

**GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT BETWEEN
WYOMING OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY
AND
LARAMIE COUNTY**

**Subrecipient Grant Award Agreement for U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Grant Programs Directorate, State
Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant Fiscal Year 2023**

Subrecipient:	Laramie County
UEI #	E9DLJC1HGNQ8
Federal Award Amount:	\$35,410.00
Period of Performance:	June 1, 2024 through August 31, 2026
CFDA #:	97.067
DHS Grant Code:	EMW-2023-SS-00061
Federal Award Date:	September 12, 2023
Project ID:	23-SHSP-LAR-CO-ELE

- Parties.** The parties to this Grant Award Agreement (Agreement) are Wyoming Office of Homeland Security (Agency), whose address is: 5500 Bishop Blvd., Cheyenne, WY 82002, and Laramie County (Subrecipient), whose address is: 310 W. 19th St. Ste 300, Cheyenne, WY 82001.
- Purpose of Agreement.** The purpose of this Grant Award Agreement (Agreement) is to set forth the terms and conditions by which the Subrecipient shall support the investment of Election Security to improve the ability of Laramie County to prevent a threatened or an actual act of terrorism; protect citizens, residents, visitors, and assets against the greatest threats that pose the greatest risk to the security of the United States; mitigate the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of future catastrophic events; respond quickly to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs in the aftermath of a catastrophic incident; and/or recover through a focus on the timely restoration, strengthening, accessibility and revitalization of infrastructure, housing, and a sustainable economy, as well as the health, social, cultural, historic, and environmental fabric of communities affected by a catastrophic incident. The funds used under this Agreement will help prevent terrorism and prepare the nation for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of the United States, therefore, funded investments must have a terrorism nexus. This award is not for the purposes of Research & Development (R&D) as defined in 2 C.F.R. 200.87.
- Funding Authority.** The funds the Agency will distribute to Subrecipient under this Agreement are drawn from grant funds distributed to the State of Wyoming by the Fiscal Year 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program, State Homeland Security Program awarded to the State Of Wyoming. The program is authorized by the *Homeland Security Act of 2002* (Public Law 107-296), as amended by section 101 of the *Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007* (Public Law 110-53).

4. **Term of Agreement.** This Agreement is effective when all parties have executed it (Effective Date). The Period of Performance of the Agreement is from September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2025. All services shall be completed during the Period of Performance.

This Agreement may be extended by agreement of both parties in writing and subject to the required approvals. There is no right or expectation of extension and any extension will be determined at the discretion of the Agency.

5. **Payment.**

- A. The Agency agrees to pay the Subrecipient for the services described in Attachment A, Project Description, which is attached to and incorporated into this Agreement by this reference. Total payment under this Agreement shall not exceed thirty-five thousand four hundred ten dollars and no cents (\$35,410.00). Payment shall be made when services are completed, and within forty-five (45) days after submission of invoice pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 16-6-602. Subrecipient shall submit invoices in sufficient detail to ensure that payments may be made in conformance with this Agreement. Subrecipient shall submit all invoices within forty-five (45) days after the term of this Agreement.
- B. No payment shall be made for work performed outside the Period of Performance of this Agreement. Should the Subrecipient fail to perform in a manner consistent with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, payment under this Agreement may be withheld until such time as the Subrecipient performs its duties and responsibilities to the satisfaction of Agency.
- C. **Travel.** The payment of travel expenses shall be allowed as set forth below. Subrecipient is expected to procure the most cost efficient travel arrangements.
- (i) **Air Travel.** The Agency agrees to reimburse the Subrecipient's approved air travel expenses related to the performance of this Agreement. Air travel shall be reimbursed based on actual costs, supported by a copy of the original receipt with the invoice. Subrecipient must select the lowest airfare (fares available in the market at the time of booking, preferably well in advance of trip to attain the lowest possible airfare). Subrecipient shall book economy class fares for all domestic travel. First class bookings are not reimbursable.
- (ii) **Personal Vehicle.** The Agency agrees to reimburse the Subrecipient's approved use of personal vehicle. Mileage shall be reimbursed at the current State rate per mile based on standard map mileage. Fuel will not be reimbursed.
- (iii) **Car Rental.** The Agency agrees to reimburse the Subrecipient's approved car rental expenses related to the performance of this Agreement. Car rental expenses shall be reimbursed at actual costs, supported by a copy of the

original receipt with the invoice. Subrecipient must select the lowest rental rates for an appropriate vehicle.

- D. **Lodging.** The Agency agrees to reimburse Subrecipient's approved lodging expenses related to the performance of this Agreement. Lodging expenses shall be reimbursed at actual costs, supported by a copy of the original receipt with the invoice. The Subrecipient shall only invoice the Agency for the basic room rate, taxes, and lodging fees. The Agency is not responsible for incidental or miscellaneous expenses charged to the room. Incidental and miscellaneous expenses for which the Agency shall not be responsible include charges such as alcohol, internet, telephone charges, mini-bar, and movies.
 - E. **Meals.** The Agency agrees to reimburse Subrecipient's approved meal expenses related to the performance of this Agreement. Unless otherwise agreed upon, the Subrecipient shall be reimbursed for meals in accordance with the current U.S. General Services Administration rate per day. This reimbursement amount includes all meal, beverage, and refreshment expenses incurred during the day. Requests for reimbursement shall state the amount allowable for meals and list the actual number of travel days on the invoice.
6. **Responsibilities of Subrecipient.** The Subrecipient agrees to:
- A. Complete the project described in Attachment A, Project Description.
 - B. Comply with terms and conditions as described in Attachment B, Agreement Articles, which is attached to and incorporated into this Agreement by this reference.
 - C. Comply with the 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and the Preparedness Grants Manual to implement this Agreement, and agrees that all use of funds under this Agreement will be in accordance with the SHSP NOFO and Preparedness Grants Manual.
 - D. **THIRA/SPR.** Complete/actively participate in a whole community Threat and Hazard Risk Assessment (THIRA) or Stakeholder Preparedness Report (SPR) update, or both, annually by the deadline, established by the Agency, of each year during the entire term of this Agreement.
 - E. **NIMS.** Maintain adoption and implementation of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Subrecipient must use standardized resource management concepts for resource typing, credentialing, and an inventory to facilitate the effective identification, dispatch, deployment, tracking, and recovery of resources. Subrecipient shall update or modify its operational plans, and training and exercise activities, as necessary, to achieve conformance with the National Response Framework and NIMS implementation guidelines.
 - F. **Point of Contact.** Keep the Agency up-to-date as to the name of the person acting as the primary contact person for this Agreement using the Point of Contact

Information Form provided by the Agency, which is incorporated into this Agreement by this reference, including any change of contact person, address, email, or telephone information. Subrecipient's primary contact shall cooperate with any assessments, national evaluation efforts, or information or data collect requests, including, but not limited to, the provision of any information required for the assessment or evaluation of any activities within this Agreement.

- G. Procurement.** Subrecipient must use its own documented procurement procedures that reflect applicable state, local, territorial, and tribal laws and regulations, provided that the procurements conform to applicable federal law and the standards identified in 2 C.F.R. Part 200. All procurement activity must be conducted in accordance with Federal Procurement Standards 2 C.F.R. Part 200.317-200.326.
- H. Equipment.**
- (i) Subrecipient may not use the funding provided under this Agreement to purchase equipment not specifically authorized in the Authorized Equipment List (AEL), which is incorporated into this Agreement by this reference, unless the proposed acquisition is reviewed by the Agency and approved by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in writing prior to purchase.
 - (ii) Subrecipient shall ensure all equipment purchased with funds provided under this Agreement is maintained and available for response to terrorist incidents. Subrecipient agrees that, when practicable, any equipment or supplies purchased with grant funding shall be prominently marked as follows: "Purchased with funds provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and administered by the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security."
 - (iii) Subrecipient shall maintain property records for all equipment purchased with HSGP funds in accordance with 2 C.F.R. 200.313(1) to include: a description of the property, a serial number or other identification number, the source of funding for the property (including the FAIN), who holds the title, the acquisition date, and cost of the property, percentage of federal participation in the project costs for the federal award under which the property was acquired, the location, use and condition of the property, and any ultimate disposition data including the date of disposal and sale price of the property. Subrecipient shall provide Agency with updated property records during the close-out of this Agreement.
- I. Training and Exercise.** Training conducted using HSGP funds should address a performance gap identified through an Integrated Preparedness Plan, THIRA/SPR process, or other assessment and contribute to building a capability that will be evaluated through a formal exercise. Exercises conducted with this Agreement should be managed and conducted consistent with Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP).

J. Nationwide Cybersecurity Review. Subrecipient shall complete the 2023 Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (NCSR). The Chief Information Officer, Chief Information Security Officer or equivalent for Subrecipient should complete the NCSR. The NCSR is available at no cost to the user and takes approximately two to three (2-3) hours to complete. The NCSR will open from October 1, 2023 – February 28, 2024.

K. Closeout.

- (i) Subrecipient shall submit a final project and financial report to the Agency within forty-five (45) days after the termination of this Agreement. The final report must include project description detailing accomplishments, qualitative summary of the impact of those accomplishments, financial summary, as well as other documents required by program guidance or terms and conditions of the award, to include updated property records. Failure to provide a final report may jeopardize future funding.
- (ii) Subrecipient must maintain and retain the following: backup documentation such as bids and quotes, cost/price analyses on file for review, other documents required by federal regulations applicable at the time funds are granted. Subrecipient shall keep detailed records of all transactions involving this Agreement including but not limited to: specifications, solicitations, competitive quotes or proposals, basis for selection decisions, purchase orders, contracts, invoices, and cancelled checks. Failure to fully document all purchases may result in Agency questioning and subsequently disallowing Subrecipient's expenditures. Subrecipient must maintain its records for three (3) years after the close of the underlying federal award.

7. Responsibilities of Agency. The Agency agrees to:

- A.** Pay Subrecipient in accordance with Section 5 above.
- B.** Be available to provide necessary and feasible technical advice as requested by Subrecipient.
- C.** Notify Subrecipient of information and updates received from FEMA or other federal agencies, which may affect or otherwise restrict the availability of funds awarded to Subrecipient herein.

8. Special Provisions.

- A. Assumption of Risk.** The Subrecipient shall assume the risk of any loss of state or federal funding, either administrative or program dollars, due to the Subrecipient's failure to comply with state or federal requirements. The Agency shall notify the Subrecipient of any state or federal determination of noncompliance.

- B. Environmental Policy Acts.** Subrecipient agrees all activities under this Agreement will comply with the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, and other related provisions of federal environmental protection laws, rules or regulations.
- C. Human Trafficking.** As required by 22 U.S.C. § 7104(g) and 2 C.F.R. 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.
- D. Kickbacks.** Subrecipient 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. If Subrecipient breaches or violates this warranty, Agency may, at its discretion, terminate this Agreement without liability to Agency, or deduct from the agreed upon price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of any commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingency fee.
- E. Limitations on Lobbying Activities.** By signing this Agreement, Subrecipient certifies and agrees that, in accordance with P.L. 101-121, payments made from a federal grant shall not be utilized by Subrecipient or its sub-subrecipients in connection with lobbying member(s) of Congress, or any federal agency in connection with the award of a federal grant, Agreement, cooperative agreement, or loan.
- F. Monitoring Activities.** Agency shall have the right to monitor all activities related to this Agreement that are performed by Subrecipient or its sub-subrecipients. This shall include, but not be limited to, the right to make site inspections at any time and with reasonable notice; to bring experts and consultants on site to examine or evaluate completed work or work in progress; to examine the books, ledgers, documents, papers, and records pertinent to this Agreement; and to observe personnel in every phase of performance of Agreement related work.
- G. Nondiscrimination.** The Subrecipient 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 and any properly promulgated rules and regulations thereto and shall not discriminate against any individual on the grounds

of age, sex, color, race, religion, national origin, or disability in connection with the performance under this Agreement.

- H. No Finder's Fees:** No finder's fee, employment agency fee, or other such fee related to the procurement of this Agreement, shall be paid by either party.
- I. Publicity.** Any publicity given to the projects, programs, or services provided herein, including, but not limited to, notices, information, pamphlets, press releases, research, reports, signs, and similar public notices in whatever form, prepared by or for the Subrecipient and related to the services and work to be performed under this Agreement, shall identify the Agency as the sponsoring agency and shall not be released without prior written approval of Agency.
- J. Suspension and Debarment.** By signing this Agreement, Subrecipient certifies that neither it nor its principals/agents are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction or from receiving federal financial or nonfinancial 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), 44 C.F.R. Part 17, or 2 C.F.R. Part 180, or are on the debarred, or otherwise ineligible, vendors lists maintained by the federal government. Further, Subrecipient agrees to notify Agency by certified mail should it or any of its principals/agents become ineligible for payment, debarred, suspended, or voluntarily excluded from receiving federal funds during the term of this Agreement.
- K. Administration of Federal Funds.** Subrecipient agrees its use of the funds awarded herein is subject to the Uniform Administrative Requirements of 2 C.F.R. Part 200, *et seq.*; any additional requirements set forth by the federal funding agency; all applicable regulations published in the Code of Federal Regulations; and other program guidance as provided to it by Agency.
- L. Copyright License and Patent Rights.** Subrecipient acknowledges that federal grantor, the State of Wyoming, and Agency reserve a royalty-free, nonexclusive, unlimited, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use, for federal and state government purposes: (1) the copyright in any work developed under this Agreement; and (2) any rights of copyright to which Subrecipient purchases ownership using funds awarded under this Agreement. Subrecipient must consult with Agency regarding any patent rights that arise from, or are purchased with, funds awarded under this Agreement.
- M. Federal Audit Requirements.** Subrecipient agrees that if it expends an aggregate amount of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000.00) or more in federal funds during its fiscal year, it must undergo an organization-wide financial and compliance single audit. Subrecipient agrees to comply with the audit requirements of the U.S. General Accounting Office Government Auditing Standards and Audit Requirements of 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F. If findings are made which cover any part of this Agreement, Subrecipient shall provide one (1) copy of the audit

report to Agency and require the release of the audit report by its auditor be held until adjusting entries are disclosed and made to Agency's records.

- N. **Non-Supplanting Certification.** Subrecipient hereby affirms that federal grant funds shall be used to supplement existing funds, and shall not replace (supplant) funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose. Subrecipient should be able to document that any reduction in non-federal resources occurred for reasons other than the receipt or expected receipt of federal funds under this Agreement.
- O. **Program Income.** Subrecipient shall not deposit grant funds in an interest bearing account without prior approval of Agency. Any income attributable to the grant funds distributed under this Agreement must be used to increase the scope of the program or returned to Agency.

9. **General Provisions.**

- A. **Amendments.** Any changes, modifications, revisions, or amendments to this Agreement which are mutually agreed upon by the parties to this Agreement shall be incorporated by written instrument, executed by all parties to this Agreement.
- B. **Applicable Law, Rules of Construction, and Venue.** The construction, interpretation, and enforcement of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Wyoming, without regard to conflicts of law principles. The terms "hereof," "hereunder," "herein," and words of similar import, are intended to refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular provision or part. The Courts of the State of Wyoming shall have jurisdiction over this Agreement and the parties. The venue shall be the First Judicial District, Laramie County, Wyoming.
- C. **Assignment Prohibited and Agreement Shall Not be Used as Collateral.** Neither party shall assign or otherwise transfer any of the rights or delegate any of the duties set out in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party. The Subrecipient shall not use this Agreement, or any portion thereof, for collateral for any financial obligation without the prior written permission of the Agency.
- D. **Audit and Access to Records.** The Agency and its representatives shall have access to any books, documents, papers, electronic data, and records of the Subrecipient which are pertinent to this Agreement. The Subrecipient shall immediately, upon receiving written instruction from the Agency, provide to any independent auditor or accountant all books, documents, papers, electronic data, and records of the Subrecipient which are pertinent to this Agreement. The Subrecipient shall cooperate fully with any such independent auditor or accountant during the entire course of any audit authorized by the Agency.
- E. **Availability of Funds.** Each payment obligation of the Agency is conditioned upon the availability of government funds which are appropriated or allocated for the payment of this obligation and which may be limited for any reason including, but not limited to, congressional, legislative, gubernatorial, or administrative

action. If funds are not allocated and available for continued performance of the Agreement, the Agreement may be terminated by the Agency at the end of the period for which the funds are available. The Agency shall notify the Subrecipient at the earliest possible time of the services which will or may be affected by a shortage of funds. No penalty shall accrue to the Agency in the event this provision is exercised, and the Agency shall not be obligated or liable for any future payments due or for any damages as a result of termination under this section.

- F. Award of Related Agreements.** The Agency may award supplemental or successor agreements for work related to this Agreement or may award agreements to other subrecipients for work related to this Agreement. The Subrecipient shall cooperate fully with other subrecipients and the Agency in all such cases.
- G. Compliance with Laws.** The Subrecipient shall keep informed of and comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, and all federal grant requirements and executive orders in the performance of this Agreement.
- H. Confidentiality of Information.** Except when disclosure is required by the Wyoming Public Records Act or court order, all documents, data compilations, reports, computer programs, photographs, data, and other work provided to or produced by the Subrecipient in the performance of this Agreement shall be kept confidential by the Subrecipient unless written permission is granted by the Agency for its release. If and when Subrecipient receives a request for information subject to this Agreement, Subrecipient shall notify Agency within ten (10) days of such request and shall not release such information to a third party unless directed to do so by Agency.
- I. Entirety of Agreement.** This Agreement, consisting of thirteen (13) pages, Attachment A, Project Description, consisting of one (1) page, and Attachment B, Agreement Articles, consisting of eleven (11) pages, represent the entire and integrated Agreement between the parties and supersede all prior negotiations, representations, and agreements, whether written or oral. In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between the language of this Agreement and the language of any attachment or document incorporated by reference, the language of this Agreement shall control.
- J. Ethics.** Subrecipient shall keep informed of and comply with the Wyoming Ethics and Disclosure Act (Wyo. Stat. § 9-13-101, *et seq.*) and any and all ethical standards governing Subrecipient's profession.
- K. Extensions.** Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted or deemed to create an expectation that this Agreement will be extended beyond the term described herein. Any extension of this Agreement shall be initiated by the Agency and shall be accomplished through a written amendment between the parties entered into before the expiration of the original Agreement or any valid amendment thereto, and shall be effective only after it is reduced to writing and executed by all parties to the Agreement.

- L. Force Majeure.** Neither party shall be liable for failure to perform under this Agreement if such failure to perform arises out of causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the nonperforming party. Such causes may include, but are not limited to, acts of God or the public enemy, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, freight embargoes, and unusually severe weather. This provision shall become effective only if the party failing to perform immediately notifies the other party of the extent and nature of the problem, limits delay in performance to that required by the event, and takes all reasonable steps to minimize delays.
- M. Indemnification.** Each party to this Agreement shall assume the risk of any liability arising from its own conduct. Neither party agrees to insure, defend, or indemnify the other.
- N. Independent Contractor.** The Subrecipient shall function as an independent contractor for the purposes of this Agreement and shall not be considered an employee of the State of Wyoming for any purpose. Consistent with the express terms of this Agreement, the Subrecipient shall be free from control or direction over the details of the performance of services under this Agreement. The Subrecipient shall assume sole responsibility for any debts or liabilities that may be incurred by the Subrecipient in fulfilling the terms of this Agreement and shall be solely responsible for the payment of all federal, state, and local taxes which may accrue because of this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted as authorizing the Subrecipient or its agents or employees to act as an agent or representative for or on behalf of the State of Wyoming or the Agency or to incur any obligation of any kind on behalf of the State of Wyoming or the Agency. The Subrecipient agrees that no health or hospitalization benefits, workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, or similar benefits available to State of Wyoming employees will inure to the benefit of the Subrecipient or the Subrecipient's agents or employees as a result of this Agreement.
- O. Notices.** All notices arising out of, or from, the provisions of this Agreement shall be in writing either by regular mail or delivery in person at the addresses provided under this Agreement.

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Lynn Budd (Awarding Official)
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- P. Ownership and Return of Documents and Information.** Agency is the official custodian and owns all documents, data compilations, reports, computer programs, photographs, data, and other work provided to or produced by the Subrecipient in the performance of this Agreement. Upon termination of services, for any reason, Subrecipient agrees to return all such original and derivative information and documents to the Agency in a useable format. In the case of electronic transmission, such transmission shall be secured. The return of information by any other means shall be by a parcel service that utilizes tracking numbers.
- Q. Patent or Copyright Protection.** The Subrecipient recognizes that certain proprietary matters or techniques may be subject to patent, trademark, copyright, license, or other similar restrictions, and warrants that no work performed by the Subrecipient or its sub-subrecipients will violate any such restriction. The Subrecipient shall defend and indemnify the Agency for any infringement or alleged infringement of such patent, trademark, copyright, license, or other restrictions.
- R. Prior Approval.** This Agreement shall not be binding upon either party and the Wyoming State Auditor shall not draw warrants for payment, until this Agreement has been fully executed, approved as to form by the Office of the Attorney General, filed with and approved by A&I Procurement, and approved by the Governor of the State of Wyoming, or his designee, if required by Wyo. Stat. § 9-2-3204(b)(iv).
- S. Severability.** Should any portion of this Agreement be judicially determined to be illegal or unenforceable, the remainder of the Agreement shall continue in full force and effect, and the parties may renegotiate the terms affected by the severance.
- T. Sovereign Immunity and Limitations.** Pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 1-39-104(a), the State of Wyoming and Agency expressly reserve sovereign immunity by entering into this Agreement and the Subrecipient expressly reserves governmental immunity. Each of them specifically retains all immunities and defenses available to them as sovereigns or governmental entities pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 1-39-101, *et seq.*, and all other applicable law. The parties acknowledge that the State of Wyoming has sovereign immunity and only the Wyoming Legislature has the power to waive sovereign immunity. Designations of venue, choice of law, enforcement actions, and similar provisions shall not be construed as a waiver of sovereign immunity. 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 immunity shall be construed in favor of immunity.
- U. Taxes.** The Subrecipient shall pay all taxes and other such amounts required by federal, state, and local law, including, but not limited to, federal and social security taxes, workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, and sales taxes.

- V. Termination of Agreement.** This Agreement may be terminated, without cause, by the Agency upon thirty (30) days written notice. This Agreement may be terminated by the Agency immediately for cause if the Subrecipient fails to perform in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
- W. 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.
- X. Time is of the Essence.** Time is of the essence in all provisions of this Agreement.
- Y. Titles Not Controlling.** Titles of sections and subsections are for reference only and shall not be used to construe the language in this Agreement.
- Z. Waiver.** The waiver of any breach of any term or condition in this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of any prior or subsequent breach. Failure to object to a breach shall not constitute a waiver.
- AA. Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in counterparts. Each counterpart, when executed and delivered, shall be deemed an original and all counterparts together shall constitute one and the same Agreement. Delivery by the Subrecipient of an originally signed counterpart of this Agreement by facsimile or PDF shall be followed up immediately by delivery of the originally signed counterpart to the Agency.

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10. **Signatures.** The parties to this Agreement, either personally or through their duly authorized representatives, have executed this Agreement on the dates 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 date of the signature last affixed to this page.

AGENCY:

Wyoming Office of Homeland Security

for 
Lynn Budd, Director

8/28/24
Date

SUBRECIPIENT:

Laramie County


Subrecipient Designee Signature

8/20/2024
Date

Brian Lovett CHAIRMAN
Printed Name and Title of Designee

ATTEST 
SUBRECIPIENT'S ATTORNEY: APPROVAL AS TO FORM


Attorney

8-20-24
Date

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE: APPROVAL AS TO FORM

Jodi A. Darrough # 242324
Jodi A. Darrough, Senior Assistant Attorney General

8-19-24
Date

Attachment A: Project Description

Subrecipient Laramie County
Project ID: 23-SHSP-LAR-CO-ELE

The following submitted project(s) have been approved for the Federal Fiscal Year 2023 U.S. Department of Homeland Security State Homeland Security Program Grant. Only expenditures within the scope of the below projects will be reimbursed by the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security. Any changes to the scope of work must be approved through the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security prior to implementation.

REMINDER: Fuel, oil and routine maintenance charges are **NOT** covered under this grant.

Description	Amount
Eligible Expenses as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Purchase of election security firewall and enclosed trailer for election equipment.	\$35,410.00

For questions regarding individual project eligibility, the scope of an approved project, or the 2023 SHSP grant, please contact:

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Ashley Paulsrud, Grants/Finance Section Chief
Wyoming Office of Homeland Security
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ATTACHMENT B: AGREEMENT ARTICLES

GRANTEE: Wyoming Office of Homeland Security
PROGRAM: Homeland Security Grant Program
AGREEMENT NUMBER: EMW-2023-SS-00061-S01

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Article I - Summary Description of Award

The purpose of the FY 2023 HSGP is to support state and local efforts to prevent terrorism and other catastrophic events and to prepare the Nation for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of the United States. The HSGP provides funding to implement investments that build, sustain, and deliver the 32 core capabilities essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient Nation. Among the five basic homeland security missions noted in the DHS Quadrennial Homeland Security Review, HSGP supports the goal to Strengthen National Preparedness and Resilience. The building, sustainment, and delivery of these core capabilities are not exclusive to any single level of government, organization, or community, but rather, require the combined effort of the whole community. This HSGP award consists of State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) funding in the amount of \$4,847,500. This grant program funds a range of activities, including planning, organization, equipment purchase, training, exercises, and management and administration across all core capabilities and mission areas.

Article II - HSGP Performance Goal

In addition to the Biannual Strategy Implementation Report (BSIR) submission requirements outlined in the Preparedness Grants Manual, recipients must demonstrate how the grant-funded project addressed the core capability gap associated with this project and identified in the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Analysis (THIRA) or Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR) or sustains existing capabilities as applicable. The capability gap reduction must be addressed in the Project Description of the BSIR for each project.

Article III - DHS Standard Terms and Conditions Generally

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 DHS Standard Terms and Conditions apply to all new federal financial assistance awards funded in FY 2023. These terms and conditions flow down to subrecipients unless an award term or condition specifically indicates otherwise. The United States has the right to seek judicial enforcement of these obligations. All legislation and digital resources are referenced with no digital links. The FY 2023 DHS Standard Terms and Conditions will be housed on dhs.gov at www.dhs.gov/publication/fy15-dhs-standard-terms-and-conditions.

Article IV - Assurances, Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, Representations and Certifications

I. DHS financial assistance recipients must complete either the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Standard Form 424B Assurances Non-Construction Programs, or OMB Standard Form 424D Assurances Construction Programs, as applicable. Certain assurances in these documents may not be applicable to your program, and the DHS financial assistance office (DHS FAO) may require applicants to certify additional assurances. Applicants are required to fill out the assurances as instructed by the awarding agency.

II. DHS financial assistance recipients are required to follow the applicable provisions of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards located at Title 2, Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 200 and adopted by DHS at 2 C.F.R. Part 3002.

III. By accepting this agreement, recipients, and their executives, as defined in 2 C.F.R. section 170.315, certify that their policies are in accordance with OMBs guidance located at 2 C.F.R. Part 200, all applicable federal laws, and relevant Executive guidance.

Article V - General Acknowledgements and Assurances

All recipients, subrecipients, successors, transferees, and assignees must acknowledge and agree to comply with applicable provisions governing DHS access to records, accounts, documents, information, facilities, and staff.

I. Recipients must cooperate with any DHS compliance reviews or compliance investigations conducted by DHS.

II. Recipients must give DHS access to examine and copy records, accounts, and other documents and sources of information related to the federal financial assistance award and permit access to facilities or personnel.

III. Recipients must submit timely, complete, and accurate reports to the appropriate DHS officials and maintain appropriate backup documentation to support the reports.

IV. Recipients must comply with all other special reporting, data collection, and evaluation requirements, as prescribed by law, or detailed in program guidance.

V. Recipients (as defined in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 and including recipients acting as pass-through entities) of federal financial assistance from DHS or one of its awarding component agencies must complete the DHS Civil Rights Evaluation Tool within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Notice of Award for the first award under which this term applies. Recipients of multiple awards of DHS financial assistance should only submit one completed tool for their organization, not per award. After the initial submission, recipients are required to complete the tool once every two (2) years if they have an active award, not every time an award is made. Recipients should submit the completed tool, including supporting materials, to CivilRightsEvaluation@hq.dhs.gov. This tool clarifies the civil rights obligations and related reporting requirements contained in the DHS Standard Terms and Conditions. Subrecipients are not required to complete and submit this tool to DHS. The evaluation tool can be found at <https://www.dhs.gov/publication/dhs-civil-rights-evaluation-tool>. DHS Civil Rights Evaluation Tool | Homeland Security

The DHS Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties will consider, in its discretion, granting an extension if the recipient identifies steps and a timeline for completing the tool. Recipients should request extensions by emailing the request to CivilRightsEvaluation@hq.dhs.gov prior to expiration of the 30-day deadline.

Article VI - Acknowledgement of Federal Funding from DHS

Recipients must acknowledge their use of federal funding when issuing statements, press releases, requests for proposal, bid invitations, and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or in part with federal funds.

Article VII - Activities Conducted Abroad

Recipients must ensure that project activities performed outside the United States are coordinated as necessary with appropriate government authorities and that appropriate licenses, permits, or approvals are obtained.

Article VIII - Age Discrimination Act of 1975

Recipients must comply with the requirements of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Public Law 94-135 (1975) (codified as amended at Title 42, U.S. Code, section 6101 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

Article IX - Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

Recipients must comply with the requirements of Titles I, II, and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Pub. L. 101-336 (1990) (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. sections 12101-12213), which prohibits recipients from discriminating on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities.

Article X - Best Practices for Collection and Use of Personally Identifiable Information

Recipients who collect personally identifiable information (PII) are required to have a publicly available privacy policy that describes standards on the usage and maintenance of the PII they collect. DHS defines PII as any information that permits the identity of an individual to be directly or indirectly inferred, including any information that is linked or linkable to that individual. Recipients may also find the DHS Privacy Impact Assessments: Privacy Guidance and Privacy Template as useful resources respectively.

Article XI - Civil Rights Act of 1964 - Title VI

Recipients must comply with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. section 2000d et seq.), which provides that no person in the United States will, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. DHS implementing regulations for the Act are found at 6 C.F.R. Part 21 and 44 C.F.R. Part 7.

Article XII - Civil Rights Act of 1968

Recipients must comply with Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, Pub. L. 90-284, as amended through Pub. L. 113-4, which prohibits recipients from discriminating in the sale, rental, financing, and advertising of dwellings, or in the provision of services in connection therewith, on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, familial status, and sex (see 42 U.S.C. section 3601 et seq.), as implemented by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at 24 C.F.R. Part 100. The prohibition on disability discrimination includes the requirement that new multifamily housing with four or more dwelling units-i.e., the public and common use areas and individual apartment units (all units in buildings with elevators and ground-floor units in buildings without elevators)-be designed and constructed with certain accessible features. (See 24 C.F.R. Part 100, Subpart D.)

Article XIII - Copyright

Recipients must affix the applicable copyright notices of 17 U.S.C. sections 401 or 402 and an acknowledgement of U.S. Government sponsorship (including the award number) to any work first produced under federal financial assistance awards.

Article XIV - Debarment and Suspension

Recipients are subject to the non-procurement debarment and suspension regulations implementing Executive Orders (E.O.) 12549 and 12689, which are at 2 C.F.R. Part 180 as adopted by DHS at 2 C.F.R. Part 3002. These regulations restrict federal financial assistance awards, subawards, and contracts with certain parties that are debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs or activities.

Article XV - Drug-Free Workplace Regulations

Recipients must comply with drug-free workplace requirements in Subpart B (or Subpart C, if the recipient is an individual) of 2 C.F.R. Part 3001, which adopts the Government-wide implementation (2 C.F.R. Part 182) of Sec. 5152-5158 of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (41 U.S.C. sections 8101-8106).

Article XVI - Duplication of Benefits

Any cost allocable to a particular federal financial assistance award provided for in 2

C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E may not be charged to other federal financial assistance awards to overcome fund deficiencies; to avoid restrictions imposed by federal statutes, regulations, or federal financial assistance award terms and conditions; or for other reasons. However, these prohibitions would not preclude recipients from shifting costs that are allowable under two or more awards in accordance with existing federal statutes, regulations, or the federal financial assistance award terms and conditions may not be charged to other federal financial assistance awards to overcome fund deficiencies; to avoid restrictions imposed by federal statutes, regulations, or federal financial assistance award terms and conditions; or for other reasons.

Article XVII - Education Amendments of 1972 (Equal Opportunity in Education Act) - Title IX

Recipients must comply with the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Pub. L. 92-318 (1972) (codified as amended at 20 U.S.C. section 1681 et seq.), which provide that no person in the United States will, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. DHS implementing regulations are codified at 6 C.F.R. Part 17 and 44 C.F.R. Part 19.

Article XVIII - E.O. 14074 - Advancing Effective, Accountable Policing and Criminal Justice Practices to Enhance Public Trust and Public Safety

Recipient State, Tribal, local, or territorial law enforcement agencies must comply with the requirements of section 12(c) of E.O. 14074. Recipient State, Tribal, local, or territorial law enforcement agencies are also encouraged to adopt and enforce policies consistent with E.O. 14074 to support safe and effective policing.

Article XIX - Energy Policy and Conservation Act

Recipients must comply with the requirements of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, Pub. L. 94- 163 (1975) (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. section 6201 et seq.), which contain policies relating to energy efficiency that are defined in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with this Act.

Article XX - False Claims Act and Program Fraud Civil Remedies

Recipients must comply with the requirements of the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. sections 3729- 3733, which prohibit the submission of false or fraudulent claims for payment to the Federal Government. (See 31 U.S.C. sections 3801-3812, which details the administrative remedies for false claims and statements made.)

Article XXI - Federal Debt Status

All recipients are required to be non-delinquent in their repayment of any federal debt. Examples of relevant debt include delinquent payroll and other taxes, audit disallowances, and benefit overpayments. (See OMB Circular A-129.)

Article XXII - Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging while Driving

Recipients are encouraged to adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging while driving as described in E.O. 13513, including conducting initiatives described in Section 3(a) of the Order when on official government business or when performing any work for or on behalf of the Federal Government.

Article XXIII - Fly America Act of 1974

Recipients must comply with Preference for U.S. Flag Air Carriers (air carriers holding certificates under 49 U.S.C.) for international air transportation of people and property to the extent that such service is available, in accordance with the International Air Transportation Fair Competitive Practices Act of 1974, 49 U.S.C. section 40118, and the interpretative guidelines issued by the Comptroller General of the United States in the March 31, 1981, amendment to Comptroller General Decision B-138942.

Article XXIV - Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990

Recipients must ensure that all conference, meeting, convention, or training space funded in whole or in part with federal funds complies with the fire prevention and control guidelines of Section 6 of the Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990, 15 U.S.C. section 2225a.

Article XXV - John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2019

Recipients, subrecipients, and their contractors and subcontractors are subject to the prohibitions described in section 889 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2019, Pub. L. No. 115-232 (2018) and 2 C.F.R.

sections 200.216, 200.327, 200.471, and Appendix II to 2 C.F.R. Part 200. Beginning August 13, 2020, the statute - as it applies to DHS recipients, subrecipients, and their contractors and subcontractors - prohibits obligating or expending federal award funds on certain telecommunications and video surveillance products and contracting with certain entities for national security reasons.

Article XXVI - Limited English Proficiency (Civil Rights Act of 1964 - Title VI)

Recipients must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (42 U.S.C. section 2000d et seq.) prohibition against discrimination on the basis of national origin, which requires that recipients of federal financial assistance take reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to persons with limited English proficiency (LEP) to their programs and services. For additional assistance and information regarding language access obligations, please refer to the DHS Recipient Guidance: <https://www.dhs.gov/guidance-published-help-department-supported-organizations-provide-meaningful-access-people-limited> and additional resources on <http://www.lep.gov>.

Article XXVII - Lobbying Prohibitions

Recipients must comply with 31 U.S.C. section 1352, which provides that none of the funds provided under a federal financial assistance award may be expended by the recipient to pay any person to influence, or attempt to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with any federal action related to a federal award or contract, including any extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification.

Article XXVIII - National Environmental Policy Act

Recipients must comply with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, (NEPA) Pub. L. 91-190 (1970) (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. section 4321 et seq.) and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA, which require recipients to use all practicable means within their authority, and consistent with other essential considerations of national policy, to create and maintain conditions under which people and nature can exist in productive harmony and fulfill the social, economic, and other needs of present and future generations of Americans.

Article XXIX - Nondiscrimination in Matters Pertaining to Faith-Based Organizations

It is DHS policy to ensure the equal treatment of faith-based organizations in social service programs administered or supported by DHS or its component agencies, enabling those organizations to participate in providing important social services to beneficiaries. Recipients must comply with the equal treatment policies and requirements contained in 6 C.F.R. Part 19 and other applicable statutes, regulations, and guidance governing the participations of faith-based organizations in individual DHS programs.

Article XXX - Non-Supplanting Requirement

Recipients receiving federal financial assistance awards made under programs that prohibit supplanting by law must ensure that federal funds do not replace (supplant) funds that have been budgeted for the same purpose through non-federal sources.

Article XXXI - Notice of Funding Opportunity Requirements

All the instructions, guidance, limitations, and other conditions set forth in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for this program are incorporated here by reference in the award terms and conditions. All recipients must comply with any such requirements set forth in the program NOFO.

Article XXXII - Patents and Intellectual Property Rights

Recipients are subject to the Bayh-Dole Act, 35 U.S.C. section 200 et seq, unless otherwise provided by law. Recipients are subject to the specific requirements governing the development, reporting, and disposition of rights to inventions and patents resulting from federal financial assistance awards located at 37 C.F.R. Part 401 and the standard patent rights clause located at 37 C.F.R. section 401.14.

Article XXXIII - Procurement of Recovered Materials

States, political subdivisions of states, and their contractors must comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, Pub. L. 89-272 (1965), (codified as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. section 6962.)

The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 C.F.R. Part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition.

Article XXXIV - Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Recipients must comply with the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Pub. L. 93-112 (1973) (codified as amended at 29 U.S.C. section 794), which provides that no otherwise qualified handicapped individuals in the United States will, solely by reason of the handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

Article XXXV - Reporting of Matters Related to Recipient Integrity and Performance

General Reporting Requirements:

If the total value of any currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts from all federal awarding agencies exceeds \$10,000,000 for any period of time during the period of performance of this federal award, then the recipients must comply with the requirements set forth in the government-wide Award Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters located at 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix XII, the full text of which is incorporated here by reference in the award terms and conditions.

Article XXXVI - Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation

Reporting of first tier subawards:

Recipients are required to comply with the requirements set forth in the government-wide award term on Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation located at 2 C.F.R. Part 170, Appendix A, the full text of which is incorporated here by reference in the award terms and conditions.

Article XXXVII - Required Use of American Iron, Steel, Manufactured Products, and Construction Materials

Recipients must comply with the Build America, Buy America provisions of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and E.O. 14005. Recipients of an award of Federal financial assistance from a program for infrastructure are hereby notified that none of the funds provided under this award may be used for a project for infrastructure unless:

- (1) all iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States-this means all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States;
- (2) all manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States-this means the manufactured product was manufactured in the United States; and the cost of the components of the manufactured product that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States is greater than 55 percent of the total cost of all components of the manufactured product, unless another standard for determining the minimum amount of domestic content of the manufactured product has been established under applicable law or regulation; and
- (3) all construction materials are manufactured in the United States-this means that all manufacturing processes for the construction material occurred in the United States.

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

Waivers

When necessary, recipients may apply for, and the agency may grant, a waiver from these requirements. Information on the process for requesting a waiver from these requirements is on the website below.

(a) When the Federal agency has made a determination that one of the following exceptions applies, the awarding official may waive the application of the domestic content procurement preference in any case in which the agency determines that:

- (1) applying the domestic content procurement preference would be inconsistent with the public interest;
- (2) the types of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of a satisfactory quality; or

(3) the inclusion of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent.

A request to waive the application of the domestic content procurement preference must be in writing. The agency will provide instructions on the format, contents, and supporting materials required for any waiver request. Waiver requests are subject to public comment periods of no less than 15 days and must be reviewed by the Made in America Office.

There may be instances where an award qualifies, in whole or in part, for an existing waiver described at "Buy America" Preference in FEMA Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure | FEMA.gov.

The awarding Component may provide specific instructions to Recipients of awards from infrastructure programs that are subject to the Build America, Buy America provisions. Recipients should refer to the Notice of Funding Opportunity for further information on the Buy America preference and waiver process.

Article XXXVIII - SAFECOM

Recipients receiving federal financial assistance awards made under programs that provide emergency communication equipment and its related activities must comply with the SAFECOM Guidance for Emergency Communication Grants, including provisions on technical standards that ensure and enhance interoperable communications.

Article XXXIX - Terrorist Financing

Recipients must comply with E.O. 13224 and U.S. laws that prohibit transactions with, and the provisions of resources and support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism. Recipients are legally responsible to ensure compliance with the Order and laws.

Article XL - Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA)

Trafficking in Persons:

Recipients must comply with the requirements of the government-wide financial assistance award term which implements Section 106 (g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), codified as amended at 22 U.S.C. section 7104. The award term is located at 2 C.F.R. section 175.15, the full text of which is incorporated here by reference.

Article XLI - Universal Identifier and System of Award Management

Requirements for System for Award Management and Unique Entity Identifier Recipients are required to comply with the requirements set forth in the government-wide financial assistance award term regarding the System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements located at 2 C.F.R. Part 25, Appendix A, the full text of which is incorporated here by reference.

Article XLII - USA PATRIOT Act of 2001

Recipients must comply with requirements of Section 817 of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 (USA PATRIOT Act), which amends 18 U.S.C. sections 175-175c.

Article XLIII - Use of DHS Seal, Logo and Flags

Recipients must obtain permission from their DHS FAO prior to using the DHS seal(s), logos, crests or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials, including use of the United States Coast Guard seal, logo, crests or reproductions of flags or likenesses of Coast Guard officials.

Article XLIV - Whistleblower Protection Act

Recipients must comply with the statutory requirements for whistleblower protections (if applicable) at 10 U.S.C section 2409, 41 U.S.C. section 4712, and 10 U.S.C. section 2324, 41 U.S.C. sections 4304 and 4310.

Article XLV - Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (EHP) Review

DHS/FEMA funded activities that may require an Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (EHP) review are subject to the FEMA EHP review process. This review does not address all federal, state, and local requirements. Acceptance of federal funding requires the recipient to comply with all federal, state and local laws.

DHS/FEMA is required to consider the potential impacts to natural and cultural resources of all projects funded by DHS/FEMA grant funds, through its EHP review process, as mandated by: the National Environmental Policy Act; National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended; National Flood Insurance Program regulations; and any other applicable laws and executive orders. General guidance for FEMA's EHP process is available on the DHS/FEMA Website. Specific applicant guidance on how to submit information for EHP review depends on the individual grant program and applicants should contact their grant Program Officer to be put into contact with EHP staff responsible for assisting their specific grant program. The EHP review process must be completed before funds are released to carry out the proposed project; otherwise, DHS/FEMA may not be able to fund the project due to noncompliance with EHP laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies.

If ground disturbing activities occur during construction, applicant will monitor ground disturbance, and if any potential archaeological resources are discovered the applicant will immediately cease work in that area and notify the pass-through entity, if applicable, and DHS/FEMA.

Article XLVI - Applicability of DHS Standard Terms and Conditions to Tribes

The DHS Standard Terms and Conditions are a restatement of general requirements imposed upon recipients and flow down to sub-recipients as a matter of law, regulation, or executive order. If the requirement does not apply to Indian tribes or there is a federal law or regulation exempting its application to Indian tribes, then the acceptance by Tribes of, or acquiescence to, DHS Standard Terms and Conditions does not change or alter its inapplicability to an Indian tribe. The execution of grant documents is not intended to change, alter, amend, or impose additional liability or responsibility upon the Tribe where it does not already exist.

Article XLVII - Acceptance of Post Award Changes

In the event FEMA determines that changes are necessary to the award document after an award has been made, including changes to period of performance or terms and conditions, recipients will be notified of the changes in writing. Once notification has been made, any subsequent request for funds will indicate recipient acceptance of the changes to the award. Please call the FEMA/GMD Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to: ASK-GMD@fema.dhs.gov if you have any questions.

Article XLVIII - Disposition of Equipment Acquired Under the Federal Award

For purposes of original or replacement equipment acquired under this award by a non-state recipient or non-state sub-recipients, when that equipment is no longer needed for the original project or program or for other activities currently or previously supported by a federal awarding agency, you must request instructions from FEMA to make proper disposition of the equipment pursuant to 2 C.F.R. section 200.313. State recipients and state sub-recipients must follow the disposition requirements in accordance with state laws and procedures.

Article XLIX - Prior Approval for Modification of Approved Budget

Before making any change to the FEMA approved budget for this award, you must request prior written approval from FEMA where required by 2 C.F.R. section 200.308.

For purposes of non-construction projects, FEMA is utilizing its discretion to impose an additional restriction under 2 C.F.R. section 200.308(f) regarding the transfer of funds among direct cost categories, programs, functions, or activities. Therefore, for awards with an approved budget where the federal share is greater than the simplified acquisition threshold (currently \$250,000), you may not transfer funds among direct cost categories, programs, functions, or activities without prior written approval from FEMA where the cumulative amount of such transfers exceeds or is expected to exceed ten percent (10%) of the total budget FEMA last approved.

For purposes of awards that support both construction and non-construction work, FEMA is utilizing its discretion under 2 C.F.R. section 200.308(h)(5) to require the recipient to obtain prior written approval from FEMA before making any fund or budget transfers between the two types of work.

You must report any deviations from your FEMA approved budget in the first Federal Financial Report (SF-425) you submit following any budget deviation, regardless of whether the budget deviation requires prior written approval.

Article L - Indirect Cost Rate

2 C.F.R. section 200.211(b)(15) requires the terms of the award to include the indirect cost rate for the federal award. If applicable, the indirect cost rate for this award is stated in the budget documents or other materials approved by FEMA and included in the award file.