

SCOPE OF WORK

A Purchase Order will be issued between the State of Florida, Department of Economic Opportunity, hereinafter referred to as "DEO" and _____, hereinafter referred to as "Contractor." DEO and Contractor may be referred to herein individually as a "Party" and collectively as "the Parties."

Contractor agrees to provide services in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Scope of Work; State Term Contract Number 84111600-20-1; Financial and Performance Audits; and section 287.058(1)(a)-(i), Florida Statutes ("F.S."). The requirements of paragraphs (a) – (c) of section 287.058(1), F.S., are hereby incorporated by reference.

1.0 General Description

Section 288.9962, F.S., which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference, established the Broadband Opportunity Grant Program ("BOGP") within the DEO's, Office of Broadband. The BOGP awards grants for broadband internet installation or deployment to unserved areas of the state. During the 2022 Florida Legislative session, the Office of Broadband received an appropriation to fund the BOGP using Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ("Florida SLFRF").

Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("American Rescue Plan") establishes the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund ("CPF"). The purpose of CPF is to allow states and Tribal Governments to "carry out critical capital projects directly enabling work, education, and health monitoring." Funds from the CPF may be used to assist Florida communities in expanding access to high-quality broadband internet services. This expansion in broadband connectivity can enable work, education, and health monitoring for individuals and communities that lack affordable access to high-quality internet. Investing in broadband for communities sensitive to or that have historically experienced inequities will be critical for improving digital equity and opportunity, especially in the case of communities that currently lack access to the affordable, reliable, high-quality broadband internet that is necessary for full participation in school, healthcare, employment, social services, government programs, and civic life. BOGP and CPF may be referred to collectively as "the Programs."

Under the direct supervision of the DEO Project Manager, DEO is seeking financial and performance auditing services for monitoring and compliance of state and federal requirements for the Programs. Under the direct supervision of the DEO Project Manager, Contractor shall ensure the Programs meet state and federal program requirements, reporting requirements are timely met, and awarded projects are reviewed efficiently and accurately in accordance with section 288.9962, F.S., State of Florida Law, Federal law, the U.S. Department of the Treasury ("U.S. Treasury") Guidance, Federal rules, which may be updated, revised, or modified at any time, and the tasks outlined below.

DEO's Broadband Program includes several programs covering a wide range of assistance for eligible applicants. This includes Broadband Infrastructure Projects, Digital Connectivity Technology Projects, and Multi-Purpose Community Facility Projects.

The selected Contractor must be capable of establishing a Monitoring and Compliance Plan, review and validate draft reports, provide quality assurance and quality control, and conduct programmatic and fiscal monitoring of the Programs.

DEO anticipates the need for monitoring to commence 45 calendar days following the execution of the Contract. The Contractor must be willing and able to incorporate any changes to its services and processes as additional guidance on the CPF is released by the U.S. Treasury, as guidance and rules governing Florida SLFRF are updated, or as changes are made to the guidance and rules in the BGOP. The Contractor must provide a detailed level of accountability and transparency for the Programs. DEO's preference is to partner with one (1) Contractor for all the services listed above and for the Contractor to sub-contract for services requiring additional expertise with partner vendors.

1.1 Business Days

As used herein, "business day" indicates Monday through Friday, with the exception of the holidays and days of observance identified in section 110.117(1), F.S.

1.2 Minimally Required Deliverables/Tasks

It is likely that funding for the Programs will become available at different times during the term of the Contract. Contractor must be able to timely complete all tasks regardless of significant fluctuations in awards throughout the term of this Contract.

Contractor shall provide financial and performance auditing services with respect to the following tasks and deliverables. Contractor acknowledges that all tasks and deliverables may be subject to revisions required by State Fiscal Guidelines, guidelines governing Florida SLFRF, and U.S. Treasury CPF Program changes or conflicts. Upon the written direction of DEO, Contractor shall make best efforts to accommodate such required changes until the Parties are able to formally memorialize the changes by written amendment to the Contract.

1.2.1 Broadband Program Monitoring and Compliance

Contractor shall provide DEO with comprehensive quality assurance and quality control, programmatic monitoring, and fiscal monitoring of all aspects of the BOGP and CPF Programs (collectively, "Broadband Program Monitoring") as follows:

- a. Broadband Program Monitoring and Compliance Plan** - Within 30 business days of Contract execution, Contractor shall develop and submit to DEO for approval, at DEO's sole discretion, a comprehensive plan setting forth Contractor's Monitoring and Compliance Plan ("Monitoring Plan") for conducting Broadband Program Monitoring. Contractor shall submit the Monitoring Plan to the DEO Project Manager by electronic mail. Contractor shall ensure that the Monitoring Plan includes any and all monitoring, testing, and other oversight activities required by the U.S. Treasury, DEO's U.S. Treasury-approved CPF Plan, U.S. Treasury guidance for SLFRF, 2 CFR 200.332, DEO, state fiscal monitoring and reporting procedures and best practices, and all other legal authorities

applicable to the Programs. The Monitoring Plan shall be developed in consultation with DEO and must conform to the Monitoring Standard and Monitoring Coverage requirements specified hereafter and shall govern Contractor's performance of its obligations under this Contract. Contractor shall timely perform all Broadband Program Monitoring tasks set forth in the approved Monitoring Plan.

- b. Monitoring Plan Changes** - In the event that Contractor determines that a change to the Monitoring Plan is required by law or is otherwise advisable, Contractor shall promptly advise DEO in writing of the proposed change and the reasons thereof, and upon DEO's written approval, update the Monitoring Plan accordingly. In the event that DEO requests a change to the Monitoring Plan, Contractor shall promptly assess and advise DEO of the change and recommend alternatives, if appropriate, in light of the provisions of this section 1.2.1, and, upon DEO's written approval of a change, Contractor shall update the Monitoring Plan accordingly.
- c. Monitoring Standard** - Contractor shall perform all Broadband Program Monitoring with the goal of ensuring the Programs are managed, operated, and monitored in an efficient and cost-effective manner that yields accurate subrecipient risk assessments and annual monitoring schedule for all BOGP and CPF program awards of Florida SLFRF and CPF program funds in full compliance with all applicable legal authorities, BOGP's use of Florida SLFRF, DEO's U.S. Treasury-approved CPF Plan, and any additional guidelines provided by DEO.
- d. Monitoring Coverage** - Contractor shall ensure Broadband Program Monitoring covers the BOGP and CPF-related activities of DEO, DEO contractors and partners, BOGP and CPF program subrecipients, and all other Broadband Program-related entities, and encompasses all BOGP and CPF program-related technologies, systems, operations, and management, such as DEO's Subrecipient Enterprise Resource Application (SERA) System. As project funding is approved, DEO will provide Contractor with all subrecipients and associated projects awarded funding under the Programs to include: applicant, application, intake review, eligibility determination, award amount and other pertinent information which may be necessary to appropriately conduct monitoring and compliance activities.
- e. Ongoing Monitoring** - In accordance with the Monitoring Plan developed in 1.2.1.a, Contractor shall perform ongoing broadband program monitoring ("Ongoing Monitoring") for the Programs. Contractor shall conduct Ongoing Monitoring through a combination of targeted and random sampling, desk reviews, on-site reviews, and physical inspection of completed work based upon initial subrecipient risk assessment and recent activities. Ongoing Monitoring includes, but is not limited to:

 - 1) Monitoring subrecipients through desk audits and on-site visits based upon risk assessment (high, medium, or low) in accordance with an annual monitoring schedule.
 - 2) Monitoring and testing the Broadband Program application intake process, program implementation, technical assistance, and payment disbursement services.

- 3) Monitoring and testing the operations and effectiveness of the BOGP and CPF programs generally, through system review, interviews with contractors and subrecipients, testing internal controls, testing expenditures, and reviewing policies and procedures.
 - 4) Monitoring and testing systems, processes, documents, data collection, and archiving, including, but not limited to program procedures, operating manuals, job-aids, and training materials.
 - 5) Monitoring and testing procedures for detecting fraud, waste, and abuse of BOGP and CPF program funds.
 - 6) Monitoring and testing the operation and management of BOGP and CPF programs for compliance with federal and state regulations and compliance with all legal authorities applicable to the Programs.
 - 7) Ensuring U.S. Treasury Quarterly reporting data is reviewed, validated, and all appropriate tie backs are in prior to any federal report being completed.
 - 8) Monitoring of any corrective action plans, special reporting requirements, and other special conditions that may be imposed upon DEO by the U.S. Treasury, or by DEO upon a BOGP and/or CPF program-related entity, including but not limited to, BOGP and CPF program fund subrecipients.
 - 9) Perform any and all monitoring, testing, and similar oversight activities required by the U.S. Treasury, BOGP Plan, DEO's U.S. Treasury-approved CPF Plan, and any other legal authorities applicable to the Programs.
 - 10) Evaluate, all challenges to BOGP applications under section 288.9962, F.S., submitted and provide DEO with a final recommendation within three (3) business days of receipt of challenge to allow or deny the challenge.
 - 11) Perform testing of all completed broadband deployment projects to ensure completeness and delivery of service at the level stated in each subrecipient agreement prior to grant close out.
- f. **Monitoring Reports** - In accordance with the Monitoring Plan and as DEO otherwise directs in writing, Contractor shall timely provide accurate and standardized reports. Types of reports include, but are not limited to: daily situation reports and daily pipeline reports by 10:00 AM Eastern Standard Time (EST) the following business day, weekly progress reports by 10:00 AM EST the first business day following weeks end, comprehensive monthly reports of the Monitoring Contractor performance no later than 3 business days following the last day of the month, reconciliation reports as necessary, etc. Contractor shall also hold an in-person meeting or conference call with designated DEO staff at a minimum of once per month to report on the overall progress of the monitoring duties, including an overview of recommendations, findings, and issues of noncompliance detected by the Monitoring Contractor. Contractor shall make

assessments and recommendations to DEO regarding internal controls surrounding the administration and oversight of the BOGP and CPF funds, as appropriate.

- g. Monitoring Dashboard** - In accordance with the Monitoring Plan, Contractor shall update the DEO created Application/Award Dashboard and keep it updated in real time where applicable.
- h. Document Production** - In accordance with the Monitoring Plan and as DEO otherwise directs in writing, Contractor shall timely produce any and all documentation necessary to facilitate internal and external audits of all BOGP and CPF program funds.

1.3. Deliverables, Tasks, Minimum Level of Service, and Financial Consequences

Deliverable No. 1 – Broadband Program Monitoring and Compliance Plan		
Tasks	Minimum Level of Service	Financial Consequences
<p>In accordance with Section 1.2.1.a, Contractor shall develop and update a Broadband Program Monitoring Plan.</p>	<p>Contractor shall provide a final Monitoring and Compliance Plan identified in Section 1.2.1.a to the DEO Project Manager via email for DEO’s review and approval within 30 business days following Contract execution. Contractor shall provide the following required documentation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Final Monitoring and Compliance Plan. 2) Payroll documentation to include name, position title, hourly rate, number of hours worked, total cost, and activities performed by contractor staff. <p>Completion of this deliverable is subject to review and approval of DEO.</p>	<p>Contractor’s failure to timely submit a comprehensive Monitoring Plan shall result in a reduction in payment of \$1,000 per business day beyond the due date, until submission.</p> <p>Financial Consequences shall be cumulative and assessed against any amount due under this deliverable.</p>

Deliverable No. 2 – Broadband Program Monitoring and Compliance Activities		
Tasks	Minimum Level of Service	Financial Consequences
<p>Contractor shall perform Program Monitoring and Compliance Tasks in accordance with the Monitoring Plan and Section 1.2.1.b – 1.2.1.h of this Contract.</p>	<p>Contractor shall complete a Program Monitoring Task set forth in section 1.2.1.b – 1.2.1.h of this Contract.</p> <p>Required Documentation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Payroll documentation to include name, position title, hourly rate, number of hours worked, total cost, and activities performed. Delivered to the Contract Manager monthly within 10 business days following the end of the month. <p>Evidence of performance will be summary report and associated documentation of any monitoring tasks arising from Contractor’s performance of a Program Monitoring task.</p> <p>Completion of this deliverable is subject to review and approval by DEO.</p>	<p>Contractor’s failure to timely complete a monitoring task set forth in the approved Monitoring Plan shall result in a reduction in payment of \$100 per calendar day beyond the due date, until completion.</p> <p>Financial Consequences shall be cumulative and assessed against any amount due under this deliverable.</p>

2.0 Staff Qualifications and Performance Criteria

Contractor shall possess the professional and technical staff necessary to perform the services required by this Contract, and the staff shall have sufficient skill and experience to perform the services assigned to them.

All the services to be furnished by the Contractor under this Contract shall meet the professional standard and quality that prevail among professionals in the same discipline and of similar knowledge and skill engaged in related work throughout Florida under the same or similar circumstances. The Contractor shall provide, at its own expense, training necessary for keeping Contractor staff abreast of industry advances and for maintaining proficiency in equipment and systems that are available on the commercial market.

Contractor staff shall render services identified by DEO and shall be paid upon completion of each deliverable.

Contractor shall maintain during the term of the Contract all licenses, permits, qualifications, insurance, and approvals of whatever nature that are legally required to perform all services required by this Contract.

During the term of this Contract, Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring its employees, agents, and subcontractors, whenever on DEO premises, obey and comply with all rules, policies, and any other standards and procedures which must be adhered to by DEO's employees and vendors.

2.1 Background Screenings

DEO has designated certain duties and positions as positions of special trust because they involve special trust responsibilities and are located in sensitive locations or have key capabilities with access to sensitive or confidential information. The designation of a special trust position or duties is at the sole discretion of DEO.

Contractor or Contractor's employees, agents, or subcontractors, who in the performance of this Contract will be assigned to work in a position determined by DEO to be a position of special trust are required to submit to a Level 2 background screening and be approved to work in a special trust position prior to being assigned to this project.

Level 2 screenings include Livescan fingerprinting of individuals and submission of the fingerprints through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) for a local, state and National Crime Information Center (NCIC) check of law enforcement records through the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

In accordance with section 112.011, F.S., Contractor or Contractor's employees, agents, or subcontractors who have been convicted of Disqualifying Offenses, shall not be assigned to this Contract. Disqualifying Offenses include, but are not limited to, theft, fraud, forgery, embezzlement, crimes of violence or any similar felony or first-degree misdemeanor offenses directly related to the position sought. Screening results indicating convictions of Disqualifying Offenses will result in a contractor, contractor employee, agent, or subcontractor not being allowed to work on this Contract.

All costs incurred in obtaining background screening shall be the responsibility of the Contractor. The results of the screenings are confidential and will be provided by secure email transmission from FDLE to DEO and will be maintained by DEO. DEO's Contract Manager will provide written approval/disapproval of the Contractor's employees, agent, or subcontractor to the Contractor. Contractor employees, agents, or subcontractors are prohibited from performing any work under this project until written approval of the employee is received from DEO's Contract Manager. DEO reserves the right to make final determinations on suitability of all Contractor employees, agents, or subcontractors assigned to this project.

2.2 Staffing Changes

Contractor may make staffing changes or cost shifting of staff assigned to this project only with prior review and written approval of DEO's Contract Manager. DEO's Contract Manager must be notified in writing at least 10 business days prior to a potential change in staff. Notifications

must include the candidate's name, résumé, position, title, starting date, and references. DEO's Contract Manager reserves the right to interview all potential staff prior to beginning work on the project. DEO reserves the right to request the replacement of any staff through written notification to Contractor. In the event of a staff change or cost shifting, an amendment to this Contract (and the corresponding change order to the Purchase Order) shall only be required if the change of staff also results in a change of the hourly rate.

If a staffing change occurs, with each invoice submitted thereafter, Contractor shall also submit a copy of the notification letter citing the applicable staffing changes as approved, signed, and dated by DEO's Contract Manager.

2.3 Employment Verification (E-Verify)

A. Section 448.095, F.S., the State of Florida requires the following:

- (1) Every public employer, contractor, and subcontractor shall register with and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. A public employer, contractor, or subcontractor may not enter into a contract unless each party to the contract registers with and uses the E-Verify system.
- (2) A private employer shall, after making an offer of employment which has been accepted by a person, verify such person's employment eligibility. A private employer is not required to verify the employment eligibility of a continuing employee hired before January 1, 2021. However, if a person is a contract employee retained by a private employer, the private employer must verify the employee's employment eligibility upon the renewal or extension of his or her contract.

B. E-Verify is an Internet-based system that allows an employer, using information reported on an employee's Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification, to determine the eligibility of all new employees hired to work in the United States. There is no charge to employers to use E-Verify. The Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system can be found at: <https://www.e-verify.gov/>.

C. If Contractor does not use E-Verify, Contractor shall enroll in the E-Verify system prior to hiring any new employee or retaining any contract employee after the effective date of this Agreement.

2.4 Prohibition Against Contracting with Scrutinized Companies; Contractor Certifications

Contractor is ineligible to, and may not, bid on, submit a proposal for, or enter into or renew this contract with DEO if, at the time of bidding on, submitting a proposal for, or entering into or renewing such contract, the company is on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to section 215.4725, F.S., or is engaged in a boycott of Israel. At the time Contractor submits a bid or proposal for this contract, Contractor must certify that it is not participating in a boycott of Israel. DEO may terminate this contract at its option if Contractor is found to have been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or is engaged in a boycott of Israel.

In addition to the provisions in the preceding paragraph, if the value of this contract is \$1,000,000 or more, not including renewal years, Contractor is ineligible to, and may not, bid

on, submit a proposal for, or enter into or renew this contract with DEO if, at the time of bidding on, submitting a proposal for, or entering into or renewing such contract, Contractor is on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, created pursuant to section 215.473, F.S., or is engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria. Furthermore, at the time Contractor submits a bid or proposal for such a contract, Contractor must also certify that the company is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List and that it does not have business operations in Cuba or Syria. DEO may terminate this contract at its option if Contractor is found to have submitted a false certification under this section 2.4, been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

2.5 Prohibition Against Contracting with Antitrust Violators

Pursuant to section 287.137(2)(a), F.S., “a person or an affiliate who has been placed on the antitrust violator vendor list following a conviction or being held civilly liable for an antitrust violation may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply for any new contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply for a new contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on new leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a new contract with a public entity; and may not transact new business with a public entity.”

3.0 DEO Contract Liaisons

DEO designates as its Contract Manager, Robert Gitzen, who can be contacted by telephone at (850) 717-8497 or by email at Robert.Gitzen@deo.myflorida.com.

DEO designates as its Project Manager, Katie Smith, who can be contacted by telephone at (850) 717-8445 or by email at Katie.Smith@deo.myflorida.com.

4.0 Contract Period

The Contract effective date shall be the Purchase Order start date or the issuance date of the Purchase Order, whichever date is later and shall end three (3) years from the start date.

5.0 Invoicing Instructions

In accordance with section 287.058(1)(a), F.S., Contractor will provide DEO’s Contract Manager invoices in sufficient detail for a proper pre-audit and post-audit thereof. All invoices must be submitted on a monthly basis to DEO’s Contract Manager in accordance with the State of Florida Reference Guide for State Expenditures at:

https://myfloridacfo.com/docs-sf/accounting-and-auditing-libraries/state-agencies/referenceguideforstateexpenditures.pdf?sfvrsn=fc1c5555_2

The invoice requirements of the State of Florida Reference Guide for State Expenditure are hereby incorporated by reference. The Contractor shall be paid upon submission of monthly invoices after delivery and acceptance of services.

To be payable:

- a) Invoices shall contain the state contract number, the Purchase Order number, Contractor's Federal Employer Identification Number, Contractor's invoice number and the invoice period.
- b) Invoices must clearly reflect the services/deliverables that were provided according to the terms of the Contract and include the number of hours worked at the hourly rate for each State Term Contract ("STC") position, STC job title and the tasks that were provided during the invoice period.
- c) Invoices must be accepted and approved by DEO.

Total invoices billed for hourly services cannot exceed \$_____.00. Travel expenses must be included in the hourly rate proposed. The Department will not pay for travel to or from the Tallahassee are for this project. In addition, the Department will not pay for vicinity travel. Travel, if approved by DEO, will only be reimbursed in accordance with section 112.061, F.S. Travel must be pre-approved in writing by DEO's Contract Manager. DEO's Contract Manager shall ensure each request to incur travel expenses is submitted following procedures specified in the following link:

https://sharepoint.deo.myflorida.com/finan_mgt/Manuals/Travel%20Manual%203.05.pdf

The procedures described in the DEO Travel Manual are hereby incorporated by reference. Performance under this Contract shall be done on an hourly basis, not to exceed the number of hours authorized per job number, job title, and scope variant as specified below:

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5.1 COST RESPONSE

Table 1 and Table 2 directly below and submit to DEO by the due date specified on the eQuote. Please do not modify any section. Respondent shall also enter pricing into the required fields on the eQuote as well. Rates included in these tables must match those entered on the eQuote.

Performance under this Contract shall be done on an hourly basis, not to exceed the number of hours authorized per job number, job title, and scope variant as specified below:

Table 1

Financial and Performance Audits 84111600-20-1				
Financial and Performance Audits Services				
Job Title	State Term Contract Maximum Hourly Rate	DEO Discounted Labor Rate	Estimated Total Hours	Total Cost
Principal Consultant	\$	\$		\$
Senior Consultant	\$	\$		\$
Consultant	\$	\$		\$
Junior Consultant	\$	\$		\$
Program & Administrative Support	\$	\$		\$
TOTAL				\$

Table 2

Deliverable	Total Cost
Deliverable 1 Broadband Program Monitoring and Compliance Plan	\$
Deliverable 2 Broadband Program Monitoring and Compliance Activities	\$
TOTAL	\$

DEO's performance and obligation to pay under this Contract is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature and availability of any and all applicable federal funds. See § 287.0582, F.S.

DEO shall be the final authority as to what constitutes an "annual appropriation" of funds and "all applicable federal funds." DEO is permitted to negotiate terms and conditions which modify or supplement those contained in this Contract. This will include (but is not limited to) negotiations over final hourly rate, prior to contract execution.

6.0 Confidentiality and Safeguarding Information

Each party may have access to confidential information made available by the other. The provisions of the Florida Public Records Act, Chapter 119, F.S., and other applicable state and federal laws will govern disclosure of any confidential information received by the State of Florida.

IF CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS by telephone at 850-245-7140, via e-mail at PRRequest@deo.myflorida.com, or by mail at Department of Economic Opportunity, Public Records Coordinator, 107 East Madison Street, Caldwell Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-4128.

Contractor must implement procedures to ensure the protection and confidentiality of all data, files, and records involved with this Contract.

Contractor shall keep and maintain public records, as defined in section 119.011(12), F.S., required by DEO to perform of this Contract. Upon request from DEO, Contractor shall provide DEO with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in chapter 119, F.S., or as otherwise provided by law.

Except as necessary to fulfill the terms of this Contract and with the permission of DEO, Contractor shall not divulge to third parties any confidential information obtained by Contractor or its agents, distributors, resellers, subcontractors, officers, or employees in the course of performing Contract work, including, but not limited to, security procedures, business operations information, or commercial proprietary information in the possession of the State or DEO.

Contractor agrees not to use or disclose any information concerning a recipient of services under this Contract for any purpose not in conformity with state and federal law or regulations except upon written consent of the recipient, or his responsible parent or guardian when authorized by law, if applicable.

If Contractor has access to confidential information in order to fulfill Contractor's obligations under this Contract, Contractor agrees to abide by all applicable DEO Information Technology Security procedures and policies. Contractor (including its employees, subcontractors, agents, or any other individuals to whom Contractor exposes confidential information obtained under this Contract), shall not store, or allow to be stored, any confidential information on any portable storage media (*e.g.*, laptops, thumb drives, hard drives, *etc.*) or peripheral device with the capacity to hold information. Failure to strictly comply with this provision shall constitute a breach of contract.

Contractor shall notify DEO in writing of any disclosure of unsecured confidential information of DEO by Contractor, its employees, agents or representatives which is not in compliance with the terms of the Contract (of which it becomes aware). Contractor also shall report to DEO any Security Incidents of which it becomes aware, including those incidents reported to Contractor by its sub-contractors or agents. For purposes of this Contract, "Security Incident" means the attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of DEO information in Contractor's possession or electronic interference with DEO operations; however, random attempts at access shall not be considered a security incident. Contractor shall make a report to DEO not more than seven (7) business days after Contractor learns of such use or disclosure. Contractor's report shall identify, to the extent known: (i) the nature of the unauthorized use or disclosure, (ii) the confidential information used or disclosed, (iii) who made the unauthorized use or received the unauthorized disclosure, (iv) what Contractor has done or shall do to mitigate any deleterious effect of the unauthorized use or disclosure, and (v) what corrective action Contractor has taken or shall take to prevent future similar unauthorized use or disclosure. Contractor shall provide such other information, including a written report, as reasonably requested by DEO's Information Security Manager, at Contractor's sole expense. In the event of a breach of security concerning confidential personal information involved with this Contract, Contractor shall comply with the provisions of section 501.171, Florida Statutes. When notification to affected persons is required under this section of the statute, Contractor shall provide that notification, at Contractor's sole expense, but only after receipt of DEO's approval of the contents of the notice. Defined statutorily, and for purposes of this Contract, "breach of security" or "breach" means the unauthorized access of data in electronic form containing personal data. Good faith acquisition of personal information by an employee or agent of Contractor is not a breach, provided the information is not used for a purpose unrelated to Contractor's obligations under this Contract or is not subject to further unauthorized use.

If requested by DEO, Contractor will include credit monitoring services at Contractor's sole expense for those individuals affected or potentially affected by a breach of security for a two-year period of time following the breach. If DEO determines, in DEO's sole discretion, that identity protection services need to be obtained as a result of the breach, then Contractor shall be liable for the expense of the identity protection services.

Upon completion of this Contract, Contractor shall transfer to DEO all public records in possession of Contractor or keep and maintain public records required by DEO to perform work under this Contract. If Contractor transfers all public records to DEO upon completion of the contract, Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If Contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the contract, Contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to DEO, upon request from DEO's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of DEO.

7.0 Indemnification

Contractor shall be fully liable for the actions of its agents, employees, partners, and subcontractors and shall fully indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State and DEO, and their officers, agents, and employees, from suits, actions, damages, and costs of every name and

description, including attorneys' fees, 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 Contractor, its agents, employees, partners, or subcontractors, provided, however, that Contractor shall not indemnify for that portion of any loss or damages proximately caused by the negligent act or omission of the State or DEO.

Further, Contractor shall fully indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State and DEO 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 DEO's misuse or modification of Contractor's products or DEO's operation or use of Contractor's products in a manner not contemplated by the Contract. If any product is the subject of an infringement suit, or in Contractor's opinion is likely to become the subject of such a suit, Contractor may at its sole expense procure for DEO the right to continue using the product or to modify it to become non-infringing. If Contractor is not reasonably able to modify or otherwise secure DEO the right to continue using the product, Contractor shall remove the product and refund DEO the amounts paid in excess of a reasonable rental for past use. DEO shall not be liable for any royalties.

Contractor's obligations under the preceding two paragraphs with respect to any legal action are contingent upon the State or DEO giving Contractor: (1) written notice of any action or threatened action, (2) the opportunity to take over and settle or defend any such action at Contractor's sole expense, and (3) assistance in defending the action at Contractor's sole expense. Contractor shall not be liable for any cost, expense, or compromise incurred or made by the State or DEO in any legal action without Contractor's prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

8.0 Termination

8.1 Termination Due to the Lack of Funds

In the event funds to finance this Contract become unavailable, or if federal or state funds upon which this Contract is dependent are withdrawn or redirected, DEO may terminate this Contract upon no less than 24 hours' notice in writing to Contractor. Said notice shall be delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested or in person with proof of delivery. DEO shall be the final authority as to the availability of funds and will not reallocate funds earmarked for this Contract to another program thus causing "lack of funds." In the event of termination of this Contract, Contractor will be compensated for any work satisfactorily completed prior to notification of termination.

8.2 Termination for Cause

DEO may terminate the Contract if Contractor fails to: (1) deliver the product within the time specified in the Contract or any extension; (2) maintain adequate progress, as determined solely by DEO, thus endangering performance of the Contract; (3) honor any term of the Contract; or (4) abide by any statutory, regulatory, or licensing requirement. Section 287.1351, F.S., governs the procedure and consequences of default. Contractor shall continue work on any work not terminated. The rights and remedies of DEO in this clause are in addition to any other rights and

remedies provided by law or under the Contract. Contractor shall not furnish any product after it receives the notice of termination, except as necessary to complete the continued portion of the Contract, if any. Contractor shall not be entitled to recover any cancellation charges, lost revenue, lost profits, or any other damages.

8.3 Termination for Convenience

DEO, by written notice to Contractor, may terminate the Contract in whole or in part when DEO determines in its sole discretion that it is in the State's interest to do so. Contractor shall not furnish any product after it receives the notice of termination, except as necessary to complete the continued portion of the Contract, if any. Contractor shall not be entitled to recover any cancellation charges or lost profits.

9.0 Financial Consequences for Non-Performance

Financial consequences shall apply for non-performance of the contract by a Contractor. The State shall apply financial consequences identified below to Purchase Orders or Contract issued by DEO. In addition:

In the event that a deliverable is deemed unsatisfactory by DEO, the Contractor shall re-perform the deliverable as needed for submittal of a satisfactory deliverable, at no additional cost to DEO, within the timeframe established by DEO.

Continued Contractor inability to perform under the conditions of the Contract, may result in default proceedings.

Failure to respond to a DEO request to correct a deficiency in the performance of the Contract may result in termination of the Contract.

9.1 Financial Consequences for Failure to Comply with Purchase Order Requirements:

In addition to those remedies outlined in section 9.0, and any other remedies provided by law, if Contractor fails to comply with the requirements of the DEO purchase order, Contractor shall pay to DEO financial consequences for such failures, unless DEO, in its sole and absolute discretion, waives such financial consequences for such failure in writing based upon its determination that the failure was due to factors beyond the control of Contractor. A financial consequence in the amount of one (1) times the hourly rate(s) of each Contractor employee assigned to the purchase order will be assessed against Contractor for each submittal of an invoice during the period that the Contractor is out of compliance with the purchase order. This amount shall be reflected as a credit on the invoice submitted to DEO. DEO at its sole discretion shall determine when the Contractor is failing to comply and DEO at its sole discretion shall determine when the Contractor has remedied the failure.

These consequences for non-performance are not to be considered penalties and are solely intended to compensate for damages.

10.0 Exceptions to Application of the Financial Consequences Provision of the STC:

Contractor may be excused for failing to provide qualified staff as required by the terms of this Contract (hereinafter "services") if such failure is beyond the control of Contractor and is approved, in writing, by DEO. Excusals may be approved for such events as, but are not limited to:

- a) Acts or omissions of DEO, any other State agency, or third parties other than Contractor's subcontractors providing services to or for DEO;
- b) Announcement of new legislation affecting services;
- c) Unofficial media announcements relating to state/federal changes to legislation; or
- d) Federal guidance impacting services.

Contractor shall advise DEO in writing as soon as possible after learning of any circumstance or occurrence which has affected or will affect Contractor's ability to achieve any of the required services. In no event shall notice to DEO be provided more than 72 hours after such circumstance or occurrence. DEO shall be the sole determiner of whether Contractor's failure to provide services in accordance with the terms of this Contract is excusable.

11.0 Contract Document

The interpretation and performance of this Contract, and all transactions under it shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Contract documents include the terms and conditions of this solicitation, and any addenda to it, Contractor's response, purchase orders issued in accordance with the Contract, STC 84111600-20-1, and the Contract issued as a result of this Request for Quote. This Scope of Work will supersede Contractor's response in the event of any conflicting provisions.

DEO reserves the right to make modifications to this Contract if it is deemed to be in the best interest of DEO or the State of Florida.

DEO reserves the right to issue a purchase order as the contract agreement or may require Contractor to enter into another form of a definitive contract. The purchase order will incorporate, the MyFloridaMarketplace (MFMP) Terms and Conditions, this Scope of Work and any Attachments and Addenda thereto, STC 84111600-20-1, and the relevant portions of the Contractor's Response. Any pre-printed purchase order terms and conditions included in the Contractor's forms or invoices shall be null and void. If there are conflicting provisions between the documents that make up the purchase order/Contract, the order of precedence for the documents is as follows:

1. Scope of Work including any Attachments and Addenda
2. STC 84111600-20-1
3. Purchase Order
4. MFMP Terms and Conditions

5. Contractor's Response

12.0 Governing Laws

Contractor agrees that this Contract is executed and 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 of Florida. Each Party shall perform its obligations herein in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract. The exclusive venue of any legal or equitable action that arises out of or relates to the Contract shall be the appropriate state court in Leon County, Florida; in any such action, the Parties waive any right to jury trial. For avoidance of doubt, should any term of this Contract conflict with any applicable law, rule, or regulation, the law, rule, or regulation shall control over the provisions of this Contract.

13.0 Submission of Responses

1. Responses must be submitted electronically through MFMP sourcing. DEO will award the Contract to the Response deemed to be the best overall value to the state. The Response must include:
 - a. A Cost Proposal, which shall:
 - i. Include a proposal for a pricing approach to complete each deliverable, along with the corresponding job title, estimated hours, and hourly rate to provide all services and deliverables specified in this RFQ;
 - ii. Include pricing not to exceed the Respondent's STC rates; and
 - iii. Include the cost response in Section 5.1.
 - b. Descriptions of Respondent's experience conducting monitoring and compliance reviews of federally funded programs.
 - c. Biographies and resumes of proposed key personnel who will perform the services in accordance with the Scope of Work.
 - d. Description of the company's organization capacity.
 - e. References from two (2) separate clients, other than DEO, for which Respondent performed work similar to that specified in this Scope of Work.

End of Scope of Work

**Attachment 1
DEO Vendor Core Contract**

I. CONTRACTOR AND DEO AGREE:

A. Requirements of paragraphs (a) – (i) of subsection 287.058(1), Florida Statutes (F.S.):

1. Contractor shall submit bills for fees or other compensation for services or expenses in sufficient detail for a proper pre-audit and post-audit thereof.
2. If travel expenses are authorized, Contractor shall submit bills for such travel expenses and shall be reimbursed only in accordance with section 112.061, F.S.
3. Contractor shall allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other materials made or received by Contractor in conjunction with this Contract, unless the records are exempt from section 24(a) of Article I of the State Constitution and section 119.07(1), F.S. It is expressly understood that DEO may unilaterally cancel this Contract for Contractor's refusal to comply with this provision.
4. Contractor shall perform all tasks contained in the Scope of Work.
5. Receipt by Contractor of DEO's written acceptance of the units of deliverables specified herein is a condition precedent to payment under this Contract and is contingent upon Contractor's compliance with the specified performance measure (i.e., each deliverable must satisfy at least the minimum acceptable level of service specified in the Scope of Work and DEO shall apply the applicable criteria stated in the Scope of Work to determine satisfactory completion of each deliverable).
6. Contractor shall comply with the criteria and final date by which such criteria must be met for completion of this Contract.
7. **Renewal and Extension:** If the Contract was procured by an exceptional purchase pursuant to subsections 287.057(3)(a) or (3)(c), F.S., it may not be renewed. If the Contract was competitively procured, the price of the renewal must be included in the response to the Invitation to Bid (ITB), Request for Proposal (RFP), or Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) and the renewal price for the Contract shall not exceed that as set forth in the response to the ITB, RFP, or ITN. Subsection 287.057(13), F.S., provides that contracts for commodities or contractual services may be renewed on a yearly basis for a period of up to three years after the initial contract, or for a period no longer than the term of the original contract, whichever is longer. Renewals are contingent upon the availability of funds, satisfactory performance evaluations by DEO, and at the discretion of DEO. Costs for any renewal may not be charged. This Contract may be renewed for a period not to exceed (Insert renewal period here, choose one of the following: one (1) year; two (2) years; three (3) years; the original term of the Contract; or shall not be renewed). Extension of the Contract shall be at DEO's sole discretion and in compliance with section 287.057(12), F.S.

8. If Contractor fails to perform in accordance with the Contract, DEO shall apply the financial consequences specified herein.
9. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, intellectual property rights to preexisting property will remain with Contractor; whereas intellectual property rights to all property created or otherwise developed by Contractor in performance of this Agreement will be owned by the State of Florida through DEO. Proceeds derived from the sale, licensing, marketing, or other authorization related to any such DEO-controlled intellectual property right shall be handled in the manner specified by applicable state statute.

B. Governing Laws:

1. State of Florida Law:

- a. Contractor agrees that this Contract is executed and 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 of Florida. Each Party shall perform its obligations herein in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract. Without limiting the provisions of Section II.D., Dispute Resolution, the exclusive venue of any legal or equitable action that arises out of or relates to the Contract shall be the appropriate state court in Leon County, Florida; in any such action, the Parties waive any right to jury trial. For avoidance of doubt, should any term of this Contract conflict with any applicable law, rule, or regulation, the law, rule, or regulation shall control over the provisions of this Contract.
- b. If applicable, Contractor agrees that it is in compliance with the rules for e-procurement as directed by Rule 60A-1.033, F.A.C. and that it will maintain eligibility for this Contract through the MyFloridaMarketplace.com system.
- c. DEO shall ensure compliance with section 11.062, F.S., and section 216.347, F.S. Contractor shall not, in connection with this or any other agreement with the State, directly or indirectly: (1) offer, confer, or agree to confer any pecuniary benefit on anyone as consideration for any State officer or employee's decision, opinion, recommendation, vote, other exercise of discretion, or violation of a known legal duty; or (2) offer, give, or agree to give to anyone any gratuity for the benefit of, or at the direction or request of, any State officer or employee. For purposes of clause (2), "gratuity" means any payment of more than nominal monetary value in the form of cash, travel, entertainment, gifts, meals, lodging, loans, subscriptions, advances, deposits of money, services, employment, or contracts of any kind. Upon request of DEO's Inspector General, or other authorized State official, Contractor shall provide any type of information the Inspector General deems relevant to Contractor's integrity or responsibility. Such information may include, but shall not be limited to, Contractor's business or financial records, documents, or files of any type or form that refer to or relate to this Contract. Contractor shall retain such records for the longer of: (1) five years after the expiration of the Contract; or (2) the period required by the General Records Schedules maintained by the Florida Department of State available at http://dhis.dos.state.fl.us/recordsmgmt/gen_records_schedules.cfm.

- d. Contractor agrees to reimburse the State for the reasonable costs of investigation incurred by the Inspector General or other authorized State official for investigations of Contractor's compliance with the terms of this or any other agreement between Contractor and the State which results in the suspension or debarment of Contractor. Such costs shall include, but shall not be limited to: salaries of investigators, including overtime; travel and lodging expenses; and expert witness and documentary fees. Contractor shall not be responsible for any costs of investigations that do not result in Contractor's suspension or debarment. Contractor understands and will comply with the requirements of subsection 20.055(5), F.S., including but not necessarily limited to, the duty of Contractor and any of Contractor's subcontractors to cooperate with the Inspector General in any investigation, audit, inspection, review, or hearing pursuant to section 20.055, F.S.
- e. **Public Entity Crime:** Pursuant to subsection 287.133(2)(a), F.S., a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in section 287.017, F.S., for **Category Two** for a period of thirty-six (36) months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list. Furthermore, Contractor will complete and provide the certification in Attachment 2.
- f. **Advertising:** Subject to chapter 119, F.S., Contractor shall not publicly disseminate any information concerning the Contract without prior written approval from DEO, including but not limited to mentioning the Contract in a press release or other promotional material, identifying DEO or the State as a reference, or otherwise linking Contractor's name and either a description of the Contract or the name of DEO or the State in any material published, either in print or electronically, to any entity that is not a Party to the Contract, except potential or actual authorized distributors, dealers, resellers, or service representatives.
- g. **Sponsorship:** As required by section 286.25, F.S., if Contractor is a nongovernmental organization which sponsors a program financed wholly or in part by State funds, including any funds obtained through this Contract, it shall, in publicizing, advertising, or describing the sponsorship of the program, state: "Sponsored by (Contractor's name) and the State of Florida, Department of Economic Opportunity." If the sponsorship reference is in written material, the words "State of Florida, Department of Economic Opportunity" shall appear in the same size letters or type as the name of the organization.

h. Mandatory Disclosure Requirements:

- 1) Conflict of Interest:** This Contract is subject to chapter 112, F.S. Contractors shall disclose the name of any officer, director, employee, or other agent who is also an employee of the State. Contractors shall also disclose the name of any State employee who owns, directly or indirectly, more than a five percent (5%) interest in Contractor or its affiliates.
- 2) Convicted Vendors:** Contractor shall disclose to DEO if it, or any of its affiliates, as defined in section 287.133(1)(a) , F.S., is on the convicted vendor list. A person or affiliate placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime is prohibited from doing any of the activities listed in Section I.F.1.e. above for a period of thirty-six (36) months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.
- 3) Vendors on Scrutinized Companies Lists:** In executing this Contract, Contractor certifies that it is not listed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List created pursuant to section 215.4725, F.S., or is engaged in a boycott of Israel, that it is not listed on either the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, created pursuant to section 215.473, F.S., engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria , or engaged in business operations with the government of Venezuela.
 - a) Pursuant to section 287.135(5), F.S., DEO may immediately terminate this Contract for cause if Contractor is found to have submitted a false certification or if Contractor is placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, or is engaged in boycott of Israel or placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, has been engaged in business operations in Cuba Syria, or Venezuela, during the term of the Contract.
 - b) If DEO determines that Contractor has submitted a false certification, DEO will provide written notice to Contractor. Unless Contractor demonstrates in writing, within ninety (90) days of receipt of the notice, that DEO's determination of false certification was made in error, DEO shall bring a civil action against Contractor. If DEO's determination is upheld, a civil penalty equal to the greater of \$2 million or twice the amount of this Contract shall be imposed on Contractor, and Contractor will be ineligible to bid on any contract with an agency or local governmental entity for three (3) years after the date of DEO's determination of false certification by Contractor.
 - c) In the event that federal law ceases to authorize the states to adopt and enforce the contracting prohibition identified herein, this provision shall be null and void.

4) **Discriminatory Vendors:** Contractor shall disclose to DEO if it or any of its affiliates, as defined by section 287.134(1)(a.), F.S., appears on the discriminatory vendor list. An entity or affiliate placed on the discriminatory vendor list pursuant to section 287.134, F.S. may not:

- a) Submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract or agreement to provide any goods or services to a public entity;
- b) Submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract or agreement with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work;
- c) Submit bids, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity;
- d) Be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract or agreement with any public entity; or
- e) Transact business with any public entity.

i. **Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Incident Reporting:**

In compliance with sections 39.201 and 415.1034, F.S., an employee of Contractor who knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child, aged person, or disabled adult is or has been abused, neglected, or exploited shall immediately report such knowledge or suspicion to the Florida Abuse Hotline by calling 1-800-96ABUSE, or via the web reporting option at <http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/abuse/report/>, or via fax at 1-800-914-0004.

j. **Information Release**

(1) Contractor shall keep and maintain public records required by DEO to perform Contractor's responsibilities hereunder. Contractor shall, upon request from DEO's custodian of public records, provide DEO with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time per the cost structure provided in chapter 119, F.S., and in accordance with all other requirements of chapter 119, F.S., or as otherwise provided by law. Upon expiration or termination of this Contract, Contractor shall transfer, at no cost, to DEO all public records in possession of Contractor or keep and maintain public records required by DEO to perform the service. If the Contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Contract, the Contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to DEO, upon request from the DEO's custodian of records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of DEO.

(2) If DEO does not possess a record requested through a public records request, DEO shall notify the Contractor of the request as soon as practicable, and Contractor must provide the records to DEO or allow the records to be

inspected or copied within a reasonable time. If Contractor does not comply with DEO's request for records, DEO shall enforce the provisions set forth in this Contract. A Contractor who fails to provide public records to DEO within a reasonable time may be subject to penalties under section 119.10, F.S.

- (3) DEO does not endorse any contractor, commodity, or service. No public disclosure or news release pertaining to this Contract shall be made without the prior written approval of DEO. Contractor is prohibited from using contract information, sales values/volumes, and/or DEO customers in sales brochures or other promotions, including press releases, unless prior written approval is obtained from DEO.
- (4) Contractor acknowledges that DEO is subject to the provisions of chapter 119, F.S., relating to public records and that reports, invoices, and other documents Contractor submits to DEO under this Contract may constitute public records under Florida Statutes. Contractor shall cooperate with DEO regarding DEO's efforts to comply with the requirements of chapter 119, F.S.
- (5) If Contractor submits records to DEO that are confidential and exempt from public disclosure as trade secrets or proprietary confidential business information, such records should be identified as such by Contractor prior to submittal to DEO. Failure to identify the legal basis for each exemption from the requirements of chapter 119, F.S., prior to submittal of the record to DEO serves as Contractor waiver of a claim of exemption. Contractor shall ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the Contract term and following completion of the Contract if the Contractor does not transfer the records to DEO upon termination of the Contract.
- (6) Contractor shall allow public access to all records made or received by Contractor in conjunction with this Contract, unless the records are exempt from section 24(a) of Article I of the State Constitution and section 119.07(1), F.S. For records made or received by Contractor in conjunction with this Contract, Contractor shall respond to requests to inspect or copy such records in accordance with chapter 119, F.S.
- (7) In addition to Contractor's responsibility to directly respond to each request it receives for records made or received by Contractor in conjunction with this Contract and to provide the applicable public records in response to such request, Contractor shall notify DEO of the receipt and content of such request by sending an e-mail to PRRequest@DEO.MyFlorida.com within one (1) business day from receipt of such request.
- (8) Contractor shall notify DEO verbally within twenty-four (24) chronological hours and in writing within seventy-two (72) chronological hours if any data in Contractor's possession related to this Contract is subpoenaed or improperly used, copied, or removed (except in the ordinary course of business) by anyone

except an authorized representative of DEO. Contractor shall cooperate with DEO in taking all steps as DEO deems advisable to prevent misuse, regain possession, and/or otherwise protect the State's rights and the data subject's privacy.

- (9) IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS by telephone at 850-245-7140, via e-mail at PRRequest@DEO.MyFlorida.com, or by mail at Department of Economic Opportunity, Public Records Coordinator, 107 East Madison Street, Caldwell Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-4128.**

k. Funding Requirements. Intentionally Blank.

2. Federal Law and Regulations:

- a.** Contractor shall ensure that all its activities under this Contract shall be conducted in conformance with these provisions, as applicable: 45 C.F.R. Part 75, 29 C.F.R. Part 95, 2 CFR Part 200, 20 CFR Part 601, *et seq.*, and all other applicable federal regulations.
- b.** Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal laws, including but not limited to:
- (1)** The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program ("TANF"), 45 CFR Parts 260-265, the Social Services Block Grant ("SSBG"), 42 U.S.C. 1397d, and other applicable federal regulations and policies promulgated thereunder.
 - (2)** Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000d, *et seq.*, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin.
 - (3)** Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability.
 - (4)** Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1681, *et seq.*, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs.
 - (5)** The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6101, *et seq.*, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age.
 - (6)** Section 654 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9849, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, handicap, political affiliation, or beliefs.

- (7) The American with Disabilities Act of 1990, Public Law 101-336, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability and requires reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities.
- (8) The Pro-Children Act: Contractor agrees to comply with the Pro-Children Act of 1994, 20 U.S.C. 6083. Failure to comply with the provisions of the law may result in the imposition of civil monetary penalty up to \$1,000 for each violation and/or the imposition of an administrative compliance order on the responsible entity. This clause is applicable to all approved subcontracts. In compliance with Public Law (Pub. L.) 103-277, the Contract shall not permit smoking in any portion of any indoor facility used for the provision of federally funded services including health, day care, early childhood development, education, or library services on a routine or regular basis, to children up to age 18.
- (9) The Davis-Bacon Act, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 276a to 276a-7, and as supplemented by the Department of Labor (DOL) regulations 29 CFR Part 5, the Copeland Anti-Kickback Act, 40 U.S.C. 276c and 18 U.S.C. 874, as supplemented by the DOL regulations 29 CFR Part 3, and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, 40 U.S.C. 327-333, as supplemented by the DOL regulations 29 CFR Part 5, regarding labor standards for federally assisted construction subagreements.
- (10) The Clean Air and Water Act: If this Contract is in excess of \$100,000, Contractor shall comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued under the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7401, Section 508 of the Clean Water Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1368, *et seq.*, Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations. Contractor shall report any violation of the above to DEO.
- (11) Energy Efficiency: Contractor shall comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the State of Florida's energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, Pub. L. 94-163.
- (12) The Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352): Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the required certification (see Certification Regarding Lobbying Form within Attachment 3 of this Contract). Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.

- (13) **Debarment and Suspension:** When applicable, as required by the regulation implementing Executive Order (EO) No. 12549 and EO No. 12689, Debarment and Suspension, 2 CFR Part 2998, Contractor must not be, nor within the three-year period preceding the effective date of the Contract have been, debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency. No contract shall be awarded to parties listed on the U. S. Government Services Administration List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement or Non-Procurement Programs. Contractor must provide a completed Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters, included in Attachment 3 of this Contract.
- (14) **Public Announcements and Advertising:** When issuing statements, press releases, requests for proposals, bid solicitations, and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or in part with federal money, Contractor shall clearly state (1) the percentage of the total costs of the program or project which will be financed with federal money, (2) the dollar amount of federal funds for the project or program, and (3) percentage and dollar amount of the total costs of the project or program that will be financed by nongovernmental sources.
- (15) **Purchase of American-Made Equipment and Products:** Contractor assures that, to the greatest extent practicable, all equipment and products purchased with funds made available under this Agreement will be American-made.
- (16) **Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Organizations:** Prohibits any State or local government receiving funds under any Department program, or any intermediate organization with the same duties as a governmental entity, from discriminating for or against an organization on the basis of the organization's religious character or affiliation. Prohibits religious organizations from engaging in inherently religious activities, such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytization, as part of the programs or services funded with direct financial assistance. Prohibits an organization that participates in programs funded by direct financial assistance from the Department, in providing services, from discriminating against a program beneficiary or prospective program beneficiary on the basis of religion or religious belief. Any restrictions on the use of grant funds shall apply equally to religious and non-religious organizations.
- (17) **Rights to Inventions Made Under Contract or Agreement:** Contracts or agreements for the performance of experimental, development, or research work shall provide for the rights of the Federal Government and Contractor in any resulting invention in accordance with 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contract and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

- (18) The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010, Division E, Section 511 (Pub. L. 111-117), which prohibits distribution of federal funds made available under the Act to the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) or its subsidiaries. The Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011, Sections 101 and 103 (Pub. L. 111-242), provides that appropriations made under Pub. L. 111-117 are available under the conditions provided by Pub. L. 111-117.
- (19) E.O. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by E.O. 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," and as supplemented by regulations at 41 CFR Part 60, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor.
- (20) Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §327–333): If this Contract involves federal funding in excess of \$2,000 for construction contracts or in excess of \$2,500 for other contracts that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers, compliance with sections 102 and 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327–333), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5) is required. Under section 102 of the Act, each contractor shall be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than 1 ½ times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. Section 107 of the Act is applicable to construction work and provides that no laborer or mechanic shall be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies, materials, or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.
- (21) Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA): Under RCRA (Pub. L. 94–580 codified at 42 U.S.C. 6962), state and local institutions of higher education, hospitals, and non-profit organizations that receive direct Federal awards or other Federal funds shall give preference in their procurement programs funded with Federal funds to the purchase of recycled products pursuant to the EPA guidelines.
- (22) Immigration Reform and Control Act: Contractor shall comply with the requirements of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, which requires employment verification and retention of verification forms for any individuals hired who will perform any services under the Contract.

C. Contractor Payments:

1. Contractor will provide DEO's Contract Manager invoices in accordance with the requirements of the State of Florida Guide for State Expenditures (http://www.myfloridacfo.com/aadir/reference_guide/) with detail sufficient for a proper pre-audit and post-audit thereof. Invoices must also comply with the following:

- a. Invoices must be legible and must clearly reflect the goods/services that were provided in accordance with the terms of the Contract for the invoice period. Payment does not become due under the Contract until the invoiced deliverable(s) and any required report(s) are approved and accepted by DEO.
 - b. Invoices must contain Contractor's name, address, federal employer identification number or other applicable Contractor identification number, the Contract number, the invoice number, and the invoice period. DEO or the State may require any additional information from Contractor that DEO or the State deems necessary to process an invoice.
 - c. Invoices must be submitted in accordance with the time requirements specified in the Scope of Work.
2. At DEO's or the State's option, Contractor may be required to invoice electronically pursuant to guidelines of the Department of Management Services. Current guidelines require that Contractor supply electronic invoices in lieu of paper-based invoices for those transactions processed through the system. Electronic invoices shall be submitted to the DEO Contract Manager through the Ariba Supplier Network (ASN) in one of the following mechanisms: EDI 810, cXML, or web-based invoice entry within the ASN.
 3. Payment shall be made in accordance with section 215.422, F.S., Rule 69I-24, F.A.C., and section 287.0585, F.S., which govern time limits for payment of invoices. Section 215.422, F.S., provides that agencies have five (5) working days to inspect and approve goods and services unless the solicitation documents or the Contract Scope of Work specify otherwise. DEO has twenty (20) days to deliver a request for payment (voucher) to the Department of Financial Services. The twenty (20) days are measured from the latter of the date the invoice is received or the goods or services are received, inspected, and approved. The Scope of Work may specify conditions for retainage. Invoices returned to a Contractor due to preparation errors will result in a delay of payment. Invoice payment requirements do not start until a properly completed invoice is provided to DEO. DEO is responsible for all payments under the Contract.
 4. Section 55.03(1), F.S., identifies the process applicable to the determination of the rate of interest payable on judgments and decrees, and pursuant to section 215.422(3)(b), F.S.. This same process applies to the determination of the rate of interest applicable to late payments to vendors for goods and services purchased by the State and for contracts which do not specify a rate of interest. The applicable rate of interest is published at <http://www.myfloridacfo.com/aadir/interest.htm>

D. Final Invoice:

Contractor shall submit the final invoice for payment to DEO no later than **60** days after the Contract ends or is terminated. If Contractor fails to do so, DEO, in its sole discretion, may refuse to honor any requests submitted after this time period and may consider Contractor to have forfeited any and all rights to payment under this Contract.

E. Return or Recoupment of Funds:

1. Contractor shall return to DEO any overpayments due to unearned funds or funds disallowed pursuant to the terms of this Contract that were disbursed to Contractor by DEO. In the event Contractor or its independent auditor discovers that overpayment has been made, Contractor shall repay said overpayment within forty (40) calendar days without prior notification from DEO. In the event DEO first discovers an overpayment has been made, DEO will notify Contractor by letter. Should repayment not be made in a timely manner, DEO 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. Refunds should be sent to DEO Contract Manager and made payable to the "Department of Economic Opportunity."
2. Notwithstanding the damages limitations of Section II.F., if Contractor's non-compliance with any provision of the Contract results in additional cost or monetary loss to DEO or the State of Florida, DEO can recoup that cost or loss from monies owed to Contractor under this Contract or any other contract between Contractor and any State entity. In the event the discovery of this cost or loss arises when no monies are available under this Contract or any other contract between Contractor and any State entity, Contractor will repay such cost or loss in full to DEO within thirty (30) days of the date of notice of the amount owed, unless DEO agrees, in writing, to an alternative timeframe.

F. Vendor Ombudsman:

A Vendor Ombudsman has been established within the Department of Financial Services. The duties of this individual include acting as an advocate for vendors who may be experiencing problems in obtaining timely payment(s) from a state agency. The Vendor Ombudsman may be contacted at 850-413-5516 or by calling the Chief Financial Officer's Hotline at 1-800-342-2762.

G. Audits and Records:

1. Representatives of DEO, the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Florida, the Auditor General of the State of Florida, the Florida Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, or representatives of the federal government and their duly authorized representatives shall have access to any of Contractor's books, documents, papers, and records, including electronic storage media, as they may relate to this Contract, for the purposes of conducting audits or examinations or making excerpts or transcriptions.
2. Contractor shall maintain books, records, and documents in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures and practices which sufficiently and properly reflect all expenditures of funds provided by DEO under this Contract.
3. Contractor will provide a financial and compliance audit to DEO, if applicable, and ensure that all related party transactions are disclosed to the auditor.

4. Contractor shall retain all Contractor records, financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and any other documents (including electronic storage media) pertinent to this Contract for a period of five (5) state fiscal years after completion or termination of this Contract, or if an audit has been initiated and audit findings have not been resolved at the end of five (5) state fiscal years, the records shall be retained until resolution of the audit findings through litigation or otherwise. Contractor shall cooperate with DEO to facilitate the duplication and transfer of such records or documents upon request of DEO. Additional federal requirements may be identified in the Scope of Work.
5. Contractor shall include the aforementioned audit and record keeping requirements in all approved subcontracts and assignments.

H. Employment Eligibility Verification:

1. Per Section 448.095, F.S., the State of Florida requires the following:
 - (1) Every public employer, contractor, and subcontractor shall register with and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. A public employer, contractor, or subcontractor may not enter into a contract unless each party to the contract registers with and uses the E-Verify system.
 - b. A private employer shall, after making an offer of employment which has been accepted by a person, verify such person's employment eligibility. A private employer is not required to verify the employment eligibility of a continuing employee hired before January 1, 2021. However, if a person is a contract employee retained by a private employer, the private employer must verify the employee's employment eligibility upon the renewal or extension of his or her contract.
- a) E-Verify is an Internet-based system that allows an employer, using information reported on an employee's Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification, to determine the eligibility of all new employees hired to work in the United States. There is no charge to employers to use E-Verify. The Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system can be found at <https://www.e-verify.gov/>.
- a) If Contractor does not have E-Verify, Contractor shall enroll in the E-Verify system prior to hiring any new employee or retaining any Contract employee after the effective date of this Contract.

I. Duty of Continuing Disclosure of Legal Proceedings:

1. Prior to execution of this Contract, Contractor must disclose all prior or ongoing civil or criminal litigation, investigations, arbitration, or administrative proceedings (Proceedings) involving Contractor (and each subcontractor) in a written statement to DEO's Contract Manager. Thereafter, Contractor has a continuing duty to promptly disclose all Proceedings upon occurrence.

2. This duty of disclosure applies to Contractor's or subcontractor's officers and directors when any Proceeding relates to the officer or director's business or financial activities. Details of settlements that are prevented from disclosure by the terms of the settlement may be annotated as such.
3. Contractor shall promptly notify DEO's Contract Manager of any Proceeding relating to or affecting the Contractor's or subcontractor's business. If the existence of such Proceeding causes the State concern that the Contractor's ability or willingness to perform the Contract is jeopardized, Contractor shall be required to provide DEO's Contract Manager all reasonable assurances requested by DEO to demonstrate that:
 - a. Contractor will be able to perform the Contract in accordance with its terms and conditions; and,
 - b. Contractor and/or its employees, agents, or subcontractor(s) have not and will not engage in conduct in performing services for DEO which is similar in nature to the conduct alleged in such Proceeding.

J. Assignments and Subcontracts:

1. Contractor agrees to neither assign the responsibility for this Contract to another party nor subcontract for any of the work contemplated under this Contract, or amend any such assignment or subcontract, without prior written approval of DEO. Any sublicense, assignment, or transfer occurring without the prior approval of DEO shall be null and void.
2. Contractor agrees to be responsible for all work performed and all expenses incurred in fulfilling the obligations of this Contract. If DEO permits Contractor to subcontract all or part of the work contemplated under this Contract, including entering into subcontracts with vendors for services and commodities, it is understood by Contractor that all such subcontract arrangements shall be evidenced by a written document containing all provisions necessary to ensure subcontractor's compliance with applicable state and federal law. Contractor further agrees that DEO shall not be liable to the subcontractor for any expenses or liabilities incurred under the subcontract and Contractor shall be solely liable to the subcontractor for all expenses and liabilities incurred under the subcontract. Contractor, at its expense, will defend DEO against such claims.
3. Contractor agrees that all Contractor employees, subcontractors, or agents performing work under the Contract shall be properly trained technicians who meet or exceed any specified training qualifications. Upon request, Contractor shall furnish a copy of technical certification or other proof of qualification. All employees, subcontractors, or agents performing work under the Contract must comply with all DEO security and administrative requirements identified herein. DEO may conduct, and Contractor shall cooperate in, a security background check or otherwise assess any employee, subcontractor, or agent furnished by Contractor. DEO may refuse access to, or require replacement of, any of Contractor's employees, subcontractors, or agents for cause, including but not limited to technical or training qualifications, quality of work, change in security status, or non-compliance with DEO's security or administrative

requirements identified herein. Such refusal shall not relieve Contractor of its obligation to perform all work in compliance with the Contract. DEO may reject and bar from any facility for cause any of Contractor's employees, subcontractors, or agents.

4. Contractor agrees that the State of Florida shall at all times be entitled to assign or transfer its rights, duties, or obligations under this Contract to another governmental agency in the State of Florida, upon giving prior written notice to Contractor. In the event the State of Florida approves transfer of Contractor's obligations, Contractor remains responsible for all work performed and all expenses incurred in connection with the Contract. In addition, this Contract shall bind the successors, assigns, and legal representatives of Contractor and of any legal entity that succeeds to the obligations of the State of Florida.
5. Contractor agrees to make payments to the subcontractor within seven (7) working days after receipt of full or partial payments from DEO in accordance with section 287.0585, F.S., unless otherwise stated in the Contract between Contractor and subcontractor. Contractor's failure to pay its subcontractors within seven (7) working days will result in a penalty charged against Contractor and paid to the subcontractor in the amount of one-half of one (1) percent of the amount due per day from the expiration of the period allowed herein for payment. Such penalty shall be in addition to actual payments owed and shall not exceed fifteen (15) percent of the outstanding balance due.
6. Contractor agrees that DEO may undertake or award supplemental contracts for work related to the Contract. Contractor and its subcontractors shall cooperate with such other contractors and DEO in all such cases.
7. Contractor shall provide a monthly Minority and Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Report for each invoice period summarizing the participation of certified and non-certified minority and service-disabled veteran subcontractors/material suppliers for that period, and project to date. The report shall include the names, addresses, and dollar amount of each certified and non-certified Minority Business Enterprise and Service-Disabled Veteran Enterprise participant, and a copy must be forwarded to DEO's Contract Manager. The Office of Supplier Diversity (850-487-0915) will assist in furnishing names of qualified minorities. DEO's Minority Coordinator at (850-245-7260) will assist with questions and answers.
8. DEO shall retain the right to reject any of Contractor's or subcontractor's employees whose qualifications or performance, in DEO's judgment, are insufficient.

K. Purchasing:

1. **Prison Rehabilitative Industries and Diversified Enterprises, Inc. (PRIDE):** In accordance with section 946.515(6), F.S., if a product or service required for the performance of this Contract is certified by or is available from PRIDE and has been approved in accordance with subsection 946.515(2), F.S., the following statement applies:

It is expressly understood and agreed that any articles which are the subject of, or required to carry out, this Contract shall be purchased from the corporation identified under chapter 946, F.S., in the same manner and under the same procedures set forth in subsections 946.515(2) and (4), F.S.; and for purposes of this Contract the person, firm, or other business entity carrying out the provisions of this Contract shall be deemed to be substituted for this agency insofar as dealings with such corporation are concerned.

The above clause is not applicable to subcontractors unless otherwise required by law. Additional information about PRIDE and the products it offers is available at <http://www.pride-enterprises.org>.

2. **Products Available from the Blind or Other Handicapped (RESPECT):** In accordance with subsection 413.036(3), F.S., if a product or service required for the performance of this Contract is on the procurement list established pursuant to subsection [413.035\(2\)](#), F.S., the following statement applies:

It is expressly understood and agreed that any articles that are the subject of, or required to carry out, this Contract shall be purchased from a nonprofit agency for the blind or for the severely handicapped that is qualified pursuant to chapter 413, F.S., in the same manner and under the same procedures set forth in subsections 413.036(1) and (2), F.S.; and for purposes of this Contract, the person, firm, or other business entity carrying out the provisions of this Contract shall be deemed to be substituted for the state agency insofar as dealings with such qualified nonprofit agency are concerned.

Additional information about the designated nonprofit agency and the products it offers is available at <http://www.respectofflorida.org>.

3. Contractor agrees to procure any recycled products or materials which are the subject of or are required to carry out this Contract in accordance with section 403.7065, F.S.

L. MyFloridaMarketPlace Transaction Fee:

1. The State of Florida has instituted MyFloridaMarketPlace, a statewide eProcurement System (System). Pursuant to subsection 287.057(22), F.S., all payments shall be assessed a Transaction Fee of one percent (1.0%), which Contractor shall pay to the State, unless exempt pursuant to Rule 60A-1.031, F.A.C.
2. For payments within the State accounting system (FLAIR or its successor), the Transaction Fee shall, when possible, be automatically deducted from payments to Contractor. If automatic deduction is not possible, Contractor shall pay the Transaction Fee pursuant to Rule 60A-1.031, F.A.C. By submission of these reports and corresponding payments, Contractor certifies their correctness. All such reports and payments shall be subject to audit by the State or its designee.

3. Contractor shall receive a credit for any Transaction Fee paid by Contractor for the purchase of any item(s) if such item(s) are returned to Contractor through no fault, act, or omission of Contractor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Transaction Fee is non-refundable when an item is rejected or returned, or declined, due to Contractor's failure to perform or comply with specifications or requirements of the Contract.
4. Failure to comply with these requirements shall constitute grounds for declaring Contractor in default and recovering re-procurement costs from Contractor in addition to all outstanding fees. CONTRACTORS DELINQUENT IN PAYING TRANSACTION FEES SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM CONDUCTING FUTURE BUSINESS WITH THE STATE.

M. Nonexpendable Property:

1. For the requirements of this Section of the Contract, "nonexpendable property" is the same as "property" as defined in section 273.02, F.S. (equipment, fixtures, and other tangible personal property of a non-consumable and nonexpendable nature, with a value or cost of \$1,000 or more, and a normal expected life of one year or more; hardback-covered bound books that are circulated to students or the general public, with a value or cost of \$25 or more; and hardback-covered bound books, with a value or cost of \$250 or more).
2. All nonexpendable property, purchased under this Contract, shall be listed on the property records of Contractor. Contractor shall inventory annually and maintain accounting records for all nonexpendable property purchased and submit an inventory report to DEO with the final expenditure report. 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), date of acquisition, and the current condition of the item.
3. At no time shall Contractor dispose of nonexpendable property purchased under this Contract for these services without the written permission of and in accordance with instructions from DEO.
4. Immediately upon discovery, Contractor shall notify DEO, in writing, of any property loss with the date and reason(s) for the loss.
5. Contractor shall be responsible for the correct use of all nonexpendable property furnished under this Contract.
6. A formal Contract amendment is required prior to the purchase of any item of nonexpendable property not specifically listed in the approved Contract budget.
7. Title (ownership) to all nonexpendable property acquired with funds from this Contract shall be vested in DEO and said property shall be transferred to DEO upon completion or termination of the Contract unless otherwise authorized in writing by DEO.

N. Information Resource Acquisition:

Contractor shall obtain prior written approval from the appropriate DEO approving authority before purchasing any Information Technology Resource (ITR) or conducting any

activity that will impact DEO's electronic information technology equipment or software, as both terms are defined in DEO Policy Number 5.01, in any way. ITR includes computer hardware, software, networks, devices, connections, applications, and data.

O. Insurance:

During the Contract, including the initial Contract term, renewal(s), and extensions, Contractor, at its sole expense, shall maintain insurance coverage of such types and with such terms and limits as may be reasonably associated with the Contract. Providing and maintaining adequate insurance coverage is a material obligation of Contractor, and failure to maintain such coverage may void the Contract. The limits of coverage under each policy maintained by Contractor shall not be interpreted as limiting Contractor's liability and obligations under the Contract. All insurance policies shall be through insurers licensed and authorized to write policies in Florida.

Upon execution of this Contract, Contractor shall provide DEO written verification of the existence and amount for each type of applicable insurance coverage. Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the Contract, Contractor shall furnish DEO proof of applicable insurance coverage by standard Association for Cooperative Operations Research and Development (ACORD) form certificates of insurance. In the event any applicable coverage is cancelled by the insurer for any reason, Contractor shall immediately notify DEO of such cancellation and shall obtain adequate replacement coverage conforming to the requirements herein and provide proof of such replacement coverage within fifteen (15) business days after the cancellation of coverage. The insurance certificate must name DEO as an additional insured and identify DEO's Contract Number. Copies of new insurance certificates must be provided to DEO's Contract Manager with each insurance renewal.

DEO shall be exempt from, and in no way liable for, any sums of money representing a deductible in any insurance policy. The payment of such deductible shall be the sole responsibility of Contractor providing such insurance. The following types of insurance are required:

1. Contractor's Commercial General Liability Insurance:

By execution of this Contract, unless Contractor is a state agency or subdivision as defined by Subsection 768.28(2), F.S., Contractor shall provide adequate commercial general liability insurance coverage and hold such liability insurance at all times during this Contract. A self-insurance program established and operating under the laws of the State of Florida may provide such coverage.

2. Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance:

Contractor, at all times during the Contract, at its sole expense, shall provide commercial insurance of such a type and with such terms and limits as may be reasonably associated with the Contract, which, as a minimum, shall be workers' compensation and employer's liability insurance in accordance with chapter 440, F.S., with minimum employer's liability limits of \$100,000 per accident, \$100,000 per person,

and \$500,000 policy aggregate. Such policy shall cover all employees engaged in any Contract work.

3. Other Insurance:

During the Contract term, Contractor shall maintain any other insurance as required in Attachment 1, Scope of Work.

P. Confidentiality and Safeguarding Information:

1. Each Party may have access to confidential information made available by the other. The provisions of the Florida Public Records Act, Chapter 119, F.S., and other applicable state and federal laws will govern disclosure of any confidential information received by the State of Florida.
2. Contractor must implement procedures to ensure the appropriate protection and confidentiality of all data, files, and records involved with this Contract.
3. Except as necessary to fulfill the terms of this Contract and with the permission of DEO, Contractor shall not divulge to third parties any confidential information obtained by Contractor or its agents, distributors, resellers, subcontractors, officers, or employees in the course of performing Contract work, including but not limited to, security procedures, business operations information, or commercial proprietary information in the possession of the State or DEO.
4. Contractor agrees not to use or disclose any information concerning a recipient of services under this Contract for any purpose not in conformity with state and federal law or regulations except upon written consent of the recipient, or his responsible parent or guardian when authorized by law, if applicable.
5. If Contractor has access to either DEO's network or any DEO applications, or both, in order to fulfill Contractor's obligations under this Contract, Contractor agrees to abide by all applicable DEO Information Technology Security procedures and policies. Contractor (including its employees, subcontractors, agents, or any other individuals to whom Contractor exposes confidential information obtained under this Contract), shall not store, or allow to be stored, any confidential information on any portable storage media (*e.g.*, laptops, thumb drives, hard drives, *etc.*) or peripheral device with the capacity to hold information. Failure to strictly comply with this provision shall constitute a breach of Contract.
6. Contractor shall notify DEO in writing of any disclosure of unsecured confidential information of DEO by Contractor, its employees, agents, or representatives which is not in compliance with the terms of this Contract (of which it becomes aware). Contractor also shall report to DEO any Security Incidents of which it becomes aware, including those incidents reported to Contractor by its subcontractors or agents. For purposes of this Contract, "Security Incident" means the attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of DEO information in Contractor's possession or electronic interference with DEO operations; however, random attempts

at access shall not be considered a security incident. Contractor shall make a report to DEO not more than seven (7) business days after Contractor learns of such use or disclosure. Contractor's report shall identify, to the extent known: (a) the nature of the unauthorized use or disclosure, (b) the confidential information used or disclosed, (c) who made the unauthorized use or received the unauthorized disclosure, (d) what Contractor has done or shall do to mitigate any deleterious effect of the unauthorized use or disclosure, and (e) what corrective action Contractor has taken or shall take to prevent future similar unauthorized use or disclosure. Contractor shall provide such other information, including a written report, as reasonably requested by DEO's Information Security Manager.

7. In the event of a breach of security concerning confidential personal information involved with this Contract, Contractor shall comply with section 501.171, F.S., as applicable. When notification to affected persons is required under this section of the statute, Contractor shall provide that notification, but only after receipt of DEO's approval of the contents of the notice. Defined statutorily, and for purposes of this Contract, "breach of security" means the unauthorized access of data in electronic form containing personal information. Good faith acquisition of personal information by an employee or agent of the Contractor is not a breach of security, provided the information is not used for a purpose unrelated to the Contractor's obligations under this Contract or is not subject to further unauthorized use.

Q. Warranty of Ability to Perform:

Contractor warrants that, to the best of its knowledge, there is no pending or threatened action, proceeding, or investigation, or any other legal or financial condition, that would in any way prohibit, restrain, or diminish Contractor's ability to satisfy its contract obligations. Contractor warrants that neither it nor any affiliate is currently on the convicted vendor list maintained pursuant to section 287.133, F.S., or on any similar list maintained by any other state or the federal government. Contractor shall immediately notify DEO in writing if its ability to perform is compromised in any manner during the term of the Contract.

R. Patents, Copyrights, and Royalties:

1. Pursuant to section 286.021, F.S., if any discovery or invention arises or is developed in the course of, or as a result of, work or services performed with funds from this Contract, Contractor shall refer the discovery or invention to DEO who will refer it to the Department of State to determine whether patent protection will be sought in the name of the State of Florida. Any and all patent rights accruing under or in connection with the performance of the Contract are hereby reserved to the State of Florida. The rights to any invention resulting from this Contract that is for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work are governed by 37 CFR Part 401 and any of its implementing regulations as applicable. All data, both electronic and hard copies, created or received by Contractor during the Contract are the property of DEO and must be surrendered to DEO upon expiration, termination, or cancellation of this Contract at no cost to DEO.
2. Where activities supported by this Contract produce original writings, sound recordings, pictorial reproductions, drawings, or other graphic representations and works of any

similar nature, DEO has the right to use, duplicate, and disclose such materials in whole or in part, in any manner, for any purpose whatsoever and to allow others acting on behalf of DEO to do so. In the event any books, manuals, films, websites, web elements, electronic information, or other copyrightable materials are produced, Contractor shall notify DEO. Any and all copyrights and intellectual property rights accruing under or in connection with the performance funded by this Contract are hereby reserved to the State of Florida.

3. In accordance with the provisions of section 1004.23, F.S., a State University is authorized in its own name to perform all things necessary to secure letters of patent, copyrights, and trademarks on any works it produces. Any action taken by the university in securing or exploiting such trademarks, copyrights, or patents shall, within thirty (30) days, be reported in writing by the president of the university to the Department of State in accordance with section 1004.23(6), F.S.

S. Independent Contractor Status:

In Contractor's performance of its duties and responsibilities under the Contract, it is mutually understood and agreed that Contractor is at all times acting and performing as an independent contractor. DEO shall neither have nor exercise any control or direction over the methods by which Contractor shall perform its work and functions other than as provided herein. Nothing in the Contract is intended to, or shall be deemed to, constitute a partnership or joint venture between the Parties.

1. Except where Contractor is a state agency, Contractor, its officers, agents, employees, subcontractors, or assignees, in performance of this Contract shall act in the capacity of an independent contractor and not as an officer, employee, or agent of the State of Florida. Nor shall Contractor represent to others that, as Contractor, it has the authority to bind DEO unless specifically authorized to do so.
2. Except where Contractor is a state agency, neither Contractor, nor its officers, agents, employees, subcontractors, or assignees are entitled to state retirement or state leave benefits, or to any other compensation of state employment as a result of performing the duties and obligations of this Contract.
3. Contractor agrees to take such actions as may be necessary to ensure that each subcontractor will be deemed to be an independent contractor and will not be considered or permitted to be an agent, servant, joint venturer, or partner of the State of Florida.
4. Unless justified by Contractor and agreed to by DEO in the Scope of Work, DEO will not furnish services of support (*e.g.*, office space, office supplies, telephone service, secretarial, or clerical support) to Contractor or its subcontractor or assignee.
5. DEO shall not be responsible for withholding taxes with respect to Contractor's compensation hereunder. Contractor shall have no claim against DEO for vacation pay, sick leave, retirement benefits, social security benefits, workers' compensation, health or disability benefits, reemployment assistance benefits, or employee benefits of any

kind. Contractor shall ensure that its employees, subcontractors, and other agents, receive benefits and necessary insurance (health, workers' compensation, reemployment assistance benefits) from an employer other than the State of Florida.

6. Contractor, at all times during the Contract, must comply with the reporting and Reemployment Assistance contribution payment requirements of chapter 443, F.S.

T. Electronic Funds Transfer:

Contractor agrees to enroll in Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), offered by the State's Chief Financial Officer within thirty (30) days of the date the last Party has signed this Contract. Copies of the Authorization form and a sample blank enrollment letter can be found on the vendor instruction page at <https://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/AA/Vendors/>.

Questions should be directed to the EFT Section at 850-413-5517. Once enrolled, invoice payments will be made by EFT.

II. CONTRACTOR AND DEO AGREE:

A. Renegotiation or Modification:

The Parties agree to renegotiate this Contract if federal and/or state revisions of any applicable laws or regulations make changes to this Contract necessary. In addition to changes necessitated by law, DEO may at any time, with written notice to Contractor, make changes within the general scope of the Contract. Such changes may include modification of the requirements, changes to processing procedures, or other changes as decided by DEO. Any investigation necessary to determine the impact of the change shall be the responsibility of Contractor. Modifications of provisions of this Contract shall only be valid when they have been reduced to writing and duly signed and dated by all Parties.

B. Time is of the Essence:

Time is of the essence regarding the performance obligations set forth in this Contract. Any additional deadlines for performance for Contractor's obligation to timely provide deliverables under this Contract, including but not limited to timely submittal of reports, are contained in the Scope of Work.

C. Termination:

1. Termination Due to the Lack of Funds:

In the event funds to finance this Contract become unavailable or if federal or state funds upon which this Contract is dependent are withdrawn or redirected, DEO may terminate this Contract upon no less than twenty-four (24) hours' notice in writing to Contractor. DEO shall be the final authority as to the availability of funds and will not reallocate funds earmarked for this Contract to another program thus causing "lack of funds." In the event of termination of this Contract under this provision, Contractor will

be compensated for any work satisfactorily completed prior to notification of termination.

2. Termination for Cause:

DEO may terminate the Contract if Contractor fails to: (a) deliver the product or services within the time specified in the Contract or any extension; (b) maintain adequate progress, thus endangering performance of the Contract; (c) honor any term of the Contract; or (d) abide by any statutory, regulatory, or licensing requirement. Contractor shall continue to perform any work not terminated. The rights and remedies of DEO in this clause are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under the Contract. Contractor shall not be entitled to recover any cancellation charges or lost profits.

3. Termination for Convenience:

DEO, by written notice to Contractor, may terminate this Contract in whole or in part when DEO determines in its sole discretion that it is in the State's interest to do so. Contractor shall not furnish any product after it receives the notice of termination, except as necessary to complete the continued portion of the Contract, if any. Contractor shall not be entitled to recover any cancellation charges or lost profits.

D. Dispute Resolution:

Unless otherwise stated in Attachment 1, Scope of Work, disputes concerning the performance of the Contract shall be decided by DEO, who shall reduce the decision to writing and serve a copy on Contractor. The decision shall be final and conclusive unless, within twenty-one (21) days from the date of receipt, Contractor files with DEO a petition for administrative hearing. DEO's final order on the petition shall be final, subject to any right of Contractor to judicial review pursuant to section 120.68, F.S. Exhaustion of administrative remedies is an absolute condition precedent to Contractor's ability to pursue any other form of dispute resolution, provided that the Parties may employ the alternative dispute resolution procedures outlined in chapter 120, F.S.

E. Indemnification: If Contractor is a state agency or subdivision, as defined in section 768.28(2), F.S., pursuant to section 768.28(19), F.S., neither Party indemnifies nor insures or assumes any liability for the other Party for the other Party's negligence:

1. Contractor shall be fully liable for the actions of its agents, employees, partners, and subcontractors and shall fully indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State and DEO, and their officers, agents, and employees, from suits, actions, damages, and costs of every name and description, including attorneys' fees, 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 Contractor, its agents, employees, partners, or subcontractors, provided that Contractor shall not indemnify for that portion of any loss or damages proximately caused by the negligent act or omission of the State or DEO.

2. Further, Contractor shall fully indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State and DEO 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 that the foregoing obligation shall not apply to DEO's misuse or modification of Contractor's products or DEO's operation or use of Contractor's products in a manner not contemplated by the Contract or the purchase order. If any product is the subject of an infringement suit, or in Contractor's opinion is likely to become the subject of such a suit, Contractor may at its sole expense procure for DEO the right to continue using the product or to modify it to become non-infringing. If Contractor is not reasonably able to modify or otherwise secure DEO the right to continue using the product, Contractor shall remove the product and refund DEO the amounts paid in excess of a reasonable rental for past use. DEO shall not be liable for any royalties.
3. Contractor's obligations under the preceding two paragraphs with respect to any legal action are contingent upon the State or DEO giving Contractor (a) written notice of any action or threatened action, (b) the opportunity to take over and settle or defend any such action at Contractor's sole expense, and (c) assistance in defending the action at Contractor's sole expense. Contractor shall not be liable for any cost, expense, or compromise incurred or made by the State or DEO in any legal action without Contractor's prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

F. Limitation of Liability:

For all claims against Contractor under this Contract, regardless of the basis on which the claim is made, Contractor's liability under this Contract for direct damages shall be limited to the greater of \$100,000 or two times the dollar amount of the Contract. This limitation shall not apply to claims arising under the Indemnity paragraphs contained in this Contract.

Unless otherwise specifically enumerated in the Contract, DEO shall not be liable to another for special, indirect, punitive, or consequential damages, including lost data or records (unless the Contract or purchase order requires Contractor to back-up data or records), even if DEO has been advised that such damages are possible. DEO shall not be liable for lost profits, lost revenue, or lost institutional operating savings. The State and DEO may, in addition to other remedies available to them at law or equity and upon notice to Contractor, retain such monies from amounts due Contractor as may be necessary to satisfy any claim for damages, penalties, costs, and the like asserted by or against them. The State may set off any liability or other obligation of Contractor or its affiliates to the State against any payments due Contractor under any Contract with the State.

G. Force Majeure and Notice of Delay from Force Majeure:

Neither Party shall be liable to the other for any delay or failure to perform under this Contract if such delay or failure is neither the fault nor 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 subcontractors or suppliers if no alternate source of supply is available. However, in the event of delay from the foregoing causes, the Party shall

take all reasonable measures to mitigate any and all resulting delay or disruption in the Party's performance obligation under this Contract. If the delay is excusable under this paragraph, the delay will not result in any additional charge or cost under the Contract to either Party. In the case of any delay Contractor believes is excusable under this paragraph, Contractor shall notify DEO in writing of the delay or potential delay and describe the cause of the delay either: (1) within ten (10) calendar days after the cause that creates or will create the delay first arose, if Contractor could reasonably foresee that a delay could occur as a result; or (2) within five (5) calendar days after the date Contractor first had reason to believe that a delay could result, if the delay is not reasonably foreseeable. **THE FOREGOING SHALL CONSTITUTE CONTRACTOR'S SOLE REMEDY OR EXCUSE WITH RESPECT TO DELAY.** Providing notice in strict accordance with this paragraph is a condition precedent to such remedy. DEO, in its sole discretion, will determine if the delay is excusable under this paragraph and will notify Contractor of its decision in writing. No claim for damages, other than for an extension of time, shall be asserted against DEO. Contractor shall not be entitled to an increase in the Contract price or payment of any kind from DEO for direct, indirect, consequential, impact, or other costs, expenses, or damages, including but not limited to costs of acceleration or inefficiency arising because of delay, disruption, interference, or hindrance from any cause whatsoever. If performance is suspended or delayed, in whole or in part, due to any of the causes described in this paragraph, after the causes have ceased to exist, Contractor shall perform at no increased cost, unless DEO determines, in its sole discretion, that the delay will significantly impair the value of the Contract to DEO or the State, in which case, DEO may do any or all of the following: (1) accept allocated performance or deliveries from Contractor, provided that Contractor grants preferential treatment to DEO with respect to products or services subjected to allocation; (2) purchase from other sources (without recourse to and by Contractor for the related costs and expenses) to replace all or part of the products or services that are the subject of the delay, which purchases may be deducted from the Contract quantity; or (3) terminate the Contract in whole or in part.

H. Severability:

If any provision, in whole or in part, of this Contract is held to be void or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, that provision shall 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.

End of Attachment 1

Attachment 2

CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES

DEO will not award this Contract unless Contractor completes the CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES contained in this Attachment. In performance of this Contract, Contractor provides the following certifications and assurances:

- A. Debarment and Suspension Certification (29 CFR Part 95 and 45 CFR Part 75)
- B. Certification Regarding Lobbying (29 CFR Part 93 and 45 CFR Part 93)
- C. Nondiscrimination & Equal Opportunity Assurance (29 CFR Part 37 and 45 CFR Part 80)
- D. Certification Regarding Public Entity Crimes, section 287.133, F.S.
- E. Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) Funding Restrictions Assurance (Pub. L. 111-117)
- F. Certification Regarding Scrutinized Companies Lists, section 287.135, F.S.

A. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS – PRIMARY COVERED TRANSACTION.

The undersigned Contractor certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

- 1. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by a Federal department or agency;
- 2. Have not within a three-year period preceding this Contract been convicted or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification, or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- 3. Are not presently indicted or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph A.2. of this certification; and/or
- 4. Have not, within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal, had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause of default.

B. CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING – Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements.

The undersigned Contractor certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that:

No Federal appropriated funds have been paid, or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid, or will be paid, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employees of Congress, or employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall also complete and submit Standard Form – LLL, Disclosure Form of Lobbying Activities, in accordance with its instructions.

The undersigned shall require that language of this certification be included in the documents for all subcontracts at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients and contractors shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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

C. NON-DISCRIMINATION & EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ASSURANCE (29 CFR PART 37 AND 45 CFR PART 80).

As a condition of the Contract, Contractor assures that it will comply fully with the nondiscrimination and equal opportunity provisions of the following laws:

1. Section 188 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA), (Pub. L. 105-220), which prohibits discrimination against all individuals in the United States on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, or belief, and against beneficiaries on the basis of either citizenship/status as a lawfully admitted immigrant authorized to work in the United States or participation in any WIA Title I, financially assisted program or activity.
2. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Pub. L. 88-352), as amended, and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Regulation of the Department of Health and Human Services (45 CFR Part 80), to the end that, in accordance with Title VI of that Act and the Regulation, no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the Applicant receives Federal financial assistance from the Department.
3. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Pub. L. 93-112) as amended, and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Regulation of the Department of Health

and Human Services (45 CFR Part 84), to the end that, in accordance with Section 504 of that Act, and the Regulation, no otherwise qualified handicapped individual in the United States shall, solely by reason of his handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the Applicant receives Federal financial assistance from the Department.

4. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (Pub. L. 94-135), as amended, and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Regulation of the Department of Health and Human Services (45 CFR Part 91), to the end that, in accordance with the Act and the Regulation, no person in the United States shall, on the basis of age, be denied the benefits of, be excluded from participation in, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the Applicant receives Federal financial assistance from the Department.
5. Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 (Pub. L. 92-318), as amended, and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Regulation of the Department of Health and Human Services (45 CFR Part 86), to the end that, in accordance with Title IX and the Regulation, no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity for which the Applicant receives Federal financial assistance from the Department.
6. The American with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-336), prohibits discrimination in all employment practices, including job application procedures, hiring, firing, advancement, compensation, training, and other terms, conditions, and privileges of employment. It applies to recruitment, advertising, tenure, layoff, leave, fringe benefits, and all other employment-related activities.

Contractor also assures that it will comply with 29 CFR Part 38 and all other regulations implementing the laws listed above. This assurance applies to Contractor's operation of the WIA Title I – financially assisted program or activity, and to all agreements Contractor makes to carry out the WIA Title I – financially assisted program or activity. Contractor understands that DEO and the United States have the right to seek judicial enforcement of the assurance.

D. CERTIFICATION REGARDING PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES, SECTION 287.133, F.S.

Contractor hereby certifies that neither it, nor any person or affiliate of Contractor, has been convicted of a Public Entity Crime as defined in section 287.133, F.S., nor placed on the convicted vendor list.

Contractor understands and agrees that it is required to inform DEO immediately upon any change of circumstances regarding this status.

E. ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS FOR REFORM NOW (ACORN) FUNDING RESTRICTIONS ASSURANCE (Pub. L. 111-117).

As a condition of the Contract, Contractor assures that it will comply fully with the federal funding restrictions pertaining to ACORN and its subsidiaries per the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010, Division E, Section 511 (Pub. L. 111-117). The Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011, Sections 101 and 103 (Pub. L. 111-242), provides that appropriations made under Pub. L. 111-117 are available under the conditions provided by Pub. L. 111-117.

The undersigned shall require that language of this assurance be included in the documents for all subcontracts at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all Recipient and/or Subrecipients and contractors shall provide this assurance accordingly.

F. SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES LISTS CERTIFICATION, SECTION 287.135, F.S.

If this Contract is in the amount of \$1 million or more, in accordance with the requirements of section 287.135, F.S., Contractor hereby certifies that it is not listed on either the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List. Both lists are created pursuant to section 215.473, F.S.

Contractor understands that pursuant to section 287.135, F.S., the submission of a false certification may subject Contractor to civil penalties, attorney's fees, and/or costs.

If Contractor is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, Contractor shall attach an explanation to this Contract.

By signing below, Contractor certifies the representations outlined in parts A through F above are true and correct.

(Signature and Title of Authorized Representative)

Contractor

Date

(Street)

(City, State, ZIP Code)

EXHIBIT A

OFFICE OF BROADBAND STATUTE

FLORIDA OFFICE OF BROADBAND

288.9961 Promotion of broadband adoption; Florida Office of Broadband.

288.9962 Broadband Opportunity Program.

288.9963 Attachment of broadband facilities to municipal electric utility poles.

288.9961 Promotion of broadband adoption; Florida Office of Broadband.—

(1) **LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.**—The Legislature finds that the sustainable adoption of broadband Internet service is critical to the economic and business development of this state and is essential for all residents of this state, libraries, schools, colleges and universities, health care providers, and community organizations.

(2) **DEFINITIONS.**—As used in this section, the term:

(a) “Broadband Internet service” means a service that offers a connection to the Internet with a capacity for transmission at a consistent speed of at least 25 megabits per second downstream and 3 megabits per second upstream.

(b) “Department” means the Department of Economic Opportunity.

(c) “Deployed” means that a broadband service provider meets either of the following:

1. Currently provides broadband Internet service in a specific geographic area; or
2. Is able to provide broadband Internet service in a specific geographic area to a customer that requests that service not later than 30 days after the customer requests installation of that service and without an extraordinary commitment of resources or construction charges or fees exceeding an ordinary service activation fee. The 30-day time period shall be extended to 60 days if permits are needed before the broadband Internet service is installed and activated.

(d) “Office” means the Florida Office of Broadband.

(e) “Sustainable adoption” means the ability for communications service providers to offer broadband services in all areas of this state by encouraging adoption and use levels that allow for these services to be offered in the free market absent the need for governmental subsidy.

(f) “Underserved” means a geographic area of this state in which there is no provider of broadband Internet service that offers a connection to the Internet with a capacity for transmission at a consistent speed of at least 100 megabits per second downstream and at least 10 megabits per second upstream.

(g) “Unserviced” means a geographic area of this state in which there is no provider of broadband Internet service.

(3) **STATE AGENCY.**—The department is designated as the lead state agency to facilitate the expansion of broadband Internet service in this state. The department shall work collaboratively with private businesses and receive staffing support and other resources from Enterprise Florida, Inc., state agencies, local governments, and community organizations.

(4) **FLORIDA OFFICE OF BROADBAND.**—The Florida Office of Broadband is created within the Division of Community Development in the department for the purpose of developing, marketing, and

promoting broadband Internet services in this state. The office, in the performance of its duties, shall do all of the following:

(a) Create a strategic plan that has goals and strategies for increasing and improving the availability of, access to, and use of broadband Internet service in this state. In development of the plan, the department shall incorporate applicable federal broadband activities, including any efforts or initiatives of the Federal Communications Commission, to improve broadband Internet service in this state. The plan must identify available federal funding sources for the expansion or improvement of broadband. The strategic plan must be submitted to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by June 30, 2022. The strategic plan must be updated biennially thereafter. The plan must include a process to review and verify public input regarding transmission speeds and availability of broadband Internet service throughout this state.

(b) Build and facilitate local technology planning teams or partnerships with members representing cross-sections of the community, which may include, but are not limited to, representatives from the following organizations and industries: libraries, K-12 education, colleges and universities, local health care providers, private businesses, community organizations, economic development organizations, local governments, tourism, parks and recreation, and agriculture. The local technology planning teams or partnerships shall work with rural communities to help the communities understand their current broadband availability, locate unserved and underserved businesses and residents, identify assets relevant to broadband deployment, build partnerships with broadband service providers, and identify opportunities to leverage assets and reduce barriers to the deployment of broadband Internet services in the community. The teams or partnerships must be proactive in fiscally constrained counties in identifying and providing assistance with applying for federal grants for broadband Internet service.

(c) Provide technical and planning assistance to rural communities.

(d) Encourage the use of broadband Internet service, especially in the rural, unserved, or underserved communities of this state through grant programs having effective strategies to facilitate the statewide deployment of broadband Internet service. For any grants to be awarded, priority must be given to projects that:

1. Provide access to broadband education, awareness, training, access, equipment, and support to libraries, schools, colleges and universities, health care providers, and community support organizations.

2. Encourage the sustainable adoption of broadband Internet service in primarily underserved areas by removing barriers to entry.

3. Work toward encouraging investments in establishing affordable and sustainable broadband Internet service in unserved areas of this state.

4. Facilitate the development of applications, programs, and services, including, but not limited to, telework, telemedicine, and e-learning to increase the usage of, and demand for, broadband Internet service in this state.

(e) Monitor, participate in, and provide input in proceedings of the Federal Communications Commission and other federal agencies related to the geographic availability and deployment of broadband Internet service in this state as necessary to ensure that this information is accurately presented and that rural, unserved, and underserved areas of this state are best positioned to benefit from federal and state broadband deployment programs.

(f) Administer the Broadband Opportunity Program established in s. 288.9962.

(5) ADMINISTRATION.—The department may:

(a) Apply for and accept federal funds for purposes of this section.

(b) Enter into contracts necessary or useful to carry out the purposes of this section.

(c) Establish any committee or workgroup to administer and carry out the purposes of this section.

(d) Adopt rules to implement this part.

History.—s. 2, ch. 2009-226; s. 5, ch. 2011-36; s. 53, ch. 2012-116; s. 1, ch. 2012-131; s. 2, ch. 2020-26; s. 3, ch. 2021-24.

Note.—Former s. 364.0135.

288.9962 Broadband Opportunity Program.—

(1) The Broadband Opportunity Program is established within the office to award grants to applicants who seek to expand broadband Internet service to unserved areas of this state. The office must administer and act as fiscal agent for the program and is responsible for receiving and reviewing applications and awarding grants.

(2) Subject to appropriation, grants shall be awarded under this section to fund the installation or deployment of infrastructure that supports the provision of broadband Internet service. Grant funds may not be used to install or deploy broadband Internet service to a geographic area in which broadband Internet service is already deployed by at least one provider.

(3) Applicants eligible for grant awards include:

(a) Corporations, limited liability companies, general partnerships, and limited partnerships that are organized under the laws of this state or otherwise authorized to transact business in this state.

(b) Political subdivisions.

(c) Indian tribes.

(4) The office may not award, directly or indirectly, grants under this section to a governmental entity or an educational institution or affiliate to provide broadband Internet service to any residential or commercial premises, unless other broadband Internet service providers have not deployed service to an unserved area.

(5) An eligible applicant shall submit a grant application to the office on a form prescribed by the office. A grant application must include the following information:

- (a) A description of the project area.
- (b) A description of the kind and amount of broadband Internet service infrastructure that is proposed.
- (c) Evidence demonstrating the unserved nature of the project area.
- (d) The number of households and businesses that would have access to broadband Internet service as a result of the grant.
- (e) A list of significant community institutions that would benefit from the grant.
- (f) The total cost of the project and the timeframe in which it would be completed.
- (g) A list identifying sources of funding or in-kind contributions that would supplement any awarded grant.
- (h) Any other information required by the office.

(6)(a) At least 30 days before the first day grant applications may be submitted each fiscal year, the office shall publish on its website the specific criteria and quantitative scoring system it will use to evaluate or rank grant applications. Such criteria and quantitative scoring system must include the criteria set forth in subsection (8).

(b) Within 3 business days after the close of the grant application process, the office shall publish on its website, from each grant application submitted, the proposed unserved areas to be served and the proposed broadband Internet speeds of the areas to be served.

(c) A broadband Internet service provider that provides existing service in or adjacent to a proposed project area may submit to the office, within 45 days after publication of the information under paragraph (b), a written challenge to an application. The challenge shall contain information demonstrating that:

1. The provider currently has deployed broadband Internet service to retail customers within the project area;
2. The provider has begun construction to provide broadband Internet service to retail customers within the proposed project area within the timeframe proposed by the applicant; or
3. The provider commits to providing broadband Internet service to retail customers within the proposed project area within the timeframe proposed by the applicant.

(d) Within 3 business days after the submission of a written challenge, the office shall notify the applicant, in writing, of the challenge.

(e) The office shall evaluate each challenge submitted under this subsection. If the office determines that the provider currently has deployed, has begun construction to provide, or commits to provide broadband Internet service in the proposed project area, the office may not fund the challenged project.

(f) If the office denies funding to an applicant as a result of a broadband Internet service provider's challenge and the provider does not fulfill its commitment to provide broadband Internet service in the unserved area, the office may not consider another challenge from the provider for the next two grant application cycles, unless the office determines that the failure to fulfill the commitment was due to circumstances beyond the provider's control.

(7)(a) In evaluating grant applications and awarding grants, the office must give priority to applications that:

1. Offer broadband Internet service to important community institutions, including, but not limited to, libraries, educational institutions, public safety facilities, and health care facilities;
2. Facilitate the use of telemedicine and electronic health records;
3. Serve economically distressed areas of this state, as measured by indices of unemployment, poverty, or population loss that are significantly greater than the statewide average;
4. Provide for scalability to transmission speeds of at least 100 megabits per second download and 10 megabits per second upload;
5. Include a component to actively promote the adoption of the newly available broadband Internet service in the community;
6. Provide evidence of strong support for the project from citizens, government, businesses, and institutions in the community;
7. Provide access to broadband Internet service to the greatest number of unserved households and businesses;
8. Leverage greater amounts of funding for a project from private sources; or
9. Demonstrate consistency with the strategic plan adopted under s. 288.9961.

(b) The office must endeavor to award grants to qualified applications serving all regions of this state.

(8)(a) The office may not award any grant to an otherwise eligible grant applicant to provide broadband Internet service in a project area for which any other federal funding has been awarded.

(b) A grant awarded under this section may not be used to serve any retail end user that already has access to broadband Internet service.

(c) A grant awarded under this section, when combined with any state or local funds, may not fund more than 50 percent of the total cost of a project.

(d) A single project may not be awarded a grant in excess of \$5 million.

(9) For each grant awarded, the office shall enter into an agreement with the applicant. The agreement must specify the total amount of the grant, performance conditions that must be met to obtain the grant, the schedule of payment, and sanctions that would apply for failure to meet performance conditions, including, but not limited to, requiring the return of grant funds.

(10) By January 1, 2023, and each year thereafter, the office shall publish on its website and provide to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

- (a) A list of all grant applications received during the previous fiscal year and for each application:
1. The results of any quantitative weighting or scoring system the office used to award grants or rank the applications.
 2. The grant amounts requested.
 3. The grant amounts awarded, if any.
 4. A report on the progress of each grant recipient in acquiring and installing infrastructure that supports the provision of broadband Internet service in the project areas for which that grant was awarded and in securing adoption of such service in each project area.

(b) All written challenges filed during the previous year and the results of those challenges.

History.—s. 5, ch. 2021-24.

288.9963 Attachment of broadband facilities to municipal electric utility poles.—

(1) The Legislature finds that there is a need for increased availability of broadband Internet access throughout this state, particularly in areas where citizens do not have access to acceptable Internet download and upload speeds, or any access at all. The lack of Internet connectivity and widespread broadband availability is detrimental to the growth of the economy, access to telehealth, and educational opportunities. The federal government has provided vast resources for private cable and other broadband providers to expand the deployment of broadband Internet infrastructure in areas where Internet access and broadband Internet services are inadequate or nonexistent.

(2) As used in this section, the term:

- (a) “Broadband provider” means a person or entity who provides fixed broadband Internet service.
- (b) “Broadband service” means a service that provides high speed access to the Internet at a rate of at least 25 megabits per second in the downstream direction and at least 3 megabits per second in the upstream direction.

(c) “Safety and reliability standards” includes all applicable engineering, reliability, and safety standards governing the installation, maintenance, and operation of facilities and poles and the performance of all work in and around electric utility facilities, including particular utility standards made available to a broadband provider, and shall include the most current versions of the National Electric Safety Code, the National Electric Code, and the regulations of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and other reasonable nondiscriminatory safety and engineering requirements, including, but not limited to requirements addressing overloading of electric utility facilities.

(d) “Underserved” means there is no retail access to the Internet at speeds of at least 25 megabits per seconds for downloading and 3 megabits per second for uploading.

(e) “Unserved” means that there is no retail access to the Internet at speeds of at least 10 megabits per seconds for downloading and 1 megabits per second for uploading.

(f) "Wireline attachment" means a wire or cable and associated equipment affixed to a utility pole in the communications space of the pole.

(3) Beginning July 1, 2021, a broadband provider shall receive a promotional rate of \$1 per wireline attachment per pole per year for any new attachment necessary to make broadband service available to an unserved or underserved end user within a municipal electric utility service territory for the time period specified in this subsection.

(a) A broadband provider who wishes to make wireline attachments subject to the promotional rate shall submit an application, including a route map, to the municipal electric utility specifying which wireline attachments on which utility poles are necessary to extend broadband service to unserved and underserved end users and therefore qualify for the promotional rate set forth in this subsection, together with such information necessary to identify which unserved or underserved end users within the municipal electric utility's service territory will gain access to broadband service as a result. A copy of the application and plan shall also be submitted simultaneously to the office.

(b) A municipal electric utility shall report to the office which attachments on which utility poles were made available to broadband providers subject to the promotional rate, together with any information available to it regarding which of its municipal electric utility customers do and do not have access to broadband service and whether they are unserved or underserved.

(c) A broadband provider who makes application for wireline attachments under the promotional rate shall make all reasonable efforts to make broadband service available to the unserved or underserved municipal electric utility customers identified in the application. If a broadband provider fails to make broadband service available to those customers within 12 months, it may be required to pay the prevailing rate for those attachments that failed to make broadband service available to the intended customers.

(d) Except as provided in this section, wireline attachments which are subject to the promotional rate must conform to all other terms and conditions of existing pole attachment agreements between the broadband provider and the municipal electric utility. If no agreement exists, the parties shall have 90 days to enter into a pole attachment agreement for all other terms and conditions of attachment.

(e) The promotional rate of \$1 per wireline attachment per pole per year applies to all pole attachments made pursuant to this subsection until July 1, 2024.

(4) All wireline attachments must comply with safety and reliability standards; provided, however, wireline attachments and their replacements, which complied with safety and reliability standards when installed, do not need to be modified to comply with new requirements except as may be necessary for safety reasons, as reasonably determined by the municipal electric utility.

(5) If the municipal electric utility is required to replace a utility pole due to a broadband provider's attachment, the municipal electric utility may require, as a condition to attachment, that the broadband provider reimburse all reasonable and nondiscriminatory costs attributable solely to the

new attachment minus the salvage value of the removed pole, if positive. The municipal electric utility may not require a utility pole to be replaced to accommodate a broadband provider's attachment except where necessary to comply with applicable engineering and safety standards. With respect to such replacement poles, if the replacement is necessary to correct an existing violation, to bring the pole into compliance with any changes in applicable standards, or because the pole is at the end of its useful life, the replacement cost may not be charged to the broadband provider. As used in this subsection, the term "useful life" means not less than 30 years for wood utility poles and 50 years for concrete, steel, ductile iron, and all other utility poles.

(6) A municipal electric utility may not increase the fees charged to broadband providers for pole attachments between July 1, 2021, and July 31, 2022.

History.—s. 6, ch. 2021-24.

EXHIBIT B

GUIDANCE FOR THE CORONAVIRUS CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

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INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) is issuing this guidance regarding the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (Capital Projects Fund), established by Section 604 of the Social Security Act (the Statute), as added by Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (American Rescue Plan). This guidance provides a summary of project eligibility and terms and conditions, as well as information about the process for applying for a grant under the Capital Projects Fund program. This guidance may be updated, revised, or modified, and Treasury may waive these standards to the extent permitted by law.

The American Rescue Plan appropriated \$10 billion to Treasury to provide payments to States, territories, freely associated states, and Tribal Governments “to carry out critical capital projects directly enabling work, education, and health monitoring, including remote options, in response to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19).” Treasury has separately published the allocations available to each eligible entity in accordance with Section 604(b), which is available at: [treasury.gov/CPF](https://www.treasury.gov/CPF).

Although this is not a competitive grant program, States, territories, and freely associated states must submit an Application and a Grant Plan; for Tribal Governments, the Application also serves as their Grant Plan.

The Capital Projects Fund allows for investment in high-quality broadband infrastructure as well as other connectivity infrastructure, devices, and equipment. Treasury encourages consultation with the statewide entity or office that oversees broadband planning and implementation, where such an entity or office exists, when planning for the use of Capital Projects Fund grant funding. In addition to supporting broadband, it also provides flexibility for each State, territory, freely associated state, and Tribal Government to make investments in other Capital Projects designed to directly enable work, education, and health monitoring and that meet Treasury’s other criteria. The Capital Projects Fund also provides flexibility for each Recipient to identify communities to be served by Capital Projects, so long as the Recipient can demonstrate that said communities have critical needs related to work, education, and health monitoring that the Capital Project intends to address.

Treasury expects many Recipients will choose to use Capital Projects Fund grant funding for Broadband Infrastructure Projects. The COVID-19 public health emergency highlighted that access to high-quality internet can enable work, education, and health access, and that individuals and communities that lack affordable access to such high-quality internet are at a marked disadvantage. Investing in broadband for communities sensitive to or that have historically experienced these inequities will be critical for improving digital equity and opportunity, especially in the case of communities that currently lack access to the affordable, reliable, high-quality broadband internet that is necessary for full participation in school, healthcare, employment, social services, government programs, and civic life.



I. AWARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This Section describes the overall structure and terms of the assistance, including key information on Eligible Applicants, allocations, Capital Projects eligible for funding, eligible and ineligible costs, labor practices, and the period of performance. This guidance is not intended to provide a comprehensive listing of the award terms and conditions. Such terms and conditions will be contained in the Grant Agreement.

A. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Section 604 identifies States, certain territories and freely associated states, and Tribal Governments, as the entities eligible to apply for a Capital Projects Fund grant (“Eligible Applicants”).

- Eligible states (“States”) are each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.¹
- The seven eligible territories and freely associated states are the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau.²
- An eligible Tribal government³ is the recognized governing body of any Indian or Alaska Native tribe, band, nation, pueblo, village, community, component band, or component reservation, individually identified (including parenthetically) in the list published most recently as of the date of enactment of this Act pursuant to Section 104 of the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 5131).⁴ The State of Hawaii, for exclusive use of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Native Hawaiian Education Programs to assist Native Hawaiians, is also eligible to apply for funding under this funding category.

Capital Projects Fund Recipients may award funds to Subrecipients, such as other levels or units of government (e.g., municipalities or counties), non-profits, or private entities. For example, for Broadband Infrastructure Projects, Subrecipients may include co-operatives, electric utilities, and other entities that build or operate broadband networks, including networks that are owned, operated by, or affiliated with local governments.⁵

¹ Section 604(d)(2).

² Section 604(b)(1)(B).

³ Section 604(d)(3) of the Capital Projects Fund Statute provides that the term “Tribal government” has the same meaning given to the term in Section 602(g).

⁴ Available at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/01/29/2021-01606/indian-entities-recognized-by-and-eligible-to-receive-services-from-the-united-states-bureau-of>.

⁵ Subrecipients receive a subaward from a Recipient to carry out a Capital Project on behalf of the Recipient with the Recipient’s federal award funding. Recipients are responsible for monitoring and overseeing Subrecipients’ use of funds and other activities related to the award to ensure that the Subrecipient complies with the statutory and regulatory requirements and the terms and conditions of the award. Recipients remain responsible for reporting to Treasury on their Subrecipients’ use of funds.



B. ALLOCATIONS

Section 604 provides for a total of \$10 billion for Treasury to make grants to Eligible Applicants to carry out critical Capital Projects and directs the Secretary of the Treasury to make grants to the Eligible Applicants in accordance with the allocation formula set forth in the Statute.

Treasury separately published on its website the allocations for each Eligible Applicant, along with the methodology used for implementing the statutory allocation formula. These documents can be accessed at: treasury.gov/CPF.

C. PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

Section 604 authorizes Capital Projects Fund Recipients to use Capital Projects Fund grant funds for critical Capital Projects that directly enable work, education, and health monitoring in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Such Projects include remote options.

For a Capital Project to be an eligible use of Capital Projects Fund grant funds, it must meet all of the following criteria:

1. The Capital Project invests in capital assets designed to directly enable work, education, and health monitoring.
2. The Capital Project is designed to address a critical need that resulted from or was made apparent or exacerbated by the COVID-19 public health emergency.
3. The Capital Project is designed to address a critical need of the community to be served by it.

a) Presumptively Eligible Projects

- **Broadband Infrastructure Projects.** The construction and deployment of broadband infrastructure projects (“Broadband Infrastructure Projects”) are eligible for funding under the Capital Projects Fund program if the infrastructure is designed to deliver, upon project completion, service that reliably meets or exceeds symmetrical download and upload speeds of 100 Mbps. If it would be impracticable, because of geography, topography, or excessive cost, for a Broadband Infrastructure Project to be designed to deliver services at such a speed, the Project must be designed so that it reliably meets or exceeds 100 Mbps download speeds and between 20 Mbps and 100 Mbps upload speeds and be scalable to a minimum of 100 Mbps symmetrical for download and upload speeds. Treasury encourages Recipients to focus on projects that will achieve last-mile connections. Recipients considering funding middle-mile projects are encouraged to have commitments in place to support new and/or improved last-mile service.

Recipients are encouraged to prioritize investments in fiber-optic infrastructure where feasible, as such advanced technology better supports future needs. Treasury also encourages Recipients to prioritize Projects that involve broadband networks owned, operated by or affiliated with local governments, non-profits, and co-operatives—providers with less pressure to generate profits and with a commitment to serving entire communities.

Treasury strongly encourages that the chief executive of the Eligible Applicant and/or the authorized representative consult with the statewide entity or office that oversees



broadband planning and implementation, where such an entity or office exists, when planning for the use of Capital Projects Fund grant funds.

Recipients are encouraged to address affordability as a barrier to full use of the internet when developing their Program Plans for Broadband Infrastructure Projects. Affordability of broadband is necessary to directly enable its use by all Americans. Therefore, when selecting Broadband Infrastructure Projects for Capital Projects Fund grant funding, Recipients are required to consider whether the broadband service options offered by recipients of Capital Projects Fund grant funding will be affordable to their target markets in the proposed service area. Recipients are also encouraged to consult with the community as part of the process they undertake to consider affordability and are required to publish the description of their process for considering affordability in their project selection process. Additionally, Recipients are encouraged to require that services provided by a Capital Projects Fund-funded Broadband Infrastructure Project include at least one low-cost option offered at speeds that are sufficient for a household with multiple users to simultaneously telework and engage in remote learning. Recipients will be required to report pricing data as part of program performance and monitoring.

Recipients are also required to ensure that the service provider for a completed Capital Projects Fund-funded Broadband Infrastructure Project participate in federal programs that provide low-income consumers with subsidies on broadband internet access services. Initially, Recipients will be required to ensure that completed service offerings funded by the Capital Projects Fund allow subscribers in the service area to utilize the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) program. Once the FCC's EBB program has terminated, Treasury will identify any other program(s) that service providers must participate in to meet this requirement. Treasury will not identify programs that would require the service provider to be designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier.

Investments in Capital Projects must be carried out in ways that comply with applicable federal laws, including the 2019 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Among other requirements contained in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, 2 C.F.R. 200.216 implements certain provisions of the NDAA and contains prohibitions on the use of grant funds to procure or obtain certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment provided or produced by designated entities, including certain entities owned or controlled by the People's Republic of China. In addition, 2 C.F.R. 200.471 provides that certain telecommunications and video surveillance costs associated with 2 C.F.R. 200.216 are unallowable.

Recipients must explain why the communities they have identified to be served by Broadband Infrastructure Projects have a critical need for those projects as is related to access, affordability, reliability, and/or consistency. Additional discussion and explanation of critical needs can be found in Section I.C.c.3. Recipients are encouraged to prioritize projects that are designed to provide service to households and businesses not currently served by a wireline connection that reliably delivers at least 100 Mbps of download speed and 20 Mbps of upload speed. To the extent Recipients are considering deploying broadband to locations where there are existing enforceable federal or state funding commitments for reliable wireline service at speeds of at least 100 Mbps of download speed and 20 Mbps of upload speed, the Recipient should ensure that the Capital Projects Fund grant funding will not be used for costs that will be reimbursed by the other federal or



state funding stream(s). That is, Capital Projects Fund grant funds must be used only for complementary purposes. Recipients must ensure there is additional public benefit and a justification for using additional public funding to deploy to those locations. Treasury encourages Recipients to use all available federal and state datasets when making these determinations.

When determining the communities to be served by Broadband Infrastructure Projects, Recipients may choose to consider any available data including but not limited to documentation of existing broadband internet service performance, federal and/or state collected broadband data, user speed test results, interviews with community members and business owners, reports from community organizations, and any other information they deem relevant.

In evaluating such data, Recipients may take into account a variety of factors, including whether users actually receive internet service at or above speed thresholds at all hours of the day, whether factors other than speed such as latency or jitter, or deterioration of the existing connections make their user experience unreliable, and whether the existing service is being delivered by legacy technologies, such as copper telephone lines (typically using Digital Subscriber Line technology) or early versions of cable system technology (DOCSIS 2.0 or earlier), and other factors related to the services to be provided by Broadband Infrastructure Projects. Recipients may consider the actual experience of current broadband customers when making their determinations; and whether there is a provider serving the area that advertises or otherwise claims to offer broadband at a given speed is not dispositive.

- **Digital Connectivity Technology Projects.** The purchase and/or installation of devices and equipment to facilitate broadband internet access are eligible for funding under the Capital Projects Fund program where affordability has been identified by the Recipient as a barrier to broadband adoption and use. Permitted devices and equipment include laptops, tablets, and desktop personal computers⁶ for distribution to members of the public through a short- or long-term loan program or to be made available for use in public facilities. Permitted equipment includes equipment installed as part of public wi-fi infrastructure (e.g., access points, repeaters, routers).

Ownership of the equipment must be maintained by the Recipient or a Subrecipient.

Recipients must explain why the communities they have identified to be served by Digital Connectivity Technology Projects have a critical need for those projects. Additional discussion and explanation of critical needs can be found in Section I.C.c.3.

When determining the communities to be served by Digital Connectivity Technology Projects, Recipients may choose to consider any available data including but not limited to documentation of existing broadband internet service performance and pricing; federal and/or state collected broadband data; user speed test results; federal and/or state collected data, such as the American Community Survey, the U.S. Department of

⁶ Devices, such as phones and televisions, that do not permit users to fully participate in work (e.g., by providing access to fully functional remote video conferences, and necessary work applications), school (e.g., by allowing full participation in remote video classrooms and group projects, as well as the ability to draft and edit complex writing assignments), and health monitoring activities would not qualify as eligible Digital Connectivity Technology Projects under the Capital Projects Fund program.



Commerce – National Telecommunications and Information Administration’s Indicators of Broadband Need Map, or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Qualified Census Tracts, related to internet use, device ownership, income, and poverty; interviews with community members and business owners; reports from community organizations; and any other information they deem relevant.

- **Multi-Purpose Community Facility Projects.** Projects to construct or improve buildings that are designed to jointly and directly enable work, education, and health monitoring are eligible for funding under the Capital Projects Fund program. Examples of Multi-Purpose Community Facility Projects are:
 - Projects to construct or improve full-service community schools that provide a comprehensive academic program to their students and adult education in the community at large; health monitoring to their students and the community; and workforce training or career counseling services that provide community members with the knowledge needed to engage in work, including digital literacy training programs.
 - Projects to construct or improve libraries that provide public access to the internet for purposes including work, education, and health monitoring such as offering digital skills programs and support for community members engaging in virtual learning.
 - Projects to construct or improve community health centers that, in addition to engaging in health monitoring, provide a broader range of services to the communities they serve, including activities such as access to job counseling employment services, as well as health education classes or internship programs for medical professionals.

Projects must be designed to jointly and directly enable work, education, and health monitoring, but these activities need not be the exclusive function or purpose of the Project. For example, a building, such as a library or community center providing the public with access to computers with high-speed internet service, can meet this criterion even if the completed Project is also used for other functions, such as community recreational activities.

Recipients must explain why the communities they have identified to be served by Multi-Purpose Community Facility Projects have a critical need for such projects.

When determining the communities to be served by Multi-Purpose Community Facility Projects, Recipients may choose to consider any available data, including, but not limited to federal and/or state collected data, such as the American Community Survey or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Qualified Census Tracts, related to internet use, device ownership, income, poverty, health, education, and employment; interviews with community members and business owners; reports from community organizations; documentation of existing facilities providing similar or identical services to those the Capital Project is intended to provide; and any other information they deem relevant.

Treasury will require Recipients to commit that the Capital Projects will provide services or activities that directly enable work, education, and health monitoring for at least five years from the completion of the Project.



b) Ineligible Projects and Projects Not Presumed to be Eligible

General infrastructure projects, such as highways, bridges, transit systems, and ports, are ineligible under the Capital Projects Fund program. General construction and improvement of hospitals and traditional schools are not presumed to be eligible, although, there may be opportunities for such projects to receive funding under the Capital Projects Fund program if they meet the project eligibility criteria. Such projects will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

c) Case-by-Case Review

In addition to the presumptively eligible Capital Projects described above, a Recipient may propose a different use of funds. Such a use must meet each of the statutory criteria. The Recipient must demonstrate that its Project satisfies the criteria below.

1. The Project invests in capital assets designed to directly enable work, education, and health monitoring.

Investments in Capital Assets

Capital Project or Project means the construction, purchase, and installation of, and/or improvements to capital assets⁷ where the costs of such assets are capitalized or depreciated, including ancillary costs necessary to put the capital asset to use.

Examples of capital assets include buildings, towers, digital devices and equipment, fiber-optic lines, and broadband networks. Examples of ancillary costs include project costs related to project planning and feasibility, broadband installation, and community engagement, broadband adoption, digital literacy, and training associated with a planned or completed Project funded by the Capital Projects Fund program.

Projects that are Designed to Directly Enable Work, Education, and Health Monitoring

A Capital Project is designed to directly enable all three activities (work, education, and health monitoring) if the Project is designed to, upon completion, be used by community members while engaged in work, education, and health monitoring or activities to obtain the knowledge or skills to engage in such activities.

Projects must directly enable all three activities of work, education, and health monitoring.

- **Work:** Activities to help community members engage in employment, search for employment, and/or develop the requisite skills and knowledge to become employed (e.g., participate in career counseling programs, workforce training programs, as well as gain access to internet websites to search for and apply to jobs).

A Project is not considered to directly enable work simply because individuals are

⁷ Treasury does not intend for the definition of capital assets, as defined under Uniform Guidance, to limit eligible investments under Capital Projects.



employed at the location of the completed Capital Project; rather, the asset itself must enable new and further employment opportunities beyond employment at the location of the completed Project. In addition, job creation related to project construction and operations (e.g., employment of construction workers) would not satisfy this requirement.

- **Education:** Activities to acquire knowledge and/or skills, undertaken as part of a person's participation in school, an academic program, extracurricular program, social-emotional development program for students or youths, internship, or professional development program, or in another educational environment.
- **Health Monitoring:** Services to monitor an individual's health, including with respect to either physical or behavioral health.

Health monitoring activities are often conducted as part of telemedicine appointments with a healthcare provider, but these activities can be conducted in a variety of other ways, such as during in-person appointments with health care providers or as part of community health screening programs.

Recipients must show that the Project is designed to jointly and directly enable work, education, and health monitoring; however, these activities need not be the exclusive function or purpose of the Project. For example, construction of a building, such as a community center or library providing the public with access to computers with high-speed internet service, can meet this criterion even if the completed Project is also used for other functions, such as community recreational activities.

To directly enable all three activities, the result of the Capital Project should be assets that offer affordable services or are otherwise publicly accessible (e.g., public wi-fi).

Directly Enabling Work, Education, and Health Monitoring after Completion of the Project

Project eligibility is defined by the services that the completed Projects are designed to provide. The exact services or activities may change over time, so long as the Capital Project directly enables all three activities of work, education, and health monitoring for at least five years from the completion of the Project.

2. The Project will be designed to address a critical need that results from or was made apparent or exacerbated by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Projects must be designed to address impediments to community members' ability to directly engage in work, education, and health monitoring that resulted from or were made apparent or exacerbated by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Recipients are expected to first identify one or more impediments to participation in work, education, and health monitoring that resulted from or were made apparent or exacerbated by the COVID-19 public health emergency and then identify how any such impediments would be remediated with the Project.

Recipients have broad latitude to identify the specific conditions and circumstances that have



impeded their community members' ability to access work, education, and health monitoring activities and services during the COVID-19 public health emergency and must be prepared to provide a description of such conditions and circumstances in their Grant Plan. Recipients are encouraged to solicit input from and engage with community members when identifying these circumstances and conditions.

Treasury recognizes that there are some common impediments that were experienced by communities across the country. As an example, potential exposures to the virus and public health mitigation measures have made safely accessing work, school, and health monitoring resources more difficult for many communities during the COVID-19 public health emergency. The pandemic laid bare the limitations on access to high-quality, affordable, and reliable internet experienced by many Americans, including individuals living in rural America, Tribal communities, and low- and moderate-income communities, and increased reliance on high-quality internet for access to services is expected to remain a feature of American life even after the pandemic subsides. As such, Projects that enable remote access to services (e.g., Broadband Infrastructure Projects, public computer facilities) meet the requirement to remediate a need that resulted from or was made apparent or exacerbated by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

3. The Project is designed to address a critical need in the community to be served by it.

The Project must be designed to address a critical need for the Project in the community to be served by it. Communities with a critical need for the Project include those that do not have access to the resources or services that are provided by the Project, whether because of the physical absence or insufficiency within the community of the type of resources provided by the Project, or because access to those resources is unaffordable, resulting in impediment(s) to participation in work, education, and health monitoring that were caused or exacerbated by the COVID-19 public health emergency.⁸

Recipients have broad latitude to identify communities with a critical need for a Capital Project. In assessing whether a community has such a need, Recipients may consider the existing capacity, service quality, and ability to meet any relevant health, safety, or performance standards for the relevant service to be provided.

Recipients are strongly encouraged to consider individuals and communities in greatest need in identifying communities to be served by a Capital Project.⁹ Historically disadvantaged communities have experienced disproportionately poor work, education, and health outcomes, in part due to lack of access to equitable resources and opportunities in these areas.

When determining the individuals and communities with a critical need that will be served by a proposed Capital Project, Recipients may choose to consider any available data including federal and/or state collected data; interviews with community members and business owners; reports from community organizations; documentation of existing facilities providing similar or identical services to those the Capital Project is intended to provide; and any other information they deem

⁸ Tribal Governments may identify communities with a critical need that are or are not located on Tribal lands.

⁹ Targeting relief is in line with Executive Order 13985, "Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government," which laid out an Administration-wide priority to support "equity for all, including people of color and others who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality."



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D. ELIGIBLE AND INELIGIBLE COSTS

Allowable costs are determined in accordance with the cost principles identified in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E.¹⁰ Federal funds committed to an award may only be used to cover allowable costs incurred during the period of performance and for allowable closeout costs incurred during the grant closeout process. Cost sharing is not a requirement for the use of these funds.

a) Program Administrative Costs

Absent Treasury's express consent, Program Administrative Costs over the period of performance may not exceed the greater of five (5) percent of the total amounts of the grant received under the Capital Projects Fund, or \$25,000. The five percent limitation on administrative expenses includes the combined total of indirect costs and direct administrative costs charged to an award. The term "Program Administrative Costs" is defined as the costs of administering the Capital Projects Fund grant funding by a Recipient, providing technical assistance to potential Subrecipients, and complying with grant administration and audit requirements. Recipients may request a higher limit on Program Administrative Costs by providing a rationale for the use of additional funds for administrative purposes.

Consistent with 2 C.F.R. 200.414(f), Recipients that do not have a current negotiated indirect cost rate may elect to charge indirect costs to an award pursuant to a de minimis rate of up to ten percent of modified total direct costs (MTDC) for program administration, in which case a negotiated indirect cost rate agreement is not required.

Recipients may use their negotiated cost rate agreement so long as the total of all administrative costs incurred by the Recipient and any subrecipient, whether direct or indirect costs, do not exceed any applicable limit on Program Administrative Costs.

As described in 2 C.F.R. 200.403, costs must be consistently charged as either indirect or direct costs but may not be double charged or inconsistently charged as both.

b) Project Costs

A Recipient may use funds to cover costs incurred during the period beginning March 15, 2021, for one or more eligible Projects. For pre-award costs incurred after March 15, 2021, but prior to execution of the Grant Agreement, Recipients are required to provide reasonable assurance that the costs were incurred pursuant to the negotiation of and in anticipation of the Capital Projects Fund award and are necessary for the efficient and timely performance of the Project. Such costs are allowable only to the extent they would have been allowable if incurred after the date of the Capital Projects Fund award and only with the written approval of Treasury.

Project costs are not limited to new construction. For example, Project costs can involve

¹⁰ The government has established a set of principles for determining eligible or allowable costs. Allowable costs are determined in accordance with the cost principles applicable to the entity incurring the costs. For example, the allowability of costs incurred by State, local or Tribal Governments is determined in accordance with the provisions of 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E.



improvements and repairs to buildings to permit the buildings to be used for eligible purposes.

Eligible Project Costs. Below is a non-exhaustive list of eligible costs:

- Costs associated with completing the grant or Application and Grant Plan;
- Pre-project development costs and uses, including data-gathering, feasibility studies, community engagement and public feedback processes, equity assessments and planning, and needs assessments; permitting, planning, architectural design, engineering design, and work related to environmental, historical, and cultural reviews;
- Costs of repair, rehabilitation, construction, improvement, and acquisition of real property, equipment (e.g., devices and office equipment), and facilities (e.g., telecommunications equipment, including infrastructure for backhaul, middle, and last mile networks);
- Cost of long-term leases (for terms greater than one year) of facilities required to provide qualifying broadband service, including indefeasible right-of-use (IRU) agreements and capital leases;
- Personnel costs including salaries and fringe benefits for staff and consultants required for carrying out a Capital Project (such as project managers, program directors, subject matter experts, equity consultants, grant administrators, financial analysts, accountants, and attorneys);
- Ancillary costs necessary to operationalize and put the capital assets to full use, including costs to increase broadband adoption and improve digital literacy;
- Costs associated with monitoring of and reporting on Projects in compliance with Treasury requirements, including award closeout costs;
- Costs associated with collecting and measuring performance data and conducting activities needed to establish and maintain a performance management and evaluation regime related to Projects funded by the Capital Projects Fund program.

Ineligible Project Costs. Unless otherwise permitted by Treasury, Capital Projects Fund grant funds may not be used for the following purposes:

- Acquisition of spectrum licenses;
- Operating expenses, other than grant administration costs;
- Short-term operating leases;
- Payment of interest or principal on outstanding debt instruments, or other debt service costs incurred prior to March 15, 2021;
- Fees or issuance costs associated with the issuance of new debt;
- Satisfaction of any obligation arising under or pursuant to a settlement agreement, judgment, consent decree, or judicially confirmed debt restructuring plan in a judicial, administrative, or regulatory proceeding; or
- To support or oppose collective bargaining. This does not affect the ability to use funds to comply with 41 C.F.R. 60-1.4.

E. STRONG LABOR PRACTICES IN CONSTRUCTION

It is important that investments in Capital Projects be carried out in ways that produce high-quality infrastructure, avert disruptive and costly delays, and promote efficiency. Projects funded by the Capital Projects Fund must comply with all applicable federal laws and regulations, and with all requirements for state, local, and Tribal laws and ordinances to the extent that such requirements



do not conflict with federal laws.

While the federal Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage rate requirements do not apply to Projects funded solely by the Capital Projects Fund program, except for Capital Projects Fund-funded construction Projects undertaken by the District of Columbia,¹¹ Treasury encourages Recipients to ensure that Capital Projects incorporate strong labor standards, including project labor agreements and community benefits agreements that offer wages at or above the prevailing rate and include local hire provisions, not only to promote effective and efficient delivery of high-quality infrastructure projects but also to support the economic recovery through strong employment opportunities for workers. Using these practices in construction projects may help to ensure a reliable supply of skilled labor that would minimize disruptions, such as those associated with labor disputes or workplace injuries. Treasury further encourages Recipients to prioritize employers (including contractors and subcontractors) without recent violations of federal and state labor and employment laws as a further measure that may minimize project disruptions and delays.

Among other requirements contained in 2 C.F.R. 200, Appendix II, all contracts made by a Recipient or Subrecipient in excess of \$100,000 that involve employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with certain provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. Part 5). And as noted below in Section III.C, Treasury will seek information from Recipients on their workforce plans and practices related to Capital Projects Fund Projects, as well as information about subcontracted entities.

Further, Treasury encourages Recipients to prioritize in their procurement decisions employers who can demonstrate:

- Their workforce meets high safety and training standards, including professional certification, licensure and/or robust in-house training;
- Prioritization in hiring of local workers and/or workers from historically disadvantaged communities;
- Direct employment of their workforce, or policies and practices in place to ensure contractors and subcontractors meet high labor standards; and
- No recent violations of federal and state labor and employment laws.

F. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

All funds must be expended by December 31, 2026, which is the end of the period of performance. Recipients must return to Treasury any grant funds that are not used by the end of the period of performance on December 31, 2026. Treasury may, in its sole discretion, grant extensions to the period of performance upon request from Recipients.

¹¹ Neither the Davis-Bacon Act nor Davis-Bacon Act related provisions requirements apply to projects funded solely with award funds from the Capital Projects Fund, except for Capital Projects Fund-funded construction projects undertaken by the District of Columbia. The Davis-Bacon Act specifically applies to the District of Columbia when it uses federal funds (Capital Projects Fund or otherwise) to enter into contracts over \$2,000 for the construction, alteration, or repair (including painting and decorating) of public buildings or public works. Recipients may be subject to the requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act, when Capital Projects Fund grant funds are used on a construction project in conjunction with funds from another federal program that requires enforcement of the Davis-Bacon Act. Additionally, corollary state prevailing-wage-in-construction laws (commonly known as “baby Davis-Bacon Acts”) may apply to projects.



II. GRANT PROCESS FOR STATES, TERRITORIES & FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES

This section provides a summary of the steps for states, territories, and freely associated states to access Capital Projects Fund grant funds. The process for requesting Capital Projects Fund grant funding involves three main steps, described in detail below.

1. Submission of an Application to Treasury establishing Applicant eligibility.
2. Execution of a Grant Agreement with Treasury.
3. Submission of Grant Plans to Treasury, which will be used by Treasury to assess proposed use of funds for alignment with Capital Projects Fund objectives and requirements.

A. REQUIREMENTS

For an Application and Grant Plan to be approved, each Applicant must:

- Demonstrate that it is an Eligible Applicant;
- Demonstrate that funds will be used for eligible Capital Projects, including how the funds will address critical needs of the communities to be served;
- Provide a Grant Plan for use of the funds;
- Demonstrate that program performance will be measured in a robust manner, measuring outputs and outcomes for Projects and Programs, through a program evaluation plan;
- Comprehensively respond to all Application and Grant Plan requirements; and
- Provide additional information as required by Treasury.

B. APPLICATION CONTENTS

a) Requested Grant Amount

Eligible Applicants must specify the amount of Capital Projects Fund grant funding that they wish to receive, not to exceed their allocated amount (see Section I.B above). Eligible Applicants may request this amount or a smaller amount and may reduce their requested amount at a later date. However, Eligible Applicants may not increase their total requested amount after 365 days following the date that Treasury begins accepting Applications via the Capital Projects Fund Portal (“Capital Projects Fund Portal Launch”).

b) Requested Amount for Program Administrative Costs

Eligible Applicants must specify the amount of Capital Projects Fund grant funding for Program Administrative Costs that they wish to have access to following execution of the Grant Agreement. This amount may not generally exceed five percent of the total requested grant amount, or \$25,000, whichever is greater. Recipients may request a higher limit on Program Administrative Costs by providing a rationale for the use of additional funds for administrative purposes. If Eligible Applicants request less than five percent of the total grant amount at the time of their Application, they may request the remaining amount at a later date.

c) Designation Letter

If applicable, the Application must include a designation letter signed by the chief executive of the Eligible Applicant (e.g., State Governor) that identifies and delegates authority, as appropriate, to an authorized representative. The authorized representative is the individual who will sign the



necessary certifications, submit the Application, and sign the Grant Agreement on behalf of the Eligible Applicant.

d) Points of Contact

The authorized representative may designate one or more points of contact to communicate with Treasury regarding the Capital Projects Fund Application and Grant Plans.

e) Eligibility and Payment Information

The Eligible Applicant must provide their IRS Employer Identification Number (EIN), and their Dun & Bradstreet D-U-N-S Number, a unique nine-digit identification number linked to the Eligible Applicant's physical location. Eligible Applicants will also be required to provide bank account information necessary to make Capital Projects Fund grant payments, and may be asked to provide additional information to allow Treasury to establish eligibility.

C. SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS

Accessing the Capital Projects Fund Portal. To gain access to the Capital Projects Fund Portal and submit an Application, the authorized representative and/or points of contact (see Section II.B.c and Section II.B.d), as appropriate, must have a registered username and password through the ID.me identity verification service. ID.me is an approved Treasury service provider. ID.me registration requires a one-time identity verification process that involves validation of multiple forms of identification (e.g., passports) using a mobile phone camera. All personally identifiable information provided to ID.me is encrypted and disclosed only with the express consent of the user. Users who are not able to validate their identity using ID.me should contact the Capital Projects Fund (see Section V).

Application Form. Applications will only be accepted through the Capital Projects Fund Portal, accessible at: <https://portal.treasury.gov/>. A .pdf sample of the Application content will be available on the Treasury website at: treasury.gov/CPF.

Application Deadline. Eligible Applicants must complete the Application by December 27, 2021 to receive funding under the Capital Projects Fund. Treasury will post the specific dates on its website during which it will accept Capital Projects Fund Applications. Failure to submit a timely Application may result in the forfeiture of grant funds. Eligible Applicants have additional time, as outlined in Section II.F, to submit subsequent detailed Grant Plans.

Eligibility. Only eligible entities may apply, and only one Application shall be accepted from each eligible entity. Eligible Applicants should coordinate internally to ensure that only one Application is submitted.

D. EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS

Treasury Determinations. Treasury will review Applications for completeness and Applicant eligibility. Treasury will also review additional required or requested material as well as any other reasonable supplementary information submitted by Eligible Applicants. Treasury may consult with other U.S. Government agencies in reaching its Application determinations, but final determinations will be at Treasury's sole discretion.



Grant Agreements. Once Treasury has validated Application completeness and Applicant eligibility, the Eligible Applicant's authorized representative (see Section II.B.c) will execute a Grant Agreement. The Grant Agreement will, among other things, contain terms and conditions related to the following:

- Roles and responsibilities;
- Grant payments;
- Eligible uses of funds (see Section I.C.);
- Period of performance, which ends on December 31, 2026;
- Accounting and reporting requirements;
- Compliance requirements and remedies for noncompliance, including but not limited to return of funds where appropriate;
- Audits, recordkeeping, and internal controls; and
- Other terms required or permitted by federal law.

E. PAYMENT OF FUNDS FOR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

After executing a Grant Agreement, Recipients will have access to the amount of funds requested in the Application for Administrative Costs, in an amount up to five percent of the total amount of the grant, or \$25,000, whichever is greater (unless Treasury has specifically authorized a higher amount). If an Eligible Applicant requested less than five percent of the total grant amount at the time of its Application, it may request the remaining amount at a later date.

F. GRANT PLAN CONTENTS

Recipients must submit a plan for deploying Capital Projects Fund grant funding (the Capital Projects Fund Grant Plan or Grant Plan) within 365 days of the Capital Projects Fund Portal Launch, providing information on the Recipient's intended uses of Capital Projects Fund funds. Recipients will be able to submit Grant Plans requesting funding up to the amount that was stated in their Application (see Section II.B.a). Treasury may publicly share information from the Grant Plan.

A Grant Plan will consist of an executive summary, an Allocation Table showing the broad categories of Capital Projects the Recipient seeks to undertake using Capital Projects Fund grant funds (e.g., Broadband Infrastructure Projects, Digital Connectivity Technology Projects, Multi-Purpose Community Facility Projects) and how much the Recipient intends to spend on each such category, and one or more Program Plans. Each Program Plan is intended to provide more detailed information on a particular type of Capital Project(s) the Recipient intends to undertake, and constitutes an Eligible Applicant's request for funding for those Capital Projects. For example, a State might file a Grant Plan that indicates that it intends to spend funding on broadband deployment throughout the State, and a Program Plan that provides detailed information on its deployment plan for only some of the counties in the State. Later, it could file Program Plans detailing its deployment plans for other counties in the State.

After submitting a Grant Plan, that includes at least one Program Plan, Recipients may submit additional Program Plans on a rolling basis throughout the 365-day submission window so that Recipients can seek funding for a particular Capital Project (or Projects) when the Recipient is ready. Treasury will assess and approve each Program Plan separately and will separately provide access to funds for each Program Plan when approved. For example, a Recipient with



two Program Plans may submit, receive Treasury approval, and have access to funds for one Program Plan in December 2021, and then submit, receive Treasury approval, and have access to funds for the second Program Plan in March 2022.

Recipients should reference the Capital Projects Fund Portal for specific instructions and required information.

G. SUBMITTING CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND GRANT PLANS

Grant Plan Submission. Recipients will submit Grant Plans by logging into the Capital Projects Fund Portal (see Section II.C for full access instructions).

Grant Plan Deadline. After Capital Projects Fund Portal Launch, the Capital Projects Fund Portal will be open for 365 days for Recipients to submit Grant Plans. To be considered, complete Grant Plans must be submitted through the Capital Projects Fund Portal by this deadline, after which the Capital Projects Fund Portal will be closed to new Grant Plans. The deadline will be posted on the Capital Projects Fund website at the address provided below at Section V. Treasury will not consider Grant Plans submitted after the deadline, including any draft Grant Plans in the Capital Projects Fund Portal that were not completed and submitted by the deadline. Funding for Programs (as described the Recipient's Allocation Table) for which no complete Program Plan is received by the deadline will be considered forfeited by the Recipient, unless Treasury, in its sole discretion, grants a deadline waiver.

Updating Grant Plans. Recipients may submit updates to Grant Plans, or portions thereof (i.e., Allocation Table and Program Plans) through the Capital Projects Fund Portal. Updates to Grant Plans will be subject to review and approval by Treasury.

H. REVIEWING GRANT PLANS

Treasury Determinations. Treasury will review Grant Plans for completeness and consistency with Capital Projects Fund requirements (Recipient eligibility will be assessed during review of the Application (see Section II.D). Treasury will review Grant Plans, including additional required or requested material, and any other reasonable supplementary information submitted by Recipients to assess whether the Recipient will fulfill the requirements and objectives of the Capital Projects Fund. Treasury may consult with other U.S. Government components in reaching its determinations, but final Grant Plan determinations will be at Treasury's sole discretion.

Each Program Plan will be evaluated for alignment with Capital Projects Fund requirements and will be assessed independently from the Recipient's other Program Plans. Treasury may review and approve Grant Plans in whole or in part.

Grant Plan Reviews and Approvals. If Treasury approves a Grant Plan only in part, the Recipient will be provided an opportunity to provide further information or address deficiencies identified by Treasury. Treasury may also return a Grant Plan to the Recipient with recommendations for improvement and resubmission to Treasury for reconsideration. Treasury may, in its discretion, allow Grant Plan deadline extensions for those plans undergoing remediation related to consistency with project eligibility criteria. It is the Recipient's responsibility to be responsive to Treasury communications and submit complete and accurate information by the stated deadlines to receive timely consideration and a definitive response. Failure to comply with Treasury's deadlines and information requests could jeopardize access to full Capital Projects Fund grant



funding.

Timing of Reviews. Following Capital Projects Fund Portal Launch, Treasury will review Grant Plans upon receipt. Recipients are encouraged to submit Grant Plans as soon as possible after the Capital Projects Fund Portal Launch to expedite Treasury review and subsequent access to funds.

I. PROGRAM PAYMENTS

After Treasury approves a Grant Plan in whole or in part, Treasury will inform the Recipient of the schedule for payments to the Recipient for purposes of the approved portions of the plan. The amounts, timing, and conditions of such payments will be determined by Treasury in its sole discretion.

J. APPLICATION AND GRANT PLAN ASSISTANCE

Treasury is available to answer questions about the grant process and the Capital Projects Fund in general; e-mail correspondence is preferred. The Capital Projects Fund program contact information is provided below at Section V. Treasury may also host webinars and post FAQs on its website.



III. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

This Section provides a summary of other requirements that Recipients must meet, including construction, reporting, and compliance requirements. Treasury will release detailed reporting and compliance requirements soon after the Capital Projects Fund Portal Launch.

A. PUBLIC REPORTING

Treasury is required by transparency laws to disclose the names of Capital Projects Fund Recipients and the amounts of Capital Projects Fund grants, and Treasury may disclose other information provided by Recipients in their Applications or Grant Plans to the public. Treasury will post this information on its website and report this information on the [usaspending.gov](https://www.usaspending.gov) website, which allows the public to see how the federal government has distributed COVID-19 relief funding.

B. COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION

Projects funded by the Capital Projects Fund must comply with all applicable federal environmental laws. Generally, the National Environmental Policy Act does not apply to Projects funded by the Capital Projects Fund.¹² Prior to funding a Capital Project, Recipients may complete an environmental checklist, to be made available on the Capital Projects Fund website, to determine whether certain environmental laws apply. Generally, Capital Projects that do not involve construction activities will not be subject to federal environmental review requirements.

Projects must reach substantial completion before December 31, 2026. Substantial completion is defined as the date for which the Project can fulfill the primary operations that it was designed to perform, delivering services to end-users. At substantial completion, service operations and management systems infrastructure must be operational. Recipients may request extensions beyond this timeframe to the extent that factors outside of the Recipient's control have impacted Project delivery timelines. Treasury will approve extension requests on a case-by-case basis.

C. REPORTING

In general, Recipients will be responsible for satisfying the following reporting requirements:

- *Project and Expenditure Reports* submitted quarterly to Treasury that include data regarding Projects, expenditures, Project status, subawards, civil rights compliance, equity indicators, community engagement efforts, programmatic data such as geospatial data for Broadband Infrastructure Projects, and other measures as determined by Treasury. To provide public transparency on whether Projects are using practices that promote on-time and on-budget delivery, Treasury will seek information from Recipients on their workforce plans and practices related to Capital Projects Fund Projects, as well as information about subcontracted entities.
- *Performance Reports* submitted on an annual basis and demonstrating the outcomes of the Capital Projects Fund-financed grant programs. Reports must include data related to Project and Program outputs and outcomes against the stated objectives of the Recipient's Grant Plan. Costs associated with collecting and measuring performance data and

¹² Projects supported with payments from the Capital Projects Fund may still be subject to NEPA review if they are also funded by or otherwise involve actions from other federal programs or agencies.



conducting activities needed to establish and maintain a performance management and evaluation regime, including program evaluations¹³ conducted in support of Performance Report requirements, are eligible under the Capital Projects Fund.

Treasury will release detailed reporting guidance soon after the Capital Projects Fund Portal Launch.

D. OVERSIGHT

Recipients and Subrecipients will be subject to audit or review by the Treasury Inspector General and Government Accountability Office.

E. APPLICATION OF UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 C.F.R. Part 200 apply to the Capital Projects Fund grant, except for any provisions Treasury may determine are inapplicable to an award and subject to such exceptions as may be otherwise provided by Treasury. Subpart F – Audit Requirements of the Uniform Guidance, implementing the Single Audit Act, shall apply to this award.

F. SANCTIONS

In the event of a Recipient's noncompliance with applicable law or Capital Projects Fund program requirements or guidance, Treasury may impose additional conditions on the receipt of additional Capital Projects Fund funds by the Recipient, terminate further payments from the Capital Projects Fund, seek the repayment of previous Capital Projects Fund payments, or take other available remedies pursuant to 2 C.F.R. 200.339.

G. CONFIDENTIALITY OF ELIGIBLE APPLICANT INFORMATION

Treasury may publicly share information from the Application. Eligible Applicants are encouraged not to include any confidential or proprietary information in their Applications. If any such information is included, Eligible Applicants must identify and label it.

H. CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE

Recipients of federal financial assistance from Treasury are required to meet legal requirements relating to nondiscrimination and nondiscriminatory use of federal funds. Those requirements include ensuring that entities receiving federal financial assistance from Treasury do not deny benefits or services, or otherwise discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency), disability, age, or sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), in accordance with the following authorities: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI), 42 U.S.C. 2000d-1 et seq., and the Department's implementing regulations, 31 C.F.R. part 22; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), 29 U.S.C. 794; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), 20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq., and the Department's implementing regulations, 31 C.F.R. part 28; Age Discrimination Act of 1975, 42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq., and the Department implementing regulations at 31 C.F.R. part 23.

¹³ For additional information on example program evaluation standards and practices, please see OMB M-20-12, available at: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/M-20-12.pdf>.



In order to carry out its enforcement responsibilities under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, Treasury will collect and review information from Recipients to ascertain their compliance with the applicable requirements before and after providing financial assistance. Treasury's implementing regulations, 31 C.F.R. part 22, and the Department of Justice (DOJ) regulations, Coordination of Non-discrimination in Federally Assisted Programs, 28 C.F.R. part 42, provide for the collection of data and information from Recipients (see 28 C.F.R. 42.406). Treasury may request that Recipients submit data for post-award compliance reviews, including information such as a narrative describing their Title VI compliance status.

I. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS

Recipients are responsible for complying with all applicable federal, Tribal, and state laws.



IV. DEFINITIONS

Treasury will apply the following definitions for purposes of this guidance. These definitions supplement and interpret certain terms in Section 604(b) of the Statute. Terms not defined herein shall have the definitions contained in Uniform Guidance

- (a) "Allocation Table" means a summary of all contemplated funding sources and uses for Program funded with Capital Projects Fund grant funding.
- (b) "Application" means the form hosted on the Capital Projects Fund Portal where Applicants will demonstrate eligibility, provide information, and respond to requirements necessary for receiving a Capital Projects Fund Grant.
- (c) "Broadband Infrastructure Project" has the meaning set forth in Section I.C.a.
- (d) "Capital Project" or "Project" has the meaning set forth in Section I.C.c.
- (e) "Capital Projects Fund Grant Plan" or "Grant Plan" means a plan for deploying Capital Projects Fund grant funding that is submitted by a Recipient as part of the request for funding.
- (f) "Capital Projects Fund Portal" means the electronic submissions portal where Eligible Applicants can submit their Application, Capital Projects Fund Grant Plan, and other information necessary to receive a Capital Projects Fund award. The Capital Projects Fund Portal may be reached at: <https://portal.treasury.gov/>.
- (g) "Capital Projects Fund Portal Launch" means the date at which Treasury begins accepting Applications via the Capital Projects Fund Portal to receive Capital Projects Fund grant funding.
- (h) "Digital Connectivity Technology Project" has the meaning set forth in Section I.C.a.
- (i) "Eligible Applicant" has the meaning set forth in Section I.A.
- (j) "Grant Agreement" means the standardized agreement executed between the Eligible Applicant's authorized representative and Treasury that outlines the terms and conditions of the funds, reporting and recordkeeping, and other requirements.
- (k) "Multi-Purpose Community Facility Project" has the meaning set forth in Section I.C.a.
- (l) "Program" means one or more Capital Projects with common characteristics (e.g., a group of Multi-Purpose Community Facility Projects that directly enable work, education, and health monitoring) for which an Eligible Applicant is seeking funding under the Capital Projects Fund.
- (m) "Program Administrative Cost" means the costs incurred by a Recipient related to the administration of Capital Projects Fund awards, the provision of technical assistants to potential Sub-recipients, and compliance with grant administration and audit requirements.
- (n) "Program Plan" means a plan submitted by a Recipient containing a description of a



Program for which the Recipient is seeking funding under the Capital Projects Fund.

- (o) “State” has the meaning set forth in Section I.A.
- (p) “Statute” means Section 604 of the Social Security Act.
- (q) “Treasury” means the U.S. Department of the Treasury.
- (r) “Tribal Government” means the recognized governing body of any Indian or Alaska Native tribe, band, nation, pueblo, village, community, component band, or component reservation, individually identified (including parenthetically) in the list published most recently as of the date of enactment of this Act pursuant to Section 104 of the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 5131) and the State of Hawaii (for exclusive use of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Native Hawaiian Education Programs to assist Native Hawaiians).
- (s) “Uniform Guidance” means the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards located in Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations (2 C.F.R. 200).



V. CONTACT INFORMATION

E-mail correspondence is preferred. Correspondence by mail may be subject to significant delays.

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