

**ESCAMBIA COUNTY  
FLORIDA**

**INVITATION TO BIDDERS**

**JACKSON LAKE MANAGED AQUATIC PLANT SYSTEM (MAPS)  
SPECIFICATION NUMBER PD 16-17.055**

**BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL 2:00 PM CDT, SEPTEMBER 27, 2017**

Office of Purchasing, room 11.101  
213 Palafox Place, Pensacola, FL 32502  
Matt Langley Bell, III Building  
Post Office Box 1591  
Pensacola, FL 32591-1591

A non-mandatory Pre-Solicitation Conference will be held in the Office of Purchasing Conference Room, 11.407, at **11:00 AM CDT, September 12, 2017**

**Board of County Commissioners**

Douglas Underhill, Chairman  
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**From:  
Paul R. Nobles  
Purchasing Manager**

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**SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS:**

**Any person requiring special accommodations to attend or participate, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, should call the Office of Purchasing (850-495-4980) at least five (5) working days prior to the solicitation opening. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Office of Purchasing at 850-595-4684 (TTY).**

**Notice**

**It is the specific legislative intent of the Board of County Commissioners that NO CONTRACT under this solicitation shall be formed between Escambia County and the awardee vendor until such time as the contract is executed by the last party to the transaction.**

**ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
INVITATION TO BID  
BIDDER'S CHECKLIST  
JACKSON LAKE MANAGED AQUATIC PLANT SYSTEM (MAPS)  
SPECIFICATION PD 16-17.055**

**HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR BID:**

Please review this document carefully. Offers that are accepted by the County are binding contracts. **Incomplete bids are not acceptable.** All documents and submittals shall be received by the Office of Purchasing on or before the date and hour specified for receipt. Late bids will be returned unopened.

*\* Documents submitted with Bids are to be on the forms provided in the Invitation to Bid and photocopies of other required documents.*

**THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS SHALL BE RETURNED WITH THE BID:**

- Solicitation, Offer, and Bid Form. The Bid Form must contain an original signature in indelible ink. Bids with photocopies or scanned signatures will not be accepted.
- Bid Surety (bond, check, etc.)

**THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE RETURNED WITH THE BID:**

- Sworn Statement Pursuant to Section 287.133(3)(A), Florida Statutes on Entity Crimes.
- Drug-Free Workplace Form.
- Information Sheet for Transactions and Conveyances Corporate Identification.
- Certificate of Authority to do Business from the State of Florida.
- Occupational License.
- Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation – License(s), Certification(s), and/or Registration(s).

**BEFORE YOU SUBMIT YOUR BID, HAVE YOU:**

Placed your bid with all required submittal items in a sealed envelope, clearly marked for specification number, project name, name of bidder, and due date and time of bid receipt?

**THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE REQUIRED UPON NOTICE OF AWARD:**

- Certificate of Insurance
- Payment and Performance Bonds

**This form is for your convenience to assist in filling out your bid.  
Do not return this form with your bid.**

**Jackson Lake Managed Aquatic Plant System  
PD 16-17.055**

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# **SIGN AND RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR BID\***

## **SOLICITATION, OFFER AND BID FORM**

**ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Submit Offers to:

Jeffrey Lovingood

Purchasing Specialist

Office of Purchasing, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 11.101

213 Palafox Place, Pensacola, FL 32502

Post Office Box 1591, Pensacola, FL 32591-1591

Phone: 850-595-4980

**Invitation to Bid**

**Jackson Lake Managed Aquatic Plant  
System**

**Solicitation Number PD 16-17.055**

## **Solicitation**

**MAILING DATE:** August 24, 2017

**PRE-SOLICITATION CONFERENCE:** A non-Mandatory Pre-Solicitation Conference will be held in the Office of Purchasing Conference Room, 11.407, at 213 Palafox Pl. Pensacola, FL 32502, at 11:00 AM CDT, September 12, 2017.

**OFFERS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL:** 2:00 PM CDT, September 27, 2017, and may not be withdrawn within 90 days after such date and time.

### **POSTING OF SOLICITATION TABULATIONS**

Solicitation tabulations with recommended awards will be posted for review by interested parties at the Escambia County office of Purchasing, and will remain posted for a period of two (2) business days. Failure to file a protest in writing with two (2) business days after posting of the solicitation tabulation shall constitute a waiver of any protest relating to this solicitation. All protests must be filed with the Escambia County Office of Purchasing. Protests will be handled according to the Escambia County Purchasing Ordinance.

## **OFFER (SHALL BE COMPLETED BY OFFEROR)**

**Federal Employer Identification Number or S.S. Number:**

**Terms of Payment**

**Delivery Date will be \_\_\_\_\_ days after receipt of purchase order**

**Vendor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, ST. & Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone: (     )** \_\_\_\_\_

**Toll Free: (     )** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax: (     )** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bid Bond Attached:**

**\$** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name and Title of Person Authorized to Sign Offer)

\*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Person Authorized to Sign Offer  
(Original Signature Required)

**\* Failure to execute this Form binding the bidder/proposer's offer shall result in the bid/proposal being rejected as non-responsive.**

I certify that this offer is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection, with any Corporation, firm or person submitting an offer for the same materials, supplies, or equipment, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I agree to abide by all conditions of this offer and certify that I am authorized to sign this offer for the Offeror and that the Offeror is in compliance with all requirements of the solicitation, including but not limited to certification requirements. In submitting an offer to Escambia County Florida, the Offeror agrees that if the offer is accepted, the Offeror will convey, sell, assign or transfer to Escambia County Florida all rights title and interest in and to all causes of action it may now or hereafter acquire under the Anti-trust laws of the United States and the State of Florida for price fixing relating to the particular commodities or services purchase or acquired by Escambia County Florida. At the County's discretion, such assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the County tenders final payment to the Offeror.

## **Bid Form**

Base Bid	Qty.	Units	Unit Price	Total Price
1. Mobilization	1	LS		
2. Floating Substrate	21,000	SF		
3. Spartina alterniflora (smooth cordgrass) Plugs	52,000	EA		
Total				

	Yes	No
Floating substrate has expected minimum life span of at least three years?		
Floating wetland system allows for easy, efficient, non-destructive harvest and transplant of vegetation?		

Bid Alternates*	Qty.	Units	Unit Price	Total Price
1. Juncus roemerianus (black needle rush) Plugs	1	EA		
2. Juncus effusus (smooth rush) Plugs	1	EA		
3. Pontederia cordata (pickerelweed) Plugs	1	EA		
4. Other Salt Tolerant Species*	1	EA		
5. Other Freshwater Species*	1	EA		

### CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS

Acknowledgment is hereby made of receipt of the following addenda issued during the bidding period:

Addendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Addendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Addendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Addendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE TYPE INFORMATION BELOW)

#### **SEAL IF BID IS BY CORPORATION**

State of Florida Department of State Certificate  
of Authority Document Number

\_\_\_\_\_

Occupational License # \_\_\_\_\_

Florida DBPR Contractor's License,  
Certification, and/or Registration #

\_\_\_\_\_

Type of Contractor's License, Certification,  
and/or Registration \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

County Permits/Fees Required for this Project:

\_\_\_\_\_

#### **Person to Contact Concerning This Bid:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Person to Contact for Emergency Service:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Attached to bid you shall find a bid bond, cashier's check, or certified check (circle one that applies) in the amount of five percent (5%) of bid.

The work shall be substantially completed within **sixty (60) calendar days** from the Commencement Date. The Bidder agrees to fully complete all work included above within **ninety (90) consecutive calendar days** from the date of Notice to Proceed. **Liquidated damages of \$500 each day will be assessed for each day that completion of the project is delayed.** All work to be accomplished under this bid shall be the responsibility of Bidder and failure of Sub-Contractors to perform shall not relieve Bidder of any liquidated damages.

A Bid Bond in the amount of **five percent (5%) of base bid** is to be furnished by each Bidder. Bidder further acknowledges that all of the work outlined above may not be required at the discretion of Escambia County. The total will be subject to total funds available during the course of the work. However, it is the intent of Escambia County at this time to substantially complete the listed work.

Names and addresses of proposed Subcontractors to be utilized for work on this project:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**SWORN STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 287.133(3)(A),  
FLORIDA STATUTES, ON ENTITY CRIMES**

1. This sworn statement is submitted to \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name of Public Entity)

By \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Individual's Name and Title)

For \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name of Entity Submitting Sworn Statement)

Whose business address is:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

And (if applicable) its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is:

\_\_\_\_\_

If the entity has no FEIN, include the Social Security Number of the Individual signing this sworn statement: \_\_\_\_\_

2. I understand that a “public entity crime” as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(g), **Florida Statutes**, means a violation of any state or federal law by a person with respect to and directly related to the transaction of business with any public entity or with an agency or political subdivision of any other state or of the United States, including, but not limited to, any bid or contract for goods or services to be provided to any public entity or an agency or political subdivision of any other state or of the United States and involving antitrust, fraud, theft, bribery, collusion, racketeering, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation.
3. I understand that “convicted” or “conviction” as defined in paragraph 287.133(1)(b), **Florida Statutes**, means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a public entity crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record relating to charges brought by indictment or information after July 1, 1989, as a result of jury verdict, nonjury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.
4. I understand that an “affiliate” as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(a), **Florida Statutes**, means:
- a. A predecessor or successor of a person convicted of a public entity crime; or
  - b. An entity under the control any natural person who is active in the management of the entity and who has been convicted of a public entity crime. The term “affiliate” includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in the management of an affiliate. The ownership by one person of shares constituting a controlling interest in another person or a pooling of equipment or income among persons when not for fair market value under an arm’s length agreement, shall be a prima facie case that one person controls another person. A person who knowingly enters into a joint venture with a person who has been convicted of a public entity crime in Florida during the preceding thirty-six (36) months shall be considered an affiliate.

- c. I understand that a "person" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(e), **Florida Statutes**, means any natural person or entity organized under the laws of any state or of the United States with the legal power to enter into binding contract and which bids or applies to bid on contracts for the provision of goods or services let by a public entity, or which otherwise transacts or applies to transact business with a public entity. The term "person" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in management of an entity.
- d. Based on information and belief, the statement which I have marked below is true in relation to the entity submitting this sworn statement. **Indicate which statement applies.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Neither the entity submitting this sworn statement, nor any of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in the management of the entity, nor any affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.

\_\_\_\_\_ The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one or more of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in the management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.

\_\_\_\_\_ The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one or more of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in the management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989. However, there has been a subsequent proceeding before a Hearing Officer of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearings and the Final Order entered by the Hearing Officer determined that is not in the public interest to place the entity submitting this sworn statement on the convicted vendor list. **(Attach a copy of the final order.)**

**I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM TO THE CONTRACTING OFFICER FOR THE PUBLIC ENTITY IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH ONE (1) ABOVE IS FOR THAT PUBLIC ENTITY ONLY AND, THAT THIS FORM IS VALID THROUGH DECEMBER 31 OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH IT IS FILED. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I AM REQUIRED TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ENTITY PRIOR TO ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT PROVIDED IN SECTION 287.017, FLORIDA STATUTES FOR CATEGORY TWO OF ANY CHANGE IN THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_. Personally known \_\_\_\_\_

OR produced identification \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Identification: \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public: State of \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed, Typed, or Stamped Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

### **Drug-Free Workplace Form**

The undersigned vendor, in accordance with Florida Statue 287.087 hereby certifies that \_\_\_\_\_ does:

(Name of Business)

1. Publish a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
2. Inform employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business' policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
3. Give each employee engaged in providing the commodities or contractual services that are under bid a copy of the statement specified in Paragraph One (1).
4. In the statement specified in Paragraph One (1), notify the employees that, as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under bid, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of Chapter 893 or of any controlled substance law of the United States or any state, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction.
5. Impose a sanction on, or require the satisfactory participation in a drug assistance or rehabilitation program if such is available in the employee's community, by any employee who is so convicted.
6. Make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of Paragraphs 1 through 5.

#### **Check One:**

\_\_\_\_\_ As the person authorized to sign this statement, I certify that this firm complies fully with the above requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_ As the person authorized to sign this statement, this firm **does not** comply fully with the above requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Offeror's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**Information Sheet for Transactions and Conveyances**  
**Corporate Identification**  
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The following information will be provided to the Escambia County Legal Department for incorporation in legal documents. It is, therefore, vital that all information is accurate and complete. Please be certain that all spelling, capitalization, etc. is exactly as registered with the state or Federal Government.

**Is this a Florida Corporation:** (Please Circle One)  
Yes or No

**If not a Florida Corporation:**

In what state was it created: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name as spelled in that state: \_\_\_\_\_

**What kind of corporation is it:** "For Profit" or "Not for Profit"

**Is it in good standing:** Yes or No

**Authorized to transact business in Florida:** Yes or No

State of Florida Department of State Certificate of Authority Document Number:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Does it use a registered fictitious name:** Yes or No

**Names of Officers:**

President: _____	Secretary: _____
Vice President: _____	Treasurer: _____
Director: _____	Director: _____
Other: _____	Other: _____

**Name of Corporation (As Used in Florida)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Spelled Exactly as it is Registered with the state or Federal Government)

**Corporate Address:**

Post Office Box: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please provide both the Post Office Box and street address for mail and/or express delivery; also for recorded instruments involving land.)

Please complete this form on the following page.

**Information Sheet for Transactions and Conveyances**  
**Corporate Identification**  
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**Federal Identification Number:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(For all instruments to be recorded, taxpayer's identification is needed.)

**Contact Person for Company:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Facsimile:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Individual Who Will Sign the Instrument on Behalf of the Company:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Upon Certification of Award, Contract shall be signed by the President or Vice President. Any other officer shall have permission to sign via a resolution approved by the Board of Directors on behalf of the company. Awarded Contractor shall submit a copy of the resolution together with the executed Contract to the Office of Purchasing.

**(Spelled exactly as it would appear on the instrument.)**

**Title of the Individual Named Above Who Will Sign on Behalf of the Company:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**END**

\_\_\_\_\_

Verified by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL TERMS and CONDITIONS**

**The following General Terms and Conditions are incorporated by reference and have the same legal effect as if printed in its entirety.**

A full textual copy of these conditions may be obtained by visiting the Office of Purchasing web site (see Bid Information below), by telephoning the Office of Purchasing at 850-595-4980, or by fax at 850-595-4805.

**NOTE:** Any and all Special Terms and Conditions and specifications referenced within the solicitation which varies from these General Terms and Conditions shall have precedence. Submission of the Bidder/Proposal Solicitation, Offer, and Bid/Proposal Form(s) in accordance with these General Terms and Special Terms and Conditions constitutes an offer from the Offeror. If any or all parts of the offer are accepted by Escambia County Florida, an authorized representative of the County shall affix his signature hereto, and this shall then constitute a written Agreement between parties. The conditions incorporated herein become a part of the written Agreement between the parties.

**BID INFORMATION:** See Escambia County Office of Purchasing web site at <https://myescambia.com/our-services/purchasing> then click "Solicitations".

1. **Sealed Solicitations**
2. **Execution of Solicitation**
3. **No Offer**
4. **Solicitation Opening**
5. **Prices, Terms, and Payment**
  - 5.01 **Taxes**
  - 5.02 **Discounts**
  - 5.03 **Mistakes**
  - 5.04 **Condition and Packaging**
  - 5.05 **Safety Standards**
  - 5.06 **Invoicing and Payment**
  - 5.07 **Annual Appropriations**
6. **Additional Terms and Conditions**
7. **Manufacturers' Name and Approved Equivalents**
8. **Interpretations/Disputes**
9. **Conflict of Interest**
  - 9.01 **County Procedure on Acceptance of Gifts**
  - 9.02 **Contractors Required to Disclose Any Gift Giving**
  - 9.03 **Gratuities**
10. **Awards**
11. **Non-Conformation to Contract Conditions**
12. **Inspection, Acceptance, and Title**
13. **Governmental Restrictions**
14. **Legal Requirements**
15. **Patents and Royalties**
16. **Price Adjustments**
17. **Cancellation**
18. **Abnormal Quantities**
19. **Advertising**
20. **Assignment**
21. **Liability**

**The following General Terms and Conditions are incorporated by reference  
(Continued)**

- 22. **Facilities**
- 23. **Distribution of Certification of Contract**
- 24. **The Successful Bidder(s) Must Provide**
- 25. **Addition/Deletion of Items**
- 26. **Ordering Instructions**
- 27. **Public Records**
- 28. **Delivery**
- 29. **Samples**
- 30. **Additional Quantities**
- 31. **Service and Warranty**
- 32. **Default**
- 33. **Equal Employment Opportunity**
- 34. **Florida Preference**
- 35. **Contractor Personnel**
- 36. **Award**
- 37. **Uniform Commercial Code**
- 38. **Contractual Agreement**
- 39. **Payment Terms/Discounts**
- 40. **Improper Invoice; Resolution of Disputes**
- 41. **Public Entity Crimes**
- 42. **Suspended and Debarred Vendors**
- 43. **Drug-Free Workplace Form**
- 44. **Information Sheet for Transactions and Conveyances**
- 45. **Copies**
- 46. **License and Certifications** – For access to Certification/Registration Form for doing Business in Florida, go to the Department of State, Division of Corporations, URL:  
<http://dos.myflorida.com/sunbiz/search/>
- 47. **Execution of Contract**
- 48. **Purchase Order**
- 49. **No Contingent Fees**
- 50. **Solicitation Expenses**
- 51. **On-Line Auction Services**

## **SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The Board of County Commissioners, Escambia County, Florida, invites your company to submit a sealed offer on the item(s) as listed in this solicitation request.

All terms and conditions below are a part of this request, and no offer will be accepted unless all these conditions have been complied with. The County reserves the right to waive informalities in any offer; to reject any or all offers, in whole or in part, and/or to accept the offer(s) that in its judgement is from the lowest, most responsible, and responsive Offeror(s).

### **Instructions to Offerors**

#### **1. General Information**

All offers to be considered shall be in the possession of the Office of Purchasing prior to the time of the solicitation closing. Offers may be mailed or delivered to the Office of Purchasing, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 11.101, Matt Langley Bell, III Bldg., 213 Palafox Place, Pensacola, FL 32502.

**Specification Number PD 16-17.055, "Jackson Lake Managed Aquatic Plant System (MAPS)", Name of Submitting Firm, Time and Date due.**

**Note: If you are using a courier service (FedEx, Airborne, UPS, etc.) you must mark the air-bill and envelope or box with the Specification number and project name.**

Regardless of the method of delivery, each Offeror shall be responsible for his offer(s) being delivered on time as the County assumes no responsibility for same. Offers offered or received after the time set for solicitation closing will be rejected and returned unopened to the Offeror(s).

The Following Policy will apply to all methods of source selection:

#### **A. Conduct of Participants**

After the issuance of any solicitation, all bidders/proposers/protestors or individuals acting on their behalf are hereby prohibited from **lobbying** as defined herein or otherwise attempting to persuade or influence any elected County officials, their agents or employees or any member of the relevant selection committee at any time during the **blackout period** as defined herein; provided, however, nothing herein shall prohibit bidders/proposers/protestors or individuals acting on their behalf from communicating with the purchasing staff concerning a pending solicitation unless otherwise provided for in the solicitation or unless otherwise directed by the Purchasing Manager.

#### **B. Definitions**

**Blackout Period** means the period between the time the bids/proposals for invitations for bid or the request for proposal, or qualifications, or information, or requests for letters of interest, or the invitation to negotiate, as applicable, are received at the Escambia County Office of Purchasing and the time the Board awards the contract and any resulting bid protest is resolved or the solicitation is otherwise cancelled.

***Lobbying*** means the attempt to influence the thinking of elected County officials, their agents or employees or any member of the relevant Selection Committee for or against a specific cause related to a pending solicitation for goods or services, in person, by mail, by facsimile, by telephone, by electronic mail, or by any other means of communication.

**C. Sanctions**

The Board may impose any one or more of the following sanctions on a non-employee for violations of the policy set forth herein:

- 1) Rejection/Disqualification of Submittal,
- 2) Termination of Contract; or
- 3) Suspension or Debarment as Provided in Sec. 46-102 of the Escambia County Code of Ordinances.

This policy is not intended to alter the procedure for Protested Solicitations and Awards as set forth in the Sec. 46-101 of the Escambia County Code of Ordinances.

**2. Project Narrative/Scope of Work**

Please see Exhibit H for complete details.

**3. Bid Surety**

Each offer shall be accompanied by a bid bond, cashier's check or certified check in the amount of **5%** of the total offer.

Checks or bonds are to be made payable to Escambia County, Florida. The amount of the bond or check is the amount of liquidated damages agreed upon should the offeror fail or refuse to enter into a contract with the County.

A County warrant in the amount of the bid check(s) of the successful offeror(s) will be returned immediately after the offeror and the County are mutually bound by contract as evidenced by signatures thereto by an authorized representative of both the offeror and the County, and/or the offeror accepts the purchase order by signing the solicitation, offer and award form/acceptance copy of same and returning to the County Purchasing department. Any unsuccessful offeror(s) will have the amounts of his cashier's or certified check returned via county warrant promptly after award.

All offerors agree that any interest earned on any bid surety while in possession of the County, or its agents, shall be retained by the County.

**4. Bonds**

The County shall require the successful offeror(s) to furnish separate performance and payment bonds, under pledge of adequate surety and covering up to **100% of the dollar value of award** on the forms provided by the County. Such bonds shall be issued by sureties authorized to act as a surety by the State of Florida. Bonds of the successful offeror(s) shall be reviewed by the Office of Purchasing to assure compliance, then

recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court Recording Office, 1st Floor, 221 Palafox Place, Pensacola, Florida, by the successful offeror at his expense before the contract is executed. The cost of recording is \$10.00 for the first page and \$8.50 for each additional page.

**5. Procurement Questions**

Procurement questions may be directed to Jeffrey Lovingood, Purchasing Specialist, 850-595-4953, [JDLovingood@myescambia.com](mailto:JDLovingood@myescambia.com). All questions shall be submitted in writing (E-Mail) and must be received no later than 5:00 PM CDT, September 18, 2017.

**6. Bid Forms**

This Solicitation contains a Solicitation, Offer, and Bid Form which shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, in duplicate with Original signatures in indelible ink, signed in the proper spaces. Responses on vendor forms will not be accepted.

The Offeror's Checklist included in this Solicitation provides instructions to the Offeror on the documentation to be submitted during the procurement process.

**7. Pre-Solicitation Conference**

A non-mandatory Pre-Solicitation Conference will be held at the Office of Purchasing Conference Room 11.407, 213 Palafox Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Pensacola, FL 32502 on September 12, 2017 at 11:00 AM CDT.

It is strongly encouraged that all potential bidders attend this non-mandatory conference so they can ask questions and be automatically notified of any updates prior to the Bid Opening.

**10. Liquidated Damages**

Should the awarded vendor fail to complete the required services or make delivery of the commodities or equipment within the time(s) specified in the contract, or within such additional time(s) as may be granted by Escambia County, the County will suffer damage, the amount of which is difficult, if not impossible to ascertain therefore, the vendor shall pay to the County, as liquidated damages, the sum of **\$500.00** for each calendar day of delay that actual completion extends beyond the time limit specified until such reasonable time as may be required for final completion of the work. Such sum is mutually agreed upon as a reasonable and proper amount of damages the County will sustain per diem by failure of the vendor to complete the services or make delivery within the specified time. The costs for liquidated damages shall not be construed as a penalty on the vendor.

**14. Payment**

Partial payments in the full amount for the value of items received and accepted may be requested by the submission of a properly executed **original** invoice, with supporting documents if required. Payment for accepted equipment/supplies/services will be accomplished by submission of an **original** invoice, in duplicate, to:

Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Attention: Accounts Payable  
221 Palafox Place  
Pensacola, FL 32502

**21. Warranty**

The awarded vendor shall fully warrant all equipment (floating mat system, anchors, rigging, etc.) furnished hereunder against defect in **materials and/or workmanship for a period of two (2) years** from date of delivery/acceptance by Escambia County. The awarded vendor shall also fully warrant all **plant stock for a minimum of ninety (90) days**.

Should any defect in materials, workmanship, or plant stock, except ordinary wear and tear, appear during the above stated warranty period, the awarded vendor shall repair or replace same at no cost to the County, immediately upon written notice from the Purchasing Manager.

**30. Debris**

Awarded vendor shall be responsible for the prompt removal of all debris, which is a result of this contractual service.

**31. Protection of Property/Security**

All work shall be completed in every respect and accomplished in a professional manner and awarded vendor shall provide for removal of all debris from county property.

The awarded vendor shall at all times guard against damage or loss to property of Escambia County, or of other vendors or contractors, and shall be held responsible for replacing or repairing any such loss or damage.

The County may withhold payment or make such deductions as deemed necessary to insure reimbursement or replacement for loss or damage to property through negligence of the awarded offeror or his agent.

The awarded vendor must, at all times, comply with State of Florida and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) safety regulations.

**33. Permits**

The county and/or its contracted consultant(s) have conducted a review of required permits and fees required to be purchased by the contractor from the county permitting agencies for this specific project and they are listed on the bid/proposal form(s) to the best of our knowledge.

**35. Compliance with Governing Laws and Regulations**

The offeror or contractor will be required to fully comply with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations. The offeror should carefully review these requirements which are detailed in this solicitation.

Contract Information

NOTICE

**It is the specific legislative intent of the Board of County Commissioners that NO CONTRACT under this solicitation shall be formed between Escambia County and the awardee vendor until such time as the contract is executed by the last party to the transaction.**

**47. Licenses, Certifications, Registrations**

The offeror shall at any time of bid submission meet the license, certification, registration and any other requirements of the State, County, City and/or any other agency of authority with jurisdiction in such matters as necessary to perform the contractual services requested in this solicitation.

Copies of such licenses, certifications, registrations and any other requirements should be provided with the bid/proposal submission; and, the offeror shall provide follow-up evidence that as the contractor they maintain such credentials throughout the period of agreement.

**49. Term of Offer**

An offer shall constitute an irrevocable offer for a period of ninety (90) days from the solicitation opening date or until the date of award, whichever is earlier, without forfeiting bid bond or check. In the event that an award is not made by the county within ninety (90) days from the solicitation opening date, the offeror may withdraw his offer or provide a written extension of his offer.

**50. Award**

Award shall be made on an "all-or-none total" basis.

**51. Termination**

The purchase order or contract will be subject to immediate termination if either product or service does not comply with specifications as stated herein or fails to meet the county's performance standards. In the event that any of the provisions of the contract are violated by awarded vendor, Escambia County may serve written notice upon the awarded vendor of its intention to terminate the contract. Such notice is to state the reason(s) for such intention to terminate contract. The liability of the vendor for any and all such violation(s) shall not be affected by any such termination and his surety, if any, shall be forfeited.

**52. Termination (Services)**

The Contract Administrator shall notify the Office of Purchasing of unsatisfactory performance and/or deficiencies in service that remain unresolved or recurring. The Office of Purchasing shall notify the contractor, in writing, of such unresolved or recurring deficiencies within five (5) working days of notification by the Contract Administrator.

Upon the third such written notification of unsatisfactory performance and/or deficiencies to the contractor by the Office of Purchasing within a four (4) month period; or the sixth such notification within any contract term, shall result in issuance of written notice of immediate contract termination to the contractor by the Office of Purchasing. Such termination may also result in suspension or debarment of the contractor.

**53. Termination (Public Records Request)**

If the contractor refuses to allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other material subject to the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and made or received by the contractor in conjunction with this agreement then the county may, without prejudice to any right or remedy and after giving the contractor and his surety, if any, seven (7) days written notice,

during which period contractor still fails to allow access, terminate the employment of the contractor and take possession of the site and of all materials, equipment, tools, construction equipment and machinery thereon, owned by the contractor, and may finish the project by whatever method it may deem expedient. In such case, the contractor shall not be entitled to receive any further payment until the project is finished. Reasonable terminal expenses incurred by the county may be deducted from any payments left owing the contractor (excluding monies owed the contractor for subcontract work.)

**55. Quantity**

Escambia County reserves the right to increase or decrease estimated quantities as required. Estimated quantities are shown on the bid form. It is understood by all offeror's that these are only estimated quantities and the county is not obligated to purchase any minimum or maximum amount during the life of this contract.

**56. Additional Quantities**

For a period not exceeding twelve (12) months from the day of solicitation opening, the right is reserved to purchase any amount of additional items at the prices offered in this Solicitation. **If additional quantities are not acceptable, the bid form shall be noted "offer is for specified quantity only."**

**Non-Contract Insurance Requirements**

**57. Standard Insurance Requirements and Certificates**

This offer contains an extensive insurance requirement. Offerors are encouraged to review these requirements with their insurance agents before submitting offers.

It is not necessary to have this level of insurance in effect at the time of submitting the offer.

A letter from the offeror's insurance carrier will be required as evidence that the offeror will be able to obtain the levels of insurance as required by the contract and indicated on the Sample Certificate of Insurance should your firm be awarded the contract.

**A. County Insurance Required**

The contractor shall procure and maintain the following described insurance, except for coverages specifically waived by the County. Such policies shall be from insurers with a minimum financial size of VII according to the latest edition of the AM Best Rating Guide. An A or better Best Rating is "preferred"; however, other ratings if "Secure Best Ratings" may be considered. Such policies shall provide coverages for any or all claims which may arise out of, or result from, the services, work and operations carried out pursuant to and under the requirements of the contract documents, whether such services, work and operations be by the contractor, its employees, or by subcontractor(s), or anyone employed by or under the supervision of any of them, or for whose acts any of them may be legally liable.

The contractor shall require, and shall be responsible for assuring throughout the time the agreement is in effect, that any and all of its subcontractors obtain and maintain until the completion of that subcontractor's work, such of the insurance coverages described herein as are required by law to be provided on behalf of their employees and others.

The required insurance shall be obtained and written for not less than the limits of liability specified hereinafter, or as required by law, whichever is greater.

These insurance requirements shall not limit the liability of the contractor.

The County does not represent these types or amounts of insurance to be sufficient or adequate to protect the contractor's interests or liabilities, but are merely minimums.

Except for worker's compensation and professional liability, the contractor's insurance policies shall be endorsed to name Escambia County as an additional insured to the extent of its interests arising from this agreement, contract or lease.

The contractor waives its right of recovery against the County, to the extent permitted by its insurance policies.

The contractor's deductibles/self-insured retentions shall be disclosed to the County and may be disapproved by the County. They shall be reduced or eliminated at the option of the County. The contractor is responsible for the amount of any deductible or self-insured retention.

Insurance required of the contractor or any other insurance of the contractor shall be considered primary, and insurance of the county, if any, shall be considered excess, as may be applicable to claims obligations which arise out of this agreement, contract or lease.

**B. Workers Compensation Coverage**

The contractor shall purchase and maintain worker's compensation insurance for all worker's compensation obligations imposed by state law and with employer's liability limits of at least \$100,000 each accident and \$100,000 each employee/\$500,000 policy limit for disease, or a valid certificate of exemption issued by the state of Florida, or an affidavit in accordance with the provisions of Florida Workers Compensation law.

Contractor shall also purchase any other coverages required by law for the benefit of employees.

**C. General, Automobile and Excess or Umbrella Liability Coverage**

The contractor shall purchase and maintain coverage on forms no more restrictive than the latest editions of the commercial general liability and business auto policies of the insurance services office.

Minimum limits of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence for all liability must be provided, with excess or umbrella insurance making up the difference, if any, between the policy limits of underlying policies (including employer's liability required in the worker's compensation coverage section) and the total amount of coverage required.

**D. General Liability Coverage - Occurrence Form Required**

Coverage A shall include bodily injury and property damage liability for premises, operations, products and completed operations, independent contractors, contractual liability covering this agreement, contract or lease, broad form property damage coverages, and property damage resulting from explosion, collapse or

underground (x,c,u) exposures.

Coverage B shall include personal injury.

Coverage C, medical payments, is not required.

The contractor is required to continue to purchase products and completed operations coverage, at least to satisfy this agreement, contract or lease, for a minimum of three years beyond the County's acceptance of renovation or construction projects.

**E. Business Auto Liability Coverage**

Business auto liability coverage is to include bodily injury and property damage arising out of ownership, maintenance or use of any auto, including owned, non-owned and hired automobiles and employee non-ownership use.

**The General Liability and Business Auto Liability policies shall be endorsed to include Escambia County as an additional insured and provide for 30-day notification of cancellation.**

**F. Excess or Umbrella Liability Coverage (If utilized to achieve required policy limits)**

Umbrella liability insurance is preferred, but an excess liability equivalent may be allowed. Whichever type of coverage is provided, it shall not be more restrictive than the underlying insurance policy coverages. Umbrella coverage shall drop down to provide coverage where the underlying limits are exhausted.

**G. Evidence/Certificates of Insurance**

Required insurance shall be documented in certificates of insurance. If and when required by the County, certificates of insurance shall be accompanied by documentation that is acceptable to the County establishing that the insurance agent and/or agency issuing the certificate of insurance has been duly authorized, in writing, to do so by and on behalf of each insurance company underwriting the insurance coverage(s) indicated on each certificate of insurance.

New certificates of insurance are to be provided to the County at least 30 days prior to coverage renewals. Failure of the contractor to provide the County with such renewal certificates may be considered justification for the County to terminate this agreement, contract or lease.

Certificates should contain the following additional information:

1. Indicate that Escambia County is an additional insured on the liability and business auto policies.
2. Include a reference to the project and the Office of Purchasing number.
3. Disclose any self-insured retentions in excess of \$1,000.
4. Designate Escambia County as the certificate holder as follows:

Escambia County  
Attention: Jeffrey Lovingood, Purchasing Specialist

Office of Purchasing, Room 11.101  
P.O. Box 1591  
Pensacola, FL 32591-1591  
Fax (850) 595-4953

5. Indicate that the County shall be notified at least 30 days in advance of cancellation.

Receipt of certificates or other documentation of insurance or policies or copies of policies by the county, or by any of its representatives, which indicate less coverage than required does not constitute a waiver of the contractor's obligation to fulfill the insurance requirements herein.

If requested by the County, the contractor shall furnish complete copies of the contractor's insurance policies, forms and endorsements, and/or such additional information with respect to its insurance as may be requested.

For commercial general liability coverage, the contractor shall, at the option of the County, provide an indication of the amount of claims payments or reserves chargeable to the aggregate amount of liability coverage.

#### **Watercraft Liability Coverage**

Because the contractor's provision of services involves utilization of watercraft, watercraft liability coverage must be provided to include bodily injury and property damage arising out of ownership, maintenance or use of any watercraft, including owned, non-owned and hired.

Coverage may be provided in the form of an endorsement to the general liability policy, or in the form of a separate policy covering watercraft liability or protection and indemnity.

#### **Pollution/Environmental Impairment Liability Coverage**

Pollution/environmental impairment liability insurance is to be purchased to cover pollution and/or environmental impairment which may arise from this agreement or contract.

### **59. Indemnification**

Contractor agrees to save harmless, indemnify, and defend County and Architect/Engineer and their, agents, officers and employees from any and all claims, losses, penalties, interest, demands, judgments, and costs of suit, including attorneys' fees and paralegals' fees, for any expense, damage or liability incurred by any of them, whether for personal injury, death, property damage, direct or consequential damages, or economic loss, including environmental impairment, arising directly or indirectly on account of or in connection with the Work done by Contractor under this Agreement or by any person, firm or corporation to whom any portion of the Work is subcontracted by Contractor or resulting from the use by Contractor, or by any one for whom Contractor is legally liable, of any materials, tools, machinery or other property of County. County and Contractor agree the first \$100.00 of the Contract Amount paid by County to Contractor shall be given as separate consideration for this indemnification, and any other indemnification of County by Contractor provided for within the Contract Documents, the sufficiency of such separate consideration being acknowledged by Contractor by Contractor's acceptance and execution of the Agreement. The Contractor's obligation shall not be limited by, or in any way to, any insurance coverage or by any provision in or

exclusion or omission from any policy of insurance. The Contractor agrees to pay on behalf of Escambia County, as well as provide a legal defense for the County, both of which will be done only if and when requested by the County, for all claims made. Such payment on the behalf of the County shall be in addition to any and all other legal remedies available to the County and shall not be considered to be the County's exclusive remedy.

## Index of Documents

### **Standard Construction Contract Documents**

(Incorporated by reference and available by contacting the Office of Purchasing (850) 595-4980 or on-line at <https://myescambia.com/our-services/purchasing/uniform-contract-format>, must have ADOBE Reader. Click on the Standard Construction Contract Documents link in listing).

#### **Agreement Declaration (Revised as indicated by asterisk)**

- Section 1      \*B. Four (4) sets of contract documents
- Section 2
- Section 3
- Section 4
- Section 5      \*A. Substantially Complete in **60** calendar days  
Fully Complete and ready for Final Inspection in **90** calendar days  
\*B. Liquidated Damages at **\$500.00** for each calendar day
- Section 6
- Section 7      \*A. Natural Resources Management Department  
Water Quality & Land Management  
Division 3363 West Park Place  
Pensacola, FL 32505  
Attn: Brent Wipf
- Section 8
- Section 9
- Section 10
- Section 11
- Section 12
- Section 13

#### **Exhibits (Revised as indicated by asterisk)**

- A. General Terms and Conditions
  - \*4.4 Four (4) copies of each Application for Payment
  - \*21.1 Two (2) year(s) after final completion
- B Form of Performance and Payment Bond
- C Insurance and Safety Requirements



## Exhibit H

### Scope of Work & Bid Specifications

#### Jackson Lake Managed Aquatic Plant System (MAPS)

This project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Gulf of Mexico Program (Agreement #MX-00D43616). Funds received are intended to improve water quality in portions of Jackson Creek and Bayou Chico through the installation and management of floating treatment wetlands. The overall project will have four components: installation of floating treatment wetlands (aka managed aquatic plant systems), transplant of vegetative material in support of other living shoreline projects, nutrient removal effectiveness monitoring, and environmental education. This Solicitation is a Request for Proposals to provide floating plant substrate, vegetative materials, and deployment.

#### Project Location & History

Bayou Chico is located in south central Escambia County within the Pensacola Bay watershed. The bayou has a long history of environmental degradation. The elimination of industrial and wastewater point source discharges has allowed for significant improvements to water quality. Despite these recent improvements, the bayou and all three major freshwater tributaries still do not meet current surface water quality standards for Class III waters. A Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and an associated Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) have been adopted by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to address elevated concentrations of fecal bacteria. A TMDL has also been adopted by FDEP to address elevated nutrient concentrations. The bayou also contains a significant amount of contaminated sediments.

Escambia County owns two parcels totaling approximately 57 acres along Jackson Creek near the northwest arm of Bayou Chico (PRNs 34-2S-30-0250-007-025 & 37-2S-30-5001-000-000). The property contains three 10-15-acre water features that were created as a result of sand mining operations that date back to the 1950s. The county acquired the property in 2001 based on recommendations made by the Pensacola Bay Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) Plan for improving water quality in Bayou Chico. The southeastern most water feature was modified in 2007 to receive storm flows from Jackson Creek through a box culvert installed in the northwest corner of the pit. The southeastern feature is the shallowest of the three. Average depth is between 10-15 feet with a maximum depth of approximately 25 feet. The intent of the project was to retain stormwater from significant rain events in the pit providing treatment and attenuation prior to discharge back into the creek through a bleed down orifice located in the northeast corner of the pit. Two significant flood events in 2012 and again in 2014 damaged the box culvert and stream diversion structure used to redirect storm flows into the pit. Emergency repairs were made to the box culvert following the 2014 event. A project was designed and

permitted in 2014 to further address issues created by the previous flood events. Plans, permits, and specifications from this project are available as reference on the Escambia County FTP site.

Water quality data collected by FDEP, Escambia County, and other reliable sources has documented elevated nutrient concentrations in Jackson Creek and the pits relative to the other freshwater tributaries. Water quality data is available upon request.

#### Project Description & Bid Requirements

Project will install floating treatment wetlands in the southeastern most of the three water features owned by Escambia County (30° 24.755' N, 87° 16.055' W). The project site is located along Jackson Creek near the northwestern arm of Bayou Chico. Additional location information has been included on the location map provided. Plants will be allowed to grow in floating substrate for a period of several months or more. Plants will then be carefully harvested from the floating substrate and transported by Escambia County or other project partners to restoration sites throughout the county for installation. Project has been designed to cover approximately 5% of the open water area or 21,000 square feet. Project will initially require 52,000 herbaceous plugs. A second crop of plants is expected the following growing season after the first crop has been harvested from the floating substrate and successfully transplanted.

Contractor shall provide floating substrate specifically designed to support the cultivation of herbaceous vegetation. Floating substrate shall have an expected life span of a minimum of three years of direct, continual outdoor exposure. Escambia County may request additional information documenting expected life span of floating substrate prior to contract award. Unit cost of floating substrate shall include transportation, installation, and all incidental materials (e.g. anchors, anchor line, fasteners, etc.) necessary for installation. Anchoring system provided by contractor shall be capable of securing system in place during normal expected weather conditions.

Contractor shall provide *Spartina alterniflora* (smooth cordgrass), or approved equal, herbaceous plugs. A portion of the *S. alterniflora* plugs required for the project may be substituted by Escambia County for alternate species. Inability for contractor to provide alternate species will not result in an automatic disqualification. Cost will be adjusted based on the unit prices provided in the bid. All plugs shall have a minimum diameter of 2 inches. All plant stock provided by the contractor shall exhibit sufficient top growth to ensure viability at the specified water depth or location. Plants shall also conform to Florida No. 1 as to health and vitality; condition of foliage and root system; freedom from pests, noxious weeds, and mechanical damage; and the accepted normal foliage and shape of the species. All plant stock provided by the contractor shall come with a 30-day warranty after installation of floating wetland systems to assure growth and viability. Unit cost of herbaceous plants shall include transport, installation, and all incidental materials (e.g. cups, pots, containers, etc.) necessary for plants to be installed into the floating substrate to be provided. All vegetation provided by the contractor shall be inspected by Escambia County prior to installation. Escambia County reserves the right to reject plants that do not meet minimum specifications.

The floating wetland system (substrate, vegetation, containers, etc.) shall be designed to allow for plants to be readily harvested from the system for transplant. Harvest of plants shall not require means or methods that would be considered detrimental to the viability of plants to be transplanted. Harvest of plants shall not require means or methods that would prevent the successful reuse of the floating substrate. Containers shall be easily removed or biodegradable.

Contractor shall adequately demonstrate ability for vegetation to be transplanted from floating wetland system to be provided prior to contract award.

Contractor shall provide written installation plan to Escambia County for review after contract award but prior to scheduling installation. Plan shall include recommendations on the size, location, and spacing of individual floating systems to be installed; pest and disease control/management; routine maintenance; vandalism prevention; harvest/transplant considerations and recommendations; and available options to maximize nutrient removal efficiencies. Bid does not include a specific line item for the required installation plan. The cost of installation plan shall be spread across all other line items.

Project site is available for inspection by appointment. Installation of all floating wetland systems shall be substantially complete within 60 days of issuance of notice to proceed.

#### Other Project Requirements

This project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Gulf of Mexico Program (Agreement #MX-00D43616). Contractor shall comply with all applicable grant conditions and provisions. The grant agreement and the general terms and conditions have been provided for reference.

This project will not require permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP).

#### Estimated Project Costs

Grant budget includes up to approximately \$135,000 for floating wetland systems and installation.

Base Bid	Qty.	Units	Unit Price	Total Price
1. Mobilization	1	LS		
2. Floating Substrate	21,000	SF		
3. Spartina alterniflora (smooth cordgrass) Plugs	52,000	EA		
<b>Total</b>				
			<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Floating substrate has expected minimum life span of at least three years?				
Floating wetland system allows for easy, efficient, non-destructive harvest and transplant of vegetation?				

<b>Bid Alternates*</b>	<b>Qty.</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Total Price</b>
1. Juncus roemerianus (black needle rush) Plugs	1	EA		
2. Juncus effusus (smooth rush) Plugs	1	EA		
3. Pontederia cordata (pickerelweed) Plugs	1	EA		
4. Other Salt Tolerant Species*	1	EA		
5. Other Freshwater Species*	1	EA		

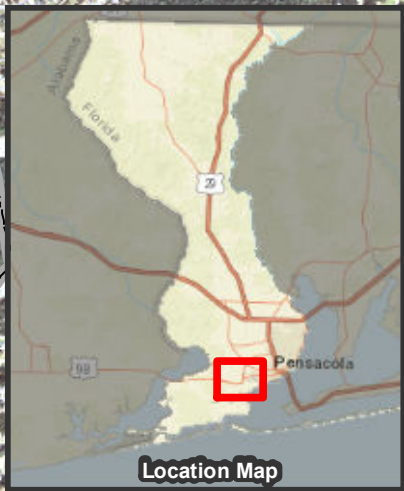
\* Write in scientific name of alternate species not specifically listed. If not able to provide write N/A as unit price.

#### Attachments

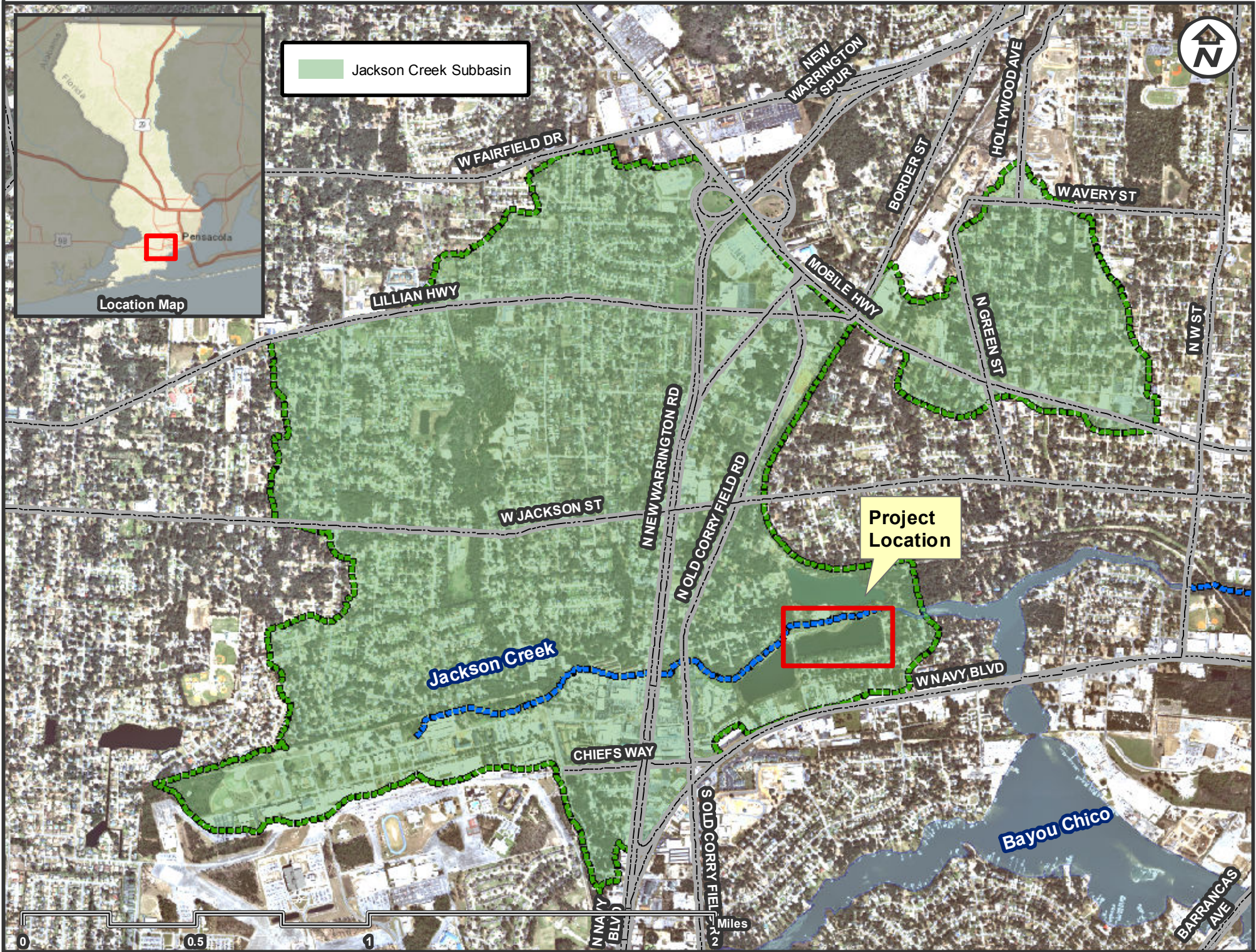
Project Location Map

Grant Agreement between U.S. Environmental Protection Agency & Escambia County, FL

U.S. EPA General Terms and Conditions



Jackson Creek Subbasin



	<b>U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY</b>  <b>Cooperative Agreement</b>		<b>GRANT NUMBER (FAIN):</b> 00D43616	<b>DATE OF AWARD</b> 08/23/2016	
			<b>MODIFICATION NUMBER:</b> 0 <b>PROGRAM CODE:</b> MX		
			<b>TYPE OF ACTION</b> New		<b>MAILING DATE</b> 08/30/2016
			<b>PAYMENT METHOD:</b> ACH		<b>ACH#</b> 40151
<b>RECIPIENT TYPE:</b> County			<b>Send Payment Request to:</b> Las Vegas Finance Center		
<b>RECIPIENT:</b> Escambia County Board of Commissioners 1190 West Leonard Street Pensacola, FL 32501 EIN: 59-6000598			<b>PAYEE:</b> Escambia County Board of Commissioners 1190 West Leonard Street Pensacola, FL 32501		
<b>PROJECT MANAGER</b> J. Taylor Kirschenfeld 1190 West Leonard Street Pensacola, FL 32501 E-Mail: jtkirsche@myescambia.com Phone: 850 595 1630		<b>EPA PROJECT OFFICER</b> Matt Beiser 2510 14th Street Gulfport, MS 39501 E-Mail: beiser.matt@epa.gov Phone: 228-679-5893		<b>EPA GRANT SPECIALIST</b> Margaret Crowe Grants and Audit Management Section E-Mail: crowe.margaret@epa.gov Phone: 404-562-8687	
<b>PROJECT TITLE AND DESCRIPTION</b> Gulf of Mexico Program  This action provides funding in the amount of \$295,500 to Escambia County Board of Commissioners for a project that will improve water quality in Bayou Chico by installing floating treatment wetlands in Jackson Lake, an upstream tributary connected to Jackson Creek, Bayou Chico, and Pensacola Bay.					
<b>BUDGET PERIOD</b> 08/01/2016 - 07/31/2018		<b>PROJECT PERIOD</b> 08/01/2016 - 07/31/2018		<b>TOTAL BUDGET PERIOD COST</b> \$295,500.00	
				<b>TOTAL PROJECT PERIOD COST</b> \$295,500.00	
<b>NOTICE OF AWARD</b>					
Based on your Application dated 09/14/2015 including all modifications and amendments, the United States acting by and through the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby awards \$295,500. EPA agrees to cost-share <u>100.00%</u> of all approved budget period costs incurred, up to and not exceeding total federal funding of \$295,500. Recipient's signature is not required on this agreement. The recipient demonstrates its commitment to carry out this award by either: 1) drawing down funds within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date; or 2) not filing a notice of disagreement with the award terms and conditions within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. If the recipient disagrees with the terms and conditions specified in this award, the authorized representative of the recipient must furnish a notice of disagreement to the EPA Award Official within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. In case of disagreement, and until the disagreement is resolved, the recipient should not draw down on the funds provided by this award/amendment, and any costs incurred by the recipient are at its own risk. This agreement is subject to applicable EPA regulatory and statutory provisions, all terms and conditions of this agreement and any attachments.					
<b>ISSUING OFFICE (GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICE)</b>			<b>AWARD APPROVAL OFFICE</b>		
<b>ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS</b>  61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, GA 30303-8960			<b>ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS</b>  U.S. EPA, Region 4 Gulf of Mexico Program 2510 14th Street Gulfport, MS 39501		
<b>THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY</b>					
<b>Digital signature applied by EPA Award Official</b> Keva R. Lloyd - Grants Management Officer				<b>DATE</b> 08/23/2016	

## EPA Funding Information

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FUNDS	FORMER AWARD	THIS ACTION	AMENDED TOTAL
EPA Amount This Action	\$	\$ 295,500	\$ 295,500
EPA In-Kind Amount	\$	\$	\$ 0
Unexpended Prior Year Balance	\$	\$	\$ 0
Other Federal Funds	\$	\$	\$ 0
Recipient Contribution	\$	\$	\$ 0
State Contribution	\$	\$	\$ 0
Local Contribution	\$	\$	\$ 0
Other Contribution	\$	\$	\$ 0
Allowable Project Cost	\$ 0	\$ 295,500	\$ 295,500

Assistance Program (CFDA)	Statutory Authority	Regulatory Authority
66.475 - Gulf of Mexico Program — — —	Clean Water Act: Sec. 104(b)(3)	2 CFR 200 2 CFR 1500 and 40 CFR 33

Fiscal									
Site Name	Req No	FY	Approp. Code	Budget Organization	PRC	Object Class	Site/Project	Cost Organization	Obligation / Deobligation
-	1604M6G004	1516	B	04M	202B65	4107	-	-	295,500
									295,500

## Budget Summary Page

<b>Table A - Object Class Category (Non-construction)</b>	<b>Total Approved Allowable Budget Period Cost</b>
<b>1. Personnel</b>	\$30,000
<b>2. Fringe Benefits</b>	\$0
<b>3. Travel</b>	\$0
<b>4. Equipment</b>	\$10,000
<b>5. Supplies</b>	\$120,500
<b>6. Contractual</b>	\$135,000
<b>7. Construction</b>	\$0
<b>8. Other</b>	\$0
<b>9. Total Direct Charges</b>	\$295,500
<b>10. Indirect Costs: % Base</b>	\$0
<b>11. Total (Share: Recipient <u>0.00</u> % Federal <u>100.00</u> %.)</b>	\$295,500
<b>12. Total Approved Assistance Amount</b>	\$295,500
<b>13. Program Income</b>	\$0
<b>14. Total EPA Amount Awarded This Action</b>	\$295,500
<b>15. Total EPA Amount Awarded To Date</b>	\$295,500

## **Administrative Conditions**

### **GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The recipient agrees to comply with the current EPA general terms and conditions available at: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-general-terms-and-conditions-effective-march-29-2016-or-later> These terms and conditions are in addition to the assurances and certifications made as part of the award and the terms, conditions or restrictions cited throughout the award.

The EPA repository for the general terms and conditions by year can be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/grants/grant-terms-and-conditions>.

#### **1. ANNUAL FFR (INTERIM) PURSUANT TO 2 CFR 200.327**

Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.327, EPA recipients shall submit an interim annual Federal Financial Report (FFR, SF-425) to EPA no later than 90 calendar days following the anniversary of the award date. The form is available on the internet at: <http://www2.epa.gov/financial/forms>.

The following reporting period end dates shall be used for interim annual reports: 3/31, 6/30, 9/30, or 12/31.

At the end of the project, the recipient must submit a final FFR to EPA no later than 90 calendar days after the end of the project period. The form is available on the internet at: <http://www2.epa.gov/financial/forms>. All FFRs must be submitted to the Las Vegas Finance Center (LVFC) via email [LVFC-grants@epa.gov](mailto:LVFC-grants@epa.gov).

#### **2. UTILIZATION OF SMALL, MINORITY AND WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES**

##### **GENERAL COMPLIANCE, 40 CFR, Part 33**

The recipient agrees to comply with the requirements of EPA's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program for procurement activities under assistance agreements, contained in 40 CFR, Part 33.

##### **MBE/WBE REPORTING, 40 CFR, Part 33, Subpart E**

MBE/WBE reporting is required in annual reports. Reporting is required for assistance agreements where there are funds budgeted for procuring construction, equipment, services and supplies, including funds budgeted for direct procurement by the recipient or procurement under subawards or loans in the "Other" category that exceed the threshold amount of \$150,000, including amendments and/or modifications.

Based on EPA's review of the planned budget, this award meets the conditions above and is subject to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program reporting requirements. However, if recipient believes this award does not meet these conditions, it must provide the DBE Coordinator with a justification and budget detail within 21 days of the award date clearly demonstrating that, based on the planned budget, this award is not subject to the DBE reporting requirements.

The recipient agrees to complete and submit a "MBE/WBE Utilization Under Federal Grants, Cooperative Agreements and Interagency Agreements" report (EPA Form 5700-52A) on an annual basis. All procurement actions are reportable, not just that portion which exceeds \$150,000.

When completing the annual report, recipients are instructed to check the box titled "annual" in section 1B of the form. For the final report, recipients are instructed to check the box indicated for the "last report" of the project in section 1B of the form. Annual reports are due by October 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. Final reports are due by October 30<sup>th</sup> or 90 days after the end of the project period, whichever comes first.

The reporting requirement is based on total procurements. Recipients with expended and/or budgeted funds for procurement are required to report annually whether the planned procurements take place during the reporting period or not. If no budgeted procurements take place during the reporting period, the recipient should check the box in section 5B when completing the form.

MBE/WBE reports should be sent to:  
[R4epagrantsmbewbereporting@epa.gov](mailto:R4epagrantsmbewbereporting@epa.gov)  
cc: [crowe.margaret@epa.gov](mailto:crowe.margaret@epa.gov)  
Attn: Margaret Crowe

The current EPA Form 5700-52A can be found at the EPA Office of Small Business Program's Home Page at [http://www.epa.gov/osbp/dbe\\_reporting.htm](http://www.epa.gov/osbp/dbe_reporting.htm)

This provision represents an approved deviation from the MBE/WBE reporting requirements as described in 40 CFR, Part 33, Section 33.502; however, the other requirements outlined in 40 CFR Part 33 remain in effect, including the Good Faith Effort requirements as described in 40 CFR Part 33 Subpart C, and Fair Share Objectives negotiation as described in 40 CFR Part 33 Subpart D and explained below.

#### **FAIR SHARE OBJECTIVES, 40 CFR, Part 33, Subpart D**

A recipient must negotiate with the appropriate EPA award official, or his/her designee, fair share objectives for MBE and WBE participation in procurement under the financial assistance agreements.

In accordance with 40 CFR, Section 33.411 some recipients may be exempt from the fair share objectives requirements as described in 40 CFR, Part 33, Subpart D. Recipients should work with their DBE coordinator, if they think their organization may qualify for an exemption.

#### **Accepting the Fair Share Objectives/Goals of Another Recipient**

The dollar amount of this assistance agreement, or the total dollar amount of all of the recipient's financial assistance agreements in the current federal fiscal year from EPA is \$250,000, or more. The recipient accepts the applicable MBE/WBE fair share objectives/goals negotiated with EPA by the **FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION** as follows:

**MBE: CONSTRUCTION 9%; SUPPLIES 9%; SERVICES 9%; EQUIPMENT 9%**  
**WBE: CONSTRUCTION 3%; SUPPLIES 3%; SERVICES 3%; EQUIPMENT 3%**

By signing this financial assistance agreement, the recipient is accepting the fair share objectives/goals stated above and attests to the fact that it is purchasing the same or similar construction, supplies, services and equipment, in the same or similar relevant geographic buying market as the **FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**.

#### **Negotiating Fair Share Objectives/Goals, 40 CFR, Section 33.404**

The recipient has the option to negotiate its own MBE/WBE fair share objectives/goals. If the recipient wishes to negotiate its own MBE/WBE fair share objectives/goals, the recipient agrees to submit proposed MBE/WBE objectives/goals based on an availability analysis, or disparity study, of qualified MBEs and WBEs in their relevant geographic buying market for construction, services, supplies and equipment.

The submission of proposed fair share goals with the supporting analysis or disparity study means that the recipient is **not** accepting the fair share objectives/goals of another recipient. The recipient agrees to submit proposed fair share objectives/goals, together with the supporting availability analysis or disparity study, to the Regional MBE/WBE Coordinator within 120 days of its acceptance of the financial assistance award. EPA will respond to the proposed fair share objective/goals within 30 days of receiving the submission. If proposed fair share objective/goals are not received within the 120 day time frame, the recipient may not expend its EPA funds for procurements until the proposed fair share objective/goals are submitted.

**SIX GOOD FAITH EFFORTS, 40 CFR, Part 33, Subpart C**

Pursuant to 40 CFR, Section 33.301, the recipient agrees to make the following good faith efforts whenever procuring construction, equipment, services and supplies under an EPA financial assistance agreement, and to require that sub-recipients, loan recipients, and prime contractors also comply. Records documenting compliance with the six good faith efforts shall be retained:

- (a) Ensure DBEs are made aware of contracting opportunities to the fullest extent practicable through outreach and recruitment activities. For Indian Tribal, State and Local and Government recipients, this will include placing DBEs on solicitation lists and soliciting them whenever they are potential sources.
- (b) Make information on forthcoming opportunities available to DBEs and arrange time frames for contracts and establish delivery schedules, where the requirements permit, in a way that encourages and facilitates participation by DBEs in the competitive process. This includes, whenever possible, posting solicitations for bids or proposals for a minimum of 30 calendar days before the bid or proposal closing date.
- (c) Consider in the contracting process whether firms competing for large contracts could subcontract with DBEs. For Indian Tribal, State and local Government recipients, this will include dividing total requirements when economically feasible into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by DBEs in the competitive process.
- (d) Encourage contracting with a consortium of DBEs when a contract is too large for one of these firms to handle individually.
- (e) Use the services and assistance of the SBA and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.
- (f) If the prime contractor awards subcontracts, require the prime contractor to take the steps in paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section.

**CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION PROVISIONS, 40 CFR, Section 33.302**

The recipient agrees to comply with the contract administration provisions of 40 CFR, Section 33.302.

**BIDDERS LIST, 40 CFR, Section 33.501(b) and (c)**

Recipients of a Continuing Environmental Program Grant or other annual reporting grant, agree to create and maintain a bidders list. Recipients of an EPA financial assistance agreement to capitalize a revolving loan fund also agree to require entities receiving identified loans to create and maintain a bidders list if the recipient of the loan is subject to, or chooses to follow, competitive bidding requirements. Please see 40 CFR, Section 33.501 (b) and (c) for specific requirements and exemptions.

**Programmatic Conditions**

- A.** This is a cooperative agreement because the activities will require substantial federal involvement in the form of programmatic oversight, review and comment on all agreement activities and products.
- B.** Recipients must schedule quarterly conference calls with the EPA Project Officer to discuss work accomplishments, explain any problems encountered, and discuss future work activities.
- C.** Semi-annual Progress Reports must be submitted to the EPA Project Officer within 30 days after each reporting period ends. Please reference the EPA Cooperative Agreement Number on all reports and correspondence.

D. An electronic copy of a Draft Final Project Report must be submitted to the EPA Project Officer within thirty (30) days after the project end date. The project officer will conduct a technical review, identify information gaps, and inform the recipient of updates or corrections to the document. Once the Final Project Report is approved, an electronic copy must be submitted to the project officer within ninety (90) days after the project end date.

E. Prior to environmental data collection or data compilation, a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) must be approved by EPA. Additionally, an EPA approved and up-to-date Quality Management Plan (QMP) must be in place.

F. Environmental data generated under this agreement must be submitted to the project officer, if requested.

**G. Competency of Organizations Generating Environmental Measurement Data :**

In accordance with Agency Policy Directive Number FEM-2012-02, Policy to Assure the Competency of Organizations Generating Environmental Measurement Data under Agency-Funded Assistance Agreements, Recipient agrees, by entering into this agreement, that it has demonstrated competency prior to award, or alternatively, where a pre-award demonstration of competency is not practicable, Recipient agrees to demonstrate competency prior to carrying out any activities under the award involving the generation or use of environmental data. Recipient shall maintain competency for the duration of the project period of this agreement and this will be documented during the annual reporting process. A copy of the Policy is available online at [http://www.epa.gov/fem/lab\\_comp.htm](http://www.epa.gov/fem/lab_comp.htm) or a copy may also be requested by contacting the EPA project officer for this award.

**H. Cybersecurity Condition :**

(a) The recipient agrees that when collecting and managing environmental data under this assistance agreement, it will protect the data by following all applicable State or Tribal law cybersecurity requirements.

(b) (1) EPA must ensure that any connections between the recipient's network or information system and EPA networks used by the recipient to transfer data under this agreement, are secure. For purposes of this Section, a connection is defined as a dedicated persistent interface between an Agency IT system and an external IT system for the purpose of transferring information. Transitory, user-controlled connections such as website browsing are excluded from this definition.

If the recipient's connections as defined above do not go through the Environmental Information Exchange Network or EPA's Central Data Exchange, the recipient agrees to contact the EPA Project Officer (PO) no later than 90 days after the date of this award and work with the designated Regional/Headquarters Information Security Officer to ensure that the connections meet EPA security requirements, including entering into Interconnection Service Agreements as appropriate. This condition does not apply to manual entry of data by the recipient into systems operated and used by EPA's regulatory programs for the submission of reporting and/or compliance data.

(2) The recipient agrees that any subawards it makes under this agreement will require the subrecipient to comply with the requirements in (b)(1) if the subrecipient's network or information system is connected to EPA networks to transfer data to the Agency using systems other than the Environmental Information Exchange Network or EPA's Central Data Exchange. The recipient will be in compliance with this condition: by including this requirement in subaward agreements; and during subrecipient monitoring deemed necessary by the recipient under 2 CFR 200.331(d), by inquiring whether the subrecipient has contacted the EPA Project Officer. Nothing in this condition requires the recipient to contact the EPA Project Officer on behalf of a subrecipient or to be involved in the negotiation of an Interconnection Service Agreement between the subrecipient and EPA.

**Semi-annual Progress Report Template**

Project Title:

Cooperative Agreement Number:

Dates covered by this report:

The items listed below should be completely addressed:

1. Describe the work and measurable outcomes accomplished. Provide specific details with regard to fieldwork scheduled and completed (including photographs, where possible), meetings or conferences conducted or attended.
2. Were any problems encountered? If yes, please describe corrective actions taken.
3. Is the project work on schedule?
4. Document any changes in project management (personnel) and provide the updated contact information.
5. Outline the work projected for the next reporting period.

# **EPA General Terms and Conditions**

## **Effective March 29, 2016**

### **1. Introduction**

The recipient and any sub-recipient must comply with the applicable EPA general terms and conditions outlined below. These terms and conditions are in addition to the assurances and certifications made as part of the award and terms, conditions or restrictions reflected on the official assistance award document. Recipients **must** review their official award document for additional administrative and programmatic requirements. Failure to comply with the general terms and conditions outlined below and those directly reflected on the official assistance award document may result in enforcement actions as outlined in 2 CFR 200.338 and 200.339.

### **2. Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards**

This award is subject to the requirements of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; Title 2 CFR, Parts 200 and 1500. 2 CFR 1500.1, Adoption of 2 CFR 200, states Environmental Protection Agency adopts the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards to Non-Federal Entities (subparts A through F of 2 CFR 200), as supplemented by 2 CFR Part 1500, as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) policies and procedures for financial assistance administration. 2 CFR Part 1500 satisfies the requirements of 2 CFR 200.110(a) and gives regulatory effect to the OMB guidance as supplemented by 2 CFR Part 1500. This award is also subject to applicable requirements contained in EPA programmatic regulations located in 40 CFR Chapter 1 Subchapter B.

**2.1. Implementing Procurement Standards. (Updated 7/26/16)** Per 2 CFR 200.110, there is a two-year grace period available to non-Federal entities for implementation of the procurement standards in 2 CFR 200.317 through 200.326. As detailed in the 2015 OMB Compliance Supplement, non-Federal entities choosing to delay implementation will need to specify in their documented policies and procedures that they continue to comply with 40 CFR Part 30 or 31, as applicable, for two additional fiscal years which begins after December 26, 2014.

**2.2. Effective Date and Incremental or Supplemental Funding.** Consistent with the OMB Frequently Asked Questions at <https://cfo.gov/cofar> on Effective Date and Incremental Funding, any new funding through an amendment (supplemental or incremental) on or after December 26, 2014, and any unobligated balances (defined at 200.98) remaining on the award at the time of the amendment, will be subject to the requirements of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements (2 CFR 200 and 1500).

## **Financial Information**

### **3. Reimbursement Limitation**

EPA's financial obligations to the recipient are limited by the amount of federal funding awarded to date as reflected on the award document. If the recipient incurs costs in anticipation of receiving additional funds from EPA, it does so at its own risk. See 2 CFR 1500.8

### **4. Payment Methods**

The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 requires that Federal payments be made by electronic funds transfer. In order to comply with the Act, a recipient must receive payments via one of two electronic methods available to them:

- 4.1. Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) (Updated 6/27/16).** The ASAP system is the preferred method of payment for EPA grantees. ASAP enrollment is highly encouraged for organizations that have multiple grants/cooperative agreements and for those with a frequent need to request funds. If the recipient uses multiple bank accounts for EPA grants/cooperative agreements, the recipient must enroll in ASAP. To enroll in ASAP, please complete the ASAP Initiate Enrollment form located at: <http://www2.epa.gov/financial/forms> and email it to LVFC-grants@epa.gov or mail it to:  
USEPA LVFC  
4220 S. Maryland Pkwy  
Bldg C, Suite 503  
Las Vegas, NV 89119

Under this payment mechanism, the recipient initiates an electronic payment request online via ASAP, which is approved or rejected based on the amount of available funds authorized by EPA in the recipient's ASAP account. Approved funds are credited to the account at the financial institution of the recipient organization identified on the recipient's ASAP enrollment application. Additional information concerning ASAP and enrollment can be obtained by contacting the EPA Las Vegas Finance Center, at 702-798-2485, or by visiting: [www.fms.treas.gov/asap](http://www.fms.treas.gov/asap).

**4.2. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).**

Under this payment mechanism, the EPA Las Vegas Finance Center will obtain the recipient's banking information from the System for Award Management (SAM). Once the agreement is awarded and no restrictions are identified by the awarding office, a Las Vegas Finance Center Representative will send the recipient an email message with the EFT Control Number and payment information. Additional information concerning EFT can be obtained by contacting the EPA Las Vegas Finance Center at 702-798-2485, or by visiting: <http://www2.epa.gov/financial/grants>.

NOTE: If the banking information is not correct or changes at any time prior to the end of this agreement, the recipient must update the organization's SAM registration and notify the EPA Las Vegas Finance Center as soon as possible. This is vital to ensure proper and timely deposit of funds.

**5. Payment Drawdown**

The recipient agrees to draw cash only as needed for its disbursement. Failure on the part of the recipient to comply with this condition may cause the undisbursed portions of the assistance agreement to be revoked or financing method changed to a reimbursable basis.

**Selected Items of Cost**

**6. Consultant Cap**

EPA participation in the salary rate (excluding overhead) paid to individual consultants retained by recipients or by a recipient's contractors or subcontractors shall be limited to the maximum daily rate for a Level IV of the Executive Schedule, available at: <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/>, to be adjusted annually. This limit applies to consultation services of designated individuals with specialized skills who are paid at a daily or hourly rate. This rate does not include transportation and subsistence costs for travel performed (the recipient will pay these in accordance with their normal travel reimbursement practices).

Subagreements with firms for services which are awarded using the procurement requirements in Subpart D of 2 CFR 200 are not affected by this limitation unless the terms of the contract provide the recipient with responsibility for the selection, direction and control of the individuals who will be providing services under the contract at an hourly or daily rate of compensation. See 2 CFR 1500.9.

## 7. Establishing and Managing Subawards (modified 3/29/16)

If the recipient chooses to pass funds from this assistance agreement to other entities, the recipient must comply with applicable provisions of 2 CFR Part 200 and the EPA Subaward Policy, which may be found at <https://epa.gov/grants/epa-subaward-policy>.

As a pass-through entity, the recipient agrees to:

**7.1.** Be responsible for selecting subrecipients and as appropriate conducting subaward competitions using a system for properly differentiating between subrecipients and procurement contractors under the standards at 2 CFR 200.330 and EPA's supplemental guidance in Appendix A of the EPA Subaward Policy.

**a.** For-profit organizations and individual consultants, in almost all cases, are not eligible subrecipients under EPA financial assistance programs and the pass-through entity must obtain prior written approval from EPA's Award Official for subawards to these entities unless the EPA-approved budget and work plan for this agreement contain a precise description of such subawards.

**b.** Stipends and travel assistance for trainees (including interns) and similar individuals who are not are not employees of the pass-through entity must be classified as participant support costs rather than subawards as required by 2 CFR 200.75 and 2 CFR 200.92.

**7.2.** Establish and follow a system that ensures all subaward agreements are in writing and contain all of the elements required by 2 CFR 200.331(a). EPA has developed a template for subaward agreements that is available in Appendix D of the EPA Subaward Policy.

**7.3.** Prior to making subawards, ensure that each subrecipient has a "unique entity identifier." This identifier is required for registering in the System for Award Management (SAM) and by 2 CFR Part 25 and 2 CFR 200.331(a)(1). The unique entity identifier currently is the subrecipient's Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number. Information regarding obtaining a DUNS number and registering in SAM is available in the General Condition of the pass-through entity's agreement with EPA entitled "**Central Contractor Registration/System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements**" T&C of the pass-through entity's agreement with the EPA.

**7.4.** Ensure that subrecipients are aware that they are subject to the same requirements as those that apply to the pass-through entity's EPA award as required by 2 CFR 200.331(a)(2). These requirements include, among others:

**a.** Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and other Federal statutes and regulations prohibiting discrimination in Federal financial assistance programs, as applicable.

**b.** Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation under Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) set forth in the General Condition pass-through entity's agreement with EPA entitled "**Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation.**"

**c.** Limitations on individual consultant fees as set forth in 2 CFR 1500.9 and the General Condition of the pass-through entity's agreement with EPA entitled "**Consultant Fee Cap.**"

**d.** EPA's prohibition on paying management fees as set forth in General Condition of the pass-through entity's agreement with EPA entitled "**Management Fees.**"

**e.** The Procurement Standards in 2 CFR Part 200 including those requiring competition when the subrecipient acquires goods and services from contractors (including consultants).

EPA provides general information on other statutes, regulations and Executive Orders on the Grants internet site at [www.epa.gov/grants](http://www.epa.gov/grants). Many Federal requirements are agreement or program specific and EPA

encourages pass-through entities to review the terms of their assistance agreement carefully and consult with their EPA Project Officer for advice if necessary.

**7.5.** Establish and follow a system for evaluating subrecipient risks of noncompliance with Federal statutes, regulations and the terms and conditions of the subaward as required by 2 CFR 200.331(b) and document the evaluation. Risk factors may include:

- a.** Prior experience with same or similar subawards;
- b.** Results of previous audits;
- c.** Whether new or substantially changed personnel or systems, and;
- d.** Extent and results of Federal awarding agency or the pass-through entity's monitoring.

**7.6.** Establish and follow a process for deciding whether to impose additional requirements on subrecipients based on risk factors as required by 2 CFR 200.331(c). Examples of additional requirements authorized by 2 CFR 200.207 include:

- a.** Requiring payments as reimbursements rather than advance payments;
- b.** Withholding authority to proceed to the next phase until receipt of evidence of acceptable performance within a given period of performance;
- c.** Requiring additional, more detailed financial reports;
- d.** Requiring additional project monitoring;
- e.** Requiring the non-Federal entity to obtain technical or management assistance, and
- f.** Establishing additional prior approvals.

**7.7.** Establish and follow a system for monitoring subrecipient performance that includes the elements required by 2 CFR 200.331(d) and report the results of the monitoring in performance reports as provided in the reporting terms and conditions of this agreement.

**7.8.** Establish and maintain an accounting system which ensures compliance with the \$25,000 limitation at 2 CFR 200.68 on including subaward costs in Modified Total Direct Cost for the purposes of distributing indirect costs.

**7.9.** Work with EPA's Project Officer to obtain the written consent of EPA's Office of International and Tribal Affairs (OITA), prior to awarding a subaward to a foreign or international organization, or a subaward to be performed in a foreign country even if that subaward is described in a proposed scope of work.

**7.10.** Obtain written approval from EPA's Award Official for any subawards that are not described in the approved work plan in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200.308.

**7.11.** Obtain the written approval of EPA's Award Official prior to awarding a subaward to an individual if the EPA-approved scope of work does not include a description of subawards to individuals.

**7.12.** Establish and follow written procedures under 2 CFR 200.302(b)(7) for determining that subaward costs are allowable in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E and the terms and conditions of this award. These procedures may provide for allowability determinations on a pre-award basis, through ongoing monitoring of costs that subrecipients incur, or a combination of both approaches provided the pass-through entity documents its determinations.

**7.13.** Establish and maintain a system under 2 CFR 200.331(d)(3) and 2 CFR 200.521(c) for issuing management decisions for audits of subrecipients that relate to Federal awards. However, the recipient remains accountable to EPA for ensuring that unallowable subaward costs initially paid by EPA are reimbursed or mitigated through offset with allowable costs whether the recipient recovers those costs from the subrecipient or not.

**7.14.** As provided in 2 CFR 200.332, pass-through entities must obtain EPA approval to make fixed amount subawards. EPA is restricting the use of fixed amount subawards to a limited number of situations that are

authorized in official EPA pilot projects. Recipients should consult with their EPA Project Officer regarding the status of these pilot projects.

By accepting this award, the recipient is certifying that it either has systems in place to comply with the requirements described in Items 7.1 through 7.14 above or will refrain from making subawards until the systems are designed and implemented.

## **8. Management Fees**

Management fees or similar charges in excess of the direct costs and approved indirect rates are not allowable. The term "management fees or similar charges" refers to expenses added to the direct costs in order to accumulate and reserve funds for ongoing business expenses; unforeseen liabilities; or for other similar costs which are not allowable under this assistance agreement. Management fees or similar charges may not be used to improve or expand the project funded under this agreement, except to the extent authorized as a direct cost of carrying out the scope of work.

## **Reporting and Additional Post-Award Requirements**

### **9. Central Contractor Registration/System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements**

**9.1. Requirement for System for Award Management (SAM)** Unless exempted from this requirement under 2 CFR 25.110, the recipient must maintain the currency of the organization's information in SAM until the submittal of the final financial report required under this award or receipt of the final payment, whichever is later. This requires that the recipient reviews and updates the information at least annually after the initial registration, and more frequently if required by changes in the information or another award term.

**9.2. Requirement for Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) numbers.** If the recipient is authorized to make subawards under this award, the recipient:

**9.2.1.** Must notify potential subrecipients that no entity (definition paragraph 9.3 of this award term) may receive a subaward unless the entity has provided its DUNS number.

**9.2.2.** May not make a subaward to an entity unless the entity has provided its DUNS number.

**9.3. Definitions.** For the purposes of this award term:

**9.3.1. System for Award Management (SAM)** means the Federal repository into which an entity must provide information required for the conduct of business as a recipient. Additional information about registration procedures may be found at the System for Award Management (SAM) Internet site: <https://www.sam.gov>.

**9.3.2. Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number** means the nine-digit number established and assigned by Dun and Bradstreet, Inc. (D&B) to uniquely identify business entities. A DUNS number may be obtained from D&B by telephone (currently 866-705-5711) or the Internet (currently at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>).

**9.3.3. Entity**, as it is used in this award term, means all of the following, as defined at 2 CFR part 25, subpart C:

**9.3.3.1.** A Governmental organization, which is a State, local government, or Indian tribe;

**9.3.3.2.** A foreign public entity;

**9.3.3.3.** A domestic or foreign nonprofit organization;

**9.3.3.4.** A domestic or foreign for-profit organization; and

**9.3.3.5.** A Federal agency, but only as a subrecipient under an award or subaward to a non-Federal entity.

**9.3.4. Subaward:**

**9.3.4.1.** This term means a legal instrument to provide support for the performance of any portion of the substantive project or program for which the recipient received this award and that the recipient awards to an eligible subrecipient.

**9.3.4.2.** The term does not include procurement of property and services needed to carry out the project or program (for further explanation, see 2 CFR 200 Subpart D).

**9.3.4.3.** A subaward may be provided through any legal agreement, including an agreement that the recipient considers a contract.

**9.3.5. Subrecipient** means an entity that:

**9.3.5.1.** Receives a subaward from the recipient under this award; and

**9.3.5.2.** Is accountable to the recipient for the use of the Federal funds provided by the subaward.

## **10. Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation**

### **10.1. Reporting of first-tier subawards.**

**10.1.1. Applicability.** Unless the recipient is exempt as provided in paragraph 10.4. of this award term, the recipient must report each action that obligates \$25,000 or more in Federal funds that does not include Recovery funds (as defined in section 1512(a)(2) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. 111-5) for a subaward to an entity (see definitions in paragraph 10.5 of this award term).

**10.1.2. Where and when to report.** (1) The recipient must report each obligating action described in paragraph 10.1.1 of this award term to [www.fsrs.gov](http://www.fsrs.gov). (2) For subaward information, report no later than the end of the month following the month in which the obligation was made. (For example, if the obligation was made on any date during the month of November of a given year, the obligation must be reported by no later than December 31 of that year.)

**10.1.3. What to report.** The recipient must report the information about each obligating action as described in the submission instructions available at: <http://www.fsrs.gov>.

### **10.2. Reporting Total Compensation of Recipient Executives.**

**10.2.1. Applicability and what to report.** The recipient must report total compensation for each of their five most highly compensated executives for the preceding completed fiscal year, if:

**10.2.1.1.** the total Federal funding authorized to date under this award is \$25,000 or more;

**10.2.1.2.** in the preceding fiscal year, the recipient received:(i.) 80 percent or more of their annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR 170.320 (and subawards); (ii.) and \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR 170.320 (and subawards); and

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

**10.2.2. Where and when to report.** The recipient must report executive total compensation described in paragraph 10.2.1 of this award term: (i.) As part of the registration Central System for Award Management profile available at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov). (ii.) By the end of the month following the month in which this award is made, and annually thereafter.

### **10.3. Reporting of Total Compensation of Subrecipient Executives.**

**10.3.1. Applicability and what to report.** Unless exempt as provided in paragraph 10.4. of this award term, for each first-tier subrecipient under this award, the recipient shall report the names and total compensation of each of the subrecipient's five most highly compensated executives for the subrecipient's preceding completed fiscal year, if:

**10.3.1.1.** in the subrecipient's preceding fiscal year, the subrecipient received: (i.) 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR 170.320 (and subawards); and (ii.) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts), and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act (and subawards); and

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

**10.3.2. Where and when to report.** The recipient must report subrecipient executive total compensation described in paragraph 10.3.1. of this award term:

**10.3.2.1.** To the recipient.

**10.3.2.2.** By the end of the month following the month during which the recipient makes the subaward. For example, if a subaward is obligated on any date during the month of October of a given year (i.e., between October 1 and 31), the recipient must report any required compensation information of the subrecipient by November 30 of that year.

#### **10.4. Exemptions**

**10.4.1.** If, in the previous tax year, the recipient had gross income, from all sources, under \$300,000, the recipient is exempt from the requirements to report:

**10.4.1.1.** subawards, and the total compensation of the five most highly compensated executives of any subrecipient.

#### **10.5. Definitions.** For purposes of this award term:

**10.5.1. Entity** means all of the following, as defined in 2 CFR Part 25: (i.) A Governmental organization, which is a State, local government, or Indian tribe; (ii.) A foreign public entity; (iii.) A domestic or foreign nonprofit organization; (iv.) A domestic or foreign for-profit organization; (v.) A Federal agency, but only as a subrecipient under an award or subaward to a non-Federal entity.

**10.5.2. Executive** means officers, managing partners, or any other employees in management positions.

##### **10.5.3. Subaward:**

**10.5.3.1.** This term means a legal instrument to provide support for the performance of any portion of the substantive project or program for which you received this award and that the recipient award to an eligible subrecipient.

**10.5.3.2.** The term does not include procurement of property and services needed to carry out the project or program (for further explanation, see 2 CFR 200 Subpart D).

**10.5.3.3.** A subaward may be provided through any legal agreement, including an agreement that the recipient or a subrecipient considers a contract.

##### **10.5.4. Subrecipient** means an entity that:

**10.5.4.1.** Receives a subaward from the recipient under this award; and

**10.5.4.2.** Is accountable to the recipient for the use of the Federal funds provided by the subaward.

**10.5.5. Total compensation** means the cash and noncash dollar value earned by the executive during the recipient's or subrecipient's preceding fiscal year and includes the following (for more information see 17 CFR 229.402(c)(2)):

**10.5.5.1.** Salary and bonus.

**10.5.5.2.** Awards of stock, stock options and stock appreciation rights. Use the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes with respect to the fiscal year in accordance with the Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (Revised 2004) (FAS 123R), Shared Based Payments.

- 10.5.5.3.** Earnings for services under non-equity incentive plans. This does not include group life, health, hospitalization or medical reimbursement plans that do not discriminate in favor of executives, and are available generally to all salaried employees.
- 10.5.5.4.** Change in pension value. This is the change in present value of defined benefit and actuarial pension plans.
- 10.5.5.5.** Above-market earnings on deferred compensation which is not tax-qualified.
- 10.5.5.6.** Other compensation, if the aggregate value of all such other compensation (e.g. severance, termination payments, value of life insurance paid on behalf of the employee, perquisites or property) for the executive exceeds \$10,000.

## **11. Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters - Reporting of Matters Related to Recipient Integrity and Performance (added 1/27/2016)**

### **11.1. General Reporting Requirement**

If the total value of your currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts from all Federal awarding agencies exceeds \$10,000,000 for any period of time during the period of performance of this Federal award, then you as the recipient during that period of time must maintain the currency of information reported to the System for Award Management (SAM) that is made available in the designated integrity and performance system (currently the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS)) about civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings described in paragraph 2 of this award term and condition. This is a statutory requirement under section 872 of Public Law 110-417, as amended (41 U.S.C. 2313). As required by section 3010 of Public Law 111-212, all information posted in the designated integrity and performance system on or after April 15, 2011, except past performance reviews required for Federal procurement contracts, will be publicly available.

### **11.2. Proceedings About Which You Must Report**

Submit the information required about each proceeding that:

- 11.2.1.** Is in connection with the award or performance of a grant, cooperative agreement, or procurement contract from the Federal Government;
- 11.2.2.** Reached its final disposition during the most recent five year period; and
- 11.2.3.** Is one of the following:
  - 11.2.3.1.** A criminal proceeding that resulted in a conviction, as defined in paragraph 5 of this award term and condition;
  - 11.2.3.2.** A civil proceeding that resulted in a finding of fault and liability and payment of a monetary fine, penalty, reimbursement, restitution, or damages of \$5,000 or more;
  - 11.2.3.3.** An administrative proceeding, as defined in paragraph 5. of this award term and condition, that resulted in a finding of fault and liability and your payment of either a monetary fine or penalty of \$5,000 or more or reimbursement, restitution, or damages in excess of \$100,000; or
  - 11.2.3.4.** Any other criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding if:
    - 11.2.3.4.1.** It could have led to an outcome described in paragraph 11.2.3.1, 11.2.3.2, or 11.2.3.3 of this award term and condition;
    - 11.2.3.4.2.** It had a different disposition arrived at by consent or compromise with an acknowledgment of fault on your part; and
    - 11.2.3.4.3.** The requirement in this award term and condition to disclose information about the proceeding does not conflict with applicable laws and regulations.

### **11.3. Reporting Procedures**

Enter in the SAM Entity Management area the information that SAM requires about each proceeding described in paragraph 2 of this award term and condition. You do not need to submit the information a second time under assistance awards that you received if you already provided the information through SAM because you were required to do so under Federal procurement contracts that you were awarded.

### **11.4. Reporting Frequency**

During any period of time when you are subject to the requirement in paragraph 11.1 of this award term and condition, you must report proceedings information through SAM for the most recent five year period, either to report new information about any proceeding(s) that you have not reported previously or affirm that there is no

new information to report. Recipients that have Federal contract, grant, and cooperative agreement awards with a cumulative total value greater than \$10,000,000 must disclose semiannually any information about the criminal, civil, and administrative proceedings.

#### **11.5. Definitions**

For purposes of this award term and condition:

**11.5.1.** Administrative proceeding means a non-judicial process that is adjudicatory in nature in order to make a determination of fault or liability (*e.g.*, Securities and Exchange Commission Administrative proceedings, Civilian Board of Contract Appeals proceedings, and Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals proceedings). This includes proceedings at the Federal and State level but only in connection with performance of a Federal contract or grant. It does not include audits, site visits, corrective plans, or inspection of deliverables.

**11.5.2.** Conviction, for purposes of this award term and condition, means a judgment or conviction of a criminal offense by any court of competent jurisdiction, whether entered upon a verdict or a plea, and includes a conviction entered upon a plea of *nolo contendere*.

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

**11.5.3.1.** Only the Federal share of the funding under any Federal award with a recipient cost share or match; and

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

#### **12. Federal Financial Reporting (FFR) (Updated 7/28/16)**

Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.327 and 200.343, EPA recipients must submit the Federal Financial Report (SF-425) at least annually and no more frequently than quarterly. EPA's standard reporting frequency is annual unless an EPA Region has included an additional term and condition specifying greater reporting frequency within this award document. EPA recipients must submit the SF-425 no later than 30 days after the end of each specified reporting period for quarterly and semi-annual reports, and 90 calendar days for annual and final reports. Extension of reporting due dates may be approved by EPA upon request of the recipient. The FFR form is available on the internet at:

<http://www2.epa.gov/financial/forms>. All FFRs must be submitted to the Las Vegas Finance Center (LVFC) via email [LVFC-grants@epa.gov](mailto:LVFC-grants@epa.gov) or mail it to:

USEPA LVFC  
4220 S. Maryland  
Pkwy Bldg C, Suite  
503  
Las Vegas, NV 89119

The LVFC will make adjustments, as necessary, to obligated funds after reviewing and accepting a final Federal Financial Report. Recipients will be notified and instructed by EPA if they must complete any additional forms for the closeout of the assistance agreement.

#### **13. Indirect Cost Rate Agreements**

Recipients are entitled to reimbursement of indirect costs, subject to any statutory or regulatory administrative cost limitations, if they have a current Federally-approved indirect cost rate agreement or have submitted an indirect cost rate proposal to their cognizant federal agency for review and approval and a final rate has been determined by the cognizant agency. Recipients are responsible for maintaining an approved indirect cost rate for the life of the award. Recipients with differences between their provisional rates and final rates are not entitled to more than the award amount, without prior approval from EPA.

#### **14. Audit Requirements (modified 1/27/16)**

In accordance with 2 CFR 200.501(a), the recipient hereby agrees to obtain a single audit from an

independent auditor, if their organization expends \$750,000 or more in total Federal funds in their fiscal year beginning on or after December 26, 2014.

The recipient must submit the form SF-SAC and a Single Audit Report Package within 9 months of the end of the recipient's fiscal year or 30 days after receiving the report from an independent auditor. The SF-SAC and a Single Audit Report Package MUST be submitted using the Federal Audit Clearinghouse's Internet Data Entry System available at: [https://harvester.census.gov/facides/\(S\(3wauez2yufokbe3engv0dtek\)\)/account/login.aspx](https://harvester.census.gov/facides/(S(3wauez2yufokbe3engv0dtek))/account/login.aspx). For complete information on how to accomplish the single audit submissions, you will need to visit the Federal Audit Clearinghouse Web site: <https://harvester.census.gov/facweb/Default.aspx>.

## **15. Closeout Requirements**

Reports required for closeout of the assistance agreement must be submitted in accordance with this agreement. Submission requirements and frequently asked questions can also be found at <http://www2.epa.gov/grants/frequently-asked-questions-about-closeout-information>.

## **16. Suspension and Debarment**

Recipients shall fully comply with Subpart C of 2 CFR Part 180 entitled, "Responsibilities of Participants Regarding Transactions Doing Business with Other Persons," as implemented and supplemented by 2 CFR Part 1532. Recipient is responsible for ensuring that any lower tier covered transaction, as described in Subpart B of 2 CFR Part 180, entitled "Covered Transactions," includes a term or condition requiring compliance with Subpart

C. Recipient is responsible for further requiring the inclusion of a similar term or condition in any subsequent lower tier covered transactions. Recipient acknowledges that failing to disclose the information required under 2 CFR 180.335 may result in the delay or negation of this assistance agreement, or pursuance of legal remedies, including suspension and debarment.

Recipients may access suspension and debarment information at: <http://www.sam.gov>. This system allows recipients to perform searches determining whether an entity or individual is excluded from receiving Federal assistance. This term and condition supersedes EPA Form 5700-49, "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters."

## **17. Disclosing Conflict of Interests**

### **17.1. For awards to Non-federal entities and individuals (other than states and fellowship recipients under 40 CFR Part 46).**

As required by 2 CFR 200.112, EPA has established a policy (COI Policy) for disclosure of conflicts of interest (COI) that may affect EPA financial assistance awards. EPA's COI Policy is posted at <http://www2.epa.gov/grants/epas-financial-assistance-conflict-interest-policy>. The posted version of EPA's COI Policy is applicable to new funding (initial awards, supplemental and incremental funding) awarded on or after October 1, 2015. This COI term and condition supersedes prior COI terms and conditions for this award based on either EPA's May 22, 2015 Revised Interim COI Policy or December 26, 2014 Interim COI Policy.

For competitive awards, recipients must disclose any competition related COI described in section 4.0(a) of the COI Policy that are discovered after award to the EPA Grants Specialist listed on the Assistance Agreement/Amendment within 30 calendar days of discovery of the COI. The Grant Specialist will respond to any such disclosure within 30 calendar days.

EPA's COI Policy requires that recipients have systems in place to address, resolve and

disclose to EPA COIs described in sections 4.0(b), (c) and/or (d) of the COI Policy that affect any contract or subaward regardless of amount funded under this award. The recipient's COI Point of Contact for the award must disclose any COI to the EPA Grants Specialist listed on the Assistance Agreement/Amendment within 30 calendar days of the discovery of the potential COI and their approach for resolving the COI.

EPA's COI Policy requires that subrecipients have systems in place to address, resolve and disclose COI's described in section 4.0(b)(c) and (d) of the COI Policy regardless of the amount of the transaction. Recipients who are pass-through entities as defined at 2 CFR 200.74 must require that subrecipients being considered for or receiving subawards disclose COI to the pass-through entities in a manner that, at a minimum, is in accordance with sections 5.0(d) and 7.0(c) of EPA's COI Policy. Pass-through entities must disclose the subrecipient COI along with the approach for resolving the COI to the EPA Grants Specialist listed on the Assistance Agreement/Amendment within 30 calendar days of receiving notification of the COI by the subrecipient.

EPA only requires that recipients and subrecipients disclose COI's that are discovered under their systems for addressing and resolving COI. If recipients or subrecipients do not discover a COI, they do not need to advise EPA or the pass-through entity of the absence of a COI.

Upon notice from the recipient of a potential COI and the approach for resolving it, the Agency will then make a determination regarding the effectiveness of these measures within 30 days of receipt of the recipient's notice unless a longer period is necessary due to the complexity of the matter. Recipients may not request payment from EPA for costs for transactions subject to the COI pending notification of EPA's determination. Failure to disclose a COI may result in cost disallowances.

Disclosure of a potential COI will not necessarily result in EPA disallowing costs, with the exception of procurement contracts that the Agency determines violate 2 CFR 200.318(c)(1) or (2), provided the recipient notifies EPA of measures the recipient or subrecipient has taken to eliminate, neutralize or mitigate the conflict of interest when making the disclosure.

#### **17.2. For awards to states including state universities that are state agencies or**

**instrumentalities** As required by 2 CFR 200.112, EPA has established a policy (COI Policy) for disclosure of conflicts of interest (COI) that may affect EPA financial assistance awards.

EPA's COI Policy is posted at

<http://www2.epa.gov/grants/epas-financial-assistance-conflict-interest-policy>. The posted version of EPA's COI Policy is applicable to new funding (initial awards, supplemental, incremental funding) awarded on or after October 1, 2015. This COI term and condition supersedes prior COI terms and conditions for this award based on either EPA's May 22, 2015 Revised Interim COI Policy or December 26, 2014 Interim COI Policy.

For competitive awards, recipients must disclose any competition related COI described in section 4.0(a) of the COI Policy that are discovered after award to the EPA Grants Specialist listed on the Assistance Agreement/Amendment within 30 calendar days of discovery of the COI. The Grant Specialist will respond to any such disclosure within 30 calendar days.

States including state universities that are state agencies and instrumentalities receiving funding from EPA are only required to disclose subrecipient COI as a pass-through entity as defined by 2 CFR 200.74. Any other COI are subject to state laws, regulations and policies. EPA's COI Policy requires that subrecipients have systems in place to address, resolve and disclose COIs described in

section 4.0(b)(c) and (d) of the COI Policy that arise after EPA made the award regardless of the amount of the transaction. States who are pass-through entities as defined at 2 CFR 200.74 must require that subrecipients being considered for or receiving subawards disclose COI to the state in a manner that, as a minimum, in accordance with sections 5.0(d) and 7.0(c) of EPA's COI Policy. States must disclose the subrecipient COI along with the approach for resolving the COI to the EPA Grants Specialist listed on the Assistance Agreement/Amendment within 30 calendar days of receiving notification of the COI by the subrecipient.

EPA only requires that subrecipients disclose COI's to state pass-through entities that are discovered under their systems for addressing, resolving, and disclosing COI. If subrecipients do not discover a COI, they do not need to advise state pass-through entities of the absence of a COI.

Upon receiving notice of a potential COI and the approach for resolving it, the Agency will make a determination regarding the effectiveness of these measures within 30 days of receipt of the state's notice of a subrecipient COI unless a longer period is necessary due to the complexity of the matter. States may not request payment from EPA for costs for transactions subject to the COI pending notification of EPA's determination. A subrecipient's failure to disclose a COI to the state and EPA may result in cost disallowances.

Disclosure of a potential subrecipient COI will not necessarily result in EPA disallowing costs, with the exception of procurement contracts that the Agency determines violate 2 CFR 200.318(c)(1) or (2), provided the subrecipient has taken measures that EPA and the state agree eliminate, neutralize or mitigate the conflict of interest.

## **Programmatic General Terms and Conditions**

### **18. Sufficient Progress**

EPA will measure sufficient progress by examining the performance required under the workplan in conjunction with the milestone schedule, the time remaining for performance within the project period and/or the availability of funds necessary to complete the project. EPA may terminate the assistance agreement for failure to ensure reasonable completion of the project within the project period.

### **19. Copyrighted Material and Data**

In accordance with 2 CFR 200.315, EPA has the right to reproduce, publish, use and authorize others to reproduce, publish and use copyrighted works or other data developed under this assistance agreement for Federal purposes.

Examples of a Federal purpose include but are not limited to: (1) Use by EPA and other Federal employees for official Government purposes; (2) Use by Federal contractors performing specific tasks for the Government; (3) Publication in EPA documents provided the document does not disclose trade secrets (e.g. software codes) and the work is properly attributed to the recipient through citation or otherwise; (4) Reproduction of documents for inclusion in Federal depositories; (5) Use by State, tribal and local governments that carry out delegated Federal environmental programs as "co-regulators" or act as official partners with EPA to carry out a national environmental program within their jurisdiction and; (6) Limited use by other grantees to carry out Federal grants provided the use is consistent with the terms of EPA's authorization to the other grantee to use the copyrighted works or other data.

Under Item 6, the grantee acknowledges that EPA may authorize another grantee(s) to use the copyrighted works or other data developed under this grant as a result of:

- the selection of another grantee by EPA to perform a project that will involve the use of the copyrighted works or other data or;
- termination or expiration of this agreement.

In addition, EPA may authorize another grantee to use copyrighted works or other data developed with Agency funds provided under this grant to perform another grant when such use promotes efficient and effective use of Federal grant funds.

## **20. Patents and Inventions**

Rights to inventions made under this assistance agreement are subject to federal patent and licensing regulations, which are codified at Title 37 CFR Part 401 and Title 35 USC Sections 200-212.

Pursuant to the Bayh-Dole Act (set forth in 35 USC 200-212), EPA retains the right to a worldwide, nonexclusive, nontransferable, irrevocable, paid-up license to practice the invention owned by the assistance agreement holder, as defined in the Act. To streamline the invention reporting process and to facilitate compliance with the Bayh-Dole Act, the recipient must utilize the Interagency Edison extramural invention reporting system at <http://iEdison.gov>. Annual utilization reports must be submitted through the system. The recipient is required to notify the Project Officer identified on the award document when an invention report, patent report, or utilization report is filed at <http://iEdison.gov>. EPA elects not to require the recipient to provide a report prior to the close-out of a funding agreement listing all subject inventions or stating that there were none.

In accordance with Executive Order 12591, as amended, government owned and operated laboratories can enter into cooperative research and development agreements with other federal laboratories, state and local governments, universities, and the private sector, and license, assign, or waive rights to intellectual property “developed by the laboratory either under such cooperative research or development agreements and from within individual laboratories.”

## **21. Acknowledgement Requirements for Non-ORD Assistance Agreements**

The recipient agrees that any reports, documents, publications or other materials developed for public distribution supported by this assistance agreement shall contain the following statement:

"This project has been funded wholly or in part by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under assistance agreement (number) to (recipient). The contents of this document do not necessarily reflect the views and policies of the Environmental Protection Agency, nor does the EPA endorse trade names or recommend the use of commercial products mentioned in this document."

Recipients of EPA Office of Research Development (ORD) research awards must follow the acknowledgement requirements outlined in the research T&Cs available at: <http://www.nsf.gov/awards/managing/rtc.jsp>. A Federal-wide workgroup is currently updating the Federal-Wide Research Terms and Conditions Overlay to the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and when completed recipients of EPA ORD research must abide by the research T&Cs.

## **22. Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility**

Recipients are subject to the program accessibility provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, codified in 40 CFR Part 7, which includes an obligation to provide individuals with disabilities reasonable accommodations and an equal and effective opportunity to benefit from or participate in a program, including those offered through electronic and information technology (“EIT”). In compliance with Section 504, EIT systems or products funded by this award must be designed to meet the diverse needs of users (e.g., U.S. public, recipient personnel) without barriers or diminished function or quality. Systems shall include usability features or functions that accommodate the needs of persons with disabilities, including those who use assistive technology. At this time, the EPA will consider a recipient’s websites, interactive tools, and other EIT as being in compliance with Section 504 if such technologies meet standards established under Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, codified at 36 CFR Part 1194. While Section 508 does not apply directly to grant recipients, we encourage recipients to follow either the 508 guidelines or other comparable guidelines that concern accessibility to EIT for

individuals with disabilities.

Recipients may wish to consult the latest Section 508 guidelines issued by the U.S. Access Board or W3C's Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 (see <http://www.access-board.gov/sec508/guide/index.htm>).

### **23. Human Subjects (added 3/29/16)**

Human subjects research is any activity that meets the regulatory definitions of both research AND human subject. *Research* is a systematic investigation, including research development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge. *Human subject* means a living individual about whom an investigator (whether professional or student) conducting research obtains (1) data through intervention or interaction with the individual, or (2) identifiable private information. [40 CFR 26.102 (d)(f)]

No research involving human subjects will be conducted under this agreement without prior written approval of the EPA to proceed with that research. If engaged in human subjects research as part of this agreement, the recipient agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of EPA Regulation 40 CFR 26 (Protection of Human Subjects). This includes, at Subpart A, the Basic Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Research Subjects, also known as the Common Rule. It also includes, at Subparts B, C, and D, prohibitions and additional protections for children, nursing women, pregnant women, and fetuses in research conducted or supported by EPA.

The recipient further agrees to comply with EPA's procedures for oversight of the recipient's compliance with 40 CFR 26, as given in EPA Order 1000.17 Change A1 (Policy and Procedures on Protection of Human Research Subjects in EPA Conducted or Supported Research). As per this order, no human subject may be involved in any research conducted under this assistance agreement, including recruitment, until the research has been approved or determined to be exempt by the EPA Human Subjects Research Review Official (HSRRO) after review of the approval or exemption determination of the Institutional Review Board(s) (IRB(s)) with jurisdiction over the research under 40 CFR 26.

For HSRRO approval, the recipient must forward to the Project Officer: (1) copies of all documents upon which the IRB(s) with jurisdiction based their approval(s) or exemption determination(s), (2) copies of the IRB approval or exemption determination letter(s), (3) copy of the IRB-approved consent forms and subject recruitment materials, if applicable, and (4) copies of all supplementary IRB correspondence.

Following the initial approvals indicated above, the recipient must, as part of the annual report(s), provide evidence of continuing review and approval of the research by the IRB(s) with jurisdiction, as required by 40 CFR 26.109(e). Materials submitted to the IRB(s) for their continuing review and approval are to be provided to the Project Officer upon IRB approval. During the course of the research, investigators must promptly report any unanticipated problems involving risk to subjects or others according to requirements set forth by the IRB. In addition, any event that is significant enough to result in the removal of the subject from the study should also be reported to the Project Officer, even if the event is not reportable to the IRB of record.

### **24. Light Refreshments and/or Meals**

Unless the event(s) and all of its components are described in the approved workplan, the recipient agrees to obtain prior approval from EPA for the use of grant funds for light refreshments and/or meals served at meetings, conferences, training workshops and outreach activities (events). The recipient must send requests for approval to the EPA Project Officer and include:

- (1) An estimated budget and description for the light refreshments, meals, and/or beverages to be served at the event(s);

- (2) A description of the purpose, agenda, location, length and timing for the event; and
- (3) An estimated number of participants in the event and a description of their roles.

Recipients may address questions about whether costs for light refreshments, and meals for events may be allowable to the recipient's EPA Project Officer; however, the Agency Award Official or Grant Management Officer will make final determinations on allowability. Agency policy prohibits the use of EPA funds for receptions, banquets and similar activities that take place after normal business hours unless the recipient has provided a justification that has been expressly approved by EPA's Award Official or Grants Management Officer.

Note: U.S. General Services Administration regulations define light refreshments for morning, afternoon or evening breaks to include, but not be limited to, coffee, tea, milk, juice, soft drinks, donuts, bagels, fruit, pretzels, cookies, chips, or muffins. (41 CFR 301-74.7)

## **25. Tangible Personal Property**

**25.1 Reporting** Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.312 and 200.314, property reports, if applicable, are required for Federally-owned property in the custody of a non-Federal entity upon completion of the Federal award or when the property is no longer needed. Additionally, upon termination or completion of the project, residual unused supplies with a total aggregate fair market value exceeding \$5,000 not needed for any other Federally-sponsored programs or projects must be reported. For Superfund awards under Subpart O, refer to 40 CFR 35.6340 and 35.6660 for property reporting requirements. Recipients should utilize the Tangible Personal Property Report form series (SF-428) to report tangible personal property.

### **25.2 Disposition**

**25.2.1 Most Recipients.** Consistent with 2 CFR 200.313, unless instructed otherwise on the official award document or this award term, the recipient may keep the equipment and continue to use it on the project originally funded through this assistance agreement or on other federally funded projects whether or not the project or program continues to be supported by Federal funds.

**25.2.2 State Agencies.** Per 2 CFR 200.313(b), state agencies may manage and dispose of equipment acquired under this assistance agreement in accordance with state laws and procedures.

**25.2.3 Superfund Recipients.** Equipment purchased under Superfund projects is subject to specific disposal options in accordance with 40 CFR Part 35.6345.

## **Public Policy Requirements**

### **26. Civil Rights Obligations**

This term and condition incorporates by reference the signed assurance provided by the recipient's authorized representative on: 1) EPA Form 4700-4, "Preaward Compliance Review Report for All Applicants and Recipients Requesting EPA Financial Assistance"; and 2) Standard Form 424B or Standard Form 424D, as applicable.

These assurances and this term and condition obligate the recipient to comply fully with applicable civil rights statutes and implementing EPA regulations.

#### **a. Statutory Requirements**

- i. In carrying out this agreement, the recipient must comply with:
  1. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination based on

1. race, color, and national origin, including limited English proficiency (LEP), by entities receiving Federal financial assistance.
  2. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities by entities receiving Federal financial assistance; and
  3. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, which prohibits age discrimination by entities receiving Federal financial assistance.
- ii. If the recipient is conducting an education program under this agreement, it must also comply with:
  1. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities operated by entities receiving Federal financial assistance.
- iii. If this agreement is funded with financial assistance under the Clean Water Act (CWA), the recipient must also comply with:
  1. Section 13 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in CWA-funded programs or activities.

### b. Regulatory Requirements

- i. The recipient agrees to comply with all applicable EPA civil rights regulations, including:
  1. For Title IX obligations, 40 C.F.R. Part 5; and
  2. For Title VI, Section 504, Age Discrimination Act, and Section 13 obligations, 40 CFR Part 7.
  3. As noted on the EPA Form 4700-4 signed by the recipient's authorized representative, these regulations establish specific requirements including maintaining compliance information, establishing grievance procedures, designating a Civil Rights Coordinator and providing notices of non-discrimination.

**c. TITLE VI – LEP, Public Participation and Affirmative Compliance Obligation**

- i. As a recipient of EPA financial assistance, you are required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act to provide meaningful access to LEP individuals. In implementing that requirement, the recipient agrees to use as a guide the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) document entitled "Guidance to Environmental Protection Agency Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons." The guidance can be found at [http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2004\\_register&docid=fr25jn04-79.pdf](http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2004_register&docid=fr25jn04-79.pdf).
- ii. If the recipient is administering permitting programs under this agreement, the recipient agrees to use as a guide OCR's Title VI Public Involvement Guidance for EPA Assistance Recipients Administering Environmental Permitting Programs. The Guidance can be found at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/pdf/06-2691.pdf>.
- iii. In accepting this assistance agreement, the recipient acknowledges it has an affirmative obligation to implement effective Title VI compliance programs and ensure that its actions do not involve discriminatory treatment and do not have discriminatory effects even when facially neutral. The recipient must be prepared to demonstrate to EPA that such compliance programs exist and are being implemented or to otherwise demonstrate how it is meeting its Title VI obligations.

## 27. Drug-Free Workplace (Link updated 8/9/16)

The recipient organization of this EPA assistance agreement must make an ongoing, good faith effort to maintain a drug-free workplace pursuant to the specific requirements set forth in Title 2 CFR Part 1536 Subpart B. Additionally, in accordance with these regulations, the recipient organization must identify

all known workplaces under its federal awards, and keep this information on file during the performance of the award.

Those recipients who are individuals must comply with the drug-free provisions set forth in Title 2 CFR Part 1536 Subpart C.

The consequences for violating this condition are detailed under Title 2 CFR Part 1536 Subpart E. Recipients can access the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 2 Part 1536 at [www.ecfr.gov/](http://www.ecfr.gov/).

## **28. Hotel-Motel Fire Safety (Link updated 8/9/16)**

Pursuant to 15 USC 2225a, the recipient agrees to ensure that all space for conferences, meetings, conventions or training seminars funded in whole or in part with federal funds complies with the protection and control guidelines of the Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act (PL 101-391, as amended). Recipients may search the Hotel- Motel National Master List at <https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/hotel/> to see if a property is in compliance, or to find other information about the Act.

## **29. Lobbying and Litigation (modified 3/29/16)**

### **a. All Recipients.**

- i. The chief executive officer of this recipient agency shall ensure that no grant funds awarded under this assistance agreement are used to engage in lobbying of the Federal Government or in litigation against the U.S. unless authorized under existing law. The recipient shall abide by the Cost Principles available at 2 CFR 200 which generally prohibits the use of federal grant funds for litigation against the U.S. or for lobbying or other political activities.
- ii. The recipient agrees to comply with Title 40 CFR Part 34, New Restrictions on Lobbying. The recipient shall include the language of this provision in award documents for all subawards exceeding \$100,000, and require that subrecipients submit certification and disclosure forms accordingly.
- iii. In accordance with the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, any recipient who makes a prohibited expenditure under Title 40 CFR Part 34 or fails to file the required certification or lobbying forms shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such expenditure.
- iv. Contracts awarded by a recipient shall contain, when applicable, the anti-lobbying provision as stipulated in the Appendix II to Part 200—Contract Provisions for Non- Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards.
- v. Pursuant to Section 18 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act, the recipient affirms that it is not a nonprofit organization described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; or that it is a nonprofit organization described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Code but does not and will not engage in lobbying activities as defined in Section 3 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act. Nonprofit organizations exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that engage in lobbying activities are ineligible for EPA subawards.

## **30. Recycled Paper**

When directed to provide paper documents, the recipient agrees to use recycled paper and double sided printing for all reports which are prepared as a part of this agreement and delivered to EPA. This requirement does not apply to reports prepared on forms supplied by EPA.

## **31. Resource Conservation and Recovery Act**

Consistent with goals of section 6002 of RCRA (42 U.S.C. 6962), State and local institutions of higher education, hospitals and non-profit organization recipients agree to give preference in procurement

programs to the purchase of specific products containing recycled materials, as identified in 40 CFR Part 247.

Consistent with section 6002 of RCRA (42 U.S.C. 6962) and 2 CFR 200.322, State agencies or agencies of a political subdivision of a State and its contractors are required to purchase certain items made from recycled materials, as identified in 40 CFR Part 247, when the purchase price exceeds \$10,000 during the course of a fiscal year or where the quantity of such items acquired in the course of the preceding fiscal year was \$10,000 or more. Pursuant to 40 CFR 247.2 (d), the recipient may decide not to procure such items if they are not reasonably available in a reasonable period of time; fail to meet reasonable performance standards; or are only available at an unreasonable price.

## **32. Trafficking in Persons**

### **a. Provisions applicable to a recipient that is a private entity.**

- i. The recipient, the recipient's employees, subrecipients under this award, and subrecipients' employees may not—
  1. Engage in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect;
  2. Procure a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect; or
  3. Use forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.
- ii. We as the Federal awarding agency may unilaterally terminate this award, without penalty, if the recipient or a subrecipient that is a private entity—
  1. Is determined to have violated a prohibition in paragraph a of this award term; or
  2. Has an employee who is determined by the agency official authorized to terminate the award to have violated a prohibition in paragraph a of this award term through conduct that is either—
    - a. Associated with performance under this award; or
    - b. Imputed to the recipient or subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 2 CFR part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," as implemented by our Agency at 2 CFR 1532.

### **b. Provision applicable to a recipient other than a private entity.** EPA may unilaterally terminate this award, without penalty, if a subrecipient that is a private entity—

- i. Is determined to have violated an applicable prohibition in paragraph a. of this award term; or
- ii. Has an employee who is determined by the agency official authorized to terminate the award to have violated an applicable prohibition in paragraph a of this award term through conduct that is either—
  1. Associated with performance under this award; or
  2. Imputed to the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 2 CFR part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," as implemented by EPA at 2 CFR 1532

### **c. Provisions applicable to any recipient.**

- i. The recipient must inform the EPA immediately of any information received from any

- source alleging a violation of a prohibition in paragraph a of this award term.
- ii. Our right to terminate unilaterally that is described in paragraph a and b:
    - 1. Implements section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)), and
    - 2. Is in addition to all other remedies for noncompliance that are available to us under this award.
  - iii. The recipient must include the requirements of paragraph a of this award term in any subaward made to a private entity.
- d. **Definitions.** For purposes of this award term:
- i. “Employee” means either:
    - 1. An individual employed by you or a subrecipient who is engaged in the performance of the project or program under this award; or
    - 2. Another person engaged in the performance of the project or program under this award and not compensated by you including, but not limited to, a volunteer or individual whose services are contributed by a third party as an in-kind contribution toward cost sharing or matching requirements.
  - ii. “Forced labor” means labor obtained by any of the following methods: the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.
  - iii. “Private entity”:
    - 1. Means any entity other than a State, local government, Indian tribe, or foreign public entity, as those terms are defined in 2 CFR 175.25.
    - 2. Includes:
      - a. A nonprofit organization, including any nonprofit institution of higher education, hospital, or tribal organization other than one included in the definition of Indian tribe at 2 CFR 175.25(b).
      - b. A for-profit organization.
  - iv. “Severe forms of trafficking in persons,” “commercial sex act,” and “coercion” have the meanings given at section 103 of the TVPA, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7102).