

FEDERALLY FUNDED SUBAWARD AND GRANT AGREEMENT for- Hurricane Helene DR4828

The following Agreement is made and information is provided pursuant to 2 CFR §200.332(a)(1):

Subrecipient's name: Hernando County

Subrecipient's unique entity identifier: MWKBKNTZ9SW7

Federal Award Date: 09/29/2024

Subaward Period of Performance Start and End Date (Cat A-B): 09/23/2024 - 03/28/2025

Subaward Period of Performance Start and End Date (Cat C-G): 09/23/2024 - 03/28/2026

Amount of Federal Funds Obligated by this Agreement: N/A

Total Amount of Federal Funds Obligated to the Subrecipient by the pass-through entity to include this Agreement: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount of the Federal Award committed to the Subrecipient by the pass-through entity: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal award project description (see Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA): Grant for communities to respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies and for limited mitigation measures.

Name of Federal awarding agency: Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Name of pass-through entity: Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM)

Contact information for the pass-through entity: 2555 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100

Assistance Listing Number (Formerly CFDA Number): 97.036

Indirect cost rate for the Federal award: See Section 9 (d)

Assistance Listing Program Title (Formerly CFDA program Title): Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into by the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management, with headquarters in Tallahassee, Florida (hereinafter referred to as the "Agency" or "FDEM"), and Hernando County (hereinafter referred to as the "Subrecipient").

THIS AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO BASED ON THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTATIONS:

- A. The Subrecipient represents that it is fully qualified and eligible to receive these grant funds to provide the services identified herein;
- B. The Subrecipient, by its decision to participate in this grant program, bears the ultimate responsibility for ensuring compliance with all applicable State and Federal laws, regulations and policies, and bears the ultimate consequences of any adverse decisions rendered by FDEM, the Federal Awarding Agency, or any other State and

Federal agencies with audit, regulatory, or enforcement authority;

C. This Agreement establishes the relationship between the Agency and the Subrecipient to allow the Agency to pay grant funds to the Subrecipient.

THEREFORE, the Agency and the Subrecipient agree to the following:

**(1) APPLICATION OF STATE LAW TO THIS AGREEMENT**

2 CFR § 200.302 provides: "Each state must expend and account for the Federal award in accordance with state laws and procedures for expending and accounting for the state's own funds." Therefore, section 215.971, Florida Statutes, entitled "Agreements funded with federal or state assistance," applies to this Agreement.

**(2) LAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES**

a. Performance under this Agreement is subject to 2 CFR Part 200, entitled "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards."

b. In addition to the foregoing, the Subrecipient and the Agency shall be governed by all applicable State and Federal laws, rules, and regulations. Any express reference in this Agreement to a particular statute, rule, or regulation in no way implies that no other statute, rule, or regulation applies.

c. The applicable statutes, rules, or regulations are the statutes, rules, or regulations in effect at the time of the declaration of the incident through which federal funds are awarded, or as otherwise indicated as retroactively applied. All required provisions can be found in Attachment D: Required Contract Provisions.

**(3) CONTACT**

a. In accordance with section 215.971(2), Florida Statutes, the Agency's Grant Manager shall be responsible for enforcing performance of this Agreement's terms and conditions and shall serve as the Agency's liaison with the Subrecipient. As part of his/her duties, the Grant Manager for the Agency shall:

- i. Monitor and document Subrecipient performance; and
- ii. Review and document all deliverables for which the Subrecipient requests payment.

b. The Agency's Grant Manager for this Agreement is:

Name and Title: Stephane Malet, Grant Program Manager  
Bureau of: Recovery  
Address: Florida Division of Emergency Management  
2555 Shumard Oak Blvd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100  
Telephone: (850) 815-4469  
Email: [Stephane.Malet@em.myflorida.com](mailto:Stephane.Malet@em.myflorida.com)

c. The name and address of the Representative of the Subrecipient responsible for the administration of this Agreement is:

Name: Erin Thomas  
Address: 18900 Cortez Blvd.  
Brooksville, FL 34601  
Telephone: 352-754-4083  
Email: ethomas@hernandocounty.us

In the event that different representatives or addresses are designated by either party after execution of this Agreement, notice of the name, title, and address of the new representative will be provided to the other party in writing via letter or electronic email.

d. **Systems Access:** It is the Subrecipient's responsibility to maintain current active users in the Agency's grants management system in accordance with Attachment B to this Agreement ("Systems Access Form").

**(4) TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

This Agreement contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties.

**(5) EXECUTION**

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, of which may be taken as an original.

**(6) MODIFICATION**

Either party may request modification of the provisions of this Agreement. Changes which are agreed upon shall be valid only when in writing, signed by each of the parties, and attached to the original of this Agreement.

**(7) SCOPE OF WORK**

The Subrecipient shall perform the work as approved by FEMA and provide the necessary documentation to substantiate work completed.

**(8) PERIOD OF AGREEMENT/PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE**

The Period of Agreement establishes a timeframe for all Subrecipient contractual obligations to be completed. Upon execution by both parties, this Agreement shall begin on the first day of the incident period for the disaster applicable to the agreement and shall end upon closeout of the Subrecipient's account for this disaster by the Federal Awarding Agency, unless terminated earlier as specified elsewhere in this Agreement. This Agreement survives and remains in effect after termination for the herein referenced State and Federal audit requirements and the referenced required records retention periods. Work may only be performed during the timeframes established and approved by FEMA for each Category of Work type.

**(9) FUNDING**

a. The amount of total available funding for this subgrant is limited to the amount obligated by the Federal Awarding Agency for all projects approved for this Subrecipient for DR - 4828 - Hurricane Helene. Payments to Subrecipients are contingent upon the granting of budget authority to the Agency.

b. Pursuant to section 252.37(5)(a), Florida Statutes, unless otherwise specified in the General Appropriations Act, whenever the State accepts financial assistance from the Federal Government or its agencies under the Federal Public Assistance Program and such financial assistance is conditioned upon a requirement for matching funds, the State shall provide the entire match requirement for state agencies and one-half of the required match for grants to Local governments. **Affected Local governments shall be required to provide one-half of the required match prior to receipt of such financial assistance. Section 252.37, Florida Statutes, does not apply to Subrecipients that are considered Private Non-Profit entities, therefore the entire non-federal share shall be the responsibility of the Private Non-Profit Subrecipient.**

c. The Executive Office of the Governor may approve a waiver to local governments for the Non-Federal

match requirement. The local government must apply for the waiver in accordance with Section 252.37(5)(b), Florida Statutes. Local governments must apply for the match waiver independently from their respective County.

d. Under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Public Assistance Program, subrecipients may seek reimbursement for indirect costs. 44 C.F.R. § 207.2, defines indirect costs as, "costs that are incurred by a grantee for a common or joint purpose benefiting more than one cost objective that are not readily assignable to the cost objectives specifically benefited". Additionally, "indirect costs may not be charged directly to a project or reimbursed separately, but rather are considered to be eligible management costs under this part" (see 44 C.F.R. § 207.6). Any organization that receives Federal awards and requests recovery of indirect costs must have an approved federally recognized indirect cost rate agreement (see 2 C.F.R. § 200.400 – 200.476 and Appendix IV to Part 200). The indirect cost rate shall be negotiated between the subrecipient and the Federal government. If no approved rate exists the Agency shall determine the appropriate rate in collaboration with the subrecipient, which is either the negotiated rate between the Agency and the subrecipient or the *de minimus* indirect cost rate.

#### **(10) PAYMENT**

a. The payment method used by the Agency is either a Cost Reimbursement or an Advance Payment. Advance payments will be governed by Chapter 216, Florida Statutes.

b. The Agency's Grant Manager, as required by section 215.971(2)(c), Florida Statutes, shall reconcile and verify all funds received against all funds expended during the grant agreement period and produce a final reconciliation report. The final report must identify any funds paid in excess of the expenditures incurred by the Subrecipient.

c. As required by 2 CFR 200.305 (b.) (8) and (9), The non-Federal entity must maintain advance payments of Federal awards in interest bearing accounts.

#### **(11) FLORIDA RECOVERY OBLIGATION CALCULATION (F-ROC)**

If you are opted into the Florida Recovery Obligation Calculation (F-ROC) Program and received an F-ROC score for this event, you will receive payment for all large, non-expedited, Category A and Category B projects, equal to your score as a percentage upon obligation. Funding will remain contingent upon obligation by FEMA and the Applicant will be liable for repayment (See (12) REPAYMENTS) upon de-obligation by FEMA of any disbursed funds. Any de-obligation of funding is within FEMA's sole discretion and the Agency shall not be liable for FEMA's exercise of its discretion. Participation in the F-ROC program does not guarantee funding and is dependent upon FEMA's obligation. As stated in the executed F-ROC Participation Request Form:

- a. The score is made up of three components:
  - i. 20% Baseline score for signing and returning the Request Form.
  - ii. Up to a 40% score for completing the DRA.
  - iii. Up to a 20% score for completing the PDQ.
- b. Applicants who have received EMAP accreditation will receive an additional 5%.
- c. The Applicant's score directly corresponds to the percent of the eligible obligated amount that will be disbursed to the Applicant upon obligation of the Public Assistance project. After validation of all supporting documentation is complete, the Applicant will receive the remainder of the validated, obligated amount.
- d. If the Applicant has any open receivables with the Division, those receivables must be satisfied before any disbursements are made through the F-ROC program.

e. The Applicant may choose to receive a lesser score than the score earned through the completion of the above components on a one-time basis per disaster. The Applicant must make a request to that effect in writing to the Agency, on their letter head and duly signed by an authorized representative of the Applicant. Such a request must be made prior to the obligation of funds for it to impact the Applicant's score and therefore, reflect upon the obligation attaching thereto.

**(12) REPAYMENTS**

a. Refunds or repayments of obligated funds may be paid to the Agency through check or through a payment plan as approved by the Department of Financial Services. Additionally, FEMA may permit the Agency to off-set against other obligated projects where deemed appropriate. The Subrecipient has 45 days to repay the funds from the issuance of the invoice from the Agency. The Agency may impose a 1% per month interest fee for unpaid invoices.

b. All refunds or repayments due to FDEM under this Agreement are to be made payable to the order of "Florida Division of Emergency Management," and must include the invoice number and the applicable Disaster and Project number(s) that are the subject of the invoice, and be mailed directly to the following address:

Florida Division of Emergency Management  
Cashier  
2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee FL 32399-2100

**(13) RECORDS**

a. As required by 2 CFR § 200.334, and modified by Florida Department of State's record retention requirements (Fla. Admin. Code R. 1B-24.003), the Subrecipient shall retain sufficient records to show its compliance with the terms of this Agreement and all relevant terms and conditions of the award paid from funds under this Agreement, for a period of five (5) years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report. This period may be extended for reasons including, but not limited to, litigation, fraud, or appeal. As required by 2 CFR § 200.303(e), the Subrecipient shall take reasonable measures to safeguard protected personally identifiable information and other information the Federal Awarding Agency or FDEM designates as sensitive or the Subrecipient considers sensitive consistent with applicable Federal, State, local, and tribal laws regarding privacy and responsibility over confidentiality.

b. The Subrecipient shall maintain all records for the Subrecipient and for all subcontractors or consultants to be paid from funds provided under this Agreement, including documentation of all program costs, in a form sufficient to determine compliance with the requirements and objectives of the award and all other applicable laws and regulations.

c. The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) was signed on September 26, 2006. The intent of this legislation is to empower every American with the ability to hold the government accountable for each spending decision. The FFATA Subaward Reporting System (FSRS) is the reporting tool the Agency must use to capture and report sub-award and executive compensation data regarding first-tier subawards that obligate \$30,000 or more in Federal funds (excluding Recovery funds as defined in section 1512(a)(2) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. 111-5).



**(14) AUDITS**

- a. The Subrecipient shall comply with the audit requirements contained in 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F.
- b. As required by 2 CFR § 200.337(a), "The Federal awarding agency, Inspectors General, the Comptroller General of the United States, and the [Agency], or any of their authorized representatives, shall enjoy the right of access to any documents, papers, or other records of the [Subrecipient] which are pertinent to the Federal award, in order to make audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcripts. The right also includes timely and reasonable access to the [Subrecipient's] personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents." The right of access is not limited to the required retention period but lasts as long as the records are retained (2 CFR § 200.337(c)).
- c. As required by 2 CFR § 200.332(a)(5), the Agency, the Chief Inspector General of the State of Florida, the Florida Auditor General, or any of their authorized representatives, shall enjoy the right of access to any documents, financial statements, papers, or other records of the Subrecipient which are pertinent to this Agreement, in order to make audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcripts. The right of access also includes timely and reasonable access to the Subrecipient's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents.
- d. Each public assistance subrecipient must submit a certification in FloridaPA.org to inform FDEM whether their entity is subject to a Federal Single Audit. This is part of the Recovery Bureau's overall monitoring program.
- e. The subrecipient agrees to submit the Federal Single Audit report to the Agency in FloridaPA.org no later than 30 calendar days after receipt of the auditor's report.
- f. Per (2 CFR §200.512(d), the subrecipient's auditor must electronically submit the single audit report to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse (FAC) at fac.gov.

**(15) REPORTS**

- a. Consistent with 2 CFR § 200.329, the Subrecipient shall provide the Agency with quarterly reports and any applicable financial reporting, including reports required by the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA). These reports shall include the current status and progress by the Subrecipient and, as applicable, all subcontractors in completing the work described in the Scope of Work and the expenditure of funds under this Agreement, in addition to any other information requested by the Agency.

	<b>Reporting Time Period</b>	<b>Subrecipient Report Submittal Deadline</b>
Quarter 1 (Q1)	October 1 – December 31	January 15
Quarter 2 (Q2)	January 1 – March 31	April 15
Quarter 3 (Q3)	April 1 – June 30	July 15
Quarter 4 (Q4)	July 1 – September 30	October 15

- b. The Subrecipient agrees to submit quarterly reports to the Agency no later than fifteen (15) days after the end of each quarter of the program year and to submit quarterly reports each quarter until one quarter past the

closeout of each project in the Agency's Grant Management System. The ending dates for each quarter of the program year are March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31.

c. The closeout report is due sixty (60) days after completion of each project worksheet associated with the applicant executing this Agreement, or sixty (60) days after termination of this Agreement, whichever first occurs.

d. The Subrecipient shall provide additional program reports, updates, or information that may be required by FDEM or the Federal awarding agency.

#### **(16) MONITORING**

a. The Agency shall monitor the performance of the Subrecipient under this Agreement to ensure that the Scope of Work is being accomplished within the specified time periods, and that other performance goals are being met.

b. The Subrecipient agrees to comply and cooperate with any monitoring procedures/processes deemed appropriate by the Agency. In the event that the Agency determines that an audit of the Subrecipient is appropriate, the Subrecipient agrees to comply with any additional instructions provided by the Agency to the Subrecipient regarding such audit.

c. Small Projects, as defined in 44 CFR § 206.203(c)(2), that are obligated above the Federal Simplified Acquisition Threshold (SAT) will be subject to enhanced oversight and monitoring by the Agency as authorized by 2 CFR § 200.332(a)(2).

#### **(17) LIABILITY**

a. Unless the Subrecipient is a State agency or political subdivision, as defined in section 768.28(2), Florida Statutes, the Subrecipient is solely responsible to third parties it deals with in carrying out the terms of this Agreement. As authorized by section 768.28(19), Florida Statutes, Subrecipient shall hold the Agency harmless against all claims of whatever nature by third parties arising from the work performance under this Agreement. For purposes of this Agreement, Subrecipient agrees that it is not an employee or agent of the Agency but is an independent contractor.

b. As required by section 768.28(19), Florida Statutes, any Subrecipient which is a State agency or political subdivision, as defined in section 768.28(2), Florida Statutes, agrees to be fully responsible for its negligent or tortious acts or omissions which result in claims or suits against the Agency and agrees to be liable for any damages proximately caused by the acts or omissions to the extent set forth in section 768.28, Florida Statutes. Nothing herein is intended to serve as a waiver of sovereign immunity by any Subrecipient to which sovereign immunity applies. Nothing herein shall be construed as consent by a State agency or subdivision of the State of Florida to be sued by third parties in any matter arising out of any contract.

#### **(18) TERMINATION**

This Agreement terminates upon the completion of all eligible work and payment of all eligible costs in accordance with the Public Assistance Program requirements. The Agency and Subrecipient agree that all records will be maintained until the conclusion of any record retention period.

#### **(19) PROCUREMENT**

a. The Subrecipient must ensure that any procurement involving funds authorized by the Agreement complies with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations, including 2 CFR § 200.318 through 200.327 as well as Appendix II to 2 CFR Part 200 (entitled "Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal

Awards"). Additional requirements, guidance, templates, and checklists regarding procurement may be obtained through the FEMA Procurement Disaster Assistance Team. Resources found here: <https://www.fema.gov/grants/procurement>.

b. The Subrecipient must include all applicable federal contract terms for all contracts for which federal funds are received.

If the Subrecipient contracts with any contractor or vendor for performance of any portion of the work required under this Agreement, the Subrecipient must incorporate into its contract with such contractor or vendor an indemnification clause holding the Federal Government, its employees and/or their contractors, the Agency, its employees and/or their contractors, and the Subrecipient and its employees and/or their contractors harmless from liability to third parties for claims asserted under such contract.

c. The Subrecipient must monitor and document, in the quarterly report, the contractor's progress in performing work on its behalf under this Agreement in addition to its own progress.

d. The Subrecipient must ensure all contracts conform to sections 287.057 and 288.703, Florida Statutes, as applicable.

e. 1. Pursuant to section 287.05805, Florida Statutes, if state funds are being used for the purchase of or improvements to real property pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, the state funds are contingent upon the Subrecipient or political subdivision granting to the state a security interest in the property at least to the amount of state funds provided for at least five (5) years from the date of purchase or the completion of the improvements or as further required by law.

f. 2. If applicable, pursuant to section 255.0993, Florida Statutes, the Subrecipient shall ensure that any iron or steel product, as defined in section 255.0993(1)(b), Florida Statutes, that is permanently incorporated in the deliverable(s) resulting from this project, is produced in the United States.

## **(20) ATTACHMENTS**

- a. All attachments to this Agreement are incorporated as if set out fully.
- b. In the event of any inconsistencies or conflict between the language of this Agreement and the attachments, the language of the attachments shall control, but only to the extent of the conflict or inconsistency.
- c. This Agreement has the following attachments:
  - i. Attachment A – Scope of Work, Deliverables, and Financial Consequences
  - ii. Attachment B – Systems Access Form
  - iii. Attachment C – Certification Regarding Debarment
  - iv. Attachment D – Required Contract Provisions
  - v. Attachment E – Certification Regarding Lobbying
  - vi. Attachment F – Foreign Country of Concern Affidavit



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

**SUBRECIPIENT:** Hernando County

By:   
(Signature)

Name: BRIAN HAWKINS

Title: CHAIRMAN

Date: 3-11-2025



APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

By: Melissa Tartaglia  
County Attorney's Office

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alternate Governor's Authorized  
Representative

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

## Attachment A

### SCOPE OF WORK, DELIVERABLES and FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES

#### **Scope of Work**

FEMA has sole authority for determining eligibility of project activities and associated costs. The Subrecipient is required to complete all eligible Projects and submit appropriate supporting documentation for all work and costs, as approved by FEMA.

When FEMA has obligated funding for a Subrecipient's Project Worksheet (PW), the Agency notifies the Subrecipient with a copy of the PW (or P2 Report).

#### **Budget and Project List**

**For the purpose of this Agreement, each Project will be monitored, completed, and reimbursed independently of the other Projects which are made part of this Agreement.**

#### **Deliverables**

For the purposes of this agreement, each project will be a standalone deliverable but may be compensated incrementally based on the Subrecipient's expenditures. The required performance level is satisfactory completion of the project as identified in the Scope of Work, the approved PW, and subsequent PW versions, if applicable.

Project will be paid upon obligation and validation of the Project Worksheet and execution of the subgrant agreement. Subrecipient must initiate the Small Project Closeout in the grants management system within sixty (60) days of completion of the project work, or no later than the period of performance end date. Small Project Closeout is initiated by logging into the grants management system, selecting the Subrecipient's account, then selecting 'Create New Request', and selecting 'New Small Project Completion/Closeout'. Complete the form and 'Save'. The final action is to advance the form to the next queue for review.

#### **Financial Consequences:**

2 CFR §200.339 and §215.971, Florida Statutes, requires the Agency, as the recipient of Federal funding, to apply financial consequences, including withholding a portion of funding up to the full amount in the event that the Subrecipient fails to be in compliance with Federal, State, and Local requirements, or satisfactorily perform required activities/tasks.

For any PW that the Subrecipient fails to complete in compliance with Federal, State and Local requirements, the Agency shall withhold a portion of the funding up to the full amount until such compliance is either ultimately obtained or the project is de-obligated by FEMA and/or withdrawn.

The Agency shall apply the following financial consequences in these specifically identified events:

#### **Work performed outside the Incident Period**

Based on 2 C.F.R. §200.309, a Subrecipient may be reimbursed only for eligible costs incurred for work performed within the period of performance. Costs incurred as a result of work performed outside of the period of performance will be deemed not allowable and ineligible for reimbursement by the Agency as a financial consequence. In accordance with 44 CFR 206.204 (d), if the Subrecipient does not anticipate finishing the work within the original period of performance, they must request a time extension and support that the work cannot be timely completed due to extenuating circumstances beyond the Subrecipient's control.

Additionally, if the project is not completed within the period of performance and a time extension request was not granted, the Agency will coordinate with the Federal Awarding Agency to adjust the costs obligated amount to reflect the actual allowable costs incurred during the period of performance as a financial consequence.

The Agency retains the right to impose financial consequences for instances of non-performance or non-compliance not specifically addressed in this section.

## Attachment B

### SYSTEMS ACCESS

The **System Access Form** is submitted with each new disaster or emergency declaration to identify the Subrecipient's contacts for the FDEM Grants Management System in order to enter notes, review notes and documents, and submit the documentation necessary to work the new event. The Systems Access Form is originally submitted as Attachment "B" to the PA Funding Agreement. The Subrecipient is responsible for regularly reviewing its contacts. Contacts should be removed within 14 days of separation, retirement, or are reassignment by the Subrecipient. A new form will only be needed if all listed contacts have separated from the Agency. If a new Systems Access form is submitted, all Agency Representatives currently listed as contacts that are not included on the updated form will be deleted from FDEM Grants Management System for the specified grant. All users must log in on a monthly basis to keep their accounts from becoming locked. **Note: the Systems Access Form is NOT a delegation of authority. A signatory must have an attached delegation of authority as appropriate.**

#### Instructions for Completion

Complete the form in its entirety, listing the name and information for all representatives who will be working in the FDEM Grant Management System. Users will be notified via email when they have been granted access. The user must log in to the FDEM Grants Management System within twelve (12) hours of being notified or their account will lock them out. Each user must log in within a sixty (60) day period or their account will lock them out. In the event you try to log in and your account is locked, users must submit a request for unlocking to [RPA.Help@em.myflorida.com](mailto:RPA.Help@em.myflorida.com).

The form is divided into twelve blocks; each block must be completed where appropriate.

**Block 1: "Authorized Agent"** – This should be the highest authority in your organization who is authorized to sign legal documents on behalf of your organization. A subsequent new Authorized Agent must be designated through a letter on letterhead from the Subrecipient's Authorized Representative. It is recommended to delegate this authority to an organizational staff member to avoid delays in grant management (Only one Authorized Agent is allowed, and this person will have full access/authority unless otherwise requested).

**Block 2: "Primary Contact"** – This is the person designated by your organization to receive all correspondence and is our main point of contact. This contact will be responsible for answering questions, uploading documents, and submitting reports/requests in FDEM Grants Management System. The Authorized Agent may designate a new Primary Contact. (Only one Primary Contact is allowed, and this contact will have full access).

**Block 3: "Alternate Contact"** – This is the person designated by your organization to be available when the Primary is not. Either the Authorized Agent or Primary Contact may designate a new Alternate Contact. (Only one Alternate Contact is allowed, and this contact will have full access).

**Block 4, 5, and 6: "Other"** (Finance/Point of Contact, Risk Management-Insurance, and Environmental-Historic). Providing these contacts is essential in the coordination and communication required between State and Local subject matter experts. We understand that the same agent may be identified in multiple blocks, however we ask that you enter the name and information again to ensure we are communicating with the correct individuals.

**Block 7 – 12: "Other" (Read Only Access)** – There is no limit on "Other" contacts, but we ask that this be restricted to those that are going to actually need to log in and have a role in reviewing the information. This designation is only for situational awareness purposes as individuals with the "Other Read-Only" designation cannot take any action in FDEM Grants Management System.

**Note: The Systems Access Form is NOT a delegation of authority. A signatory must have an attached delegation of authority as appropriate.**

**SYSTEMS ACCESS FORM (CONTACTS)  
FEMA/GRANTEE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**Subrecipient:** Hernando County

<b>Box 1: Authorized Agent (Full Access)</b>	<b>Box 2: Primary Contact (Full Access)</b>
Name <b>Erin Thomas</b>	Name <b>Angel Turner</b>
Signature	Signature
Organization / Official Position <b>HC Emergency Management / Interim Director</b>	Organization / Official Position <b>HC Emergency Management / Specialist</b>
Mailing Address <b>18900 Cortez Blvd.</b>	Mailing Address <b>18900 Cortez Blvd.</b>
City, State, Zip <b>Brooksville, FL 34601</b>	City, State, Zip <b>Brooksville, FL 34601</b>
Daytime Telephone <b>352-754-4083</b>	Daytime Telephone <b>352-754-4083</b>
E-mail Address <b>ethomas@co.hernando.fl.us</b>	E-mail Address <b>aturner@co.hernando.fl.us</b>
<b>Box 3: Alternate Contact (Full Access)</b>	<b>Box 4: Other-Finance/Point of Contact (Full Access)</b>
Name <b>Mindy Tillis</b>	Name <b>Shaun Kusnierczak</b>
Signature <i>Mindy Tillis</i>	Signature <i>Shaun Kusnierczak</i>
Organization / Official Position <b>HC Procurement/Grants Compliance Analyst</b>	Organization / Official Position <b>HC CCC Financial Services</b>
Mailing Address <b>15470 Flight Path Drive</b>	Mailing Address <b>20 N. Main St.</b>
City, State, Zip <b>Brooksville, FL 34604</b>	City, State, Zip <b>Brooksville, FL 34601</b>
Daytime Telephone <b>352-754-4000 ext. 24154</b>	Daytime Telephone <b>352-540-6770</b>
E-mail Address <b>mtillis@co.hernando.fl.us</b>	E-mail Address <b>skusnierczak@hernandoclerk.org</b>
<b>Box 5: Other-Risk Mgmt-Insurance (Full Access)</b>	<b>Box 6: Other-Environmental-Historic (Full Access)</b>
Name <b>Tiffany Smith</b>	Name <b>Gordon Onderdonk</b>
Signature	Signature <i>Gordon Onderdonk</i>
Organization / Official Position <b>HC Risk Management</b>	Organization / Official Position <b>HC Utilities / Director</b>
Mailing Address <b>15470 Flight Path Dr.</b>	Mailing Address <b>15365 Cortez Blvd.</b>
City, State, Zip <b>Brooksville, FL 34604</b>	City, State, Zip <b>Brooksville, FL 34613</b>
Daytime Telephone <b>352-540-6289 ext. 27018</b>	Daytime Telephone <b>352-540-4368</b>
E-mail Address <b>tesmith@co.hernando.fl.us</b>	E-mail Address <b>gonderdonk@co.hernando.fl.us</b>

The above contacts may utilize the FDEM Grants Management System to perform the Subrecipient's responsibilities regarding the Public Assistance Grant according to their level of access. The Subrecipient is responsible for ensuring that all contacts are correct and up-to-date.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Subrecipient Authorized Representative Signature

**3-11-2025**  
Date



APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:  
By: *Melissa Tartaglia*  
County Attorney's Office



Attachment C

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY and VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION

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

- 1. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
2. Have not within the five-year period preceding entering into this Agreement had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or Local) terminated for cause or default; and
3. Have not within the five-year period preceding entering into this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for:
a) the commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or Local) transaction or a contract under public transaction, or b) 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.

The Subrecipient understands and agrees that the language of this certification must be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all contractors and sub-contractors must certify and disclose accordingly.

The Subrecipient further understands and agrees that this certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into.

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City, State, Zip
3-11-2025
Date

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Subrecipient's Name
Z5188
FDEM Contract Number

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# Required Contract Provisions

## 1. Remedies

Contracts for more than the federal simplified acquisition threshold (SAT), the dollar amount below which an NFE may purchase property or services using small purchase methods, currently set at \$250,000 for procurements made on or after June 20, 2018,<sup>4</sup> must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and must provide for sanctions and penalties as appropriate.<sup>5</sup>

### 1.1 Applicability

This contract provision is required for contracts over the SAT, currently set at \$250,000 for procurements made on or after June 20, 2018. Although not required for contracts at or below the SAT, FEMA suggests including a remedies provision.

### 1.2 Additional Considerations

For FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program, recipients must include a penalty clause in all contracts for any AFG-funded vehicle, regardless of dollar amount. In that situation, the contract must include a clause addressing that non-delivery by the contract's specified date or other vendor nonperformance will require a penalty of no less than \$100 per day until such time that the vehicle, compliant with the terms of the contract, has been accepted by the recipient. This penalty clause should, however, account for *force majeure* or acts of god. AFG recipients should refer to the applicable year's Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for additional information, which can be accessed at [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov).

## 2. Termination for Cause and Convenience

Contracts for more than \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-federal entity, including how it will be carried out and the basis for settlement.<sup>6</sup>

### 2.1 Applicability

This contract provision is required for procurements exceeding \$10,000. FEMA suggests including a termination for cause and for convenience in all contracts even when not required.

<sup>4</sup> See FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Information Bulletin No. 434, Increases and Changes to the Micro-Purchase and Simplified Acquisition Thresholds (Aug. 28, 2018), [https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-08/ib\\_434\\_changes\\_micro\\_purch\\_simp\\_acquisition\\_thresholds.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-08/ib_434_changes_micro_purch_simp_acquisition_thresholds.pdf). For procurements subject to 2 C.F.R. Part 200 that were made before June 20, 2018, the SAT was \$150,000.

<sup>5</sup> 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, § A.

<sup>6</sup> See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, § B.



### 3. Equal Employment Opportunity

Any contract that uses federal funds to pay for construction work is a “federally assisted construction contract” and must include the equal opportunity clause found in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, unless otherwise stated in 41 C.F.R. Part 60.<sup>7</sup>

#### 3.1 Applicability

This contract provision is required for all procurements that meet the definition of a “federally assisted construction contract.”

#### 3.2 Key Definitions

- *Federally Assisted Construction Contract:* The regulation at 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.3 defines a *federally assisted construction contract* as “any agreement or modification thereof between any applicant and a person for construction work which is paid for in whole or in part with funds obtained from the Government or borrowed on the credit of the Government pursuant to any federal program involving a grant, contract, loan, insurance or guarantee, or undertaken pursuant to any federal program involving such grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, or any application or modification thereof approved by the Government for a grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee under which the applicant itself participates in the construction work.”
- *Construction Work:* The regulation at 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.3 defines *construction work* as “the construction, rehabilitation, alteration, conversion, extension, demolition or repair of buildings, highways, or other changes or improvements to real property, including facilities providing utility services. The term also includes the supervision, inspection, and other onsite functions incidental to the actual construction.”
- *Contract:* The regulation at 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.3 defines *contract* as “any Government contract or subcontract or any federally assisted construction contract or subcontract.”
- Additional definitions pertaining to this contract provision can be found at 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.3.

#### 3.3 Required Language

The regulation at 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.4(b) requires, except as otherwise provided or exempted in 41 C.F.R. Part 60, the insertion of the following contract clause: “During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

(1) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual

<sup>7</sup> See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, § C.

orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following:

Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

(2) The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

(3) The contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the contractor's legal duty to furnish information.

(4) The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(5) The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

(6) The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

(7) In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other

sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

**(8)** The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance:

*Provided*, however, that in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

The applicant further agrees that it will be bound by the above equal opportunity clause with respect to its own employment practices when it participates in federally assisted construction work: *Provided*, that if the applicant so participating is a state or local government, the above equal opportunity clause is not applicable to any agency, instrumentality or subdivision of such government which does not participate in work on or under the contract.

The applicant agrees that it will assist and cooperate actively with the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor in obtaining the compliance of contractors and subcontractors with the equal opportunity clause and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, that it will furnish the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor such information as they may require for the supervision of such compliance, and that it will otherwise assist the administering agency in the discharge of the agency's primary responsibility for securing compliance.

The applicant further agrees that it will refrain from entering into any contract or contract modification subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, with a contractor debarred from, or who has not demonstrated eligibility for, Government contracts and federally assisted construction contracts pursuant to the Executive Order and will carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of the equal opportunity clause as may be imposed upon contractors and subcontractors by the administering agency or the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Part II, Subpart D of the Executive Order. In addition, the applicant agrees that if it fails or refuses to comply with these undertakings, the administering agency may take any or all of the following actions: Cancel, terminate, or suspend in whole or in part this grant (contract, loan, insurance, guarantee); refrain from extending any further assistance to the applicant under the program with respect to which the failure or refund occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from such applicant; and refer the case to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal proceedings.”

## 4. Davis-Bacon Act

This statute requires that contractors must pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in the Secretary of Labor's wage determination. Additionally, contractors are required to pay wages at least once per week.<sup>8</sup> Additional requirements are listed below, and relevant definitions are at 29 C.F.R. § 5.2. NFEs should refer to the applicable NOFO or other program guidance or contact their applicable FEMA grant representative for additional information on how to implement this requirement.

### 4.1 Applicability

When required by the federal program legislation, prime construction contracts over \$2,000 awarded by NFEs must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act.<sup>9</sup>

The Davis-Bacon Act only applies to the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program,<sup>10</sup> Homeland Security Grant Program,<sup>11</sup> Nonprofit Security Grant Program,<sup>12</sup> Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program,<sup>13</sup> Port Security Grant Program,<sup>14</sup> Transit Security Grant Program,<sup>15</sup> Intercity Passenger Rail Program,<sup>16</sup> and Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dams Program.<sup>17</sup> Unless otherwise stated in a program's authorizing statute, it *does not* apply to other FEMA grant and cooperative agreement programs, including the PA Program. .

<sup>8</sup> See *id.*; 40 U.S.C. §§ 3141-3144 and 3146-3148. The Davis-Bacon Act is supplemented by Department of Labor regulations at 29 C.F.R. Part 5 (Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering federally Financed and Assisted Construction)

<sup>9</sup> 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, § D.

<sup>10</sup> See section 611(j)(9) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act), Pub. L. No. 93-288 (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. § 5196(j)(9)).

<sup>11</sup> See section 2008(b)(4)(B)(ii) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-296 (codified as amended at 6 U.S.C. § 609(b)(4)(B)(ii)) (citing to section 611(j)(9) of the Stafford Act).

<sup>12</sup> *Id.* The Davis-Bacon Act only applies to the Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) where that program is funded as a carve-out of the appropriations for the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). See, e.g., Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2020, Pub. L. No. 116-93, Title III, Protection, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Federal Assistance §§ 1-2. Compare *id.* with section 2009 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. § 609a) (authorizing NSPG as a stand-alone program where the Davis-Bacon Act does not apply, but as of the date of publication of this document, NSGP has not been funded as a standalone program).

<sup>13</sup> See section 2008(b)(4)(B)(ii) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002.

<sup>14</sup> See section 102 of the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (MTSA), Pub. L. No. 107-295 (codified as amended at 46 U.S.C. § 70107); 46 U.S.C. § 70107(b)(2). While the MTSA requires that PSGP construction activities are carried out consistent with section 611(j)(8) of the Stafford Act, a subsequent amendment to the Stafford Act by section 3 of Pub. L. No. 109-308 in 2006 redesignated the text of section 611(j)(8) to 611(j)(9). The cross-reference in the MTSA has not been updated.

<sup>15</sup> See section 1406 of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (9/11 Act), Pub. L. No. 110-53 (6 U.S.C. § 1135) (applying the requirements of section 49 U.S.C. § 5307); 49 U.S.C. § 5333 (applying the Davis-Bacon Act to grants provided under 49 U.S.C. § 5307).

<sup>16</sup> See section 1513(h) of the 9/11 Act (6 U.S.C. § 1163(h)) (citing to 49 U.S.C. § 24312, which requires compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act).

<sup>17</sup> See section 8A(d)(2)(E) of the National Dam Safety Program Act (codified as amended at 33 U.S.C. § 467f-2(d)(2)(E)) (requiring compliance with 42 U.S.C. § 5196(j)(9), which is section 611(j)(9) of the Stafford Act that applies the Davis-Bacon Act).

## 4.2 Additional Requirements

If applicable, in addition to the requirements mentioned in the beginning of this section, the NFE must do the following:

- Place a copy of the Department of Labor’s current prevailing wage determination in each solicitation. Contracts or subcontracts must be awarded on the condition that the prevailing wage determination is accepted. The non-federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the federal awarding agency.<sup>18</sup>
- Include a provision for compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act for all contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act.<sup>19</sup> See Required Contract Provisions, Section 5. Copeland Anti-Kickback Act in this Guide for additional information. According to 29 C.F.R. § 5.5(a)(5), the regulatory requirements for the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act are incorporated by reference into the required contract provision, so a separate contract provision is not necessary. However, the NFE may include a separate contract provision specific to the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act.
- Per Department of Labor’s implementing regulations for the Davis-Bacon Act, the NFEs contractor and any subcontractors are required to insert, or incorporate by reference, the clauses contained at 29 C.F.R. § 5.5(a)(1)-(10)<sup>20</sup> into any subcontracts.
- Follow the other requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act and implementing regulations.<sup>21</sup>

## 4.3 Required Language<sup>22</sup>

If applicable per the standard described above, the NFE must include the provisions at 29 C.F.R. § 5.5(a)(1)-(10) in full into all applicable contracts, and all applicable contractors must include these provisions in full in any subcontracts.<sup>23</sup>

## 5. Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act

The Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act prohibits workers on construction contracts from giving up wages that they are owed.<sup>24</sup> Additional requirements are listed below, and relevant definitions are at 29 C.F.R. § 3.2. The applicable implementing regulations are intended to assist with enforcement of the

<sup>18</sup> 29 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, § D.

<sup>19</sup> 29 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, § D.

<sup>20</sup> 29 C.F.R. § 5.5(a)(6).

<sup>21</sup> 40 U.S.C. §§ 3141-3144, 3146-3148; 29 C.F.R. Part 5.

<sup>22</sup> 29 C.F.R. § 5.5(a).

<sup>23</sup> 29 C.F.R. § 5.5(a)(1), (6).

<sup>24</sup> See *id.*; 40 U.S.C. § 3145. The Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act is supplemented by Department of Labor regulations at 29 C.F.R. Part 3 (Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States).

Davis-Bacon Act's minimum wage provisions as well as various statutes with similar minimum wage provisions for federally assisted construction.<sup>25</sup>

## 5.1 Applicability

For all prime construction contracts above \$2,000, when the Davis-Bacon Act also applies,<sup>26</sup> NFEs must include a provision in contracts and subcontracts for compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act.<sup>27</sup> This requirement applies to all prime construction contracts above \$2,000 in situations where the Davis-Bacon Act also applies.<sup>28</sup> In situations where the Davis-Bacon Act does not apply, neither does the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act. As described in section A.4 regarding the Davis-Bacon Act, this provision only applies to certain FEMA grant and cooperative agreement programs. Please reference that list discussed above. Of note, it does not apply to the PA Program.

## 5.2 Additional Requirements

If applicable, the NFE must do the following:

- Include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act.<sup>29</sup> According to the Davis-Bacon Act implementing regulations, the requirements for the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act are incorporated into the required contract provision for the Davis-Bacon Act by reference.<sup>30</sup> Therefore, a separate contract provision is not necessary. However, the NFE may include a separate contract provision specific to the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act with language suggested below.
- The Copeland "Anti-Kickback Act" prohibits each contractor or subcontractor from any form of persuading a person employed in construction, completion, or repair of public work to give up any part of their rightful compensation. The NFE must report all suspected or reported violations of the Copeland "Anti-Kickback Act" to FEMA.<sup>31</sup>
- Each contractor and subcontractor must provide weekly reports of the wages paid during the prior week's payroll period to each employee covered by the "Copeland Anti-Kickback" Act and the Davis-Bacon Act. The reports must be delivered to a representative of a federal or state agency in charge at the building or work site by the contractor or subcontractor within seven days of the payroll period's payment date.<sup>32</sup>

<sup>25</sup> See 29 C.F.R. § 3.1.

<sup>26</sup> See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, § D; 29 C.F.R. §§ 3.1, 3.3(c).

<sup>27</sup> 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, § D.

<sup>28</sup> See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, § D; 29 C.F.R. § 3.3(c).

<sup>29</sup> See 29 C.F.R. § 3.11.

<sup>30</sup> 29 C.F.R. § 5.5(a)(5).

<sup>31</sup> See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, § D.

<sup>32</sup> See 29 C.F.R. § 3.4.



- Follow the other requirements of the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act and implementing regulations.<sup>33</sup>

### 5.3 Suggested Language

The following provides a sample contract clause:

“Compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act.

Contractor. The contractor shall comply with 18 U.S.C. § 874, 40 U.S.C. § 3145, and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. Part 3 as may be applicable, which are incorporated by reference into this contract.

Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clause above and such other clauses as FEMA may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all of these contract clauses.

Breach. A breach of the contract clauses above may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and subcontractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. § 5.12.”

## 6. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act

Where applicable,<sup>34</sup> all contracts awarded by the NFE of more than \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with statutory requirements on work hours and safety standards.<sup>35</sup> Under 40 U.S.C. § 3702, each contractor must base wages for every mechanic and laborer on a standard 40-hour work week. Work over 40 hours is allowed, so long as the worker is paid at least one and a half times the base pay rate for all hours worked over 40 hours in the work week. Additionally, for construction work, under 40 U.S.C. § 3704, work surroundings and conditions for laborers and mechanics must not be unsanitary or unsafe. Relevant definitions are at 40 U.S.C. § 3701 and 29 C.F.R. § 5.2.

### 6.1 Applicability

This required contract provision applies to all procurements over \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics, laborers, and construction work.<sup>36</sup> These requirements *do not* apply to

<sup>33</sup> 18 U.S.C. § 874; 40 U.S.C. § 3145; 29 C.F.R. Part 3.

<sup>34</sup> See 40 U.S.C. §§ 3701-3708.

<sup>35</sup> 40 U.S.C. §§ 3702, 3704. The Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act is supplemented by Department of Labor regulations at 29 C.F.R. Part 5. See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, § E.

<sup>36</sup> 41 C.F.R. Part 60-1.3.

the purchase of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.<sup>37</sup>

## 6.2 Additional Requirements

If applicable per the standard described above, the non-federal entity must include the provisions at 29 C.F.R. § 5.5(b)(1)-(4), verbatim, into all applicable contracts, and all applicable contractors must include these provisions, in full, into any subcontracts.<sup>38</sup>

In addition to the required language from 29 C.F.R. § 5.5(b)(1)-(4), in any contract subject only to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act and not to any other statutes cited in 29 C.F.R. § 5.1, the NFE must also insert a clause meeting the requirements of 29 C.F.R. § 5.5(c). Specific language is not required, but FEMA has provided suggested language below.

## 6.3 Required Language

For the required contract provision, the language from 29 C.F.R. § 5.5(b)(1)-(4) is provided here for ease of reference:

“Compliance with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.

**(1) Overtime requirements.** No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.

**(2) Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages.** In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section, in the sum of \$27 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section.

**(3) Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages.** The **(insert name of grant recipient or subrecipient)** shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other

<sup>37</sup> 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, § E.

<sup>38</sup> 29 C.F.R. § 5.5(b)(1), (4).

federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(2) of this section.

(4) *Subcontracts.* The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (b)(1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (b)(1) through (4) of this section.”

## 6.4 Suggested Language

For contracts that are only subject to Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act and are not subject to the other statutes in 29 C.F.R. § 5.1 where an additional contract provision is required, FEMA suggests including the following language:

“Further Compliance with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.

- (1) The contractor or subcontractor shall maintain payrolls and basic payroll records during the course of the work and shall preserve them for a period of three years from the completion of the contract for all laborers and mechanics, including guards and watchmen, working on the contract. Such records shall contain the name and address of each such employee, social security number, correct classifications, hourly rates of wages paid, daily and weekly number of hours worked, deductions made, and actual wages paid.
- (2) Records to be maintained under this provision shall be made available by the contractor or subcontractor for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the Department of Labor, and the contractor or subcontractor will permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job.”

## 7. Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement

This contract provision outlines the rules governing the ownership of inventions created using federal funds. If the FEMA award meets the definition of funding agreement<sup>39</sup> and the NFE enters into any contract involving substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that funding agreement, then the NFE must comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. Part 401 and any implementing regulations issued by FEMA.

<sup>39</sup> Funding agreement definition found under 37 C.F.R. § 401.2(a).

## 7.1 Applicability

This provision *does not* apply to all FEMA grant and cooperative agreement programs. NFEs should refer to applicable NOFO or other program guidance or contact their applicable FEMA grant representative to determine if this provision is required for the procurement. However, the Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement clause is not required for procurements under FEMA's PA Program.

## 7.2 Key Definitions

*Funding Agreements:* The regulation at 37 C.F.R. § 401.2(a) defines *funding agreement* as “any contract, grant, or cooperative agreement entered into between any federal agency, other than the Tennessee Valley Authority, and any contractor for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work funded in whole or in part by the federal government. This term also includes any assignment, substitution of parties, or subcontract of any type entered into for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under a funding agreement as defined in the first sentence of this paragraph.”

# 8. Clean Air Act and Federal Water Pollution Control Act

For contracts over \$150,000, contracts must contain a provision requiring contractors to comply with the Clean Air Act<sup>40</sup> and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.<sup>41</sup> Violations must be reported to FEMA and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).<sup>42</sup>

## 8.1 Applicability

This contract provision is required for all procurements over \$150,000.

## 8.2 Suggested Language

The following provides a sample contract clause:

“Clean Air Act”

The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 *et seq.*

The contractor agrees to report each violation to the **(insert name of non-federal entity entering into the contract)** and understands and agrees that the **(insert name of the non-federal entity entering into the contract)** will, in turn, report each violation as required to

<sup>40</sup> 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401-7671q. This also includes all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act.

<sup>41</sup> 33 U.S.C. §§ 1251-1387, as amended.

<sup>42</sup> 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, § G.

assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with federal assistance provided by FEMA.

#### “Federal Water Pollution Control Act”

The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. § 1251 *et seq.*

The contractor agrees to report each violation to the **(insert name of the non-federal entity entering into the contract)** and understands and agrees that the **(insert name of the non-federal entity entering into the contract)** will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the **(insert name of the pass-through entity, if applicable)**, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with federal assistance provided by FEMA.”

## 9. Debarment and Suspension

NFEs contractors and subcontractors are subject to debarment and suspension regulations.<sup>43</sup> Applicable contracts and subcontracts must include a provision requiring compliance with debarment and suspension regulations.<sup>44</sup>

### 9.1 Applicability

The debarment and suspension clause is required for all contracts and subcontracts for \$25,000 or more, all contracts that require the consent of an official of a federal agency, and all contracts for federally required audit services.<sup>45</sup>

NFEs, even for procurements under \$25,000, must also comply with the regulation requiring non-state entities to only award contracts to responsible vendors.<sup>46</sup>

<sup>43</sup> 2 C.F.R. Part 180 (implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension (1986) and Executive Order 12689, Debarment and Suspension (1989)); 2 C.F.R. Part 3000 (Department of Homeland Security regulations for Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension, implementing 2 C.F.R. Part 180).

<sup>44</sup> 2 C.F.R. § 180; 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, § H; 2 C.F.R. § 3000.332.

<sup>45</sup> 2 C.F.R. § 180.220(b); 2 C.F.R. § 3000.220.

<sup>46</sup> 2 C.F.R. § 200.318(h). For contracts and subcontracts under \$25,000, a contract provision is only required if those contracts or subcontracts are for federally required audit services or require the consent of a federal agency. However, even where a contract provision is not required, non-state entities must still ensure they are only awarding contracts to responsible vendors.

## 9.2 Additional Requirements

The debarment and suspension regulations restrict awards, subawards, contracts, and subcontracts with parties that are debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded, or declared ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs and activities.<sup>47</sup>

If applicable, a contract or subcontract must not be made to parties listed on the governmentwide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM). SAM Exclusions is the list maintained by the General Services Administration that contains the names of parties that are debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded, or declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.<sup>48</sup> SAM Exclusions can be accessed at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov).<sup>49</sup>

In general, an “excluded” party cannot receive a federal grant award or a contract considered to be a “covered transaction,” which includes parties that receive federal funding indirectly such as subawards and subcontracts. The key to the exclusion is whether there is a covered transaction. A covered transaction is a nonprocurement transaction at either a primary or secondary tier.<sup>50</sup>

Specifically, a covered transaction includes the following contracts for goods or services under FEMA grant and cooperative agreement programs:

- The contract is at least \$25,000.
- The contract requires the approval of FEMA, regardless of amount.
- The contract is for federally required audit services.
- It is a subcontract for \$25,000 or more.<sup>51</sup>

## 9.3 Suggested Language

The following provides a debarment and suspension clause. It also incorporates an optional method of verifying that contractors are not excluded or disqualified<sup>52</sup>:

<sup>47</sup> See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, § H; 2 C.F.R. § 200.213. See also 2 C.F.R. Parts 180, 3000.

<sup>48</sup> See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, § H.

<sup>49</sup> 2 C.F.R. § 180.530.

<sup>50</sup> The regulations at 2 C.F.R. Parts 180 and 3000 are titled “nonprocurement” because they do not apply to procurements by the federal government but rather to federal financial assistance. There are separate debarment and suspension regulations covering procurements by the federal government. However, although the term “covered transactions” under 2 C.F.R. Parts 180 and 3000 *does not* include contracts awarded by the federal government, it *does* include some contracts awarded by recipients and subrecipients.

<sup>51</sup> See 2 C.F.R. §§ 180.220, 3000.220.

<sup>52</sup> Per 2 C.F.R. § 180.300, non-federal entity about to enter into an applicable contract, or a contractor about to enter into an applicable subcontract, must verify that the contractor or subcontractor is not excluded or disqualified by doing one of three things: 1) check SAM Exclusions; 2) collect a certification from the contractor or subcontractor; or 3) add a clause or condition to the contract or subcontract. The additional suggested language in this sample clause is for purposes of this requirement.



## “Suspension and Debarment

This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. Part 180 and 2 C.F.R. Part 3000. As such, the contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor’s principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995) or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

The contractor must comply with 2 C.F.R. Part 180, subpart C and 2C.F.R. Part 3000, subpart C, and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by **(insert name of recipient/subrecipient/applicant)**. If it is later determined that the contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. Part 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. Part 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to **(insert name of recipient/subrecipient/applicant)**, the federal government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. Part 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. Part 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.”

## 10. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment

NFEs who intend to award contracts of more than \$100,000, and their contractors who intend to award subcontracts of more than \$100,000, must include a contract provision prohibiting the use of federal appropriated funds to influence officers or employees of the federal government. Contractors that apply or bid for a contract for more than \$100,000 must also file the required certification regarding lobbying.<sup>53</sup>

Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an employee of a federal agency, a Member of Congress, an employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with receiving any federal contract, grant, or other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352.

<sup>53</sup> See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, § I (citing 31 U.S.C. § 1352); 44 C.F.R. § 18.110.

The required certification form is found in FEMA regulations.<sup>54</sup> Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any federal funding. These disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier, all the way up to the federal awarding agency.<sup>55</sup>

## 10.1 Applicability

The Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment clause and certification are required for contracts of more than \$100,000, and for subcontracts of more than \$100,000.

## 10.2 Suggested Language

The following provides a sample contract clause:

“Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended)

Contractors who apply or bid for an award of more than \$100,000 shall file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used federally appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with obtaining any federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient who in turn will forward the certification(s) to the federal awarding agency.”

## 10.3 Required Certification

### 10.3.1 REQUIRED CERTIFICATION LANGUAGE

If applicable, contractors must sign and submit the following certification to the NFE with each bid or offer exceeding \$100,000:

“APPENDIX A, 44 C.F.R. PART 18 - CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

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

No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee

<sup>54</sup> See 44 C.F.R. §§ 18.100, 18.110; 44 C.F.R. Part 18, Appendix A. FEMA’s regulations at 44 C.F.R. Part 18 implement the requirements of 31 U.S.C. § 1352 and provides, in Appendix A to Part 18, a copy of the certification that is required to be completed by each entity as described in 31 U.S.C. § 1352.

<sup>55</sup> See 44 C.F.R. §§ 18.100, 18.110; 44 C.F.R. Part 18, Appendix B. The specific form for disclosures is referenced in Appendix B to 44 C.F.R. Part 18 and is SF-LLL, also available at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/forms/sf-424-family.html>.

of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

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

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

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

### 10.3.2 RECOMMENDED SIGNATURE LINE:

At the end of the certification language, FEMA recommends including the following signature line.

"The Contractor, \_\_\_\_\_, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38, Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements, apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

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Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

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Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

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Date"

## 11. Procurement of Recovered Materials

An NFE that is a state agency or an agency of a political subdivision of a state, and the NFE's contractors must comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act.<sup>56</sup> Applicable NFEs must include a contract provision requiring compliance with this requirement.<sup>57</sup> This includes contracts awarded by a state agency or political subdivision of a state and its contractors for certain items, as designated by the EPA, with a purchase price greater than \$10,000.<sup>58</sup> Indian Tribal Governments and nonprofit organizations are not required to comply with this provision. Additional requirements are listed below.

### 11.1 Applicability

This required contract provision applies to all procurements over \$10,000 made by a state agency or an agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors.

### 11.2 Additional Requirements

The requirements include:

- Procuring only items designated in EPA guidelines<sup>59</sup> that contain the highest practical percentage of recovered materials consistent with maintaining competition, where the purchase price of the item is greater than \$10,000, or the value of the amount of items purchased in the preceding fiscal year was greater than \$10,000;
- Procuring solid waste management services in a way that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and
- Establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.<sup>60</sup>

### 11.3 Suggested Language

The following provides a sample contract clause:

“In the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired—

<sup>56</sup> Pub. L. No. 89-272 (1965) (codified as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act at 42 U.S.C. § 6962). 2 C.F.R. § 200.323.

<sup>57</sup> See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, § J (citing 2 C.F.R. § 200.323).

<sup>58</sup> See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, § J; 2 C.F.R. § 200.323; 40 C.F.R. Part 247.

<sup>59</sup> 40 C.F.R. Part 247.

<sup>60</sup> 42 U.S.C. § 6962; 2 C.F.R. § 200.323.

Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;

Meeting contract performance requirements; or

At a reasonable price.

Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA-designated items, is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines webpage:

<https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program>.

The Contractor also agrees to comply with all other applicable requirements of Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act.”

## 12. Prohibition on Contracting for Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services

Section 889(b)(1) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (FY2019 NDAA) and 2 C.F.R. § 200.216, as implemented by FEMA Policy 405-143-1, Prohibitions on Expending FEMA Award Funds for Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services (Interim), prohibit the obligation or expending of federal award funds on certain telecommunication products or from certain entities for national security reasons. Effective August 13, 2020, FEMA recipients and subrecipients, as well as their contractors and subcontractors, *may not* obligate or expend any FEMA award funds to:

- a. Procure or obtain any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology of any system;
- b. Enter into, extend, or renew a contract to procure or obtain any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology of any system; or
- c. Enter into, extend, or renew contracts with entities that use covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system.

### 12.1 Applicability

For purchases in support of FEMA declarations and awards issued on or after November 12, 2020, all FEMA recipients and subrecipients, and their contractors and subcontractors, are required to include this contract provision in all FEMA-funded contracts and subcontracts, including any purchase orders.<sup>61</sup> FEMA strongly encourages the use of this contract clause for any contracts where

<sup>61</sup> 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, § K (citing 2 C.F.R. § 200.216).

FEMA funding will be used regardless of whether the funding is from FEMA declarations or awards issued on or after November 12, 2020.

## 12.2 Suggested Language

The following provides a sample contract clause:

“Prohibition on Contracting for Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services

- (a) *Definitions.* As used in this clause, the terms backhaul; covered foreign country; covered telecommunications equipment or services; interconnection arrangements; roaming; substantial or essential component; and telecommunications equipment or services have the meaning as defined in FEMA Policy 405-143-1, Prohibitions on Expending FEMA Award Funds for Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services (Interim), as used in this clause—
- (b) *Prohibitions.*
  - (1) Section 889(b) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, Pub. L. No. 115-232, and 2 C.F.R. § 200.216 prohibit the head of an executive agency on or after Aug.13, 2020, from obligating or expending grant, cooperative agreement, loan, or loan guarantee funds on certain telecommunications products or from certain entities for national security reasons.
  - (2) Unless an exception in paragraph (c) of this clause applies, the contractor and its subcontractors may not use grant, cooperative agreement, loan, or loan guarantee funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to:
    - (i) Procure or obtain any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology of any system;
    - (ii) Enter into, extend, or renew a contract to procure or obtain any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology of any system;
    - (iii) Enter into, extend, or renew contracts with entities that use covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system; or
    - (iv) Provide, as part of its performance of this contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument, any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system.
- (c) *Exceptions.*
  - (1) This clause does not prohibit contractors from providing—
    - (i) A service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or



- (ii) Telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.

(2) By necessary implication and regulation, the prohibitions also do not apply to:

- (i) Covered telecommunications equipment or services that:
  - i. Are *not used* as a substantial or essential component of any system; and
  - ii. Are *not used* as critical technology of any system.
- (ii) Other telecommunications equipment or services that are not considered covered telecommunications equipment or services.

(d) *Reporting requirement.*

- (1) In the event the contractor identifies covered telecommunications equipment or services used as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, during contract performance, or the contractor is notified of such by a subcontractor at any tier or by any other source, the contractor shall report the information in paragraph (d)(2) of this clause to the recipient or subrecipient, unless elsewhere in this contract are established procedures for reporting the information.
- (2) The Contractor shall report the following information pursuant to paragraph (d)(1) of this clause:
  - (i) Within one business day from the date of such identification or notification: The contract number; the order number(s), if applicable; supplier name; supplier unique entity identifier (if known); supplier Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code (if known); brand; model number (original equipment manufacturer number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number); item description; and any readily available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended.
  - (ii) Within 10 business days of submitting the information in paragraph (d)(2)(i) of this clause: Any further available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended. In addition, the contractor shall describe the efforts it undertook to prevent use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services, and any additional efforts that will be incorporated to prevent future use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services.

(e) *Subcontracts.* The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (e), in all subcontracts and other contractual instruments.”

## 13. Domestic Preferences for Procurements

As appropriate, and to the extent consistent with law, NFEs should, to the greatest extent practicable under a federal award, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products or materials produced in the United States. This includes, but is not limited to, iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products.<sup>62</sup>

### 13.1 Applicability

For purchases in support of FEMA declarations and awards issued on or after November 12, 2020, all FEMA recipients and subrecipients are required to include in all contracts and purchase orders for work or products a contract provision encouraging domestic preference for procurements.<sup>63</sup>

### 13.2 Suggested Language

The following provides a sample contract clause:

#### “Domestic Preference for Procurements

As appropriate, and to the extent consistent with law, the contractor should, to the greatest extent practicable, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States. This includes, but is not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products.

For purposes of this clause:

*Produced in the United States* means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.

*Manufactured products* mean items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.”

<sup>62</sup> See 2 C.F.R. § 200.322.

<sup>63</sup> 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, § L (citing 2 C.F.R. § 200.322). The requirements of 2 C.F.R. § 200.322 must also be included in all subawards.

**Attachment E  
Certification Regarding Lobbying**

**APPENDIX A, 44 CFR PART 18 – CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING**

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

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

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

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

The Subrecipient or contractor, \_\_\_\_\_, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38, Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements, apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

  
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Signature of Subrecipient/contractor's Authorized Official

BRIAN HAWKINS, CHAIRMAN

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Name and Title of Subrecipient/contractor's Authorized Official

3-11-2025  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

By: Melissa Tartaglia  
County Attorney's Office

**ATTACHMENT F  
FOREIGN COUNTRY OF CONCERN ATTESTATION  
(PUR 1355)**

This form must be completed by an officer or representative of an entity submitting a bid, proposal, or reply to, or entering into, renewing, or extending, a contract with a Governmental Entity which would grant the entity access to an individual's Personal Identifying Information.

*Capitalized terms used herein have the definitions ascribed in Rule 60A-1.020, F.A.C.*

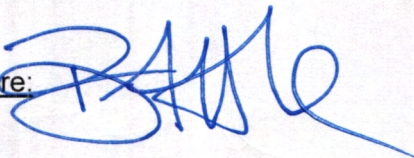
Hernando County is not owned by the government of a Foreign Country of Concern, is not organized under the laws of nor has its Principal Place of Business in a Foreign Country of Concern, and the government of a Foreign Country of Concern does not have a Controlling Interest in the entity.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing statement and that the facts stated in it are true.

Printed Name: BRIAN HAWKINS

Title: CHAIRMAN

Signature:



Date: 3-11-2025

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

By: Melissa Tartaglia  
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