

**Agreement for State Financial Assistance Between
Florida Department of Law Enforcement
and
Levy County Board of County Commissioners**

AWARD AGREEMENT

Award Number: LG020
Project Title: Law Enforcement Salary Assistance for Fiscally Constrained Counties
Project Period: 07/01/2025 – 06/30/2026
Awarded Funds: \$1,336,260.00
FLAIR Vendor ID: 596000717
CSFA Catalog Number: 71.067

THIS AWARD AGREEMENT is entered into by and between the Florida Department of Law Enforcement ("FDLE" or "Department") and Levy County Board of County Commissioners ("Recipient") on behalf of Levy County Sheriff's Office ("Recipient's Sheriff"). The Department and the Recipient and/or Recipient's Sheriff are sometimes referred to herein individually as a "Party" and collectively as "the Parties."

WHEREAS, the Department has authority pursuant to Florida law and does hereby agree to provide state financial assistance to the Recipient in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Department has available funds resulting from a single, non-recurring appropriation in The General Appropriations Act, 2025 Legislature, Section 4, Specific Appropriation 1177, Grants and Aids-Special Projects, intended to provide funding to the Recipient for salary increases for deputy sheriffs and correctional officers employed by the Recipient's Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, the Recipient represents that it is fully qualified, possesses the requisite skills, knowledge, qualifications, and experience to carry out the state project identified herein, and, through the Recipient's Sheriff, does offer to perform such services.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the parties hereto agree as follows:

The 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act (GAA) contains the following proviso language and provides information on the legislative intent for the use of these funds:

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1177, \$25,906,784 in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for salary increases for deputy sheriffs and correctional officers employed by sheriff's office or boards of county commissioners in fiscally constrained counties, as defined in section 218.67(1), Florida Statutes."

The Recipient has been allocated \$1,336,260.00 in funding for this purpose for fiscal year 2025-2026.

This award is subject to the terms and conditions outlined in the following sections of the Agreement.

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Section I: Scope of Work

This state financial assistance award will be managed in AmpliFund, FDLE's electronic grant management system. The Recipient Grant Manager shall be responsible for obtaining a login to AmpliFund by contacting the Lead Recipient for their agency. Contact the Department Grant Manager for assistance if your agency does not have an account with AmpliFund or if the Lead Recipient is unknown.

Recipient Responsibilities:

1. The Recipient, through the Recipient's Sheriff, shall provide regular and ongoing law enforcement and correctional services to the community it serves during the project period.
2. The Recipient shall strive to maintain adequate staffing levels based upon the specific needs of the community it serves and in accordance with established policies and procedures.
3. The Recipient shall establish policies and procedures to track disbursements received from the Department and salaries and benefits paid out to deputy sheriffs and correctional officers during the project period, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The portion of salaries and benefits paid using award funds must be tracked separately from other salary dollars.
4. The Recipient shall establish adequate timekeeping policies and procedures to substantiate the number of hours worked by deputy sheriffs and correctional officers under their employment during the project period.
5. The Recipient and/or Recipient's Sheriff shall establish procedures to maintain supporting documentation on file for all expenditures made with state funds during the project period. Copies of supporting documentation must be provided to the Department Grant Manager upon request. Supporting documentation may include but is not limited to: timesheets, paystubs, payroll reports, and general ledgers.
6. The Recipient and/or the Recipient's Sheriff shall provide all of the reports required by **Section III** by the specified deadlines.

Section II: Reconciliation of Funds

The final Quarterly Payroll Certification (QPC) for the previous award year (7/1/2024 – 6/30/2025) is due to the Department by July 15, 2025, in accordance with the previous year's award agreement. The Department will utilize the previous year's reports to reconcile the total amount of state funds received vs. the total amount of state funds expended during the previous award year. No payments shall be issued under this agreement until the reconciliation process is complete.

Any amount of state funds received by the Recipient that was not utilized to increase the salaries of deputy sheriffs and/or correctional officers must be refunded to the Department. The Recipient will be notified in writing if a refund is owed. Refunds must be provided to the Department within 30 days of receipt of the written notification, and no payments shall be issued under this agreement until the refund has been received.

If the reconciliation process determines no refund is owed, the previous year's award shall be closed and the initial payment for this award year shall be initiated by the Department, provided the initial reports required by **Section III** have been submitted.

Section III: Reporting Requirements

The Recipient and/or Recipient's Sheriff shall be responsible for providing the following reports and/or documents by the deadlines specified below.

1. Prior to the initial distribution of funding: the Recipient and/or Recipient's Sheriff must provide to the Department:
 - a) A copy of this signed Agreement;
 - b) A Spending Plan detailing how salary increases funded by this Agreement shall be distributed to deputy sheriffs and/or correctional officers; and
 - c) If not already on file with the Department: a copy of the Recipient's approved Local

Operating Budget for 2024-2025, detailing the amount of local funds budgeted for deputy sheriff and correctional officer salaries.

2. No later than October 6, 2025: the Recipient and/or the Recipient's Sheriff must provide a report to the Florida Sheriff's Association detailing how funds were distributed to deputy sheriffs and/or correctional officers during the previous award year (7/1/2024 – 6/30/2025). Funding owed under this agreement shall be withheld by the Department until the Department receives confirmation of receipt from the Florida Sheriff's Association.
3. By November 1, 2025: the Recipient and/or the Recipient's Sheriff shall provide a copy of the Recipient's approved Local Operating Budget for 2025-2026, detailing the amount of local funds budgeted for deputy sheriff and correctional officer salaries. Funding owed under this agreement shall be withheld by the Department until this document is received.
4. No later than 15 days after the end of each quarter: the Recipient and/or the Recipient's Sheriff shall submit a Budget Tracking Period in AmpliFund with a copy of the Quarterly Payroll Certification (QPC) report attached. A copy of the QPC report template shall be provided to the Recipient upon execution of the Agreement. Instructions for submitting Budget Tracking Periods in AmpliFund will be provided to the Recipient upon execution of the agreement.

The reporting schedule for this award is summarized in the table below. All payments owed under the terms of this award agreement shall be withheld by the Department until the specified reports have been received.

Due Date	Reports Due	QPC Reporting Period
7/15/2025	QPC – submit via email	4/1/2025– 6/30/2025
10/6/2025	Funding summary to FSA – submit via email	
10/15/2025	QPC – submit via AmpliFund	7/1/2025– 9/30/2025
11/1/2025	Approved budget for new fiscal year – submit via email	
1/15/2026	QPC – submit via AmpliFund	10/1/2025– 12/31/2025
4/15/2026	QPC – submit via AmpliFund	1/1/2026– 3/31/2026
7/15/2026	QPC – submit via AmpliFund	4/1/2026– 6/30/2026

Section IV: Payments

The Department will disburse funds to the Recipient in the form of four equal, quarterly cash advances. The Department shall initiate payment of the cash advance upon receipt of the QPC for the previous quarter, provided no other documentation required by **Section III** is outstanding.

Quarter	Quarterly Advance
Q1	\$334,065.00
Q2	\$334,065.00
Q3	\$334,065.00
Q4	\$334,065.00
Total	\$1,336,260.00

The State of Florida's and the Department's performance and obligation to pay under the Agreement is contingent upon an appropriation by the Legislature, and subject to any modification in accordance with Chapter 216, Florida Statutes, or the Florida Constitution. All expenditures must be incurred during the term of the project period. The Department's determination of acceptable expenditures shall be conclusive. Expenditures of state financial assistance shall be compliant with laws, rules and regulations specified in §943.361, Florida Statutes.

If the Recipient fails to provide services as outlined in the Agreement, additional distributions of funds will be withheld. Future funding under this program may also be jeopardized. In the event the Recipient ceases the provision of correctional services during the contract period, a final report shall be submitted to the Department which includes the actual salary costs of impacted correctional officers from the beginning of the project period through the date the provision of services ceased. The actual costs will be compared

to the distributions to date, and any state funds disbursed in excess of eligible funds expended must be refunded to the Department no later than July 31, 2026.

Section V: Deliverables

Deliverable:	The Recipient will use funding provided by this award to increase salaries for deputy sheriffs and correctional officers under their employment.
Minimum Performance Criteria:	Documentation required for payment includes a Quarterly Payroll Certification for the most recently completed quarter, attesting to the amount of state funds paid to each deputy sheriff and/or correctional officer during that quarter.
Financial Consequences:	Failure to provide the required documentation will result in the withholding of payment.
Deliverable Price:	Total payments for this deliverable will not exceed \$1,336,260.00

Section VI: Administration

Changes to the following points of contact and chief officials below must be submitted to FDLE Office of Criminal Justice Grants in writing.

Recipient Grant Manager

Name: Tammy Meadows
Title: Finance Director
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Bronson, FL 32621
Phone: 352-486-5111 ext. 244
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Recipient Chief Official

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Title: Chair
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Bronson, FL 32621
Phone: 352-486-5218
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Recipient Chief Financial Officer

Name: Tammy Meadows
Title: Finance Director
Address: 9150 NE 80th Avenue
Bronson, FL 32621
Phone: 352-486-5111 ext. 244
Email: tmeadows@levyso.com

Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Grant Manager

Name: Angela Ferrara
Title: Government Analyst II
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Tallahassee, FL 32302-1489
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Section VII: Award Signatures

In witness whereof, the parties affirm they each have read and agree to the conditions set forth in the Agreement, have read and understand the Agreement in its entirety and have executed the Agreement by their duly authorized officers on the date, month and year set out below.

Modifications to this page, including strikeovers, whiteout, etc. are not permitted.

**Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Office of Criminal Justice Grants**

Signature: _____

Typed Name and Title: Cody Menacof, Bureau Chief

Date: _____

**Recipient
Levy County Board of County Commissioners**

Signature: 

Typed Name and Title: Desiree Mills, Chair

Date: July 22, 2025

*** If using a designee, sign the Chief Official Designee section below***

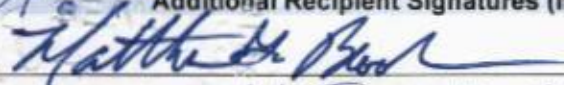
Recipient Chief Official Designee (if applicable)

Signature: _____

Typed Name and Title: _____

Date: _____

ATTEST: Additional Recipient Signatures (if applicable)

Signature: 

Typed Name and Title: Matt Brooks, Clerk of Circuit Court

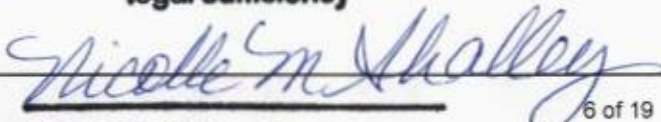
Date: July 22, 2025

Signature: _____

Typed Name and Title: _____

Date: _____

**Approved as to form and
legal sufficiency**



Nicole M. Shelley, County Attorney

Approved as to form and
legal sufficiency



Section VIII: Audit Requirements for Awards of State and Federal Financial Assistance

The administration of resources awarded by the Department of Law Enforcement ("Department") to the Recipient may be subject to audits and/or monitoring by the Department, as described in this section.

MONITORING

In addition to reviews of audits conducted in accordance with 2 CFR 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements, and section 215.97, Florida Statutes (F.S.), as revised (see AUDITS below), monitoring procedures may include, but not be limited to, on-site visits by Department staff, limited scope audits as defined by 2 CFR §200.425, or other procedures. By entering into this agreement, the Recipient agrees to comply and cooperate with any monitoring procedures or processes deemed appropriate by the Department. In the event the Department determines that a limited scope audit of the Recipient is appropriate, the Recipient agrees to comply with any additional instructions provided by Department staff to the Recipient regarding such audit. The Recipient further agrees to comply and cooperate with any inspections, reviews, investigations, or audits deemed necessary by the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) or Auditor General.

AUDITS

PART I: FEDERALLY FUNDED

This part is applicable if the Recipient is a state or local government or a nonprofit organization as defined in 2 CFR §200.90, §200.64, and §200.70.

1. A recipient that expends \$750,000 or more in federal awards in its fiscal year must have a single or program-specific audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements. **EXHIBIT 1** to this form lists the federal resources awarded through the Department by this agreement. In determining the federal awards expended in its fiscal year, the Recipient shall consider all sources of federal awards, including federal resources received from the Department. The determination of amounts of federal awards expended should be in accordance with the guidelines established in 2 CFR §200.502-503. An audit of the Recipient conducted by the Auditor General in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR §200.514 will meet the requirements of this Part.
2. For the audit requirements addressed in Part I, paragraph 1, the Recipient shall fulfill the requirements relative to auditee responsibilities as provided in 2 CFR §200.508-512.
3. A recipient that expends less than \$750,000 in federal awards in its fiscal year is not required to have an audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements. If the Recipient expends less than \$750,000 in federal awards in its fiscal year and elects to have an audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements, the cost of the audit must be paid from non-federal resources (i.e., the cost of such an audit must be paid from recipient resources obtained from other than federal entities).

PART II: STATE FUNDED

1. In the event that the Recipient expends a total amount of state financial assistance equal to or in excess of \$750,000 in any fiscal year of such Recipient (for fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, and thereafter), the Recipient must have a state single or project-specific audit for such fiscal year in accordance with section 215.97, F.S., Rule Chapter 69I-5, F.A.C., State Financial Assistance; and Chapters 10.550 (local governmental entities) and 10.650 (nonprofit and for-profit organizations), Rules of the Auditor General. **EXHIBIT 1** to this form lists the state financial assistance awarded through the Department by this agreement. In determining the state financial assistance expended in its fiscal year, the Recipient shall consider all sources of state financial assistance, including state financial assistance received from the Department, other state agencies, and other nonstate entities. State financial assistance does not include federal direct or pass-through awards and resources received by a nonstate entity for federal program matching requirements.
2. For the audit requirements addressed in Part II, paragraph 1, the Recipient shall ensure that the audit complies with the requirements of section 215.97(8), F.S. This includes submission of a financial reporting package as defined by section 215.97(2), F.S., and Chapters 10.550 (local

governmental entities) and 10.650 (nonprofit and for-profit organizations), Rules of the Auditor General.

3. If the Recipient expends less than \$750,000 in state financial assistance in its fiscal year (for fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, and thereafter), an audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of section 215.97, F.S., is not required. If the Recipient expends less than \$750,000 in state financial assistance in its fiscal year and elects to have an audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of section 215.97, F.S., the cost of the audit must be paid from the nonstate entity's resources (i.e., the cost of such an audit must be paid from the Recipient's resources obtained from other than state entities).

PART III: OTHER AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

(NOTE: This part would be used to specify any additional audit requirements imposed by the Department that are solely a matter of Department policy (i.e., the audit is not required by Federal or State laws and is not in conflict with other Federal or State audit requirements). Pursuant to Section 215.97(8), Florida Statutes, the Department may conduct or arrange for audits of state financial assistance that are in addition to audits conducted in accordance with Section 215.97, Florida Statutes. In such an event, the Department must arrange for funding the full cost of such additional audits.)

N/A

PART IV: REPORT SUBMISSION

1. Copies of reporting packages for audits conducted in accordance with 2 CFR 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements, and required by Part I of this form shall be submitted, when required by 2 CFR §200.512, by or on behalf of the Recipient directly to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse (FAC) as provided in 2 CFR §200.36 and §200.512. The FAC's website (<https://www.fac.gov/>) provides a data entry system and required forms for submitting the single audit reporting package. Updates to the location of the FAC and data entry system may be found at the OMB website.
2. Copies of financial reporting packages required by Part II of this form shall be submitted by or on behalf of the Recipient directly to each of the following:
 - a. The Department at the following email address:

Electronic copy:
OCJGSFA@fdle.state.fl.us
 - b. The Auditor General's Office at each of the following addresses:

Electronic copy: The Auditor General's website (https://flauditor.gov/) provides instructions for filing an electronic copy of a financial reporting package.	and	Paper (hard copy): Auditor General Local Government Audits/342 Claude Pepper Building, Room 401 111 West Madison Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1450
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3. Documentation required by Part III of this form, if applicable, shall be submitted by or on behalf of the Recipient directly to the Department at OCJGSFA@fdle.state.fl.us.
4. Any reports, management letters, or other information required to be submitted to the Department pursuant to this agreement shall be submitted timely in accordance with 2 CFR §200.512, section 215.97, F.S., and Chapters 10.550 (local governmental entities) and 10.650 (nonprofit and for-profit organizations), Rules of the Auditor General, as applicable.
5. Recipients, when submitting financial reporting packages to the Department for audits done in accordance with 2 CFR 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements, or Chapters 10.550 (local governmental entities) and 10.650 (nonprofit and for-profit organizations), Rules of the Auditor General, should indicate the date that the reporting package was delivered to the recipient in correspondence accompanying the reporting package.

PART V: RECORD RETENTION

The Recipient shall retain sufficient records demonstrating its compliance with the terms of the award(s) and this agreement for a period of five (5) from the date the audit report is issued, and shall allow the Department, or its designee, the CFO, or Auditor General access to such records upon request. The Recipient shall ensure that audit working papers are made available to the Department, or its designee, the CFO, or Auditor General upon request for a period of five (5) years from the date the audit report is issued, unless extended in writing by the Department.

EXHIBIT 1

FEDERAL RESOURCES: N/A

STATE RESOURCES

State Resources Awarded to the Recipient Pursuant to this Agreement Consist of the Following:

1. Matching Resources for Federal Programs: N/A
2. Subject to section 215.97, F.S:

A. State Project:

State Awarding Agency	State of Florida, Department of Law Enforcement
State Project Title	Law Enforcement Salary Assistance for Fiscally Constrained Counties
CSFA Number	71.067
Award Number	LG020
Award Amount	\$1,336,260.00

3. Compliance Requirements Applicable to State Resources Awarded Pursuant to this Agreement are as Follows:
 - A. **State Project:** The compliance requirements for Award LG020 are outlined in the award agreement.

Section IX: Standard Terms and Conditions

The following terms and conditions will be binding upon the execution of this Agreement between the Department and the Recipient. In the event that any of the information provided in this Appendix changes after the execution of this Agreement, the Department shall provide written notice of such changes to the Recipient. A formal amendment to the Agreement is not required.

SECTION I : GOVERNING LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

This Agreement is entered into in the State of Florida, and shall be construed, performed, and enforced in all respects in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations of the State. Each Party shall perform its obligations in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

- A. Lobbying Prohibited:** The Recipient shall comply with the provisions of sections 11.062 and 216.347, F.S., which prohibit the expenditure of state funds for the purpose of lobbying the Legislature, judicial branch, or a state agency. No funds or other resources received in connection with this agreement may be used directly or indirectly to influence legislation or any other official action by the Florida Legislature or any state agency.
- B. Independent Contractor:** In performing its obligations under this agreement, the Recipient shall at all times act in the capacity of an independent contractor and not as an officer, employee, or agent of the State of Florida. Nothing in this Agreement may be understood to constitute a partnership or joint venture between the Parties. Neither the Recipient nor any of its agents, employees, subcontractors, or assignees shall represent to others that it is an agent of or has the authority to bind the Department by virtue of this agreement, unless specifically authorized in writing to do so.
- C. Limitations on Advertising:** The Department is prohibited from endorsing the project of any recipient of state financial assistance. The Recipient shall not publicly disseminate any information or documentation that implies the project described in this Agreement is endorsed by the Department, or that contains the name, logos, or emblems of the Department.
- D. Sponsorship:** If the Recipient is a nongovernmental organization (a nonprofit or for-profit) that sponsors a program that is financed wholly or in part by State funds, including funds obtained through this Agreement, it shall, in publicizing, advertising, or describing the sponsorship of the program, state: "Sponsored by (Recipient's name) and the State of Florida." If the sponsorship reference is in written material, the words "State of Florida" shall appear in the same size letters or type as the name of the Recipient. The Department's name, logos, or emblems shall not be utilized.
- E. Travel Costs:** The maximum amount of reimbursement for travel costs shall not exceed the rates established in the State of Florida Travel Guidelines, section 112.061, F.S.
- F. Civil Rights:** The Recipient agrees to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (Public Law 101-336, 42 U.S.C. Section 12101 et seq.) and shall not discriminate against any individual employed in the performance of this Agreement due to race, religion, color, sex, physical handicap unrelated to such a person's ability to engage in this work, national origin, ancestry, age, or marital status. These requirements shall apply to all contractors, subrecipients, or others with whom the Recipient arranges to provide services or benefits to clients or employees in connection with the award program and related activities.
- G. E-Verify:** The Recipient agrees to comply with section 448.095(5), F.S., requiring the Recipient and all third-party entities it enters into agreements with to register with and use the E-Verify system. The Recipient may not enter into a contract with any third-party entity without verifying compliance with this requirement, or without obtaining an affidavit from the third-party entity stating they do not employ, contract with, or subcontract with unauthorized aliens. If the Recipient or the Department has a good faith belief that a third-party entity is in violation of section 448.09(1), F.S., the Recipient must terminate their contract with the third-party entity. Third-party entities may file a cause of action with a circuit or

county court to challenge a termination no later than 20 calendar days after the date on which the contract was terminated.

- H. Background Check:** Whenever a background screening for employment or a background security check is required by law for employment, unless otherwise provided by law, the provisions of chapter 435, F.S., shall apply. All employees in positions designated by law as positions of trust or responsibility shall be required to undergo security background investigations as a condition of employment and continued employment. For the purposes of this subsection, security background investigations shall include, but not be limited to: employment history checks, fingerprinting for all purposes and checks in this subsection, statewide criminal and juvenile record checks through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and federal criminal record checks through the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and may include local criminal record checks through local law enforcement agencies.
- I. Non-Disclosure Agreements:** Recipients may not require any employee or contractor to sign an internal confidentiality agreement or statement that prohibits, restricts or purports to prohibit or restrict, the reporting of waste, fraud, or abuse in accordance with law to an investigative or law enforcement representative of a state or federal department or agency authorized to receive such information. The Recipient certifies that if it is informed or notified that any subrecipient or vendor has been requiring their employees to execute agreements or statements that prohibit the reporting of fraud, waste, or abuse that it will immediately cease all further obligations of award funds to the entity and will immediately notify the Department. The Recipient will not resume obligations until expressly authorized to do so by the Department.
- J. Disputes and Appeals:** Unless otherwise stated in this Agreement, disputes concerning performance under the Agreement will be decided by the Department, who shall reduce the decision to writing and serve a copy to the Recipient. In the event a Party is dissatisfied with the dispute resolution decision, jurisdiction for any dispute arising under the terms of the Agreement will be in State courts, and the venue will be the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Leon County. Except as otherwise provided by law, the Parties agree to be responsible for their own attorney fees incurred in connection with disputes arising under the terms of this Agreement.
- K. Insurance:** The Recipient shall provide and maintain at all times during this Agreement adequate general liability insurance coverage of such types and with such terms and limits as may be reasonably associated with this Agreement, as required by law, and as otherwise necessary and prudent for the Recipient's performance of work under this Agreement. The limits of coverage shall not be interpreted as limiting the Recipient's liability and obligations under this Agreement. All insurance policies shall be through insurers licensed and authorized to write policies in the State of Florida, and such policies shall cover all employees engaged in any work performed under this Agreement. Documentation to support compliance with this provision shall be provided to the Department upon request. Failure to maintain adequate insurance coverage may, at the Department's sole discretion, result in termination of the Agreement.
- L. Intellectual Property Rights:** Where activities supported by this Agreement result in the creation of intellectual property rights, the Recipient shall notify the Department, and the Department will determine whether the Recipient will be required to grant the Department a perpetual, irrevocable, royalty-free, nonexclusive license to use, and to authorize others to use for State government purposes, any resulting patented, copyrighted, or trademarked work products developed under this Agreement. The Department will also determine whether the Recipient will be required to pay all or a portion of any royalties resulting from such patents, copyrights, or trademarks.
- M. Prohibited Vendor Lists:** The Recipient may not enter into an agreement with any organization named on a prohibited vendor list, pursuant to sections 287.133 – 287.137, F.S. In addition, if the Recipient is found to be included on any of these lists, the Department may unilaterally terminate this Agreement. These lists are maintained by the Department of Management Services on their website:
https://www.dms.myflorida.com/business_operations/state_purchasing/state_agency_resources/vendor_registration_and_vendor_lists

1. The "Convicted Vendor List", pursuant to section 287.133, F.S.
2. The "Discriminatory Vendor List", pursuant to section 287.134, F.S.
3. The "Forced Labor Vendor List", pursuant to section 287.1346, F.S.
4. The "Scrutinized List of Prohibited Companies", pursuant to section 287.135, F.S.
5. The "Suspended Vendor List", pursuant to section 287.1351, F.S.
6. The "Antitrust Violator Vendor List", pursuant to section 287.137, F.S.

SECTION II: FUNDING AND PAYMENT CONSIDERATIONS

A. Funding Requirements: Pursuant to section 215.971(1), F.S.:

1. The Recipient may only expend funding under this Agreement for allowable costs resulting from obligations incurred during the project period.
2. The Recipient shall refund to the Department any balance of unobligated funds that were advanced or paid to the Recipient.
3. The Recipient shall refund to the Department all funds received in excess of the amount to which the Recipient or its subrecipients are entitled under the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

B. Compensation: This is a cost-reimbursement agreement. This Agreement shall not exceed the award amount, and payment shall only be issued by the Department after acceptance of the Recipient's performance as set forth by the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The State of Florida's obligation to pay under this agreement is contingent upon an appropriation by the Legislature.

C. Payment Process: Subject to the terms and conditions established in this Agreement, the Department agrees to pay the Recipient in accordance with section 215.422, F.S.

D. EFT Payments: Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) payments are preferred by the State. While enrollment is not required, the Recipient may choose to enroll by submitting an authorization form to the Department of Financial Services. Copies of the authorization form and a sample blank enrollment letter may be obtained at: <https://www.myfloridacfo.com/division/aa/vendors>. Once enrolled, payments under this Agreement will be made by EFT. Questions about the enrollment process should be directed to the EFT section of the Department of Financial Services at (850) 413-5517.

E. Financial Management: The Recipient agrees to maintain all financial records and documents (including electronic files) in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures and practices. The Recipient must be able to record and report on the receipt, obligation, and expenditure of grant funds for each award, project, and/or subrecipient. The Recipient must provide copies of their general ledgers and schedule of accounts to the Department upon request for monitoring purposes.

F. Expenditures: All expenditures must be in compliance with the laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the expenditure of State funds, including, but not limited to, the [Reference Guide for State Expenditures](#) maintained by the Department of Financial Services.

G. Taxes: The Department is exempt from the payment of State sales and use tax and Federal Excise Tax. Unless otherwise provided by law, the Recipient, however, shall not be exempted from paying State sales and use tax to the appropriate governmental agencies, nor shall the Recipient be exempted from paying its suppliers for any taxes on materials used to fulfill its contractual obligations under this Agreement. The Recipient shall be responsible and liable for the payment of all its FICA/Social Security and other taxes resulting from this agreement.

H. Invoices: Invoices submitted to the Department as supporting documentation for payment must fulfill all of the requirements for invoices outlined in the Reference Guide for State Expenditures. These requirements are summarized in Appendix C of this Agreement.

- I. **Advance Payments:** While this is primarily a cost-reimbursement agreement, the Recipient may be eligible to receive an advancement of funds (a cash advance) for immediate payables. The Recipient shall provide written justification for imminent need of funding to the Department Grant Manager, accompanied by the invoice(s) to be paid. The Recipient will be notified of the Department's decision to approve or deny the request in writing. If approved, advanced funds must be utilized to pay the approved invoice(s) within thirty (30) days of receipt of the funds via check/warrant or EFT. The cash advance must be reconciled with the Department within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the funds. The Department may choose, at its sole discretion, to withhold all payments owed to the Recipient until an outstanding cash advance has been reconciled.
- J. **Final Payment Request:** If the Recipient fails to submit the final payment request to the Department by the deadline specified in the Scope of Work, or within 45 days of the end date of the Agreement, the Department may, at its sole discretion, consider the Recipient to have forfeited any and all rights to payment under this Agreement.

SECTION III: RETURN OR RECOUPMENT OF FUNDS

- A. **Refunds:** If the Recipient or its independent auditor discovers that an overpayment has been made, the Recipient shall contact the Department within seven (7) calendar days after the date of discovery. In the event that the Department first discovers an overpayment has been made, the Department will notify the Recipient in writing. The Department will provide a Refund Request Form to the Recipient to be completed and mailed to the Department with the refund check. Refunds must be submitted to the Department within thirty (30) calendar days after the date of discovery. Checks shall be made payable to the "Department of Law Enforcement" and shall be mailed with a copy of the Refund Request Form to:

*FDLE – Cash Receipts
Post Office Box 1489
Tallahassee, FL 32302-1489*

Should repayment not be made in a timely manner, the Department shall be entitled to charge interest at the lawful rate of interest on the outstanding balance beginning forty (40) calendar days after the date of notification or discovery. If an overpayment is discovered while the Agreement is still active, the Department may choose to recoup the overpayment from monies owed to the Recipient under this Agreement.

- B. **Recoupment of Funds:** If the Recipient's noncompliance with any provision of this Agreement results in additional costs or monetary loss to the Department or the State, the Department may recoup the costs or losses from monies owed to the Recipient under this Agreement. In the event that the discovery of additional costs or losses arises when no monies are available under this Agreement, the Recipient shall repay such costs or losses to the Department in full within thirty (30) days from the date of discovery or notification, unless the Department agrees, in writing, to an alternative timeframe.

SECTION IV: DUTY OF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AND INSTANCES OF FRAUD

- A. **Legal Proceedings:** Prior to the execution of this Agreement, the Recipient shall disclose in writing all prior or on-going civil or criminal litigation, investigations, arbitration, or administrative proceedings (collectively "Proceedings") involving this Agreement, including any Proceedings that involve subrecipients or contractors performing work under this Agreement. Thereafter, the Recipient has a continuing duty to promptly disclose all Proceedings upon occurrence.
- B. **Duty of Disclosure:** This duty of disclosure applies to each officer and director of the Recipient, as well as to each officer and director of subrecipients or contractors performing work under this Agreement, for any Proceeding that relates to an officer's or director's business or financial activities. Details of settlements that are prevented from disclosure by the terms of the settlement must be annotated as such. If the existence of such Proceeding causes the Department concern about Recipient's ability or willingness to perform work under the Agreement, then upon the Department's request, the Recipient shall provide to the Department Grant Manager all reasonable assurances that: (a) the Recipient will be

able to perform work under the Agreement in accordance with its terms and conditions; and (b) the Recipient and/or its employees, agents, subrecipients, or contractors have not and will not engage in conduct which is similar in nature to the conduct alleged in such Proceeding while performing work under this Agreement.

- C. **Notification of Instances of Fraud:** Upon discovery, the Recipient shall report all known or suspected instances of operational fraud, criminal activities, or mismanagement of award funds committed by the Recipient, or an agent, contractor, or employee of the Recipient, to the Department Grant Manager in writing within 24 chronological hours.

SECTION V: MANDATORY DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

- A. **Conflict of Interest:** This Agreement is subject to chapter 112, F.S. . The Recipient shall disclose the name of any officer, director, employee, or other agent who is also an employee of the State. The Recipient shall also disclose the name of any State employee who owns, directly or indirectly, more than a five percent (5%) interest in the Recipient or its affiliates.
- B. **Foreign Gifts and Contracts:** The Recipient shall comply with any applicable disclosure requirements in section 286.101, F.S.. Pursuant to section 286.101(7), F.S., "In addition to any fine assessed under section 286.101(7)(a), a final order determining a third or subsequent violation by an entity other than a state agency or political subdivision shall automatically disqualify the entity from eligibility for any grant or contract funded by a state agency or any political subdivision until such ineligibility is lifted by the Administration Commission for good cause."

SECTION VI: PUBLIC RECORDS REQUIREMENTS

Recipients who fail to provide Public Records to the Department within a reasonable amount of time may be subject to penalties under section 119.10, F.S.

- A. **Public Records Law:** The Recipient must allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other material, regardless of the physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission, made or received by the Recipient in conjunction with the Agreement ("Public Records"), unless the Public Records are exempt from public access pursuant to chapter 119, F.S., section 24(a) of Article I of the Florida Constitution, or other applicable state or federal law ("Public Records Law"). For the purposes of this Agreement, the Recipient is responsible for becoming familiar with Florida's Public Records Law. The Recipient must provide copies of all requested documentation to the Department within ten (10) business days of the date of the request. The Department may unilaterally terminate the Agreement if the Recipient refuses to allow public access to Public Records as required by Public Records Law.
- B. **Public Records Requests:** All requests to inspect or copy Public Records relating to the Agreement must be made directly to the Department. Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary, disclosure of any records made or received by the State in conjunction with the Agreement is governed by Public Records Law.
- C. **Exemption from Public Records:** If the Recipient has a reasonable, legal basis to assert that any portion of any records submitted to the Department is confidential, proprietary, trade secret, or otherwise not subject to disclosure ("Confidential" or "Trade Secret") under Public Records Law or other legal authority, the Recipient must simultaneously provide the Department with a separate redacted copy of the records the Recipient claims as Confidential or Trade Secret and briefly describe in writing the grounds for claiming exemption from the Public Records Law, including the specific statutory citation for such exemption. Only the portions of the records that the Recipient claims are Confidential or Trade Secret shall be redacted. If the Recipient fails to submit a redacted copy of records it claims are Confidential or Trade Secret, such action may constitute a waiver of any claim of confidentiality.
- D. **Requests for Redacted Records:** If the Department receives a Public Records request for records that include those marked as "Confidential" or "Trade Secret", the Department will provide the Recipient-

redacted copies to the requester. If a requester asserts a right to the portions of records claimed as Confidential or Trade Secret, the Department will notify the Recipient that such an assertion has been made. It is the Recipient's responsibility to assert that the portions of records in question are exempt from disclosure under Public Records Law or other legal authority. If the Department becomes subject to a demand for discovery or disclosure of the portions of records the Recipient claims as Confidential or Trade Secret in a legal proceeding, the Department will give the Recipient prompt notice of the demand, when possible, prior to releasing the portions of records the Recipient claims as Confidential or Trade Secret (unless disclosure is otherwise prohibited by applicable law). The Recipient shall be responsible for defending its determination that the redacted portions of its records are Confidential or Trade Secret. No right or remedy for damages against the Department arises from any disclosure made by the Department based on the Recipient's failure to promptly, legally protect its claim of exemption and commence such protective actions within ten (10) days of receipt of such notice from the Department. If the Recipient claims that the records are Trade Secret pursuant to section 624.4213, F.S., and if all the requirements of section 624.4213(1), F.S., are met, the Department will respond to the Public Records Request in accordance with the provisions specified in that statute.

- E. **Records Transfer:** If the Recipient's record retention requirements terminate prior to the requirements stated herein, the Recipient may meet the Department's record retention requirements for this Agreement by transferring its records to the Department at that time, and by destroying duplicate records in accordance with section 501.171, F.S., and if applicable, section 119.0701, F.S. The Recipient shall adhere to established information destruction standards such as those established by the National Institute of Standards and Technology Special Publication 800-88, "Guidelines for Media Sanitization" (2014). See:
<https://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/SpecialPublications/NIST.SP.800-88r1.pdf>

IF THE RECIPIENT HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, F.S., TO THE RECIPIENT'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT PUBLIC RECORDS AT:

Telephone: (850) 410-7676
Email: publicrecords@fdle.state.fl.us
Mailing Address: Florida Department of Law Enforcement,
Office of Open Government, Public Records Section
P.O. Box 1489
Tallahassee, FL 32302-1489

SECTION VII: NONEXPENDABLE PROPERTY

For the purposes of this section, "property" means equipment, fixtures, and other tangible personal property of a nonconsumable and nonexpendable nature.

- A. **Compliance:** The requirements of this section apply to property owned by governmental units as defined by section 274.01, F.S., and not to for-profit or nonprofit organizations. However, these organizations are encouraged to establish and administer a property management system to protect, preserve, use, maintain, and dispose of any property furnished to it by the Department or purchased pursuant to this agreement.
- B. **Property Supervision and Control:** Pursuant to section 273.03, F.S., the Recipient is the custodian of all nonexpendable property, and shall be primarily responsible for the supervision, control, and disposition of the property in his or her custody (but may delegate its use and immediate control to a person under his or her supervision and may require custody receipts).
- C. **Maintenance of Property:** The Recipient shall be responsible for the correct use of all nonexpendable property obtained using funds provided by this Agreement, and for the implementation of adequate maintenance procedures to keep the nonexpendable property in good operating condition.

- D. **Property Records:** All nonexpendable property purchased under this Agreement shall be listed on the property records of the Recipient. The Recipient shall inventory annually and maintain accounting records for all nonexpendable property purchased. The records shall include, at a minimum, the following information: property tag identification number, description of the item(s), physical location, name, make or manufacturer, year, and/or model, manufacturer's serial number(s), dates of acquisition, and the current condition of the item.

SECTION VIII: PURCHASE OF, OR IMPROVEMENTS TO, REAL PROPERTY

- A. **Security Interest:** In accordance with section 287.05805, F.S., if funding provided under this Agreement is used for the purchase of or improvements to real property, the Recipient shall grant the Department a security interest in the property in the amount of the funding provided by this Agreement for the purchase of improvements to the real property for five (5) years from the date of purchase or the completion of improvements or as further required by law.
- B. **Expiration of Security Interest:** Upon the expiration date of the Agreement, the Recipient shall be authorized to retain ownership of the improvements to real property set forth in this Agreement in accordance with the following: (a) the Recipient is not sold, merged, or acquired; (b) the real property subject to the improvements is owned by the Recipient; and (c) the real property subject to the improvements is used for the purposes provided in this Agreement. If within five years of expiration of this Agreement, the Recipient is unable to satisfy these requirements, the Recipient shall notify the Department in writing of the circumstances that will result in the deficiency upon learning of it, but no later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the deficiency occurring. In such event, the Department shall have the right, within its sole discretion, to demand reimbursement of part or all of the funding provided to the Recipient under this Agreement.

SECTION IX: SUBAWARDS, CONTRACTS, AND ASSIGNMENTS

- A. **Allowability:** Unless otherwise specified in this Agreement or through prior written approval of the Department, the Recipient may not: (a) Subgrant any of the funds provided to the Recipient by the Department under this Agreement; (b) contract its duties or responsibilities under this Agreement out to a third party; or (c) assign any of the Recipient's rights or responsibilities herein, unless specifically permitted by law to do so.
- B. **Recipient Responsibilities:** The Recipient agrees to be responsible for all work performed and all expenses incurred in fulfilling the obligations of this Agreement. If the Department approves the Recipient's request to subgrant, contract, or assign any or all of the work to be performed under this Agreement, it is understood by the Recipient that all such arrangements shall be evidenced by a written contract containing all provisions necessary to ensure the vendor's compliance with applicable state and federal laws. The Recipient agrees that all subrecipients performing work under this award shall be properly trained individuals who meet or exceed any specified training qualifications. The Recipient further agrees that the Department shall not be liable to the vendor for all expenses and liabilities incurred under the contract and that the Recipient shall be solely liable to the vendor for all expenses and liabilities incurred under the contract. The Recipient, at its expense, will defend the Department against such claims.
- C. **Subrecipient Responsibilities:** Subrecipients of state financial assistance are obligated to comply with the requirements outlined in this Agreement for monitoring, auditing, records retention, and financial reporting outlined in the attached Appendix to this Agreement. The Recipient shall include the aforementioned requirements in all approved subrecipient contracts and assignments.
- D. **Subrecipient Agreements:** Pursuant to section 215.971, F.S., agreements with subrecipients performing work under this award shall include, or be amended to include:
- A scope of work that clearly establishes the tasks/activities the subrecipient will perform.
 - Specific deliverables related to the tasks/activities outlined in the scope of work.
 - The minimum level of performance required for each deliverable and the criteria that will be used to determine successful performance. This may include: documentation supporting delivery of an

item such as receipts or paid invoices, documentation supporting the successful completion of an activity such as a dated, itemized invoice, activity logs, timesheets, or participant sign-in sheets.

- d) The financial consequences that will apply if the minimum level of service is not attained.
 - e) The financial consequences that will apply if the subrecipient fails to perform in accordance with the contract.
- E. Required Documentation:** The Recipient shall provide to the Department copies of all subcontracts executed with entities performing work under this award and a completed Form DFS-A2-NS (Recipient/Subrecipient vs. Vendor Determination form) with each subcontract. This form is required by the Florida Department of Financial Services and determines (1) the applicability of the Florida Single Audit Act and (2) whether the subcontractor is a vendor or a subrecipient.
- F. Certificate of Subaward:** When a subrecipient relationship is determined to exist, the Recipient must ensure the subrecipient is aware of, and agrees to follow, all audit, monitoring, and compliance requirements for the use of state funds referenced in Form DFS-A2-CL ("Audit Requirements for Awards of State and Federal Financial Assistance"). To assist with this requirement, the Department created a "Certificate of Subaward" to be completed by the Recipient and signed by the subrecipient. A copy of this form must be provided to the Department and maintained on file by all parties.
- G. Invoice Requirements:** Invoices submitted by a subcontractor must clearly identify the: the dates of service (the invoice period); a description of the specific deliverables provided during the invoice period; the quantity provided; and the payment amount specified in the contract for the completion of the deliverables provided.
- H. Timely Payment of Subcontractors:** If the Recipient receives advanced funding to pay an invoice for a subrecipient or contractor, the Recipient agrees to make payments to pay the invoice within seven (7) working days of receipt of the advance via check/warrant or EFT, unless otherwise stated in the agreement between the Recipient and the subrecipient or contractor. The Recipient's failure to pay its subrecipients or contractors within seven (7) working days will result in a statutory penalty charged against the Recipient and paid to the subrecipient or contractor in the amount of one-half of one (1) percent of the amount due per day from the expiration date of the period allowed herein for payment. Such statutory penalty shall be in addition to actual payments owed and shall not exceed fifteen (15) percent of the outstanding balance due, pursuant to section 287.0585, F.S.

SECTION X: INDEMNIFICATION

- A. Limitations of Liability:** The Recipient shall be fully liable for the actions of its agents, employees, partners, subrecipients, or contractors and shall fully indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State and the Department, and their officers, agents, and employees, from suits, actions, damages, and costs of every name and description, arising from or relating to personal injury and damage to real or personal tangible property alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the Recipient, its agents, employees, partners, subrecipients, or contractors provided, however, that the Recipient shall not indemnify for that portion of any loss or damages proximately caused by the negligent act or omission of the State or the Department.

Further, the Recipient shall fully indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State and the Department from any suits, actions, damages, and costs of every name and description, including attorneys' fees, arising from or relating to violation or infringement of a trademark, copyright, patent, trade secret, or intellectual property right provided, however, that the foregoing obligation shall not apply to the Department's misuse or modification of the Recipient's products or the Department's operation or use of the Recipient's products in a manner not contemplated by the Agreement. If any product is the subject of an infringement suit, or in the Recipient's opinion is likely to become the subject of such a suit, the Recipient may at its sole expense procure for the Department the right to continue using the product or to modify it to become non-infringing. If the Recipient is not reasonably able to modify or otherwise secure the Department the right to continue using the product, the Recipient shall remove the product and refund the Department the amounts paid in excess of a reasonable rental for past use. The Department will not be liable for any royalties.

The Recipient's obligations under the preceding two paragraphs with respect to any legal action are contingent upon the State or the Department giving the Recipient: (a) written notice of any action or threatened action; (b) the opportunity to take over and settle or defend any such action at the Recipient's sole expense; and (c) assistance in defending the action at the Recipient's sole expense.

The Recipient shall not be liable for any cost, expense, or compromise incurred or made by the State or the Department in any legal action without the Recipient's prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

SECTION XI: NONPROFIT RECIPIENTS

- A. Allocations for Remuneration Form:** Pursuant to §216.1366(3), and Executive Order 22-44, nonprofit Recipients are required to provide documentation indicating the amount of state financial assistance allocated for remuneration to any member of the board of directors or an executive officer of the Recipient's organization. This requirement is met by submitting a "Non-Profit State Fund Allocations for Remuneration" form to the Department. A copy of this form must be posted to the Recipient's website, if the Recipient maintains a website. For the purposes of this section, "remuneration" means all compensation earned by or awarded to personnel, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency, including bonuses, accrued paid time off, severance payments, incentive payments, contributions to a retirement plan or in-kind payments, reimbursements, or allowances for moving expenses, vehicles and other transportation, telephone services, medical services, housing, and meals.
- B. Compensation Paid Using State Funds Form:** If the Recipient indicates funding has been allocated for remuneration to any member of the board of directors or an executive officer of the Recipient's organization, a "Non-Profit Total Compensation Paid Using State Funds" form must be submitted to the Department with each payment request for each individual receiving compensation. A copy of this form (or forms) must be posted to the Recipient's website, if the Recipient maintains a website.
- C. IRS Form 990:** Pursuant to Executive Order 22-44, nonprofit recipients who receive 50% or more of their annual funding from the state must submit a copy of their IRS Form 990 to the Department at the time it is filed. Any subsequent changes or corrections that are made to Form 990 during the project period must be submitted to the Department within thirty (30) days of the change or correction.

SECTION XII: TERMINATION AND FORCE MAJEURE

- A. Corrective Action:** The Department will notify the Recipient in writing if corrective action is required for noncompliance, nonperformance, or unacceptable performance of work under this Agreement. Failure to implement or improve performance of work in accordance with the corrective action plan may result in termination of the Agreement.
- B. Termination for Cause:** The Department may, at its sole discretion and upon providing written notice to the Recipient, terminate the Agreement if the Recipient fails to a) satisfactorily complete the deliverables within the project period of the Agreement; b) maintain adequate progress, thus endangering performance of the Agreement; c) honor any term of the Agreement; or d) above by any statutory, regulatory, or licensing requirement of the Agreement.
- C. Termination Due to Lack of Funds:** If funding for this Agreement is withdrawn or redirected by the Legislature, the Department shall provide written notice to the Recipient at the earliest possible time. The lack of funds shall not constitute a default by the Department or the State.
- D. Termination for Convenience:** The Department may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, by providing written notice to the Recipient that it is in the Department's or the State's best interest to do so. The Recipient shall not provide any deliverable pursuant to Appendix B after it receives the Department's notice of termination, except as the Department otherwise specifically instructs the Recipient in writing. The Recipient will not be entitled to recover any cancellation charges or lost profits.

- E. Recipient's Responsibilities upon Termination:** If the Department issues a notice of termination to the Recipient, except as otherwise specified by the Department in that notice, the Recipient shall: (a) Stop work under this Agreement on the date and to the extent specified in the notice; (b) complete performance of such part of the work the Department does not terminate, if any; (c) take such action as may be necessary, or as the Department may specify, to protect and preserve any property which is in the possession of the Recipient and in which the Department has or may acquire an interest; and (d) transfer, assign, and make available to the Department all property and materials belonging to the Department upon the effective date of termination of this Agreement. No extra compensation will be paid to the Recipient for its services in connection with such transfer or assignment.
- F. Severability:** If any provision of this Agreement, in whole or in part, is held to be void or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, that provision will be enforced only to the extent that it is not in violation of law or is not otherwise unenforceable, and all other provisions remain in full force and effect.
- G. Survival:** Any right or obligation of the Parties in this Agreement which, by its express terms or nature and context, is intended to survive termination or expiration of this Agreement, will survive any such termination or expiration.
- H. Force Majeure:** Neither Party shall be liable to the other for any delay or failure to perform under this Agreement if such delay or failure is neither the fault nor caused by the negligence of the Party or its employees or agents and the delay is due directly to acts of God, wars, acts of public enemies, strikes, fires, floods, or other similar cause wholly beyond the Party's control, or for any of the foregoing that affects subrecipients, contractors, or suppliers if no alternate source of supply is available. However, in the event a delay arises from the foregoing causes, the Party shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate any and all resulting damages, costs, delays, or disruptions to the Party's performance requirements under this Agreement.
- I. Notice of Delay from Force Majeure:** In the case of any delay the Recipient believes is excusable under subsection G, the Recipient shall notify the Department in writing of the delay or potential delay and the cause of the delay either: (a) within ten (10) calendar days after the cause that creates or will create the delay first arose, if the Recipient could reasonably foresee that a delay could occur as a result; or (b) within five (5) calendar days after the date the Recipient first had reason to believe that a delay could result, if the delay is not reasonably foreseeable. **THE FOREGOING SHALL CONSTITUTE THE RECIPIENT'S SOLE REMEDY OR EXCUSE WITH RESPECT TO DELAY.** Providing notice in strict accordance with this subsection is a condition precedent to such remedy. The Department, in its sole discretion, will determine if the delay is excusable under this Section and will notify the Recipient of its decision in writing. No claim for damages, other than for an extension of time, shall be asserted against the Department. The Recipient will not be entitled to an increase in the Agreement price or payment of any kind from the Department for any reason. If performance is suspended or delayed, in whole or in part, due to any of the causes described in this subsection, after the causes have ceased to exist, the Recipient shall resume performance, unless the Department determines, in its sole discretion, that the delay will significantly impair the ability of the Recipient to timely complete its obligations under this Agreement, in which case the Department may terminate the Agreement in whole or in part. If the delay is excusable under this section, the delay will not result in any additional charge or cost under the Agreement to either Party.