

LARAMIE COUNTY CLERK BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM PROCESSING FORM

1. DATE OF PROPOSED ACTION: April 15, 2014

2. AGENDA ITEM: Appointments Bids/Purchases Claims
Contracts/agreements/leases Grants Land Use: Variances/Board App/Plats
Proclamations Public Hearings/Rules & Reg's Reports & Public Petitions
Resolutions Other

3. DEPARTMENT: Grants

APPLICANT: Laramie County Public Works

AGENT: Don Beard/Sandra Newland

4. DESCRIPTION: Consideration of an Cooperative Agreement between the Wyoming Department of Transportation and Laramie County for a High Risk Rural Roads Program grant (CN02103) in the amount of \$35,563.71 with matching funds in the amount of \$3,737.55. Grant funds will be used on several county roads for delineator replacement.

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TO FORM ONLY BY THE
LARAMIE COUNTY ATTORNEY

5. DOCUMENTATION: 2 originals

Clerks Use Only:

Commissioner

Ash _____

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Action _____

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Signatures

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Grants Manager _____

Outside Agency _____



Matthew H. Mead
Governor

Wyoming Department of Transportation

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Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009-3340



John F. Cox
Director

April 3, 2014

Laramie County
Attention: Don Beard
13797 Prairie Center Circle
Cheyenne, WY 82009

RE: Round 5 High Risk Rural Roads Program (HRRRP) Project Award

Dear Dave,

This letter serves as your notice that The Transportation Commission of Wyoming met on February 20, 2014 and has awarded funding to Laramie County for Round 5 of HRRRP. Laramie County was approved for a maximum of \$35,563.71 in HRRRP funding. The HRRRP funding which you have been approved for requires a 9.51% local match and is eligible for 90.49% reimbursement of eligible expenses. The Project breakdown is listed in the table below:

HRRRP Funding	Local Match	Project Total
\$35,563.71	\$3,737.55	\$39,301.26

This letter is NOT your Notice to Proceed and any costs incurred prior to receipt of the Notice to Proceed will not be considered for reimbursement. Authorization to proceed on the project will be granted in future correspondence.

Please contact me Matt Carlson if you have any questions or concerns about your HRRRP project at Matt.Carlson@wyo.gov or (307) 777-4195.

Sincerely,

Matt Carlson
State Highway Safety Engineer

Cc via email: Pat Persson, P.E., District Engineer – Laramie
LTAP, Wyoming Technical Center – Laramie



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RE: Round 5 High Risk Rural Roads Program (HRRRP) Agreement

Dear Paul,

Enclosed you will find the Round 5 HRRRP Agreement for the Laramie County HRRRP CN02103 project.

Laramie County has been awarded a total of \$35,563.71 in HRRRP funding. Laramie County will be required to pay twenty (9.51%) of every submitted reimbursement request.

Please print and be sure to have the County Commission Chairperson, along with an attest, sign two copies of the original Agreement and send the information back to our office for processing. Copies of the information will be sent, as well as an official notice to proceed on the first stage of the project, when all signatures have been received. Laramie County may not request reimbursement for any funds expended prior to the date of a notice to proceed.

Thank you in advance for your assistance, I look forward to working with you throughout the entirety of the project. If you should have any questions throughout this process, please feel free to contact me at 307-777-3938.

Sincerely,

Matt Carlson
State Highway Safety Engineer

cc via email: Pat Persson, P.E., District Engineer – Laramie
LTAP, Wyoming Technical Center – Laramie



**COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE
WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AND THE
LARAMIE COUNTY COMMISSION**

Federal Award Information	
CFDA No.: 20.600	CFDA Title: State and Community Highway Safety
Award Name: High Risk Rural Roads Program	Awarding Federal Agency: Federal Highway Administration
WYDOT Award Information	
Project ID: CN02103	Project No.: HRRR 0.00 CN02103
Recipient DUNS: 197732709	Recipient County: Laramie County
WYDOT Program Mgr.: Matt Carlson	Telephone: (307) 777-4195 Email: matt.carlson@wyo.gov
WYDOT Contact for Confirmation of Funds: Barbara MacKenzie	Telephone: (307) 777-4039 Email: barbara.mackenzie@wyo.gov

- Parties.** The parties to this Agreement are the Wyoming Department of Transportation, hereinafter referred to as "WYDOT", whose address is 5300 Bishop Blvd., Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009, and the Laramie County Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Sponsor", whose address is 13797 Prairie Center Circle, Cheyenne, WY 82009-8851.
- Purpose.** The purpose of this Agreement is to set forth the respective relationships and responsibilities between the Sponsor and WYDOT in the administration of the High Risk Rural Roads Program (HRRRP). The HRRRP was developed to implement construction and operational improvements on high risk rural roads, off of the State Highway System. Delivery of the HRRRP is a Highway Safety Program effort with the assistance from the Wyoming Technology Transfer Center Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP), and in cooperation with Sponsor. This safety program is a component of a State's overall Highway Safety Improvement Plan (HSIP) and comes with annual dedicated funding. The purpose of the HRRRP is to correct safety deficiencies on an identified statewide system of rural roads where, due to low traffic volumes, major improvements do not appear to be cost effective. All work covered by this Agreement shall comply with the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA).
- Term of Agreement.** This Agreement shall commence upon the day and date last signed and executed by the duly authorized representatives of the parties to this Agreement and shall remain in full force and effect until terminated. This Agreement may be terminated, without cause, by either party upon 30 days written notice, which notice shall be delivered by hand or certified mail.

4. **Project Scope.** The Sponsor shall undertake and complete the construction improvements for County Roads 872/HR Ranch, 102-1/Harriman, 109-1/Gilchrist, 120-1/Roundtop Rd/Telephone Rd/True Rd, 143-2/Midway/Hillsdale North Rd, 162-2/Albin Rd/La Grange Rd, 164-1/Cemetery/Pine Bluffs Rd, 203-1/78 Rd/Chalk Bluff Rd, 209-2/Campstool 3, 212-8/Old Highway Pine Bluffs W, 215-3/Hillsdale Ridge Rd/Railroad Rd consisting of Centerline Striping for 82.23 Miles; County Roads 109-1/Gilchrist, 162-2/Albin Rd/La Grange Rd, 164-1/Cemetery/Pine Bluffs Rd, 203-1/78 Rd/Chalk Bluff Rd, 209-2/Campstool 3, 210-1/Crystal Lake consisting of Installation of 62 Chevron Warning Signs; County Roads 872/HR Ranch, 102-1/Harriman, 120-1/Roundtop Rd/Telephone Rd/True Rd, 143-2/Midway/Hillsdale North Rd, 162-2/Albin Rd/La Grange Rd, 164-1/Cemetery/Pine Bluffs Rd, 203-1/78 Rd/Chalk Bluff Rd, 209-2/Campstool Rd, 212-8/Old Highway Pine Bluffs W, 215-3/Hillsdale Ridge Rd/Railroad Rd, consisting of Delineator replacement.
5. **Period of Performance.** The Sponsor shall commence and complete the project in a professional, economical and efficient manner with consideration to timely completion of the project within two years of WYDOT's Notice to Proceed. Project work shall commence upon receipt of a Notice to Proceed. The Notice to Proceed shall be issued by WYDOT once the Agreement has been executed by both parties. The WYDOT Notice to Proceed establishes the beginning date for eligible project costs; any costs incurred prior to the Notice to Proceed will not be reimbursed. In the event of unusual or unexpected project delay, the Sponsor may request WYDOT for an extension of time to complete the project. The request shall be in writing to the WYDOT State Highway Safety Engineer. Failure of the Sponsor to perform its duties within the time frame herein agreed to may constitute a termination of Agreement, at WYDOT's discretion. If the project is terminated, the Sponsor shall return any and all federal funds that have been paid to the Sponsor.
6. **Project Funding.** The HRRRP funding is available to complete preliminary and final engineering, environmental documentation, utility accommodation, right-of-way acquisition and project construction activities; however each project must result in the construction of the proposed safety countermeasure/improvement.

The HRRRP is a federally funded program administered by the WYDOT Highway Safety Program. A maximum amount of \$35,563.71 federal funds will apply to this project. In accordance with WYDOT's policies, a program match requirement of 90.49 percent of federal and 9.51 percent local share of the project cost shall apply. Project total costs exceeding \$39,301.26 shall be borne by the Sponsor.

Projects selected for the statewide listing with costs exceeding the above limits may be over-matched by the Sponsor, when necessary to fully fund construction of the safety countermeasure/improvement. The maximum amount of federal funds cannot exceed \$35,563.71, but the Sponsor may elect to over-match, as needed, if the cost to construct exceeds program funding limits. The Sponsor is advised that a funded project, even when overmatched, will remain a federal project requiring the inclusion of federal contracting requirements.

This Agreement is required to comply with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) of 2006. As the prime recipient of these funds, WYDOT will report the required information to the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act Subaward Reporting System (FSRS). The FFATA requires any person or entity receiving contract or grant funds directly from the federal government to report certain information regarding those funds through a centralized website, www.fsr.gov. The law requires that you provide your Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number to WYDOT. This requirement means you need to be registered with DUNS and Bradstreet. Instructions for this process can be found at www.dnb.com. Additional information regarding this Act may be found at the following sites:

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-22705.pdf>
and
<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-22706.pdf>.

7. **Project Administration and Reimbursement.** Project administration must be performed by a public employee to be in responsible charge. The Sponsor shall appoint a public employee as the project administrator who is accountable for the project. The project administrator shall have a current certification from WYDOT under the WYDOT Local Project Administration (LPA) Certification Program.

Project administration costs are eligible for reimbursement under this program on a 90.49/9.51 percent matching ratio and must remain within the total project cost. Federal portion for this reimbursement on the project is 90.49 percent and shall be submitted on WYDOT Form LGC-CR, Project Cost Reimbursement Statement. The Sponsor shall complete and submit reimbursements on WYDOT Form LGC-CR, Project Cost Reimbursement Statement, signed by the authorized Sponsor representatives and approved by the WYDOT State Highway Safety Engineer. Additionally, the Sponsor shall complete WYDOT's Acceptance Certificate and Final Completion, which shall accompany the final reimbursement payment request.

8. **HRRRP Project Requirements**

The executed Agreement will require that the Sponsor comply with the following provisions outlined in this Agreement.

Pre-Construction Requirements

Design Standards: The Sponsor is responsible for completion of project plans and contracts and compliance with applicable design standards. Project designs and contract plans must comply with provisions of the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices* for signs and pavement markings; compliance NCHRP *Report 350, Recommended Procedures for the Safety Performance Evaluation of Highway Features* for installation of roadside safety hardware; and compliance with the County Road Fund Manual or WYDOT *Standard Plans*, for roadway design and construction elements. All references to design standards are the current and adopted editions.

Environmental Compliance: The Sponsor is responsible for compliance with all applicable environmental and other local, state, and federal laws and regulations. The Sponsor must satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and complete the required environmental documentation, typically a Categorical Exclusion. LTAP shall provide assistance, as needed.

Rights-of-Way Acquisition: The Sponsor must certify, in their project proposal, that the public roadway rights-of-way are held by the local government entity (Rights-of-Way Certificate). The acquisition of additional rights-of-way is not anticipated with HRRRP project types. However, if additional rights-of-way or construction permits are required, the Sponsor shall comply with the applicable provisions of an executed Agreement between WYDOT and the Sponsor. LTAP shall provide assistance, as needed.

Utility Adjustments: The Sponsor shall make all arrangements, by agreement with affected utility owners, for utility relocations or adjustments. All arrangements will be in compliance with the *State's Utility Accommodation Regulations*. The Sponsor must certify, in their project proposal that utility accommodations have been or will be completed (Utility Certificate). LTAP shall provide assistance, as needed.

Project Plans and Contracts: The contract will specify, at a minimum, the project plans and specifications and include bid units with method of measurement and basis of payment. Specifications will determine the method of acceptance of all materials incorporated in the project.

Letting: The letting and the award of an HRRRP project will be completed by the Sponsor. Construction shall be performed by private construction firms, qualified by the Sponsor; no in-State preference will apply for materials, labor, contracts or subcontracts. Project bidding shall follow accepted local government bidding procedures for open and public competitive bidding, including public advertising. WYDOT reserves the right to review all contract bids prior to contract award. After bid analysis, the Sponsor shall award to the lowest responsive bidder and proceed with project construction.

Additional Federal Contracting Requirements: The HRRRP is a federally funded program and requires compliance with Federal contracting requirements as follows:

- **Required Federal Contract Provisions:** The Form FHWA-1273 provisions apply to all work performed on the contract including work performed by subcontract. All contract documents shall include Form FHWA-1273 provisions. The Form FHWA-1273 provisions are required to be physically incorporated into each subcontract and subsequent lower tier subcontracts and shall not be incorporated by reference. The prime contractor is responsible for compliance with the Form FHWA-1273 requirements by all subcontractors and lower tier subcontractors. Failure to comply with the Required Contract Provisions may be considered as grounds for contract termination. Furthermore, failure to incorporate the Form FHWA-1273 into all subcontracts or failure to comply with the requirements of Section IV, Payment of Predetermined Minimum Wage and Section V, Statements and Payrolls, may be considered as grounds for debarment under 29 CFR 5.12.
- **Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE):** DBE efforts shall be included in the project file, using the Form "E-91LPA" to document the bid solicitation, and to assure that the action taken is in compliance with this request. Written proof of compliance to this request should be available when requested.
- **Payment of Predetermined Minimum Labor Rates:** Contract documents must include provisions for compliance with payment of wages and fringe benefits as required by the Form PR-1273.
- **Public-Owned Equipment, Material or Labor:** Contract provisions requiring the use of public-owned equipment, materials, or labor, including the use of County Force Account as In-kind Match, must be supported by a Public Interest Finding documented on WYDOT Form LGC-PIF and submitted with the Project Proposal.

Construction Requirements

The executed Agreement will require that the Sponsor comply with the following construction provisions:

Construction: Construction of the project will be completed in accordance with the plans and specifications; extra work/claims must be within the scope of the contract and project funding limitations. The Sponsor shall conduct project inspections during active construction; WYDOT representatives may inspect the project at their discretion.

Construction Engineering: Construction Engineering for the project shall be performed by and under the immediate direction, control, and supervision of the Sponsor and will document, at a minimum, the methods of measurement, basis of payment, and method of acceptance of all materials incorporated in the project.

Project Final Inspection: The Sponsor shall perform final inspection on the completed project and notify WYDOT of final inspection. WYDOT representatives may participate in final inspection at their discretion.

Project Acceptance: The Sponsor shall certify to WYDOT that the project has been completed in substantial conformance with the plans and specifications, including compliance with Wyoming State Statute 16-6-116 Final Settlement and Payment. This effort should be coordinated with the Sponsor's request for final reimbursement.

Post-Construction Requirements

The executed Agreement will require that the project Sponsor comply with the following post-construction provisions:

Maintenance: Upon completion and acceptance of this project, the Sponsor shall maintain, at its sole expense, the roadway in compliance with all applicable Federal and State standards and regulations. Maintenance shall include all repairs necessary to keep the improvement in its functional constructed condition. The Sponsor also agrees not to permanently close or abandon the route without written consent of WYDOT.

In-Service: The Sponsor agrees to maintain the public road in-service and not permanently close or abandon the public road without written consent of WYDOT.

9. HRRRP Project Monitoring and Evaluation Process

The Sponsor, consistent with responsibilities presented above for Construction Engineering, shall monitor the completion of the project and prepare summary reports to be submitted to WYDOT LGC. Summary reports will be at contract award, project final inspection, and project final acceptance.

LTAP shall select Sponsors to assist in conducting a project closeout review and evaluation. This Project-Level evaluation is intended to address the effectiveness of each project in meeting the Program Purpose, Goal, and Eligible Use of Funds, and provide lessons learned to improve delivery of future projects. The Sponsor will be asked to cooperate with the LTAP in the evaluation process.

10. General Provisions

- a. Amendments.** Either party may request changes in this Agreement. Any changes, modifications, revisions or amendments to this Agreement which are mutually agreed upon by and between the parties to this Agreement shall be incorporated by written instrument, executed and signed by all parties to this Agreement.
- b. Americans with Disabilities Act.** The Sponsor shall not discriminate against a qualified individual with a disability and shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, P.L. 101-336, 42 U.S.C. 12101, *et seq.*, and/or any properly promulgated rules and regulations related thereto.

- c. **Applicable Law and Venue.** The construction, interpretation and enforcement of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Wyoming. The Courts of the State of Wyoming shall have jurisdiction over this Agreement and the parties, and the venue shall be the First Judicial District, Laramie County, Wyoming.
- d. **Assignment/Agreement Not Used as Collateral.** Neither party shall assign nor otherwise transfer any of the rights or delegate any of the duties set forth in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party. The Sponsor shall not use this Agreement, or any portion thereof, for collateral for any financial obligation without the prior written permission of WYDOT.
- e. **Assumption of Risk.** The Sponsor shall assume the risk of any loss of state or federal funding, either administrative or program dollars, due to its failure to comply with state or federal requirements. WYDOT will notify the Sponsor of any state or federal determination of noncompliance.
- f. **Audit/Access to Records.** This Agreement is considered a pass-through Agreement and must follow the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 which requires Sponsors that expend \$500,000 or more in total Federal awards during their fiscal year to:
 - Have a single audit or program-specific audit conducted; and
 - The audit must be submitted to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse within the earlier of 30 days after receipt of the auditor's report(s), or within 9 months after the end of the audit period, unless a longer period is agreed to in advance by the Federal agency that provided the funding or a different period is specified in a program-specific audit guide.
 - No audit costs may be charged to Federal awards when required audits have not been made or have been made but not in accordance with OMB Circular A-133. In cases of inability or unwillingness to have an audit conducted in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, Federal agencies and pass-through entities shall take appropriate action using sanctions as follows:
 - Withholding a percentage of Federal awards until the audit is completed satisfactorily;
 - Withholding or disallowing overhead costs;
 - Suspending Federal awards until the audit is conducted; or
 - Terminating the Federal award.

In addition to the above requirements, WYDOT Internal Review requires Sponsors to:

- Provide a certification letter to WYDOT that states:
 - If the above-mentioned audit was conducted,
 - If the schedule of findings and questioned costs disclosed any audit findings related to WYDOT funding, and
 - If the summary schedule of prior audit findings reported on the status of any audit findings related to WYDOT funding.

- Provide WYDOT with a copy of the Sponsor's audit report and corrective action plan only when the audit report includes material findings related to WYDOT funding.

A copy of the certification and/or audit report should be sent to:
Wyoming Department of Transportation
Internal Review Services
5300 Bishop Boulevard
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009-3340

The Sponsor may be subject to monitoring activities by WYDOT including on-site visits, review of supporting documents, and limited scope audits. The Sponsor shall permit independent auditors, Federal personnel and WYDOT auditors, access to any pertinent books, documents, papers, and records necessary to perform monitoring of activities. The Sponsor shall keep audit reports and audit documents on file for three years after the project is complete.

- g. **Availability of Funds.** Each payment obligation of WYDOT is conditioned upon the availability of government funds which are appropriated or allocated for the payment of this obligation. If funds are not allocated and available for the continuance of the services performed by the Sponsor, this Agreement may be terminated by WYDOT at the end of the period for which the funds are available. WYDOT will notify the Sponsor at the earliest possible time of the services which will or may be affected by a shortage of funds. No penalty shall accrue to WYDOT in the event this provision is exercised, and WYDOT will not be obligated or liable for any future payments due or for any damages as a result of termination under this section. This provision shall not be construed to permit WYDOT to terminate this Agreement in order to acquire similar services from another party.
- h. **Compliance with Law.** The Sponsor shall keep informed of and comply with all applicable, Federal, State and local laws and regulations in the performance of this Agreement.
- i. **Entirety of Agreement.** This Agreement, consisting of eleven pages and Attachment "A", consisting of eleven pages, represent the entire and integrated Agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations and agreements, whether written or oral.
- j. **Human Trafficking.** If required by 22 U.S.C. 7104(g) and 2 CFR. Part 175, this Agreement may be terminated without penalty if a private entity that receives funds under this Agreement:
 - (i) Engages in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect;
 - (ii) Procures a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect; or
 - (iii) Uses forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

- k. **Indemnification.** The Sponsor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State of Wyoming, WYDOT, and their officers, agents, employees, successors and assignees from any and all claims, lawsuits, losses and liability arising out of the Sponsor's failure to perform any of Sponsor's duties and obligations hereunder or in connection with the negligent performance of the Sponsor's duties or obligations, including but not limited to any claims, lawsuits, losses or liability arising out of the Sponsor's malpractice.
- l. **Kickbacks**
- (i) The Sponsor shall comply with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (18 U.S.C. 874) as supplemented in the Department of Labor Regulations (29 CFR, Part 3). This Act provides that the Sponsor is prohibited from inducing by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he is otherwise entitled.
 - (ii) The Sponsor certifies and warrants that no gratuities, kickbacks or contingency fees were paid in connection with this Agreement, nor were any fees, commissions, gifts, or other considerations made contingent upon the award of this Agreement.
 - (iii) No staff member of the Sponsor shall engage in any contract or activity which would constitute a conflict of interest as related to this Agreement.
 - (iv) If the Sponsor breaches or violates this warranty, WYDOT may, at its discretion, terminate this Agreement without liability to WYDOT, or deduct from the agreement price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of any commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingency fee.
- m. **Limitations on Lobbying Activities.** In accordance with P.L. 101-121, payments made from a federal grant shall not be utilized by the Sponsor or its subsponsors in connection with lobbying Congressmen, or any federal agency in connection with the award of a federal grant, contract, cooperative agreement or loan. The Sponsor and its suspensors shall submit a certification statement and disclosure form acceptable to WYDOT prior to commencement of any work.
- n. **Nondiscrimination.** The Sponsor shall comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Wyoming Fair Employment Practices Act (Wyo. Stat. § 27-9-105 *et seq.*), the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), 42 U.S.C. 12101, *et seq.* and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975. The Sponsor shall not discriminate against any individual on the grounds of age, sex, color, race, religion, national origin or disability in connection with the performance of this Agreement. In reference to Title VI Policy, WYDOT's Civil Rights Program is responsible for initiating and monitoring Title VI activities, preparing required reports and other WYDOT responsibilities as required by 23 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) 200 and 49 Code of Federal Regulation 21.

- o. Notices.** All notices arising out of, or from, the provisions of this Agreement shall be in writing and given to the parties at the address provided under this Agreement, either delivered by hand or certified mail.
- p. Prior Approval.** This Agreement shall not be binding upon either party unless this Agreement is approved as to form by the Attorney General or his representative.
- q. Publicity.** Publicity given to the project or services provided herein, including notices, information, pamphlets, press releases, research, reports, signs, and similar public notices prepared by or for the Sponsor and related to the services and work to be performed under this Agreement, shall identify WYDOT as the sponsoring agency and shall provide a copy of what was shared with WYDOT.
- r. Severability.** Should any portion of this Agreement be judicially determined to be illegal or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect, and either party may renegotiate the terms affected by the severance.
- s. Sovereign Immunity.** The State of Wyoming, WYDOT and the County do not waive their sovereign or governmental immunity by entering into this Agreement, and specifically retain immunity and all defenses available to them as sovereigns pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 1-39-104(a) and all other State law. The parties agree that any ambiguity in this Agreement shall not be strictly construed, either against or for either party, except that any ambiguity as to sovereign immunity shall be construed in favor of sovereign immunity.
- t. Suspension and Debarment.** By signing this Agreement, the Sponsor certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction nor from federal financial or non-financial assistance, nor are any of the participants involved in the execution of this Agreement suspended, debarred, or voluntarily excluded by any federal department or agency in accordance with Executive Order 12549 (Debarment and Suspension) and CFR 44 Part 17, or are on the disbarred vendors list at www.sam.gov. Further, the Sponsor agrees to notify WYDOT by certified mail should it or any of its agents become debarred, suspended, or voluntarily excluded during the term of this Agreement.
- u. Third Party Beneficiary Rights.** The parties do not intend to create in any other individual or entity the status of third party beneficiary, and this Agreement shall not be construed so as to create such status. The rights, duties and obligations contained in this Agreement shall operate only between the parties to this Agreement and shall inure solely to the benefit of the parties to this Agreement. The provisions of this Agreement are intended only to assist the parties in determining and performing their obligations under this Agreement.

The terms of this Agreement, and any amendments thereto, shall be binding upon and inure to the parties hereto, their administrators and successors.

11. **Signatures.** In witness whereof, the parties to this Agreement, either personally or through their duly authorized representatives, have executed this Agreement on the day and date set out below and certify that they have read, understood, and agreed to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

The effective date of this Agreement is the day and date last signed and executed by the duly authorized representatives of the parties to this Agreement shown below.

ATTEST:

Name

Title

(SEAL)

LARAMIE COUNTY COMMISSION:

By: _____
Chairman

Print Name

Date

ATTEST:

Sandra J. Scott, Secretary
Transportation Commission of Wyoming

(SEAL)

WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

By: _____
Del McOmie, P.E., Chief Engineer

Date

Approved as to form:

By: _____
Douglas J. Moench
Senior Assistant Attorney General
State of Wyoming

Date agreement prepared: April 3, 2014
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LARAMIE COUNTY ATTORNEY



**REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS
FEDERAL-AID CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS**

- I. General
- II. Nondiscrimination
- III. Nonsegregated Facilities
- IV. Davis-Bacon and Related Act Provisions
- V. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act Provisions
- VI. Subletting or Assigning the Contract
- VII. Safety: Accident Prevention
- VIII. False Statements Concerning Highway Projects
- IX. Implementation of Clean Air Act and Federal Water Pollution Control Act
- X. Compliance with Governmentwide Suspension and Debarment Requirements
- XI. Certification Regarding Use of Contract Funds for Lobbying

ATTACHMENTS

A. Employment and Materials Preference for Appalachian Development Highway System or Appalachian Local Access Road Contracts (included in Appalachian contracts only)

I. GENERAL

1. Form FHWA-1273 must be physically incorporated in each construction contract funded under Title 23 (excluding emergency contracts solely intended for debris removal). The contractor (or subcontractor) must insert this form in each subcontract and further require its inclusion in all lower tier subcontracts (excluding purchase orders, rental agreements and other agreements for supplies or services).

The applicable requirements of Form FHWA-1273 are incorporated by reference for work done under any purchase order, rental agreement or agreement for other services. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor, lower-tier subcontractor or service provider.

Form FHWA-1273 must be included in all Federal-aid design-build contracts, in all subcontracts and in lower tier subcontracts (excluding subcontracts for design services, purchase orders, rental agreements and other agreements for supplies or services). The design-builder shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor, lower-tier subcontractor or service provider.

Contracting agencies may reference Form FHWA-1273 in bid proposal or request for proposal documents, however, the Form FHWA-1273 must be physically incorporated (not referenced) in all contracts, subcontracts and lower-tier subcontracts (excluding purchase orders, rental agreements and other agreements for supplies or services related to a construction contract).

2. Subject to the applicability criteria noted in the following sections, these contract provisions shall apply to all work performed on the contract by the contractor's own organization and with the assistance of workers under the contractor's immediate superintendence and to all work performed on the contract by piecework, station work, or by subcontract.

3. A breach of any of the stipulations contained in these Required Contract Provisions may be sufficient grounds for withholding of progress payments, withholding of final payment, termination of the contract, suspension / debarment or any other action determined to be appropriate by the contracting agency and FHWA.

4. Selection of Labor: During the performance of this contract, the contractor shall not use convict labor for any purpose within the limits of a construction project on a Federal-aid highway unless it is labor performed by convicts who are on parole, supervised release, or probation. The term Federal-aid highway does not include roadways functionally classified as local roads or rural minor collectors.

II. NONDISCRIMINATION

The provisions of this section related to 23 CFR Part 230 are applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related construction subcontracts of \$10,000 or more. The provisions of 23 CFR Part 230 are not applicable to material supply, engineering, or architectural service contracts.

In addition, the contractor and all subcontractors must comply with the following policies: Executive Order 11246, 41 CFR 60, 29 CFR 1625-1627, Title 23 USC Section 140, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 USC 794), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and related regulations including 49 CFR Parts 21, 26 and 27; and 23 CFR Parts 200, 230, and 633.

The contractor and all subcontractors must comply with: the requirements of the Equal Opportunity Clause in 41 CFR 60-1.4(b) and, for all construction contracts exceeding \$10,000, the Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications in 41 CFR 60-4.3.

Note: The U.S. Department of Labor has exclusive authority to determine compliance with Executive Order 11246 and the policies of the Secretary of Labor including 41 CFR 60, and 29 CFR 1625-1627. The contracting agency and the FHWA have the authority and the responsibility to ensure compliance with Title 23 USC Section 140, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 USC 794), and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and related regulations including 49 CFR Parts 21, 26 and 27; and 23 CFR Parts 200, 230, and 633.

The following provision is adopted from 23 CFR 230, Appendix A, with appropriate revisions to conform to the U.S. Department of Labor (US DOL) and FHWA requirements.

1. Equal Employment Opportunity: Equal employment opportunity (EEO) requirements not to discriminate and to take affirmative action to assure equal opportunity as set forth under laws, executive orders, rules, regulations (28 CFR 35, 29 CFR 1630, 29 CFR 1625-1627, 41 CFR 60 and 49 CFR 27) and orders of the Secretary of Labor as modified by the provisions prescribed herein, and imposed pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 140 shall constitute the EEO and specific affirmative action standards for the contractor's project activities under

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this contract. The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) set forth under 28 CFR 35 and 29 CFR 1630 are incorporated by reference in this contract. In the execution of this contract, the contractor agrees to comply with the following minimum specific requirement activities of EEO:

a. The contractor will work with the contracting agency and the Federal Government to ensure that it has made every good faith effort to provide equal opportunity with respect to all of its terms and conditions of employment and in their review of activities under the contract.

b. The contractor will accept as its operating policy the following statement:

"It is the policy of this Company to assure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, religion, sex, color, national origin, age or disability. Such action shall include: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship, pre-apprenticeship, and/or on-the-job training."

2. EEO Officer: The contractor will designate and make known to the contracting officers an EEO Officer who will have the responsibility for and must be capable of effectively administering and promoting an active EEO program and who must be assigned adequate authority and responsibility to do so.

3. Dissemination of Policy: All members of the contractor's staff who are authorized to hire, supervise, promote, and discharge employees, or who recommend such action, or who are substantially involved in such action, will be made fully cognizant of, and will implement, the contractor's EEO policy and contractual responsibilities to provide EEO in each grade and classification of employment. To ensure that the above agreement will be met, the following actions will be taken as a minimum:

a. Periodic meetings of supervisory and personnel office employees will be conducted before the start of work and then not less often than once every six months, at which time the contractor's EEO policy and its implementation will be reviewed and explained. The meetings will be conducted by the EEO Officer.

b. All new supervisory or personnel office employees will be given a thorough indoctrination by the EEO Officer, covering all major aspects of the contractor's EEO obligations within thirty days following their reporting for duty with the contractor.

c. All personnel who are engaged in direct recruitment for the project will be instructed by the EEO Officer in the contractor's procedures for locating and hiring minorities and women.

d. Notices and posters setting forth the contractor's EEO policy will be placed in areas readily accessible to employees, applicants for employment and potential employees.

e. The contractor's EEO policy and the procedures to implement such policy will be brought to the attention of employees by means of meetings, employee handbooks, or other appropriate means.

4. Recruitment: When advertising for employees, the contractor will include in all advertisements for employees the notation: "An Equal Opportunity Employer." All such advertisements will be placed in publications having a large circulation among minorities and women in the area from which the project work force would normally be derived.

a. The contractor will, unless precluded by a valid bargaining agreement, conduct systematic and direct recruitment through public and private employee referral sources likely to yield qualified minorities and women. To meet this requirement, the contractor will identify sources of potential minority group employees, and establish with such identified sources procedures whereby minority and women applicants may be referred to the contractor for employment consideration.

b. In the event the contractor has a valid bargaining agreement providing for exclusive hiring hall referrals, the contractor is expected to observe the provisions of that agreement to the extent that the system meets the contractor's compliance with EEO contract provisions. Where implementation of such an agreement has the effect of discriminating against minorities or women, or obligates the contractor to do the same, such implementation violates Federal nondiscrimination provisions.

c. The contractor will encourage its present employees to refer minorities and women as applicants for employment. Information and procedures with regard to referring such applicants will be discussed with employees.

5. Personnel Actions: Wages, working conditions, and employee benefits shall be established and administered, and personnel actions of every type, including hiring, upgrading, promotion, transfer, demotion, layoff, and termination, shall be taken without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability. The following procedures shall be followed:

a. The contractor will conduct periodic inspections of project sites to insure that working conditions and employee facilities do not indicate discriminatory treatment of project site personnel.

b. The contractor will periodically evaluate the spread of wages paid within each classification to determine any evidence of discriminatory wage practices.

c. The contractor will periodically review selected personnel actions in depth to determine whether there is evidence of discrimination. Where evidence is found, the contractor will promptly take corrective action. If the review indicates that the discrimination may extend beyond the actions reviewed, such corrective action shall include all affected persons.

d. The contractor will promptly investigate all complaints of alleged discrimination made to the contractor in connection with its obligations under this contract, will attempt to resolve such complaints, and will take appropriate corrective action within a reasonable time. If the investigation indicates that the discrimination may affect persons other than the complainant, such corrective action shall include such other persons. Upon completion of each investigation, the contractor will inform every complainant of all of their avenues of appeal.

6. Training and Promotion:

a. The contractor will assist in locating, qualifying, and increasing the skills of minorities and women who are applicants for employment or current employees. Such efforts

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should be aimed at developing full journey level status employees in the type of trade or job classification involved.

b. Consistent with the contractor's work force requirements and as permissible under Federal and State regulations, the contractor shall make full use of training programs, i.e., apprenticeship, and on-the-job training programs for the geographical area of contract performance. In the event a special provision for training is provided under this contract, this subparagraph will be superseded as indicated in the special provision. The contracting agency may reserve training positions for persons who receive welfare assistance in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 140(a).

c. The contractor will advise employees and applicants for employment of available training programs and entrance requirements for each.

d. The contractor will periodically review the training and promotion potential of employees who are minorities and women and will encourage eligible employees to apply for such training and promotion.

7. Unions: If the contractor relies in whole or in part upon unions as a source of employees, the contractor will use good faith efforts to obtain the cooperation of such unions to increase opportunities for minorities and women. Actions by the contractor, either directly or through a contractor's association acting as agent, will include the procedures set forth below:

a. The contractor will use good faith efforts to develop, in cooperation with the unions, joint training programs aimed toward qualifying more minorities and women for membership in the unions and increasing the skills of minorities and women so that they may qualify for higher paying employment.

b. The contractor will use good faith efforts to incorporate an EEO clause into each union agreement to the end that such union will be contractually bound to refer applicants without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability.

c. The contractor is to obtain information as to the referral practices and policies of the labor union except that to the extent such information is within the exclusive possession of the labor union and such labor union refuses to furnish such information to the contractor, the contractor shall so certify to the contracting agency and shall set forth what efforts have been made to obtain such information.

d. In the event the union is unable to provide the contractor with a reasonable flow of referrals within the time limit set forth in the collective bargaining agreement, the contractor will, through independent recruitment efforts, fill the employment vacancies without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability; making full efforts to obtain qualified and/or qualifiable minorities and women. The failure of a union to provide sufficient referrals (even though it is obligated to provide exclusive referrals under the terms of a collective bargaining agreement) does not relieve the contractor from the requirements of this paragraph. In the event the union referral practice prevents the contractor from meeting the obligations pursuant to Executive Order 11246, as amended, and these special provisions, such contractor shall immediately notify the contracting agency.

8. Reasonable Accommodation for Applicants / Employees with Disabilities: The contractor must be familiar with the requirements for and comply with the Americans with

Disabilities Act and all rules and regulations established there under. Employers must provide reasonable accommodation in all employment activities unless to do so would cause an undue hardship.

9. Selection of Subcontractors, Procurement of Materials and Leasing of Equipment: The contractor shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor shall take all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure nondiscrimination in the administration of this contract.

a. The contractor shall notify all potential subcontractors and suppliers and lessors of their EEO obligations under this contract.

b. The contractor will use good faith efforts to ensure subcontractor compliance with their EEO obligations.

10. Assurance Required by 49 CFR 26.13(b):

a. The requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 and the State DOT's U.S. DOT-approved DBE program are incorporated by reference.

b. The contractor or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the contracting agency deems appropriate.

11. Records and Reports: The contractor shall keep such records as necessary to document compliance with the EEO requirements. Such records shall be retained for a period of three years following the date of the final payment to the contractor for all contract work and shall be available at reasonable times and places for inspection by authorized representatives of the contracting agency and the FHWA.

a. The records kept by the contractor shall document the following:

(1) The number and work hours of minority and non-minority group members and women employed in each work classification on the project;

(2) The progress and efforts being made in cooperation with unions, when applicable, to increase employment opportunities for minorities and women; and

(3) The progress and efforts being made in locating, hiring, training, qualifying, and upgrading minorities and women;

b. The contractors and subcontractors will submit an annual report to the contracting agency each July for the duration of the project, indicating the number of minority, women, and non-minority group employees currently engaged in each work classification required by the contract work. This information is to be reported on [Form FHWA-1391](#). The staffing data should represent the project work force on board in all or any part of the last payroll period preceding the end of July. If on-the-job training is being required by special provision, the contractor will be required to collect and report training data. The

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employment data should reflect the work force on board during all or any part of the last payroll period preceding the end of July.

III. NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related construction subcontracts of \$10,000 or more.

The contractor must ensure that facilities provided for employees are provided in such a manner that segregation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin cannot result. The contractor may neither require such segregated use by written or oral policies nor tolerate such use by employee custom. The contractor's obligation extends further to ensure that its employees are not assigned to perform their services at any location, under the contractor's control, where the facilities are segregated. The term "facilities" includes waiting rooms, work areas, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, restrooms, washrooms, locker rooms, and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing provided for employees. The contractor shall provide separate or single-user restrooms and necessary dressing or sleeping areas to assure privacy between sexes.

IV. DAVIS-BACON AND RELATED ACT PROVISIONS

This section is applicable to all Federal-aid construction projects exceeding \$2,000 and to all related subcontracts and lower-tier subcontracts (regardless of subcontract size). The requirements apply to all projects located within the right-of-way of a roadway that is functionally classified as Federal-aid highway. This excludes roadways functionally classified as local roads or rural minor collectors, which are exempt. Contracting agencies may elect to apply these requirements to other projects.

The following provisions are from the U.S. Department of Labor regulations in 29 CFR 5.5 "Contract provisions and related matters" with minor revisions to conform to the FHWA-1273 format and FHWA program requirements.

1. Minimum wages

a. All laborers and mechanics employed or working upon the site of the work, will be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a week, and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account (except such payroll deductions as are permitted by regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor under the Copeland Act (29 CFR part 3)), the full amount of wages and bona fide fringe benefits (or cash equivalents thereof) due at time of payment computed at rates not less than those contained in the wage determination of the Secretary of Labor which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the contractor and such laborers and mechanics.

Contributions made or costs reasonably anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits under section 1(b)(2) of the Davis-Bacon Act on behalf of laborers or mechanics are considered wages paid to such laborers or mechanics, subject to the provisions of paragraph 1.d. of this section; also, regular contributions

made or costs incurred for more than a weekly period (but not less often than quarterly) under plans, funds, or programs which cover the particular weekly period, are deemed to be constructively made or incurred during such weekly period. Such laborers and mechanics shall be paid the appropriate wage rate and fringe benefits on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed, without regard to skill, except as provided in 29 CFR 5.5(a)(4). Laborers or mechanics performing work in more than one classification may be compensated at the rate specified for each classification for the time actually worked therein: Provided, that the employer's payroll records accurately set forth the time spent in each classification in which work is performed. The wage determination (including any additional classification and wage rates conformed under paragraph 1.b. of this section) and the Davis-Bacon poster (WH-1321) shall be posted at all times by the contractor and its subcontractors at the site of the work in a prominent and accessible place where it can be easily seen by the workers.

b.(1) The contracting officer shall require that any class of laborers or mechanics, including helpers, which is not listed in the wage determination and which is to be employed under the contract shall be classified in conformance with the wage determination. The contracting officer shall approve an additional classification and wage rate and fringe benefits therefore only when the following criteria have been met:

(i) The work to be performed by the classification requested is not performed by a classification in the wage determination; and

(ii) The classification is utilized in the area by the construction industry; and

(iii) The proposed wage rate, including any bona fide fringe benefits, bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination.

(2) If the contractor and the laborers and mechanics to be employed in the classification (if known), or their representatives, and the contracting officer agree on the classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits where appropriate), a report of the action taken shall be sent by the contracting officer to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will approve, modify, or disapprove every additional classification action within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

(3) In the event the contractor, the laborers or mechanics to be employed in the classification or their representatives, and the contracting officer do not agree on the proposed classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits, where appropriate), the contracting officer shall refer the questions, including the views of all interested parties and the recommendation of the contracting officer, to the Wage and Hour Administrator for determination. The Wage and Hour Administrator, or an authorized representative, will issue a determination within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

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(4) The wage rate (including fringe benefits where appropriate) determined pursuant to paragraphs 1.b.(2) or 1.b.(3) of this section, shall be paid to all workers performing work in the classification under this contract from the first day on which work is performed in the classification.

c. Whenever the minimum wage rate prescribed in the contract for a class of laborers or mechanics includes a fringe benefit which is not expressed as an hourly rate, the contractor shall either pay the benefit as stated in the wage determination or shall pay another bona fide fringe benefit or an hourly cash equivalent thereof.

d. If the contractor does not make payments to a trustee or other third person, the contractor may consider as part of the wages of any laborer or mechanic the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing bona fide fringe benefits under a plan or program. Provided, That the Secretary of Labor has found, upon the written request of the contractor, that the applicable standards of the Davis-Bacon Act have been met. The Secretary of Labor may require the contractor to set aside in a separate account assets for the meeting of obligations under the plan or program.

2. Withholding

The contracting agency shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor, withhold or cause to be withheld from the contractor under this contract, or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements, which is held by the same prime contractor, so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to pay laborers and mechanics, including apprentices, trainees, and helpers, employed by the contractor or any subcontractor the full amount of wages required by the contract. In the event of failure to pay any laborer or mechanic, including any apprentice, trainee, or helper, employed or working on the site of the work, all or part of the wages required by the contract, the contracting agency may, after written notice to the contractor, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds until such violations have ceased.

3. Payrolls and basic records

a. Payrolls and basic records relating thereto shall be maintained by the contractor during the course of the work and preserved for a period of three years thereafter for all laborers and mechanics working at the site of the work. Such records shall contain the name, address, and social security number of each such worker, his or her correct classification, hourly rates of wages paid (including rates of contributions or costs anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits or cash equivalents thereof of the types described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act), daily and weekly number of hours worked, deductions made and actual wages paid. Whenever the Secretary of Labor has found under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(iv) that the wages of any laborer or mechanic include the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing benefits under a plan or program described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act, the contractor shall maintain records which show that the commitment to provide such benefits is enforceable, that the plan or program is financially responsible, and that the plan or program has been communicated in writing to the

laborers or mechanics affected, and records which show the costs anticipated or the actual cost incurred in providing such benefits. Contractors employing apprentices or trainees under approved programs shall maintain written evidence of the registration of apprenticeship programs and certification of trainee programs, the registration of the apprentices and trainees, and the ratios and wage rates prescribed in the applicable programs.

b.(1) The contractor shall submit weekly for each week in which any contract work is performed a copy of all payrolls to the contracting agency. The payrolls submitted shall set out accurately and completely all of the information required to be maintained under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(3)(i), except that full social security numbers and home addresses shall not be included on weekly transmittals. Instead the payrolls shall only need to include an individually identifying number for each employee (e.g., the last four digits of the employee's social security number). The required weekly payroll information may be submitted in any form desired. Optional Form WH-347 is available for this purpose from the Wage and Hour Division Web site at <http://www.dol.gov/esa/whd/forms/wh347instr.htm> or its successor site. The prime contractor is responsible for the submission of copies of payrolls by all subcontractors. Contractors and subcontractors shall maintain the full social security number and current address of each covered worker, and shall provide them upon request to the contracting agency for transmission to the State DOT, the FHWA or the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor for purposes of an investigation or audit of compliance with prevailing wage requirements. It is not a violation of this section for a prime contractor to require a subcontractor to provide addresses and social security numbers to the prime contractor for its own records, without weekly submission to the contracting agency.

(2) Each payroll submitted shall be accompanied by a "Statement of Compliance," signed by the contractor or subcontractor or his or her agent who pays or supervises the payment of the persons employed under the contract and shall certify the following:

(i) That the payroll for the payroll period contains the information required to be provided under §5.5 (a)(3)(ii) of Regulations, 29 CFR part 5, the appropriate information is being maintained under §5.5 (a)(3)(i) of Regulations, 29 CFR part 5, and that such information is correct and complete;

(ii) That each laborer or mechanic (including each helper, apprentice, and trainee) employed on the contract during the payroll period has been paid the full weekly wages earned, without rebate, either directly or indirectly, and that no deductions have been made either directly or indirectly from the full wages earned, other than permissible deductions as set forth in Regulations, 29 CFR part 3;

(iii) That each laborer or mechanic has been paid not less than the applicable wage rates and fringe benefits or cash equivalents for the classification of work performed, as specified in the applicable wage determination incorporated into the contract.

(3) The weekly submission of a properly executed certification set forth on the reverse side of Optional Form WH-347 shall satisfy the requirement for submission of the

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"Statement of Compliance" required by paragraph 3.b.(2) of this section.

(4) The falsification of any of the above certifications may subject the contractor or subcontractor to civil or criminal prosecution under section 1001 of title 18 and section 231 of title 31 of the United States Code.

c. The contractor or subcontractor shall make the records required under paragraph 3.a. of this section available for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the contracting agency, the State DOT, the FHWA, or the Department of Labor, and shall permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job. If the contractor or subcontractor fails to submit the required records or to make them available, the FHWA may, after written notice to the contractor, the contracting agency or the State DOT, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds. Furthermore, failure to submit the required records upon request or to make such records available may be grounds for debarment action pursuant to 29 CFR 5.12.

4. Apprentices and trainees

a. Apprentices (programs of the USDOL).

Apprentices will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they performed when they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a bona fide apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services, or with a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office, or if a person is employed in his or her first 90 days of probationary employment as an apprentice in such an apprenticeship program, who is not individually registered in the program, but who has been certified by the Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services or a State Apprenticeship Agency (where appropriate) to be eligible for probationary employment as an apprentice.

The allowable ratio of apprentices to journeymen on the job site in any craft classification shall not be greater than the ratio permitted to the contractor as to the entire work force under the registered program. Any worker listed on a payroll at an apprentice wage rate, who is not registered or otherwise employed as stated above, shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any apprentice performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. Where a contractor is performing construction on a project in a locality other than that in which its program is registered, the ratios and wage rates (expressed in percentages of the journeyman's hourly rate) specified in the contractor's or subcontractor's registered program shall be observed.

Every apprentice must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the registered program for the apprentice's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeymen hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Apprentices shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the apprenticeship program. If the

apprenticeship program does not specify fringe benefits, apprentices must be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination for the applicable classification. If the Administrator determines that a different practice prevails for the applicable apprentice classification, fringes shall be paid in accordance with that determination.

In the event the Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services, or a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office, withdraws approval of an apprenticeship program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize apprentices at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

b. Trainees (programs of the USDOL).

Except as provided in 29 CFR 5.16, trainees will not be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work performed unless they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a program which has received prior approval, evidenced by formal certification by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.

The ratio of trainees to journeymen on the job site shall not be greater than permitted under the plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration.

Every trainee must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the approved program for the trainee's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeyman hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Trainees shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the trainee program. If the trainee program does not mention fringe benefits, trainees shall be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination unless the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division determines that there is an apprenticeship program associated with the corresponding journeyman wage rate on the wage determination which provides for less than full fringe benefits for apprentices. Any employee listed on the payroll at a trainee rate who is not registered and participating in a training plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any trainee performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed.

In the event the Employment and Training Administration withdraws approval of a training program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize trainees at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

c. Equal employment opportunity. The utilization of apprentices, trainees and journeymen under this part shall be in conformity with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Executive Order 11246, as amended, and 29 CFR part 30.

d. Apprentices and Trainees (programs of the U.S. DOT).

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Apprentices and trainees working under apprenticeship and skill training programs which have been certified by the Secretary of Transportation as promoting EEO in connection with Federal-aid highway construction programs are not subject to the requirements of paragraph 4 of this Section IV. The straight time hourly wage rates for apprentices and trainees under such programs will be established by the particular programs. The ratio of apprentices and trainees to journeymen shall not be greater than permitted by the terms of the particular program.

5. Compliance with Copeland Act requirements. The contractor shall comply with the requirements of 29 CFR part 3, which are incorporated by reference in this contract.

6. Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert Form FHWA-1273 in any subcontracts and also require the subcontractors to include Form FHWA-1273 in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all the contract clauses in 29 CFR 5.5.

7. Contract termination: debarment. A breach of the contract clauses in 29 CFR 5.5 may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and a subcontractor as provided in 29 CFR 5.12.

8. Compliance with Davis-Bacon and Related Act requirements. All rulings and interpretations of the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts contained in 29 CFR parts 1, 3, and 5 are herein incorporated by reference in this contract.

9. Disputes concerning labor standards. Disputes arising out of the labor standards provisions of this contract shall not be subject to the general disputes clause of this contract. Such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures of the Department of Labor set forth in 29 CFR parts 5, 6, and 7. Disputes within the meaning of this clause include disputes between the contractor (or any of its subcontractors) and the contracting agency, the U.S. Department of Labor, or the employees or their representatives.

10. Certification of eligibility.

a. By entering into this contract, the contractor certifies that neither it (nor he or she) nor any person or firm who has an interest in the contractor's firm is a person or firm ineligible to be awarded Government contracts by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).

b. No part of this contract shall be subcontracted to any person or firm ineligible for award of a Government contract by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).

c. The penalty for making false statements is prescribed in the U.S. Criminal Code, 18 U.S.C. 1001.

V. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT

The following clauses apply to any Federal-aid construction contract in an amount in excess of \$100,000 and subject to the

overtime provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act. These clauses shall be inserted in addition to the clauses required by 29 CFR 5.5(a) or 29 CFR 4.6. As used in this paragraph, the terms laborers and mechanics include watchmen and guards.

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

2. Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1.) of this section, the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1.) of this section, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (1.) of this section.

3. Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. The FHWA or the contracting agency shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (2.) of this section.

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

VI. SUBLETTING OR ASSIGNING THE CONTRACT

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts on the National Highway System.

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1. The contractor shall perform with its own organization contract work amounting to not less than 30 percent (or a greater percentage if specified elsewhere in the contract) of the total original contract price, excluding any specialty items designated by the contracting agency. Specialty items may be performed by subcontract and the amount of any such specialty items performed may be deducted from the total original contract price before computing the amount of work required to be performed by the contractor's own organization (23 CFR 635.116).

a. The term "perform work with its own organization" refers to workers employed or leased by the prime contractor, and equipment owned or rented by the prime contractor, with or without operators. Such term does not include employees or equipment of a subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor, agents of the prime contractor, or any other assignees. The term may include payments for the costs of hiring leased employees from an employee leasing firm meeting all relevant Federal and State regulatory requirements. Leased employees may only be included in this term if the prime contractor meets all of the following conditions:

(1) the prime contractor maintains control over the supervision of the day-to-day activities of the leased employees;

(2) the prime contractor remains responsible for the quality of the work of the leased employees;

(3) the prime contractor retains all power to accept or exclude individual employees from work on the project; and

(4) the prime contractor remains ultimately responsible for the payment of predetermined minimum wages, the submission of payrolls, statements of compliance and all other Federal regulatory requirements.

b. "Specialty Items" shall be construed to be limited to work that requires highly specialized knowledge, abilities, or equipment not ordinarily available in the type of contracting organizations qualified and expected to bid or propose on the contract as a whole and in general are to be limited to minor components of the overall contract.

2. The contract amount upon which the requirements set forth in paragraph (1) of Section VI is computed includes the cost of material and manufactured products which are to be purchased or produced by the contractor under the contract provisions.

3. The contractor shall furnish (a) a competent superintendent or supervisor who is employed by the firm, has full authority to direct performance of the work in accordance with the contract requirements, and is in charge of all construction operations (regardless of who performs the work) and (b) such other of its own organizational resources (supervision, management, and engineering services) as the contracting officer determines is necessary to assure the performance of the contract.

4. No portion of the contract shall be sublet, assigned or otherwise disposed of except with the written consent of the contracting officer, or authorized representative, and such consent when given shall not be construed to relieve the contractor of any responsibility for the fulfillment of the contract. Written consent will be given only after the contracting agency has assured that each subcontract is evidenced in writing and that it contains all pertinent provisions and requirements of the prime contract.

5. The 30% self-performance requirement of paragraph (1) is not applicable to design-build contracts; however, contracting

agencies may establish their own self-performance requirements.

VII. SAFETY: ACCIDENT PREVENTION

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts.

1. In the performance of this contract the contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws governing safety, health, and sanitation (23 CFR 635). The contractor shall provide all safeguards, safety devices and protective equipment and take any other needed actions as it determines, or as the contracting officer may determine, to be reasonably necessary to protect the life and health of employees on the job and the safety of the public and to protect property in connection with the performance of the work covered by the contract.

2. It is a condition of this contract, and shall be made a condition of each subcontract, which the contractor enters into pursuant to this contract, that the contractor and any subcontractor shall not permit any employee, in performance of the contract, to work in surroundings or under conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous to his/her health or safety, as determined under construction safety and health standards (29 CFR 1926) promulgated by the Secretary of Labor, in accordance with Section 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3704).

3. Pursuant to 29 CFR 1926.3, it is a condition of this contract that the Secretary of Labor or authorized representative thereof, shall have right of entry to any site of contract performance to inspect or investigate the matter of compliance with the construction safety and health standards and to carry out the duties of the Secretary under Section 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C.3704).

VIII. FALSE STATEMENTS CONCERNING HIGHWAY PROJECTS

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts.

In order to assure high quality and durable construction in conformity with approved plans and specifications and a high degree of reliability on statements and representations made by engineers, contractors, suppliers, and workers on Federal-aid highway projects, it is essential that all persons concerned with the project perform their functions as carefully, thoroughly, and honestly as possible. Willful falsification, distortion, or misrepresentation with respect to any facts related to the project is a violation of Federal law. To prevent any misunderstanding regarding the seriousness of these and similar acts, Form FHWA-1022 shall be posted on each Federal-aid highway project (23 CFR 635) in one or more places where it is readily available to all persons concerned with the project:

18 U.S.C. 1020 reads as follows:

"Whoever, being an officer, agent, or employee of the United States, or of any State or Territory, or whoever, whether a person, association, firm, or corporation, knowingly makes any false statement, false representation, or false report as to the character, quality, quantity, or cost of the material used or to

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be used, or the quantity or quality of the work performed or to be performed, or the cost thereof in connection with the submission of plans, maps, specifications, contracts, or costs of construction on any highway or related project submitted for approval to the Secretary of Transportation; or

Whoever knowingly makes any false statement, false representation, false report or false claim with respect to the character, quality, quantity, or cost of any work performed or to be performed, or materials furnished or to be furnished, in connection with the construction of any highway or related project approved by the Secretary of Transportation; or

Whoever knowingly makes any false statement or false representation as to material fact in any statement, certificate, or report submitted pursuant to provisions of the Federal-aid Roads Act approved July 1, 1916, (39 Stat. 355), as amended and supplemented;

Shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 5 years or both."

IX. IMPLEMENTATION OF CLEAN AIR ACT AND FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts.

By submission of this bid/proposal or the execution of this contract, or subcontract, as appropriate, the bidder, proposer, Federal-aid construction contractor, or subcontractor, as appropriate, will be deemed to have stipulated as follows:

1. That any person who is or will be utilized in the performance of this contract is not prohibited from receiving an award due to a violation of Section 508 of the Clean Water Act or Section 306 of the Clean Air Act.

2. That the contractor agrees to include or cause to be included the requirements of paragraph (1) of this Section X in every subcontract, and further agrees to take such action as the contracting agency may direct as a means of enforcing such requirements.

X. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts, design-build contracts, subcontracts, lower-tier subcontracts, purchase orders, lease agreements, consultant contracts or any other covered transaction requiring FHWA approval or that is estimated to cost \$25,000 or more – as defined in 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200.

1. Instructions for Certification – First Tier Participants:

a. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective first tier participant is providing the certification set out below.

b. The inability of a person to provide the certification set out below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective first tier participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However,

failure of the prospective first tier participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such a person from participation in this transaction.

c. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the contracting agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the contracting agency may terminate this transaction for cause of default.

d. The prospective first tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the contracting agency to whom this proposal is submitted if any time the prospective first tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

e. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "participant," "person," "principal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, are defined in 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200. "First Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction between a grantee or subgrantee of Federal funds and a participant (such as the prime or general contractor). "Lower Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction under a First Tier Covered Transaction (such as subcontracts). "First Tier Participant" refers to the participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a grantee or subgrantee of Federal funds (such as the prime or general contractor). "Lower Tier Participant" refers any participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a First Tier Participant or other Lower Tier Participants (such as subcontractors and suppliers).

f. The prospective first tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.

g. The prospective first tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions," provided by the department or contracting agency, entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions exceeding the \$25,000 threshold.

h. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any lower tier prospective participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the Excluded Parties List System website (<https://www.epls.gov/>), which is compiled by the General Services Administration.

i. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require the establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of the prospective participant

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is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

j. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph (f) of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

2. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – First Tier Participants:

a. The prospective first tier participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

(1) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

(2) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

(3) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (a)(2) of this certification; and

(4) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.

b. Where the prospective participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

2. Instructions for Certification - Lower Tier Participants:

(Applicable to all subcontracts, purchase orders and other lower tier transactions requiring prior FHWA approval or estimated to cost \$25,000 or more - 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200)

a. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier is providing the certification set out below.

b. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department, or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

c. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is

submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

d. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "participant," "person," "principal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, are defined in 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations. "First Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction between a grantee or subgrantee of Federal funds and a participant (such as the prime or general contract). "Lower Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction under a First Tier Covered Transaction (such as subcontracts). "First Tier Participant" refers to the participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a grantee or subgrantee of Federal funds (such as the prime or general contractor). "Lower Tier Participant" refers any participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a First Tier Participant or other Lower Tier Participants (such as subcontractors and suppliers).

e. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.

f. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions exceeding the \$25,000 threshold.

g. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any lower tier prospective participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the Excluded Parties List System website (<https://www.epls.gov/>), which is compiled by the General Services Administration.

h. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

i. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph e of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

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Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Participants:

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency.

2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

XI. CERTIFICATION REGARDING USE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FOR LOBBYING

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts which exceed \$100,000 (49 CFR 20).

1. The prospective participant certifies, by signing and submitting this bid or proposal, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

a. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

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

2. 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 31 U.S.C. 1352. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

3. The prospective participant also agrees by submitting its bid or proposal that the participant shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower tier subcontracts, which exceed \$100,000 and that all such recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

ATTACHMENT A - EMPLOYMENT AND MATERIALS PREFERENCE FOR APPALACHIAN DEVELOPMENT HIGHWAY SYSTEM OR APPALACHIAN LOCAL ACCESS ROAD CONTRACTS

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid projects funded under the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965.

1. During the performance of this contract, the contractor undertaking to do work which is, or reasonably may be, done as on-site work, shall give preference to qualified persons who regularly reside in the labor area as designated by the DOL wherein the contract work is situated, or the subregion, or the Appalachian counties of the State wherein the contract work is situated, except:

a. To the extent that qualified persons regularly residing in the area are not available.

b. For the reasonable needs of the contractor to employ supervisory or specially experienced personnel necessary to assure an efficient execution of the contract work.

c. For the obligation of the contractor to offer employment to present or former employees as the result of a lawful collective bargaining contract, provided that the number of nonresident persons employed under this subparagraph (1c) shall not exceed 20 percent of the total number of employees employed by the contractor on the contract work, except as provided in subparagraph (4) below.

2. The contractor shall place a job order with the State Employment Service indicating (a) the classifications of the laborers, mechanics and other employees required to perform the contract work, (b) the number of employees required in each classification, (c) the date on which the participant estimates such employees will be required, and (d) any other pertinent information required by the State Employment Service to complete the job order form. The job order may be placed with the State Employment Service in writing or by telephone. If during the course of the contract work, the information submitted by the contractor in the original job order is substantially modified, the participant shall promptly notify the State Employment Service.

3. The contractor shall give full consideration to all qualified job applicants referred to him by the State Employment Service. The contractor is not required to grant employment to any job applicants who, in his opinion, are not qualified to perform the classification of work required.

4. If, within one week following the placing of a job order by the contractor with the State Employment Service, the State Employment Service is unable to refer any qualified job applicants to the contractor, or less than the number requested, the State Employment Service will forward a certificate to the contractor indicating the unavailability of applicants. Such certificate shall be made a part of the contractor's permanent project records. Upon receipt of this certificate, the contractor may employ persons who do not normally reside in the labor area to fill positions covered by the certificate, notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (1c) above.

5. The provisions of 23 CFR 633.207(e) allow the contracting agency to provide a contractual preference for the use of mineral resource materials native to the Appalachian region.

6. The contractor shall include the provisions of Sections 1 through 4 of this Attachment A in every subcontract for work which is, or reasonably may be, done as on-site work.