shall independently determine the validity of any vendor designation as set forth in this section. Any vendor submitting a proposal or using the procedures discussed herein expressly accepts Delaware Technical and Community College absolute right and duty to independently assess the legal and factual validity of any information designated as confidential business information. Accordingly, Vendor(s) assume the risk that confidential business information included within a proposal may enter the public domain.

**12. Price Not Confidential**

Vendors shall be advised that as a publically bid contract, no Vendor shall retain the right to declare their pricing confidential.

**13. Discrepancies and Omissions**

Vendor is fully responsible for the completeness and accuracy of their proposal, and for examining this RFP and all addenda. Failure to do so will be at the sole risk of vendor. Should vendor find discrepancies, omissions, unclear or ambiguous intent or meaning, or should any questions arise concerning this RFP, vendor shall notify Delaware Technical and Community College's Designated Contact, in writing, of such findings at least ten (10) days before the proposal opening. This will allow issuance of any necessary addenda. It will also help prevent the opening of a defective proposal and exposure of vendor's proposal upon which award could not be made. All unresolved issues should be addressed in the proposal.

Protests based on any omission or error, or on the content of the solicitation, will be disallowed if these faults have not been brought to the attention of the Designated Contact, in writing, at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the time set for opening of the proposals.

**a. RFP Question and Answer Process**

Delaware Technical and Community College will allow written requests for clarification of the RFP. All questions shall be received no later than **September**

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**14, 2018.** All questions will be consolidated into a single set of responses and posted on the State's website at [www.bids.delaware.gov](http://www.bids.delaware.gov) by the date of **September 18, 2018.** Vendor names will be removed from questions in the responses released. Questions should be submitted in the following format. Deviations from this format will not be accepted.

Section number

Paragraph number

Page number

Text of passage being questioned

Questions not submitted electronically shall be accompanied by a CD and questions shall be formatted in Microsoft Word.

**14. Delaware Tech's Right to Reject Proposals**

Delaware Technical and Community College reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals or any part of any proposal, to waive defects, technicalities or any specifications (whether they be in Delaware Technical and Community College's specifications or vendor's response), to sit and act as sole judge of the merit and qualifications of each product offered, or to solicit new proposals on the same project or on a modified project which may include portions of the originally proposed project as Delaware Technical and Community College may deem necessary in the best interest of Delaware Technical and Community College.

**15. Delaware Tech's Right to Cancel Solicitation**

Delaware Technical and Community College reserves the right to cancel this solicitation at any time during the procurement process, for any reason or for no reason. Delaware Technical and Community College makes no commitments expressed or implied, that this process will result in a business transaction with any vendor.

This RFP does not constitute an offer by Delaware Technical and Community College. Vendor's participation in this process may result in Delaware Technical and Community College selecting your organization to engage in further discussions and negotiations toward execution of a contract. The commencement of such negotiations does not, however, signify a commitment by Delaware Technical and Community College to execute a contract nor to continue negotiations. Delaware Technical and Community College may terminate negotiations at any time and for any reason, or for no reason.

**16. Revisions to the RFP**

If it becomes necessary to revise any part of the RFP, an addendum will be posted on the State of Delaware's website at [www.bids.delaware.gov](http://www.bids.delaware.gov). Delaware Technical and Community College is not bound by any statement related to this RFP made by any **Delaware Tech** employee, contractor or its agents.

**17. Exceptions to the RFP**

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Any exceptions to the RFP, or Delaware Technical and Community College's terms and conditions, must be recorded on Attachment 3. Acceptance of exceptions is within the sole discretion of the evaluation committee.

**23. Business References**

Provide at least three (3) business references consisting of current or previous customers of similar scope and value using Attachment 5. Include business name, mailing address, contact name and phone number, number of years doing business with, and type of work performed. Personal references cannot be considered.

**24. Award of Contract**

The final award of a contract is subject to approval by Delaware Technical and Community College. Delaware Technical and Community College has the sole right to select the successful vendor(s) for award, to reject any proposal as unsatisfactory or non-responsive, to award a contract to other than the lowest priced proposal, to award multiple contracts, or not to award a contract, as a result of this RFP.

Notice in writing to a vendor of the acceptance of its proposal by Delaware Technical and Community College and the subsequent full execution of a written contract, which shall be an AIA form B101-2007 with **Delaware Tech's** amendment thereto, will constitute a contract, and no vendor will acquire any legal or equitable rights or privileges until the occurrence of both such events. All vendors understand that any contract between Vendor and Delaware must be approved by the Economic Development Administration pursuant to the terms of the EDA grant.

**a. RFP Award Notifications**

After reviews of the evaluation committee report and its recommendation, and once the contract terms and conditions have been finalized, Delaware Technical and Community College will award the contract.

The contract shall be awarded to the vendor whose proposal is most advantageous, taking into consideration the evaluation factors set forth in the RFP.

It should be explicitly noted that Delaware Technical and Community College is not obligated to award the contract to the vendor who submits the lowest bid or the vendor who receives the highest total point score, rather the contract will be awarded to the vendor whose proposal is the most advantageous to Delaware Technical and Community College. The award is subject to the appropriate State of Delaware approvals.

After a final selection is made, the winning vendor will be invited to negotiate a contract with Delaware Technical and Community College; remaining vendors will be notified in writing of their selection status.

**25. Cooperatives**

Vendors, who have been awarded similar contracts through a competitive bidding process with a cooperative, are welcome to submit the cooperative pricing for this solicitation.

**C. RFP Evaluation Process**

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An evaluation team composed of representatives of Delaware Technical and Community College will evaluate proposals on a variety of quantitative criteria. Neither the lowest price nor highest scoring proposal will necessarily be selected.

Delaware Technical and Community College reserves full discretion to determine the competence and responsibility, professionally and/or financially, of vendors. Vendors are to provide in a timely manner any and all information that Delaware Technical and Community College may deem necessary to make a decision.

**1. Proposal Evaluation Team**

The Proposal Evaluation Team shall be comprised of representatives of Delaware Technical and Community College. The Team shall determine which vendors meet the minimum requirements pursuant to selection criteria of the RFP and procedures established in 29 *Del. C.* §§ [6981 and 6982](#). Professional services for this solicitation are considered under 29 *Del. C.* §6982(a). The Team will negotiate with the qualified firm designated 1<sup>st</sup> on the preference list. Should the Team be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the qualified firm designated to be first on the preference list, at a price the Team determines to be fair and reasonable, negotiations with that firm shall be formally terminated. The Team may negotiate with the remaining firms by order of ranking. At any point in the negotiations process, the Team may, at its discretion, terminate negotiations with any or all firms. The Team shall make a recommendation regarding the award to the President of Delaware Tech, who shall have final authority, subject to the provisions of this RFP and 29 *Del. C.* § [6982\(a\)](#), to award a contract to the successful vendor in the best interests of Delaware Technical and Community College.

**2. Proposal Selection Criteria**

The Proposal Evaluation Team shall assign up to the maximum number of points for each Evaluation Item to each of the proposing vendor's proposals. All assignments of points shall be at the sole discretion of the Proposal Evaluation Team.

The proposals shall contain the essential information on which the award decision shall be made. The information required to be submitted in response to this RFP has been determined by Delaware Technical and Community College to be essential for use by the Team in the bid evaluation and award process. Therefore, all instructions contained in this RFP shall be met in order to qualify as a responsive and responsible contractor and participate in the Proposal Evaluation Team's consideration for award. Proposals which do not meet or comply with the instructions of this RFP may be considered non-conforming and deemed non-responsive and subject to disqualification at the sole discretion of the Team.

The Team reserves the right to:

- Select for contract or for negotiations a proposal other than that with lowest costs.
- Reject any and all proposals or portions of proposals received in response to this RFP or to make no award or issue a new RFP.
- Waive or modify any information, irregularity, or inconsistency in proposals received.
- Request modification to proposals from any or all vendors during the contract review and negotiation.

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- Negotiate any aspect of the proposal with any vendor and negotiate with more than one vendor at the same time.

**Criteria Weight**

All proposals shall be evaluated using the same criteria and scoring process. The following criteria shall be used by the Evaluation Team to evaluate proposals:

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Weight</b>
Understanding of the project	15
Experience	30
Expertise	10
Defined Approach	35
Geographic Location	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

For award under 29 Del. C. § [6982\(a\)](#), pricing shall not be solicited for comparison of vendors. Delaware Tech may require the firm receiving the award to execute a truth-in-negotiation certificate stating the wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation are accurate, complete and current at the time of contracting.

Vendors are encouraged to review the evaluation criteria and to provide a response that addresses each of the scored items. Evaluators will not be able to make assumptions about a vendor's capabilities so the responding vendor should be detailed in their proposal responses.

**3. Proposal Clarification**

The Evaluation Team may contact any vendor in order to clarify uncertainties or eliminate confusion concerning the contents of a proposal. Proposals may not be modified as a result of any such clarification request.

**4. References**

The Evaluation Team may contact any customer of the vendor, whether or not included in the vendor's reference list, and use such information in the evaluation process. Additionally, Delaware Technical and Community College may choose to visit existing installations of comparable systems, which may or may not include vendor personnel.

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If the vendor is involved in such site visits, Delaware Technical and Community College will pay travel costs only for State of Delaware personnel for these visits.

**5. Oral Presentations**

After initial scoring and a determination that vendor(s) are qualified to perform the required services, selected vendors may be invited to make oral presentations to the Evaluation Team. All vendor(s) selected will be given an opportunity to present to the Evaluation Team.

The selected vendors will have their presentations scored or ranked based on their ability to successfully meet the needs of the contract requirements, successfully demonstrate their product and/or service, and respond to questions about the solution capabilities.

The vendor representative(s) attending the oral presentation shall be technically qualified to respond to questions related to the proposed system and its components. All of the vendor's costs associated with participation in oral discussions and system demonstrations conducted for Delaware Technical and Community College are the vendor's responsibility.

**V. Terms and Conditions**

**1. General Information**

- a. If awarded Vendor shall execute a contract which shall be AIA form B101-2007 with **Delaware Tech's** amendment thereto. See Attachment 6 hereof.
- b. The successful vendor shall promptly execute a contract incorporating the terms of this RFP within twenty (20) days after award of the contract. No vendor is to begin any service prior to receipt of a State of Delaware purchase order signed by two authorized representatives of Delaware Technical and Community College requesting service, properly processed through the State of Delaware Accounting Office and the Department of Finance. The purchase order shall serve as the authorization to proceed in accordance with the bid specifications and the special instructions, once it is received by the successful vendor.
- c. If the vendor to whom the award is made fails to enter into the agreement as herein provided, the award will be annulled, and an award may be made to another vendor. Such vendor shall fulfill every stipulation embraced herein as if they were the party to whom the first award was made.
- d. Delaware Technical and Community College reserves the right to extend this contract on a month-to-month basis for a period of up to three months after the term of the full contract has been completed.

**a. Licenses and Permits**

In performance of the contract, the vendor will be required to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, codes, and regulations. The cost of permits and other relevant costs required in the performance of the contract shall be borne by the successful vendor. The vendor shall be properly licensed and authorized to transact business in the State of Delaware as provided in 30 *Del. C.* § [2502](#).

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Prior to receiving an award, the successful vendor shall either furnish Delaware Technical and Community College with proof of State of Delaware Business Licensure or initiate the process of application where required. An application may be requested in writing to: Division of Revenue, Carvel State Building, P.O. Box 8750, 820 N. French Street, Wilmington, DE 19899 or by telephone to one of the following numbers: (302) 577-8200—Public Service, (302) 577-8205—Licensing Department.

Information regarding the award of the contract will be given to the Division of Revenue. Failure to comply with the State of Delaware licensing requirements may subject vendor to applicable fines and/or interest penalties.

**b. Notice**

Any notice to Delaware Technical and Community College required under the contract shall be sent by registered mail to:

**Gerard McNesby, Vice President for Finance  
100 Campus Drive  
Office of the President  
Dover, Delaware 19904**

**c. Insurance**

1. Vendor recognizes that it is operating as an independent contractor and that it is liable for any and all losses, penalties, damages, expenses, attorney's fees, judgments, and/or settlements incurred by reason of injury to or death of any and all persons, or injury to any and all property, of any nature, arising out of the vendor's negligent performance under this contract, and particularly without limiting the foregoing, caused by, resulting from, or arising out of any act of omission on the part of the vendor in their negligent performance under this contract.
2. The vendor shall maintain such insurance as will protect against claims under Worker's Compensation Act and from any other claims for damages for personal injury, including death, which may arise from operations under this contract. The vendor is an independent contractor and is not an employee of Delaware Technical and Community College.
3. During the term of this contract, the vendor shall, at its own expense, also carry insurance minimum limits as follows:
  - a. Vendor shall in all instances maintain the following insurance during the term of this Agreement.
    - i. Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance in accordance with applicable law.
    - ii. Commercial General Liability  
\$1,000,000.00 per occurrence/\$3,000,000 per aggregate.
  - b. The successful vendor must carry at least one of the following depending on the scope of work being delivered.

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- i. Medical/Professional Liability  
\$1,000,000.00 per occurrence/\$3,000,000 per aggregate
  - ii. Miscellaneous Errors and Omissions  
\$1,000,000.00 per occurrence/\$3,000,000 per aggregate
  - iii. Product Liability  
\$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$3,000,000 aggregate
- c. If the contractual service requires the transportation of departmental clients or staff, the vendor shall, in addition to the above coverage's, secure at its own expense the following coverage.
  - i. Automotive Liability Insurance (Bodily Injury) covering all automotive units transporting departmental clients or staff used in the work with limits of not less than \$100,000 each person and \$300,000 each accident.
  - ii. Automotive Property Damage (to others) - \$25,000
- 4. The vendor shall provide a Certificate of Insurance (COI) as proof that the vendor has the required insurance. The COI shall be provided prior to agency contact prior to any work being completed by the awarded vendor(s).
- 5. Should any of the above described policies be cancelled before expiration date thereof, notice will be delivered in accordance with the policy provisions.
- d. Performance Requirements**

The selected Vendor will warrant that it possesses, or has arranged through subcontractors, all capital and other equipment, labor, materials, and licenses necessary to carry out and complete the work hereunder in compliance with any and all Federal and State laws, and County and local ordinances, regulations and codes.
- e. BID BOND**

There is no Bid Bond Requirement.
- f. PERFORMANCE BOND**

There is no Performance Bond requirement.
- g. Contract Documents**

The RFP, the purchase order, the executed contract and any supplemental documents between Delaware Technical and Community College and the successful vendor shall constitute the contract between Delaware Technical and Community College and the vendor. In the event there is any discrepancy between any of these contract documents, the following order of documents governs so that the former prevails over the latter: contract, Delaware Tech's RFP, Vendor's response to the RFP and purchase order. No other documents shall be

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considered. These documents will constitute the entire agreement between Delaware Technical and Community College and the vendor.

**h. Applicable Law**

The laws of the State of Delaware shall apply, except where Federal Law has precedence. The successful vendor consents to jurisdiction and venue in the State of Delaware.

In submitting a proposal, Vendors certify that they comply with all federal, state and local laws applicable to its activities and obligations including:

1. the laws of the State of Delaware;
2. the applicable portion of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964;
3. the Equal Employment Opportunity Act and the regulations issued there under by the federal government;
4. a condition that the proposal submitted was independently arrived at, without collusion, under penalty of perjury; and
5. that programs, services, and activities provided to the general public under resulting contract conform with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the regulations issued there under by the federal government.

If any vendor fails to comply with (1) through (5) of this paragraph, Delaware Technical and Community College reserves the right to disregard the proposal, terminate the contract, or consider the vendor in default.

The selected vendor shall keep itself fully informed of and shall observe and comply with all applicable existing Federal and State laws, and County and local ordinances, regulations and codes, and those laws, ordinances, regulations, and codes adopted during its performance of the work.

**VI. Attachments**

The following attachments and appendixes shall be considered part of the solicitation:

- Attachment 1 – No Proposal Reply Form
- Attachment 2 – Non-Collusion Statement
- Attachment 3 – Exceptions
- Attachment 4 – Confidentiality and Proprietary Information
- Attachment 5 – Business References
- Attachment 6-Proposed Form of Agreement, AIA B101-2007 and Delaware Tech's amendment thereto.
- Appendix A – Minimum Response Requirements
- Appendix B – Scope of Work / Technical Requirements

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Attachment 1

**NO PROPOSAL REPLY FORM**

Contract No. DTCC18006-DSGNAUTOGEN Contract Title: **ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES-  
AUTOMOTIVE CENTER AT DTCC OWENS CAMPUS**

To assist us in obtaining good competition on our Request for Proposals, we ask that each firm that has received a proposal, but does not wish to bid, state their reason(s) below and return in a clearly marked envelope displaying the contract number. This information will not preclude receipt of future invitations unless you request removal from the Vendor's List by so indicating below, or do not return this form or bona fide proposal.

Unfortunately, we must offer a "No Proposal" at this time because:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. We do not wish to participate in the proposal process.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. We do not wish to bid under the terms and conditions of the Request for Proposal document. Our objections are:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. We do not feel we can be competitive.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. We cannot submit a Proposal because of the marketing or franchising policies of the manufacturing company.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. We do not wish to sell to the State. Our objections are:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. We do not sell the items/services on which Proposals are requested.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
FIRM NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_ We wish to remain on the Vendor's List **for these goods or services.**

\_\_\_\_\_ We wish to be deleted from the Vendor's List **for these goods or services.**

**PLEASE FORWARD NO PROPOSAL REPLY FORM TO THE CONTRACT OFFICER IDENTIFIED.**

**CONTRACT NO.:** DTCC18006-DSGNAUTOCEN  
**CONTRACT TITLE:** ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES-AUTOMOTIVE CENTER AT DTCC OWENS CAMPUS

**DEADLINE TO RESPOND:** September 24, 2018 at 1:00 PM (Local Time)

**NON-COLLUSION STATEMENT**

This is to certify that the undersigned Vendor has neither directly nor indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with this proposal, **and further certifies that it is not a sub-contractor to another Vendor who also submitted a proposal as a primary Vendor in response to this solicitation** submitted this date to Delaware Technical and Community College.

It is agreed by the undersigned Vendor that the signed delivery of this bid represents, subject to any express exceptions set forth at Attachment 3, the Vendor's acceptance of the terms and conditions of this solicitation including all specifications and special provisions.

**NOTE:** Signature of the authorized representative **MUST** be of an individual who legally may enter his/her organization into a formal contract with Delaware Technical and Community College.

COMPANY NAME _____	Check one)		Corporation
NAME OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE (Please type or print) _____			Partnership
			Individual

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ FAX NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

FEDERAL E.I. NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ STATE OF DELAWARE LICENSE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

	Certification type(s)	Circle all that apply
COMPANY CLASSIFICATIONS:  CERT. NO.:	Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)	Yes No
	Woman Business Enterprise (WBE)	Yes No
	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)	Yes No
	Veteran Owned Business Enterprise (VOBE)	Yes No
	Service Disabled Veteran Owned Business Enterprise (SDVOBE)	Yes No

[The above table is for informational and statistical use only.]

PURCHASE ORDERS SHOULD BE SENT TO:  
(COMPANY NAME) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ FAX NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**AFFIRMATION:** Within the past five years, has your firm, any affiliate, any predecessor company or entity, owner, Director, officer, partner or proprietor been the subject of a Federal, State, Local government suspension or debarment?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ if yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS PAGE SHALL HAVE ORIGINAL SIGNATURE, BE NOTARIZED AND BE RETURNED WITH YOUR PROPOSAL**

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_ My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

City of \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_





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Attachment 5

Contract No. DTCC18006-DSGNAUTOGEN

Contract Title: **ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES-AUTOMOTIVE CENTER AT DTCC OWENS CAMPUS**

**BUSINESS REFERENCES**

List a minimum of three business references, including the following information:

- Business Name and Mailing address
- Contact Name and phone number
- Number of years doing business with
- Type of work performed

Please do not list any State Employee as a business reference. If you have held a State contract within the last 5 years, please provide a separate list of the contract(s).

<b>1. Contact Name &amp; Title:</b>	
<b>Business Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Phone # / Fax #:</b>	
<b>Current Vendor (YES or NO):</b>	
<b>Years Associated &amp; Type of Work Performed:</b>	

<b>2. Contact Name &amp; Title:</b>	
<b>Business Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Phone # / Fax #:</b>	
<b>Current Vendor (YES or NO):</b>	
<b>Years Associated &amp; Type of Work Performed:</b>	

<b>3. Contact Name &amp; Title:</b>	
<b>Business Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Phone # / Fax #:</b>	
<b>Current Vendor (YES or NO):</b>	
<b>Years Associated &amp; Type of Work Performed:</b>	

**STATE OF DELAWARE OR DELAWARE TECH PERSONNEL MAY NOT BE USED AS REFERENCES.**

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Attachment 6

Proposed Form of Agreement

AIA Form B101-2007

And

Delaware Tech amendment thereto

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Amendment 1  
To  
Architectural Services Agreement  
Between  
DELAWARE TECHNICAL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE (“Owner”)  
And  
\_\_\_\_\_ (“Architect”)

The parties hereby agree that the attached AIA Document B101 – 2007 shall be amended as set forth herein. The parties hereby further expressly agree that the terms of this amendment shall govern in the event of a conflict between the terms of the attached agreement or any document referenced therein, including, but not limited to, any document identified in Article 13 thereof, and that any contrary provision of any such document shall be superseded hereby.

1. By signing this Agreement, the Architect understands, represents, warrants, and agrees that:
  - A. This project is in part federally funded through a Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration Grant, Project Number 01-01-14801;
  - B. Architect has read the terms of the grant;
  - C. Architect shall provide all services consistent with the terms and conditions of the grant including, but not limited to, the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, *Standard Terms and Conditions for Construction Projects*;
  - D. The Economic Development Administration shall review and approve this Agreement and Amendment before it becomes binding;
  - E. Architect shall cooperate with Owner and the Economic Development Administration to ensure compliance with the grant terms and conditions and shall agree to any amendment in the Agreement or this Amendment requested by the EDA; and
  - F. Architect shall manage the project consistent with the grant terms and conditions above and all other federal, state, and county laws and regulations.
2. By signing this Agreement, the Architect swears that he has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working primarily for the firm offering professional services, to solicit or secure this agreement, and that he has not been paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working primarily for the firm offering professional services, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this agreement;
3. The Architect shall prepare a detailed construction cost estimate using unit in-place methods with breakdowns including costs of labor, material, overhead and profit, which shall be included within the scope of Basic Services under Article 3;
4. The Architect shall review and approve or take other appropriate action upon the Contractor's submittals such as Shop Drawings, Product Data and Samples for the purpose of checking for conformance with the Contract Documents, which shall be included within the scope of Basic Services under Article 3. The Architect's action shall be taken with such reasonable promptness as to cause no delay in the Work or in the activities of the Owner, Contractor or separate Contractors, while allowing sufficient time in the Owner's judgment to permit adequate review;

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5. The Architect's decisions on claims, disputes or other matters in question between the Owner and Contractor, except for those relating to aesthetic effect, shall be subject to other remedies available to Owner at law or in equity;
6. Architect shall provide services in connection with the evaluation of substitutions proposed by the Contractor and making subsequent revisions to Drawing, Specifications and other documentation resulting therefrom, which shall be included within the scope of Basic Services under Article 3;
7. The Architect's responsibility to provide Basic Services for the Construction Phase under this Agreement commences with the award of the initial Contract for Construction and terminates at the later of the issuance to the Owner of the final Certificate for Payment or 60 days after the date of Substantial Completion of the Work;
8. The Architect shall prepare and distribute meeting minutes during the design and construction phases of the Project, which shall be included within the scope of Basic Services under Article 3;
9. Architect shall cause archival quality (mylars) "as-built" drawings to be deposited in the Hall of Records. Providing such record drawings will be considered a Basic Service of the Architect. Upon completion of the project and the recordation of all as-built information, the Architect shall provide to the Owner two (2) copies of all Drawings and the Project Manual on CD-Rom. Drawings must be provided in .dwg format and be compatible with AUTOCAD by Autodesk; Project Manual must be compatible with Microsoft Word (consult with the Owner for program version requirements). In addition to the drawing files, the Architect shall provide to the Owner the pen file(s) used for plotting as well as any fonts, library or any files used that are not included in the standard AUTOCAD program. Providing all such documents shall be considered a Basic Service. Architect shall not be entitled to receive final payment under this Agreement until all obligations under this paragraph have been fully performed;
10. Architects involvement in providing services of consultants for architectural portions of the Project included as a part of Basic Services shall not be Additional Services under Article 4;
11. The Owner may elect to transfer its responsibility under §5.4 to the Architect as an Additional Service under Article 4;
12. A fixed limit of construction cost shall be determined by the Owner prior to commencement of the design. The Architect shall be permitted, with Owner approval, to determine materials, equipment, component systems and types of construction necessary to keep the construction cost within the fixed limit. A contingency amount of 5% of the fixed limit will be included for bidding. If the lowest responsible and responsive base bid exceeds the project fixed limit plus the 5% contingency, the Owner shall proceed as outlined in §6.6. If the Owner chooses to proceed under §6.6.4, the Architect, without additional compensation, shall modify the documents to comply with the fixed limit. Further, there shall be no additional compensation to the Architect for bidding phase costs due to the modifications;
13. All pre-design studies, drawings, specifications, and other documents, including those in electronic form, prepared by the Architect under this Agreement are, and shall remain the property of the Owner whether the Project for which they are made is executed or not. Such documents may be used by the Owner to construct one or more like projects without the approval of, or additional compensation to, the

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Architect. The Contractor, Subcontractors, Sub-subcontractors and Material or Equipment Suppliers are authorized to use and reproduce applicable portions of the Drawings, Specifications and other documents prepared by the Architect and the Architect's consultants appropriate to and for use in the execution of their Work under the Contract Documents. They are not to be used by the Contractor or any Subcontractor, Sub-subcontractor or Material or Equipment Supplier on other Projects or for additions to this Project outside the scope of the Work without the specific written consent of the Owner, Architect and the Architect's consultants. This stipulation shall not prohibit the Architect from the reuse of all instruments of service noted above for any other projects or clients;

14. The Architect shall not be liable for injury or damage resulting from the re-use of drawings and specifications if the Architect is not involved in the re-use Project. Prior to re-use of construction documents for a Project in which the Architect is not also involved, the Owner will remove from such documents all identification of the original Architect, including name, address and professional seal or stamp;
15. Article 8 is hereby deleted in its entirety;
16. The rights afforded to Architect under §9.1 shall not apply in the event payment is withheld by Owner pending resolution of a bona fide dispute involving Architect's performance under the Agreement, or has been set-off against other sums lawfully owed to Owner by Architect;
17. Termination expenses shall not include anticipated profit by Architect;
18. Reimbursable Expenses for transportation and subsistence shall be limited to authorized out-of-state travel. Reimbursable Expense shall not include any transportation or subsistence incurred by Architect or any of its consultants to travel to or within the State of Delaware;
19. Payments are due and payable within 30 days after Owner's receipt of the Architect's invoice. Amounts unpaid after 30 days shall bear interest of one percent per month not to exceed twelve percent per annum;
20. Architect shall provide life-cycle cost analysis as a Basic Service;
21. Value engineering shall be completed as a Basic Service before proceeding to the Construction Document phase;
22. Owner or any of its duly authorized representatives shall have access to any documents, books, papers, and records of Architect for the purpose of making an audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions. Architect shall maintain all required records for at least three years after Owner makes final payment and all pending matters are closed.
23. Architect shall adhere to the following timetable:
  - a. Completion of preliminary plans and associated cost estimates: \_\_\_\_\_;
  - b. Completion of final plans, specifications, and cost estimates: \_\_\_\_\_;
  - c. Securing required Federal. State (Including Accessibility Board), and local approvals: \_\_\_\_\_;

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- d. Completion of proposed contract documents sufficient for soliciting bids: \_\_\_\_\_ acceptance of preliminary plans\_\_\_\_\_;
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. \_\_\_\_\_
24. Architect shall provide surveillance of project construction to assure compliance with plans, specifications, and all other contract documents.
25. Architect shall be responsible for any damages arising from any defects in design or negligence in the performance of the construction inspector, if the inspector is furnished by the A/E;
26. Architect shall supervise any required subsurface explorations such as borings, soil tests, and the like, to determine amounts of rock excavation or foundation conditions, no matter whether they are performed by the A/E or by others paid by the Owner;
27. Architect shall attend bid openings, prepare and submit tabulation of bids, and make a recommendation as to contract award;
28. Architect shall review proof of bidder's qualifications and recommend approval or disapproval;
29. Architect shall submit a report not less frequently than quarterly to the Owner covering the general progress of the job and describing any problems or factors contributing to delay;
30. All fees for Basic and Additional Services are hourly at the rates set forth in §11.1, not to exceed the amount specified for each service or phase;
31. Owner and Architect each hereby agree to indemnify and hold the other party and their officers, directors, agents, employees, servants and contractors free and harmless from any and all loss, cost, damage, action, or liability whatsoever, or any claim therefor, resulting from any negligent or intentional act or omission by the indemnifying party arising out of the performance of this agreement. Provided, however, that Owner, as an instrumentality of the State of Delaware, has no obligation, nor will it assume any liability, to indemnify Architect or any person, firm or entity claiming thereunder for any act or omission by Owner where such claims are protected from suit, liability, damages or costs, at law or equity, under federal or state law providing immunity therefor. The indemnification for liability, loss or expense as required and qualified by the above, includes settlements, judgments, court costs, expenses of defense and attorney fees incurred by the indemnified party in connection with a suit arising out of the agreement. Owner's obligation to indemnify, if any, shall be restricted solely to the general or professional liability insurance procured by or on behalf of Owner, and no other funds or assets of Owner shall be subject to any claim for indemnity hereunder.
32. Architect shall integrate the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design ("LEED") practices into project design, with a particular focus on integrating technologies and design/material/construction elements that generate lower long-term operating expenses. Architect and engineers working on the design and construction of capital projects to design projects to meet or exceed LEED Silver standards. All projects will pursue that standard and third party certification unless it is determined that such certification cannot be done at a reasonable cost. To meet this goal, architects and engineers working on the design and construction of capital projects shall consider incorporation of the following goals into each project:

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- a. Maximize the incorporation of design elements and technologies to increase energy efficiency, improve indoor air quality, and reduce potable water usage.
- b. Maximize the integration of renewable resources, as geothermal, solar, and wind, into new construction.
- c. Manage storm water on-site through green infrastructure best practices to prevent flooding, reduce water pollution, and promote aquifer recharge.
- d. Reduce solid waste generation during construction and integrate recycled content materials.
- e. Protect and enhance biodiversity, restore and preserve natural habitats, wetlands and agricultural lands, and withstand and adapt to climate change effects, including sea-level rise.
- f. Integrate best land use practices into project design by modeling smart growth approaches to development, including supporting walkable and cycleable communities, prioritizing infill development close to existing infrastructure, ensuring access to public transit, and reducing urban heat island effects.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hand and seal on this indenture on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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\_\_\_\_\_(Seal)  
Dr. Mark T. Brainard, President

\_\_\_\_\_(Seal)

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**Appendix A - MINIMUM MANDATORY SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Each vendor solicitation response should contain at a minimum the following information:

1. Transmittal Letter as specified on page 1 of the Request for Proposal including an Applicant's experience, if any, providing similar services including any prior experience with EDA projects.
2. The transmittal letter shall also include a statement that Vendor understands and agrees to perform all services consistent with the EDA grant terms and conditions.
3. The remaining vendor proposal package shall identify how the vendor proposes meeting the contract requirements and shall include pricing. Vendors are encouraged to review the Evaluation criteria identified to see how the proposals will be scored and verify that the response has sufficient documentation to support each criteria listed.
4. One (1) complete, signed and notarized copy of the non-collusion agreement (See Attachment 2). Bid marked "ORIGINAL", **MUST HAVE ORIGINAL SIGNATURES AND NOTARY MARK.** All other copies may have reproduced or copied signatures – Form must be included.
5. One (1) completed RFP Exception form (See Attachment 3) – please check box if no information – Form must be included.
6. One (1) completed Confidentiality Form (See Attachment 4) – please check if no information is deemed confidential – Form must be included.
7. One (1) completed Business Reference form (See Attachment 5) – please provide references other than State of Delaware contacts – Form must be included.

The items listed above provide the basis for evaluating each vendor's proposal. **Failure to provide all appropriate information may deem the submitting vendor as "non-responsive" and exclude the vendor from further consideration.** If an item listed above is not applicable to your company or proposal, please make note in your submission package.

Vendors shall provide proposal packages in the following formats:

1. Six (6) paper copies of the vendor proposal paperwork. **One (1) paper copy must be an original copy, marked "ORIGINAL" on the cover, and contain original signatures.**
2. One (1) electronic copy of the vendor proposal saved to CD or DVD media disk, or USB memory stick. Copy of electronic price file shall be a separate file from all other files on the electronic copy. (If Delaware Tech has requested multiple electronic copies, each electronic copy must be on a separate computer disk or media).

## **Appendix B - SCOPE OF WORK AND TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS**

### **General**

Delaware Technical Community College is proposing to construct a 13,500 square foot automotive technician and diesel mechanic training facility. The facility is to be named the Automotive Center of Excellence (COE) at Delaware Technical Community College (Owens Campus). The planned facility will be a 135 x 100 square foot pole barn style building on a concrete slab with two classrooms, two bathrooms, and approximately 8,178 square feet of garage space which will be outfitted with six automotive and two diesel training bays. The scope of work is written to outline the required services of an Architectural and Engineering firm to develop design and construction documents, and to provide construction administration during the build-out and start-up of the project. The successful firm will also assist in the purchase of furniture, fixtures, and equipment (as clearly instructed) during the course of the project.

### **Summary of the Automotive Center of Excellence (COE)**

The Automotive Center of Excellence (COE) at Delaware Technical Community College (Owens Campus) will serve the Delmarva Peninsula, a contiguous region of 14 counties in Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia that is geographically isolated from surrounding counties and states by the Chesapeake Bay to the west and the Delaware Bay to the east. The service area includes all of Delaware (Kent, New Castle, and Sussex Counties), the Eastern Shore of Maryland (Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties), and the Eastern Shore of Virginia (Accomack and Northampton Counties). The Automotive COE will be located at Delaware Tech's Owens Campus in Georgetown, Delaware (Sussex County), which is centrally located on the Delmarva Peninsula (90 miles from the northernmost point and 120 miles from the southernmost point). The investments will benefit at least three Economic Development Districts: Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission, Maryland Mid-Shore Regional Council, and Tri-County Council for Lower Eastern Shore. This project has the full support of U.S. Senators from Delaware, Maryland and Virginia.

Although a few other colleges are located on the Delmarva Peninsula, Delaware Tech is the only institution in the region that provides advanced technical training for workforce development in skilled trades. As a result, the counties this project will serve look to Delaware Tech to produce most or all of the skilled workers in many sectors. Currently, Delaware Tech offers the only automotive technician training program in the region, and no training programs are available for diesel mechanics. Due to the constraints of available facilities, the available automotive technician associate degree program is capped at 20 trainees, which employers must recruit trained individuals from as far away as Florida or pay for unskilled hires to temporarily relocate to other regions to receive training.

Delmarva's economy is diverse, with multiple industries that rely on automotive technicians and diesel mechanics including agriculture, fisheries, and the consumer service industry (i.e., car dealerships and other automotive service providers). An online search (June 2017) revealed more than 200 open jobs for automotive technicians and 36 diesel mechanics within 60 miles of the proposed Automotive COE, and over half of the positions had been open more than 30 days. Employers report high turnover due to intense competition for skilled workers, difficulty retaining workers recruited from out of state, and high costs associated with sending unskilled workers to other states for training. EMSI projections based on Bureau of Labor Statistics data indicate more than 2,700 automotive technicians and more than 750 diesel mechanics are employed across Delmarva with average annual earnings of \$39,770 and \$44,512, respectively. Over the next ten years, the region is projected to have more than 950 job openings for automotive technicians due to retirement and a 4% growth rate. More than 260 job openings are expected for diesel mechanics in the same period due to retirement and a 17% growth rate.

The region has lost over 900 jobs to plant closures and mass layoffs in the past 12 months, and additional layoffs are pending. The region's unemployment rate is consistently higher than the national unemployment rate, and 8 of the 14 counties have 24-month average unemployment rates that are 1 percentage point or more higher than the national rate (June 2015 – May 2017 range: 3.92% to 9.25%; regional rate: 4.93%; national rate: 4.87%).

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Relatively higher unemployment on the peninsula compared to surrounding areas coupled with reports about the challenges of recruiting and retaining skilled workers indicate that a lack of regional training opportunities is the primary driver of the region's shortage of automotive technicians and diesel mechanics. Investments in a centrally located Automotive Center of Excellence are expected to help employers fill existing positions and allow them to make investments in new positions that the workforce has previously been unable to support. In addition, a larger skilled labor force is expected to reduce turnover by stabilizing wages and preparing local workers to fill positions rather than requiring employers to recruit from other states.

**Scope of Services**

Bidders shall provide two primary services for this project: 1) Planning and engineering for site development; and 2) Building design and construction documents for the structure to be erected on the site. Other services are required as identified below. Following the guidelines of DTCC, Sussex County, the State of Delaware, and the Economic Development Administration, bidders shall provide preliminary and final plans for approval by all necessary agencies. These documents will also be used as the set of drawings for site and building construction.

The Scope of Services is divided into two main sections. Section 1 is the Site Development and Section 2 is the Building Design.

**Section 1 – Site Development**

The selected firm shall prepare all necessary site plans to obtain final approval from the governing jurisdictions, including DTCC. The plans will be in accordance with the Campus requirements of DTCC, Sussex County's Zoning Code, as well as regulations set forth by the Office of the State Fire Marshal, Sussex Conservation District, the Delaware Department of Transportation, the Sussex County Public Works Department, and the Economic Development Administration.

**Preliminary Site Plan**

The selected firm shall prepare a site plan package conforming to the requirements of the governing jurisdictions. This preliminary plan will contain items such as: parcel boundaries, setbacks and buffers, existing grades, proposed grades, drainage design, type and location of storm water management, and parking layouts.

Items such as storm water calculations, DeIDOT approvals, utility design (water, sewer, electrical, etc.) and other information that would be considered as part of the final design submittal of construction documentation are not part of the preliminary submittal.

The following information may be required for the Preliminary Plan. The selected firm is responsible for determining the necessary information and providing as required. Items already obtained are also noted below:

- Boundary and Topographic Survey
- Wetlands Certification/Delineation (as required)
- Preliminary Architectural Layout of Facility (provided with this RFP)

**Final Site Plan Approval and Agency Submissions**

Prepare, submit, and obtain Final Site Plan Approval from Sussex County. Approval requires possible negotiation with and Plan Acceptance by:

- Sussex County Planning and Zoning
- Sussex County Engineering Department
- Sussex Conservation District
- Sussex County Engineering – Public Works
- Office of the State Fire Marshal
- Sussex County Mapping and Addressing

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- The State Department of Agriculture
- The Department of Drinking Water
- Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT)
- Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control

It should be noted that DTCC may be exempt from certain approval processes that are typically required for similar activities not on a campus facility. The selected firm shall be prepared however to provide all necessary information regardless of the situation.

Final Record Plan

Prepare, submit, and obtain approval from Sussex County Planning and Zoning for the Final Record Plan. Coordination between Surveyor of Record for plan review and signature will be required and shall be included in the proposed scope of services.

Section 2 – Building Design

Program Definition

During this phase, the selected firm shall coordinate with the entire development team to establish the program plan details for the Automotive Center of Excellence. The team at this stage will consist of the following at a minimum: Architect, Structural Engineer, Mechanical/Electrical/Plumbing (MEP), and the personnel identified by DTCC to be critical to their operations and curriculum. Construction budgets, outside funding and requirements, curriculum requirements, and donations will play a significant role in program definition.

Design Development

Based on the approved schematic design and program definition, the selected firm shall proceed with design development of the building. Dimensioned and noted floor plans and elevations shall be prepared along with the building elevations, roof plan, and relevant design sections and details. Preliminary designs of all major components shall be prepared at this stage of development. This includes MEP and structural designs. Preliminary specifications shall be prepared to further define the critical displays, labs, and data tracking systems (i.e. classroom, lab set ups, etc.).

Construction Drawings

Based on the approved Design Development Documents, the selected firm shall proceed with the preparation of construction drawings suitable for a building permit. These drawings will be noted and dimensioned floor plans, elevations, roof plan, typical wall sections, building sections and details and specifications. A full set of structural engineering drawings, fire sprinkler drawings, a final cost estimate, and mechanical, electrical, plumbing drawings (signed and sealed by licensed Delaware engineers), shall be included. Upon the completion of this phase, bid packages including all construction documents and specifications shall be issued.

Section 3 – Landscape/Hard Scope

The selected firm shall design and prepare the necessary construction drawings for landscape and hard scape. At grade level, consideration will be made for view scapes, facility parking location and access, building access, rear and front setbacks and site grading. The designs will include all landscaping around the facility.

The firm should focus on low maintenance, sustainable designs utilizing eco-friendly materials and native species. A concept plan for landscape and hard scape should be derived first to capture all shareholder ideas. The deliverable Construction Drawings will follow.

Section 5 – Program Management and Construction Administration

Program Management and Construction Administration (CA) shall be provided throughout the entire design and construction process respectively. This shall be bid as a separate line item.

Support during the Bidding Phase:

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- Assist in qualifying bidders
- Prepare bidding documents
- Attend bid meetings and answer questions for bidders and client
- Provide bid analysis

Support during the Construction Phase:

- Assist the owner with on-site observation to assure construction documents are followed by contractors.
- Attend bi-weekly construction meetings.
- Answer and respond to questions to support the project completion.
- Provide overview of construction compliance in report format on a weekly basis.

Section 6 – Meetings

Reasonable meetings associated with obtaining the above mentioned approvals shall be included in this scope of work. The following meetings at a minimum shall be included in the base bid: Attendance to special meetings with the client and/or agencies may be billed on an hourly basis with prior approval.

1. Program Plan Development
2. Preliminary Site Plan Review Internal and with the Jurisdictions
3. Final Site Plan Review Internal and with the Jurisdictions
4. Review of Design Development Drawings
5. Review of Construction Drawings
6. General Contractor Pre-Bid Meeting
7. General Contractor Bid Review
8. General Contractor Award Recommendation to Council
9. Bi-Weekly Status Meetings

Deliverables and Schedule

A detailed task list and deliverable list with the corresponding milestone schedule dates shall be provided as part of the base bid. This schedule should illustrate the design milestone dates and key agency submittals dates, expected review times and approval dates as based on the firm's experience.

Updated schedules and progress report shall be provide don a bi-weekly basis once the Scope of Work has commenced.

Federal Grant Terms and Conditions

The Automotive Center of Excellence (COE) at Delaware Technical Community College (Owens Campus) is funded partially through federal grant funds from the Economic Development Administration. All terms and conditions must be adhered to during all phases of the project. The Special Terms and Conditions of the grant award begin on the next page and the Stand Terms and Conditions for Construction Projects immediately follow.

SPECIAL AWARD CONDITIONS  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Economic Development Administration (EDA)

**CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:** Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs  
under Sections 201 and 209 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act, as amended,  
42 U.S.C. §§ 3141 and 3149

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Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs

<b>Project Title: Automotive Center of Excellence at DTCC, Owens Campus</b>	
<b>Recipient Name: Delaware Technical Community College</b>	<b>Project Number: 01-01-14801</b>

1. This EDA Award supports the work described in the approved final scope of work, which is incorporated by reference into this Award, as the *Authorized Scope of Work*. All work on this project must be consistent with the *Authorized Scope of Work*, unless the Grants Officer has authorized a modification of the scope of work in writing through an amendment memorialized by a fully executed Form CD-451.

The *Authorized Scope of Work* for this project includes, but is not limited to: the construction of a 13,500 square foot automotive technician and diesel mechanic training facility.

The planned facility will be a 135 x 100 square foot pole barn style building on a concrete slab with two classrooms, two bathrooms, and approximately 8,178 square feet of garage space which will be outfitted with six automotive and two diesel training bays.

2. The Recipient Contact's name, title, address, and telephone number are:

	100 Campus Drive Office of the President Dover, DE 19904
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3. The Grants Officer is authorized to award, amend, suspend, and terminate financial assistance awards. The Grants Officer is:

	Economic Development Administration Philadelphia Regional Office Robert N.C. Nix Federal Building 900 Market Street, Room 602 Philadelphia, PA 19107
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4. The Federal Program Officer (Arca Director) oversees the programmatic aspects of this Award. The Federal Program Officer is:

	Economic Development Administration Philadelphia Regional Office Robert N.C. Nix Federal Building 900 Market Street, Room 602 Philadelphia, PA 19107
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5. The EDA Project Officer is responsible for day-to-day administration and liaison with the Recipient and receives all reports and payment requests. The Project Officer is:

	Economic Development Administration Philadelphia Regional Office Robert N.C. Nix Federal Building 900 Market Street, Room 602 Philadelphia, PA 19107
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6. **ADDITIONAL INCLUDED DOCUMENTS:** In addition to the regulations, documents, or authorities incorporated by reference on the *Financial Assistance Award* (Form CD-450), the following additional documents are hereby incorporated by reference into this Award:

- EDA Construction Standard Terms and Conditions for Construction Projects (February 12, 2016); and
- The Recipient’s application, including any attachments, project descriptions, schedules, and subsequently submitted supplemental documentation.

Should there be a discrepancy among these documents, the Special Award Conditions (this document), including any attachments, shall control.

7. **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT TIME SCHEDULE:** The Recipient agrees to the following Project Development Time Schedule:

Return of Executed Financial Assistance Award	30 calendar days after receipt of Form CD-450/CD-451
Start of Construction	12 Months from the Date of Award
Construction Completed	36 Months from the Date of Award
Authorized Award End Date	36 Months from the Date of Award
Submission of Final Financial Report (SF-425)	No later than 90 calendar days from the Award End Date

Project Closeout – All project closeout documents, including final financial reports (Form SF-425 or any successor form) and any required program reports, shall be submitted to EDA not more than 90 calendar days after the date the Recipient accepts the completed project from the contractor(s).

The Recipient shall diligently pursue the development of the project so as to ensure completion within this time schedule and shall promptly notify EDA in writing of any event that could substantially delay meeting any of the prescribed time limits for the project as set forth above. The Recipient further acknowledges that failure to meet the development time schedule may result in EDA taking action to terminate the Award in accordance with the regulations set forth at 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.338–200.342, as applicable.

## 8. PROJECT REPORTING AND FINANCIAL DISBURSEMENTS INSTRUCTIONS:

**A. AWARD DISBURSEMENTS: Reimbursement basis only.** EDA will make disbursements under this Award on a reimbursement basis only, based on actual costs incurred, after all preconditions set forth in these Special Award Conditions have been met.

The “*Request for Reimbursement*” (Form SF-271 or any successor form) is used to request a disbursement, which shall be approved in writing by the Project Officer.

Please note that prior to the initial disbursement, the Recipient must complete the attached Form SF-3881 (or any successor form) “*ACH Vendor/Miscellaneous Payment Enrollment Form*” and submit it to NOAA’s Accounting Office by FAX at (301) 528-3675. (*FAX is required to secure confidentiality of sensitive information.*) The form must be completed by the respective parties (EDA, Recipient Bank, and Recipient) at the start of each new award.

### B. REPORTS:

- a. *Project Progress Reports*: The Recipient shall submit project progress reports to the Project Officer on a quarterly basis for the periods ending **March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31**, or any portion thereof, until the final disbursement is made by EDA. Reports should be submitted using the approved EDA template, which will be provided by the Project Officer and discussed during the project kick-off meeting. Reports are due no later than 1 month following the end of the quarterly period.
- b. *Financial Reports*: The Recipient shall submit a “*Federal Financial Report*” (Form SF-425 or any successor form) on a semi-annual basis for the periods ending **March 31 and September 30**, or any portion thereof, for the entire project period. Form SF-425 and instructions for completing this form are available at: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/forms/post-award-reporting-forms.html>.

A final Form SF-425 must be submitted no more than 90 calendar days after the expiration date of the Award (*i.e.*, the Award End Date specified on the Form CD-450 or a subsequently executed Form CD-451). Final Financial Reports should follow the guidance outlined in the instructions for submitting mid-term financial



10. **MATCHING SHARE:** The Recipient agrees to provide the Recipient's non-Federal Matching Share contribution for eligible project expenses in proportion to the Federal share requested for such project expenses (see 13 C.F.R. § 300.3). By accepting the Award, the Recipient also certifies that the Matching Share of the project costs is committed to the project, is not encumbered in any way that would prevent its use for the project, and will be available as needed for the project.
11. **REFUND CHECKS, INTEREST, OR UNUSED FUNDS:** Treasury has given EDA two options for having payments deposited to EDA's account:
- i. The first is the pay.gov website. This option allows the payee to pay EDA through the internet. The payee will have the option to make a one-time payment or to set up an account to make regular payments.
  - ii. The second is paper check conversion. All checks must include on their face the name of the DOC agency funding the award, the award number, and a description of no more than two words identifying the reason for the check. A copy of the check should be provided to the EDA Project Officer. This option allows the payee to send a check to NOAA's Accounting Office, which processes EDA's accounting functions, at the following address:

U.S. Department of Commerce  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
Finance Office, AOD, EDA Grants  
20020 Century Boulevard  
Germantown, MD 20874

The accounting staff will scan the checks in to an encrypted file and transfer the file to the Federal Reserve Bank, where the funds will be deposited in EDA's account. While this process will not be an issue with most payees, there are occasionally issues for entities remitting funds to EDA via check. If you are remitting funds to EDA via check, please make note of the following:

- If a check is sent to EDA, it will be converted into an electronic funds transfer by copying the check and using the account information to electronically debit your account for the amount of the check. The debit from your account will usually occur within 24 hours and will appear on your regular account statement.
- EDA will not return your original check; the original will be destroyed and a copy will be maintained in our office. If the Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) cannot be processed for technical reasons, the copy will be processed in place of the original check. If the EFT cannot be completed because of insufficient funds, EDA will charge you a one-time fee of \$25.00, which will be collected by EFT.

12. **CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION:** In keeping with prudent grants management policy, EDA construction projects must be completed within five (5) years of the date the Form CD-450 is signed by the Recipient accepting the Award. If construction is not completed by that date and the Grants Officer determines, after consultation with the Recipient, that construction to completion cannot reasonably be expected to be completed promptly and expeditiously, the grant may be terminated. Extensions beyond the five-year project period are exceedingly rare and can only be authorized by the Assistant Secretary. Nothing in this paragraph is intended to alter the Project Development Time Schedule set out in paragraph 7, above.
13. **USEFUL LIFE:** The useful life of this project is hereby determined to be 20 years from the date the mortgage required by paragraph 21 is recorded.
14. **GOALS FOR WOMEN AND MINORITIES IN CONSTRUCTION:** Department of Labor regulations set forth at 41 C.F.R. part 60-4 establish goals and timetables for the participation of minorities and women in the construction industry. Those regulations apply to all federally assisted construction contracts in excess of \$10,000. The Recipient shall comply with those regulations and shall obtain compliance with 41 C.F.R. part 60-4 from contractors and subcontractors employed on the project by including such notices, clauses, and provisions in the Solicitations for Offers or Bids as required by 41 C.F.R. part 60-4. The goal for the participation of women in each trade area shall be as follows: from April 1, 1981 until further notice: 6.9 percent.

All changes to this goal, as published in the Federal Register in accordance with the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs regulations at 41 C.F.R. § 60-4.6, or any successor regulations, shall hereafter be incorporated by reference into these Special Award Conditions.

Goals for minority participation shall be as prescribed by Appendix B-80 of the Federal Register notice published October 3, 1980 at 45 FR 65984-65991, or any subsequently published amendments. The Recipient shall include the "*Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications*" (or cause them to be included, if appropriate) in all Federally-assisted contracts and subcontracts. The goals and timetables for minority and female participation may not be less than those published pursuant to 41 C.F.R. § 60-4.6.

15. **PROCUREMENT:** The Recipient agrees that all procurement transactions shall be in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards at 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.317–200.326.
16. **EVIDENCE OF GOOD TITLE:** Prior to the initial disbursement of funds by EDA, the Recipient shall provide an opinion of counsel, satisfactory to EDA, that the Recipient has acquired good and marketable title to land, free of all encumbrances, to all real property necessary for completion of the project, as well as any necessary rights-of-way, easements, State or local government permits, or long-term lease interests necessary for the completion of the project, in accordance with 13 C.F.R. part 314.
17. **NONRELOCATION:** By accepting this Award of financial assistance, the Recipient attests that the EDA-funded project will not be used to induce the relocation or the movement of existing jobs from one Region to another Region by a primary beneficiary of the Award (see 13

C.F.R. § 300.3). In the event that EDA determines that its assistance was used for such purposes, EDA reserves the right to pursue all rights and remedies, including suspension of disbursements, termination of the Award for convenience or cause, and disallowance of any costs attributable, directly or indirectly, to the relocation.

For purposes of ensuring that EDA assistance will not be used for relocation purposes, each applicant must inform EDA of all employers that constitute primary beneficiaries of the project. EDA considers an employer to be a “primary beneficiary” if the applicant estimates that such employer will create or save 100 or more permanent jobs as a result of the investment assistance and specifically names the employer in its application to EDA. In smaller communities, EDA may consider a primary beneficiary to be an employer of 50 or more permanent jobs so identified.

- 18. PERFORMANCE MEASURES:** The Recipient agrees to report on program performance measures and program outcomes in such a form and at such intervals as may be prescribed by EDA in compliance with the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993, and the Government Performance and Results Modernization Act of 2010.

At this time, all Awards for construction assistance require Recipients to report actual job creation/retention and private investment leverage at three (3), six (6), and nine (9) years after an EDA investment. The Recipient must retain sufficient documentation so that they can submit these required reports. Failure to submit these reports may adversely impact the ability of the Recipient to secure future funding from EDA.

Performance measures and reporting requirements that apply to program activities funded by this investment will be provided in a separate GPRA information collection document. EDA staff will contact the Recipient in writing within a reasonable period prior to the time of submission of the reports with information on how this data should be submitted. The Recipient must ensure adequate and sufficient records are kept to support the methodology for computing initial job creation/retention and private investment estimates and all subsequent actual performance data, and must make this information available at EDA’s request, including in the event of an audit or performance site visit.

- 19. REAFFIRMATION OF APPLICATION:** Recipient acknowledges that Recipient’s application for this Award may have been submitted to the Government and signed by Recipient, or by an authorized representative of Recipient, electronically. Regardless of the means by which Recipient submitted its application to the Government or whether Recipient or an authorized representative of Recipient submitted its application to the Government, the Recipient hereby reaffirms and states that:

- i. All data in the application and documents submitted with the application are true and correct as of the date the application was submitted and remain true and correct as of the date of this Award;
- ii. The application was, as of the date of submission and the date of this Award, duly authorized as required by local law by the governing body of the Recipient; and

- iii. Recipient has read, understood, and will comply with all terms of this Award, including the Assurances and Certifications submitted with, or attached to, the application.

The term “application” includes all documentation and any information provided to the Government as part of, and in furtherance to, the request for funding, including submissions made in response to information requested by the Government after submission of the initial application.

20. **ARCHITECT/ENGINEER AGREEMENT:** Prior to the initial disbursement of funds, the Recipient shall submit to EDA for approval an Architect/Engineer Agreement that meets the requirements of EDA’s “Summary of EDA Construction Standards,” as well as the competitive procurement requirements set out at 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.317—200.326, as applicable. The fee for basic Architect/Engineer Services will be a lump sum or an agreed maximum, and no part of the fees for other services will be based on a cost-plus-a-percentage-of-cost or a cost using a multiplier.
21. **RECORDED MORTGAGE:** To better memorialize and protect the Federal Interest in real property improved, in whole or in part, with the funds made available under this Award, Recipient shall, prior to initial disbursement of funds by EDA, execute and cause to be recorded a first priority mortgage lien in favor of EDA, which shall be satisfactory to EDA in form and substance. Upon request by EDA, Recipient shall furnish an opinion of counsel for the Recipient that the Mortgage is a valid and enforceable agreement according to its terms and that it has been duly recorded in the appropriate office where mortgages are recorded for the applicable jurisdiction.

The Recipient further agrees that:

  - (a) Except as provided in 13 C.F.R. § 314.3(b), (c) or (d), whenever, during the expected useful life of the project, any property acquired or improved in whole or in part with grant assistance is disposed of, or no longer used for the authorized purpose of the project, the Government must be compensated by Recipient for the Federal Share of the value of the property.
  - (b) If property is disposed of or encumbered without EDA approval, EDA may assert its interest in the property to recover the Federal Share of the value of the property for the Government. EDA may pursue its rights under both paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section to recover the Federal Share, plus costs and interest.
  - (c) The Federal Share of the value of the property is that percentage of the current fair market value of the property attributable to EDA’s participation in the project after deducting actual and reasonable fix-up and marketing expenses, as more fully defined at 13 C.F.R. § 314.5. The Federal Share excludes that value of the property attributable to acquisition or improvements before or after EDA’s participation in the project and not included in project costs.
  - (d) The mortgage must remain in effect throughout the useful life of the Project.
22. **SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION THRESHOLD:** In accordance with OMB Memorandum M-18-18 (June 20, 2018), the Simplified Acquisition Threshold (see 2 C.F.R. § 200.88) and Micro-purchase Threshold (see 2 C.F.R. § 200.67) applicable to this Award are \$250,000 and

\$10,000, respectively. The Recipient may utilize Small Purchase Procedures or Procurement by Micro-purchases, as applicable, for purchases below these thresholds (see 2 C.F.R. § 200.320).

**23. REPORTING OF MATTERS RELATED TO RECIPIENT INTEGRITY AND PERFORMANCE**

**A. 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 B 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.

**B. Proceedings About Which You Must Report**

Submit the information required about each proceeding that:

1. Is in connection with the award or performance of a grant, cooperative agreement, or procurement contract from the Federal Government;
2. Reached its final disposition during the most recent five-year period; and
3. Is one of the following:
  - (a) A criminal proceeding that resulted in a conviction, as defined in paragraph E of this award term and condition;
  - (b) 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;
  - (c) An administrative proceeding, as defined in paragraph E. 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
  - (d) Any other criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding if:
    - (i) It could have led to an outcome described in paragraph B.3.(a), (b), or (c) 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.

### C. Reporting Procedures

Enter in the SAM Entity Management area the information that SAM requires about each proceeding described in paragraph B 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.

### D. Reporting Frequency

During any period of time when you are subject to the requirement in paragraph A 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 to 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.

### E. Definitions

For purposes of this award term and condition:

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. Total value of currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts includes—

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

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

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION**

**STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS  
FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

Title II of the Public Works and  
Economic Development Act of 1965  
Public Works and Economic Development Facilities  
and  
Economic Adjustment Assistance Construction Components



February 12, 2016

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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION**

**STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS  
FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

Title II of the Public Works and  
Economic Development Act of 1965  
Public Works and Economic Development Facilities  
and  
Economic Adjustment Assistance Construction Components

**PREFACE**

This document sets out the Standard Terms and Conditions for Construction Projects (hereinafter referred to as the “Construction Standard Terms and Conditions” or “Construction ST&Cs”) applicable to Economic Development Administration (“EDA”) financial assistance awards. A Recipient of an EDA construction financial assistance award must, in addition to the assurances made as part of the Application, comply and require each of its subrecipients, contractors, and subcontractors employed in the completion of the Project to comply with all applicable statutes, regulations, executive orders, Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) circulars, provisions of the *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (codified at 2 CFR part 200) (“Uniform Guidance”), provisions of these Construction ST&Cs, the EDA-approved Project budget and scope of work, any other incorporated terms and conditions, and approved Applications (collectively, “Terms and Conditions of the Award”).

This Award is subject to the laws and regulations of the United States. Any inconsistency or conflict in the Terms and Conditions specified in this Award will be resolved according to the following order of precedence: public laws, regulations (including applicable notices published in the *Federal Register (Fed. Reg.)*), executive orders, OMB circulars, EDA’s Construction ST&Cs, and special award conditions. A special award condition may amend or take precedence on a case-by-case basis over a Construction ST&C when warranted by specific Project circumstances.

Some of these Construction ST&Cs contain, by reference or substance, a summary of the pertinent statutes or regulations published in the *Federal Register* or the Code of Federal Regulations (“CFR”), executive orders, OMB circulars, or the certifications and assurances provided by applicants through Standard Forms (*e.g.*, Forms SF-424B and SF-424D). To the extent that it is a summary, such provision is not in derogation of, or an amendment to, any such statute, regulation, executive order, OMB circular, or assurance.

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**A. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.**

**1. Purpose.**

The Economic Development Administration's ("EDA's") grants for (i) public works (42 U.S.C. § 3141) and (ii) construction economic adjustment assistance (42 U.S.C. § 3149) Projects awarded under the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 3121 *et seq.*) ("PWEDA") are designed to enhance regional competitiveness and promote long-term economic development in regions experiencing substantial economic distress. EDA provides construction, design, and engineering grants to assist distressed communities and regions revitalize, expand, and upgrade their physical infrastructure to attract new industry, encourage business expansion, diversify local economies, and generate or retain long-term private sector jobs and investment. The requirements set forth in these Construction ST&Cs are applicable to construction, design, and engineering Projects funded in whole or in part by EDA. Any necessary modifications of these requirements will be addressed in special award conditions to accommodate individual Projects. In addition, these Construction ST&Cs apply to construction projects of revolving loan funds ("RLFs") awarded between January 1, 1975 and February 10, 1999 under EDA's Title IX Economic Adjustment Assistance Program, as well as to RLFs funded after February 11, 1999 under section 209 of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. § 3149).

**2. Authority and Policies.**

EDA is a bureau within the U.S. Department of Commerce ("DOC" or "Department") established under PWEDA. *See* 13 CFR § 300.1 ("Overview of eligibility requirements"). As a Federal agency, EDA is obligated to promulgate regulations and establish policies and procedures to:

- a. Ensure compliance with applicable Federal requirements;
- b. Safeguard the public's interest in the grant assets; and
- c. Promote the effective use of grant funds in accomplishing the purposes for which they were awarded.

The Department or EDA may issue changes from time to time to the regulations and other requirements and policies that apply to this Award. Such changes may upon occasion increase administrative or programmatic flexibility in administering this Award in a manner that is mutually beneficial to EDA and to the non-Federal entity. The implementation of any such regulatory, administrative, or programmatic change in administering this Award requires EDA's prior written approval.

EDA's policy is to administer all awards uniformly; however, there may be special circumstances that warrant a variance. To accommodate these circumstances and to encourage innovative and creative ways to address economic development problems, EDA will consider

requests for variances to the procedures set out in these Construction ST&Cs if they do not conflict with applicable Federal statutory and regulatory requirements, are consistent with the goals of EDA's programs, and make sound economic and financial sense.

### 3. Definitions.

Whenever used in these Construction ST&Cs, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

- a. "Application" means all forms, documentation, and any information submitted to the Government as part and in furtherance of a request for an Award and includes submissions made in response to information requested by the Government after submission of the initial Application;
- b. "Assistant Secretary" refers to the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development;
- c. "Award" refers to the Federal financial assistance that a Recipient receives directly from EDA (*see also* 2 CFR § 200.38);
- d. "Closeout" or "Project Closeout" refers to the process by which the Grants Officer determines that all applicable administrative actions and all required work under the Award have been completed by the Recipient and EDA (*see also* 2 CFR § 200.16);
- e. "Contract" means a legal instrument by which a non-Federal entity purchases property or services needed to carry out the Project or program under this Award. As defined at 2 CFR § 200.22, the term does not include a legal instrument, even if the non-Federal entity considers it a contract, when the substance of the transaction meets the definition of a Federal award or subaward (*see also* 2 CFR § 200.22);
- f. "Contractor" means an entity that receives a contract as defined in this section and at 2 CFR § 200.22 (*see also* 2 CFR § 200.23);
- g. "Department" or "DOC" refers to the U.S. Department of Commerce;
- h. "Government" or "Federal Government" refers to EDA;
- i. "Grants Officer" refers to the official responsible for all business management and administrative aspects of this Award and, under these Construction ST&Cs, is the Regional Director in the appropriate Regional Office;
- j. "Non-Federal entity" is a State, local government, Indian tribe, institution of higher education ("IHE"), or nonprofit organization that carries out a Federal award as a recipient or subrecipient (*see also* 2 CFR § 200.69);
- k. "Pass-through entity" is a non-Federal entity that provides a subaward to a subrecipient to carry out part of a Federal program (*see also* 2 CFR § 200.74);
- l. "Project" refers to the activity for which the EDA grant was awarded;
- m. "Project Officer" refers to the EDA official responsible for technical or other programmatic aspects of the Award. During the post-approval stage of the Award, EDA generally assigns this role to an EDA Engineer/Construction Manager;

- n. “Recipient” is 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 (*see also* 2 CFR § 200.86);
- o. “Regional Office” refers to an EDA Regional Office;
- p. “Subaward” means an award provided by a pass-through entity to a subrecipient for the subrecipient to carry out part of a Federal award received by the pass-through entity (*see also* 2 CFR § 200.92);
- q. “Subrecipient” is 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 that is a beneficiary of such program. A subrecipient may also be a recipient of other Federal awards directly from a Federal awarding agency (*see also* 2 CFR § 200.92); and
- r. “Terms and Conditions of the Award” is defined in the first paragraph of the Preface above.

Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined in these Construction ST&Cs have the meanings ascribed to them in EDA’s regulations at 13 CFR §§ 300.3 (“Definitions”), 302.20 (“Civil rights”), 307.8 (“Definitions”), and 314.1 (“Definitions”).

#### **4. Grant Recipient as Trustee.**

The Recipient holds grant funds and any EDA-assisted Project property in trust for the purposes for which the Award was made. The Recipient’s obligation to the Federal Government continues for the estimated useful life of the Project, as determined by EDA, during which EDA retains an undivided equitable reversionary interest (the “Federal Interest”) in property acquired or improved, in whole or in part, with the EDA investment. *See* 13 CFR § 314.2 (“Federal Interest”).

If EDA determines that the Recipient fails or has failed to meet this obligation, the Government may exercise any rights or remedies with respect to its Federal Interest in the Project. However, EDA’s forbearance in exercising any right or remedy in connection with the Federal Interest does not constitute a waiver thereof.

The Recipient agrees to provide EDA with information and documentation necessary for EDA to conduct due diligence to ensure the financial integrity and responsibility of the Recipient and key individuals associated with the Recipient in the management or administration of this Award.

#### **5. Reaffirmation of Application and Award Acceptance.**

The Recipient acknowledges that the Recipient’s Application for this Award may have been submitted to the Government and signed by the Recipient, or by an authorized representative of the Recipient, electronically without providing an original “wet” signature. In addition, the Recipient, or an authorized representative of the Recipient, may have accepted the Award electronically, which includes drawing down any funds at any time under this Award. Regardless of who submitted the Application to the Government or the means by which the Recipient submitted the Application or accepted the Award, the Recipient hereby reaffirms and states that:

- a. All data in the Application were true and correct when the Application was submitted and remain true and correct as of the date of this Award;

- b. The Application was, as of the date of submission and the date of this Award, duly authorized as required by local law by the governing body of the Recipient; and
- c. The Recipient has read, understood, and will comply with all terms of this Award, including the assurances and certifications submitted with, or attached to, the Application.

The Recipient agrees to immediately notify the Grants Officer of any material changes to the Application within 30 calendar days of the date the Recipient becomes aware of such changes.

## **6. Noncompliance with Award Provisions.**

Failure to comply with the provisions of this Award may be grounds for appropriate enforcement action pursuant to 2 CFR § 200.338 (“Remedies for noncompliance”), including but not limited to:

- a. The imposition of additional Award conditions in accordance with 2 CFR § 200.207 (“Specific conditions”);
- b. Temporarily withholding Award payments pending the correction of the deficiency;
- c. The disallowance of Award costs and the establishment of an account receivable;
- d. Wholly or partially suspending or terminating this Award;
- e. Initiating suspension or debarment proceedings in accordance with 2 CFR parts 180 (“OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)”) and 1326 (“Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension”);
- f. Withholding further Federal awards for the Project or program; and
- g. Such other remedies as may be legally available. *See also* 2 CFR §§ 200.339 (“Termination”) through 200.342 (“Effects of suspension and termination”).

In addition, failure to comply with the provisions of this Award may adversely impact the availability of funding under other active EDA or Federal awards and may also have a negative impact on the Recipient’s eligibility for future EDA or other Federal awards.

## **B. FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS.**

### **1. Financial Reports.**

- a. During the period of performance, the Recipient shall submit financial reports as follows or as otherwise specified in the special award conditions.
  - i. *Reports on Award Reimbursements.* In accordance with 2 CFR § 200.327 (“Financial reporting”), the Recipient shall submit a “Federal Financial Report” (Form SF-425 or any successor form) on a semi-annual basis for the periods ending March 31 and September 30, or any portion thereof, unless otherwise specified in a special award condition. Reports are due no later than 30 calendar days following the end of each reporting period, and instructions for completing and submitting Form SF-425 will be discussed during the Project kick-off meeting. Recipients may contact their EDA Project Officer with questions on how to complete or submit the report, if necessary, but they are required to submit reports on time and are encouraged to pose such questions sufficiently

before the deadline to allow for complete, accurate, and timely submission of required reports.

- ii. *Reports on Award Advances.* While EDA generally does not advance funds, when the agency does so, the Recipient must submit Form SF-425 within 15 business days following the end of each quarter for an award under \$1 million, 15 business days following the end of each month for an award totaling \$1 million or more, or as otherwise specified in a special award condition.
- b. The Recipient must submit a final financial report using Form SF-425 within 90 calendar days of the expiration date of the Award.
- c. Noncompliance with the financial reporting requirements will result in appropriate enforcement action under this Award, including but not limited to suspension of Award payments or disallowance of costs.
- d. Financial reports should be submitted to the Project Officer in electronic format, unless otherwise specified in the special award conditions.

## 2. Disbursements.

- a. *Method of Payment.* The Grants Officer determines the appropriate method of payment. Unless otherwise specified in a special award condition, the method of payment under this Award will be reimbursement. Payments will be made through electronic funds transfers directly to the Recipient's bank account and in accordance with the requirements of the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (31 U.S.C. § 3720B *et seq.*). The Award number shall be included on all payment-related correspondence, information, and forms.
  - i. *State Recipients.* Consistent with 2 CFR § 200.305(a) ("Payment"), for States, payments are governed by Treasury-State Cash Management Improvement Act agreements and default procedures codified at 31 CFR part 205 ("Rules and Procedures for Efficient Federal-State Funds Transfers") and *Treasury Financial Manual Volume I, 4A-2000* ("Overall Disbursing Rules for All Federal Agencies").
  - ii. *Recipients Other than States.* Consistent with 2 CFR § 200.305(b), for Recipients other than States, payment methods must minimize the amount of time elapsing between the transfer of funds from the U.S. Treasury or the pass-through entity and the disbursement by the non-Federal entity.
- b. *Disbursement Requests.* The Recipient shall use Form SF-271, "Outlay Report and Request for Reimbursement for Construction Programs," to request reimbursement under the Award. Substantiating invoices and/or vouchers also must be provided. Each request for the disbursement of funds shall be made to the Project Officer. Form SF-271 can be downloaded from OMB's website at [www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/grants\\_forms.html](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/grants_forms.html).
  - i. *Initial Disbursement Request.* For the initial disbursement only, the Recipient must complete and submit Form SF-3881, "ACH Vendor/Miscellaneous Payment Enrollment Form," along with Form SF-271, to the Project Officer.
  - ii. *Interim Disbursement Requests.* All requests for interim disbursement shall be submitted using Form SF-271 and include substantiating invoices and/or vouchers.

- iii. *Final Disbursement Request.* See section C.19 “Project Closeout Procedures” in these Construction ST&Cs.

### **3. Federal and Non-Federal Cost Sharing.**

- a. For purposes of this Award, the Federal share is the amount of EDA funds invested under the Award, while the non-Federal share, or “Matching Share,” means non-EDA funds and any in-kind contributions that are approved by EDA and provided by the Recipient or by third parties as a condition of the Award. Awards that include a Federal and non-Federal share incorporate an estimated budget consisting of shared allowable costs. If actual allowable costs are less than the total approved estimated budget, the Federal share and Matching Share shall be calculated by applying the approved Federal and non-Federal cost share ratios to actual allowable costs. See 13 CFR §§ 305.10 (“Bid underrun and overrun”) and 308.1 (“Use of funds in projects constructed under projected cost”). As noted below in section B.4 “Budget Revisions and Transfers of Funds Among Cost Categories” of these Construction ST&Cs, if actual allowable costs are greater than the total approved estimated budget, the Federal share shall not exceed the total Federal dollar amount authorized by this Award.
- b. The Matching Share, whether cash or in-kind, shall be paid out at the same general rate as the Federal share. Exceptions to this requirement may be granted by the Grants Officer based on sufficient documentation demonstrating previously determined plans for, or later commitment of, cash or in-kind contributions. In any case, the Recipient must meet its non-Federal cost share commitment over the Award period of performance; failure to do so may result in the assignment of special award conditions or other further action as specified in section A.6 “Noncompliance with Award Provisions” of these Construction ST&Cs.
- c. The Recipient must create and maintain sufficient records justifying the required Matching Share to facilitate questions, audits, and other inquiries necessary to meet EDA’s requirements to safeguard Federal funds, and must provide these records if requested by EDA, auditors, or other Federal parties. See also section C.17 “Record-Keeping Requirements” of these Construction ST&Cs. EDA may disallow undocumented costs. See 2 CFR § 200.306 for additional requirements regarding cost sharing.
- d. The Recipient shall show that the Matching Share is committed to the Project, available as needed, and not conditioned or encumbered in any way that precludes its use consistent with the requirements of EDA Investment Assistance. See 13 CFR § 301.5 (“Matching share requirements”).

### **4. Budget Revisions and Transfers of Funds Among Budget Categories.**

The EDA-approved budget is the budget plan for the Project. The Recipient must notify EDA of deviations from the budget or program plans in accordance with 2 CFR § 200.308 (“Revision of budget and program plans”), including any change in scope of work or the objective of the Project (even if there is no associated budget revision requiring prior written approval). If prior written approval is not required under 2 CFR § 200.308, the Recipient may request the Grants Officer’s review of and guidance on proposed revisions to the budget.

- a. Requests for budget revisions to the EDA-approved budget in accordance with the provisions below must be submitted through the Project Officer to the Grants Officer, who shall make the final determination on such requests and notify the Recipient in writing.
- b. In accordance with 2 CFR § 200.308(g), EDA's prior written approval and an amendment executed by the Grants Officer and the Recipient using Form CD-451 or any successor form are required for budget revisions when:
  - i. The revision results from changes in the scope or the objective of the Project;
  - ii. The need arises for additional EDA funds to complete the Project;
  - iii. The Federal share exceeds \$150,000 and the cumulative amount of transfers among direct cost categories exceeds or is expected to exceed 10 percent of the total budget as last approved by EDA; and
  - iv. A revision is desired that involves specific costs for which prior written approval requirements may be imposed consistent with applicable cost principles listed in subpart E of 2 CFR part 200 ("Cost Principles").
- c. When an Award supports both construction and non-construction work, the Recipient must obtain prior written approval from the Grants Officer before making any fund or budget transfers from non-construction to construction or vice versa. *See* 2 CFR § 200.308(g)(5).
- d. Transfers shall not be permitted if such transfers would cause any Federal appropriation, or part thereof, to be used for purposes other than those intended. This transfer authority does not authorize the Recipient to create new budget categories within an approved budget unless the Grants Officer has provided prior written approval. *See* 2 CFR § 200.308.
- e. *Project Underrun Amounts.* Underrun amounts shall be transferred to the contingencies line item. Contingency funds are to be used to address situations resulting from unknown conditions and changes required for the fulfillment of authorized activities under this Award. EDA may approve the use of underrun funds to increase the Federal share of the Project or further improve the Project, as long as EDA determines that the use is consistent with the original purpose of the approved EDA investment. *See* 13 CFR § 308.1 ("Use of funds in projects constructed under projected cost").
- f. *Additional EDA Funding in Case of Project Overrun Amounts.* In accepting this Award, the Recipient agrees to fund any overrun amounts from non-Federal sources. Additional EDA assistance for the Project may not be approved.

**5. Indirect Costs and Facilities and Administrative Costs.**

- a. Indirect costs, or facilities and administrative ("F&A") costs for educational institutions, are generally not applicable under this Award. See the definition of indirect costs at 2 CFR § 200.56 ("Indirect (facilities & administrative (F&A)) costs").
- b. When indirect costs are applicable, they will not be allowable charges against the Award unless approved under the Award and specifically included as a line item in the Award's approved budget.
- c. Excess indirect costs may not be used to offset unallowable direct costs.

- d. Under 2 CFR § 200.306(c) (“Cost sharing or matching”), unrecovered indirect costs, including indirect costs on cost sharing or matching, may be included as part of cost sharing or matching only with the prior written approval of EDA.
- e. *Cognizant Agency for Indirect (F&A) Costs.* OMB established the cognizant agency concept, under which a single agency represents all others in dealing with Recipients in common areas, including reviewing and approving indirect cost rates applicable to Federal grants.
  - i. *Determining the Cognizant Agency for Non-Commercial Organizations.* In accordance with 2 CFR § 200.19 (“Cognizant agency for indirect costs”), the cognizant agency for indirect costs is the Federal agency responsible for reviewing, negotiating, and approving cost allocation plans or indirect cost proposals on behalf of all Federal agencies. Approved rates must be accepted by other agencies, unless a Federal statute or regulation requires use of a different rate or a Federal agency awarding head or delegate approves a different rate in accordance with 2 CFR § 200.414(c) (“Indirect (F&A) costs”).

If indirect costs are permitted, but the Recipient has not previously established an indirect cost rate with a Federal agency, the Recipient may consult Appendices III–VII to 2 CFR part 200 for information on determining the relevant cognizant agency and developing and submitting indirect (F&A) cost rate proposals and cost allocation plans:

- (1) Appendix III to 2 CFR part 200 – Indirect (F&A) Costs Identification and Assignment, and Rate Determination for Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs);
  - (2) Appendix IV to 2 CFR part 200 – Indirect (F&A) Costs Identification and Assignment, and Rate Determination for Nonprofit Organizations;
  - (3) Appendix V to 2 CFR part 200 – State/Local Government and Indian Tribe-Wide Central Service Cost Allocation Plans;
  - (4) Appendix VI to 2 CFR part 200 – Public Assistance Cost Allocation Plans; and
  - (5) Appendix VII to 2 CFR part 200 – States and Local Government and Indian Tribe Indirect Cost Proposals.
- ii. *General Review Procedures When DOC Is the Cognizant Agency.*
    - (1) Within 90 days of the Award start date the Recipient shall submit to the Grants Officer any documentation (indirect cost proposal, cost allocation plan, etc.) necessary to allow the agency to perform the indirect cost rate proposal review.
    - (2) The Recipient may use the fixed rate proposed in the indirect cost plan as a provisional rate until DOC provides a response to the submitted plan.
  - iii. *When DOC Is Not the Oversight or Cognizant Agency.* When the cognizant Federal agency is not DOC, the non-Federal entity shall provide the Grants Officer with a copy of a negotiated rate agreement or a copy of the transmittal letter submitted to the cognizant or oversight Federal agency requesting a negotiated rate agreement.
- f. If the Recipient entity fails to submit required documentation to DOC within 90 days of the Award start date, the Grants Officer may amend the Award to preclude the recovery of any indirect costs under the Award. If the DOC, oversight, or cognizant Federal agency determines there is a finding of good and sufficient cause to excuse the Recipient’s delay in

submitting the documentation, an extension of the 90-day due date may be approved by the Grants Officer.

- g. The maximum dollar amount of allocable indirect costs for which DOC will reimburse the recipient shall be the lesser of:
  - i. The line item amount for the Federal share of indirect costs contained in the approved Award budget, including all budget revisions approved in writing by the Grants Officer; or
  - ii. The Federal share of the total indirect costs allocable to the Award based on the indirect cost rate approved by the cognizant agency for indirect costs and applicable to the period in which the cost was incurred, provided that the rate is approved on or before the Award end date.
- h. In accordance with 2 CFR § 200.414(g) (“Indirect (F&A) costs”), any Recipient that has a negotiated indirect cost rate may apply to the entity’s cognizant agency for indirect costs for a one-time extension of a currently negotiated indirect cost rate for a period of up to four years, reducing the frequency of rate calculations and negotiations between an institution and its cognizant agency.
- i. Any Recipient that has never received a negotiated indirect cost rate, except for those Recipients described in Paragraph D.1.b of Appendix VII to 2 CFR part 200 (specifically, a governmental department or agency that receives more than \$35 million in direct Federal funding), may elect to charge a *de minimis* rate of 10 percent of modified total direct costs. *See* 2 CFR § 200.414(f).

**6. Incurring Costs Prior to Award.**

Project activities carried out prior to EDA’s approval of this Award shall be carried out at the sole risk of the Recipient. Such activity may result in the rejection of the Application, the disallowance of costs, or other adverse consequences as a result of noncompliance with EDA or Federal law, including but not limited to procurement requirements, civil rights requirements, Federal labor standards, or environmental and historic preservation requirements. The Grants Officer must authorize pre-award costs in writing, and such costs must also be allowable under relevant Federal cost principles and the specific Award terms and be included in the EDA approved budget. Pre-award costs not included in the authorized budget are not allowable and may not be reimbursed. *See* 13 CFR § 302.8 (“Pre-approval Investment Assistance costs”).

**7. Incurring Costs or Obligating Federal Funds Beyond the Project Expiration Date.**

- a. The Recipient shall not incur costs or obligate funds for any purpose pertaining to the Project, program, or activities beyond the authorized period of performance documented in the Award agreement, unless a written time extension of this Award is granted by the Grants Officer. The only costs that are authorized for a period of up to 90 calendar days following the end date of the period of performance are those strictly associated with Closeout activities. Closeout activities are generally limited to the preparation of final progress, financial, and required Project audit reports unless otherwise approved in writing by the Grants Officer. The Grants Officer may approve extensions of the 90 calendar-day Closeout period upon a request by the Recipient as provided in 2 CFR § 200.343 (“Closeout”), as applicable.

- b. The Recipient shall adhere to the development time schedule and time limits set out in the special award conditions if they differ from those provided in these Construction ST&Cs.
- c. Neither DOC nor EDA has any obligation to provide any additional prospective funding. Any amendment of the Award to increase funding and to extend the period of performance is at the sole discretion of DOC and/or EDA.

#### **8. Time Extensions.**

- a. Unless otherwise authorized in 2 CFR § 200.308 (“Revision of budget and program plans”), or a special award condition, any extension of the period of performance can only be authorized by the Grants Officer in writing. A verbal or written assurance of funding from other than the Grants Officer, including Regional Office staff other than the Grants Officer, does not constitute authority to obligate funds for programmatic activities beyond the expiration date of the period of performance.
- b. The Recipient is responsible for implementing the Project in accordance with the development time schedule contained in this Award. As soon as the Recipient becomes aware that it will not be possible to meet the development time schedule, the Recipient must notify the Grants Officer. The Recipient’s notice to EDA must contain the following:
  - i. An explanation of the Recipient’s inability to complete work by the specified date (*e.g.*, a lengthy period of unusual weather delayed the contractor’s ability to excavate the site, major re-engineering required in order to obtain State or Federal approvals, unplanned environmental mitigation required);
  - ii. A statement that no other changes to the Project are contemplated;
  - iii. Documentation that demonstrates there is still a bona fide need for the Project; and
  - iv. A statement that no further delay is anticipated and that the Project can be completed within the revised time schedule.

EDA reserves the right to withhold disbursements while the Recipient is not in compliance with the time schedule and to suspend or terminate this Award if the Recipient fails to proceed with reasonable diligence to accomplish the Project as intended.

#### **9. Tax Refunds.**

Refunds of Federal Insurance Contributions Act (“FICA”) or Federal Unemployment Tax Act (“FUTA”) taxes received by the Recipient during or after the period of performance must be refunded or credited to DOC where the benefits were financed with Federal funds under the Award. The Recipient agrees to contact the Grants Officer immediately upon receipt of these refunds. The Recipient further agrees to refund portions of FICA/FUTA taxes determined to belong to the Federal Government, including refunds received after the expiration of the Award period of performance.

#### **10. Program Income.**

For Projects that generate rental revenue (*e.g.*, buildings or real property constructed or improved for the purpose of renting or leasing space), the Recipient agrees, for the estimated useful life (as

determined by EDA) of the EDA-assisted facility, to use such income generated from the rental or lease of any Project facility in the following order of priority:

- a. Administration, operation, maintenance, and repair of Project facilities in a manner consistent with good property management practice and in accordance with established building codes. This includes, where applicable, repayment of indebtedness resulting from any EDA approved encumbrance (*e.g.*, approved mortgage) on the EDA-assisted facility.
- b. Economic development activities that are authorized for support by EDA, provided such activities meet the economic development purposes of PWEDA.
- c. Any income in excess of paragraphs a. and b. of this section must be deducted from total allowable Project costs in accordance with 2 CFR § 200.307(e).

*See* 2 CFR § 200.307 (“Program income”).

## **C. PROGRAMMATIC REQUIREMENTS.**

### **1. Project Progress and Performance Reporting.**

- a. Project progress reports must be submitted in accordance with the procedures set out in 2 CFR § 200.328 (“Monitoring and reporting program performance”), as applicable, and as indicated below. Failure to submit required reports in a timely manner may result in the withholding of payments under this Award; deferral of processing of new awards, amendments, or supplemental funding pending the receipt of the overdue reports; or the establishment of an account receivable for the difference between the total Federal share of outlays last reported and the amount disbursed. *See* 13 CFR § 302.18 (“Post-approval requirements”).
- b. Unless otherwise specified in this Award, the Project progress report will contain the following information for each Project program, function, or activity:
  - i. A comparison of planned and actual accomplishments according to the timetable or list of Project objectives in this Award;
  - ii. An explanation of any delays or failures to meet the Project timetable or Project goals; and
  - iii. Any other pertinent information including, when appropriate, analysis and explanation of cost overruns or high unit costs.

Project progress reports shall be submitted for each calendar quarter to the Project Officer. Each Project progress report must be submitted in accordance with the deadlines outlined in the special award conditions, or, where not otherwise specified, Project progress reports will be due on a quarterly basis not later than January 31, April 30, July 31, and October 31 for the immediate previous quarter. The final Project progress report shall be submitted to EDA no more than 90 calendar days after the Project Closeout date. This reporting requirement begins with the Recipient’s acceptance of this Award and ends when EDA approves Project Closeout.

The Recipient shall submit quarterly Project progress reports to the EDA Project Officer electronically unless otherwise specified in the special award conditions.

## **2. Reporting on Real Property.**

The Recipient must submit reports (using Form SF-429 “Real Property Status Report” or any successor form) at least annually on the status of real property in which EDA retains an interest, unless the Federal interest in the real property extends 15 years or longer. When EDA’s interest extends for a period of 15 years or more, EDA, at its option, may require the Recipient to report at various multi-year frequencies (*e.g.*, every two years or every three years, not to exceed a five-year reporting period; or annual reporting for the first three years of the Award and thereafter every five years). *See* 2 CFR § 200.329 (“Reporting on real property”) and section L.3.h “EDA’s Interest in Award Property” of these Construction ST&Cs.

## **3. Interim Reporting of Significant Project Developments.**

The Recipient must report any event that will or may have a significant impact upon the Project, including delays or adverse conditions that materially may affect the ability of the Recipient to attain Project objectives within established time periods or meet the development time schedule. The Recipient should report such events to the Project Officer in the most time-expedient way possible and then, if the initial report was not in writing, report the event to the Project Officer in writing. Such a report shall include a statement of the event or issue, a statement of the course of action taken or contemplated to resolve the matter, and any Federal assistance needed to resolve the situation. If budget changes are required, the Recipient must submit a written budget revision request. *See* 2 CFR § 200.328(d) (“Monitoring and reporting program performance”).

## **4. Government Performance and Results Act Reporting.**

In addition to quarterly Project progress reports, EDA may require the Recipient to report on Project performance beyond the Project Closeout date for Government Performance and Results Act (“GPRA”) purposes. In no case shall the Recipient be required to submit any report more than ten years after the Project Closeout date. Data used by the Recipient in preparing reports shall be accurate and, whenever possible, from independent sources. *See* 13 CFR § 302.16 (“Accountability”).

## **5. Unsatisfactory Performance.**

Failure to perform the work in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Award and maintain at least satisfactory performance may result, at EDA’s discretion, in the assignment of additional award conditions pursuant to 2 CFR § 200.207 (“Specific conditions”) or other appropriate enforcement actions as specified in 2 CFR § 200.338 (“Remedies for noncompliance”). *See also* section A.6 “Noncompliance with Award Provisions” of these Construction ST&Cs.

## **6. Programmatic Changes.**

- a. In accordance with 2 CFR § 200.308 (“Revisions of budget and program plans”), the Recipient shall report programmatic changes, including all changes to the scope of the Award, to the Project Officer. In accordance with section B.4 “Budget Revisions and Transfers of Funds Among Budget Categories” of these Construction ST&Cs, certain budget revisions require the prior written approval of EDA. In these cases, the Project Officer will

forward the request to the Grants Officer, who makes the final decision on approving the request. In addition, the Recipient shall request prior written approvals for certain items of cost in accordance with 2 CFR § 200.407 (“Prior written approval (prior approval)”).

- b. Any changes made to the Project without EDA’s approval are made at the Recipient’s risk of nonpayment of costs, suspension, termination, or other EDA action with respect to the Award. *See* 13 CFR § 302.7(b) (“Amendments and changes”).
- c. *Contract Change Orders.* After construction contracts for the Project have been executed, it may become necessary to alter them, which requires a formal contract change order that must be issued by the Recipient and accepted by the contractor. All contract change orders must be reviewed by EDA, even if EDA is not participating in the cost of the change order or the contract price is to be reduced. Work on the Project may continue pending EDA review and approval of the change order, but all such work shall be at the Recipient’s risk as to whether the cost of the work is eligible for EDA participation until the Recipient receives EDA’s written approval for the change order. *See* 13 CFR § 305.13 (“Contract change orders”).

**7. Other Federal Awards with Similar Programmatic Activities.**

The Recipient shall immediately notify the Project Officer and the Grants Officer in writing if, after receipt of this Award, other financial assistance is received to support or fund any portion of the scope of work incorporated into this Award. EDA will not pay for costs that are funded by other sources.

**8. Beneficiary Compliance.**

In the event a beneficiary of the Project fails to comply in any manner with certifications, assurances, or agreements that such beneficiary has entered into in accordance with EDA’s requirements, the Recipient will reimburse the Government the Award amount or an amount to be determined by the Government pursuant to 13 CFR §§ 314.4 (“Unauthorized use of property”) and 314.5 (“Federal share”). Where the Government determines that the failure of a beneficiary to comply with EDA requirements affects a portion of the property benefited by the Award, the Recipient will reimburse the Government proportionately.

**9. Prohibition Against Assignment by the Recipient.**

The Recipient shall not transfer, pledge, mortgage, or otherwise assign the Award, or any interest therein, or any claim arising thereunder, to any party or parties, banks, trust companies, or other financing or financial institutions without the express prior written approval of the Grants Officer, which approval may be provided in a special award condition.

**10. Disclaimer Provisions; Hold Harmless Requirement.**

- a. The United States expressly disclaims any and all responsibility or liability to the Recipient, subrecipient, or third persons for the actions of the Recipient, subrecipient, or third persons resulting in death, bodily injury, property damages, or any other losses resulting in any way from the performance of this Award or any subaward or subcontract under this Award.

- b. The acceptance of this Award or any subaward by the Recipient or subrecipient does not in any way constitute an agency relationship between the United States and the Recipient or subrecipient.
- c. To the extent permitted by law, the Recipient agrees to indemnify and hold the Government harmless from and against all liabilities that the Government may incur as a result of providing an award to assist, directly or indirectly, in the preparation of the Project site or construction, renovation, or repair of any facility on the Project site, to the extent that such liabilities are incurred because of toxic or hazardous contamination or groundwater, surface water, soil, or other conditions caused by operations of the Recipient or any of its predecessors (other than the Government or its agents) on the property. *See* 13 CFR § 302.19 (“Indemnification”).

#### **11. Prohibition on Use of Third Parties to Secure Award.**

Unless otherwise specified in the special award conditions to this Award, the Recipient warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Award upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees, or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the Recipient for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this warrant, the Government has the right to annul this Award without liability, or at its discretion, to deduct from the Award sum, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

#### **12. Payment of Attorneys’ or Consultants’ Fees.**

No Award funds shall be used, directly or indirectly, to reimburse attorneys’ or consultants’ fees incurred in connection with obtaining Investment Assistance under PWEDA, such as, for example, preparing the Application for EDA Investment Assistance. However, ordinary and reasonable attorneys’ and consultants’ fees incurred for meeting Award requirements (*e.g.*, conducting a title search or preparing plans and specifications) may be eligible Project costs and may be paid out of Award funds, provided such costs are otherwise eligible. *See* 13 CFR § 302.10 (“Attorneys’ and consultants’ fees, employment of expeditors, and post-employment restriction”).

#### **13. Recipient’s Duty to Refrain from Employing Certain Government Employees.**

- a. Pursuant to section 606(2) of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. § 3216), for the two-year period beginning on the date EDA executes this Award, any Recipient that is a nonprofit organization, District Organization, or for-profit entity agrees that it will not employ, offer any office or employment to, or retain for professional services any person who:
  - i. On the date the Government executes this Award or within the one-year period ending on that date, served as an officer, attorney, agent, or employee of the Department, and
  - ii. Occupied a position or engaged in activities that the Assistant Secretary determines involved discretion with respect to the awarding of Investment Assistance under PWEDA.

- b. In addition to the types of Recipients noted in paragraph a above, EDA may require another Eligible Applicant to execute an agreement to abide by the above-described post-employment restriction on a case-by-case basis—for example, when an institution of higher education implements activities under or related to the Investment Assistance through a separate nonprofit organization or association.
- c. The two-year period and associated restrictions referenced above also shall apply beginning on the date that EDA executes any cost amendment to this Award that provides additional funds to the Recipient.

*See also* 13 CFR § 302.10 (“Attorneys’ and consultants’ fees, employment of expeditors, and post-employment restriction”).

#### **14. Commencement of Construction and Project Sign.**

- a. *Delayed Construction Starts.* If significant construction (as determined by EDA) is not commenced within two years of the Award date or by the date estimated for start of construction in this Award (or the expiration of any extension granted in writing by EDA), whichever is later, this Award will be automatically suspended and may be terminated if EDA determines, after consultation with the Recipient, that construction to completion cannot reasonably be expected to proceed promptly and expeditiously.
- b. *Early Construction Starts.* The Recipient shall make a written request to EDA for early construction start permission (that is, after the date of Award, but before EDA gives formal approval for construction to commence). For Project costs to be eligible for EDA reimbursement, EDA must determine that the award of all contracts necessary for design and construction of the Project facilities is in compliance with the Terms and Conditions of this Award. If construction commences prior to EDA’s determination, the Recipient proceeds at its own risk until EDA’s review and concurrence. *See* 13 CFR § 305.11 (“Contract awards; early construction start”).
- c. *Project Sign.* The Recipient is responsible for constructing, erecting, and maintaining in good condition throughout the construction period a sign (or signs) in a conspicuous place at the Project site indicating that the Federal Government is participating in the Project. EDA will provide specifications for the sign and may require more than one sign if site conditions so warrant. If the EDA-recommended sign specifications conflict with State or local law, the Recipient may modify such recommended specifications so as to comply with State or local law. *See* 13 CFR § 305.12 (“Project sign”).

#### **15. Efficient Administration of Project.**

The Recipient agrees to properly and efficiently administer, operate, and maintain the Project for its estimated useful life, as required by section 504 of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. § 3194). If the Government determines, at any time during the estimated useful life of the facility, that the Project is not being properly and efficiently administered, operated, and maintained, the Government may terminate this Award (if it is still active) and/or may take appropriate enforcement action to protect the Federal Interest in the Project, including requiring the Recipient to repay the Federal Share. *See* 13 CFR §§ 302.12 (“Project administration, operation and maintenance”), 302.18 (“Post-approval requirements”), and 314.2 (“Federal interest”) through 314.5 (“Federal share”).

## 16. Conflicts-of-Interest Rules.

- a. An “Interested Party” is defined in 13 CFR § 300.3 (“Definitions”) as “any officer, employee, or member of the board of directors or other governing board of the Recipient, including any other parties that advise, approve, recommend, or otherwise participate in the business decisions of the Recipient, such as agents, advisors, consultants, attorneys, accountants, or shareholders.” An Interested Party includes the Interested Party’s “Immediate Family” (defined in 13 CFR § 300.3 as “a person’s spouse (or domestic partner or significant other), parents, grandparents, siblings, children and grandchildren, but does not include distant relatives, such as cousins, unless the distant relative lives in the same household as the person”) and other persons directly connected to the Interested Party by law or through a business organization.
- b. The Recipient must disclose in writing any potential conflicts of interest to EDA or the pass-through entity. In addition, the Recipient must maintain written standards of conduct to establish safeguards to prohibit an Interested Party from using its position for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflicts-of-interest or of personal gain in the administration of an award. *See* 13 CFR § 302.17(a) and (b) (“Conflicts of interest”), 2 CFR § 200.112 (“Conflict of interest”), as applicable, and Forms SF-424B (“Assurances – Non-Construction Projects”) and SF-424D (“Assurances – Construction Projects”).
- c. An Interested Party must not receive any direct or indirect financial or personal interests or benefits in connection with this Award or its use for payment or reimbursement of costs by or to the Recipient. A financial interest or benefit may include employment, stock ownership, a creditor or debtor relationship, or prospective employment with the organization selected or to be selected for a subaward. An appearance of impairment of objectivity could result from an organizational conflict where, because of other activities or relationships with other persons or entities, a person is unable or potentially unable to render impartial assistance, services, or advice. It also could result from non-financial gain to the individual, such as benefit to reputation or prestige in a professional field. *See* 13 CFR § 302.17(a) and (b).
- d. Procurement-related conflicts of interest. In addition, in accordance with 2 CFR § 200.318(c) (“General procurement standards”), the Recipient must maintain written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing the performance of its employees engaged in the selection, award, and administration of contracts. *See* 2 CFR §§ 200.317–200.326 (“Procurement Standards”).

## 17. Record-Keeping Requirements.

- a. *Records.* The Recipient must maintain records that document compliance with the Terms and Conditions of this Award. At a minimum, the Recipient’s records must fully disclose:
  - i. The amount and disposition of EDA investment assistance;
  - ii. All Project expenditures and procurement actions;
  - iii. The total cost of the Project that the Award funds;
  - iv. Copies of all reports and disbursement requests submitted to EDA;

- v. The benefits/impacts of the Project, as reported through GPRA and other reports to EDA;
  - vi. The amount and nature of the portion of Project costs provided by non-EDA sources;
  - vii. Contractor compliance with applicable Federal requirements; and
  - viii. Such other records as EDA determines will facilitate an effective audit.
- b. *Records Retention.* In general and in accordance with 2 CFR § 200.333 (“Retention requirements for records”), all records pertinent to this Award must be retained for a period of three years from the date of submission of the final Project expenditure report (the final Form SF-271 for disbursement). The only exceptions are the following:
- i. If any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the three-year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final actions taken.
  - ii. When the Recipient is notified in writing by EDA, the cognizant agency for either audit or indirect costs, the oversight agency for audit, or the relevant pass-through entity to extend the retention period, it must retain the records as directed.
  - iii. Records for real property and equipment acquired with Federal funds must be retained for three years after final disposition of the relevant real property or equipment.
  - iv. When records are transferred or maintained by EDA, the three-year retention requirement is not applicable to the Recipient.
  - v. Records for program income transactions after the period of performance. In some cases Recipients must report program income after the period of performance. Where there is such a requirement, the retention period for the records pertaining to the earning of the program income starts from the end of the Recipient’s fiscal year in which the program income is earned.
  - vi. Indirect cost rate proposals and cost allocations plans. This paragraph applies to the following types of documents and their supporting records: indirect cost rate computations or proposals, cost allocation plans, and any similar accounting computations of the rate at which a particular group of costs is chargeable (such as computer usage chargeback rates or composite fringe benefit rates).
    - (1) *If submitted for negotiation.* If the proposal, plan, or other computation is required to be submitted to the Federal Government (or to the pass-through entity) to form the basis for negotiation of the rate, then the three-year retention period for its supporting records starts from the date of such submission.
    - (2) *If not submitted for negotiation.* If the proposal, plan, or other computation is not required to be submitted to the Federal Government (or to the pass-through entity) for negotiation purposes, then the three-year retention period for the proposal, plan, or computation and its supporting records starts from the end of the fiscal year (or other accounting period) covered by the proposal, plan, or other computation.
- c. *Monitoring and Reporting Obligations.* The Recipient is responsible for monitoring any subrecipients and contractors to ensure their compliance with the records retention requirements. The Recipient must immediately notify the Project Officer if records are lost,

destroyed, or are otherwise no longer available, or if the Recipient anticipates that it will not be able to comply with the record retention requirements under the Award for the general retention periods noted above. See 13 CFR § 302.14 (“Records”), as applicable.

## 18. Termination Actions.

- a. In accordance with 2 CFR § 200.339 (“Termination”), this Award may be terminated in whole or in part as follows:
  - i. *Termination by EDA for the Recipient’s Failure to Comply with the Terms and Conditions of the Award.* EDA may terminate this Award, in whole or in part, if the Recipient fails to comply with the Terms and Conditions of the Award, including if:
    - (1) Any representation made by the Recipient to the Federal awarding agency in connection with the Application for Federal assistance is incorrect or incomplete in any material respect;
    - (2) The Project has changed substantially, without EDA approval, so as to affect significantly the accomplishment of the Project as intended (including an unauthorized use of property as provided in 13 CFR § 314.4 (“Unauthorized use of property”));
    - (3) The Recipient has violated commitments it made in its Application and supporting documents or has violated any of the Terms and Conditions of the Award;
    - (4) The conflicts-of-interest rules at 13 CFR § 302.17 (“Conflicts of interest”) are violated; or
    - (5) The Recipient fails to report immediately to the Federal awarding agency any change of authorized representative acting in lieu of or on behalf of the Recipient.
  - ii. *Termination by EDA for Cause.* EDA may terminate this Award for cause if required by a circumstance beyond EDA’s control, such as a Congressional mandate.
  - iii. *Termination by the Recipient.* The Recipient may terminate this Award in whole or in part upon sending the EDA Grants Officer written notification setting forth the reasons for such termination, the effective date, and, in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated. However, if EDA determines in the case of partial termination that the reduced or modified portion of the EDA Award will not accomplish the purposes for which the EDA Award was made, EDA may terminate the Award in its entirety.
  - iv. *Termination Upon Mutual Agreement.* EDA and the Recipient may mutually agree to terminate this Award in whole or in part. In such cases, EDA and the Recipient must agree upon the termination conditions, including the effective date and, in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated.
- b. If the Award is wholly or partially terminated, the Recipient remains responsible for compliance with the requirements in 2 CFR §§ 200.343 (“Closeout”) and 200.344 (“Post-closeout adjustments and continuing responsibilities”).

## 19. Project Closeout Procedures.

As noted above in section C.15 “Efficient Administration of Project” of these Construction ST&Cs, after construction is completed and the Project is closed out financially, the Recipient has an ongoing responsibility to properly administer, operate, and maintain the Project for its estimated useful life (as determined by EDA) in accordance with its original purpose. *See* 13 CFR § 302.12 (“Project administration, operation and maintenance”). The Recipient must comply with all Award requirements and maintain records to document such compliance, which shall be made available for inspection by EDA or other Government officials as required.

- a. *Final Disbursement.* When Project construction and final inspection have been completed, or substantially completed as determined by EDA, and the Recipient has accepted the Project from the contractor, the Recipient can begin the Closeout process by submitting the following documentation to EDA:
  - i. A request for final disbursement on an executed Form SF-271;
  - ii. A written certification that all costs charged against this Award (Federal and non-Federal shares) are for eligible activities and represent allowable costs, for which there is documentation in the Recipient’s records;
  - iii. An executed certificate of final acceptance signed by the Recipient and the Recipient’s architect/engineer;
  - iv. The Recipient’s certification that its currently valid single or program-specific audit in accordance with subpart F of 2 CFR part 200 (“Audit Requirements”), if applicable, does not contain any material findings (if the Recipient’s currently valid audit does contain material findings, the Recipient shall submit the applicable audit preferably via e-mail to the Project Officer, who will review with the Grants Officer);
  - v. The Recipient’s certification that its currently valid audit (in accordance with subpart F of 2 CFR part 200), if applicable, has been submitted to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse; and
  - vi. Other documentation as may be required by EDA.

EDA shall advise the Recipient of costs determined to be allowable and unallowable. If a balance of this Award is due to the Recipient, the balance will be paid by wire transfer. If the Recipient has received an amount in excess of the amount due the Recipient, the Recipient must refund the excess to EDA. The Recipient shall contact the Project Officer for refund instructions.

As noted above, if the Recipient’s currently valid audit completed pursuant to subpart F of 2 CFR part 200 contains material findings, the Recipient shall submit the audit, preferably via e-mail, to the Project Officer, who will review with the Grants Officer before final disbursement. If e-mail is unavailable, the Recipient may submit a hardcopy version of the audit to the Project Officer.

- b. The Recipient shall submit, within 90 calendar days after the Project Closeout date, all financial, performance, and other reports as required by the Terms and Conditions of this Award. The Grants Officer may extend the 90 calendar day Closeout period upon a written request from the Recipient.

- c. As required under GPRA and in accordance with a schedule that will be provided by EDA, the Recipient must submit additional Performance Measurement Reports, generally three, six, and nine years after the date of the Award to accurately and completely report the impacts of the Project, especially in terms of job creation and private investment leveraging.
- d. Unless EDA authorizes an extension, the Recipient shall liquidate all obligations incurred under this Award no later than 90 calendar days after acceptance of the Project from the contractor or within 90 calendar days of the expiration date of this Award, whichever occurs earlier.
- e. In accordance with 2 CFR § 200.344 “Post-closeout adjustments and continuing responsibilities,” the Closeout of this Award does not affect any of the following:
  - i. The right of EDA to disallow costs and recover funds on the basis of a later audit or other Project review;
  - ii. The Recipient’s obligation to return any funds due as a result of later corrections or other transactions;
  - iii. Audit requirements per subpart F of 2 CFR part 200; and
  - iv. Requirements for property management and disposition, records retention, and performance measurement reports. *See* subpart D of 2 CFR part 200 (“Post Federal Award Requirements”), as applicable.

**20. Freedom of Information Act.**

EDA is responsible for meeting its Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) (5 U.S.C. § 552) responsibilities for its records. DOC regulations at 15 CFR part 4 set forth the requirements and procedures that EDA must follow in order to make the requested material, information, and records publicly available. Unless prohibited by law and to the extent required under the FOIA, contents of Applications and other information submitted by applicants and Recipients may be released in response to a FOIA request. The Recipient should be aware that EDA may make certain Application and other submitted information publicly available. Accordingly, as set forth in 15 CFR § 4.9, the Recipient should identify in its Application any “business information” it believes to be protected from disclosure pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4).

**D. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.**

The Recipient and any subrecipients must, in addition to other statutory and regulatory requirements detailed in these Construction ST&Cs and the assurances made to EDA in connection with the Award, comply and require each of its contractors and subcontractors employed in the completion of the Project to comply with all applicable Federal, State, territorial, and local laws, and in particular, the following Federal public laws (and the regulations issued thereunder), executive orders, OMB circulars, Uniform Guidance, and local law requirements.

1. **The Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. §§ 3141–3144, 3146, 3147; 42 U.S.C. § 3212)**, which requires minimum wages for mechanics and laborers employed on Federal Government public works projects to be based on the wages that the Secretary of Labor determines to be prevailing for the corresponding classes of laborers and mechanics employed on projects of a character similar to the contract work in the civil subdivision of the State in which the Project is to be performed, or in the District of Columbia if the Project is to be performed there.

2. **The Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. §§ 3701-3708)**, which provides work hour standards for every laborer and mechanic employed by any contractor or subcontractor in the performance of a Federal public works project.
3. **The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (54 U.S.C. § 300101 *et seq.*), and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Guidelines (36 CFR part 800)**, which require stewardship of historic properties in projects involving Federal funds.
4. **The Historical and Archeological Data Preservation Act of 1974, as amended (16 U.S.C. § 469a-1 *et seq.*)**, which requires appropriate surveys and preservation efforts if a Federally licensed project may cause irreparable loss or destruction of significant scientific, prehistorical, historical, or archeological data.
5. **The Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 4151 *et seq.*)**, and the regulations issued thereunder, which prescribe standards for the design and construction of any building or facility intended to be accessible to the public or that may house handicapped employees.
6. **The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 4601 *et seq.*)**, and implementing regulations issued at 49 CFR part 24 (“Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition for Federal and Federally Assisted Programs”), which establish uniform policies for the fair and equitable treatment of persons, businesses, or farm operations affected by the acquisition, rehabilitation, or demolition of real property acquired for a project financed wholly or in part with Federal financial assistance.
7. **The Energy Conservation and Production Act (42 U.S.C. § 6834 *et seq.*)**, which establishes energy efficiency performance standards for the construction of new residential and commercial structures undertaken with Federal financial assistance.
8. **Compliance with Local Construction Requirements.** The Recipient will comply with current local building codes, standards, and other requirements applicable to the Project.

#### **E. NONDISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS.**

No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, national origin, handicap, age, religion, or sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance. The Recipient agrees to comply with the nondiscrimination requirements below.

##### **1. Statutory Provisions.**

- a. **Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*)** and DOC implementing regulations published at 15 CFR part 8 (“Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs of the Department of Commerce—Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964”), which prohibit discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin under programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance. *See* the Department’s Title VI compliance provisions at 15 CFR §§ 8.7 (“Cooperation, compliance reports and reviews and access to records”) through 8.15 (“Effect on other laws; supplementary instructions; coordination”).

- b. **Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681 *et seq.*)**, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex under Federally assisted education programs or activities.
- c. **Pub. L. No. 92-65, 42 U.S.C. § 3123**, which proscribes discrimination on the basis of sex in EDA assistance provided under PWEDA; **Pub. L. No. 94-369, 42 U.S.C. § 6709**, which proscribes discrimination on the basis of sex under the Local Public Works Program; and the Department's implementing regulations at 15 CFR §§ 8.7 ("Cooperation, compliance reports and reviews and access to records") -8.15 ("Effect on other laws; supplementary instructions; coordination").
- d. **The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. § 12101 *et seq.*) (ADA)**, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability under programs, activities, and services provided or made available by State and local governments or instrumentalities or agencies thereof, as well as public or private entities that provide public transportation.
- e. **Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 794)**, and DOC implementing regulations published at 15 CFR part 8b ("Prohibition of Discrimination Against the Handicapped in Federally Assisted Programs Operated by the Department of Commerce"), which prohibit discrimination on the basis of handicap under any program or activity receiving or benefiting from Federal assistance.

For purposes of complying with the accessibility standards set forth in 15 CFR § 8b.18(c) ("New construction"), Recipients must adhere to the regulations, published by the U.S. Department of Justice, implementing Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") (28 CFR part 35 ("Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services"); 75 *Fed. Reg.* 56164, as amended by 76 *Fed. Reg.* 13285) and Title III of the ADA (28 CFR part 36 ("Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability by Public Accommodations and in Commercial Facilities"); 75 *Fed. Reg.* 56236, as amended by 76 *Fed. Reg.* 13286). The revised regulations adopted new enforceable accessibility standards called the "2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design" (2010 Standards), which replace and supersede the former Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards for new construction and alteration projects.

- f. **The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 6101 *et seq.*)** and DOC implementing regulations published at 15 CFR part 20 ("Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance"), which prohibit discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance.
- g. Other applicable Federal statutes, regulations, and executive orders, and other applicable nondiscrimination laws.

## 2. Other Provisions.

- a. Parts II and III of Executive Order 11246 (30 *Fed. Reg.* 12319, 1965), as amended by Executive Orders 11375 (32 *Fed. Reg.* 14303, 1967) and 12086 (43 *Fed. Reg.* 46501, 1978), requiring Federally assisted construction contracts to include the nondiscrimination provisions of sections 202 and 203 of that Executive Order and Department of Labor regulations implementing Executive Order 11246 (41 CFR § 60-1.4(b) ("Equal Opportunity Clause"), 1991).

- b. Executive Order 13166 (August 11, 2000), "Improving Access to Services for Persons With Limited English Proficiency," requiring Federal agencies to examine the services provided, identify any need for services to those with limited English proficiency ("LEP"), and develop and implement a system to provide those services so that LEP persons can have meaningful access to them. The DOC issued policy guidance on March 24, 2003 ("Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients on the Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons", 68 *Fed. Reg.* 14180) to articulate the Title VI prohibition against national origin discrimination affecting LEP persons and to help ensure that Recipients provide meaningful access to their LEP applicants and beneficiaries.

### 3. Title VII Exemption for Religious Organizations.

Generally, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*) provides that it shall be an unlawful employment practice for an employer to discharge any individual or otherwise discriminate against an individual with respect to compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because of such individual's race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. However, Title VII, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-1(a), expressly exempts from the prohibition against discrimination on the basis of religion, a religious corporation, association, educational institution, or society with respect to the employment of individuals of a particular religion to perform work connected with the carrying on by such corporation, association, educational institution, or society of its activities.

## F. AUDITS.

Under the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 3, § 1 *et seq.*), an audit of the Award may be conducted at any time. The Department's Inspector General, or any of his or her duly authorized representatives, shall have access to any pertinent books, documents, papers, and records of the Recipient, whether written, printed, recorded, produced, or reproduced by any electronic, mechanical, magnetic, or other process or medium, in order to make audits, inspections, excerpts, transcripts, or other examinations as authorized by law. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the Recipient's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. *See* 2 CFR § 200.336 ("Access to records"). When the Office of the Inspector General ("OIG") requires a program audit on a DOC Award, the OIG will usually make the arrangements to audit the Award, whether the audit is performed by OIG personnel, an independent accountant under contract with DOC, or any other Federal, State, or local audit entity.

### 1. Organization-Wide, Program-Specific, and Project Audits.

- a. Organization-wide or program-specific audits shall be performed in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, as implemented by subpart F of 2 CFR part 200 ("Audit Requirements"). Recipients that expend \$750,000 or more in Federal awards during their fiscal year shall have an audit conducted for that year in accordance with the requirements set forth in subpart F of 2 CFR part 200. Within the earlier of 30 calendar days after receipt of the auditor's report, or nine months after the end of the audit period, a copy of the audit shall be submitted electronically to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse website at <http://harvester.census.gov/sac/>.

If it is necessary to submit using paper, the address for submission is:

Federal Audit Clearinghouse  
Bureau of the Census  
1201 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Jeffersonville, IN 47132

Within 90 days of the end of the fiscal year of a Recipient subject to subpart F of 2 CFR part 200, the entity is responsible for notifying the Grants Officer of the amount of Federal awards, including all DOC and non-DOC awards, the Recipient expended during its fiscal year.

A Recipient that expends less than \$750,000 in Federal awards during its fiscal year is exempt from Federal audit requirements for that year, except as noted at 2 CFR § 200.503 (“Relation to other audit requirements”), but records must be available for review and audit by EDA, DOC, or other designated Government officials.

Failure to provide audit reports within the timeframes specified may result in appropriate enforcement action, up to and including termination of the Award, and may jeopardize eligibility for receiving future DOC awards.

- b. Unless otherwise specified in the Terms and Conditions of this Award, for-profit hospitals, commercial entities, and other organizations that are not subject to subpart F of 2 CFR part 200 (“Audit Requirements”) shall have a program specific audit performed by an independent auditor when the Federal share amount awarded is \$750,000 or more over the duration of the period of performance. An audit is required at least once every two years using the following schedule for audit report submission:
  - i. For Awards where the period of performance is less than two years, an audit is required within 90 calendar days of the end of the period of performance to cover the entire Project (the Project Closeout period is included in the 90 days);
  - ii. For Awards with a two- or three-year period of performance, an audit is required within 90 calendar days after the end of the first year to cover Year 1, which is the period of time when Federal funding is available for obligation by the Recipient, and within 90 calendar days of the end of the period of performance to cover Year 2 and Year 3 (if applicable) (the Project Closeout period is included in the 90 days); or
  - iii. For Awards with a four- to five-year period of performance, an audit is required within 90 calendar days after the end of the first year to cover Year 1, within 90 calendar days after the end of the third year to cover Year 2 and Year 3, and within 90 calendar days of the end of the period of performance to cover Year 4 and Year 5 (if applicable) (the Project Closeout period is included in the 90 days).
- c. EDA’s Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs generally have specific audit guidelines that will be incorporated into the Award and may be found in the annual Compliance Supplement, which is Appendix XI to 2 CFR part 200 and is available on OMB’s website ([https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars\\_default](https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars_default)). When DOC does not have a program-specific audit guide available for the program, the auditor will follow the requirements for a program-specific audit as described in 2 CFR § 200.507

("Program-specific audits"). The Recipient may include a line item in the budget for the cost of the audit for approval. A copy of the program-specific audit shall be submitted to the Grants Officer.

- d. Recipients are responsible for compliance with the above audit requirements and for informing the Grants Officer of the status of their audit, including when the relevant audit has been completed and submitted in accordance with the requirements of this section. In accordance with 2 CFR § 200.331(d)(3) ("Requirements for pass-through entities"), pass-through entities are responsible for issuing a management decision for any audit findings pertaining to the Federal Award provided to a subrecipient.

## **2. Requirement to Submit a Copy of the Audit to EDA.**

If the Recipient's currently valid audit required under subpart F of 2 CFR part 200 ("Audit Requirements") contains material findings, the Recipient must submit a copy of the audit to the Project Officer, who will review it with the Grants Officer. *See also* section C.19.a.iv "Project Closeout Procedures" of these Construction ST&Cs.

## **3. Audit Resolution Process.**

- a. An audit of the Award may result in the disallowance of costs incurred by the Recipient and the establishment of a debt (account receivable) due to EDA. For this reason, the Recipient should take seriously its responsibility to respond to all audit findings and recommendations with adequate explanations and supporting evidence whenever audit results are disputed.
- b. In accordance with the *Federal Register* notice dated January 27, 1989 (54 *Fed. Reg.* 4053), a Recipient has the following opportunities to dispute the proposed disallowance of costs and the establishment of a debt after an audit:
  - i. The Recipient has 30 business days from the date of the transmittal of the "Draft Audit Report" to submit written comments and documentary evidence.
  - ii. The Recipient has 30 business days from the date of the transmittal of the "Final Audit Report" to submit written comments and documentary evidence. There will be no extension of this deadline.
  - iii. EDA shall review the documentary evidence submitted by the Recipient and shall notify the Recipient of the results in an "Audit Resolution Determination Letter." The Recipient has 30 business days from the date of receipt of the Audit Resolution Determination Letter to submit a written appeal. There will be no extension of this deadline. The appeal is the last opportunity for the Recipient to submit written comments and documentary evidence that dispute the validity of the Audit Resolution Determination Letter.
  - iv. An appeal of the Audit Resolution Determination Letter does not prevent the establishment of the audit-related debt nor does it prevent the accrual of interest on such debt. If the Audit Resolution Determination Letter is overruled or modified on appeal, appropriate corrective action will be taken retroactively. An appeal will stay the offset of funds owed by the auditee against funds due to the auditee.
  - v. The EDA or DOC, as applicable, shall review the Recipient's appeal. EDA shall notify the Recipient of the results in an Appeal Determination Letter. After the opportunity to

appeal has expired or after the appeal determination has been rendered, EDA or DOC will not accept any further documentary evidence from the Recipient. No other EDA or DOC administrative appeals are available.

## **G. DEBTS.**

### **1. Payment of Debts Owed the Federal Government.**

- a. The Recipient must promptly pay any debts determined by the Federal Government to be owed by the Recipient. Any funds paid to the Recipient in excess of the amount to which the Recipient is finally determined to be entitled under the terms of the Award constitute a debt to the Federal Government. In accordance with 2 CFR § 200.345 (“Collection of amounts due”), if not paid within 90 calendar days after demand, DOC may reduce a debt owed to the Federal Government by:
  - i. Making an administrative offset against other request for reimbursement;
  - ii. Withholding advance payments otherwise due to the Recipient; or
  - iii. Taking any other action permitted by Federal statute.
- b. DOC debt collection procedures are set out in 15 CFR part 19. In accordance with 2 CFR § 200.345 (“Collection of amounts due”), failure to pay a debt owed to the Federal Government shall result in the assessment of interest, penalties and administrative costs under 31 U.S.C. § 3717 and 31 CFR § 901.9. DOC entities will transfer any DOC debt that is more than 180 calendar days delinquent to the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Financial Management Service for debt collection services, a process known as “cross-servicing,” pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3711(g), 31 CFR § 285.12, and 15 CFR § 19.9, and may take further action as specified in section A.6 “Noncompliance with Award Provisions” of these Construction ST&Cs. Funds for payment of a debt must not come from other Federally sponsored programs, and DOC may conduct on-site visits, audits and other reviews to verify that other Federal funds have not been used to pay a debt.

### **2. Late Payment Charges.**

- a. Interest shall be charged on the delinquent debt in accordance with section 3717(a) of the Debt Collection Act, as amended (31 U.S.C. § 3701 *et seq.*). The minimum annual interest rate to be assessed is the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Current Value of Funds Rate (“CVFR”). The CVFR is available online at <http://www.fms.treas.gov/cvfr/index.html> and also published by the Department of the Treasury in the *Federal Register* (<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/browse/collection.action?collectionCode=FR>) and in the *Treasury Financial Manual Bulletin*. The assessed rate shall remain fixed for the duration of the indebtedness.
- b. Penalties shall accrue at a rate of not more than six percent per year or such other higher rate as authorized by law.
- c. Administrative charges (*i.e.*, the costs of processing and handling a delinquent debt) shall be determined by the DOC entity collecting the debt, as directed by the Office of the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration.

**3. Barring Delinquent Federal Debtors from Obtaining Federal Loans or Loan Insurance Guarantees.**

Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3720B and 31 CFR § 901.6, unless waived, DOC is not permitted to extend financial assistance in the form of a loan, loan guaranty, or loan insurance to any person delinquent on a non-tax debt owed to a Federal agency. This prohibition does not apply to disaster loans.

**4. Effect of Judgment Lien on Eligibility for Federal Grants, Loans, or Programs.**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 3201(e), unless waived by DOC, a debtor who has a judgment lien against the debtor's property for a debt to the United States shall not be eligible to receive any grant or loan that is made, insured, guaranteed, or financed directly or indirectly by the United States or to receive funds directly from the Federal Government in any program, except funds to which the debtor is entitled as beneficiary, until the judgment is paid in full or otherwise satisfied.

**H. GOVERNMENTWIDE DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION (NONPROCUREMENT).**

The Recipient shall comply with the provisions of 2 CFR part 1326 ("Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension") (published in the *Federal Register* on December 21, 2006, 71 *Fed. Reg.* 76573), which generally prohibit entities that have been debarred, suspended, or voluntarily excluded from participating in Federal nonprocurement transactions through either primary or lower-tier covered transactions, and which set forth the responsibilities of Recipients of Federal financial assistance regarding transactions with other persons, including subrecipients and contractors. In addition, as provided in section K.4.b "Applicability of Provisions to Subawards, Contracts, and Subcontracts" of these Construction ST&Cs, in accordance with subpart C of 2 CFR part 1326, the Recipient must include a term or condition in lower tier transactions (subawards, contracts, and subcontracts) requiring lower tier participants to comply with subpart C (entitled "Responsibilities of Participants Regarding Transactions Doing Business With Other Persons") of the OMB guidance in 2 CFR part 180 "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)."

**I. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE.**

The Recipient shall comply with the provisions of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (41 U.S.C. § 8102), and DOC's implementing regulations found at 15 CFR part 29 ("Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Financial Assistance)") which require that the Recipient take steps to provide a drug-free workplace.

**J. LOBBYING RESTRICTIONS.**

1. *Statutory and Regulatory Provisions.* The Recipient shall comply with 2 CFR § 200.450 ("Lobbying"), which incorporates the provisions of 31 U.S.C. § 1352; the "New Restrictions on Lobbying" published at 55 *Fed. Reg.* 6736 (February 26, 1990); and OMB guidance and notices on lobbying and restrictions. In addition, the Recipient must comply with the DOC's regulations published at 15 CFR part 28, which implement the "New Restrictions on Lobbying." These provisions prohibit the use of Federal funds for lobbying the executive or legislative branches of the Federal government in connection with an award, and require disclosure of the use of

non-Federal funds for lobbying. Lobbying includes attempting to improperly influence, meaning any influence that induces or tends to induce a Federal employee or officer to give consideration or to act regarding a Federal award or regulatory matter on any basis other than the merits of the matter, either directly or indirectly. Costs incurred to improperly influence are unallowable. See 2 CFR § 200.450(b) and (c).

2. *Disclosure of Lobbying Activities.* Any Recipient that receives more than \$100,000 in Federal funding shall submit a completed Form SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," regarding the use of non-Federal funds for lobbying. The Form SF-LLL shall be submitted within 30 days following the end of the calendar quarter in which there occurs any event that requires disclosure or that materially affects the accuracy of the information contained in any disclosure form previously filed. The Recipient must submit any required Forms SF-LLL, including those received from subrecipients, contractors, and subcontractors, to the Project Officer.
3. *Special Provisions Relating to Indian Tribes.* As set out in 31 U.S.C. § 1352, special provisions are applicable to Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and other Indian organizations eligible to receive Federal contracts, grants, loans, or cooperative agreements. In accordance with DOC policy, EDA recognizes Tribal Employment Rights Ordinances ("TEROs"), which may provide for preferences in contracting and employment, in connection with its financial assistance awards. Federal awards granted to American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments generally may provide for preference in contracting, hiring, firing, and the payment of a TERO fee. The payment of the TERO fee, which supports the tribal employment rights office to administer the preferences, should generally be allowable as an expense that is "necessary and reasonable for the performance of the Federal award," as provided under 2 CFR § 200.403 ("Factors affecting allowability of costs").

## **K. CODES OF CONDUCT AND SUBAWARD, CONTRACT, AND SUBCONTRACT PROVISIONS.**

### **1. Code of Conduct for Recipients.**

- a. *General conflicts-of-interest requirements.* The Recipient must comply with EDA's regulation at 13 CFR § 302.17 ("Conflicts of interest"), which articulates EDA's requirements to prevent conflicts of interest, which generally exist when an Interested Party participates in a matter that has a direct and predictable effect on the Interested Party's personal or financial interests or there is an appearance that an Interested Party's objectivity in performing his or her responsibilities under the Project is impaired. In addition, in accordance with 2 CFR § 200.112 ("Conflict of interest"), the Recipient must disclose to EDA in writing any potential conflict of interest. In addition, pursuant to the certification in Form SF-424D, paragraph 7, the Recipient must maintain written standards of conduct to establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflicts of interest or personal gain in the administration of this Award.
- b. *Procurement-related conflicts of interest.* In addition, in accordance with 2 CFR § 200.318 ("General procurement standards"), the Recipient must maintain written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing the performance of its employees engaged in the selection, award and administration of contracts.

## 2. Applicability of Award Provisions to Subrecipients.

- a. The Recipient or pass-through entity shall require all subrecipients, including lower tier subrecipients, under the Award to comply with the provisions of this Award, including applicable provisions of the Uniform Guidance (2 CFR part 200), and all associated terms and conditions. *See* 2 CFR §§ 200.330 (“Subrecipient and contractor determinations”) through 200.332 (“Fixed amount subawards”) and 2 CFR § 200.101(b)(1) (“Applicability”), which describes the applicability of 2 CFR part 200 to various types of Federal awards.
- b. In accordance with 2 CFR § 200.331 (“Requirements for pass-through entities”), all pass-through entities must:
  - i. *Subaward Identification.* Clearly identify every subaward to the subrecipient at the time of the subaward, including subsequent subaward modification. In accordance with 2 CFR § 200.331(a), required information includes:
    - (1) All Award information data elements set out at 2 CFR § 200.331(a)(1);
    - (2) All requirements imposed by the pass-through entity on the subrecipient so that the Federal Award is used in accordance with Federal statutes, regulations and the Terms and Conditions of the Award;
    - (3) Any additional requirements that the pass-through entity imposes on the subrecipient in order for the pass-through entity to meet its own responsibility to the Federal awarding agency, including identification of required financial and performance reports;
    - (4) Indirect cost rate information in accordance with 2 CFR § 200.331(a)(4);
    - (5) Access requirements for the subrecipient’s records and financial statements in accordance with 2 CFR § 200.331(a)(5); and
    - (6) Appropriate terms and conditions concerning closeout of the subaward.
  - ii. *Risk-Based Subrecipient Evaluation.* Evaluate each subrecipient’s risk of noncompliance with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the subaward for purposes of determining the appropriate subrecipient monitoring in accordance with 2 CFR § 200.331(b).
  - iii. *Subaward Conditions.* Consider imposing specific subaward conditions upon a subrecipient if appropriate as described in 2 CFR § 200.207 (“Specific conditions”).
  - iv. *Subrecipient Monitoring.* In accordance with 2 CFR § 200.331(d), monitor the activities of the subrecipient as necessary to ensure that the subaward is used for authorized purposes, in compliance with Federal requirements, and that the subaward performance goals are achieved. Subrecipient monitoring must include:
    - (1) Reviewing financial and programmatic reports required by the pass-through entity;
    - (2) Following up and ensuring that the subrecipient takes timely and appropriate action on all deficiencies pertaining to the Award provided to the subrecipient from the pass-through entity detected through audits, on-site reviews, and other means; and

- (3) Issuing a management decision for audit findings pertaining to the Award provided to the subrecipient from the pass-through entity as required by 2 CFR § 200.521 (“Management decision”).
- v. *Utilizing Risk-Based Monitoring Tools*. In accordance with 2 CFR § 200.331(e), depending on the Recipient’s evaluation of each subrecipient’s risk, utilize appropriate monitoring tools, including training and technical assistance, performing on-site reviews, and arranging agreed-upon-procedures engagements as described in 2 CFR § 200.425 (“Audit services”).
- vi. *Subrecipient Audits*. Verify that every subrecipient is audited as required by subpart F of 2 CFR part 200 (“Audit Requirements”) when it is expected that the subrecipient’s Federal awards expended during the fiscal year equaled or exceeded the threshold set forth in 2 CFR § 200.501 (“Audit requirements”).
- vii. *Necessary Adjustments to the Pass-Through Entity’s Records*. Consider whether the results of the subrecipient’s audits, on-site reviews, or other monitoring indicate conditions that necessitate adjustments to the pass-through entity’s own records.
- viii. *Enforcement Action*. Consider taking enforcement action against noncompliant subrecipients as described in 2 CFR § 200.338 (“Remedies for noncompliance”) and in applicable program regulations.

See also 2 CFR § 200.331 for the full text of requirements for pass-through entities.

### **3. Competition and Codes of Conduct for Subawards.**

- a. The Recipient must be alert to organizational conflicts of interest as well as other practices among subrecipients that may restrict or eliminate competition.
- b. The Recipient shall maintain written standards of conduct governing the performance of its employees engaged in the award and administration of subawards. No employee, officer, or agent shall participate in the selection, award, or administration of a subaward supported by Federal funds if a real or apparent conflict of interest would be involved. Such a conflict would arise when the employee, officer, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization in which he or she serves as an officer or which employs or is about to employ any of the parties mentioned in this section, has a financial interest or other interest in the organization selected or to be selected for a subaward. The officers, employees, and agents of the Recipient shall neither solicit nor accept anything of monetary value from subrecipients. However, the Recipient may set standards for situations in which the financial interest is not substantial or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal value. The standards of conduct shall provide for disciplinary actions to be applied for violations of such standards by officers, employees, or agents of the Recipient.
- c. A financial interest may include employment, stock ownership, a creditor or debtor relationship, or prospective employment with the organization selected or to be selected for a subaward. An appearance of impairment of objectivity could result from an organizational conflict where, because of other activities or relationships with other persons or entities, a person is unable or potentially unable to render impartial assistance or advice. It could also result from non-financial gain to the individual, such as benefit to reputation or prestige in a professional field.

#### 4. Applicability of Provisions to Subawards, Contracts, and Subcontracts.

- a. The Recipient shall include the following notice in each request for applications or bids for a subaward, contract, or subcontract, as applicable:

*Applicants/bidders for a lower tier covered transaction (except procurement contracts for goods and services under \$25,000 not requiring the consent of a DOC official) are subject to subpart C of 2 CFR part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)." In addition, applicants/bidders for a lower tier covered transaction for a subaward, contract, or subcontract greater than \$100,000 of Federal funds at any tier are subject to 15 CFR part 28, "New Restrictions on Lobbying."*

*Applicants/bidders should familiarize themselves with these provisions, including the certification requirement. Therefore, Applications for a lower tier covered transaction must include a Form CD-512, "Certification Regarding Lobbying—Lower Tier Covered Transactions," completed without modification.*

- b. The Recipient shall include a term or condition in all lower tier covered transactions (subawards, contracts, and subcontracts) requiring lower tier participants to comply with subpart C of 2 CFR part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)."
- c. Required subaward and contractual provisions:
  - i. The Recipient shall include a statement in all lower tier covered transactions (subawards, contracts, and subcontracts) exceeding \$100,000 in Federal funds that the subaward, contract, or subcontract is subject to 31 U.S.C. § 1352, as implemented at 15 CFR part 28 ("New Restrictions on Lobbying"). The Recipient shall further require the subrecipient, contractor, or subcontractor to submit a completed "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities" (Form SF-LLL) regarding the use of non-Federal funds for lobbying. The Form SF-LLL shall be submitted within 15 days following the end of the calendar quarter in which there occurs any event that requires disclosure or that materially affects the accuracy of the information contained in any disclosure form previously filed. The Form SF-LLL shall be submitted from tier to tier until received by the Recipient. The Recipient must submit all disclosure forms received, including those that report lobbying activity on its own behalf, to the Project Officer within 30 days following the end of the calendar quarter.
  - ii. In addition to other provisions required by the Federal agency or Recipient, in accordance with 2 CFR § 200.326 ("Contract provisions"), all contracts made by the Recipient under this Award must contain the applicable provisions set out in Appendix II to 2 CFR part 200 ("Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards"), which address various contractual requirements including remedies, termination for cause and convenience, Equal Employment Opportunity, the Davis-Bacon Act, the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, rights to inventions, environmental quality, energy efficiency, debarment and suspension, the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, and procurement of recovered materials. See Appendix II to 2 CFR part 200 for a full explanation of these requirements.

**5. Pilot Program for Enhancement of Employee Whistleblower Protections.**

The National Defense Authorization Act (“NDAA”) for Fiscal Year 2013 (Pub. L. No. 112-239, enacted January 2, 2013 and codified at 41 U.S.C. § 4712) includes a pilot program for whistleblower protection. It applies to all DOC awards, subawards, and contracts under awards issued beginning July 1, 2013 through January 1, 2017. This term implements that law.

In accordance with 41 U.S.C. § 4712, an employee of a Recipient or contractor under a Federal award or subaward may not be discharged, demoted, or otherwise discriminated against as a reprisal for disclosing to a person or body information that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of gross mismanagement of a Federal award or subaward or contract under a Federal award or subaward, a gross waste of Federal funds, an abuse of authority related to a Federal award or subaward or contract under a Federal award or subaward, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a Federal award or subaward or contract under a Federal award or subaward. These persons or bodies include:

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

Recipients and contractors under Federal awards and subawards shall inform their employees in writing of the rights and remedies provided under 41 U.S.C. § 4712, in the predominant native language of the workforce.

**6. Small Businesses, Minority Business Enterprises, and Women’s Business Enterprises.**

In accordance with 2 CFR § 200.321 (“Contracting with small and minority businesses, women’s business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms”), the Recipient must take all necessary affirmative steps to ensure that minority businesses, women’s business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible. DOC encourages Recipients to utilize small businesses, minority business enterprises, and women’s business enterprises in contracts under financial assistance awards. The Minority Business Development Agency (“MBDA”) within DOC will assist Recipients in matching qualified minority business enterprises with contract opportunities. For further information, the Recipient may visit MBDA’s website at <http://www.mbda.gov> or contact MBDA via telephone or mail:

U.S. Department of Commerce  
Minority Business Development Agency  
Herbert C. Hoover Building  
14<sup>th</sup> Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W.

**7. Subaward to or Contract with a Federal Agency.**

- a. The Recipient, contractor and/or subcontractor shall not subgrant or subcontract any part of the approved Project to any agency or employee of DOC or any other Federal department, agency, or instrumentality without the prior written approval of the Grants Officer.
- b. The Recipient must submit requests for approval of such action to the Project Officer, who shall review and make a recommendation to the Grants Officer. The Grants Officer must forward all requests to the Federal Assistance Law Division in the Office of the Department of Commerce Assistant General Counsel for Administration and Transactions for review prior to making the final determination. The Grants Officer will notify the Recipient in writing of the final determination.

**8. EDA Contracting Provisions for Construction Projects.**

The Recipient shall use the “*EDA Contracting Provisions for Construction Projects*” as guidance in developing all construction contracts. The “*EDA Contracting Provisions for Construction Projects*” lists applicable EDA and other Federal requirements for construction contracts.

**L. PROPERTY.**

**1. Standards.**

With respect to any property acquired or improved in whole or in part with EDA investment assistance under this Award, the Recipient shall comply with the Property Standards set forth at 2 CFR §§ 200.310 (“Insurance coverage”) through 200.316 (“Property trust relationship”), and EDA’s regulations at 13 CFR part 314. Property acquired or improved in whole or in part by the Recipient under this Award may consist of real property; personal property, including equipment and supplies; and intangible property, such as money, notes, and security interests. Any property reports required under 2 CFR §§ 200.310 through 200.316, such as periodic inventories and requests for disposition instructions, must be submitted to the Grants Officer through the Project Officer on Form SF-428 and/or SF-429, as applicable. *See also* section C.2 “Reporting on Real Property” of these Construction ST&Cs.

**2. Title.**

- a. Title to equipment, supplies, and intangible property acquired in whole or in part under this Award generally vests upon acquisition in the Recipient. The use, management and disposition of equipment, supplies, and intangible property acquired in whole or in part under this Award shall be in accordance with 2 CFR §§ 200.313 (“Equipment”), 200.314 (“Supplies”), and 200.315 (“Intangible property”), as applicable, and EDA regulations at 13 CFR part 314. *See also* section O.4 “Intellectual Property Rights” of these Construction ST&Cs.
- b. Title to real property acquired in whole or in part under this Award generally vests upon acquisition in the Recipient, subject to the condition that the Recipient uses the real property

for the authorized purpose of the Project. *See* 2 CFR § 200.311 (“Real property”) and EDA regulations at 13 CFR part 314.

### 3. EDA’s Interest in Award Property.

- a. *General - Evidence of Title.* As stated in section A.4 “Grant Recipient as Trustee” of these Construction ST&Cs, real property, equipment, and intangible property acquired or improved under this Award must be held in trust by the Recipient as trustee for the beneficiaries of the Project for which the property was acquired or improved. This trust relationship exists throughout the duration of the property’s estimated useful life, as determined by the Grants Officer in consultation with the Project Officer, during which time the Federal Government retains an undivided, equitable reversionary interest in the property (Federal Interest).

Before advertising for construction bids or at such other time as EDA requires, the Recipient must furnish evidence, satisfactory in form and substance to the Government, that title to real property required for the Project (other than property of the United States and as provided in 13 CFR § 314.7(c) (“Title”)) is vested in the Recipient and that such easements, rights-of-way, State or local government permits, long-term leases, or other items required for the Project have been or will be obtained by the Recipient within an acceptable time, as determined by the Government. All liens, mortgages, other encumbrances, reservations, reversionary interests, or other restrictions on title or the Recipient’s interest in the property must be disclosed to EDA. With limited exceptions set forth at 13 CFR § 314.6(b) (“Encumbrances”) or as otherwise authorized by EDA, Recipient-owned property acquired or improved in whole or in part with EDA investment assistance must not be used to secure a mortgage or deed of trust or in any way otherwise encumbered. *See* 13 CFR § 314.6.

- b. *Recording EDA’s Interest in Real Property.*
  - i. For all Projects involving the acquisition, construction, or improvement of a building, as determined by EDA, the Recipient shall execute and furnish to the Government, prior to initial Award disbursement, a lien, covenant, or other statement, satisfactory to EDA in form and substance, of EDA’s interest in the property acquired or improved in whole or in part with the funds made available under this Award. EDA may require such statement after initial Award disbursement in the event that grant funds are being used to acquire such property. The statement must specify the estimated useful life of the Project and shall include but not be limited to the disposition, encumbrance, and the Federal Share compensation requirements. *See* 13 CFR §§ 314.1 (“Definitions”) and 314.8(a) (“Recorded statement for real property”). *See also* 2 CFR § 200.316 (“Property trust relationship”).
  - ii. This lien, covenant, or other statement of the Government’s interest must be perfected and placed of record in the real property records of the jurisdiction in which the property is located, all in accordance with applicable law. EDA may require an opinion of counsel for the Recipient to substantiate that the document was validly executed and properly recorded. *See* 13 CFR § 314.8(b).
  - iii. Facilities in which the EDA investment is only a small part of a larger project, as determined by EDA, may be exempted from the requirements listed in paragraphs L.3.b.i and ii above. *See* 13 CFR § 314.8(c).

- iv. In extraordinary circumstances and at EDA's sole discretion, EDA may choose to accept another instrument to protect EDA's interest in the Project property, such as an escrow agreement or letter of credit, provided that EDA determines such instrument is adequate and a recorded statement in accord with section L.3.b.i above is not reasonably available. The terms and provisions of the relevant instrument shall be satisfactory to EDA in EDA's sole judgment. The costs and fees for escrow services or letters of credit shall be paid by the Recipient. *See* 13 CFR § 314.8(d).
- c. *Recording EDA's Interest in Personal Property.* For all Projects involving the acquisition or improvement of significant items of personal property, including but not limited to ships, machinery, equipment, removable fixtures, or structural components of buildings, the Recipient shall execute a security interest, covenant, or other statement of EDA's reversionary interest in the personal property acceptable in form and substance to EDA, which statement must be perfected and placed of record in accordance with applicable law (usually accomplished by filing a Uniform Commercial Code Financing Statement (Form UCC-1), as provided by State law), with continuances re-filed as appropriate. EDA may require an opinion of counsel for the Recipient to substantiate that the Form UCC-1 or other filing was validly executed and properly recorded. *See* 13 CFR § 314.9 ("Recorded statement for personal property").
- d. The Recipient acknowledges that the Government retains an undivided equitable reversionary interest in property acquired or improved in whole or in part with grant funds made available through this Award throughout the estimated useful life (as determined by EDA) of the Project, except in applicable instances set forth at 13 CFR § 314.7(c) ("Title"). *See* 13 CFR § 314.2(a) ("Federal interest").
- e. The Recipient agrees that if any interest in property acquired or improved in whole or in part with EDA investment assistance is disposed of, encumbered or alienated in any manner, or no longer used for the authorized purposes of the Award during the Project's estimated useful life without EDA's written approval, the Government will be entitled to recover the Federal Share, as defined at 13 CFR § 314.5 ("Federal share"). If, during the Project's estimated useful life, the property is no longer needed for the purposes of the Award, as determined by EDA, EDA may permit its use for other acceptable purposes consistent with those authorized by PWEDA and 13 CFR Chapter III. *See* 13 CFR § 314.3(b) ("Authorized use of property").
- f. For purposes of any lien or security interest, the amount of the Federal Share shall be the portion of the current fair market value of any property (after deducting any actual and reasonable selling and repair expenses incurred to put the property into marketable condition) attributable to EDA's participation in the Project. *See* 13 CFR § 314.5 ("Federal share").
- g. The alienation of Award property includes sale or other conveyance of the Recipient's interest, leasing or mortgaging the property, or granting an option for any of the foregoing.
- h. In accordance with 2 CFR § 200.329 ("Reporting on real property"), the Federal awarding agency or pass through entity must require a non-Federal entity to submit reports (using Form SF-429 "Real Property Status Report" or any successor form) at least annually on the status of real property in which the Federal Government retains an interest, unless the Federal Interest in the real property extends 15 years or longer. In those instances where the Federal Interest attached is for a period of 15 years or more, the Federal awarding agency or

pass-through entity, at its option, may require the non-Federal entity to report at various multi-year frequencies (*e.g.*, every two years or every three years, not to exceed a five-year reporting period; or annual reporting for the first three years and thereafter every five years). The Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity may also require a non-Federal entity to periodically submit reports (using Form SF-428 “Tangible Personal Property Report” or any successor form) concerning tangible personal property in which the Federal Government retains an interest. In addition, the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity may require a non-Federal entity to submit Form SF-429 and/or Form SF-428 in connection with a non-Federal entity’s request to acquire, encumber, dispose of, or take any other action pertaining to real property or tangible personal property acquired or improved, in whole or in part, under this Award or pertaining to Federally owned property under this Award. *See also* section C.2 “Reporting on Real Property” of these Construction ST&Cs.

#### **4. Insurance and Bonding.**

- a. *Insurance.* The Recipient shall, at a minimum, provide the equivalent insurance coverage for real property and equipment acquired or improved with Federal funds as provided for property owned by the Recipient. Federally owned property need not be otherwise insured unless required by the Terms and Conditions of the Award. *See* 2 CFR § 200.310 (“Insurance coverage”).
- b. *Bonding.* If the Award exceeds the simplified acquisition threshold as defined at 2 CFR § 200.88, EDA may accept the Recipient’s or subrecipient’s bonding policy and requirements if EDA or the pass-through entity determines that the Federal Interest is adequately protected. If not, the following minimum requirements shall apply:
  - i. A bid guarantee from each bidder equivalent to five percent of the bid price. The “bid guarantee” shall consist of a firm commitment such as a bid bond, certified check, or other negotiable instrument accompanying a bid as assurance that the bidder will, upon acceptance of the bid, execute such contractual documents as may be required within the time specified.
  - ii. A performance bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A “performance bond” is one executed in connection with a contract to secure fulfillment of all the contractor’s obligations under such contract.
  - iii. A payment bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A “payment bond” is one executed in connection with a contract to ensure payment as required by law of all persons supplying labor and material in the execution of the work provided for in the contract. *See* 2 CFR § 200.325 (“Bonding requirements”).

#### **5. Leasing Restrictions.**

Leasing or renting of facilities or property is prohibited unless specifically authorized by EDA. The Recipient agrees that any leasing or renting of any facilities or property involved in this Project will be subject to the following:

- a. That said lease arrangement is consistent with the authorized general and special purpose of the Award;
- b. That said lease arrangement is for adequate consideration; and

- c. That said lease arrangement is consistent with applicable EDA requirements concerning but not limited to nondiscrimination and environmental compliance.

#### **6. Eminent Domain.**

The Recipient will use funds solely for the authorized purpose of the Project. Pursuant to Executive Order 13406, "Protecting the Property Rights of the American People," the Recipient agrees:

- a. Not to exercise any power of eminent domain available to the Recipient (including the commencement of eminent domain proceedings) for use in connection with the Project for the purpose of advancing the economic interests of private parties; and
- b. Not to accept title to land, easements, or other interests in land acquired by the exercise of any power of eminent domain for use in connection with the Project for such purposes.

The Recipient agrees that any use of the power of eminent domain to acquire land, easements, or interests in land, whether by the Recipient or any other entity that has the power of eminent domain, in connection with the Project without the prior written consent of EDA is an unauthorized use of the Project. If the Recipient puts the Project to an unauthorized use, the Recipient shall compensate EDA for its fair share in accordance with 13 CFR §§ 314.4 ("Unauthorized use of property") and 314.5 ("Federal share"), as the same may be amended from time to time.

#### **7. Disposal of Real Property.**

- a. During the estimated useful life of the Project, if EDA and the Recipient determine that property acquired or improved in whole or in part with EDA investment assistance is no longer needed for the original purposes of this Award, EDA may, in its sole discretion, approve use of the property in other Federal grant programs or in programs that have purposes consistent with those authorized by PWEDA and 13 CFR Chapter III. See 13 CFR § 314.3(b) ("Authorized use of property").
- b. When property is not disposed of as provided in section L.7.a above, the Government shall determine final disposition and must be compensated by the Recipient for the Federal Share of the value of the property, plus costs and interest, as provided in 13 CFR § 314.4 ("Unauthorized use of property").

### **M. FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS.**

Environmental impacts must be considered by Federal decision-makers in their decisions whether or not to approve: (i) a proposal for Federal assistance; (ii) the proposal with mitigation; or (iii) a different proposal/grant having less adverse environmental impacts. Federal environmental laws require that the funding agency initiate an early planning process that considers potential impacts of the projects funded with Federal assistance on the environment. Each Recipient must comply with all environmental standards, to include those prescribed under the following statutes and executive orders, and shall identify to the awarding agency any impact a proposed project may have on the environment. In some cases, Award funds can be withheld by the Grants Officer under a special award condition requiring the Recipient to submit additional environmental compliance information

sufficient to enable the DOC to make an assessment on any impacts that a project may have on the environment.

**1. The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. § 4321 *et seq.*).**

The National Environmental Policy Act (“NEPA”) and the Council on Environmental Quality (“CEQ”) implementing regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508) require that an environmental analysis be completed for all major Federal actions significantly affecting the environment. NEPA applies to the actions of Federal agencies and may include a Federal agency’s decision to fund non-Federal projects under grants and cooperative agreements when the Award activities remain subject to Federal authority and control. Recipients are required to identify to the awarding agency any impact an award will have on the quality of the human environment, and assist the agency in complying with NEPA. Recipients may also be requested to assist EDA in drafting an environmental assessment if EDA determines an assessment is required. Until the appropriate NEPA documentation is complete, and if any additional information is required during the period of performance to assess Project environmental impacts, funds can be withheld by the Grants Officer under a special award condition requiring the Recipient to submit the appropriate NEPA documentation sufficient to enable EDA to make an assessment on any environmental impacts of a Project.

**2. National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. § 300101 *et seq.*).**

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (“NHPA”) (54 U.S.C. § 300101 *et seq.* (formerly codified at 16 U.S.C. § 470f)) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation implementing regulations (36 CFR part 800) require that Federal agencies take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties. Recipients are required to identify to the awarding agency any effects the Award may have on properties included on or eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. Recipients may also be requested to assist EDA in consulting with State or Tribal Historic Preservation Officers or other applicable interested parties necessary to identify, assess and resolve adverse effects on historic properties. Until the appropriate NHPA consultations and documentation are complete and if any additional information is required during the period of performance in order to assess Project impacts on historic properties, funds can be withheld by the Grants Officer under a special award condition requiring the Recipient to submit any information sufficient to enable EDA to make the requisite assessment under the NHPA.

**3. Environmental Quality Improvement Act of 1970, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 4371–4375).**

Federally supported public works facilities and activities that affect the environment shall be implemented in compliance with policies established under existing law.

**4. Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 7401 *et seq.*), Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. § 1251 *et seq.*) (Clean Water Act), and Executive Order 11738 (“Providing for Administration of the Clean Air Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with Respect to Federal Contracts, Grants or Loans”).**

The Recipient must comply with the provisions of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 7401 *et seq.*), Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1251 *et seq.*), and Executive Order 11738 (38 *Fed. Reg.* 25161, 1973), and shall not use a facility on the Environmental Protection Agency’s (“EPA’s”) *List of*

*Violating Facilities* (this list is incorporated into the Excluded Parties List System located at <https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/>) in undertaking work that is nonexempt under 2 CFR § 1532, and shall notify the Project Officer in writing if it intends to use a facility that is on the EPA's *List of Violating Facilities* or knows that the facility has been recommended to be placed on the list.

**5. The Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 300f *et seq.*).**

This Act precludes Federal assistance for any project that the EPA determines may contaminate a sole source aquifer so as to threaten public health.

**6. Executive Order 11988 (“Floodplain Management”) and Executive Order 11990 (“Protection of Wetlands”).**

Recipients must identify proposed actions in Federally defined floodplains and wetlands to enable the agency to make a determination whether there is an alternative to minimize any potential harm.

**7. The Flood Disaster Protection Act (42 U.S.C. § 4002 *et seq.*), and regulations and guidelines issued thereunder by the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Administration (“FEMA”) or by EDA.**

Flood insurance, when available, is required for Federally assisted construction or acquisition in flood-prone areas.

**8. The Coastal Zone Management Act (16 U.S.C. § 1451 *et seq.*).**

Funded projects must be consistent with a coastal State's approved management plan for the coastal zone.

**9. The Coastal Barrier Resources Act (16 U.S.C. § 3501 *et seq.*).**

Only in certain circumstances can Federal funding be provided for actions within a Coastal Barrier System.

**10. The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. § 1271 *et seq.*).**

This Act applies to awards that may affect existing or proposed components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers system.

**11. The Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. § 661 *et seq.*).**

This Act requires the evaluation of impacts to fish and wildlife from Federally assisted proposed water resource development projects.

**12. The Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. § 1531 *et seq.*).**

The Recipient must identify any impact or activities that may involve a threatened or endangered species. Federal agencies have the responsibility to ensure that no adverse effects to a protected species or habitat occur from actions with Federal financial assistance and to conduct the required reviews under the Endangered Species Act, as applicable.

**13. The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA, more commonly known as Superfund) (42 U.S.C. § 9601 *et seq.*), and the Community Environmental Response Facilitation Act (Pub. L. No. 102-426, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601 *note et seq.* and 9620(h)(4)).**

These requirements address responsibilities related to hazardous substance releases, threatened releases, and environmental cleanup. They also impose reporting and community involvement requirements to ensure disclosure of the release or disposal of regulated substances and cleanup of hazards to State and local emergency responders.

**14. The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. § 6901 *et seq.*).**

This Act regulates the generation, transportation, treatment, and disposal of hazardous wastes, and also provides that Recipients give preference in their procurement programs to the purchase of recycled products pursuant to EPA guidelines.

**15. Executive Order 12898 (“Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations”).**

Federal agencies are required to identify and address any disproportionately high adverse human health or environmental effects of Federal programs, policies, and activities on low-income and minority populations.

**16. The Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. § 4821 *et seq.*).**

Use of lead-based paint in residential structures constructed or rehabilitated by the Federal Government or with Federal assistance is prohibited.

**17. The Farmland Protection Policy Act (7 U.S.C. §§ 4201–4209).**

Projects are subject to review under this Act if they may irreversibly directly or indirectly convert farmland, including forest land, pastureland, cropland, or other land, to nonagricultural use.

**18. The Noise Control Act of 1972 (42 U.S.C. § 4901 *et seq.*).**

Federally supported facilities and activities shall comply with Federal, State, interstate, and local requirements respecting control and abatement of environmental noise to the same extent that any person is subject to such requirements.

**19. The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25 U.S.C. § 3001 *et seq.*).**

This Act provides a process for returning certain Native American cultural items to lineal descendants, culturally affiliated Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations.

**N. NOTICE AND EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS.**

The Recipient agrees to promptly notify the Grants Officer in writing of any environmental requirement or restriction, regulatory or otherwise, with which it must comply. Before Project Closeout and final disbursement of Award funds, the Recipient further agrees to provide evidence satisfactory to the Grants Officer that any required environmental remediation has been completed: (1) in compliance with all applicable Federal, State and local regulations; and (2) as set forth in the

applicable lease, finding of suitability to lease (“FOSL”), lease in furtherance of conveyance, quitclaim deed, or other conveyance instrument and any amendments, supplements, or succeeding documents. Compliance with said laws or restrictions shall be included in any contract documents for Project construction. The Recipient must certify compliance before final disbursement of grant funds.

## **O. MISCELLANEOUS REQUIREMENTS.**

### **1. Criminal and Prohibited Activities.**

- a. The Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act (31 U.S.C. § 3801 *et seq.*) provides for the imposition of civil penalties against persons who make false, fictitious, or fraudulent claims to the Federal Government for money (including money representing grants, loans, or other benefits).
- b. The False Claims Amendment Act of 1986 and the False Statements Accountability Act of 1996 (18 U.S.C. §§ 287 and 1001, respectively) provide that whoever makes or presents any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement, representation, or claim against the United States shall be subject to imprisonment of not more than five years and shall be subject to a fine in the amount provided by 18 U.S.C. § 287.
- c. The Civil False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. §§ 3729–3733) provides that suits can be brought by the Government, or a person on behalf of the Government, for false claims under Federal assistance programs.
- d. The Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (18 U.S.C. § 874) prohibits a person or organization engaged in a Federally supported Project from enticing an employee working on the Project from giving up a part of his or her compensation under an employment contract. The Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act also applies to contractors and subcontractors pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 3145.

### **2. Foreign Travel.**

- a. The Recipient shall comply with the provisions of the Fly America Act (49 U.S.C. § 40118). The implementing regulations of the Fly America Act are found at 41 CFR §§ 301-10.131 through 301-10.143.
- b. The Fly America Act requires Federal travelers and others performing U.S. Government financed air travel to use U.S. flag air carriers, to the extent that service by such carriers is available. Foreign air carriers may be used only in specific instances, such as when a U.S. flag air carrier is unavailable or when use of U.S. flag air carrier service will not accomplish the agency’s mission.
- c. One exception to the requirement to fly U.S. flag carriers is transportation provided under a bilateral or multilateral air transport agreement, to which the United States Government and the government of a foreign country are parties, and which the Department of Transportation has determined meets the requirements of the Fly America Act pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 40118(b). The United States Government has entered into bilateral and multilateral “Open Skies Agreements” (U.S. Government Procured Transportation) that allow Federally funded transportation services for travel and cargo movements to use foreign air carriers under certain circumstances. There are multiple Open Skies Agreements currently

in effect. For more information about the current bilateral and multilateral agreements, visit the General Services Administration (“GSA”) website at <http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/103191>. Information on the Open Skies Agreements (U.S. Government Procured Transportation) and other specific country agreements may be accessed via the Department of State’s website at <http://www.state.gov/e/eeb/tra/>.

- d. If a foreign air carrier is anticipated to be used for any portion of travel under this Award, the Recipient must receive prior approval from the Grants Officer. When requesting such approval, the Recipient must provide a justification in accordance with the guidance provided by 41 CFR § 301-10.142, which requires the Recipient to provide the Grants Officer with the following: (i) his or her name; (ii) dates of travel; (iii) the origin and destination of travel; (iv) a detailed itinerary of travel; (v) the name of the air carrier and flight number for each leg of the trip; and (vi) a statement explaining why the Recipient meets one of the exceptions to the regulations. If the use of a foreign air carrier is pursuant to a bilateral agreement, the Recipient must provide the Grants Officer with a copy of the agreement or a citation to the official agreement available on the GSA website. The Grants Officer shall make the final determination and notify the Recipient in writing. Failure to adhere to the provisions of the Fly America Act will result in disallowance of any transportation costs for which any Recipient improperly used a foreign air carrier.

### 3. American-Made Equipment and Products.

Recipients are hereby notified that they are encouraged, to the greatest extent practicable, to purchase American-made equipment and products with funding provided under this Award.

### 4. Intellectual Property Rights.

- a. **General.** The rights to any work produced or purchased under this Award are determined by 2 CFR § 200.315 (“Intangible property”). The Recipient owns any work produced or purchased under a Federal award subject to the DOC’s royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable right to obtain, reproduce, publish, or use the work or authorize others to receive, reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the work for Government purposes. In accordance with 2 CFR § 200.315(d), the Federal Government has the right to obtain, reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the data produced under a Federal award and authorize others to receive, reproduce, publish or otherwise use such data for Federal purposes.
- b. **Inventions.** Unless otherwise provided by law, the rights to any invention made by a Recipient under this Award are determined by the Bayh-Dole Act, Pub. L. No. 96-517, as amended, and as codified at 35 U.S.C. § 200 *et seq.*, except as otherwise required by law. The specific requirements governing the development, reporting, and disposition of rights to inventions and patents resulting from Federal awards are described in more detail at 37 CFR part 401 and, in particular, in the standard patent rights clause at 37 CFR § 401.14, which is hereby incorporated by reference into this Award.
  - i. **Ownership.**
    - (1) *Recipient.* The Recipient has the right to elect to retain title to any invention it makes (conceived or first actually reduced to practice) or that is made by its employees. A Recipient that is a nonprofit organization, which includes a university or other institution of higher learning, may not assign to a third party its rights to such an

invention without the permission of DOC unless that assignment is to a patent management organization (*e.g.*, a university's Research Foundation). The Recipient's ownership rights are subject to the Government's nonexclusive, nontransferrable, irrevocable, paid-up license and other rights.

- (2) *Department.* If the Recipient elects not to retain title, fails to disclose the invention to the agency within the required time limits, or does not file a patent application within the time limits set forth in the standard patent rights clause, DOC may request an assignment of all rights, which is normally subject to a limited royalty-free, nonexclusive, revocable license for the Recipient. DOC owns any invention made solely by its employees, but may license to the Recipient in accordance with the procedures in 37 CFR part 404.
  - (3) *Inventor/Employee.* If neither the Recipient nor DOC is interested in owning an invention by a Recipient employee, the Recipient, with the written concurrence of the DOC, may allow the inventor/employee to retain ownership of the invention subject to certain restrictions as described at 37 CFR § 401.9.
  - (4) *Joint Inventions.* Inventions made jointly by a Recipient and a DOC employee will be owned jointly by the Recipient and DOC. However, DOC may transfer or license its rights to the Recipient as authorized by 35 U.S.C. § 202(e) and 37 CFR § 401.10 if the Recipient is willing to patent and license the invention, usually in exchange for a share of "net" royalties based on the number of inventors (*e.g.*, 50-50 if there is one Recipient inventor and one DOC employee inventor). The agreement will be prepared by DOC and may include other provisions, such as a royalty-free license to the Government and certain other entities. The provision at 35 U.S.C. § 202(e) also authorizes the Recipient to transfer its rights to the Government, which can agree to share royalties similarly as described above.
- ii. *Responsibilities – iEdison.* The Recipient has responsibilities and duties set forth in the standard patent rights clause, which are described below. The Recipient is expected to comply with all requirements of the standard patent rights clause and 37 CFR part 401 and is required to submit its disclosures, elections, and requests for waivers from any requirement for substantial U.S. manufacture electronically using the Interagency Edison extramural invention reporting system (iEdison) at [www.iedison.gov](http://www.iedison.gov). The Recipient may obtain a waiver of this electronic submission requirement by providing DOC compelling reasons for allowing the submission of paper copies of reports related to inventions.
- c. **Patent Notification Procedures.** Pursuant to Executive Order 12889 (58 *Fed. Reg.* 69681, 1993), DOC is required to notify the owner of any valid patent covering technology whenever DOC or a Recipient, without making a patent search, knows (or has demonstrable reasonable grounds to know) that technology covered by a valid United States patent has been or will be used without a license from the owner. To ensure proper notification, if the Recipient uses or has used patented technology under this Award without a license or permission from the owner, the Recipient must notify the Grants Officer. This notice does not constitute authorization or consent by the Government to any copyright or patent infringement occurring under the Award.
  - d. **Copyright.** A Recipient may copyright any work produced under this Award subject to DOC's royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable right to obtain, reproduce, publish or

otherwise use the work or authorize others to do so for Government purposes. Works jointly authored by DOC and Recipient employees may be copyrighted, but only the part of such works authored by the Recipient is protectable in the United States because, under 17 U.S.C. § 105, works produced by Government employees are not copyrightable in the United States. On occasion and as permitted under 17 U.S.C. § 105, DOC may require the Recipient to transfer to DOC a copyright in a particular work for Government purposes or when DOC is undertaking the primary dissemination of the work.

#### **5. Increasing Seat Belt Use in the United States.**

Pursuant to Executive Order 13043, Recipients should encourage employees and contractors to enforce on-the-job seat belt policies and programs when operating company-owned, rented, or personally-owned vehicles.

#### **6. Research Involving Human Subjects.**

- a. All proposed research involving human subjects must be conducted in accordance with 15 CFR part 27 (“Protection of Human Subjects”). No research involving human subjects is permitted under this Award unless expressly authorized by special award condition or otherwise authorized in writing by the Grants Officer.
- b. Federal policy defines a human subject as a living individual about whom an investigator conducting research obtains (i) data through intervention or interaction with the individual, or (ii) identifiable private information. Research means a systematic investigation, including research development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge.
- c. DOC regulations at 15 CFR part 27 require that the Recipient maintain appropriate policies and procedures for the protection of human subjects. In the event it becomes evident that human subjects may be involved in this Project, the Recipient shall submit appropriate documentation to the Project Officer for approval. This documentation may include:
  - i. Documentation establishing approval of the Project by an institutional review board (“IRB”) approved for Federal-wide use under Department of Health and Human Services guidelines (*see* 15 CFR § 27.103);
  - ii. Documentation to support an exemption for the Project under 15 CFR § 27.101(b); or
  - iii. Documentation of IRB approval of any modification to a prior approved protocol or to an informed consent form.
- d. No work involving human subjects may be undertaken, conducted, or costs incurred and/or charged for human subjects research until the appropriate documentation is approved in writing by the Grants Officer. In accordance with 15 CFR § 27.118, if research involving human subjects is proposed after an award is made, the Recipient must contact the Grants Officer and provide required documentation. Notwithstanding this prohibition, work may be initiated or costs incurred and/or charged to the Project for protocol or instrument development related to human subjects research.

## **7. Federal Employee Expenses.**

Federal agencies are generally barred from accepting funds from a Recipient to pay transportation, travel, or other expenses for any Federal employee. Use of Award funds (Federal or non-Federal) or the Recipient's provision of in-kind goods or services for the purposes of transportation, travel, or any other expenses for any Federal employee may raise appropriation augmentation issues. In addition, DOC policy prohibits the acceptance of gifts, including travel payments for Federal employees, from Recipients or applicants regardless of the source.

## **8. Minority Serving Institutions Initiative.**

Pursuant to Executive Orders 13555 ("White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics") (75 *Fed. Reg.* 65417, 2010), 13592 ("Improving American Indian and Alaska Native Educational Opportunities and Strengthening Tribal Colleges and Universities") (76 *Fed. Reg.* 76603, 2011), and 13532 ("Promoting Excellence, Innovation, and Sustainability at Historically Black Colleges and Universities") (75 *Fed. Reg.* 9749, 2010), DOC is strongly committed to broadening the participation of minority serving institutions ("MSIs") in its financial assistance programs.

DOC's goals include achieving full participation of MSIs in order to advance the development of human potential, strengthen the nation's capacity to provide high-quality education, and increase opportunities for MSIs to participate in and benefit from Federal financial assistance programs. DOC encourages all applicants and recipients to include meaningful participation of MSIs. Institutions eligible to be considered MSIs are listed on the Department of Education website at <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/edlite-minorityinst.html>.

## **9. Research Misconduct.**

The DOC adopts, and applies to financial assistance for research, the Federal Policy on Research Misconduct ("Federal Policy") issued by the Executive Office of the President's Office of Science and Technology Policy on December 6, 2000 (65 *Fed. Reg.* 76260). As provided for in the Federal Policy, research misconduct refers to the fabrication, falsification, or plagiarism in proposing, performing, or reviewing research, or in reporting research results. Research misconduct does not include honest errors or differences of opinion. Recipient organizations that conduct extramural research funded by the DOC must foster an atmosphere conducive to the responsible conduct of sponsored research by safeguarding against and resolving allegations of research misconduct. Recipient organizations also have the primary responsibility to prevent, detect, and investigate allegations of research misconduct and, for this purpose, may rely on their internal policies and procedures, as appropriate, to do so. Recipients must notify the Grants Officer of any allegation that meets the definition of research misconduct and detail the entity's inquiry to determine whether there is sufficient evidence to proceed with an investigation, as well as the result of any investigation. DOC may take appropriate administrative or enforcement action at any time under the Award, up to and including Award termination and possible suspension or debarment, and referral to the DOC Office of the Inspector General ("OIG"), the U.S. Department of Justice, or other appropriate investigative body.

## **10. Publications, Videos, and Acknowledgment of Sponsorship.**

- a. Publication of results or findings in appropriate professional journals and production of video or other media are encouraged as important methods of recording and reporting results of Federally funded projects, such as scientific research, and expanding access to Federally funded projects.
- b. Recipients must submit a copy of any publication materials, including but not limited to print, recorded or Internet materials, to their EDA Project Officer.
- c. When releasing information related to a funded Project, Recipients must include a statement that the Project or effort undertaken was or is sponsored by DOC.
- d. Recipients are responsible for ensuring that every publication of material based on, developed under, or produced under this Award, except scientific articles or papers appearing in scientific, technical or professional journals, contains the following disclaimer:

*This [report/video] was prepared by [Recipient name] using Federal funds under award [number] from the Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.*

*The statements, findings, conclusions, and recommendations are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Economic Development Administration or the U.S. Department of Commerce.*

## **11. Care and Use of Live Vertebrate Animals.**

Recipients must comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (Pub. L. No. 89-544), as amended (7 U.S.C. § 2131 *et seq.*) (“Animal acquisition, transport, care, handling, and use in projects”), and the implementing regulations at 9 CFR parts 1, 2, and 3; the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. § 1531 *et seq.*); the Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. § 1361 *et seq.*) (“Taking possession, transport, purchase, sale, export or import of wildlife and plants”); the Non-indigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act (16 U.S.C. § 4701 *et seq.*) (“Ensure preventive measures are taken or that probable harm of using species is minimal if there is an escape or release”); and all other applicable statutes pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm-blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by Federal financial assistance. No research involving vertebrate animals is permitted under any DOC award unless authorized by the Grants Officer.

## **12. Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12.**

If performance under the Award requires Recipient personnel to have routine access to Federally controlled facilities and/or Federally controlled information systems (for purposes of this condition, “routine access” is defined as more than 180 business days), such personnel must undergo the personal identity verification credential process. In the case of foreign nationals, the DOC will conduct a check with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) Verification Division, a component of the Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”), to ensure that the individual is in a lawful immigration status and that he or she is eligible for employment within the U.S. Any items or services delivered under this Award shall comply with DOC personal identity verification procedures that implement Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12, “Policy for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and

Contractors,” Federal Information Processing Standards Publication (“FIPS PUB”) Number 201, and OMB Memorandum M-05-24, The Recipient shall ensure that its subrecipients and contractors (at all tiers) performing work under this Award comply with the requirements contained in this term. The Grants Officer may delay final payment under this Award if a subrecipient or contractor fails to comply with the requirements listed below. The Recipient shall insert the following term in all subawards and contracts when the subrecipient or contractor is required to have routine physical access to a Federally controlled facility or routine access to a Federally controlled information system:

*The subrecipient or contractor shall comply with DOC personal identity verification procedures identified in the subaward or contract that implement Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 (HSPD-12), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Guidance M-05-24, as amended, and Federal Information Processing Standards Publication (FIPS PUB) Number 201, as amended, for all employees under this subaward or contract who require routine physical access to a Federally controlled facility or routine access to a Federally controlled information system.*

*The subrecipient or contractor shall account for all forms of Government-provided identification issued to the subrecipient or contractor employees in connection with performance under this subaward or contract. The subrecipient or contractor shall return such identification to the issuing agency at the earliest of any of the following, unless otherwise determined by DOC: (1) When no longer needed for subaward or contract performance; (2) Upon completion of the subrecipient or contractor employee’s employment; (3) Upon subaward or contract completion or termination.*

### **13. Compliance with Department of Commerce Bureau of Industry and Security Export Administration Regulations.**

- a. This term applies to the extent that this Award involves access to export-controlled items.
- b. In performing under this Award, the Recipient may gain access to export-controlled information or technology. The Recipient is responsible for compliance with all applicable laws and regulations regarding export-controlled information and technology, including the deemed exports and reexports provisions of the Export Administration Regulations (“EAR”). The Recipient shall establish and maintain throughout performance of this Award effective export compliance procedures at non-DOC facilities. At a minimum, these export compliance procedures must include adequate controls of physical, verbal, visual, and electronic access to export-controlled information and technology.
- c. Definitions.
  - i. *Export-controlled items.* Items (commodities, software, or technology) that are subject to the EAR (15 CFR §§ 730–774), implemented by the DOC’s Bureau of Industry and Security. These are generally known as “dual-use” items—that is, items with a military and commercial application.
  - ii. *Deemed export/reexport.* The EAR defines a deemed export as a release of export-controlled items (specifically, technology or source code) to a foreign national in the U.S. Such release is “deemed” to be an export to the home country of the foreign national. 15 CFR § 734.2(b)(2)(ii). A release may take the form of visual inspection, oral exchange

of information, or the application abroad of knowledge or technical experience acquired in the U.S. If such a release occurs abroad, it is considered a deemed reexport to the foreign national's home country. Licenses from DOC may be required for deemed exports or reexports.

- d. The Recipient shall control access to all export-controlled information and technology that it possesses or that comes into its possession in performance of this Award, to ensure that access is restricted, or licensed, as required by applicable Federal laws, executive orders, or regulations, including the EAR.
- e. As applicable, Recipient personnel and associates at DOC sites will be informed of any procedures to identify and protect export-controlled items.
- f. Nothing in the Terms and Conditions of this Award is intended to change, supersede or waive the requirements of applicable Federal laws, executive orders, or regulations.
- g. The Recipient shall include this subsection entitled "Compliance with Department of Commerce Bureau of Industry and Security Export Administration Regulations," including this subparagraph g, in all lower-tier transactions (subawards, contracts, and subcontracts) under this Award that may involve access to export-controlled information technology.

**14. The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. § 7104(g)), as Amended, and the Implementing Regulations at 2 CFR part 175.**

The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 authorizes termination of financial assistance provided to a private entity, without penalty to the Federal Government, if the Recipient engages in certain activities related to trafficking in persons. The Department hereby incorporates the following Award term required by 2 CFR § 175.15(b). See <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2012-title2-vol1/pdf/CFR-2012-title2-vol1-sec175-15.pdf>

- a. *Provisions applicable to a Recipient that is a private entity.*
  - i. The Recipient, its employees, subrecipients under this Award, and subrecipients' employees may not:
    - (1) Engage in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the Award is in effect;
    - (2) Procure a commercial sex act during the period of time that the Award is in effect; or
    - (3) Use forced labor in the performance of the Award or subawards under the Award.
  - ii. EDA, as the Federal awarding agency, may unilaterally terminate this Award, without penalty, if the Recipient or a subrecipient that is a private entity:
    - (1) Is determined to have violated a prohibition in paragraph a.i of this Award term; or
    - (2) Has an employee who is determined by the Grants Officer to have violated a prohibition in paragraph a.i of this Award term through conduct that is either:
      - (A) associated with performance under this Award; or (B) imputed to the Recipient or a subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided at 2 CFR part 180 ("OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)") as

implemented by DOC at 2 CFR part 1326 (“Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension”).

- b. *Provision applicable to a Recipient other than a private entity.* EDA, as the Federal awarding agency, may unilaterally terminate this Award, without penalty, if a subrecipient that is a private entity:
  - i. Is determined to have violated an applicable prohibition in paragraph a.i of this Award term; or
  - ii. Has an employee who is determined by the Grants Officer to have violated an applicable prohibition in paragraph a.i of this Award term through conduct that is either:
    - (1) Associated with performance under this Award; or
    - (2) Imputed to the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided at 2 CFR part 180 (“OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)”), as implemented by DOC at 2 CFR part 1326 (“Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension”).
- c. *Provisions applicable to any Recipient.*
  - i. The Recipient must inform EDA immediately of any information it receives from any source alleging a violation of a prohibition in paragraph a.i of this Award term.
  - ii. EDA’s right to terminate this Award unilaterally, as described in paragraph a.ii or b of this section:
    - (1) Implements section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (“TVPA”), as amended (22 U.S.C. § 7104(g)), and
    - (2) Is in addition to all other remedies for noncompliance that are available to EDA under this Award.
  - iii. The Recipient must include the requirements of paragraph a.i of this Award term in any subaward made to a private entity.
- d. *Definitions.* For purposes of this Award term:
  - i. “Employee” means either:
    - (1) An individual employed by the Recipient or a subrecipient who is engaged in the performance of the Project under this Award; or
    - (2) Another person engaged in the performance of the Project under this Award and not compensated by the Recipient including, but not limited to, a volunteer or individual whose services are contributed by a third party as an in-kind contribution toward Matching Share requirements.
  - ii. “Forced labor” means labor obtained by any of the following methods: the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.
  - iii. “Private entity”:

- (1) Means any entity other than a State, local government, Indian tribe, or foreign public entity, as those terms are defined at 2 CFR § 175.25;
- (2) Includes: (A) a nonprofit organization, including any nonprofit institution of higher education, hospital, or tribal organization other than one included in the definition of “Indian tribe” at 2 CFR § 175.25(b); and (B) a for-profit organization.
- iv. “Severe forms of trafficking in persons,” “commercial sex act,” and “coercion” have the meanings given in section 103 of the TVPA, as amended (22 U.S.C. § 7102).

**15. The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Pub. L. No. 109-282, 31 U.S.C. § 6101 Note), as Amended by the Government Funding Transparency Act of 2008 (Pub. L. No. 110-252).**

- a. **Searchable Website Requirements.** The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (“FFATA” or “Transparency Act”) requires that information on Federal awards (Federal financial assistance and expenditures) be made available to the public via a single, searchable website. This information is available at [www.USASpending.gov](http://www.USASpending.gov). To meet these requirements, Recipients and subrecipients must include the following data elements in their Application:
  - i. Name of entity receiving Award;
  - ii. Award amount;
  - iii. Transaction type, funding agency, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number, and descriptive Award title;
  - iv. Location of entity and primary location of performance (city, State, Congressional District, and country); and
  - v. Unique identifier of entity.

*See also* 2 CFR § 200.211 (“Public access to Federal award information”).

- b. **Subaward and Executive Compensation Data Reporting Requirements.** A Recipient awarded a new Federal grant greater than or equal to \$25,000 on or after October 1, 2010, other than those funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. L. No. 111-5) (“Recovery Act”), are subject to FFATA subaward reporting requirements as outlined in the OMB guidance issued August 27, 2010. The Recipient is required to file a FFATA subaward report by the end of the month following the month in which the Recipient awards any subgrant greater than or equal to \$25,000.  
*See* Pub. L. No. 109-282, as amended by section 6202(a) of Pub. L. No. 110-252 (*see* 31 U.S.C. § 6101 note). The reporting requirements are located in Appendix A of 2 CFR part 170 and are available at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2015-title2-vol1/pdf/CFR-2015-title2-vol1-part170.pdf>.
  - i. Reporting of first-tier subawards.
    - (1) Applicability. Unless exempt as provided in paragraph b.iv of this Award term, the Recipient must report each action that obligates \$25,000 or more in Federal funds that does not include Recovery Act funds (as defined in section 1512(a)(2) of the

Recovery Act, Pub. L. No. 111-5) for a subaward to an entity (*see* definitions in paragraph b.v of this Award term).

(2) Where and when to report.

(a) The Recipient must report each obligating action described in paragraph b.i(1) of this Award term to <http://www.fsrs.gov>.

(b) For subaward information, the Recipient must report no later than the end of the month following the month in which the obligation was made. (For example, if the obligation was made on November 7, 2015, the obligation must be reported by no later than December 31, 2015.)

(3) What to report. The Recipient must report information about each obligating action that the submission instructions posted at <http://www.fsrs.gov> specify.

ii. Reporting total compensation of Recipient executives.

(1) Applicability and what to report. The Recipient must report total compensation for each of its five most highly compensated executives for the preceding completed fiscal year, if:

(a) The total Federal funding authorized to date under this Award is \$25,000 or more;

(b) In the preceding fiscal year, the Recipient received:

(i) 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR § 170.320 (and subawards); and

(ii) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR § 170.320 (and subawards); and

(c) The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. § 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, *see* the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at <http://www.sec.gov/answers/excomp.htm>.)

(2) Where and when to report. The Recipient must report executive total compensation described in paragraph b.ii of this Award term:

(a) As part of its registration profile at <http://www.ccr.gov>.

(b) By the end of the month following the month in which this Award is made, and annually thereafter.

iii. Reporting total compensation of subrecipient executives.

(1) Applicability and what to report. Unless the subrecipient is exempt as provided in paragraph b.iv of this Award term, each first-tier subrecipient under this Award shall report the names and total compensation of each of the subrecipient's five most highly compensated executives for the subrecipient's preceding completed fiscal year, if:

- (a) In the subrecipient's preceding fiscal year, the subrecipient received:
    - (i) 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR § 170.320 (and subawards); and
    - (ii) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts), and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act (and subawards); and
  - (b) The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. § 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, *see* the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at <http://www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm>.)  
*See also* 2 CFR § 200.300(b) ("Statutory and national policy requirements").
- (2) Where and when to report. The subrecipient must report its executive total compensation described in paragraph b.iii of this Award term:
- (a) To the Recipient.
  - (b) By the end of the month following the month during which the subaward is made. For example, if a subaward is obligated on any date during the month of October of a given year (*i.e.*, between October 1 and 31), the required compensation information of the subrecipient must be reported by November 30 of that year.
- iv. Exemptions. If, in the previous tax year, the Recipient had gross income, from all sources, under \$300,000, it is exempt from the requirements to report:
- (1) Subawards, and
  - (2) The total compensation of the five most highly compensated executives of any subrecipient.
- v. Definitions. For purposes of this Award term:
- (1) "Entity" means all of the following, as defined at 2 CFR part 25:
    - (a) A Governmental organization, which is a State, local government, or Indian tribe;
    - (b) A foreign public entity;
    - (c) A domestic or foreign nonprofit organization;
    - (d) A domestic or foreign for-profit organization; and
    - (e) A Federal agency, but only as a subrecipient under an award or subaward to a Recipient.
  - (2) "Executive" means officers, managing partners, or any other employees in management positions.
  - (3) "Subaward":

- (a) This term means a legal instrument to provide support for the performance of any portion of the substantive Project or program for which the Recipient received this Award and that the Recipient awards to an eligible subrecipient.
  - (b) The term does not include the Recipient's procurement of property and services needed to carry out the Project or program (for further explanation, *see* 2 CFR § 200.330).
  - (c) A subaward may be provided through any legal agreement, including an agreement that the Recipient or a subrecipient considers a contract.
- (4) "Subrecipient" means an entity that:
- (a) Receives a subaward from the Recipient under this Award; and
  - (b) Is accountable to the Recipient for the use of the Federal funds provided by the subaward.
- (5) "Total compensation" means the cash and noncash dollar value earned by the executive during the Recipient's or subrecipient's preceding fiscal year and includes the following (for more information, *see* 17 CFR § 229.402(c)(2)):
- (a) Salary and bonus.
  - (b) Awards of stock, stock options, and stock appreciation rights. Use the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes with respect to the fiscal year in accordance with the Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (Revised 2004) (FAS 123R), Share Based Payments.
  - (c) Earnings for services under non-equity incentive plans. This does not include group life, health, hospitalization or medical reimbursement plans that do not discriminate in favor of executives and are available generally to all salaried employees.
  - (d) Change in pension value. This is the change in present value of defined benefit and actuarial pension plans.
  - (e) Above-market earnings on deferred compensation which is not tax-qualified.
  - (f) Other compensation, if the aggregate value of all such other compensation (*e.g.*, severance, termination payments, value of life insurance paid on behalf of the employee, perquisites or property) for the executive exceeds \$10,000.
- c. **Central Contractor Registration ("CCR") and Universal Identifier Requirements.** In accordance with 2 CFR part 25, the Recipient must obtain a Data Universal Numbering System ("DUNS") number and maintain an active registration in the CCR database. In addition, the Recipient must notify potential first-tier subrecipients that no entity may receive a first-tier subaward unless the entity has provided its DUNS number to the Recipient. The requirements are located in Appendix A of 2 CFR part 25 and are available at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2015-title2-vol1/pdf/CFR-2015-title2-vol1-part25.pdf>.
- i. Requirement for CCR. Unless exempted from this requirement under 2 CFR § 25.110, the Recipient must maintain the currency of its information in the

- CCR until it submits the final financial report required under this Award or receives the final payment, whichever is later. This requires that the Recipient review and update the information at least annually after the initial registration, and more frequently if required by changes in its information or another Award term.
- ii. Requirement for DUNS Numbers. If authorized to make subawards under this Award, the Recipient:
- (1) Must notify potential subrecipients that no entity (*see* definition in paragraph b.v of this Award term) may receive a subaward from the Recipient unless the entity has provided its DUNS number to the Recipient.
  - (2) May not make a subaward to an entity unless the entity has provided its DUNS number to the Recipient.
- iii. Definitions for purposes of this Award term:
- (1) “Central Contractor Registration (“CCR”)” means the Federal repository into which an entity must provide information required for the conduct of business as a Recipient. Additional information about registration procedures may be found at the System for Award Management website (currently at <https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/>).
  - (2) “Data Universal Numbering System (“DUNS”)” number means the nine-digit number established and assigned by Dun and Bradstreet, Inc. (D&B) to uniquely identify business entities. A DUNS number may be obtained from D&B by telephone (currently 866-705-5711) or the Internet (currently at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>).
  - (3) “Entity,” as it is used in this Award term, means all of the following, as defined at 2 CFR part 25, subpart C:
    - (a) A Governmental organization, which is a State, local government, or Indian Tribe;
    - (b) A foreign public entity;
    - (c) A domestic or foreign nonprofit organization;
    - (d) A domestic or foreign for-profit organization; and
    - (e) A Federal agency, but only as a subrecipient under an award or subaward to a Recipient.
  - (4) “Subaward”:
    - (a) This term means a legal instrument to provide support for the performance of any portion of the substantive Project or program for which the Recipient received this Award and that the Recipient awards to an eligible subrecipient.
    - (b) The term does not include the Recipient’s procurement of property and services needed to carry out the Project or program (for further explanation, *see* 2 CFR § 200.330).
    - (c) A subaward may be provided through any legal agreement, including an agreement that the Recipient considers a contract.

(5) “Subrecipient” means an entity that:

- (a) Receives a subaward from the Recipient under this Award; and
- (b) Is accountable to the Recipient for the use of the Federal funds provided by the subaward.

*See also* 2 CFR § 200.300(b) (“Statutory and national policy requirements”).

**16. Federal Financial Assistance Planning During a Funding Hiatus or Government Shutdown.**

This term sets forth initial guidance that will be implemented for Federal financial assistance awards in the event of a lapse in appropriations, or a Government shutdown. The Grants Officer may issue further guidance prior to an anticipated shutdown.

- a. Unless there is an actual rescission of funds for specific grant obligations, Recipients under Federal financial assistance awards for which funds have been obligated generally will be able to continue to perform and incur allowable expenses under the Award during a funding hiatus. Recipients are advised that ongoing activities by Federal employees involved in grant administration (including payment processing) or similar operational and administrative work cannot continue when there is a funding lapse. Therefore, there may be delays, including payment processing delays, in the event of a shutdown.
- b. All Award actions will be delayed during a Government shutdown; if it appears that a Recipient’s performance under a grant or cooperative agreement will require agency involvement, direction, or clearance during the period of a possible Government shutdown, the Project Officer or Grants Officer, as appropriate, may attempt to provide such involvement, direction, or clearance prior to the shutdown or advise the Recipient that such involvement, direction, or clearance will not be forthcoming during the shutdown. Accordingly, Recipients whose ability to withdraw funds is subject to prior agency approval, which in general are Recipients that have been designated high risk, Recipients under construction awards, and other Recipients limited to reimbursements or subject to agency review, will be able draw funds down from the relevant Automatic Standard Application for Payment (“ASAP”) account only if agency approval is given and coded into ASAP prior to any Government shutdown or closure. This limitation may not be lifted during a Government shutdown. Recipients should plan to work with the Grants Officer to request prior approvals in advance of a shutdown wherever possible. Recipients whose authority to draw down award funds is restricted may decide to suspend work until the Government reopens.
- c. The ASAP system should remain operational during a Government shutdown. Recipients that do not require any Grants Officer or agency approval to draw down advance funds from their ASAP accounts should be able to do so during a shutdown. The 30-day limitation on the drawdown of advance funds will still apply notwithstanding a Government shutdown and advanced funds held for more than 30 days will have to be returned with interest.

