

Complete application and email to: VFAGrants.dnr@state.mn.us **December 1 Deadline**

Governing representative	Fire Chief
Name:	Name:
Email:	Email:
Phone:	Phone:
Governing representative official address:	Fire Department:
	FD Address:
	FD Phone:
	FD Email:

Federal Unique Entity Identification number (UEI)

Application will not be processed without UEI

1. Population directly benefiting from the project: _____
2. Fire Department's protection area (square miles): _____
3. Number of fire incidents for the previous year: wildland _____ structural _____ other _____
4. Fill in the estimated total cost of the project(s) and the Grand total the dollar amount requested.

\$	Wildland Personal Protective Equipment	\$	Structural Turnout Gear
\$	Excess Property Equipment Conversion	\$	Radios/Pagers
\$	Wildland Equipment	\$	Breathing Apparatus
\$	Water Movement Items	\$	Safety Equipment
\$	Other Miscellaneous Projects (Describe)	\$	Water Storage System

Grand Total Dollars Requested \$ 0

Fire Department Chief's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Office use only:

Grant approved up to \$	Priority is for
Approval/Date	Contract Number
Modified project	Approval date



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

The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. § 552a, as amended). This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, and 2 CFR §§ 180.300, 180.335, Participants' responsibilities. The regulations were amended and published on August 31, 2005, in 70 Fed. Reg. 51865-51880. Copies of the regulations may be obtained by contacting the Department of Agriculture agency offering the proposed covered transaction.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0505-0027. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The provisions of appropriate criminal or civil fraud, privacy, and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided.

(Read instructions on page two before completing certification.)

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

ORGANIZATION NAME

PR/AWARD NUMBER OR PROJECT NAME

NAME(S) AND TITLE(S) OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE(S)

SIGNATURE

DATE

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Instructions for Certification

- (1) By signing and submitting this form, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out on page 1 in accordance with these instructions.
- (2) The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the Department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension or debarment.
- (3) The prospective lower tier participant must provide immediate written notice to the person(s) to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- (4) The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549, at 2 CFR Parts 180 and 417. You may contact the Department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
- (5) The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this form that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it may not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the Department or agency with which this transaction originated.
- (6) The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this form that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
- (7) A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the General Services Administration's System for Award Management Exclusions database.
- (8) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- (9) Except for transactions authorized under paragraph (5) of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the Department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.



EXHIBIT D: CERTIFICATION: NOT SUSPENDED OR DEBARRED BY THE STATE OF MINNESOTA OR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Grant applicant must certify to this condition required under this Grant Request for Proposal

INSTRUCTIONS: Sign below to finalize response and submit this document as part of the response to the RFP.

Office of Grants Management (OGM) Policy 08-04: *Grant Contract Agreements and Grant Award Notifications* requires that agencies must not award a grant to a vendor or grantee that has been suspended or debarred from doing business with the State of Minnesota or with the federal government.

By signing here, I warrant that my organization has not been suspended or debarred from doing business with the State of Minnesota or with the federal government.

I certify that this information is true, correct, and reliable.

The submission of inaccurate or misleading information may be grounds for disqualification from the grant contract agreement award and may subject me and my organization to suspension or debarment proceedings, as well as other remedies available to the State, by law.

Print Name

Signature

Title

Date