

CERTIFICATIONS

Lobbying

This certification is required by the Federal Regulations, implementing Section 1352 of the Program Fraud and Civil Remedies Act, Title 31 U.S. Code, for the Department of Agriculture (7 CFR Part 3018), Department of Labor (29 CFR Part 93), Department of Education (34 CFR Part 82), Department of Health and Human Services (45 CFR Part 93).

The undersigned certifies that:

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

Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters

This certification is required by the Federal Regulations, implementing Executive Order 12549, Government-wide Debarment and Suspension, for the Department of Agriculture (7 CFR Part 3017), Department of Labor (29 CFR Part 98), Department of Education (34 CFR Part 85), Department of Health and Human Services (45 CFR Part 76).

The undersigned certifies that neither it nor its principals:

- (1) Are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or Agency.
- (2) Have not within a three-year period preceding this grant award been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or Local) transaction or grant award under a public transaction, violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

- (3) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in Paragraph (2) of this certification; and,
- (4) Have not within a three-year period preceding this grant award had one or more public transactions terminated for cause or default.

Prohibition Against Employment of Undocumented Workers

The undersigned certifies that it does not knowingly employ an undocumented worker, as defined by Texas Government Code 2264.001(4).

- The undersigned certifies that it shall establish and implement reasonable internal program management procedures sufficient to ensure its compliance with Texas Government Code 2264-051.
- The undersigned certifies that it will enter into a written Agreement with its subcontractors with or having an interest in the programs provided by this grant award regarding the unlawful employment of undocumented workers and of the penalties that the subcontractors will incur if convicted of the unlawful employment of undocumented workers.

Drug-Free Workplace

This certification is required by the Federal Regulations, implementing Sections 5151-5160 of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, 41 U.S.C. 701; for the Department of Agriculture (7 CFR Part 3017), Department of Labor (29 CFR Part 98), Department of Education (34 CFR Part 85), and Department of Health and Human Services (45 CFR Part 76).

The undersigned certifies that it shall provide a drug-free workplace by:

- (a) Publishing a policy statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the consequences of any such action by an employee;
- (b) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees of the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the Board's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, the availability of counseling, rehabilitation and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed on employees for drug abuse violations in the workplace;
- (c) Providing each employee with a copy of the policy statement;
- (d) Notifying the employees in the policy statement that as a condition of employment under this grant award, employees shall abide by the terms of the policy statement and notifying the employer in writing within five days after any conviction for a violation by the employee of a criminal drug statute in the workplace;
- (e) Notifying the Agency within ten days of receipt of a notice of a conviction of an employee; and,
- (f) Taking appropriate personnel action against an employee convicted of violating a criminal drug statute or requiring such employee to participate in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program.

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These certifications are a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when entering into this transaction. Signature by an authorized representative of the awardee and return of this document to the Agency are prerequisites for finalizing the award.

Where the undersigned awardee is unable to certify to any of the statements above, an explanation shall be attached.

The undersigned certifies that the indicated statements are true and correct and understands that making a false statement is a material breach of the grant award and is grounds for grant award cancellation.

The person signing this grant award on behalf of the awardee hereby warrants that he/she has been fully authorized to execute this grant award on behalf of the awardee and to legally bind the awardee to all the terms, performances and provisions herein set forth.

Signature Date

Typed or Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Organization

Address

City, State, Zip Code