
Agreement Certifications and Assurances

A. Contingent Upon Federal Funding: The award of grant funding is subject to the availability of Federal funding. The AHSO reserves the right to reduce funding or incrementally fund any awarded grant at any time during the grant period.

B. Nondiscrimination: The Subgrantee/Subrecipients will comply with all Federal statutes and implementing regulations relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin) and 49 CFR part 21;
- The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
- Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C. 324 et seq.), and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1681-1683 and 1685-1686) (prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex);
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. 794 et seq.), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability) and 49 CFR part 27;
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (Pub. L. 100-209), (broadens scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms "programs or activities" to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally-funded or not);
- Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12131-12189) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing) and 49 CFR parts 37 and 38;
- Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations (prevents discrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations)
- Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency (guards against Title VI national origin discrimination/discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP) by ensuring that funding recipients take reasonable steps to ensure the LEP person have meaningful access to programs (70 FR at 74087 to 74100)
- Executive Order 13985, Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities through the Federal Government (advancing equity across the Federal Government); and
- Executive Order 13988, Preventing and Combating Discrimination on the Basis of Gender Identity or Sexual Orientation (clarifying that sex discrimination includes discrimination on the grounds of gender identity or sexual orientation).

C. Buy America: Subgrantee/Subrecipient will comply with the Buy America requirement (23 U.S.C. 313) when purchasing items using Federal funds. Buy America requires subgrantee, to purchase only steel, iron and manufactured products produced in the United States with Federal funds, unless the Secretary of Transportation determines that such domestically produced items would be inconsistent with the public interest, that such materials are not reasonably available and of a satisfactory quality, or that inclusion of domestic materials will increase the cost of the overall project contract by more than 25 percent. In order to use Federal funds to purchase foreign produced items, the State must submit a waiver request that provides an adequate basis and justification to and approved by the Secretary of Transportation. All requests for such waivers shall be submitted to the Alaska Highway Safety Office (AHSO).

D. Record Retention: All financial and programmatic records, supporting documents, statistical records, and other records of the Subgrantee agency which are required to be maintained by the terms of 49 CFR 18.42 and other records reasonably considered as pertinent to program regulations or the project agreement must be retained for a period of three years after submittal of the final claim. Additional record retention requirements may be found in 49 CFR 18.42 and are incorporated and made part of this Agreement by reference. The AHSO and the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives, shall have the right of access to any pertinent books, documents, papers, or other records of Subgrantees which are pertinent to the grant, in order to make audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcripts.

E. Enforcement: If the Subgrantee agency or subrecipient materially fails to comply with any term of this Agreement, the AHSO may take one or more of the actions listed in 49 CFR 18.43(a)(1) through (5), as appropriate in the circumstances. Additional provisions for enforcement are listed in 49 CFR 18.45(b) through (d).

F. Termination for Convenience: Except as provided in 49 CFR 18.43, this Agreement may be terminated in whole or in part only as follows: a) by the AHSO with the consent of the Subgrantee agency/subrecipient, in which case the two parties shall agree upon the termination conditions, including the effective date, and, in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated, or b) by the Subgrantee agency/subrecipient upon written notification to the AHSO, setting forth the reasons for such termination, the effective date, and, in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated. If, however, in the case of a partial termination, the AHSO determines that the remaining portion of this Agreement will not accomplish the purposes for which the award was made, the AHSO may terminate the Agreement in its entirety under either 49 CFR 18.43 or paragraph a) of this section.

G. Audit: The Subgrantee agency/subrecipient agrees to arrange for a financial and compliance audit as required under the Single Audit Act of 1984 and to provide a copy of the final audit report to the AHSO upon request. The CFDA (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance) number of the State and Community Highway Safety Program is 20.600-20.613. The financial agency responsible for arranging for the audit shall be advised by the Subgrantee agency of this number.

H. Laws of Alaska: This Agreement shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the State of Alaska.

I. Limited English Proficient Persons (LEP) Guidance: Two Federal authorities, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Presidential Executive Order (EO) 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, require the ADOT&PF to provide LEP persons with meaningful access to programs, activities and services. To fully implement Title VI and EO 13166, the U.S. DOT published guidance to its recipients of Federal assistance on December 14, 2005 in the Federal Register. ADOT&PF is required to take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to their programs and activities by LEP persons. If you have any questions, please contact the Civil Right Manager, at (907) 269-0850.

J. Political Activity (Hatch Act): The Subgrantee/Subrecipient will comply with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. 1501-1508), which limits the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

K. Prohibition On Using Grant Funds to Check For Helmet Usage: The Subgrantee agency/Subrecipient will not use 23 U.S.C. Chapter 4 grant funds programs to check helmet usage or create checkpoints that specially target motorcyclist.

L. Prohibition on Using Grant Funds for Automated Traffic Enforcement Systems: The Subgrantee agency/Subrecipient will not use 23 U.S.C. Chapter 4 grant funds to carry out a program to purchase, operate, or maintain an automated traffic enforcement system in a work zone or school zone. Any ATES system installed using grant funds under this section must comply with guidelines established by the Secretary, as updated.

M. Progress Reports: The Subgrantee agency shall submit quarterly narrative progress reports by electronically which must include an update on grant performance measures, by the **15th of the month** following the end of each calendar quarter and an annual evaluation report by **November 15th** during the life of the project. Reimbursement claims will be held until the corresponding quarterly reports and/or annual report has been received and approved

N. Financial Reports: The Subgrantee agency certifies it has an accounting system capable of properly accounting for expenditures made under this project. Claims for costs incurred must be submitted on a monthly basis, by the **15th of the end of the previous month**. Claims must be accompanied by supporting documentation which may be submitted by mail or electronically. Original copies of all supporting documentation submitted electronically must be kept in the Subgrantee agency's grant project file for at least three years after the end date of the grant.

O. News Releases: The AHSO encourages Subgrantee agencies to publicize the Highway Safety project award. The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and Alaska Highway Safety Office shall be named as the granting agency in any news releases announcing the project award. Any subsequent news releases written by the Subgrantee agency regarding the project and related activity shall mention The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and The Alaska Highway Safety Office

P. Highway Safety Tag: The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and The Alaska Highway Safety Office shall be identified as the sponsor or co-sponsor in any public information materials developed under a highway safety project. This requirement includes public service announcements on radio and television, newspaper advertisements, pamphlets and brochures. Items must include AKDOT, AHSO and Alaska's "*Target Zero*" logo or wording to support the Alaska Strategic Highway Safety Plan as well as the type or national/state slogan of the current national or state driver behavior program: Impaired Driving, Occupant Protection, Traffic Records, Motorcycle Safety, etc. Examples of a national program include "*Click It Or Ticket*", and "*Drive Sober Or Get Pulled Over*".

Signature of Subrecipient: _____

Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below and agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1300.
2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.
3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default or may pursue suspension or debarment.
4. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
5. The terms *covered transaction, debarment, suspension, ineligible, lower tier, participant, person, primary tier, principal, and voluntarily excluded*, as used in this clause, have the meaning set out in the Definitions and coverage sections of 2 CFR Part 180. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
6. The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by NHTSA.
7. The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Instructions for Lower Tier Certification" including the "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions and will require lower tier participants to comply with 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1300.
8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the list of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Non-procurement Programs.

9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, the department or agency may disallow costs, annul or terminate the transaction, issue a stop work order, debar or suspend you, or take other remedies as appropriate.

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

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

Instructions for Lower Tier Certification

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below and agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1300.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this 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*, *debarment*, *suspension*, *ineligible*, *lower tier*, *participant*, *person*, *primary tier*, *principal*, and *voluntarily excluded*, as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definition and Coverage sections of 2 CFR Part 180. You may contact the person to whom this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by NHTSA.

6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Instructions for Lower Tier Certification" including the "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions and will require lower tier participants to comply with 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1300.

7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Non-procurement Programs.

8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may disallow costs, annul or terminate the transaction, issue a stop work order, debar or suspend you, or take other remedies as appropriate.

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

1. 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.

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

Signature of Subrecipient: _____

Certification Regarding Federal Lobbying

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

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

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

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

RESTRICTION ON STATE LOBBYING

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

Signature of Subrecipient: _____