

## **STANDARD CITY CONTRACT**

### **MASTER CONTRACT FOR PRODUCTS AND SERVICES - THE CITY OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**

**CONTRACT NO.:** **EV####**

**TITLE/DESCRIPTION:** **Kansas City Organic Waste Improvement Project/Scaling Food Recovery & Waste Diversion Across Kansas City**

THIS Contract is between KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, a constitutionally chartered municipal corporation ("CITY"), and **Bridging the Gap, Inc.** ("CONTRACTOR").

**Sec. 1. The Contract.** The Contract between the CITY and CONTRACTOR consists of the following Contract Documents:

- A. this Contract;
- B. any and all Attachments and Exhibits attached to the Contract. All documents listed in this Section 1 shall be collectively referred to as the "Contract Documents" and are incorporated into this Contract. CITY and CONTRACTOR agree that the terms "Agreement" and "Contract" and "Contract Documents" are used interchangeably in this Contract and the terms "Agreement" and "Contract" and "Contract Documents" each include all "Contract Documents."

**Attachment A:** Final Approved Workplan

**Attachment B:** Quality Assurance Performance Plan

**Attachment C:** [EPA General Terms and Conditions](#)

**Attachment D:** [EPA Subaward Policy Appendix B: National Term and Condition for Subawards](#)

**Attachment E:** Pricing Addendum

**Sec. 2. Term of Contract.** The work to be performed under this Contract shall begin on the date specified in the written Notice to Proceed issued by the Director. The work shall be completed by **December 31, 2028**. The City is authorized to extend the term of this contract and time of performance for this Contract.

**Sec. 3. Compensation.**

- A. The maximum amount the CITY shall pay CONTRACTOR under this Contract shall not exceed **\$200,000.00**. CONTRACTOR shall provide all services and materials set forth in

Attachment A: Final Approved Workplan, Attachment B: Quality Assurance Performance Plan, Attachment C: EPA General Terms and Conditions, Attachment D: EPA Subaward Policy Appendix B: National Term and Conditions for Subawards (collectively the "Work"), and CITY shall pay CONTRACTOR in accordance with Attachment E: Pricing Addendum.

- B. CITY shall order all services to be provided by CONTRACTOR under this Contract by means of a Purchase Order issued by the CITY's Manager of Procurement Services for which funds have been certified and encumbered by the City's Director of Finance. CITY shall not have any financial obligations to CONTRACTOR under this Contract until the CITY issues a Purchase Order to CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall not provide any services in excess of the dollar amount contained in any Purchase Order and CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to any payment in excess of the dollar amount of the Purchase Orders from CITY.

#### **Sec. 4. Effective Date of Contract.**

- A. Notwithstanding Section 2 of this Contract, neither party has any obligation under this Contract until the Manager of Procurement Services issues a Purchase Order which shall be signed by the City's Director of Finance certifying there is a balance, otherwise unencumbered, to the credit of the appropriation to which the expenditure is to be charged, and a cash balance, otherwise unencumbered, in the treasury, to the credit of the fund from which payment will be made, each sufficient to meet the obligation incurred in the Purchase Order.
- B. The date of the first Purchase Order issued by the CITY is the effective date of this Contract.
- C. The date of the first Purchase Order issued by the CITY after the CITY renews this Contract shall be the effective date of the renewal term or transition term.

#### **Sec. 5. Invoices.**

- A. CONTRACTOR shall submit to CITY a request for payment (hereinafter "Invoice") for services performed in sufficient detail for the CITY to determine that the amount CONTRACTOR is requesting is in fact due and payable.
- B. CITY shall not pay any Invoice from CONTRACTOR unless CONTRACTOR is in compliance with, and not in breach or default of, all terms, covenants and conditions of this Contract. If damages are sustained by CITY as a result of breach or default by CONTRACTOR, CITY may withhold payment(s) to CONTRACTOR for the purpose of set off until such time as the exact amount of damages due to CITY from CONTRACTOR may be determined.
- C. CITY shall not process CONTRACTOR's Invoice unless CONTRACTOR's Invoice is in proper form, correctly computed, and is approved by CITY as payable under the terms of this Contract.

- D. CITY is not liable for any obligation incurred by CONTRACTOR except as approved under the provisions of this Contract.
- E. If CONTRACTOR is required to meet MBE/WBE goals for this Contract, CONTRACTOR shall not submit an Invoice to the City unless CONTRACTOR's Invoice is accompanied by a copy of the most recent 00485.01 M/WBE Monthly Utilization Report submitted by CONTRACTOR to the City's Human Relations Department. CONTRACTOR shall remain current on CONTRACTOR's filing of 00485.01 M/WBE Monthly Utilization Reports. CITY shall not pay CONTRACTOR's Invoice unless CONTRACTOR is current on CONTRACTOR's filing of 00485.01 M/WBE Monthly Utilization Reports.

**Sec. 6. Representations and Warranties of CONTRACTOR.** CONTRACTOR hereby represents and warrants to the CITY the following:

- A. CONTRACTOR is in good standing under the laws of the state of Missouri and each state in which it does business, except any such state where the failure to be in good standing would not have a material adverse effect on CONTRACTOR's ability to perform this Contract in accordance with its terms.
- B. The execution, delivery and performance by CONTRACTOR of this Contract have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action and do not and will not (i) require any consent or approval of CONTRACTOR's board of directors; (ii) require any authorization, consent or approval by, or registration, declaration or filing with, or notice to, any governmental department, commission, board, bureau, agency or instrumentality, or any third party, except such authorization, consent, approval, registration, declaration, filing or notice as has been obtained prior to the date hereof; (iii) violate any provision of any law, rule or regulation or of any order, writ, injunction or decree presently in effect having applicability to CONTRACTOR or its articles or by-laws; and (iv) result in a breach of or constitute a default under any material agreement, lease or instrument to which CONTRACTOR is a party or by which it or its properties may be bound or affected.
- C. CONTRACTOR shall not enter into any contract for the services to CITY that purports to grant a security interest or right of repossession to any person or entity respecting the services, or any portions thereof or chattels placed thereon.
- D. There is no litigation, proceeding or other investigation pending or, to the knowledge of CONTRACTOR, threatened against CONTRACTOR which would prevent consummation of the transaction contemplated by this Contract or would have a materially adverse effect on CONTRACTOR.

**Sec. 7. Survival of the Representations, Warranties and Covenants.** All representations, warranties and covenants expressed herein shall survive the execution of this Contract for the benefit of the parties hereto.

**Sec. 8. Governing Law.** This Contract shall be construed and governed in accordance with the laws of the State of Missouri without giving effect to Missouri's choice of law provisions. The CITY and CONTRACTOR: (1) submit to the jurisdiction of the state and federal courts located in Jackson County, Missouri; (2) waive any and all objections to jurisdiction and venue; and (3) will not raise forum *non conveniens* as an objection to the location of any litigation.

**Sec. 9. Termination for Convenience.** CITY may, at any time upon fifteen (15) days written notice to CONTRACTOR specifying the effective date of termination, terminate this Contract, in whole or in part.

**Sec. 10. Default and Remedies.**

- A. If CONTRACTOR shall be in default or breach of any provision of this Contract, CITY may terminate this Contract, suspend CITY's performance, withhold payment or invoke any other legal or equitable remedy after giving CONTRACTOR ten (10) days written notice and opportunity to cure such default or breach.
- B. If CITY shall be in default or breach of any provision of this Contract, CONTRACTOR may terminate this contract or suspend CONTRACTOR's performance after giving CITY ten (10) days written notice and opportunity to cure such default or breach.

**Sec. 11. Waiver.** Waiver by CITY of any term, covenant, or condition hereof shall not operate as a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or of any other term, covenant or condition. No term, covenant, or condition of this Contract can be waived except by written consent of CITY, and forbearance or indulgence by CITY in any regard whatsoever shall not constitute a waiver of same to be performed by CONTRACTOR to which the same may apply and, until complete performance by CONTRACTOR of the term, covenant or condition, CITY shall be entitled to invoke any remedy available to it under this Contract or by law despite any such forbearance or indulgence.

**Sec. 12. Acceptance.** No payment made under this Contract shall be proof of satisfactory performance of the Contract, either wholly or in part, and no payment shall be construed as acceptance of deficient or unsatisfactory services.

**Sec. 13. Records.**

- A. For purposes of this Section:
  - 1. "CITY" shall mean the City Auditor, the City's Internal Auditor, the City's Director of Human Relations, the City Manager, the City department administering this Contract and their delegates and agents.
  - 2. "Record" shall mean any document, book, paper, photograph, map, sound recordings or other material, regardless of physical form or characteristics,

made or received in connection with this Contract and all Contract amendments and renewals.

- B. CONTRACTOR shall maintain and retain all Records for a term of five (5) years that shall begin after the expiration or termination of this Contract and all Contract amendments. CITY shall have a right to examine or audit all Records, and CONTRACTOR shall provide access to CITY of all Records upon ten (10) days written notice from the CITY.
- C. The books, documents and records of CONTRACTOR in connection with this Contract shall be made available to the City Auditor, the City's Internal Auditor, the City's Director of Human Relations and the City department administering this Contract within ten (10) days after the written request is made.

**Sec. 14. Reserved.**

**Sec. 15. Tax Compliance.** If the CITY's payments to CONTRACTOR exceed \$160,000.00 for the period of May 1st through April 30th, CONTRACTOR shall provide proof of compliance with the CITY's tax ordinances administered by the CITY's Commissioner of Revenue as a precondition to the CITY making the first payment under this Contract. CONTRACTOR also shall submit to the CITY proof of compliance with the CITY's tax ordinances administered by the CITY's Commissioner of Revenue as a condition precedent to the CITY making final payment under the Contract.

**Sec. 16. Buy American Preference.** It is the policy of the CITY that any manufactured goods or commodities used or supplied in the performance of any CITY Contract or any subcontract thereto shall be manufactured or produced in the United States whenever possible.

**Sec. 17. Notices.** All notices to be given hereunder shall be in writing and may be given, served or made by depositing the same in the United States mail addressed to the party to be notified, postpaid and registered or certified with return receipt requested or by delivering the same in person to such person. Notice deposited in the mail in accordance with the provisions hereof shall be effective unless otherwise stated in such notice or in this Contract from and after the second day next following the date postmarked on the envelope containing such notice. Notice given in any other manner shall be effective only if and when received by the party to be notified. All notices shall be sent to the following addresses:

If to the CITY:	City of Kansas City, Missouri
	Attn: Phillip Asante
	Chief Procurement Officer
	Procurement Services Division
	414 East 12th Street, 1st Floor, Room 102 W
	Kansas City, Missouri 64106
	Telephone: (816) 513-0798
	Facsimile: (816) 513-1066

With copies to: Matthew J. Gigliotti, Esq.  
City Attorney  
Law Department of Kansas City, Missouri  
414 East 12th Street, 23rd Floor  
Kansas City, Missouri 64106  
Telephone: (816) 513-3153

If to the CONTRACTOR: Scott Wagner, Executive Director  
Bridging the Gap, Inc.  
1427 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kansas City, Missouri 64101  
[scott.wagner@bridgingthepgap.org](mailto:scott.wagner@bridgingthepgap.org)

### **Sec. 18. General Indemnification.**

- A. For purposes of this Section only, the following terms shall have the meanings listed:
1. Claims means all claims, damages, liability, losses, costs and expenses, court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, including attorneys' fees incurred by the CITY in the enforcement of this indemnity obligation.
  2. CONTRACTOR's Agents means CONTRACTOR's officers, employees, subcontractors, successors, assigns, invitees, and other agents.
  3. CITY means CITY, its Agencies, its agents, officials, officers and employees.
- B. CONTRACTOR's obligations under this Section with respect to indemnification for acts or omissions, including negligence, of CITY, shall be limited to the coverage and limits of insurance that CONTRACTOR is required to procure and maintain under this Contract. CONTRACTOR affirms that it has had the opportunity to recover all costs of the insurance requirements imposed by this Contract in its contract price.
- C. CONTRACTOR shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless CITY from and against all claims arising out of or resulting from all acts or omissions in connection with this Contract caused in whole or in part by CONTRACTOR or CONTRACTOR's Agents, regardless of whether or not caused in part by any act or omission, including negligence, of CITY. CONTRACTOR is not obligated under this Section to indemnify CITY for the sole negligence of CITY.
- D. In no event shall the language in this Section constitute or be construed as a waiver or limitation of the CITY's rights or defenses with regard to sovereign immunity, governmental immunity, or other official immunities and protections as provided by the federal and state constitutions or by law.

**Sec. 19. Indemnification for Professional Negligence.** If this contract is for professional services, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, and hold harmless CITY and any of its agencies, officials, officers, or employees from and against all claims, damages, liability, losses, costs, and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, arising out of any negligent acts or omissions in connection with this Contract, caused by CONTRACTOR, its employees, agents, subcontractors, or caused by others for whom CONTRACTOR is liable, in the performance of professional services under this Contract. CONTRACTOR is not obligated under this Section to indemnify CITY for the negligent acts of CITY or any of its agencies, officials, officers, or employees.

**Sec. 20. Insurance.**

- A. CONTRACTOR shall procure and maintain in effect throughout the term of this Contract insurance policies with coverage not less than the types and amounts specified in this Section. CONTRACTOR must have:
1. Commercial General Liability Insurance Policy: with limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate, written on an "occurrence" basis. The policy shall be written or endorsed to include the following provisions:
    - a. Severability of Interests Coverage applying to Additional Insureds
    - b. Contractual Liability
    - c. Per Project Aggregate Liability Limit or, where not available, the aggregate limit shall be \$2,000,000
    - d. No Contractual Liability Limitation Endorsement
    - e. Additional Insured Endorsement, ISO for CG20 10, current edition, or its equivalent
  2. Workers' Compensation Insurance and Employers Liability Policies as required by Missouri law.
  3. Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance Policy: with a limit of \$1,000,000 per occurrence, covering owned, hired, and non-owned automobiles. The Policy shall provide coverage on an "any auto" basis and on an "occurrence" basis. This insurance policy will be written on a Commercial Business Auto form, or acceptable equivalent, and will protect against claims arising out of the operation of motor vehicles, as to acts done in connection with the Contract, by CONTRACTOR.
  4. If this Contract is for professional services, CONTRACTOR shall obtain Professional Liability Insurance with limits per claim and annual aggregate of \$1,000,000.
- B. All insurance policies required in this Section shall provide that the policy will not be canceled until after the Insurer provides the CITY ten (10) days written notice of cancellation in the event that the cancellation is for CONTRACTOR's nonpayment of premiums and thirty (30) days written notice of cancellation to CITY for all other reasons of cancellation.

- C. The Commercial General and Automobile Liability Insurance Policies specified above shall provide that CITY and its agencies, agents, officials, officers, and employees, while acting within the scope of their authority, will be named as additional insureds for the services performed under this Contract. CONTRACTOR shall provide to CITY at execution of this Contract a certificate of insurance showing all required endorsements and additional insureds.
- D. All insurance policies must be provided by Insurance Companies that have an A.M. Best's rating of A-, V or better, and are licensed or approved by the State of Missouri to provide insurance in Missouri.
- E. Regardless of any approval by CITY, CONTRACTOR shall maintain the required insurance coverage in force at all times during the term of this Contract. CONTRACTOR's failure to maintain the required insurance coverage will not relieve CONTRACTOR of its contractual obligation to indemnify the CITY pursuant to this Section of this Contract. In the event CONTRACTOR fails to maintain the required insurance coverage in effect, CITY may declare CONTRACTOR in default.
- F. In no event shall the language in this Section constitute or be construed as a waiver or limitation of the CITY's rights or defenses with regard to sovereign immunity, governmental immunity, or other official immunities and protections as provided by the federal and state constitutions or by law.

#### **Sec. 21. Interpretation of the Contract.**

- A. CITY selected CONTRACTOR through a negotiated procurement process rather than an Invitation for Bids (IFB) solicitation. Unlike the IFB, this process allows the CITY and CONTRACTOR to discuss and negotiate a contract at arms length prior to entering a final contract that is acceptable to both the CITY and the CONTRACTOR. After negotiation and discussion, CONTRACTOR and CITY have incorporated multiple documents into this Agreement and the meaning of some of the words used in the Agreement may be uncertain, incomplete or duplicative and the Agreement may promise something at one place and take that promise away at another. In sum, the Agreement may contain words and provisions that are susceptible of more than one meaning so that reasonable persons of average intelligence may fairly and honestly differ in their construction of the words and provisions. It is the intent of the CITY and the CONTRACTOR that the CITY's taxpayers receive the benefit or advantage in the construction and interpretation of this Agreement, regardless of the normal judicial rules of contract construction even if the construction and interpretation of the Agreement will cost the CONTRACTOR more money and time. CITY and CONTRACTOR agree that CITY's Manager of Procurement Services shall resolve all disagreements as to the meaning of this Agreement or any ambiguity in this Agreement, in favor of the CITY and its taxpayers even if it will cost the CONTRACTOR more money and time. The decision of CITY's Manager of Procurement shall be final and conclusive if the Manager of Procurement Services acted in good faith.

- B. CONTRACTOR acknowledges and agrees that the CITY has provided CONTRACTOR with an opportunity to have CONTRACTOR's attorney review and advise CONTRACTOR on the Agreement and any potential ambiguities or areas of disagreement and the potential adverse legal consequences of CONTRACTOR agreeing to this Section as well as the entire Agreement. CONTRACTOR certifies that CONTRACTOR has provided the CITY written notice of all ambiguities, conflicts, errors or discrepancies that it has discovered in the Agreement and the written resolution thereof by the CITY as embodied in this final Agreement is acceptable to CONTRACTOR.
- C. CONTRACTOR certifies that CONTRACTOR has either (1) waived its right to have CONTRACTOR's attorney review this Section and Agreement; or (2) CONTRACTOR has consulted with an attorney on this Section and Agreement.
- D. CONTRACTOR knowingly and voluntarily agrees to this Section and the entire Agreement. CONTRACTOR certifies that this contract was not procured by fraud, duress or undue influence.

**Sec. 22. Contract Execution.** This Contract may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original copy of this Contract and all of which, when taken together, will be deemed to constitute one and the same Contract. This Contract shall be effective upon the execution of counterparts by both parties, notwithstanding that both parties may not sign the same counterpart. The parties' signatures transmitted by facsimile or by other electronic means shall be proof of the execution of this Contract and shall be acceptable in a court of law.

**Sec. 23. Guaranteed Lowest Pricing.** CONTRACTOR certifies that this Contract contains CONTRACTOR's lowest and best pricing for all services supplied by CONTRACTOR to any government, governmental entity, political subdivision, city, state, school district or any other public entity in the United States as of the date of this Contract.

**Sec. 24. Assignability and Subcontracting.**

- A. Assignability. Contractor shall not assign or transfer any part or all of Contractor's obligation or interest in this Contract without prior written approval of City. If Contractor shall assign or transfer any of its obligations or interests under this Contract without the City's prior written approval, it shall constitute a material breach of this Contract. This provision shall not prohibit contractor from subcontracting as otherwise provided for herein.
- B. Subcontracting. Contractor shall not subcontract any part or all of Contractor's obligations or interests in this Contract unless the subcontractor has been identified in a format required by City. If Contractor shall subcontract any part of Contractor's obligations or interests under this Contract without having identified the subcontractor, it shall constitute a material breach of this Contract. The utilization of subcontractors shall not relieve Contractor of any of its responsibilities under the Contract, and Contractor shall remain responsible to City for the

negligent acts, errors, omissions or neglect of any subcontractor and of such subcontractor's officers, agents and employees. City shall have the right to reject, at any point during the term of this Contract, any subcontractor identified by Contractor, and to require that any subcontractor cease working under this Contract. City's right shall be exercisable in its sole and subjective discretion. City shall not be obligated to pay or be liable for payment of any monies which may be due to any subcontractor. Contractor shall include in any subcontract a requirement that the subcontractor comply with all requirements of this Contract in performing Contractor's services hereunder.

**Sec. 25. Professional Services – Conflict of Interest Certification.** If this Contract is for professional services other than for medical doctors or appraisers, CONTRACTOR certifies that CONTRACTOR is not an expert witness for any party in litigation against the CITY at the time of the issuance of this Contract.

**Sec. 26. Intellectual Property Rights.** CONTRACTOR agrees, on its behalf and on behalf of its employees and agents, that it will promptly communicate and disclose to CITY all computer programs, documentation, software and other copyrightable works ("copyrightable works") conceived, reduced to practice or made by CONTRACTOR or its agents, whether solely or jointly with others, during the term of this Contract resulting from or related to any work CONTRACTOR or its agents may do on behalf of CITY or at its request. All inventions and copyrightable works that CONTRACTOR is obligated to disclose shall be and remain entirely the property of CITY. It is agreed that all inventions and copyrightable works are works made for hire and shall be the exclusive property of CITY. CONTRACTOR hereby assigns to CITY any rights it may have in such copyrightable works. CONTRACTOR shall cooperate with CITY in obtaining any copyrights or patents.

**Sec. 27. Minority and Women's Business Enterprises. RESERVED.**

**Sec. 28. Employee Eligibility Verification.** CONTRACTOR shall execute and submit an affidavit, in a form prescribed by the CITY, affirming that CONTRACTOR does not knowingly employ any person in connection with the contracted services who does not have the legal right or authorization under federal law to work in the United States as defined in 8 U.S.C. §1324a(h)(3). CONTRACTOR shall attach to the affidavit documentation sufficient to establish CONTRACTOR's enrollment and participation in an electronic verification of work program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security to verify information of newly hired employees, under the Immigration and Reform and Control Act of 1986. CONTRACTOR may obtain additional information about E-Verify and enroll at <https://e-verify.uscis.gov/enroll/StartPage.aspx?JS=YES>. For those CONTRACTORS enrolled in E-Verify, the first and last pages of the E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding that CONTRACTOR will obtain upon successfully enrolling in the program shall constitute sufficient documentation for purposes of complying with this section. CONTRACTOR shall submit the affidavit and attachments to the CITY prior to execution of the contract, or at any point during the term of the contract if requested by the CITY.

**Sec. 29. Emergencies.**

- A. Disaster means any large scale event such as an act of terrorism, fire, wind, flood, earthquake or other natural or man-made calamity which results in, or has the potential to result in a significant loss of life or property.
- B. During and after a disaster, CONTRACTOR shall provide special services to the CITY including CONTRACTOR shall open CONTRACTOR's facilities even on nights and weekends as necessary to meet the needs of the City during a disaster.
- C. CONTRACTOR shall not charge CITY any fee for opening facilities during an emergency or for extending CONTRACTOR's hours of operation during a disaster. CITY shall pay CONTRACTOR the agreed upon contract prices for all purchases made by CITY during the disaster and CONTRACTOR shall not charge CITY any additional mark-up, fee or cost for any purchases made by CITY during a disaster.
- D. CONTRACTOR shall quickly mobilize CONTRACTOR's internal and external resources to assist CITY when a disaster unfolds.
- E. Extended hours and personnel. During disasters, CONTRACTOR's facilities shall stay open 24 hours if requested by the CITY. CONTRACTOR shall utilize additional CONTRACTOR personnel to take CITY orders if necessary. CONTRACTOR's Call Center shall accept phone orders 24 hours a day.
- F. CONTRACTOR shall have contingency plans with CONTRACTOR's suppliers to provide additional supplies and equipment quickly to CITY as needed.
- G. CONTRACTOR shall cooperate with CITY to properly document any and all expenses incurred by CITY with CONTRACTOR and CONTRACTOR shall assist CITY in meeting any and all documentation requirements of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**Sec. 30. Trade-In.** If the solicitation requests a price or value for one or more pieces of equipment to be traded in as part of the purchase of new equipment, the CITY retains the option to purchase the new equipment at the full price or to reduce the price of the new equipment by the amount of the trade-in offered. The CITY is not obligated to accept the trade-in offer and may withdraw equipment offered for trade-in at any time up to award.

**Sec. 31. Time of Delivery.** Delivery is required to be made in accordance with the schedule shown in the solicitation and purchase order.

**Sec. 32. F.O.B. Destination.** Unless otherwise directed in the solicitation and purchase order, all deliveries shall be F.O.B. Destination and all freight charges shall be included in the total price. Supplies shall be delivered to the destination consignee's warehouse unloading platform, or receiving dock, at the expense of the CONTRACTOR. The CITY shall not be liable for any delivery,

storage, demurrage, accessorial, or other charges involved prior to the actual delivery (or "constructive placement" as defined in carrier tariffs) of the supplies to the destination, unless such charges are caused by an act or order of the CITY acting in its contractual capacity. If rail carrier is used, supplies will be delivered to the specified unloading platform of the consignee. If motor carrier (including "piggy-back") is used, supplies will be delivered to truck tailgate at the unloading platform of the consignee. If the CONTRACTOR uses rail carrier or freight forwarder for less than carload shipments, he shall assure that the carrier will furnish tailgate delivery if transfer to truck is required to complete delivery to consignee. One of the following statements usually will appear on the purchase order, although others may be used. If no statement appears, paragraph 22(a) is applicable.

- A. F.O.B. Destination, Freight Prepaid by Seller. The seller pays and bears all freight charges.
- B. F.O.B. Destination, Freight Prepaid and Charged Back on Invoice. The seller pays the freight and charges the CITY by adding it to the invoice.
- C. F.O.B. Destination, Freight Collect. The CITY pays and bears the freight charges.
- D. F.O.B. Destination, Freight Collect and Allowed on Invoice. The CITY pays the freight charges and deducts the amount from the seller's invoice.

**Sec. 33. Quality.** Unless otherwise required by terms of the solicitation, all goods, supplies, and materials furnished shall be new, in current production, and the best of their kind. When applicable, parts and maintenance shall be reasonably available. New equipment that is obsolete or technically outdated is not acceptable. Remanufactured or reconditioned items are not considered new. Items shall be properly packaged, packed, labeled, and identified in accordance with commercial standards acceptable to the trade and as required by ICC and other federal and state regulations. Packing slips will accompany the shipment.

**Sec. 34. Price.** Prices quoted are to be firm and final. All prices quoted shall be net and shall reflect any available discount except for discounts for timely payment. All prices are to be F.O.B. designated delivery point. All shipping, packing, and drayage charges are the responsibility of the supplier. C.O.D. shipments will not be accepted unless otherwise agreed to by the City.

**Sec. 35. Brand Name or Equal.** Whenever the name of the manufacturer or the supplier is mentioned on the face hereof and the words "or equal" do not follow, it shall be deemed that the words "or equal" shall follow such designations unless the face hereof specifies "no substitutions". The CITY may assume that items submitted are equal or it may request samples and proof thereof and unless approved before shipment, reserves right to return at the CONTRACTOR'S expense all items that are not acceptable as equals, said items to be replaced by the CONTRACTOR with satisfactory items at the original submitted price.

**Sec. 36. Commercial Warranty.** The CONTRACTOR agrees that the supplies or services furnished under this contract shall be covered by the most favorable commercial warranties the

CONTRACTOR gives to any customer for such supplies or services and that the rights and remedies provided herein are in addition to and do not limit any rights afforded to the CITY by any other clause of this contract.

**Sec. 37. Discounts.**

- A. Prompt payment discounts offered for payment within less than twenty (20) calendar days will not be considered in evaluating proposals for award, unless otherwise specified in the solicitation. However, offered discounts of less than twenty (20) days will be taken if payment is made within the discount period, even though not considered in the evaluation of proposals.
- B. In connection with any discount offered, time will be computed from date of delivery of the supplies to the carrier when acceptance is at the point of origin, or from date of delivery at destination when delivery and acceptance is at destination, or from the date the correct invoice or voucher is received in the office specified by the CITY, if the latter is later than the date of delivery. Payment is deemed to be made for the purpose of earning the discount on the date of mailing of the CITY check.
- C. Any discount offered other than for prompt payment should be included in the net price quoted and not included in separate terms. In the event this is not done, the CITY reserves the right to accept the discount offered and adjust prices accordingly on the purchase order.

**Sec. 38. Sellers Invoice.** Invoices shall be prepared and submitted in duplicate to address shown on the purchase order. Separate invoices are required for each purchase order. Invoices shall contain the following information: purchase order number, item number, description of supplies or services, sizes, unit of measure, quantity, unit price, and extended totals.

**Sec. 39. Inspection and Acceptance.** Inspection and acceptance will be at destination unless specified otherwise, and will be made by the CITY department shown in the shipping address or other duly authorized representative of the CITY. Until delivery and acceptance, and after any rejection, risk of loss will be on the CONTRACTOR unless loss results from negligence of the CITY. CONTRACTOR will be notified of rejected shipments. Unless agreed otherwise, items will be returned freight collect.

**Sec. 40. Loss and Damaged Shipments.** Risk of loss or damage to items prior to the time of their receipt and acceptance by the CITY is upon the CONTRACTOR. The CITY has no obligation to accept damaged shipments and reserves the right to return at CONTRACTOR's expense damaged merchandise even though the damage was not apparent or discovered until after receipt of the items.

**Sec. 41. Late Shipments.** Supplier or CONTRACTOR is responsible to notify the CITY department receiving the items and the Senior Buyer of any late or delayed shipments. The CITY reserves the right to cancel all or any part of an order if the shipment is not made as promised.

**Sec. 42. Tax Exemption – Federal and State.**

- A. The CITY is exempt from Federal Excise and Transportation taxes on purchases under Chapter 32, Internal Revenue Code. The federal tax registration number issued by the St. Louis District Director on November 11, 1974 is No. 43740340K.
- B. The CITY is exempt from payment of Missouri Sales and Use Tax in Accordance with Section 39(10) Article 3, of the Missouri Constitution and Sections 144.040 and 144.615 RSMo 1969 and supplement thereto. A copy of the exemption from Missouri Sales and Use Tax is available upon request.

**Sec. 43. Annual Appropriation of Funds.**

- A. Multi-year term supply and service contracts and leases and the exercise of options to renew term contracts are subject to annual appropriation of funds by the City Council. Payments made under term contracts and leases are considered items of current expense. Purchase orders are funded when issued, therefore are current expense items and are not subject to any subsequent appropriation of funds.
- B. In the event sufficient funds are not appropriated for the payment of lease payments or anticipated term contract payments required to be paid in the next occurring lease or contract term and if no funds are legally available from other sources, the lease or contract may be terminated at the end of the original term or renewal term and the CITY shall not be obligated to make further payments beyond the then current original or renewal term. The CITY will provide notice of its inability to continue the lease or contract at such time as the Manager of Procurement Services is aware of the nonappropriation of funds; however, failure to notify does not renew the term of lease or contract. If a lease is cancelled, the events of default will occur as described in the lease and/or the section titled TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT. The CITY has no monetary obligations in event of termination or reduction of a term contract since such contracts represent estimated quantities and are not funded as a contract, but only to the extent of purchase orders issued.

**Sec. 44. Non-discrimination in Employment.** CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate against any employee or candidate for employment on the basis of an individual's race, hair texture or hair style associated with an individual's race, color, sex, religion, national origin, or ancestry, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, or in any other manner prohibited by Chapter 38 of the City Code. Contractor shall not engage in any discrimination as prohibited by Chapter 3 of the City Code.

**Sec. 45. Ban the Box in Hiring and Promotion.**

- A. Pursuant to Section 38-104, City Code Ordinances, CONTRACTOR shall not base a hiring or promotional decision on an applicant's criminal history or sentence related thereto, unless the employer can demonstrate that the employment-related decision was based on all information available including consideration of the frequency, recentness and severity of a criminal record and that the record was reasonably related to the duties and responsibilities of the position.
- B. Notwithstanding subsection A, CONTRACTOR may inquire about an applicant's criminal history after it has been determined that the individual is otherwise qualified for the position, and only after the applicant has been interviewed for the position. Any such inquiry may be made of all applicants who are within the final selection pool of candidates from which a job will be filled.
- C. This provision shall not apply to positions where employers are required to exclude applicants with certain criminal convictions from employment due to local, state or federal law or regulation.

**Sec. 46. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.** Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 requires that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national or origin (including limited English proficient individuals), be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. The City of Kansas City, Missouri requires compliance with the requirements of Title VI in all of its programs and activities regardless of the funding source. CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national or origin (including limited English proficient individuals).

**Sec. 47. Quality Services Assurance Act.** If this Contract exceeds \$160,000.00, CONTRACTOR certifies CONTRACTOR will pay all employees who will work on this Contract in the city limits of Kansas City, Missouri at least \$15.00 per hour in compliance with the City's Quality Services Assurance Act, Section 3-66, Code of Ordinances or City has granted Contractor an exemption pursuant to the Quality Services Assurance Act.

**Sec. 48. Anti-Discrimination Against Israel.** If this Contract exceeds \$100,000.00 and CONTRACTOR employs at least ten employees, pursuant to Section 34.600, RSMo., by executing this Contract, CONTRACTOR certifies it is not currently engaged in and shall not, for the duration of this contract, engage in a boycott of goods or services from the State of Israel; companies doing business in or with Israel or authorized by, licensed by, or organized under the laws of the State of Israel; or persons or entities doing business in the State of Israel.

**Sec. 49. Affirmative Action.** If this Contract exceeds \$300,000.00 and CONTRACTOR employs fifty (50) or more people, CONTRACTOR shall comply with City's Affirmative Action requirements in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 3 of City's Code, the rules and regulations relating to those sections, and any additions or amendments thereto; in executing any Contract subject to said provisions, CONTRACTOR warrants that it has an affirmative action program in place and will maintain the affirmative action program in place for the duration of the Contract. CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, sex, religion, national origin or ancestry, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or age in a manner prohibited by Chapter 3 of City's Code. CONTRACTOR shall:

- A. Execute and submit the City of Kansas City, Missouri CREO Affirmative Action Program Affidavit warranting that the CONTRACTOR has an affirmative action program in place and will maintain the affirmative action program in place for the duration of the Contract.
- B. Submit, in print or electronic format, a copy of CONTRACTOR'S current certificate of compliance to the City's Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity Department (CREO) prior to receiving the first payment under the Contract, unless a copy has already been submitted to CREO at any point within the previous two (2) calendar years. If, and only if, CONTRACTOR does not possess a current certification of compliance, CONTRACTOR shall submit, in print or electronic format, a copy of its affirmative action program to CREO prior to receiving the first payment under the Contract, unless a copy has already been submitted to CREO at any point within the previous two (2) calendar years.
- C. Require any Subcontractor awarded a subcontract exceeding \$300,000.00 to affirm that Subcontractor has an affirmative action program in place and will maintain the affirmative action program in place for the duration of the subcontract.
- D. Obtain from any Subcontractor awarded a subcontract exceeding \$300,000.00 a copy of the Subcontractor's current certificate of compliance and tender a copy of the same, in print or electronic format, to CREO within thirty (30) days from the date the subcontract is executed. If, and only if, Subcontractor does not possess a current certificate of compliance, CONTRACTOR shall obtain a copy of the Subcontractor's affirmative action program and tender a copy of the same, in print or electronic format, to CREO within thirty (30) days from the date the subcontract is executed.

CITY has the right to take action as directed by City's Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity Department to enforce this provision. If CONTRACTOR fails, refuses or neglects to comply with the provisions of Chapter 3 of City's Code, then such failure shall be deemed a total breach of this Contract and this Contract may be terminated, cancelled or suspended, in whole or in part, and CONTRACTOR may be declared ineligible for any further contracts funded by CITY for a period of one (1) year. This is a material term of this Contract.

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**Sec. 50. Compliance with Laws.** CONTRACTOR shall comply with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances and regulations applicable to the work and this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall maintain in effect all the licenses, permissions, authorizations, consents and permits that it needs to carry out its obligations under this Agreement.

**Sec. 51. Prevailing Wage.** If the Agreement exceeds \$75,000.00 and any of the Services performed by CONTRACTOR includes construction, reconstruction, improvement, enlargement, alteration, painting and decorating, or major repair, that is subject to the Missouri Prevailing Wage Law (Section 290.210, RSMo – 290.340, RSMo), CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify the CITY prior to performing Services so the parties can execute an agreement that incorporates, the appropriate Wage Order. CONTRACTOR shall comply with all requirements of Section 290.210, RSMo – 290.340, RSMo even if Contractor fails to notify the CITY.

**CONTRACTOR**

I hereby certify that I have the authority to execute this document on behalf of CONTRACTOR.

Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant City Attorney (Date)

**KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## **i. Program Summary and Approach**

The City of Kansas City, Missouri is seeking funding to purchase infrastructure to enhance its food rescue & recovery and organic waste collection, diversion, and processing through the Kansas City Organic Waste Improvement Project. The acquisition of these collection equipment, supplies, and associated processing infrastructure will expand the composting and food rescue initiatives citywide. It is anticipated that the project will serve to support the City's achievement of multiple sustainability and resilience strategies. The project's objectives include the expansion of the City's organic waste collection program and developing partnerships with local food markets to expand their food rescue & recovery programs. As a result, Kansas City will see increased efficiency in waste management practices and the promotion of environmental stewardship within its community.

At present, [1 in 7 people](#) in Kansas City lack financial and physical access to affordable, nutritious food. In fact, estimates suggest that as many as [1 in 4 children](#) in Kansas City face this crisis. While waste diversion through composting is a better alternative than the landfill, the City of Kansas City is working to partner with local organizations that focus first on food rescue & recovery, making the most of healthy, edible food before it is deemed "waste." Existing local organizations collect unserved, prepared food from grocers, wholesalers, caterers, restaurants, events, and food service operations and redirect the donated food to the community. In 2023, over [100,000 meals](#) were provided to local families by these organizations. Then, any food that is deemed inedible is composted by other local partners, rather than sent to the landfill. Over the last year, these organizations have redirected over [500,000 pounds](#) of produce from landfills.

Taking a community-wide systems approach, The City of Kansas City will utilize a majority of the funds for this project as pass-through subawards with several local non-profit organizations and small businesses already leading in the food rescue & recovery and organic waste collection, diversion, & processing spaces within Kansas City. These funds will scale their efforts citywide and significantly increase both the usable food recovered and food waste kept out of the landfill. As part of these efforts to expand the city's food rescue & recovery and organic waste collection, diversion, & processing capabilities, the City of Kansas City began development of a Circular Economy Plan for Organics. As part of this planning process, the City engaged a stakeholder group to identify the key issues that needed to be addressed to scale the city's organics recovery and processing outside of the landfill. All the partners selected to participate in this cooperative agreement were part of that original stakeholder group and were identified as having a unique role to play in the city's food system. They will also play an active role in deciding and implementing how the city expands its own organic waste collection program.

Local food rescue & recovery partner organizations include Kanbe's Markets, Pete's Garden, and Urban Produce Push. These organizations currently operate throughout the city to collect food from wholesalers and events, sort it, and get it into the hands of food insecure residents across the Kansas City metro. Additional funds will go to support local food waste collection, diversion, & processing organizations including Missouri Organic Recycling, KC Can Compost, Compost Collective KC, and Bridging the Gap. These organizations provide a variety of waste diversion services across the metro including event waste collection and diversion and organic waste processing. The overall investment in these partnerships will amount to \$4,500,000, representing the majority costs to support the city's expansion of its food rescue & recovery and organic waste

collection, diversion, & processing. Beyond infrastructure investments, the City of Kansas City will build these partnerships to make the public aware of the project and the importance of recycling and composting on the local level.

[Kanbe's Markets](#) is a local non-profit organization on a mission to build a better food system by transforming food loss into food access. They are the only ones in the metro area working with wholesalers to take rescued food and repackage for resale it in corner stores around the city. Under this cooperative agreement, the City will provide Kanbe's Markets with a subaward of \$1.5 million for the purchase and rental of various infrastructure items to meet the growing need for these services across the City. These items will include equipment like additional trucks and trailers for the pick-up and drop-off of rescued food; equipment and supplies for a warehouse expansion to accommodate the additional processing; as well as funds to support the warehouse expansion including leasing additional space, additional staff, and associated operating expenses. Kanbe's works to eliminate food insecurity by diverting millions of pounds of "imperfect" food and partnering with independently owned stores in areas of low food-access across Kansas City. Through installation of stand-alone coolers and tiered basket racks to provide fresh food choices inside shops customers already visit, they support small businesses, reinvestment in our communities, and reduction of food waste.

[Pete's Garden](#) is a non-profit organization focused on the rescue of prepared foods in Kansas City. They are the only ones in the metro area taking already-prepared meals from events and caterers and turning them over to needy families, free of charge. Under this cooperative agreement, Pete's Garden will receive a subaward of \$400,000 to scale these efforts in support of the City's goals around event waste diversion. The funds will support additional ice/reefer vans for food storage and hauling, onsite refrigeration, and the purchase of additional meal containers for the packaging and reprocessing of food for families. Their food recovery program makes it easy, safe, and convenient for caterers, restaurants, and food service operations to donate good-to-eat prepared foods. They then partner with social service organizations to get those meals to families so that no food is wasted. Pete's Garden currently partners with several local event venues, like the Kansas City Chiefs' Arrowhead Stadium, to collect unused food prepared by caterers. These funds will allow them to expand these partnerships to other event venues around the city, such as the Kansas City Convention Center.

The last of the food recovery organizations the City will partner with on this cooperative agreement is [Urban Produce Push](#). They are the only one in the metro area working with local farmers to make sure any produce that is not purchased is collected and distributed, free of charge, to those that need it. Under this cooperative agreement, Urban Produce Push will receive a subaward of \$400,000 to scale these efforts in support of the City's goals around food rescue & recovery. The funds will support additional ice/reefer vans for food storage and hauling, onsite refrigeration and processing equipment, staff time, and food distribution events focused on getting produce out into the community where it is needed the most. They are dedicated to fighting hunger, improving nutrition, and reducing food waste by rescuing, recovering, and distributing fresh, nutrient-dense produce directly from local farms to our most food-insecure neighborhoods.

While supporting the expanded services of these organizations will reduce landfill waste through diverting usable food to residents, the City also understands the need to scale-up the processing

of organic waste, as not all food recovered can be saved and consumed in a timely fashion. Therefore, as food Rescue & Recovery efforts expand, so too do organic waste collection, diversion, & processing efforts.

[KC Can Compost](#) is an innovative nonprofit committed to the transformation of Kansas City's organic waste landscape. They are the only ones in the metro area with the ability to scale-up organic waste collection services to meet the needs of large-scale events like FIFA and the NFL Draft. Under this cooperative agreement, KC Can Compost will receive a subaward of \$800,000 to support event waste collection and diversion across the city. This includes trucks for waste collection, compactors, staff support, event waste collection supplies, and education materials, as well as additional compost bins to support the expansion of the City's food waste drop-off program. This will serve to reduce pollution, decrease operational costs, and support the future of zero-waste events in Kansas City. In addition to the collection and hauling food scraps, KC Can Compost also educates the public and trains job seekers for employment in waste and environmental jobs. By supporting KC Can Compost, these funds will assist in developing the local workforce economy, building community, and changing how people interact with their environment.

[Bridging the Gap](#) is a local environmental non-profit organization that offers event waste collection and diversion services and runs the City's recycling drop-off centers. They are the only ones in the metro area with the ability to scale-up full-service event waste handling, including compost, recycling, and trash handling. Under this cooperative agreement, Bridging the Gap will receive a subaward for \$200,000 for event support supplies including waste stations, compostables, and educational materials. What started in the early 1990s as a citizen-led effort to increase recycling in Kansas City, Missouri has grown into a multifaceted nonprofit working to build greener, healthier, and more resilient communities. They will also work with the City on messaging related to composting and food waste reduction to be distributed through the City's recycling drop-off centers they manage.

[Missouri Organic Recycling](#) is currently the largest organic waste processing partner across the Kansas City Metro. They are the only ones in the metro area with the ability to scale processing to match the influx of organic waste expected as a result of this project. With these funds, Missouri Organic Recycling will receive a subaward of \$800,000 to purchase additional waste collection and processing infrastructure. Purchases will include waste collection and processing equipment to accommodate the influx of organic waste as the City expands its diversion efforts at events. Every year Missouri Organic Recycling diverts more than 32 million pounds of food waste from area landfills, which is enough to cover fifteen football fields a foot deep. They combine this food waste with leaf & brush to create over 55 million pounds of compost annually that is then sold back into the local community as a soil amendment.

Finally, [Compost Collective KC](#) is another local business that provides waste collection, diversion, and processing services across the metro. They are the only ones in the metro area currently providing curbside compost pick-up for residents. They bring in organic waste from this and events to create compost onsite to supplement their local urban farm. With these funds, they will receive a subaward of \$400,000 to support the expansion of these services. Purchases will include waste collection and processing equipment to accommodate the influx of organic waste as the City expands its diversion efforts at events. Compost Collective KC's curbside and

event compost pick-up services divert an estimated 1.3 million pounds of food waste from the landfill annually.

The City is committed to scaling food rescue & recovery and organic waste collection, diversion, & processing across the board. One area of focus is waste diversion at events across the City. Major City-sponsored events include the 2026 FIFA World Cup and the Annual Fourth of July Stars and Stripes Picnic, among others. The City will retain \$500,000 of the cooperative agreement for itself. \$279,664 will fund a new Waste & Materials Coordinator staff position, that will sit in the City of Kansas City's Office of Environmental Quality and report to the City's Chief Environmental Officer. The Waste & Materials Coordinator will ideally have previous experience in both food systems and waste management in addition to strong project management and program implementation skills. Once hired, they will coordinate food rescue efforts at City-sponsored events with local partner organizations. They will also oversee the expansion to the City's existing food waste drop-off program. The remaining \$220,336 will go towards expanding food rescue and waste diversion at municipal facilities including the Kansas City Convention Center. The City plans to purchase waste bins for stream-separated diversion and collection and refrigeration for food recovery for the City's Convention Center. It also plans to purchase at least 20 "smart cans," organic collection bins with the ability to weigh how much food waste has been collected, gather data on usage, and signal when it is full, for use around the City as part of its ongoing Compost Program. These will be serviced by a contractor for pick-up and hauling, but they will be owned by the City. They will remain legacy City infrastructure beyond this cooperative agreement and will allow Kansas City to continue to grow while keeping the local organic waste pick-up and hauling market competitive.

The City is aware that a vital piece of the Kansas City Organic Waste Improvement Project is community engagement and education. The City plans to raise awareness regarding the SWIFR cooperative agreement and its components through outreach that will focus on the environmental benefits of recycling and composting by equipping residents with the knowledge to adopt sustainable waste management practices. This campaign will begin development within three months of the award and will run through the entirety of the three-year period of performance. The development of the campaign will be led by the Waste & Materials Coordinator but will incorporate information from all the partners included as subawardees.

The City of Kansas City plans to track the success of the project quantitatively and qualitatively by implementing a comprehensive tracking system to monitor the diversion of organic waste from landfills. This project will build upon an existing pilot where the City provided waste diversion services to 12 city-permitted events. Through the pilot, the City determined the need for waste diversion services to scale-up and accommodate large events, like the 2026 FIFA Fan Fest. Programmatic reports will be prepared by the Waste & Materials Coordinator, offering the City, its partners, and the EPA transparent and accurate insights into the project's progress regarding reductions in the weight of food waste diverted from the landfill. These reports will track key metrics such as the number of meals recovered by local partner organizations from City-sponsored events, the weight of organic waste diverted from City-sponsored events and residential compost drop-off locations, and the impact on the operations and output of partnering organizations. A final evaluation report detailing the project's outcomes and providing recommendations for future initiatives will be compiled at the end of the performance period.

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The overarching goal of this cooperative agreement is to significantly increase the diversion of organic waste from landfills by bolstering Kansas City’s food rescue & recovery and organic waste collection, diversion, and processing capabilities, specifically at City-sponsored events, but also throughout the City’s existing composting program. Specific objectives include deploying new trucks to collect material directly from City-owned facilities and at all City-sponsored special events, establishing more robust composting processing infrastructure to scale with these efforts, and educating the community on food waste reduction to boost participation.

By reducing landfill tipping fees and operational costs for the City, the project will also deliver economic benefits to taxpayers while fostering the achievement of goals towards Kansas City’s vision of becoming zero waste. If awarded, the project will serve to achieve numerous goals embedded within the City of Kansas City’s [KC Spirit Playbook](#), the comprehensive plan for Kansas City, and the regional [Food Loss & Waste Reduction Action Plan](#), positioning Kansas City as a regional leader in this space.

The following represents a list of actions, tasks, and timelines for the proposed Kansas City Organic Waste Improvement Project:

<b>Task</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
Initiate Cooperative Agreement Project	Receive, review, and execute award agreement	Month 1
Initiate Subawards	Contract with all subawardees under the cooperative agreement	Month 1-3
Infrastructure and Accessibility Expansion	Hire Waste & Materials Coordinator to lead project.	Months 1-3
Acquisition and Deployment of Event Equipment	Subawardees purchase event equipment as needed to prepare for FIFA World Cup 2026	Months 1-3
Acquisition and Deployment of Remaining Equipment	Subawardees purchase remainder of equipment needed to scale-up programs across the city	Months 3-6
Quantitative Tracking	Coordinator to develop reporting mechanisms for comprehensive tracking system to measure waste diversion and pollutant reduction in line with project guidance.	Months 3-6
Public Awareness Campaign	Coordinator to develop campaign centered on outreach and the implementation of zero-waste City-sponsored events and community-based composting led by the City of Kansas City.	Months 3-6
Infrastructure and Accessibility Expansion	Partner with local organizations to develop a plan for food rescue and waste diversion at City-sponsored events.	Months 3-6
Acquisition and Deployment of Event Equipment	Coordinator to work with Kansas City Convention Center to retrofit for waste diversion and food recovery.	Months 3-6

Special Event Waste Management	Acquire and setup waste bins to promote sustainable waste management practices at City-sponsored events.	Months 7-36
Compost Program Augmentation	Incorporate subawardee equipment into Kansas City’s compost drop-off collection program.	Months 7-36
Infrastructure and Accessibility Expansion	Establish new compost drop-off locations.	Months 7-36
Quantitative Tracking	Provide periodic reports to partners and the EPA.	Months 7-36

**i. Impactful Approaches and Solutions**

The Kansas City Organic Waste Improvement Project will result in a reduction of landfill pollutants through the improvement of Kansas City’s food rescue & recovery and organic waste collection, diversion, & processing infrastructure. This is a sensible change to the City’s approach, allowing it to ensure the short and long-term growth of diversion, starting at City-owned facilities, community compost drop-off locations, and City-sponsored events. Food rescue & recovery partnerships with local organizations will enhance accessibility and streamline the effectiveness of the City’s waste diversion efforts. Additionally, waste diversion partners will benefit from the food that is redirected from the waste stream by food rescue organizations.

At present, the Kansas City Metro Area generates [296,000 tons](#) of food annually that is sent to landfills. Adjusting for only Kansas City, Missouri residents (excluding the rest of the metropolitan area), Kansas City, Missouri sends roughly 68,650 tons of food waste to local landfills annually. After implementation, the City of Kansas City’s goal is to reduce this figure by roughly 15%, or 10,062.5 tons annually, through food rescue & recovery and organic waste collection, diversion, & processing. The following are associated metrics and estimated benefits associated with the related impacts of tonnage diverted from the landfill.

Targeted Metrics:

<b>Goal</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Net Change</b>
Kansas City Meals Distributed	100,000 Meals Annually	125,000 Meals Annually	Increase of 25,000 Meals Annually (25%)
Kansas City Food Rescue	250 Tons Annually	312.5 Tons Annually	Increase of 62.5 Tons Annually (25%)
Kansas City Food Waste to Landfill	68,650 Tons Annually	58,650 Tons Annually	Reduction of 10,000 Tons Annually (15%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	N/A	10,321.5 Tons Diverted Annually	30,187.5 Tons Diverted over 3-Year Project

EPA WARM Model Projections:

<b>Metric</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Anticipated</b>	<b>Change/Impact</b>
Change in Energy Use (Million BTU)	-1,287.72	5,261.43	6,549.15
Labor Hours	85,496	78,059	-7,437
Wages	\$2,962,107.74	\$2,649,040.66	-\$313,067.08
Taxes	\$1,099,214.79	\$973,838.48	-\$125,376.31

**ii. Environmental and Social Benefits**

Central to the Kansas City Organic Waste Improvement Project’s mission is its commitment to food rescue & recovery alongside waste reduction and diversion, a critical need given that the Greater Kansas City Metro Area generates approximately [296,000 tons of food waste annually](#). Currently, much of this waste ends up in landfills. These leach harmful substances into the soil and groundwater, exacerbating environmental hazards in surrounding areas. Therefore, reducing what goes to the landfill will enhance local environmental quality and contribute to cleaner, healthier neighborhoods.

By diverting inedible food waste from landfills and ensuring it is composted, the project also helps strengthen Kansas City’s soil health. When applied to the soil, finished compost enriches the soil, improving its water retention capacity and reducing the need for chemical fertilizers, which often pollute water systems. These benefits are particularly impactful in areas with limited green spaces, offering environmental relief to communities situated near industrial activities and insufficient infrastructure investments. The project also invests in additional collection bins which will facilitate more public compost drop-off locations and better waste separation at events, leading to higher composting rates, less contamination, and enhanced soil health.

Redistributing food also reduces waste disposal costs for vendors and event organizers, creating a more sustainable economic model for managing surplus food. For instance, the ice/reefer cold storage trucks will provide necessary refrigeration for food rescue and recovery at events, enhancing food safety and extending the life of perishable items while creating new jobs in the food distribution sector. The project will also generate new employment opportunities in waste management and strengthen local food markets engaged in food recovery and composting services. By investing in this infrastructure, Kansas City is poised to become a regional leader in urban waste management. These efforts also contribute to long-term economic resilience while addressing immediate community needs, making Kansas City more competitive in the evolving economy.

Crucially, the project emphasizes community engagement to ensure its success and alignment with local needs. To do this, the City of Kansas City will employ multiple outreach strategies to engage residents in its food recovery and waste diversion efforts. Led by the Waste & Materials Coordinator, public meetings will provide a forum for discussing project goals and gathering community insights to develop an outreach and marketing plan. These events will be publicized through local media, bulletin boards, and social media and held at multiple locations and times to maximize accessibility and attendance. Informational materials in multiple languages will be distributed to explain the project’s health and environmental benefits and offer guidance on participating in composting and food rescue & recovery programs.

These efforts directly confront the historical challenges faced by Kansas City’s communities exposed to landfill or waste industry pollution. These environmental challenges have led to higher rates of asthma, cardiovascular diseases, and other health conditions. By improving waste diversion and advancing environmental education, the project actively works to mitigate these health disparities. This project represents an enhancement of existing City initiatives and partnerships, addressing critical environmental, health, and economic challenges. Through targeted waste diversion, surplus food recovery, and robust community engagement, it creates a model for sustainable urban development.

### **iii. Measuring Environmental Results**

The proposed Kansas City Organic Waste Improvement Project is designed to deliver measurable environmental outcomes and outputs that align with EPA goals. This initiative focuses on expanding food rescue & recovery, increasing waste collection, diversion, & processing, and fostering community engagement. By implementing this project, we aim to address significant environmental challenges while enhancing the overall quality of life for Kansas City residents. Anticipated outcomes of this project include several key environmental benefits.

The project ultimately aims to enhance waste diversion with a target of diverting 10,062.5 tons of organic waste annually from landfills. This effort will also indirectly improve soil quality through the production of nutrient-rich local compost and contribute to agriculture practices in the region. Kansas City also anticipates significant community engagement and education outcomes, with plans to engage at least 10,000 residents through various outreach initiatives, including meetings, pamphlets, social media campaigns, and direct engagement strategies. This community involvement is essential to foster citywide adoption of sustainable waste management practices.

To effectively track progress toward these outcomes, Kansas City will implement a comprehensive measurement strategy. Performance metric tracking will involve the collection of pre- and post-implementation data to quantify impacts from food waste diversion. This will be accomplished using the EPA's Waste Reduction Model (WARM) tool, ensuring accurate quantification of environmental impacts. Monthly monitoring will track the weight in tons of organic waste collected and processed from compost drop-off locations, and event monitoring will track the weight in tons of organic materials to ensure effective assessment of waste diversion targets. The tons of food diverted and meals provided will be reported monthly to the City by all subawardees.

Community engagement metrics will be tracked through the offering of and participation in meetings, distribution of educational materials, and social media outreach. These metrics will provide valuable insights into the effectiveness of our outreach efforts and the level of community involvement in sustainable waste management practices. Attendance and distribution logs will be maintained for meetings and educational materials to ensure accountability. Social media analytics will measure the effectiveness of digital engagement strategies, providing insights into the campaign's reach and impact on the targeted audience.

By achieving these anticipated outcomes and outputs, Kansas City will increase food rescue & recovery, enhance organic waste collection, diversion, & processing efforts, and actively engage the community in sustainable practices. A robust tracking system will ensure transparency and accountability, aligning the project with the EPA’s Pillar 1: Clean Air, Land, and Water for Every American. Through the project, the City of Kansas City aims not only to address pressing environmental issues but also to empower the community to participate in creating a healthier, more sustainable future.

#### **iv. Programmatic Capability and Past Performance**

The City of Kansas City, Missouri, has established itself as a leader in successfully managing both federally and non-federally funded assistance agreements. The City’s track record underscores its ability to deliver impactful outcomes, adhere to rigorous reporting requirements, and leverage the expertise of dedicated staff to address pressing environmental challenges. Over the past three years, the City of Kansas City has engaged in transformative programs that exemplify its commitment to sustainability, community revitalization, and innovative waste management practices.

One of the City of Kansas City’s most significant undertakings has been the EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant (2021-2023). Through this initiative, the City of Kansas City conducted comprehensive environmental site assessments for 12 properties, each strategically selected to enhance potential for redevelopment. By meticulously following federal guidelines and timelines, sites were ready for reinvestment and community use, thus fostering economic growth while addressing environmental contamination. This proactive approach not only revitalized underutilized areas but also improved public health and safety, demonstrating commitment to sustainable urban development.

Additionally, the City of Kansas City’s partnership with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the Mid-America Regional Council’s Solid Waste Management District through the Event Waste Diversion Pilot Project (2024-2025) has already yielded promising results. The partnership is focused on studying waste diversion initiatives at City-permitted events to inform future policies on event waste diversion requirements. By implementing innovative recycling and composting strategies, the City of Kansas City is minimizing landfill waste and initiating a culture of environmental stewardship within the community that can be built upon. This initiative serves as a stepping-stone to the proposed Kansas City Organic Waste Improvement Project and is crucial to aligning with Kansas City’s long-term sustainability goals.

The City of Kansas City received and is utilizing funding through the USDOE’s Energy Efficiency Block Grant (2020-2023) to implement significant energy-saving measures across targeted municipal facilities. By achieving a 15% reduction in energy consumption, the City will also see reduced operational costs. These improvements enhanced Kansas City’s overall resilience while promoting the use of local energy sources and sustainable practices within government operations.

The City of Kansas City’s commitment to transparency and accountability is reflected through a history of meeting reporting requirements for all grant funded initiatives. Kansas City has

consistently submitted timely and detailed reports that provide a comprehensive overview of progress towards achieving targeted outputs and outcomes. For example, under the Brownfields Grant, the City delivered technical reports that not only met federal standards but also provided valuable insights into environmental challenges and successes. In instances of encountered obstacles, the City of Kansas City proactively communicated these challenges, outlined response strategies, and adjusted plans to ensure continued alignment with project objectives.

The City of Kansas City will maintain subaward agreements with all partners receiving financial assistance from this project that meet requirements under 2 CFR § 200.332 requirements for pass-through entities. This will be overseen by the new Waste and Materials Coordinator and the Office of Environmental Quality.

The Kansas City Organic Waste Improvement Project will be driven by the expertise of the City's Office of Environmental Quality, which comprises experienced grant administrators, environmental scientists, and program managers. The team possesses a wealth of knowledge in waste management, environmental assessment, and community engagement. By collaborating with local organizations, the City will have enhanced capacity to implement innovative solutions that address the unique needs of the Kansas City community. The City of Kansas City has strong partnerships with local organizations and stakeholders which enable access to resources and ensures the project team has the necessary tools to successfully implement the project goals.

Environmental Protection Agency

# General Terms and Conditions

*Effective October 1, 2025*

**Revision History:**

The Environmental Protection Agency’s General Terms and Conditions ***are published and become effective October 1<sup>st</sup> at the start of the federal fiscal year.*** Any additions, revisions, or changes to the terms and conditions after October 1 will be summarized below.

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## Preface

### 1. Introduction

- (a) These terms and conditions are in addition to the assurances and certifications made as part of the award, the terms and conditions, and restrictions reflected on the official assistance award document. Recipients **must** review their official award document for additional administrative and programmatic requirements. Failure to comply with the EPA General Terms and Conditions outlined below and those directly reflected on the official assistance award document may result in enforcement actions as outlined in [2 CFR 200.339](#) and [2 CFR 200.340](#).
- (b) If the EPA General Terms and Conditions have been revised, EPA will update the terms and conditions when it provides additional funding (incremental or supplemental) prior to the end of the period of performance of this agreement. The recipient must comply with the revised terms and conditions after the effective date of the EPA action that leads to the revision. Revised terms and conditions do not apply to the recipient's expenditures of EPA funds or activities the recipient carries out prior to the effective date of the EPA action. EPA will inform the recipient of revised terms and conditions in the action adding additional funds.

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

This award is subject to the requirements of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; Title [2 CFR Part 200](#) and [2 CFR Part 1500](#). 2 CFR 1500.2, Adoption of 2 CFR Part 200, states the EPA adopts the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (subparts A through F of 2 CFR Part 200), as supplemented by 2 CFR Part 1500, as the EPA policies and procedures for financial assistance administration. 2 CFR Part 1500 satisfies the requirements of [2 CFR 200.110\(a\)](#) and gives regulatory effect to the OMB guidance as supplemented by 2 CFR Part 1500. This award is also subject to applicable requirements contained in EPA programmatic regulations located in 40 CFR Chapter 1 Subchapter B.

### 3. Termination

Consistent with [2 CFR 200.340](#), EPA may terminate this award in part or its entirety:

- (a) If a recipient or subrecipient fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the award, including statutory or regulatory requirements;
- (b) With the consent of the recipient when both the recipient and the EPA agree upon the termination conditions, which include the effective date and, in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated;
- (c) If a recipient sends the EPA a written notification of the reasons for such termination, the effective date, and in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated; however, if the EPA determines that the remaining portion of the Federal award will not accomplish the purposes for which the Federal award was made, the EPA may terminate the award in its entirety; or

- (d) Pursuant to the programmatic terms and conditions specified in the Federal award.
- (e) By the EPA or pass-through entity to the extent authorized by law, if an award no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities.

## **Financial Information**

### **4. Reimbursement Limitation**

EPA's financial obligations to the recipient are limited by the amount of Federal funding awarded to date as reflected on the award document. If the recipient incurs costs in anticipation of receiving additional funds from EPA, it does so at its own risk. See [2 CFR 1500.9](#).

### **5. Automated Standard Application Payments (ASAP) and Proper Payment Draw Down**

**Electronic Payments.** Recipients must be enrolled or enroll in the Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) system to receive payments under EPA financial assistance agreements unless:

- EPA grants a recipient-specific exception;
- The assistance program has received a waiver from this requirement;
- The recipient is exempt from this requirement under [31 CFR 208.4](#); or,
- The recipient is a fellowship recipient pursuant to [40 CFR Part 46](#).

EPA will not make payments to recipients until the ASAP enrollment is completed or if recipients fall under one of the above categories. EPA's Research Triangle Park Finance Division (RFD) will initiate the ASAP enrollment based on the key contact information on the grant application. The "payee" on the key contacts form will receive an email from ASAP indicating the steps required for completing the enrollment. Recipients may request exceptions using the procedures below.

Under this payment mechanism, the recipient initiates an electronic payment request online via ASAP, which is approved or rejected based on the amount of available funds authorized by EPA in the recipient's ASAP account. Approved payments are credited to the account at the financial institution of the recipient organization set up by the recipient during the ASAP enrollment process. Additional information concerning ASAP and enrollment can be obtained by contacting the EPA RFD, at [rtpfc-grants@epa.gov](mailto:rtpfc-grants@epa.gov), or by visiting: <https://www.fiscal.treasury.gov/asap/>.

EPA will grant exceptions to the ASAP enrollment requirement only in situations in which the recipient demonstrates to EPA that receiving payment via ASAP places an undue administrative or financial management burden on the recipient or EPA determines that granting the waiver is in the public interest. Recipients may request an exception to the requirement by following the procedures specified in [RAIN-2018-G06-R](#).

### **Proper Payment Drawdown (for recipients other than States)**

- (a) As required by [2 CFR 200.305\(b\)](#), the recipient must draw funds from ASAP only for the minimum amounts needed for actual and immediate cash requirements to pay employees, contractors, subrecipients or to satisfy other obligations for allowable costs under this assistance

agreement. The timing and amounts of the drawdowns must be as close as administratively feasible to actual disbursements of EPA funds. Disbursement within five (5) business days of drawdown will comply with this requirement and the recipient agrees to meet this standard when performing this award.

- (b) Recipients may not retain more than 5% of the amount drawn down, or \$1,000 whichever is less, five (5) business days after drawdown to materially comply with the standard. Any EPA funds subject to this paragraph that remain undisbursed after 5 business days must be fully disbursed within fifteen (15) business days of draw down or be returned to EPA.
- (c) If the recipient draws down EPA funds in excess of that allowed by paragraph b., the recipient must contact [rtpfc-grants@epa.gov](mailto:rtpfc-grants@epa.gov) for instructions on whether to return the funds to EPA. The recipient must comply with the requirements at [2 CFR 200.305\(b\)\(11\)](#) regarding depositing advances of Federal funds in interest bearing accounts.
- (d) Returning Funds: [Pay.gov](https://www.pay.gov) is the preferred mechanism to return funds. It is free, secure, paperless, expedient, and does not require the recipient//vendor to create an account. Contact EPA RFD at [rtpfc-grants@epa.gov](mailto:rtpfc-grants@epa.gov) to obtain complete instructions. Additional information is available at the [Pay.gov website](https://www.pay.gov). Information on how to repay EPA via check is available at <https://www.epa.gov/financial/makepayment>. Instructions on how to return funds to EPA electronically via ASAP are available at <https://www.fiscal.treasury.gov/asap/>.
- (e) Failure on the part of the recipient to materially comply with this condition may, in addition to EPA recovery of the un-disbursed portions of the drawn down funds, lead to changing the payment method from advance payment to a reimbursable basis. EPA may also take other remedies for noncompliance under [2 CFR 200.208](#) and/or [2 CFR 200.339](#).
- (f) If the recipient believes that there are extraordinary circumstances that prevent it from complying with the five (5) business day disbursement requirement throughout the performance period of this agreement, recipients may request an exception to the requirement by following the procedures specified in [RAIN-2018-G06-R](#). EPA will grant exceptions to the five (5) business day disbursement requirement only if the recipient demonstrates that compliance places an undue administrative or financial management burden or EPA determines that granting the exception is in the public interest. EPA will grant exceptions to the five (5) business day disbursement requirement only if the recipient demonstrates that compliance places an undue administrative or financial management burden or EPA determines that granting the exception is in the public interest.

### **Proper Payment Drawdown for State Recipients**

In accordance with [2 CFR 200.305\(a\)](#), payments are governed by Treasury-State Cash Management Improvement Act (CMIA) agreements and default procedures codified [at 31 CFR Part 205, Subparts A and B](#) and [Treasury Financial Manual \(TFM\) 4A-2000, "Overall Disbursing Rules for All Federal Agencies"](#) unless a program specific regulation (e.g. 40 CFR 35.3160 or 40 CFR 35.3560) provides otherwise. Pursuant to 31 CFR Part 205, [Subpart A—Rules Applicable to Federal Assistance Programs Included in a Treasury-State Agreement](#), States follow their Treasury-State CMIA Agreement for major Federal programs listed in the agreement. For those programs not listed as major in the

Treasury-State agreement, the State follows the default procedures in 31 CFR Part 205, [Subpart B— Rules Applicable to Federal Assistance Programs Not Included in a Treasury-State Agreement](#), which directs State recipients to draw-down and disburse Federal financial assistance funds in anticipation of immediate cash needs of the State for work under the award. States must comply with [2 CFR 200.302\(a\)](#) in reconciling costs incurred and charged to EPA financial assistance agreements at time of close out unless a program specific regulation provides otherwise.

## **Selected Items of Cost**

### **6. Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Service Equipment or Services**

Prohibition on covered telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment is effective on all obligations and expenditures of EPA financial assistance funding as of August 13, 2020, including awards made before that date.

As required by [2 CFR 200.216](#), EPA recipients and subrecipients, including borrowers under EPA-funded revolving loan fund programs, are prohibited from obligating or expending Federal loan or grant funds to procure or obtain covered telecommunications equipment or services; extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain covered telecommunications equipment or services; or enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain covered telecommunications equipment or services. As described in section 889 of [Public Law 115-232](#), “covered telecommunications equipment or services” means any of the following:

1. Telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);
2. For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);
3. Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment;
4. Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

Pursuant to [2 CFR 200.216\(c\)](#), “covered telecommunications equipment or services” also include systems 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. Consistent with [2 CFR 200.471](#), costs incurred for telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment such as phones, internet, video surveillance, and cloud servers are allowable except for the following circumstances:

- (a) Obligating or expending EPA funds for covered telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment or services as described in [2 CFR 200.216](#) to:
- (1) Procure or obtain, extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain;
  - (2) Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure; or
  - (3) Obtain the equipment, services, or systems.

Certain prohibited equipment, systems, or services, including equipment, systems, or services produced or provided by entities identified in section 889 of [Public Law 115-232](#), are recorded in the [System for Award Management](#) exclusion list.

## 7. Consultant Cap

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

Information on how to calculate the maximum daily rate and the daily pay limitation is available at the Office Of Personnel Management's [Fact Sheet: How to Compute Rates of Pay](#) and [Fact Sheet: Expert and Consultant Pay](#). Specifically, to determine the maximum daily rate, follow these steps:

- (1) Divide the Level IV salary by 2087 to determine the hourly rate. Rates must be rounded to the nearest cent, counting one-half cent and over as the next higher cent (e.g., round \$18.845 to \$18.85).
- (2) Multiply the hourly rate by eight (8) hours. The product is the maximum daily rate.

Contracts and subcontracts with firms for services that are awarded using the procurement requirements in Subpart D of 2 CFR Part 200 are not affected by this limitation unless the terms of the contract provide the recipient with responsibility for the selection, direction and control of the individuals who will be providing services under the contract at an hourly or daily rate of compensation. See [2 CFR 1500.10](#).

## 8. Establishing and Managing Subawards

If the recipient chooses to pass funds from this assistance agreement to other entities, the recipient must comply with applicable subaward provisions of 2 CFR Part 200 and the [EPA Subaward Policy](#).

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

1. Select subrecipients and conduct subaward competitions, as appropriate, using a system that properly differentiates between subrecipients and procurement contractors consistent with the differentiating characteristics explained in 2 CFR

- [200.331](#) and EPA’s supplemental guidance in [Appendix A of the EPA Subaward Policy](#).
2. Verify that the potential subrecipient is not excluded or disqualified in accordance with the verification methods provided in [2 CFR 180.300](#), such as confirming in SAM.gov that a potential subrecipient is not suspended, debarred, or otherwise excluded from receiving Federal funds.
  3. Establish and follow a system that ensures all subaward agreements are in writing and contain all of the elements required by [2 CFR 200.332\(b\)](#). EPA has developed a template for subaward agreements that is available in [Appendix D of the EPA Subaward Policy](#).
  4. Prior to making subawards, ensure that each subrecipient has a “Unique Entity Identifier” (UEI). The UEI is required by [2 CFR Part 25](#) and [2 CFR 200.332\(b\)](#). Subrecipients are not required to complete full [System for Award Management \(SAM.gov\)](#) registration to obtain a UEI. Information regarding obtaining a UEI is available at the System for Award Management (SAM.gov) Internet site: <http://www.sam.gov/SAM/> and in the General Condition of the pass-through entity’s agreement with EPA entitled “**System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements**” T&C of the pass-through entity’s agreement with the EPA.
  5. Ensure that subrecipients are aware of the requirements that apply to the subaward, including those that flow down from the recipient, as required by [2 CFR 200.332\(b\)](#) and monitor the activities of the subrecipient to ensure compliance with these requirements per [2 CFR 200.332\(e\)](#). These requirements include, among others:
    - a. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and other Federal statutes and regulations prohibiting discrimination in Federal financial assistance programs, as applicable, including provisions protecting free speech, religious liberty, public welfare, and the environment per [2 CFR 200.300\(a\)](#), as well as regulations, including [2 CFR 200.300\(b\)](#) prohibiting discrimination based on sex.
    - b. Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation under Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) set forth in the General Condition pass-through entity’s agreement with EPA entitled “**Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation.**”
    - c. Limitations on individual consultant fees as set forth in [2 CFR 1500.10](#) and the General Condition of the pass-through entity’s agreement with EPA entitled “**Consultant Fee Cap.**”
    - d. EPA’s prohibition on paying management fees as set forth in General Condition of the pass-through entity’s agreement with EPA entitled “**Management Fees.**”
    - e. The Procurement Standards in [2 CFR Part 200](#) including those requiring competition when the subrecipient acquires goods and services from contractors (including consultants) and Domestic preferences for procurements at [2 CFR 200.322](#).
    - f. Other statutes, regulations and Executive Orders that may apply to subawards

are described at [Information on Requirements that Pass-Through Entities must “Flow Down” to Subrecipients](#). Many Federal requirements are agreement- or program-specific, and EPA encourages pass-through entities to review the terms of their assistance agreement carefully and consult with their EPA Project Officer for advice if necessary.

6. Establish and follow a system for evaluating subrecipient fraud risk and risk of noncompliance with a subaward to determine the appropriate monitoring described at [2 CFR 200.332\(c\)](#) and consider whether, based on the evaluation of risk, additional monitoring tools may be useful as described in [2 CFR 200.332\(f\)](#). When evaluating a subrecipient’s risk, a pass-through entity should consider:
  - a. The subrecipient’s prior experience with same or similar subawards;
  - b. Results of previous audits, including considering whether the subrecipient receives a Single Audit, in accordance with [2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F](#) and the extent to which the same or similar subawards have been audited as a major program;
  - c. Whether the subrecipient has new personnel or new or substantially change systems, and
  - d. The extent and results of any Federal agency monitoring (for example, if the subrecipient also receives Federal awards directly from the Federal agency).
7. Establish and follow a process for deciding whether to implement specific conditions in subawards based on risk factors, as described in [2 CFR 200.208](#), and notify EPA of the specific conditions as required by [2 CFR 200.332\(d\)](#). Examples of specific conditions, per [2 CFR 200.208](#), may include:
  - a. Requiring payments as reimbursements rather than advance payments;
  - b. Withholding authority to proceed to the next phase until receipt of evidence of acceptable performance;
  - c. Requiring additional or more detailed financial reports;
  - d. Requiring additional or project monitoring;
  - e. Requiring the recipient or subrecipient to obtain technical or management assistance; or
  - f. Establishing additional prior approvals.
8. Establish and follow a system for monitoring subrecipient performance that includes the elements required at [2 CFR 200.332\(e\)](#), such as reviewing financial and performance reports, and report the results of the monitoring in performance reports as provided in the reporting terms and conditions of this agreement.
9. Ensure that a subrecipient provides a plan for and takes corrective action on all significant developments that negatively affect the subaward. Per [2 CFR 200.332\(e\)\(2\)](#), significant developments include Single Audit findings related to the subaward, other audit findings, site visits, and written notifications from a subrecipient of adverse conditions that will impact their ability to meet the milestones or objectives of the subaward.
10. Establish and maintain an accounting system which ensures compliance with the \$50,000 limitation at [2 CFR 200.1](#), *Modified Total Direct Costs*, if applicable,

on including subaward costs in *Modified Total Direct Costs* for the purposes of distributing indirect costs. Recipients with Federally approved indirect cost rates that use a different basis for distributing indirect costs to subawards must comply with their Indirect Cost Rate Agreement.

- 11.** Work with EPA's Project Officer to obtain the written consent of EPA's Office of International and Tribal Affairs (OITA) prior to awarding a subaward to a foreign or international organization or a subaward to be performed in a foreign country, even if that subaward is described in a proposed scope of work.
- 12.** Obtain prior written approval from the EPA's Award Official for any subawards or subaward activities that are not described in the approved work plan in accordance with [2 CFR 200.308](#). As provided in [2 CFR 200.308\(f\)\(6\)](#), recipients must obtain prior approval to change a named subrecipient from the EPA Award Official if the pass-through entity described the original subrecipient's qualifications and/or performance history in the competitive application. Recipients must contact their Project Officer to begin the prior approval process.
- 13.** Obtain prior written approval from the EPA's Award Official before awarding a subaward to an individual if the EPA-approved scope of work does not include a description of subawards to individuals.
- 14.** Establish and follow written procedures under [2 CFR 200.302\(b\)\(7\)](#) for determining that subaward costs are allowable in accordance with [2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E](#) and the terms and conditions of this award. These procedures may provide for allowability determinations on a pre-award basis, through ongoing monitoring of costs that subrecipients incur, or a combination of both approaches provided the pass-through entity documents its determinations.
- 15.** Verify that the subrecipient is audited, as applicable, per [2 CFR part 200, Subpart F](#), and establish and maintain a system under [2 CFR 200.332\(g\)](#) and [2 CFR 200.521](#) for issuing management decisions for audits of subrecipients that relate to the Federal award from the recipient. The recipient remains accountable to EPA for ensuring that unallowable subaward costs initially paid by EPA are either reimbursed or offset with allowable costs, regardless of whether the recipient recovers those costs from the subrecipient.
- 16.** As provided in [2 CFR 200.333](#), pass-through entities must obtain EPA approval to make fixed amount subawards. Recipients should consult with their EPA Project Officer regarding how to obtain EPA approval.

By accepting this award, the recipient is certifying that it either has systems in place to comply with the requirements described in Items 1 through 16 above or will refrain from making subawards until the systems are designed and implemented.

**Subawards to Federal Agencies – Clarity on Applicable EPA Terms and Conditions:** If the subrecipient is a Federal agency, the only provisions of the EPA General Terms and Conditions implementing 2 CFR Part 200 on subawards that apply are: (1) the requirement for the Federal agency to obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) in accordance with 2 CFR Part 25 as described in Item 4 above and (2) the requirement for the recipient to report on first-tier subawards as described in EPA General Term and Condition 15.1, “Reporting of first tier subawards.”

As provided within [2 CFR 200.101\(a\)\(2\)](#), all other provisions of 2 CFR Part 200, Subparts A through E, do not apply to subawards with federal agencies. Transactions between the recipient and the Federal agency subrecipient will be governed by the Federal agency subrecipient’s cost reimbursement agreement with the recipient.

#### **9. Management Fees**

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

#### **10. Federal Employee Costs**

The recipient understands that none of the funds for this project (including funds contributed by the recipient as cost sharing) may be used to pay for the travel of Federal employees or for other costs associated with Federal participation in this project unless a Federal agency will be providing services to the recipient as authorized by a Federal statute.

#### **11. Foreign Travel**

**EPA policy requires that all foreign travel must be approved by its Office of International and Tribal Affairs.** The recipient agrees to obtain prior EPA approval before using funds available under this agreement for international travel unless the trip(s) are already described in the EPA approved budget for this agreement. Foreign travel includes trips to Mexico and Canada but does not include trips to Puerto Rico, the U.S. Territories or possessions. Recipients that request post-award approval to travel frequently to Mexico and Canada by motor vehicle (e.g., for sampling or meetings) may describe their proposed travel in general terms in their request for EPA approval. Requests for prior approval must be submitted to the Project Officer for this agreement.

#### **12. The Fly America Act and Foreign Travel**

The recipient understands that all foreign travel **funded under this assistance agreement** must comply with the Fly America Act. All travel must be on U.S. air carriers certified under 49 U.S.C.

Section 40118, to the extent that service by such carriers is available even if foreign air carrier costs are less than the American air carrier.

### 13. Union Organizing

Grant funds may not be used to support or oppose union organizing, whether directly or as an offset for other funds.

## Reporting and Additional Post-Award Requirements

### 14. System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements

- 14.1 Requirement for System for Award Management (SAM)** Unless exempted from this requirement under [2 CFR 25.110](#), the recipient must maintain current and active registration SAM.gov. The recipient's registration must always be current and active until it submits all final reports required under this Federal award or receive the final payment, whichever is later. The recipient must review and update its information in SAM.gov at least annually from the date of its initial registration or any subsequent updates to ensure it is current, accurate, and complete. If applicable, this includes identifying the recipient's immediate and highest-level owner and subsidiaries and providing information about the recipient's predecessors that have received a Federal award or contract within the last three (3) years.
- 14.2 Requirement for Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).** If the recipient is authorized to make subawards under this award, the recipient:
- a. Must notify potential subrecipients that no entity may receive a subaward unless the entity has provided its UEI to the recipient.
  - b. Must not make a subaward to an entity unless the entity has provided its UEI. Subrecipients are not required to complete full registration in SAM.gov to obtain a UEI.
- 14.3 Definitions.** For the Purpose of this award term:
- a. **System for Award Management (SAM.gov)** means the Federal repository into which an entity must provide the information required for the conduct of business as a recipient. Additional information about registration procedures may be found in SAM.gov (currently at: <https://sam.gov/>.)
  - b. **Unique Entity Identifier** means the universal identifier assigned by SAM.gov to uniquely identify an entity.
  - c. **Entity** is defined at [2 CFR 25.400](#) and includes all of the following types as defined in [2 CFR 200.1](#):
    - 1) Non-federal entity,
    - 2) Foreign organization;
    - 3) Foreign public entity;
    - 4) Domestic for-profit organization; and
    - 5) Federal agency.

- d. **Subaward** has the meaning given in [2 CFR 200.1](#)
- e. **Subrecipient** has the meaning given in [2 CFR 200.1](#)

## 15. Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation

### 15.1 Reporting of first tier subawards.

- a. **Applicability.** Unless the recipient is exempt as provided in paragraph 15.4. of this award term, the recipient must report each action that obligates \$30,000 or more in Federal funds for a subaward to an entity or Federal agency. The recipient must also report a subaward if a modification increases the Federal funding to an amount that equals or exceeds \$30,000.
- b. **Reporting Requirements.** (1) The entity or Federal agency must report each subaward described in paragraph 15.1.a of this award term at the [System for Award Management \(SAM.gov\)](#). (2) For subaward information, report no later than the end of the month following the month in which the subaward was made. (For example, if the subaward was made on any date during the month of November of a given year, the obligation must be reported by no later than December 31 of that year.)

### 15.2 Reporting Total Compensation of Recipient Executives.

- a. **Applicability.** The recipient must report the total compensation for each of its five (5) most highly compensated executives for the preceding completed fiscal year, if:
  - 15.2.a.1.** The total Federal funding authorized to date under this award is \$30,000 or more;
  - 15.2.a.2.** In the preceding fiscal year, the recipient received: (i.) 80 percent or more of their annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal awards (and subawards) subject to the Transparency Act); (ii.) and \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal awards (and subawards) subject to the Transparency Act; and
  - 15.2.a.3.** The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 after receiving this subaward. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, see the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at: <http://www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm>.)
- b. **Reporting Requirements.** The recipient must report executive total compensation described in paragraph 15.2.a of this award term: (i.) As part of the recipient's registration profile at <https://www.sam.gov> (ii.) No later than the end of the month following the month in which this award is made, and annually thereafter (For example if this award was made on any date of November in a given year, the executive total compensation must be reported by no later than December 31 of that year.)

**15.3 Reporting Total Compensation of Subrecipient Executives.**

- a. Applicability.** Unless a first-tier subrecipient is exempt as provided in paragraph 15.4. of this award term, the recipient must report the executive total compensation of each of the subrecipient's five most highly compensated executives for the subrecipient's preceding completed fiscal year, if:
- 15.3.a.1.** The total federal funding authorized to date under the subaward equals or exceeds \$30,000; and
- 15.3.a.2.** In the subrecipient's preceding fiscal year, the subrecipient received: (i.) 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal awards subject to the Transparency Act; and (ii.) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts), and Federal awards (and subawards) subject to the Transparency Act; and
- 15.3.a.3.** The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 after receiving this subaward. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, see the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at: [http:// www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm](http://www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm).)
- b. Reporting Requirements.** Subrecipients must report their executive total compensation described in paragraph 15.3.a. of this award term to the recipient. The recipient is required to submit this information to [SAM.gov](http://SAM.gov) no later than the end of the month following the month in which the subaward was made. (For example, if a subaward was made on any date during the month of October of a given year, the subaward must be reported no later than November 30<sup>th</sup> of that year).

**15.4 Exemptions**

- a.** If, in the previous tax year, the recipient had gross income, from all sources, under \$300,000, the recipient is exempt from the requirements to report:
- 15.4.a.1.** (i) subawards, and (ii) the total compensation of the five most highly compensated executives of any subrecipient.

**15.5 Definitions.** For purposes of this award term:

- a. Entity:** includes:
- (1) whether for profit or nonprofit: (i) A corporation; (ii) An association; (iii) A partnership; (iv) A limited liability company; (v) A limited liability partnership; (vi) A sole proprietorship; (vii) Any other legal business entity; (viii) Another grantee or contractor that is not excluded by subparagraph (2); and (ix) Any State or locality.
- (2) It does not include: (i) An individual recipient of Federal financial assistance; or (ii) A Federal employee.

- b. **Executive** means an officer, managing partner, or any other employee holding a management position.
- c. **Subaward:** has the meaning given in [2 CFR 200.1](#).
- d. **Subrecipient** has the meaning given in [2 CFR 200.1](#).
- e. **Total compensation** means the cash and noncash dollar value an executive earns during the recipient's or subrecipient's preceding fiscal year. This includes all items of compensation as prescribed in [17 CFR 229.402\(c\)\(2\)](#).

## 16. Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters – Reporting of Matters Related to Recipient Integrity and Performance

### 16.1 General Reporting Requirement

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

### 16.2 Proceedings About Which You Must Report

Submit the information required about each proceeding that:

- a. Is in connection with the award or performance of a grant, cooperative agreement, or procurement contract from the Federal Government;
- b. Reached its final disposition during the most recent five-year period; and
- c. Is one of the following:
  - 16.2.c.1.** A criminal proceeding that resulted in a conviction, as defined in paragraph 5 of this award term and condition;
  - 16.2.c.2.** A civil proceeding that resulted in a finding of fault and liability and payment of a monetary fine, penalty, reimbursement, restitution, or damages of \$5,000 or more;
  - 16.2.c.3.** An administrative proceeding, as defined in paragraph 5. of this award term and condition, that resulted in a finding of fault and liability and your payment of either a monetary fine or penalty of \$5,000 or more or reimbursement, restitution, or damages in excess of \$100,000; or
  - 16.2.c.4.** Any other criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding if:
    - 16.2.c.4.1.** It could have led to an outcome described in paragraph 16.2.c.1, 16.2.c.2, or 16.2.c.3 of this award term and condition;

**16.2.c.4.2.** It had a different disposition arrived at by consent or compromise with an acknowledgment of fault on your part; and

**16.2.c.4.3.** The requirement in this award term and condition to disclose information about the proceeding does not conflict with applicable laws and regulations.

**16.3 Reporting Procedures**

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

**16.4 Reporting Frequency**

During any period of time when you are subject to the requirement in paragraph 16.1 of this award term and condition, you must report proceedings information through SAM.gov for the most recent five-year period, either to report new information about any proceeding(s) that you have not reported previously or affirm that there is no new information to report. Recipients that have Federal contract, grant, and cooperative agreement awards with a cumulative total value greater than \$10,000,000 must disclose semiannually any information about the criminal, civil, and administrative proceedings.

**16.5 Definitions**

For purposes of this award term and condition:

- a. Administrative proceeding means a non-judicial process that is adjudicatory in nature in order to make a determination of fault or liability (*e.g.*, Securities and Exchange Commission Administrative proceedings, Civilian Board of Contract Appeals proceedings, and Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals proceedings). This includes proceedings at the Federal and State level but only in connection with performance of a Federal contract or grant. It does not include audits, site visits, corrective plans, or inspection of deliverables.
- b. Conviction, for purposes of this award term and condition, means a judgment or conviction of a criminal offense by any court of competent jurisdiction, whether entered upon a verdict or a plea, and includes a conviction entered upon a plea of *nolo contendere*.
- c. Total value of currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts includes –
  - 16.5.c.1.** Only the Federal share of the funding under any Federal award with a recipient cost share or match; and
  - 16.5.c.2.** The value of all expected funding increments under a Federal award and options, even if not yet exercised.

## 17. Federal Financial Reporting (FFR)

Pursuant to [2 CFR 200.328](#) and [2 CFR 200.344](#), EPA recipients must submit the Federal Financial Report (SF-425) at least annually and no more frequently than quarterly. EPA's standard reporting frequency is annual unless an EPA Region has included an additional term and condition specifying greater reporting frequency within this award document in accordance with [2 CFR 200.208](#). EPA recipients must submit the SF-425 no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the conclusion of each specified reporting period for quarterly and semi-annual reports and ninety (90) calendar days for annual reports. Final reports are due no later than one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days after the conclusion of the period of performance of the award. Extension of reporting due dates may be approved by EPA when requested and justified by the recipient. The FFR form is available on the internet at: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/sf-425-federal-financial-report>. All FFRs must be submitted to the EPA Research Triangle Park Finance Division (RFD) via email at [rtpfc-grants@epa.gov](mailto:rtpfc-grants@epa.gov) or mail it to:

US Environmental Protection Agency  
Research Triangle Park Finance Division (Mail Code AA216-01)  
4930 Page Rd.  
Durham, NC 27703

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

## 18. Indirect Cost Rate Agreements

This term and condition provides requirements for recipients using EPA funds for indirect costs and applies to all EPA assistance agreements unless there are [statutory or regulatory limits on IDCs](#). See also [EPA's Indirect Cost Policy for Recipients of EPA Assistance Agreements](#) (IDC Policy).

In order for the assistance agreement recipient to use EPA funding for indirect costs, the IDC category of the recipient's assistance agreement award budget must include an amount for IDCs and at least one of the following must apply:

- With the exception of "exempt" agencies and Institutions of Higher Education as noted below, all recipients must have one of the following current (not expired) IDC rates, including IDC rates that have been extended by the cognizant agency:
  - Provisional
  - Final
  - Fixed rate with carry-forward
  - Predetermined
  - Grants awarded before October 1, 2024 - 10% de minimis rate of modified total direct costs authorized by [2 CFR 200.414\(f\)](#)
  - Grants awarded on or after October 1, 2024 – up to a 15% de minimis rate of modified total direct costs authorized by [2 CFR 200.414\(f\)](#)

- Grants amended to incorporate the October 2024 Revisions to 2 CFR 200 – up to a 15% de minimis rate of modified total direct costs authorized by [2 CFR 200.414\(f\)](#), effective as of the date of the amendment and going forward, cannot be applied retroactively
- EPA-approved use of an expired fixed rate with carry-forward on an exception basis, as detailed in section 6.4.a. of the IDC Policy
- “Exempt” State or local governmental departments or agencies are agencies that receive up to and including \$35,000,000 in Federal funding in its fiscal year and must have an IDC rate proposal developed in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, Appendix VII, with documentation maintained and available for audit.
- Institutions of Higher Education must use the IDC rate(s) on the approved rate agreement in place at the time of award during the life of the assistance agreement (unless the rate was provisional at time of award, in which case the rate will change once it becomes final). As provided by 2 CFR Part 200, Appendix III(C)(7), the term “life of the assistance agreement”, means each competitive segment of the project. If negotiated rate agreements do not extend through the life of the Federal award at the time of the initial award, then the negotiated rate for the last year of the Federal award must be extended through the end of the award. Additional information is available in the regulation.

IDCs incurred during any period of the assistance agreement that are not covered by the provisions above are not allowable costs and must not be drawn down by the recipient. Recipients may budget for IDCs if they have submitted a proposed IDC rate to their cognizant Federal agency, or requested an exception from EPA under subsection 6.4 of the IDC Policy. However, recipients may not draw down IDCs until their rate is approved, if applicable, or EPA grants an exception. IDC drawdowns must comply with the indirect rate corresponding to the period during which the costs were incurred. If the recipient’s indirect cost rate has not been finalized within one year after the period of performance ends, the EPA Grants Management Officer is authorized to close the recipient’s award using their most recently negotiated rate per [2 CFR 200.344\(h\)](#).

This term and condition does not govern indirect rates for subrecipients or recipient procurement contractors under EPA assistance agreements. Pass-through entities are required to comply with [2 CFR 200.332\(b\)\(4\)\(i\) and \(ii\)](#) when establishing indirect cost rates for subawards.

## 19. Audit Requirements

In accordance with [2 CFR 200.501\(a\)](#), the recipient hereby agrees to obtain a single audit from an independent auditor, if their organization expends \$1,000,000 or more in total Federal funds in the recipient’s fiscal year.

The recipient must submit a single audit report within nine (9) months of the end of the recipient’s fiscal year or thirty (30) days after receiving the report from an independent auditor. The single audit report MUST be submitted using the Federal Audit Clearinghouse available at: <https://fac.gov/>. For complete information on how to accomplish the single audit submissions, the recipient will need to visit the Federal Audit Clearinghouse Web site: <https://fac.gov/>.

## **20. Closeout Requirements**

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

## **21. Suspension and Debarment**

Recipient shall fully comply with Subpart C of 2 C.F.R. Part 180 entitled, “Responsibilities of Participants Regarding Transactions Doing Business With Other Persons,” as implemented and supplemented by [2 C.F.R. Part 1532](#). Recipient is responsible for ensuring that any lower tier covered transaction, as described in Subpart B of [2 C.F.R. Part 180](#), entitled “Covered Transactions,” and [2 C.F.R. § 1532.220](#), includes a term or condition requiring compliance with 2 C.F.R. Part 180, Subpart C. Recipient is responsible for further requiring the inclusion of a similar term and condition in any subsequent lower tier covered transactions. Recipient acknowledges that failing to disclose the information required under [2 C.F.R. § 180.335](#) to the EPA office that is entering into the transaction with the recipient may result in the delay or negation of this assistance agreement, or pursuance of administrative remedies, including suspension and debarment. Recipients may access the SAM.gov exclusion list at <https://sam.gov> to determine whether an entity or individual is presently excluded or disqualified.

## **22. Representation by Corporations Regarding Delinquent Tax Liability or a Felony Conviction under any Federal Law**

This award is subject to the provisions contained in an appropriations act(s) which prohibits the Federal Government from entering into a contract, memorandum of understanding, or cooperative agreement with, make a grant to, or provide a loan or loan guarantee to any corporation having a delinquent Federal tax liability or a felony conviction under any Federal law, unless the agency has considered suspension or debarment of the corporation and has made a determination that this further action is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government. A “corporation” is a legal entity that is separate and distinct from the entities that own, manage, or control it. It is organized and incorporated under the jurisdictional authority of a governmental body, such as a State or the District of Columbia. A corporation may be a for-profit or non-profit organization.

As required by the appropriations act(s) prohibitions, the Government will not enter into a contract, memorandum of understanding, or cooperative agreement with, make a grant to, or provide a loan or loan guarantee with any corporation that — (1) Has any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, where the awarding agency is aware of the unpaid tax liability, unless an agency has considered suspension or debarment of the corporation and made a determination that suspension or debarment is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government; or (2) Was convicted of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law within the preceding twenty-four (24) months, where the awarding agency is aware of the conviction, unless

an agency has considered suspension or debarment of the corporation and made a determination that this action is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government.

By accepting this award, the recipient represents that it is not a corporation that has any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability; and it is not a corporation that was convicted of a felony criminal violation under a Federal law within the preceding twenty-four (24) months.

Alternatively, by accepting this award, the recipient represents that it disclosed unpaid Federal tax liability information and/or Federal felony conviction information to the EPA. The recipient may accept this award if the EPA Suspension and Debarment Official has considered suspension or debarment of the corporation based on tax liabilities and/or Federal felony convictions and determined that suspension or debarment is not necessary to protect the Government's interests.

If the recipient fails to comply with this term and condition, EPA will annul this agreement and may recover any funds the recipient has expended in violation of the appropriations act(s) prohibition(s). The EPA may also pursue other administrative remedies as outlined in [2 CFR 200.339](#) and [2 CFR 200.340](#) and may also pursue suspension and debarment.

## **23. Disclosing Conflict of Interest**

### **23.1 For Awards to Recipients, Subrecipients, and Individuals (other than States and Tribes that have procurement policies and procedures, and fellowship recipients under 40 CFR Part 46)**

As required by [2 CFR 200.112](#), EPA has established a policy (COI Policy) for disclosure of conflicts of interest (COI) that may affect EPA financial assistance awards. EPA's COI Policy is posted at <https://www.epa.gov/grants/epas-financial-assistance-conflict-interest-policy>. The posted version of EPA's COI Policy is applicable to new funding (initial awards, supplemental and incremental funding) awarded on or after October 1, 2015.

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

EPA's COI Policy requires that recipients have systems in place to address, resolve and disclose to EPA COIs described in sections 4.0(b), (c) and/or (d) of the COI Policy that affect any contract or subaward regardless of amount funded under this award. The recipient's COI Point of Contact for the award must disclose any COI to the EPA Grant Specialist listed on the

Assistance Agreement/Amendment within thirty (30) calendar days of the discovery of the potential COI and their approach for resolving the COI.

EPA's COI Policy requires that subrecipients have systems in place to address, resolve and disclose COI's described in section 4.0(b)(c) and (d) of the COI Policy regardless of the amount of the transaction. Recipients who are pass-through entities as defined at 2 CFR 200.1 must require that subrecipients being considered for or receiving subawards disclose COI to the pass-through entities in a manner that, at a minimum, is in accordance with sections 5.0(d) and 7.0(c) of EPA's COI Policy. Pass-through entities must disclose the subrecipient COI along with the approach for resolving the COI to the EPA Grant Specialist listed on the Assistance Agreement/Amendment within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving notification of the COI by the subrecipient.

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

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

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

### **23.2 For Awards to States and Tribes, Including State Universities that are State Agencies or Instrumentalities and Tribal Colleges and Universities that are Tribal Agencies or Instrumentalities**

As required by [2 CFR 200.112](#), EPA has established a policy (COI Policy) for disclosure of conflicts of interest (COI) that may affect EPA financial assistance awards. EPA's COI Policy is posted at: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/epas-financial-assistance-conflict-interest-policy>. The posted version of EPA's COI Policy is applicable to new funding (initial awards, supplemental, incremental funding) awarded on or after October 1, 2025.

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

of the COI. The Grant Specialist will respond to any such disclosure within thirty (30) calendar days.

States, including State universities that are State agencies and instrumentalities, and Tribes including Tribal Colleges and Universities that are Tribal Agencies or Instrumentalities, receiving funding from EPA are only required to disclose subrecipient COI as a pass-through entity as defined by [2 CFR 200.1](#). Any other COI are subject to State and Tribal laws, regulations, and policies. EPA's COI Policy requires that subrecipients have systems in place to address, resolve and disclose COIs described in section 4.0(b)(c) and (d) of the COI Policy that arise after EPA made the award regardless of the amount of the transaction. States and Tribes who are pass-through entities as defined at [2 CFR 200.1](#) must require that subrecipients being considered for or receiving subawards disclose COI to the State or Tribe in a manner that, as a minimum, in accordance with sections 5.0(d) and 7.0(c) of EPA's COI Policy. States and Tribes must disclose the subrecipient COI along with the approach for resolving the COI to the EPA Grant Specialist listed on the Assistance Agreement/Amendment within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving notification of the COI by the subrecipient.

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

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

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

## **24. Transfer of Funds**

### **24.1 Transfer of Funds**

**Applicable to all assistance agreements other than Continuing Environmental Program Grants subject to 40 CFR 35.114 and 40 CFR 35.514 when EPA's share of the total award exceeds the**

**Simplified Acquisition Threshold. Simplified Acquisition Threshold is defined at 2 CFR 200.1 and is currently set at \$350,000 but the amount is subject to adjustment.**

- (1) As provided at [2 CFR 200.308\(i\)](#), the recipient must obtain prior approval from EPA's Grants Management Officer if the cumulative amount of funding transfers among direct budget categories or programs, functions and activities exceeds 10% of the total budget, as last approved by EPA, including cost share. Recipients must submit requests for prior approval to the Grant Specialist and Grants Management Officer with a copy to the Project Officer for this agreement.
- (2) Recipients must notify EPA's Grant Specialist and Project Officer of cumulative funding transfers among direct budget categories or programs, functions and activities that do not exceed 10% of the total budget for the agreement. Prior approval by EPA's Grants Management Officer is required if the transfer involves any of the items listed in [2 CFR 200.407](#) that EPA did not previously approve at time of award or in response to a previous post-award request by the recipient.

#### **24.2 Post-Award Changes for Continuing Environmental Program Grants**

**Applicable to Continuing Environmental Program Grants subject to 40 CFR 35.114 and 40 CFR 35.514 when EPA's share of the total project costs exceeds the Simplified Acquisition Threshold. Simplified Acquisition Threshold is defined at 2 CFR 200.1 and is currently set at \$350,000 but the amount is subject to adjustment.**

To determine if a post-award change in work plan commitments is significant and requires prior written approval for the purposes of [40 CFR §35.114\(a\)](#) or [40 CFR §35.514\(a\)](#), the recipient agrees to consult the EPA Project Officer before making the change. The term work plan commitments is defined at [40 CFR §35.102](#). If the PO determines the change is significant, the recipient cannot make the change without prior written approval by the EPA Award Official or Grants Management Officer.

The recipient must obtain written approval from the EPA Award Official prior to transferring funds from one budget category to another if the EPA Award Official determines that such transfer significantly changes work plan commitment(s). All transfers must be reported in required performance reports. In addition, unless approved with the budget at the time of award, Continuing Environmental Program (CEP) recipients must also obtain prior written approval from the EPA Award Official or Grants Management Officer to use EPA funds for directly charging compensation for administrative and clerical personnel under [2 CFR 200.413\(c\)](#) and the General Provisions for Selected Items of Cost allowability at [2 CFR 200.420](#) through [2 CFR 200.476](#) as supplemented by [EPA's Guidance on Selected Items of Cost](#). The recipient is not required to obtain prior written approval from the EPA Award Official for other items requiring prior EPA approval listed in [2 CFR 200.407](#).

#### **25. Electronic/Digital Signatures on Financial Assistance Agreement Form(s)/Document(s)**

Throughout the life of this assistance agreement, the recipient agrees to ensure that any form(s)/document(s) required to be signed by the recipient and submitted to EPA through any

means including but not limited to hard copy via U.S. mail or express mail, hand delivery or through electronic means such as e-mail are: (1) signed by the individual identified on the form/document, and (2) the signer has the authority to sign the form/document for the recipient. Submission of any signed form(s)/document(s) is subject to any provisions of law on making false statements (e.g., 18 U.S.C. 1001).

## **26. Extension of Project/Budget Period Expiration Date**

EPA has not exercised the waiver option to allow automatic one-time extensions for non-research grants under [2 CFR 200.308\(g\)\(2\)](#). Therefore, if a no-cost time extension is necessary to extend the period of availability of funds, the recipient must submit a written request to the EPA at least ten (10) calendar days before the conclusion of the period of performance as required by [2 CFR 200.308\(f\)\(10\)](#). **The written request must include:** a justification describing the need for additional time, an estimated date of completion, and a revised schedule for project completion including updated milestone target dates for the approved workplan activities. In addition, if there are overdue reports required by the general, administrative, and/or programmatic terms and conditions of this assistance agreement, the recipient must ensure that they are submitted along with or prior to submitting the no-cost time extension request.

## **27. Utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises**

The recipient agrees to comply with the following requirements of EPA's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program for procurement activities under assistance agreements as described below.

### **1) Six Good Faith Effort, 40 CFR Part 33, Subpart C**

Pursuant to [40 CFR 33.301](#), the recipient agrees to make good faith efforts whenever procuring construction, equipment, services and supplies under an EPA financial assistance agreement, and to require that sub-recipients, loan recipients, and prime contractors also comply. The specific six good faith efforts can be found at: [40 CFR 33.301 \(a\)-\(f\)](#).

For EPA assistance agreements that are for the benefit of Native Americans, the recipient must solicit and recruit Native American organizations and Native American-owned economic enterprises and give them preference in the award process prior to undertaking the six good faith efforts ([40 CFR 33.304](#)). If recruiting efforts are unsuccessful, the recipient must follow the six good faith efforts.

### **2) Contract Administration Provisions, 40 CFR 33.302**

The recipient agrees to comply with the contract administration provisions of [40 CFR Section 33.302](#) (a)-(d) and (i).

### **3) Bidders List, 40 CFR 33.501(b) and (c)**

Recipients of a Continuing Environmental Program (CEP) Grant or other annual reporting grant, agree to create and maintain a bidders list. Recipients of an EPA financial assistance agreement to capitalize a revolving loan fund also agree to require entities receiving identified loans to create and maintain a bidders list if the recipient of the loan is subject to,

or chooses to follow, competitive bidding requirements. Refer to [40 CFR 33.501 \(b\) and \(c\)](#) for specific requirements and exemptions.

The EPA has suspended the following DBE Program requirements in accordance with class exceptions authorized pursuant to the authority in [2 CFR 1500.4\(b\)](#). Refer to [RAIN-2025-G02](#) and [RAIN-2019-G10](#) for details.

- 1) EPA MBE/WBE Certification, 40 CFR Part 33, Subpart B
- 2) Fair Share Objectives, 40 CFR Part 33, Subpart D
- 3) MBE/WBE Reporting, 40 CFR Part 33, Subpart E

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### **28. Sufficient Progress**

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

### **29. Copyrighted Material and Data**

In accordance with [2 CFR 200.315](#), EPA has the right to reproduce, publish, use and authorize others to reproduce, publish and use copyrighted works or other data developed under this assistance agreement for Federal purposes. This includes the right to require recipients and subrecipients to make such works available through agency-designated public access repositories.

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

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

- The selection of another recipient by EPA to perform a project that will involve the use of the copyrighted works or other data, or
- Termination or expiration of this agreement.

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

### **30. Patents and Inventions**

**The EPA is currently inactive in iEdison. Until EPA’s participation in iEdison is re-activated, the recipient should notify the EPA Project Officer identified on the award document when a report is due to be filed.**

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

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

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

### **31. Acknowledgement Requirements for Non-Research Assistance Agreements**

The recipient agrees that any reports, documents, publications, or other materials developed for public distribution supported by this assistance agreement shall contain the following statement: “This project has been funded wholly or in part by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under assistance agreement (number) to (recipient). The contents of this document do not necessarily reflect the views and policies of the Environmental Protection Agency, nor does the Environmental Protection Agency endorse trade names or recommend the use of commercial products mentioned in this document, as well as any images, video, text, or other content created by generative artificial intelligence tools, nor does any such content necessarily reflect the views and policies of the Environmental Protection Agency.”

Recipients of EPA research awards must follow the acknowledgement requirements outlined in the research T&Cs available at: <https://www.nsf.gov/awards/managing/rtc.jsp>. In accordance with the [Research Terms and Conditions Overlay to the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards \(Uniform Guidance\), 2 CFR §200](#), recipients of EPA research must abide by the research T&Cs.

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

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

Recipients may wish to consult the latest Section 508 guidelines issued by the U.S. Access Board or W3C’s Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 (see <https://www.access-board.gov/about/policy/accessibility.html>).

### **33. Human Subjects**

Human subjects research is any activity that meets the regulatory definitions of both research AND human subject. Research is a systematic investigation, including research development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge. Human subject means a living individual about whom an investigator (whether professional or student) conducting research: (i) Obtains information or biospecimens through intervention or interaction with the individual, and uses, studies, or analyzes the information or biospecimens; or (ii) Obtains, uses, studies, analyzes, or generates identifiable private information or identifiable biospecimens [40 CFR 26.102\(e\)\(I\)](#).

No research involving human subjects shall be conducted under this agreement without prior written approval of the EPA Human Subject Research Review Official (HSRRO) to proceed with that research. If engaged in human subjects’ research as part of this agreement, the recipient agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of EPA Regulation 40 CFR 26 (Protection of Human Subjects). This includes, at Subpart A, the Basic Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Research Subjects, also known as the Common Rule. It also includes, at Subparts B, C, and D, prohibitions and

additional protections for children, nursing women, pregnant women, and fetuses in research conducted or supported by EPA.

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

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

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

#### **34. Animal Subjects**

The recipient agrees to comply with the Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544), as amended, 7 USC 2131- 2156. Recipient also agrees to abide by the "U.S. Government Principles for the Utilization and Care of Vertebrate Animals used in Testing, Research, and Training." (Federal Register 50(97): 20864-20865. May 20,1985). The nine principles can be viewed at <https://olaw.nih.gov/policies-laws/phs-policy.htm>. For additional information about the Principles, the recipient should consult the [Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals](#), prepared by the Institute of Laboratory Animal Resources, National Research Council.

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

**(a) APPLICABLE TO ALL AGREEMENTS EXCEPT STATE CONTINUING ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS (AS DESCRIBED BELOW):**

Unless the event(s) and all of its components are described in the approved workplan, the recipient agrees to obtain prior approval from EPA for the use of grant funds for light refreshments and/or

meals served at meetings, conferences, training workshops and outreach activities (events). The recipient must send requests for approval to the EPA Project Officer and include:

- (1) An estimated budget and description for the light refreshments, meals, and/or beverages to be served at the event(s)
- (2) A description of the purpose, agenda, location, length, and timing for the event, and
- (3) An estimated number of participants in the event and a description of their roles

Costs for light refreshments and meals for recipient staff meetings and similar day-to-day activities are not allowable under EPA assistance agreements.

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

EPA funding for meals, light refreshments, and space rental may not be used for any discrete portion of an event or meeting, such as a reception, banquet, or another similar entertainment-oriented activity, where alcohol is served, purchased, or otherwise available as part of the discrete portion of the event or meeting, even if EPA funds are not used to purchase the alcohol. This restriction does not prohibit a recipient from using its own funds, private donations, or separate fees charged to the meeting attendees (that are not program income) for discrete portions of events or meetings, such as receptions, banquets, or another similar entertainment-oriented activity where alcohol is served.

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

**(b) FOR STATE CONTINUING ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM GRANT RECIPIENTS EXCLUDING STATE UNIVERSITIES:**

If the State maintains systems capable of complying with Federal grant regulations at [2 CFR 200.432](#) and [2 CFR 200.438](#), EPA has waived the prior approval requirements for the use of EPA funds for light refreshments and/or meals served at meetings, conferences, and training, as described in paragraph (a) above. The State may follow its own procedures without requesting prior approval from EPA. However, notwithstanding State policies, EPA funds may not be used for (1) Meetings (e.g. routine staff meetings) that do not meet the definition of "Conference" in [2 CFR 200.432](#), (2) evening receptions, or (2) other evening events (with the exception of working meetings). Examples of working meetings include those evening events in which small groups discuss technical subjects on the basis of a structured agenda or there are presentations being conducted by experts. EPA funds for meals, light refreshments, and space rental may not be used for any portion of an event

(including evening working meetings) where alcohol is served, purchased, or otherwise available as part of the event or meeting, even if EPA funds are not used to purchase the alcohol.

By accepting this award, the State is certifying that it has systems in place (including internal controls) to comply with the requirements described above.

## **36. Tangible Personal Property**

### **36.1 Reporting**

Pursuant to [2 CFR 200.312](#) and [2 CFR 200.314](#), property reports, if applicable, are required for Federally-owned property in the custody of a recipient or subrecipient upon completion of the Federal award or when the property is no longer needed. Additionally, upon termination or completion of the project, residual unused supplies with a total aggregate fair market value exceeding \$10,000 not needed for any other Federally funded programs or projects must be reported. For Superfund awards under Subpart O, refer to [40 CFR 35.6340](#) and [40 CFR 35.6660](#) for property reporting requirements. Recipients should utilize the Tangible Personal Property Report form series (SF-428) to report tangible personal property.

### **36.2 Disposition**

**36.2.1. Most Recipients or Subrecipients.** Consistent with [2 CFR 200.313](#), unless instructed otherwise on the official award document, this award term, or at closeout, the recipient or subrecipient, including a subrecipient of a State or an Indian Tribe, may keep the equipment and continue to use it on the project originally funded through this assistance agreement or on other Federally funded projects whether or not the project or program continues to be supported by Federal funds.

**36.2.2. State Agencies.** Per [2 CFR 200.313\(b\)](#), recipients that are State agencies must manage and dispose of equipment acquired under this assistance agreement in accordance with State laws and procedures.

**36.2.3. Indian Tribes.** Per [2 CFR 200.313\(b\)](#), recipients that are Indian Tribes must manage and dispose of equipment acquired under this assistance agreement in accordance with Tribal laws and procedures. If such laws and procedures do not exist, Indian Tribes, unless instructed otherwise on the official award document or at closeout, may keep the equipment and continue to use it on the project originally funded through this assistance agreement or on other Federally funded projects whether or not the project or program continues to be supported by Federal funds.

**36.2.4. Superfund Recipients.** Equipment purchased for Superfund projects under Subpart O is subject to specific disposal options in accordance with [40 CFR Part 35.6345](#).

## **37. Dual Use Research of Concern (DURC)**

The recipient agrees to conduct all life science research\* in compliance with [EPA's Order on the Policy and Procedures for Managing Dual Use Research of Concern](#) (EPA DURC Order) [and United States Government Policy for Institutional Oversight of Life Sciences Dual Use Research of Concern \(iDURC Policy\)](#). If the recipient is an institution within the United States that receives funding

through this agreement, or from any other source, the recipient agrees to comply with the iDURC Policy if they conduct or sponsor research involving any of the agents or toxins identified in Section 6.2.1 of the iDURC Policy. If the institution is outside the United States and receives funding through this agreement to conduct or sponsor research involving any of those same agents or toxins, the recipient agrees to comply with the iDURC Policy. The recipient agrees to provide any additional information that may be requested by EPA regarding DURC and iDURC. The recipient agrees to immediately notify the EPA Project Officer should the project use or introduce use of any of the agents or toxins identified in the iDURC Policy. The recipient's Institution/Organization must also comply with USG iDURC policy and EPA DURC Order and will inform the appropriate government agency if funded by such agency of research with the agents or toxins identified in Section 6.2.1 of the iDURC Policy. If privately funded the recipient agrees to notify the National Institutes of Health at [DURC@od.nih.gov](mailto:DURC@od.nih.gov).

\* "*Life Sciences Research*," for purposes of the EPA DURC Order, and based on the definition of research in [40 CFR §26.102\(d\)](#), is a systematic investigation designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge involving living organisms (e.g., microbes, human beings, animals, and plants) and their products. EPA does not consider the following activities to be research: routine product testing, quality control, mapping, collection of general-purpose statistics, routine monitoring and evaluation of an operational program, observational studies, and the training of scientific and technical personnel. [Note: This is consistent with OMB Circular A-11.]

### **38. Research Misconduct**

In accordance with [2 CFR 200.329](#), the recipient and subrecipient agree to notify the EPA Project Officer in writing about research misconduct involving research activities that are supported in whole or in part with EPA funds under this project. EPA defines research misconduct as fabrication, falsification, or plagiarism in proposing, performing, or reviewing research, or in reporting research results [65 FR 76262. I], or ordering, advising or suggesting that subordinates engage in research misconduct. The recipient agrees to:

- (1)** Immediately notify the EPA Project Officer who will then inform the EPA Office of Inspector General (OIG) if, at any time, an allegation of research misconduct falls into one of the categories listed below:
  - A.** Public health or safety is at risk
  - B.** Agency resources or interests are threatened
  - C.** Circumstances where research activities should be suspended
  - D.** There is a reasonable indication of possible violations of civil or criminal law
  - E.** Federal action is required to protect the interests of those involved in the investigation
  - F.** The research entity believes that the inquiry or investigation may be made public prematurely so that appropriate steps can be taken to safeguard evidence and protect the rights of those involved
  - G.** Circumstances where the research community or public should be informed. [65 FR 76263.III]

- (2) Report other allegations to the OIG when they have conducted an inquiry and determined that there is sufficient evidence to proceed with an investigation. [65 FR 76263. III]

### **39. Scientific Integrity Terms and Conditions**

The recipient agrees to comply with [EPA's Scientific Integrity Policy](#) when conducting, supervising, and communicating science and when using or applying the results of science. For purposes of this award condition scientific activities include, but are not limited to, computer modelling, economic analysis, field sampling, laboratory experimentation, demonstrating new technology, statistical analysis, and writing a review article on a scientific issue. The recipient agrees to:

#### **39.1 Scientific Products**

**39.1.1.** Produce scientific products of the highest quality, rigor, and objectivity, by adhering to applicable EPA [information quality guidelines, quality policy](#), and peer review policy.

**39.1.2.** Prohibit all recipient employees, contractors, and program participants, including scientists, managers, and other recipient leadership, from suppressing, altering, or otherwise impeding the timely release of scientific findings or conclusions.

**39.1.3.** Adhere to [EPA's Peer Review Handbook, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition](#), for the peer review of scientific and technical work products generated through EPA grants or cooperative agreements which, by definition, are not primarily for EPA's direct use or benefit.

#### **39.2 Scientific Findings**

**39.2.1.** Require that reviews regarding the content of a scientific product that are conducted by the project manager and other recipient managers and the broader management chain be based only on scientific quality considerations, e.g., the methods used are clear and appropriate, the presentation of results and conclusions is impartial.

**39.2.2.** Ensure scientific findings are generated and disseminated in a timely and transparent manner, including scientific research performed by employees, contractors, and program participants, who assist with developing or applying the results of scientific activities.

**39.2.3.** Include, when communicating scientific findings, an explication of underlying assumptions, accurate contextualization of uncertainties, and a description of the probabilities associated with both optimistic and pessimistic projections, if applicable.

**39.2.4.** Document the use of independent validation of scientific methods.

**39.2.5.** Document any independent review of the recipient's scientific facilities and testing activities, as occurs with accreditation by a nationally or internationally recognized sanctioning body.

**39.2.6.** Make scientific information available online in open formats in a timely manner, including access to data and non-proprietary models.

#### **39.3 Scientific Misconduct**

**39.3.1.** Prohibit intimidation or coercion of scientists to alter scientific data, findings, or professional opinions or non-scientific influence of scientific advisory boards. In addition, recipient employees, contractors, and program participants, including scientists, managers, and other leadership, shall not knowingly misrepresent, exaggerate, or downplay areas of scientific uncertainty.

**39.3.2.** Prohibit retaliation or other punitive actions toward recipient employees who uncover or report allegations of scientific and research misconduct, or who express a differing scientific opinion. Employees who have allegedly engaged in scientific or research misconduct shall be afforded the due process protections provided by law, regulation, and applicable collective bargaining agreements, prior to any action. Recipients shall ensure that all employees and contractors of the recipient shall be familiar with these protections and avoid the appearance of retaliatory actions.

**39.3.3.** Require all recipient employees, contractors, and program participants to act honestly and refrain from acts of research misconduct, including publication or reporting, as described in [EPA's Policy and Procedures for Addressing Research Misconduct](#), Section 9.C. Research misconduct does not include honest error or differences of opinion. While EPA retains the ultimate oversight authority for EPA-supported research, grant recipients conducting research bear primary responsibility for prevention and detection of research misconduct and for the inquiry, investigation, and adjudication of research misconduct alleged to have occurred in association with their own institution.

**39.3.4.** Take the actions required on the part of the recipient described in the EPA's Policy and Procedures for Addressing Research Misconduct, Sections 6 through 9, when research misconduct is suspected or found.

#### **39.4 Additional Resources**

For more information about the Scientific Integrity Policy, an introductory video can be accessed at: <https://youtu.be/FQJCy8BXXq8>. A training video is available at: <https://youtu.be/Zc0T7foot8>.

#### **40. Procurement of Synthetic Nucleic Acids and Benchtop Nucleic Acid Synthesis Equipment**

The recipient must procure synthetic nucleic acids and benchtop nucleic acid synthesis equipment, as defined in the [2024 Office of Science and Technology Policy \(OSTP\) Framework for Nucleic Acid Synthesis Screening \(Framework\)](#), from providers or manufacturers that attest to adhering to the Framework. The attestation may be posted on a public website or provided directly to the recipient upon request. The recipient must include this requirement in all lower tier agreements (for example subrecipients or subcontractors).

### **Public Policy Requirements**

#### **41. Civil Rights Obligations**

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

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

**(a) Statutory Requirements**

- i. In carrying out this agreement, the recipient must comply with:
  - 1) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination based on race, color, and national origin, by entities receiving Federal financial assistance.
  - 2) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities by entities receiving Federal financial assistance; and
  - 3) The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, which prohibits age discrimination by entities receiving Federal financial assistance.
- ii. If the recipient is an education program or activity (e.g., school, college, or university) or if the recipient is conducting an education program or activity under this agreement, it must also comply with:
  - 1) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities operated by entities receiving Federal financial assistance.
- iii. If this agreement is funded with financial assistance under the Clean Water Act (CWA), the recipient must also comply with:
  - 1) Section 13 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in CWA-funded programs or activities.

**(b) Regulatory Requirements**

- i. The recipient agrees to comply with all applicable EPA civil rights regulations, including:
  - 1) For Title IX obligations, [40 C.F.R. Part 5](#); and
  - 2) For Title VI, Section 504, Age Discrimination Act, and Section 13 obligations, [40 C.F.R. Part 7](#).  
**Note that for financial assistance awarded to any entity, including any subrecipient, in the State of Louisiana**, pursuant to a permanent injunction issued by the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, EPA will not impose any disparate-impact or cumulative-impact-analysis requirements under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in any pre-award assurances or terms and conditions accompanying the application for and receipt of this grant award.
  - 3) The statutory and national policy requirements at [2 CFR 200.300\(a\)](#).
  - 4) For Federal awards that are subject to a Federal statute prohibiting discrimination based on sex, the Federal agency or pass-through entity must ensure that the award is administered in accordance with [2 CFR 200.300](#).
  - 5) As noted on the EPA Form 4700-4 signed by the recipient's authorized representative, these regulations establish specific requirements as applicable, including, but not limited to collecting, maintaining, and providing upon request compliance information, establishing grievance procedures, designating a Civil Rights Coordinator, and providing notices of non-discrimination.

**(c) Title VI – Limited English Proficiency (LEP) and Affirmative Compliance Obligation**

- i. Recipients of EPA financial assistance shall provide services to individuals with limited English proficiency in a manner consistent with applicable Federal civil rights statutes, regulations, and Executive Orders. Recipients may refer to [Executive Order 14224](#).
- ii. In accepting this assistance agreement, the recipient acknowledges it has an affirmative obligation to implement effective federal civil rights compliance programs, as required by EPA’s nondiscrimination regulations at 40 C.F.R. Parts 5 and 7, and ensure that it does not discriminate in its programs and activities in violation of federal civil rights laws and regulations. The recipient must be prepared to demonstrate to EPA that such compliance programs exist and are being implemented, or to otherwise demonstrate how it is meeting its Federal civil rights obligations. For further assistance on civil rights compliance, the recipient may refer to the EPA document entitled, “Civil Rights Guidance on Procedural Safeguards: Requirements and Best Practices.” The Guidance can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/external-civil-rights/civil-rights-guidance-procedural-safeguards>.

**42. Drug-Free Workplace**

The recipient organization of this EPA assistance agreement must make an ongoing, good faith effort to maintain a drug-free workplace pursuant to the specific requirements set forth in Title [2 CFR Part 1536 Subpart B](#). Additionally, in accordance with these regulations, the recipient organization must identify all known workplaces under its Federal awards and keep this information on file during the performance of the award.

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

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

**43. Hotel-Motel Fire Safety**

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

**44. Lobbying Restrictions**

**a) This assistance agreement is subject to lobbying restrictions as described below. Applicable to all assistance agreements:**

- i. The chief executive officer of this recipient agency shall ensure that no grant funds awarded under this assistance agreement are used to engage in lobbying of the Federal Government or in litigation against the U.S. unless authorized under existing law. The recipient shall abide by the Cost Principles available at [2 CFR Part 200](#) which generally

prohibits the use of Federal grant funds for litigation against the U.S. or for lobbying or other political activities.

- ii. The recipient agrees to comply with Title [40 CFR Part 34](#), New Restrictions on Lobbying. The recipient shall include the language of this provision in award documents for all subawards exceeding \$100,000 and require that subrecipients submit certification and disclosure forms accordingly.
- iii. In accordance with the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, any recipient who makes a prohibited expenditure under Title 40 CFR Part 34 or fails to file the required certification or lobbying forms shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such expenditure.
- iv. Contracts awarded by a recipient shall contain, when applicable, the anti-lobbying provision as stipulated in the contract provisions provided in [Appendix II to Part 200](#).
- v. By accepting this award, the recipient affirms that it is not a nonprofit organization described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as required by Section 18 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act; or that it is a nonprofit organization described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Code but does not and will not engage in lobbying activities as defined in Section 3 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act. Nonprofit organizations exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that engage in lobbying activities are ineligible for EPA subawards.

**b) Applicable to assistance agreements when the amount of the award is over \$100,000:**

- i. By accepting this award, the recipient certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief that:
  - 1) No Federal appropriated funds have been or will be paid, by or on behalf of the recipient, 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 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, or any employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the recipient shall complete and submit the linked [Standard Form -- LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying,"](#) in accordance with its instructions.
  - 3) The recipient shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards exceeding \$100,000 at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

- ii. 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.

#### **45. Recycled Paper**

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

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

Consistent with goals of section 6002 of RCRA (42 U.S.C. 6962), State and local institutions of higher education, hospitals and non-profit organization recipients agree to give preference in procurement programs to the purchase of specific products containing recycled materials, as identified in [40 CFR Part 247](#).

- a) Consistent with section 6002 of RCRA (42 U.S.C. 6962) and [2 CFR 200.323](#), the recipient or subrecipient that is a State agency or agency of a political subdivision of a State and its contractors are required to purchase certain items made from recycled materials, as identified in 40 CFR Part 247, when the purchase price exceeds \$10,000 during the course of the recipient's or the subrecipient's fiscal year or where the quantity of such items acquired in the course of the recipient's or subrecipient's preceding fiscal year was \$10,000 or more. Pursuant to [40 CFR 247.2\(d\)](#), the recipient or subrecipient may decide not to procure such items if they are not reasonably available in a reasonable period of time; fail to meet reasonable performance standards; or are only available at an unreasonable price.

#### **47. Trafficking in Persons**

##### **a) Provisions applicable to a recipient that is a private entity receiving funds under the award.**

- i. The recipient, the recipient's employees, subrecipients under this award, and subrecipients' employees may not engage in:
  - 1) Severe forms of trafficking in persons
  - 2) The procurement of a commercial sex act during the period of time that this award or any subaward is in effect;
  - 3) The use forced labor in the performance of this award or any subaward; or
  - 4) Acts that directly support or advance trafficking in persons, including the following acts:
    - i. Destroying, concealing, removing, confiscating, or otherwise denying an employee access to that employee's identity or immigration documents;
    - ii. Failing to provide return transportation or pay for return transportation costs to an employee from a country outside the United States to the country from



**c) Provisions applicable to any recipient**

- i. The recipient must inform the EPA and the EPA’s OIG immediately of any information received from any source alleging a violation of a prohibition in paragraph 48.a.i. of this award term.
- ii. The EPA’s right to terminate unilaterally that is described in paragraphs 48.a. and 48.b.:
  - 1) Implements the requirements of 22 U.S.C. Chapter 78, and
  - 2) Is in addition to all other remedies for noncompliance that are available to the EPA under this award.
- iii. The recipient must include the requirements of paragraph 48.a.1. of this award term in any subaward made to a private entity.
- iv. If applicable, the recipient must also comply with the compliance plan and certification requirements in [2 CFR 175.105\(b\)](#).

**d) Definitions.** For purposes of this award term:

- i. “Employee” means either:
  - 1) An individual employed by you or a subrecipient who is engaged in the performance of the project or program under this award; or
  - 2) Another person engaged in the performance of the project or program under this award and not compensated by the recipient including, but not limited to, a volunteer or individual whose services are contributed by a third party as an in-kind contribution toward cost sharing requirements.
- ii. “Private Entity” means any entity, including for-profit organizations, nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, and hospitals. The term does not include foreign public entities, Indian Tribes, local governments, or States as defined in [2 CFR 200.1](#)
- iii. The terms “severe forms of trafficking in persons,” “commercial sex act,” “sex trafficking,” “Abuse or threatened abuse of law or legal process,” “coercion,” “debt bondage,” and involuntary servitude” have the meanings given at section 103 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7102).

**48. Build America, Buy America – Required Use of American Iron, Steel, Manufactured Products, and Construction Materials (effective October 23, 2023, and forward)**

**Buy America Preference.** Recipients of an award of Federal financial assistance from a program for infrastructure are hereby notified that none of the funds provided under this award may be used for an infrastructure project unless:

- (1) All iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States—this means all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States;
- (2) All manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States— this means the manufactured product was manufactured in the United States; and the cost of the

components of the manufactured product that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States is greater than 55 percent of the total cost of all components of the manufactured product, unless another standard that meets or exceeds this standard has been established under applicable law or regulation for determining the minimum amount of domestic content of the manufactured product; and

**(3)** All construction materials are manufactured in the United States—this means that all manufacturing processes for the construction material occurred in the United States. The construction material standards are listed below.

***Incorporation into an infrastructure project.*** The Buy America Preference only applies to articles, materials, and supplies that are consumed in, incorporated into, or affixed to an infrastructure project. As such, it does not apply to tools, equipment, and supplies, such as temporary scaffolding, brought to the construction site and removed at or before the completion of the infrastructure project. Nor does a Buy America Preference apply to equipment and furnishings, such as movable chairs, desks, and portable computer equipment, that are used at or within the finished infrastructure project but are not an integral part of the structure or permanently affixed to the infrastructure project.

***Categorization of articles, materials, and supplies.*** An article, material, or supply should only be classified into one of the following categories: (i) Iron or steel products; (ii) Manufactured products; (iii) Construction materials; or (iv) Section 70917(c) materials. An article, material, or supply should not be considered to fall into multiple categories. In some cases, an article, material, or supply may not fall under any of the categories listed in this paragraph. The classification of an article, material, or supply as falling into one of the categories listed in this paragraph must be made based on its status at the time it is brought to the work site for incorporation into an infrastructure project. In general, the work site is the location of the infrastructure project at which the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials will be incorporated.

***Application of the Buy America Preference by category.*** An article, material, or supply incorporated into an infrastructure project must meet the Buy America Preference for only the single category in which it is classified.

***Determining the cost of components for manufactured products.*** In determining whether the cost of components for manufactured products is greater than 55 percent of the total cost of all components, use the following instructions:

**(a)** For components purchased by the manufacturer, the acquisition cost, including transportation costs to the place of incorporation into the manufactured product (whether or not such costs are paid to a domestic firm), and any applicable duty (whether or not a duty-free entry certificate is issued); or

**(b)** For components manufactured by the manufacturer, all costs associated with the manufacture of the component, including transportation costs as described in paragraph (a), plus

allocable overhead costs, but excluding profit. Cost of components does not include any costs associated with the manufacture of the manufactured product.

**Construction material standards.** The Buy America Preference applies to the following construction materials incorporated into infrastructure projects. Each construction material is followed by a standard for the material to be considered “produced in the United States.” Except as specifically provided, only a single standard should be applied to a single construction material.

- (1) Non-ferrous metals. All manufacturing processes, from initial smelting or melting through final shaping, coating, and assembly, occurred in the United States.
- (2) Plastic and polymer-based products. All manufacturing processes, from initial combination of constituent plastic or polymer-based inputs, or, where applicable, constituent composite materials, until the item is in its final form, occurred in the United States.
- (3) Glass. All manufacturing processes, from initial batching and melting of raw materials through annealing, cooling, and cutting, occurred in the United States.
- (4) Fiber optic cable (including drop cable). All manufacturing processes, from the initial ribboning (if applicable), through buffering, fiber stranding and jacketing, occurred in the United States. All manufacturing processes also include the standards for glass and optical fiber, but not for non-ferrous metals, plastic and polymer-based products, or any others.
- (5) Optical fiber. All manufacturing processes, from the initial preform fabrication stage through the completion of the draw, occurred in the United States.
- (6) Lumber. All manufacturing processes, from initial debarking through treatment and planing, occurred in the United States.
- (7) Drywall. All manufacturing processes, from initial blending of mined or synthetic gypsum plaster and additives through cutting and drying of sandwiched panels, occurred in the United States.
- (8) Engineered wood. All manufacturing processes from the initial combination of constituent materials until the wood product is in its final form, occurred in the United States.

**Waivers.** When supported by rationale provided in IJA §70914, the recipient may submit a waiver request in writing to EPA. Recipients should request guidance on the submission instructions of an EPA waiver request from the EPA Project Officer for this agreement. A list of approved EPA waivers (general applicability and project specific) is available on the [EPA Build America, Buy America website](#).

EPA may waive the application of the Buy America Preference when it has determined that one of the following exceptions applies:

- (1) applying the Buy America Preference would be inconsistent with the public interest;
- (2) the types of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of a satisfactory quality; or
- (3) the inclusion of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent.

For questions regarding the Build America, Buy America Act requirements for this assistance agreement or to determine if there is an approved waiver in place, please contact the EPA Project Officer for this agreement.

**Definitions.** For legal definitions and sourcing requirements, the recipient must consult the [EPA Build America, Buy America website](#), [2 CFR Part 184](#), and the [Office of Management and Budget's \(OMB\) Memorandum M-24-02 Implementation Guidance on Application of Buy America Preference in Federal Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure](#).

#### **49. Required Certifications and Consequences of Fraud**

Per [2 CFR 200.415\(a\)](#), financial reports must include a certification that must be signed by an official who is authorized to legally bind the recipient which reads as follows:

“By signing this report, I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the report is true, complete, and accurate, and the expenditures, disbursements and cash receipts are for the purposes and objectives set forth in the terms and conditions of the Federal award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil or administrative penalties for fraud, false statements, false claims or otherwise. (U.S. Code Title 18, Section 1001 and Title 31, Sections 3729-3730 and 3801-3812).”

As outlined in [2 CFR 200.415\(b\)](#), subrecipients of all tiers under the Federal award must certify to the pass-through entity whenever applying for funds, requesting payment, and submitting financial reports as follows:

“I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information provided herein is true, complete, and accurate. I am aware that the provision of false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative consequences including, but not limited to violations of U.S. Code Title 18, Sections 2, 1001, 1343 and Title 31, Sections 3729-3730 and 3801-3812.”

The certifications must be maintained in accordance with the record retention requirements at [2 CFR 200.334](#).

#### **50. Reporting Waste, Fraud and Abuse**

Consistent with [2 CFR 200.113](#), the recipient and any subrecipients of this award must promptly report in writing whenever there is credible evidence of the commission of a violation of Federal criminal law involving fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, or gratuity violations found in Title 18 of the United States Code or a violation of the civil False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. 3729-3733) to the EPA Project Officer, the pass-through entity (if applicable), and the [EPA Office of Inspector General \(OIG\)](#). The methods to contact the EPA OIG are (1) online submission via the [EPA OIG Hotline Complaint](#)

[Form](#); (2) email to [OIG\\_Hotline@epa.gov](mailto:OIG_Hotline@epa.gov); (3) phone 1-888-546-8740; or (4) mail directed to Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Inspector General, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2410T), Washington, DC 20460.

To support awareness of the OIG hotline, recipients and/or subrecipients receiving an EPA award or subaward of \$1,000,000 or more must display EPA OIG Hotline posters in facilities where the work is performed under the grant. EPA OIG Hotline posters may be [downloaded or printed](#) or may be obtained by contacting the OIG at 1- 888-546-8740. Recipients and subrecipients need not comply with this requirement if they have established a mechanism, such as a hotline, by which employees may report suspected instances of improper conduct and have provided instructions that encourage employees to make such reports.

Recipients and subrecipients are also required to report matters related to recipient integrity and performance in accordance with [Appendix XII to 2 CFR Part 200](#).

## **51. Whistleblower Protections**

This award is subject to whistleblower protections, including the protections established at 41 U.S.C. 4712 and [2 CFR 200.217](#) providing that an employee of the recipient or subrecipient may not be discharged, demoted, or otherwise discriminated against as a reprisal for disclosing to a person or body described in paragraph (a)(2) of 41 U.S.C. 4712 information that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of gross mismanagement of a Federal contract or grant, a gross waste of Federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a Federal contract, grant, or subaward, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a Federal contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract), grant. These covered persons or bodies include:

- a. A member of Congress or representative of a committee of Congress.
- b. An Inspector General.
- c. The Government Accountability Office.
- d. A Federal employee responsible for contract or grant oversight or management at the relevant agency.
- e. An authorized official of the Department of Justice or other law enforcement agency.
- f. A court of grand jury.
- g. A management official or other employee of the contractor, subcontractor, or grantee who has the responsibility to investigate, discover, or address misconduct.

Consistent with 41 U.S.C. 4712(d), the recipient and subrecipients must inform their employees in writing, in the predominant language of the workforce or organization, of employee whistleblower rights and protections under 41 U.S.C. 4712. Additional information about whistleblower protections, including protections for such employees may be found at the [EPA Office of Inspector General's Whistleblower Protection page](#).

**52. Access to Records**

In accordance with [2 CFR 200.337](#), EPA, the pass-through entity, the EPA OIG, and the Comptroller General of the United States have the right to access any records of the recipient and subrecipient pertinent to this award, to perform audits, execute site visits, or for any other official use. This right of access also includes timely and reasonable access to the recipient and subrecipient's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents or the Federal award in general. This right of access shall continue as long as the records are retained.

**53. Federal Anti-Discrimination Laws**

By accepting this EPA financial assistance agreement, (A) the recipient agrees that its compliance in all respects with all applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws is material to the government's payment decisions for purposes of section 3729(b)(4) of title 31, United States Code; and (B) the recipient certifies that it does not operate any programs violating any applicable Federal anti-discrimination law or promoting any such violation.

## EPA Subaward Policy Appendix B: National Term and Condition for Subawards

If the recipient chooses to pass funds from this assistance agreement to other entities, the recipient must comply with applicable provisions of [2 CFR Part 200](#) and the [EPA Subaward Policy](#).

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

1. Select subrecipients and conduct subaward competitions, as appropriate, using a system that properly differentiates between subrecipients and procurement contractors consistent with the differentiating characteristics explained in [2 CFR 200.331](#) and EPA's supplemental guidance in [Appendix A of the EPA Subaward Policy](#).
2. Verify that the potential subrecipient is not excluded or disqualified in accordance with the verification methods provided in [2 CFR 180.300](#), such as confirming in SAM.gov that a potential subrecipient is not suspended, debarred, or otherwise excluded from receiving federal funds.
3. Establish and follow a system that ensures all subaward agreements are in writing and contain all the elements required by [2 CFR 200.332\(b\)](#). EPA has developed a template for subaward agreements that is available in [Appendix D of the EPA Subaward Policy](#).
4. Prior to making subawards, ensure that each subrecipient has a "Unique Entity Identifier" (UEI). The UEI is required by [2 CFR Part 25](#) and [2 CFR 200.332\(b\)](#). Subrecipients are not required to complete full System for Award Management (SAM.gov) registration to obtain a UEI. Information regarding obtaining a UEI is available at the System for Award Management (SAM.gov) Internet site: <https://www.sam.gov/SAM/> and in the General Condition of the pass-through entity's agreement with EPA entitled "System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements" T&C of the pass-through entity's agreement with the EPA.
5. Ensure that subrecipients are aware of the requirements that apply to the subaward, including those that flow down from the recipient, as required by [2 CFR 200.332\(b\)](#), and monitor the activities of the subrecipient to ensure compliance with these requirements per [2 CFR 200.332\(e\)](#). These requirements include, among others:
  - a. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and other Federal statutes and regulations prohibiting discrimination in Federal financial assistance programs, as applicable, including provisions protecting free speech, religious liberty, public welfare, and the environment per [2 CFR 200.300\(a\)](#), as well as regulations, including [2 CFR 200.300\(b\)](#) prohibiting discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity.
  - b. Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation under Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) set forth in the General Condition pass-

through entity's agreement with EPA entitled "**Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation.**"

- c. Limitations on individual consultant fees as set forth in [2 CFR 1500.10](#) and the General Condition of the pass-through entity's agreement with EPA entitled "**Consultant Fee Cap.**"
  - d. EPA's prohibition on paying management fees as set forth in General Condition of the pass-through entity's agreement with EPA entitled "**Management Fees.**"
  - e. The Procurement Standards in [2 CFR Part 200](#) including those requiring competition when the subrecipient acquires goods and services from contractors (including consultants) and Domestic preferences for procurements at [2 CFR 200.322](#).
  - f. Other statutes, regulations and Executive Orders that may apply to subawards are described at [Information on Requirements that Pass-Through Entities must "Flow Down" to Subrecipients](#). Many Federal requirements are agreement- or program-specific, and EPA encourages pass-through entities to review the terms of their assistance agreement carefully and consult with their EPA Project Officer for advice if necessary.
6. Establish and follow a system for evaluating subrecipient fraud risk and risk of noncompliance with a subaward to determine the appropriate monitoring described at [2 CFR 200.332\(c\)](#) and consider whether, based on the evaluation of risk, additional monitoring tools may be useful as described in [2 CFR 200.332\(f\)](#). When evaluating a subrecipient's risk, a pass-through entity should consider:
- a. The subrecipient's prior experience with same or similar subawards;
  - b. Results of previous audits, including considering whether the subrecipient receives a Single Audit, in accordance with [2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F](#) and the extent to which the same or similar subawards have been audited as a major program;
  - c. Whether the subrecipient has new personnel or new or substantially change systems, and
  - d. The extent and results of any Federal agency monitoring (for example, if the subrecipient also receives Federal awards directly from the Federal agency).
7. Establish and follow a process for deciding whether to implement specific conditions in subawards based on risk factors, as described in [2 CFR 200.208](#), and notify EPA of the specific conditions as required by [2 CFR 200.332\(d\)](#).

Examples of specific conditions, per [2 CFR 200.208](#), may include:

- a. Requiring payments as reimbursements rather than advance payments;

- b. Withholding authority to proceed to the next phase until receipt of evidence of acceptable performance;
  - c. Requiring additional or more detailed financial reports;
  - d. Requiring additional or project monitoring;
  - e. Requiring the recipient or subrecipient to obtain technical or management assistance; or
  - f. Establishing additional prior approvals.
8. Establish and follow a system for monitoring subrecipient performance that includes the elements required at [2 CFR 200.332\(e\)](#), such as reviewing financial and performance reports, and report the results of the monitoring in performance reports as provided in the reporting terms and conditions of this agreement.
  9. Ensure that a subrecipient provides a plan for and takes corrective action on all significant developments that negatively affect the subaward. Per [2 CFR 200.332\(e\)\(2\)](#), significant developments include Single Audit findings related to the subaward, other audit findings, site visits, and written notifications from a subrecipient of adverse conditions that will impact their ability to meet the milestones or objectives of the subaward.
  10. Establish and maintain an accounting system which ensures compliance with the \$50,000 limitation at [2 CFR 200.1](#), *Modified Total Direct Costs*, if applicable, on including subaward costs in *Modified Total Direct Costs* for the purposes of distributing indirect costs. Recipients with Federally approved indirect cost rates that use a different basis for distributing indirect costs to subawards must comply with their Indirect Cost Rate Agreement.
  11. Work with EPA's Project Officer to obtain the written consent of EPA's Office of International and Tribal Affairs (OITA) prior to awarding a subaward to a foreign or international organization or a subaward to be performed in a foreign country, even if that subaward is described in a proposed scope of work.
  12. Obtain prior written approval from the EPA's Award Official for any subawards or subaward activities that are not described in the approved work plan in accordance with [2 CFR 200.308](#). As provided in [2 CFR 200.308\(f\)\(6\)](#), recipients must obtain prior approval to change a named subrecipient from the EPA Award Official if the pass-through entity described the original subrecipient's qualifications and/or performance history in a competitive application. Recipients must contact their Project Officer to begin the prior approval process.
  13. Obtain prior written approval from the EPA's Award Official before awarding a subaward to an individual if the EPA-approved scope of work does not include a description of subawards to individuals.

14. Establish and follow written procedures under [2 CFR 200.302\(b\)\(7\)](#) for determining that subaward costs are allowable in accordance with [2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E](#) and the terms and conditions of this award. These procedures may provide for allowability determinations on a pre-award basis, through ongoing monitoring of costs that subrecipients incur, or a combination of both approaches provided the pass-through entity documents its determinations.
15. Verify that subrecipient is audited, as applicable, per [2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E](#), and establish and maintain a system under [2 CFR 200.332\(g\)](#) and [2 CFR 200.521](#) for issuing management decisions for audits of subrecipients that relate to the Federal award from the recipient. The recipient remains accountable to EPA for ensuring that unallowable subaward costs initially paid by EPA are either reimbursed or offset with allowable costs, regardless of whether the recipient recovers those costs from the subrecipient.
16. As provided in [2 CFR 200.333](#), pass-through entities must obtain EPA approval to make fixed amount subawards. Recipients should consult with their EPA Project Officer regarding the how to obtain EPA approval.

By accepting this award, the recipient is certifying that it either has systems in place to comply with the requirements described in Items 1 through 16 above or will refrain from making subawards until the systems are designed and implemented.

**Subawards to Federal Agencies – Clarity on Applicable EPA Terms and Conditions:** If the subrecipient is a Federal agency, the only provisions of the EPA General Terms and Conditions implementing [2 CFR Part 200](#) on subawards that apply are: (1) the requirement for the Federal agency to obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) in accordance with [2 CFR Part 25](#) as described in Item 3 above and (2) the requirement for the recipient to report on first-tier subawards as described in EPA General Term and Condition 15.1, “Reporting of first tier subawards.”

As provided within [2 CFR 200.101\(a\)\(2\)](#), all other provisions of [2 CFR Part 200](#), Subparts A through E, do not apply to subawards with federal agencies. Transactions between the recipient and the Federal agency subrecipient will be governed by the Federal agency subrecipient’s cost reimbursement agreement with the recipient.



# Bridging the Gap

Kansas City Waste Improvement Project

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## *Attachment E: Pricing Addendum*

Bridging the Gap is a local environmental non-profit organization that offers event waste collection and diversion services and runs the City's recycling drop-off centers. Under this cooperative agreement, Bridging the Gap will receive a subaward of \$200,000 for event support supplies including waste stations, compostables, and educational materials.

Service	Cost	Per Unit	TOTAL
Event Support Supplies (waste stations, compostables, educational materials, etc.)	\$200,000	1	\$200,000
<b>TOTAL (not to exceed)</b>			<b>\$200,000</b>