

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FDOT/METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AGREEMENT

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THIS FDOT/METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AGREEMENT (Agreement) is made and entered into on this ____ day of _____, 20____, by and between the STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (Department), an agency of the State of Florida, whose address is Office of the District Secretary, 11201 N McKinley Dr, Tampa FL 33612 and the Hernando-Citrus MPO (MPO), whose address is 789 Providence Blvd, Brooksville FL 34601, and whose Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) assigned by the System for Award Management (SAM.gov) is: D7K5UNB7JKF5 (collectively the “Parties”).

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises, and representation herein, the Parties desiring to be legally bound, do agree as follows:

1. **Authority:** The MPO and the Department have authority to enter into this Agreement pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 134, 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 450 and Section 339.175, Florida Statutes (F.S.), which, require the Department and the MPO to clearly identify the responsibilities for cooperatively carrying out the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) components of the Metropolitan Planning Process and accomplish the transportation planning requirements of state and federal law.

2. **Purpose of the Agreement:** The purpose of this Agreement is for the Department to provide Federal financial assistance to the MPO in the form of FHWA funds to support transportation planning activities identified in the MPO’s Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). This Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions under which FHWA funds will be provided and outlines the manner in which work tasks and subtasks in the UPWP will be undertaken and completed. The work to be performed by the MPO is fully described in the UPWP, which is attached and incorporated into this Agreement as Exhibit “A.”

3. **Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG):** The Department began participating in the Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) program with the State fiscal year (FY) 2022/23 – 2023/24 UPWP cycle. The Department designated FHWA to serve as the CPG lead grant agency in accordance with FTA Circular 8100.D. Under the CPG, FHWA and FTA annually deliver lump sum appropriations to the Department for allocation to MPOs for metropolitan planning activities. The federal funds are provided to the Department as FHWA Planning (PL) and FTA 5305(d) funds. The Department uses the CPG to combine the FHWA PL and FTA 5305(d) MPO allocations into a single grant administered by FHWA. The Department continues to calculate annual MPO funding allocations using the approved FHWA PL and FTA 5305(d) allocation formulas.

4. **Scope of Work:** The UPWP, Exhibit “A”, constitutes the Scope of Work for this Agreement, including the Statement of Assurances, which are legally binding under this Agreement.

5. **Budgetary Ceiling:** The total budgetary ceiling for the UPWP is \$1,651,496. The budget, including tasks, is summarized below and detailed in the UPWP, Exhibit “A”. The budget may be modified by mutual agreement as provided for in paragraph 9, Amendments.

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The Department’s performance and obligation to pay under this Agreement is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature. No work shall begin before the Agreement is fully executed and a "Letter of Authorization" is issued by the Department. The total of all authorizations shall not exceed the budgetary ceiling established for this Agreement and shall be completed within the term of this Agreement:

Financial Project No.	Amount
439335-6-14-01 (PL Funds)	1,651,496

6. **Non-federal Share:** It is the policy of the Department to fulfill the non-federal share or “soft match” with toll credits as authorized by Title 23 U.S.C. § 120 conditional on funding availability. The MPO must identify and describe the soft match in its 2-year UPWP introduction and show the total amount of toll credits used to match the FHWA funds in the UPWP Summary Budget Tables.

7. **Term of Agreement:** This Agreement shall have a term of two (2) years. This Agreement shall begin on the later of July 1, 2026, or the date the Agreement is fully executed, whichever is later, and expire on June 30, 2028. If the Agreement is fully executed after July 1, 2026, then the term of the Agreement shall be less than two (2) years and the Agreement shall expire on June 30, 2028. Expiration of this Agreement will be considered termination of the UPWP. The cost of any work performed after the expiration date of this Agreement will not be reimbursed by the Department.

8. **Renewals and Extensions:** This Agreement shall not be renewed or extended.

9. **Amendments:** Amendments may be made during the term of this Agreement. Any Amendment must be in writing and signed by the Parties with the same formalities as the original Agreement.
 - A. **Amendments and Modifications to the UPWP:** Revisions to the UPWP shall require either an Amendment or a Modification. Such revisions may be budgetary and/or programmatic in nature and may be either major or minor in scale. Minor revisions shall be processed by the MPO as a Modification, whereas major revisions shall be processed by the MPO as an Amendment. A major revision shall be defined as an alteration to the UPWP that materially impacts its original intent or anticipated outcomes. The following section further clarifies the actions necessitating UPWP Amendments and Modifications.
 - i. **Amendments to the UPWP**
 UPWP Amendments are required for actions described in 2 CFR 200.308 and 29 CFR 1470.30, as referenced in the MPO Program Management Handbook, FHWA technical memorandums and guidance, FDOT Technical memorandums and guidance, as well as other federal regulations.
 In addition, a change in the MPO’s staff director, organizational name, or voting structure requires a UPWP Amendment.

 - ii. **Modifications to the UPWP**
 UPWP changes that do not require an Amendment may be processed as a UPWP Modification.

 - iii. If the MPO makes a modification to the UPWP budget, then the MPO shall immediately send any such modifications to the Department. Amendments to the UPWP must be approved by FHWA. Proposed amendments to the UPWP shall be filed with the Department. Within a reasonable amount of time, the Department shall review and transmit the proposed UPWP amendment and supporting documents to the FHWA with a recommendation for approval or denial. Transmittal of the proposed UPWP amendment and supporting documents to FHWA may be delayed by the Department due to the MPO failing to include all documentation required

for the UPWP Amendment. The Department shall immediately forward to the MPO all correspondence that the Department receives from FHWA regarding the proposed UPWP amendment. If FHWA approves the amendment to the UPWP then this Agreement and supporting documentation must be amended immediately following such approval.

10. General Requirements:

- A.** The MPO shall complete the UPWP with all practical dispatch in a sound, economical, and efficient manner, and in accordance with the provisions in this Agreement, the Interlocal Agreement establishing the MPO, and all applicable laws.
- B.** Federal-aid funds shall not participate in any cost which is not incurred in conformity with applicable Federal and State laws, the regulations in 23 CFR and 49 CFR, and policies and procedures prescribed by the Division Administrator of FHWA. If FHWA or the Department determines that any amount claimed is not eligible, federal participation may be approved in the amount determined to be adequately supported and the Department shall notify the MPO in writing citing the reasons why items and amounts are not eligible for federal participation. Where correctable non-compliance with provisions of law or FHWA requirements exists, Federal funds may be withheld until compliance is obtained. Where non-compliance is not correctable, FHWA or the Department may deny participation in UPWP costs in part or in total. Any determination by the Department made pursuant to this section of the Agreement is subject to the conflict and dispute resolution process set forth in Section 15 of this Agreement.
- C.** The MPO's financial management system must comply with the requirements set forth in 2 CFR § 200.302, specifically:
 - i.** Identification, in its accounts, of all Federal awards received and expended and the Federal programs under which they were received.
 - ii.** Accurate, current, and complete disclosure of the financial results of each Federal award or program in accordance with the reporting requirements set forth in § 200.327 Financial reporting and § 200.328 Monitoring and reporting program performance.
 - iii.** Records that identify adequately the source and application of funds for federally-funded activities. These records must contain information pertaining to Federal awards, authorizations, obligations, unobligated balances, assets, expenditures, income and interest and be supported by source documentation.
 - iv.** Effective control over, and accountability for, all funds, property, and other assets.
 - v.** Comparison of expenditures with budget amounts for each Federal award.
 - vi.** Written procedures to implement the requirements of § 200.305 Payment.
 - vii.** Written procedures for determining the allowability of costs in accordance with Subpart E— Cost Principles and the terms and conditions of the Federal award.

11. Compensation and Payment:

- A.** The Department shall reimburse the MPO for costs incurred to perform services satisfactorily during a monthly or quarterly period in accordance with the UPWP, Exhibit "A". Reimbursement is limited to the maximum amount authorized by the Department. The MPO shall submit a request for reimbursement to the Department on a quarterly or monthly basis. Requests for reimbursement by the MPO shall include an invoice, an itemized expenditure report, and progress report for the period of services being billed that are acceptable to the Department. The MPO shall use the format for the invoice, itemized expenditure report and progress report that is approved by the Department. The MPO shall provide

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any other data required by FHWA or the Department to justify and support the payment requested.

- B.** Pursuant to Section 287.058, F.S., the MPO shall provide quantifiable, measurable, and verifiable units of deliverables. Each deliverable must specify the required minimum level of service to be performed and the criteria for evaluating successful completion. The UPWP and the quantifiable, measurable, and verifiable units of deliverables are described in Exhibit “A”.
- C.** Invoices shall be submitted by the MPO in detail sufficient for a proper pre-audit and post-audit based on the quantifiable, measurable and verifiable units of deliverables as established in Exhibit “A”. Deliverables must be received and accepted in writing by the Department’s Grant Manager prior to payments.
- D.** The Department will honor requests for reimbursement to the MPO for eligible costs in the amount of FHWA funds approved for reimbursement in the UPWP and made available by FHWA. The Department may suspend or terminate payment for that portion of the UPWP which FHWA, or the Department acting in lieu of FHWA, may designate as ineligible for federal-aid. Regarding eligible costs, whichever requirement is stricter between federal and State of Florida requirements shall control. Any determination by the Department made pursuant to this section of the Agreement is subject to the conflict and dispute resolution process set forth in Section 15 of this Agreement.
- E.** Supporting documentation must establish that the deliverables were received and accepted in writing by the MPO and must also establish that the required minimum level of service to be performed based on the criteria for evaluating successful completion as specified in the UPWP, Exhibit “A”, was met. All costs charged to the UPWP, including any approved services contributed by the MPO or others, shall be supported by properly executed payrolls, time records, invoices, contracts or vouchers evidencing in proper detail the nature and propriety of the charges. See Exhibit “D” for Contract Payment Requirements.
- F.** Bills for travel expenses specifically authorized in this Agreement shall be documented on the Department’s Contractor Travel Form No. 300-000-06 or on a form that was previously submitted to the Department’s Comptroller and approved by the Department of Financial Services. Bills for travel expenses specifically authorized in this Agreement will be paid in accordance with Section 112.061, F.S.
- G.** Payment shall be made only after receipt and approval of goods and services unless advance payments are authorized by the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Florida under Chapters 215 and 216, F.S. If the Department determines that the performance of the MPO fails to meet minimum performance levels, the Department shall notify the MPO of the deficiency to be corrected, which correction shall be made within a time-frame to be specified by the Department. The MPO shall, within sixty (60) days after notice from the Department, provide the Department with a corrective action plan describing how the MPO will address all issues of contract non-performance, unacceptable performance, failure to meet the minimum performance levels, deliverable deficiencies, or contract non-compliance. If the corrective action plan is unacceptable to the Department, the MPO shall be assessed a non-performance retainage equivalent to 10% of the total invoice amount. The retainage shall be applied to the invoice for the then- current billing period. The retainage shall be withheld until the MPO resolves the deficiency. If the deficiency is subsequently resolved, the MPO may bill the Department for the retained amount during the next billing period. If the MPO is unable to resolve the deficiency, the funds retained may be forfeited at the end of the Agreement’s term.
- H.** An invoice submitted to the Department involving the expenditure of metropolitan planning funds (“PL funds”) is required by Federal law to be reviewed by the Department and issued a payment by the Department of Financial Services within 15 business days of receipt by the Department for review. If the invoice is not complete or lacks information necessary for processing, it will be returned to the MPO, and the 15-business day timeframe for processing will start over upon receipt of the resubmitted invoice by the Department. If there is a case of a bona fide dispute, the invoice recorded in the financial system of the Department shall contain a statement of the dispute and authorize payment only in the amount not

disputed. If an item is disputed and is not paid, a separate invoice could be submitted requesting reimbursement, or the disputed item/amount could be included/added to a subsequent invoice.

- I. Records of costs incurred under the terms of this Agreement shall be maintained and made available upon request to the Department at all times during the period of this Agreement and for five years after final payment is made. Copies of these documents and records shall be furnished to the Department upon request. Records of costs incurred include the MPO's general accounting records and the UPWP records, together with supporting documents and records, of the consultant and all subconsultants performing work on the UPWP, and all other records of the Consultants and subconsultants considered necessary by the Department for a proper audit of costs.
- J. The MPO must timely submit invoices and documents necessary for the close out of the UPWP. Within 90 days of the expiration or termination of the grant of FHWA funds for the UPWP, the MPO shall submit the final invoice and all financial, performance, and related reports consistent with 2 CFR § 200.
- K. The Department's performance and obligation to pay under this Agreement is also contingent upon FHWA making funds available and approving the expenditure of such funds.
- L. In the event this Agreement is in excess of \$25,000 and has a term for a period of more than one year, the provisions of Section 339.135(6)(a), F.S., are hereby incorporated:

"The Department, during any fiscal year, shall not expend money, incur any liability, or enter into any contract which, by its terms, involves the expenditure of money in excess of the amounts budgeted as available for expenditure during such fiscal year. Any contract, verbal or written, made in violation of this subsection is null and void, and no money may be paid on such contract. The Department shall require a statement from the comptroller of the Department that funds are available prior to entering into any such contract or other binding commitment of funds. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the making of contracts for periods exceeding 1 year, but any contract so made shall be executory only for the value of the services to be rendered or agreed to be paid for in succeeding fiscal years, and this paragraph shall be incorporated verbatim in all contracts of the Department which are for an amount in excess of \$25,000 and which have a term for a period of more than 1 year."

- M. **Disallowed Costs:** In determining the amount of the payment, the Department will exclude all UPWP costs incurred by the MPO prior to the effective date of this Agreement, costs incurred by the MPO which are not provided for in the latest approved budget for the UPWP, and costs attributable to goods or services received under a contract or other arrangements which have not been approved in writing by the Department. It is agreed by the MPO that where official audits by the federal agencies or monitoring by the Department discloses that the MPO has been reimbursed by the Department for ineligible work, under applicable federal and state regulations, that the value of such ineligible items may be deducted by the Department from subsequent reimbursement requests following determination of ineligibility. Upon receipt of a notice of ineligible items the MPO may present evidence supporting the propriety of the questioned reimbursements. Such evidence will be evaluated by the Department, and the MPO will be given final notification of the amounts, if any, to be deducted from subsequent reimbursement requests.

In addition, the MPO agrees to promptly reimburse the Department for any and all amounts for which the Department has made payment to the MPO if such amounts become ineligible, disqualified, or disallowed for federal reimbursement due to any act, error, omission, or negligence of the MPO. This includes omission or deficient documentation of costs and charges, untimely, incomplete, or insufficient submittals, or any other reason declared by the applicable Federal Agency.

Any determination by the Department made pursuant to this section of the Agreement is subject to the conflict and dispute resolution process set forth in Section 16 of this Agreement.

- N. If, after UPWP completion, any claim is made by the Department resulting from an audit or for work or

services performed pursuant to this Agreement, the Department may offset such amount from payments due for work or services done under any agreement which it has with the MPO owing such amount if, upon demand, payment of the amount is not made within 60 days to the Department. Offsetting any amount pursuant to this paragraph shall not be considered a breach of contract by the Department. Any determination by the Department made pursuant to this section of the Agreement is subject to the conflict and dispute resolution process set forth in Section 16 of this Agreement.

- O. Indirect Costs:** A state or federally approved indirect cost rate may be applied to the Agreement. If the MPO does not have a federally approved indirect cost rate, a rate up to the de minimis indirect cost rate of 15% of modified total direct costs may be applied. The MPO may opt to request no indirect cost rate, even if it has a federally approved indirect cost rate.

12. Procurement and Contracts of the MPO:

- A.** The procurement, use, and disposition of real property, equipment and supplies shall be consistent with the approved UPWP and in accordance with the requirements of 2 CFR § 200.
- B.** It is understood and agreed by the Parties that participation by the Department in a project as part of the UPWP with the MPO, where said project involves a consultant contract for engineering, architecture or surveying services, is contingent on the MPO's complying in full with provisions of Section 287.055, F.S., Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act, the federal Brooks Act, 23 CFR 172, and 23 U.S.C. 112. At the discretion of the Department, the MPO will involve the Department, to an extent to be determined by the Department, in the consultant selection process for all projects funded under this Agreement. In all cases, the MPO shall certify to the Department that selection has been accomplished in compliance with the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act and the federal Brooks Act.
- C.** The MPO shall comply with and require its consultants and contractors to comply with applicable federal law pertaining to the use of federal-aid funds.

13. Audit Reports: The administration of resources awarded through the Department to the MPO by this Agreement may be subject to audits and/or monitoring by the Department. The following requirements do not limit the authority of the Department to conduct or arrange for the conduct of additional audits or evaluations of Federal awards or limit the authority of any State agency inspector general, the State of Florida Auditor General or any other State official. The MPO shall comply with all audit and audit reporting requirements as specified below.

- A.** In addition to reviews of audits conducted in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F – Audit Requirements, monitoring procedures may include but not be limited to on-site visits by Department staff and/or other procedures including, reviewing any required performance and financial reports, following up, ensuring corrective action, and issuing management decisions on weaknesses found through audits when those findings pertain to Federal awards provided through the Department by this Agreement. By entering into this Agreement, the MPO agrees to comply and cooperate fully with any monitoring procedures/processes deemed appropriate by the Department. The MPO further agrees to comply and cooperate with any inspections, reviews, investigations or audits deemed necessary by the Department, State of Florida Chief Financial Officer (CFO) or State of Florida Auditor General.
- B.** The MPO, a non-Federal entity as defined by 2 CFR Part 200.1, as a subrecipient of a Federal award awarded by the Department through this Agreement is subject to the following requirements:
 - i.** In the event the MPO expends a total amount of Federal awards equal to or in excess of the threshold established by 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F – Audit Requirements, the MPO must have a Federal single or program-specific audit for such fiscal year conducted in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F – Audit Requirements. Exhibit "B", Federal Financial Assistance (Single Audit Act), to this Agreement provides the required Federal award identification information needed by the MPO to further comply with the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F – Audit Requirements. In determining Federal awards expended in a fiscal

year, the MPO must consider all sources of Federal awards based on when the activity related to the Federal award occurs, including the Federal award provided through the Department by this Agreement. The determination of amounts of Federal awards expended should be in accordance with the guidelines established by 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F – Audit Requirements. An audit conducted by the State of Florida Auditor General in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F – Audit Requirements, will meet the requirements of this paragraph.

- ii. In connection with the audit requirements, the MPO shall fulfill the requirements relative to the auditee responsibilities as provided in 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F – Audit Requirements.
- iii. In the event the MPO expends less than the threshold established by 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F – Audit Requirements, in Federal awards, the MPO is exempt from Federal audit requirements for that fiscal year. However, the MPO must provide a single audit exemption statement to the Department at FDOTSingleAudit@dot.state.fl.us no later than nine months after the end of the MPO's audit period for each applicable audit year. In the event the MPO expends less than the threshold established by 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F – Audit Requirements, in Federal awards in a fiscal year and elects to have an audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F – Audit Requirements, the cost of the audit must be paid from non-Federal resources (*i.e.*, the cost of such an audit must be paid from the MPO's resources obtained from other than Federal entities).
- iv. The MPO must electronically submit to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse (FAC) at <https://harvester.census.gov/facweb/> the audit reporting package as required by 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F – Audit Requirements, within the earlier of 30 calendar days after receipt of the auditor's report(s) or nine months after the end of the audit period. The FAC is the repository of record for audits required by 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F – Audit Requirements, and this Agreement. However, the Department requires a copy of the audit reporting package also be submitted to FDOTSingleAudit@dot.state.fl.us within the earlier of 30 calendar days after receipt of the auditor's report(s) or nine months after the end of the audit period as required by 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F – Audit Requirements.
- v. Within six months of acceptance of the audit report by the FAC, the Department will review the MPO's audit reporting package, including corrective action plans and management letters, to the extent necessary to determine whether timely and appropriate action on all deficiencies has been taken pertaining to the Federal award provided through the Department by this Agreement. If the MPO fails to have an audit conducted in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F – Audit Requirements, the Department may impose additional conditions to remedy noncompliance. If the Department determines that noncompliance cannot be remedied by imposing additional conditions, the Department may take appropriate actions to enforce compliance, which actions may include but not be limited to the following:
 1. Temporarily withhold cash payments pending correction of the deficiency by the MPO or more severe enforcement action by the Department;
 2. Disallow (deny both use of funds and any applicable matching credit for) all or part of the cost of the activity or action not in compliance;
 3. Wholly or partly suspend or terminate the Federal award;
 4. Initiate suspension or debarment proceedings as authorized under 2 CFR Part 180 and 1200 and Federal awarding agency regulations (or in the case of the Department, recommend such a proceeding be initiated by the Federal awarding agency);
 5. Withhold further Federal awards for the UPWP or program;
 6. Take other remedies that may be legally available.
- vi. As a condition of receiving this Federal award, the MPO shall permit the Department, or its designee, the CFO or State of Florida Auditor General access to the MPO's records including financial statements, the independent auditor's working papers and UPWP records as

necessary. Records related to unresolved audit findings, appeals or litigation shall be retained until the action is complete or the dispute is resolved.

vii. The Department's contact information for requirements under this Section is as follows:

Office of Comptroller
605 Suwannee Street, MS 24
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450
FDOTSingleAudit@dot.state.fl.us

C. The MPO shall retain sufficient records demonstrating its compliance with the terms of this Agreement for a period of five years from the date the audit report is issued and shall allow the Department, or its designee, the CFO or State of Florida Auditor General access to such records upon request. The MPO shall ensure that the audit working papers are made available to the Department, or its designee, the CFO, or State of Florida Auditor General upon request for a period of five years from the date the audit report is issued unless extended in writing by the Department.

14. Termination or Suspension: The Department may, by written notice to the MPO, suspend any or all of the MPO's obligations under this Agreement for the MPO's failure to comply with applicable law or the terms of this Agreement until such time as the event or condition resulting in such suspension has ceased or been corrected. The Department will provide written notice outlining the particulars of suspension.

The Department may terminate this Agreement at any time before the date of completion if the MPO is dissolved or if federal funds cease to be available. In addition, the Department or the MPO may terminate this Agreement if either party fails to comply with the conditions of the Agreement. The Department or the MPO shall give written notice to all Parties at least ninety (90) days prior to the effective date of termination and specify the effective date of termination.

The Parties may terminate this Agreement when its continuation would not produce beneficial results commensurate with the further expenditure of funds. In this event, the Parties shall agree upon the termination conditions.

Upon termination of this Agreement, whether for cause or at the convenience of the Parties, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, reports, maps, drawings, models, photographs, etc., prepared by the MPO shall, at the option of the Department, be delivered to the Department.

The Department shall reimburse the MPO for those eligible expenses incurred during the Agreement period that are directly attributable to the completed portion of the work covered by this Agreement, provided that the work has been completed in a manner satisfactory and acceptable to the Department. The MPO shall not incur new obligations for the terminated portion after the effective date of termination.

The Department reserves the right to unilaterally cancel this Agreement for refusal by the MPO or any consultant, sub-consultant or materials vendor to allow public access to all documents, papers, letters or other material subject to the provisions of Chapter 119, F.S., and made or received in conjunction with this Agreement unless the records are confidential or exempt.

The conflict and dispute resolution process set forth in Section 16 of this Agreement shall not delay or stop the Parties' rights to terminate the Agreement.

15. Remedies: Violation or breach of Agreement terms by the MPO shall be grounds for termination of the Agreement. Any costs incurred by the Department arising from the termination of this Agreement shall be paid by the MPO.

This Agreement shall not be considered as specifying the exclusive remedy for any dispute, but all remedies existing at law and in equity may be availed of by either party and shall be cumulative.

16. Conflict and Dispute Resolution Process: This section shall apply to conflicts and disputes relating to matters

subject to this Agreement, or conflicts arising from the performance of this Agreement. If possible, the Parties shall attempt to resolve any dispute or conflict within thirty (30) days of a determination of a dispute or conflict. This section shall not delay or stop the Parties' rights to terminate the Agreement. In addition, notwithstanding that a conflict or dispute may be pending resolution, this section shall not delay or stop the Department from performing the following actions pursuant to its rights under this Agreement: deny payments; disallow costs; deduct the value of ineligible work from subsequent reimbursement requests, or; offset pursuant to Section 11.N of this Agreement.

- A. Initial Resolution:** The affected Parties to this Agreement shall, at a minimum, ensure the attempted early resolution of conflicts relating to such matters. Early resolution shall be handled by direct discussion between the following officials: for the Department - the Intermodal Systems Development Manager; and for the MPO - the Staff Director.
- B. Resolution by Senior Agency Official:** If the conflict remains unresolved, the conflict shall be resolved by the following officials: for the Department - the District Secretary; and for the Hernando-Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) - the Chairperson of the MPO.
- C. Resolution of Conflict by the Agency Secretary:** If the conflict is not resolved through conflict resolution pursuant to the provisions, "Initial Resolution" and "Resolution by Senior Agency Official" above, the conflict shall be resolved by the Secretary for the Department of Transportation or their delegate. If the MPO does not agree with the resolution provided by the Secretary for the Department of Transportation, the Parties may pursue any other remedies set forth in this Agreement or provided by law.

17. Compliance with 49 CFR Part 26: To the extent required by law, comply, and have your consultants and subconsultants comply, with the provisions of 49 CFR Part 26, as amended.

18. Compliance with Laws and Regulations:

- A.** The MPO shall comply and require its consultants and subconsultants to comply with all terms and conditions of this Agreement and all federal, state, and local laws and regulations applicable to this UPWP. Execution of this Agreement constitutes a certification that the MPO is in compliance with, and will require its consultants and subconsultants to comply with, all requirements imposed by applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
- B.** The MPO shall comply with the "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transactions," as set forth in 2 CFR Part 180 and 1200, attached and incorporated into this Agreement in Exhibit "E", and when applicable the MPO shall include Exhibit "E" required provisions in all contracts and subcontracts entered into pursuant to this Agreement.
- C. Title VI Assurances:** The MPO will comply with all the requirements imposed by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) issued thereunder, and the assurance by the MPO pursuant thereto, including but not limited to the requirements set forth in Exhibit "C", Title VI Assurances. The MPO shall include the attached Exhibit "C", Title VI Assurances, in all contracts with consultants and contractors performing work as part of the UPWP to ensure compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 49 CFR Part 21, and related statutes and regulations.
- D. Restrictions on Lobbying** The MPO agrees that to no federally-appropriated funds have been paid, or will be paid by or on behalf of the MPO, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence any officer or employee of any federal 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 federally-appropriated funds have been paid by the MPO to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or

employee of any federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions. The MPO shall require that the language of Exhibit "F" 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. No funds received pursuant to this Agreement may be expended for lobbying the Legislature, the judicial branch or a state agency.

E. The MPO must comply with FHWA's Conflicts of Interest requirements set forth in 23 CFR § 1.33.

19. Restrictions, Prohibitions, Controls, and Labor Provisions: During the performance of this Agreement, the MPO agrees as follows, and shall require the following provisions to be included in each contract and subcontract entered into pursuant to this Agreement:

- A. A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, F.S., for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.
- B. In accordance with Section 287.134, F.S., an entity or affiliate who has been placed on the Discriminatory Vendor List, kept by the Florida Department of Management Services, may not submit a bid on a contract to provide goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity.
- C. An entity or affiliate who has had its Certificate of Qualification suspended, revoked, denied or have further been determined by the Department to be a non-responsible contractor may not submit a bid or perform work for the construction or repair of a public building or public work on a contract with the MPO.
- D. Neither the MPO nor any of its contractors and consultants or their subcontractors and subconsultants shall enter into any contract, subcontract or arrangement in connection with the UPWP or any property included or planned to be included in the UPWP in which any member, officer or employee of the MPO or the entities that are part of the MPO during tenure or for 2 years thereafter has any interest, direct or indirect. If any such present or former member, officer or employee involuntarily acquires or had acquired prior to the beginning of tenure any such interest, and if such interest is immediately disclosed to the MPO, the MPO, with prior approval of the Department, may waive the prohibition contained in this paragraph provided that any such present member, officer or employee shall not participate in any action by the MPO or the locality relating to such contract, subcontract or arrangement. The MPO shall insert in all contracts entered into in connection with the UPWP or any property included or planned to be included in any UPWP, and shall require its contractors and consultants to insert in each of their subcontracts, the following provision:

"No member, officer or employee of the MPO or of the locality during his or her tenure or for 2 years thereafter shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in this contract or the proceeds thereof."

The provisions of this paragraph shall not be applicable to any agreement between the MPO and its fiscal depositories or to any agreement for utility services the rates for which are fixed or controlled by a governmental agency.

- E. No member or delegate to the Congress of the United States shall be admitted to any share or part of this Agreement or any benefit arising therefrom.

20. Miscellaneous Provisions:

A. Public Records:

- i. The MPO shall allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other material subject to the provisions of Chapter 119, F.S., and made or received by the MPO in conjunction with this Agreement, unless such documents are exempt from public access or are confidential pursuant to state and federal law. Failure by the MPO to grant such public access shall be grounds for immediate unilateral cancellation of this Agreement by the Department.

- ii. In addition, the MPO shall comply with the requirements of Section 119.0701, F.S.

- B. It is specifically agreed between the Parties executing this Agreement that it is not intended by any of the provisions of any part of the Agreement to create in the public or any member thereof, a third party beneficiary hereunder, or to authorize anyone not a party to this Agreement to maintain a suit for personal injuries or property damage pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement.

- C. In no event shall the making by the Department of any payment to the MPO constitute or be construed as a waiver by the Department of any breach of covenant or any default which may then exist on the part of the MPO and the making of such payment by the Department, while any such breach or default shall exist, shall in no way impair or prejudice any right or remedy available to the Department with respect to such breach or default.

- D. If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected. In such an instance, the remainder would then continue to conform to the terms and requirements of applicable law.

- E. By execution of the Agreement, the MPO represents that it has not paid and, also agrees not to pay, any bonus or commission for the purpose of obtaining an approval of its application for the financing hereunder.

- F. Nothing in the Agreement shall require the MPO to observe or enforce compliance with any provision or perform any act or do any other thing in contravention of any applicable state law. If any of the provisions of the Agreement violate any applicable state law, the MPO will at once notify the Department in writing in order that appropriate changes and modifications may be made by the Department and the MPO to the end that the MPO may proceed as soon as possible with the UPWP.

- G. The MPO shall comply with all applicable federal guidelines, procedures, and regulations. If at any time a review conducted by Department and or FHWA reveals that the applicable federal guidelines, procedures, and regulations were not followed by the MPO and FHWA requires reimbursement of the funds, the MPO will be responsible for repayment to the Department of all funds awarded under the terms of this Agreement.

H. The MPO:

- i. shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by MPO during the term of the contract; and
- ii. shall expressly require any contractor, consultant, subcontractors and subconsultants performing work or providing services pursuant to the state contract to likewise utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the subcontractor or subconsultant during the contract term.

- I. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute the same Agreement. A facsimile or electronic transmission of

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this Agreement with a signature on behalf of a party will be legal and binding on such party.

- J. The Parties agree to comply with s.20.055(5), F.S., and to incorporate in all subcontracts the obligation to comply with s.20.055(5), F.S.
- K. This Agreement and any claims arising out of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the United States and the State of Florida.

21. Exhibits: The following Exhibits are attached and incorporated into this Agreement:

- A. Exhibit "A", UPWP
- B. Exhibit "B", Federal Financial Assistance (Single Audit Act)
- C. Exhibit "C", Title VI/Nondiscrimination Assurances
- D. Exhibit "D", Contract Payment Requirements
- E. Exhibit "E", Debarment and Suspension Certification
- F. Exhibit "F", Lobbying Certification for Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Parties have executed this Agreement on the day, month and year set forth above.

MPO Name
Hernando-Citrus MPO

Florida Department of Transportation

MPO Executive Director Name
Robert Esposito

District Secretary or Designee Name
Justin Hall

MPO Executive Director Signature

District Secretary or Designee Signature

MPO Chairperson or Designee Name
John Allocco

FDOT Legal Reviewer Name & Title
Martin Hernandez

MPO Chairperson or Designee Signature

FDOT Legal Reviewer Signature

MPO Legal Reviewer Name & Title
Natasha Lopez Perez, Assistant County Attorney for
Hernando County

Natasha López Perez

MPO Legal Reviewer Signature

EXHIBIT "A"
UPWP

EXHIBIT “B”

FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (SINGLE AUDIT ACT)

FEDERAL RESOURCES AWARDED PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

CFDA No.: [20.205](#)

CFDA Title: HIGHWAY PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION
Federal-Aid Highway Program, Federal Lands Highway Program

***Award Amount:** \$1,651,496

Awarding Agency: Florida Department of Transportation

Indirect Cost Rate: N/A

****Award is for R&D:** No

*The federal award amount may change with supplemental agreements

**Research and Development as defined at 2 CFR § 200.87

**FEDERAL RESOURCES AWARDED PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING
AUDIT REQUIREMENTS:**

2 CFR Part 200 – Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles & Audit Requirements for Federal Awards

www.ecfr.gov

**FEDERAL RESOURCES AWARDED PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT MAY ALSO BE SUBJECT TO
THE FOLLOWING:**

Title 23 – Highways, United States Code

<http://uscode.house.gov/browse.xhtml>

Title 49 – Transportation, United States Code

<http://uscode.house.gov/browse.xhtml>

Federal Highway Administration – Florida Division

www.fhwa.dot.gov/fldiv

Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) Sub-award Reporting System (FSRS)

www.fsrs.gov

EXHIBIT "C"

TITLE VI/NONDISCRIMINATION ASSURANCES

Pursuant to Section 9 of US DOT Order 1050.2A, the Hernando-Citrus MPO assures the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) that no person shall on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, family or religious status, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992 and other nondiscrimination authorities be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination or retaliation under any program or activity.

The Hernando-Citrus MPO further assures FDOT that it will undertake the following with respect to its programs and activities:

- (1.) Designate a Title VI Liaison that has a responsible position within the organization and access to the Recipient's Chief Executive Officer.
- (2.) Issue a policy statement signed by the Chief Executive Officer, which expresses its commitment to the nondiscrimination provisions of Title VI. The policy statement shall be circulated throughout the Hernando-Citrus MPO's organization and to the general public. Such information shall be published where appropriate in languages other than English.
- (3.) Insert the clauses labeled *Appendices A and E* below in every contract subject to the Acts and the Regulations.
- (4.) Develop a complaint process and attempt to resolve complaints of discrimination against sub-recipients. Complaints against the Recipient shall immediately be forwarded to the FDOT District Title VI Coordinator.
- (5.) Participate in training offered on Title VI and other nondiscrimination requirements.
- (6.) If reviewed by FDOT or USDOT, take affirmative action to correct any deficiencies found within a reasonable time period, not to exceed ninety (90) calendar days.
- (7.) Have a process to collect racial and ethnic data on persons impacted by your agency's programs.

THIS ASSURANCE is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all federal funds, grants, loans, contracts, properties, discounts or other federal financial assistance under all programs and activities and is binding. The person whose signature appears below is authorized to sign this assurance on behalf of the Hernando-Citrus MPO.

APPENDICES A and E

During the performance of this Agreement, the MPO, for itself, its assignees and successors in interest (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "contractor") agrees as follows:

- (1.) **Compliance with REGULATIONS:** The contractor shall comply with the Acts and Regulations relative to nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the USDOT Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21, as they may be amended from time to time, hereinafter referred to as the "Regulations", which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement.
- (2.) **Nondiscrimination:** The contractor, with regard to the work performed during this Agreement, shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion or family status in the selection and retention of sub-contractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by Section 21.5 of the Regulations, including employment practices when the Agreement covers a program set forth in Appendix B of the Regulations.
- (3.) **Solicitations for Sub-contractors, including Procurements of Materials and Equipment:** In all solicitations,

either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under sub-contract, including procurements of materials or leases of equipment, each potential sub-contractor or supplier shall be notified by the contractor of the contractor's obligations under this Agreement and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion or family status.

- (4.) **Information and Reports:** The contractor shall provide all information and reports required by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto, and shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the Department or FHWA, FTA, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Regulations, orders and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information the contractor shall so certify to the Department, or FHWA, FTA, FAA, or FMCSA as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
- (5.) **Sanctions for Noncompliance:** In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this Agreement, the Department shall impose such contract sanctions as it or FHWA, FTA, FAA, or FMCSA may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
- a. withholding of payments to the contractor under the Agreement until the contractor complies, and/or
 - b. cancellation, termination or suspension of the Agreement, in whole or in part.
- (6.) **Incorporation of Provisions:** The contractor shall include the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (7) in every sub- contract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Regulations, or directives issued pursuant thereto. The contractor shall take such action with respect to any sub-contract or procurement as the Department or FHWA, FTA, FAA, or FMCSA 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 sub-contractor or supplier as a result of such direction, the contractor may request the Department to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the Department, and, in addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.
- (7.) **Compliance with Nondiscrimination Statutes and Authorities:** Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin); and 49 CFR Part 21; The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal- aid programs and projects); Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C. § 324 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 et seq.), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR Part 27; The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age); Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49 U.S.C. § 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex); The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (PL 100-259), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms “programs or activities” to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not); Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131 -- 12189) as implemented by USDOT regulations at 49 CFR parts 37 and 38; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq).

EXHIBIT “D”
CONTRACT PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS
Florida Department of Financial Services, Reference Guide for State Expenditures
Cost Reimbursement Contracts

Invoices for cost reimbursement contracts must be supported by an itemized listing of expenditures by category (salary, travel, expenses, etc.). Supporting documentation shall be submitted for each amount for which reimbursement is being claimed, indicating that the item has been paid. Documentation for each amount for which reimbursement is being claimed must indicate that the item has been paid. Check numbers may be provided in lieu of copies of actual checks. Each piece of documentation should clearly reflect the dates of service. Only expenditures for categories in the approved agreement budget may be reimbursed. These expenditures must be allowable (pursuant to law) and directly related to the services being provided.

Listed below are types and examples of supporting documentation for cost reimbursement agreements:

Salaries: Timesheets that support the hours worked on the UPWP or activity must be kept. A payroll register, or similar documentation should be maintained. The payroll register should show gross salary charges, fringe benefits, other deductions and net pay. If an individual for whom reimbursement is being claimed is paid by the hour, a document reflecting the hours worked times the rate of pay will be acceptable.

Fringe benefits: Fringe benefits should be supported by invoices showing the amount paid on behalf of the employee, e.g., insurance premiums paid. If the contract specifically states that fringe benefits will be based on a specified percentage rather than the actual cost of fringe benefits, then the calculation for the fringe benefits amount must be shown. Exception: Governmental entities are not required to provide check numbers or copies of checks for fringe benefits.

Travel: Reimbursement for travel must be in accordance with s. 112.061, F.S., which includes submission of the claim on the approved state travel voucher along with supporting receipts and invoices.

Other direct costs: Reimbursement will be made based on paid invoices/receipts and proof of payment processing (cancelled/processed checks and bank statements). If nonexpendable property is purchased using state funds, the contract should include a provision for the transfer of the property to the State when services are terminated. Documentation must be provided to show compliance with DMS Rule 60A-1.017, F.A.C., regarding the requirements for contracts which include services and that provide for the contractor to purchase tangible personal property as defined in s. 273.02, F.S., for subsequent transfer to the State.

Indirect costs: If the contract stipulates that indirect costs will be paid based on a specified rate, then the calculation should be shown. Indirect costs must be in the approved agreement budget, and the entity must be able to demonstrate that the costs are not duplicated elsewhere as direct costs. All indirect cost rates must be evaluated for reasonableness and for allowability and must be allocated consistently.

Contracts between state agencies may submit alternative documentation to substantiate the reimbursement request, which may be in the form of FLAIR reports or other detailed reports.

The Florida Department of Financial Services, online Reference Guide for State Expenditures can be found at this web address <https://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/AA/Manuals/documents/ReferenceGuideforStateExpenditures.pdf>.

EXHIBIT “E”
DEBARMENT and SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION

As required by the USDOT regulations on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension at 2 CFR Part 180 and 1200:

- (1.)** The Hernando-Citrus MPO hereby certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
 - A.** Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency;
 - B.** Have not, within a three-year period preceding this proposal, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction, violation of federal or state antitrust statutes; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - C.** Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of the offenses listed in paragraph (b) of this certification; and
 - D.** Have not, within a three-year period preceding this certification, had one or more public transactions (federal, state or local) terminated for cause or default.
- (2.)** The Hernando-Citrus MPO also hereby certifies that if, later, it becomes aware of any information contradicting the statements of paragraphs (A) through (D) above, it will promptly provide that information to the USDOT.

EXHIBIT “F”

LOBBYING CERTIFICATION for GRANTS, LOANS and COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

In accordance with Section 1352 of Title 31, United States Code, it is the policy of the Hernando-Citrus MPO that:

- (1.)** No Federal or state appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the Hernando-Citrus MPO, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal or state agency, or a member of Congress or the state legislature in connection with the awarding of any Federal or state contract, the making of any Federal or state grant, the making of any Federal or state loan, extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal or state 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 Federal 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 Hernando-Citrus MPO shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subgrants and contracts and subcontracts under grants, subgrants, loans, and cooperative agreement), which exceeds \$100,000, and that all such subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.
- (4.)** 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 failure.