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State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP)

Fiscal Year 2023

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Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

between

RECIPIENT
State of North Carolina
Department of Public Safety
Emergency Management (NCEM)
1636 Gold Star Dr
Raleigh, NC 27607

SUBRECIPIENT
Caldwell County
905 West Avenue Northwest
Lenoir, NC 28645 Caldwell
Tax ID/EIN #:566001967
UEID #: HL4FGNJNGE97

MOA #: 23SLCGP603 **Award amount:** $200,000.00

Cost center: 102642-0-0-6023-19GH000601

Period of performance (POP): December 1, 2023 to February 28, 2027

1. **Purpose**
   The purpose of this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is to establish responsibilities and procedures to implement the terms and conditions of the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP). More information about SLCGP is available at: State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program | FEMA.gov and https://www.ncdps.gov/SLCGP.

   This MOA is to set forth terms by which RECIPIENT shall provide SLCGP funding to SUBRECIPIENT to fund projects related to meeting State and Local Cybersecurity Objectives as identified in the Department of Homeland Security Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for FY2023 SLCGP. See Attachment 1 for a detailed description of the approved scope of work for the approved project(s) for this grant. The scope of work is the approved Application as submitted by SUBRECIPIENT with any amendments approved by RECIPIENT.

2. **Program Authorization and Regulations**
   This MOA is authorized under the provisions of: (1) Section 2220A of the *Homeland Security Act of 2002* (Pub. L. No. 107-296, as amended) (6 U.S.C. § 665g), (2) *Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Appropriations Act* (Pub. L. No. 117-58), (3) FY 2023 SLCGP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), (4) applicable FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Information Bulletins (see https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/about/informational-bulletins), and (5) *NC Emergency Management Act*, North Carolina General Statutes (N.C.G.S.) Chapter 166A.

   The funds awarded under this grant must be used in compliance with all applicable federal, state, local and tribal laws and regulations. By accepting this award, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to use these funds in a manner consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

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3. Funding

All terms and conditions of this MOA are dependent upon and subject to the allocation of funds from DHS and NCEM for the purposes set forth, and the MOA shall automatically terminate if funds cease to be available.

Allowable costs shall be determined in accordance with applicable DHS Program Guidelines, which include, but may not be limited to, the FY2023 SLCGP NOFO, 2 CFR 200 Subpart E, Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) Part 31.2, OMB Circulars A-21, and applicable DHS and FEMA financial management guidance available at https://www.dhs.gov/dhs-grants and https://www.fema.gov/grants/guidance-tools. Allowable costs are also subject to the approval of the State Administrative Agency (SAA) for the State of North Carolina, the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety.

4. Funding Eligibility Criteria

Federal funds administered through RECIPIENT (NCEM on behalf of State of North Carolina) are available to local governments to assist in the cost of developing and maintaining a comprehensive Cybersecurity preparedness posture program.

Local government entities are defined in N.C.G.S. 159-44 as: "*counties; cities, towns, and incorporated villages; consolidated city-counties, as defined by G.S. 160B-2(1); sanitary districts; mosquito control districts; hospital districts; merged school administrative units described in G.S. 115C-513; metropolitan sewerage districts; metropolitan water districts; metropolitan water and sewerage districts; county water and sewer districts; regional public transportation authorities; and special airport districts*." Community colleges are included in the definition of *local government entities* for purposes of FY23 SLCGP per N.C.G.S. 143-800(c)(1). Federally recognized tribes are also included as eligible local government pass-through entities per the FY23 SLCGP NOFO.

Continued SLCGP funding is contingent upon completion of all SLCGP funding requirements. The following eligibility criteria must be adhered to during the entire duration of the grant program:

SUBRECIPIENT must:

A. Be established as a local government entity as defined above by appropriate resolution/ordinance.

B. Have a Unique Identity ID (UEID) prior to any funds being released. UEID may be obtained from http://www.sam.gov.

C. Ensure their organization is registered with the System for Award Management (SAM) and that their organization maintains an active SAM registration, i.e. renewed annually. Every applicant is required to have their name, address, and UEID up to date in SAM, and the UEID used in SAM must be the same one used to apply for all FEMA awards. SAM information can be found at http://www.sam.gov. Future payments will be contingent on the information provided in SAM; therefore, it is imperative that the information is correct, and that an active SAM registration is properly maintained.

D. Complete any procurement(s) and expenditures no later than 02/28/27.

E. Submit RFR with all required documentation attached. RFRs will not be processed unless/until annual report submissions are current. See SUBRECIPIENT paragraph 9.G. below.

5. Compensation

RECIPIENT agrees that it will pay SUBRECIPIENT compensation for eligible services rendered by SUBRECIPIENT. Payment to SUBRECIPIENT for expenditures under this MOA will be reimbursed after SUBRECIPIENT's RFR is submitted and approved for eligible scope of work activity. Grant funds will be disbursed (according to the approved project budget) upon receipt of evidence that funds have been invoiced, products or services received (i.e., invoices, contracts, itemized expenses, etc.), and proof of payment is provided. Final RFR must be submitted no later 03/31/27, unless period of performance (POP) is extended. The original signed copy of this MOA must be signed by the Official(s) authorized to sign below and returned to RECIPIENT no later than 45 days after the MOA has been submitted for execution.

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This MOA shall be effective upon return of execution from SUBRECIPIENT and final approval by RECIPIENT. Upon final approval of this MOA by RECIPIENT, POP for this grant is 12/01/23 - 02/28/27. Grant funds will be disbursed upon receipt of evidence that funds have been invoiced, products or services received, and proof of payment is provided. Any unexpended grant funds remaining after end of POP revert to RECIPIENT.

SUBRECIPIENT:

A. Understands and acknowledges that total funding level available under this MOA will not exceed the awarded amount. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that they are further prohibited from sub-granting these funds. Attachment 1 and any approved amendments constitute the approved scope of work for this grant award.

B. Understands and agrees that funding shall be subject to the availability of appropriated funds, pursuant to N.C.G.S 143C-1-1. However, in the event of MOA termination due to lack of adequate appropriated funds, RECIPIENT will ensure that it will pay for services and goods acquired and obligated on or before the notice of agreement termination.

C. Must meet all funding requirements contained herein. Non-compliance may result in denial of reimbursement request(s) or suspension/revocation of grant funds awarded for this project. See also paragraph 35 below regarding compliance.

6. Conditions

Funding is contingent upon completion of all funding requirements. The following conditions must be adhered to during the entire duration of the grant program.

A. SUBRECIPIENT must:

i. Complete any procurements, expenditures, and receipt of goods or services within the POP. This includes software subscriptions, which even if paid for during the POP must be pro-rated so that the subscription period reimbursed is only for the duration of the POP.
ii. No Match Requirement. SUBRECIPIENT is not required to provide matching funds in cash or in-kind for this award.
iii. SUBRECIPIENT must submit requests for reimbursement with all required documentation attached in *Salesforce*. Once RECIPIENT is satisfied that SUBRECIPIENT has provided all required documentation, the requested distributions can be processed for payment. The distributions of funds will be coded to cost center 102642-0-0-6023-19GH000601 in the North Carolina Financial System (NCFS). See SUBRECIPIENT paragraph 9.E.

B. Required Documents/Forms. GRANTEE must submit the following documents to GRANTOR in *Salesforce* upon execution of this MOA. This is not required if GRANTEE has previously submitted these documents to GRANTOR for this or any other grant; however, if any of these documents are not current, GRANTEE must submit updated document(s) in *Salesforce*:

i. W-9 (09 NCAC 03M .0202)
ii. Electronic Payment / Vendor Verification Form (09 NCAC 03M .0202)
iii. Conflict of Interest Policy (G.S. 143C-6-23.(b))
iv. Sworn (Notarized) No Overdue Tax Debt Certification (G.S. 143C-6-23.(c))
v. SUBRECIPIENT Procurement Policy

C. Annual Progress Reports. Provide annual progress reports to RECIPIENT in *Salesforce* using the Annual Progress Report form (Attachment 2) by: 07/31/25; 07/31/26; and, with final reimbursement request (RFR) submitted per SUBRECIPIENT paragraph 9.G. below.

Even if there are no expenditures an annual progress report must be submitted by SUBRECIPIENT to update their progress toward completion of approved scope of work specified in Attachment 1 and any approved amendments. If SUBRECIPIENT closes their award prior to end of POP, no further annual reports are required.

D. Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (NCSR). SUBRECIPIENT is required to complete the NCSR, administered by the MS-ISAC, during the first year of this grant award POP and annually thereafter through the last year of this grant award POP.

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Three NCSRs are required as follows:

NCSR	Completion Period
2024	10/01/2024 - 02/28/2025
2025	10/01/2025 - 02/28/2026
2026	10/01/2026 - 02/28/2027

If SUBRECIPIENT closes their award prior to end of POP no further annual reports are required.

E. Required Services and Memberships.

Cyber Hygiene Services (CHS):

- Web Application Scanning is an "internet scanning-as-a-service." This service assesses the "health" of your publicly accessible web applications by checking for known vulnerabilities and weak configurations. Additionally, CISA can recommend ways to enhance security in accordance with industry and government best practices and standards.
- Vulnerability Scanning evaluates external network presence by executing continuous scans of public, static IPs for accessible services and vulnerabilities. This service provides weekly vulnerability reports and ad-hoc alerts. To register for these services, email vulnerability_info@cisa.dhs.gov with the subject line "Requesting Cyber Hygiene Services – SLCGP" to get started. Indicate in the body of your email that you are requesting this service as part of the SLGCP. For more information, visit CISA's Cyber Hygiene Information Page.
- SUBRECIPIENT is required to certify CHS compliance and provide proof of CHS compliance upon request of RECIPIENT.

7. Supplantation

Subrecipients are required to assure and certify that these grant funds will not be used to supplant or replace local or state funds or other resources that would otherwise have been available cybersecurity activities. Subrecipients may be required to supply documentation certifying that a reduction in non-federal resources occurred for reasons other than the receipt or expected receipt of federal funds.

8. Scope of Work

SUBRECIPIENT shall implement the SLCGP project specified in Attachment 1 and as described in the approved project application, including the project objective SUBRECIPIENT selected in the application. That application is hereby incorporated by reference into this MOA.

Documentation to be provided throughout POP:

A. Annual reports, per paragraph 6.C. above.

B. Annual NCSR, per paragraph 6.D. above.

C. CHS compliance upon request of RECIPIENT, per paragraph 6.E. above.

D. SUBRECIPIENT-involved legal action that pertains to any goods or services purchased with grant funds.

E. Copies of any audits and corrective actions pertaining to these grant funds or any other funds provided to SUBRECIPIENT by RECIPIENT.

F. After-action report from exercises in accordance with Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program Doctrine (HSEEP).

G. Training course roster, description, and syllabus.

H. All legible and complete invoices and receipts detailing the expenditures associated with the project. Receipts must contain the following information:

i. Name and address of the vendor or establishment providing the product or service.

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ii. Vendor/Payee invoice number, account number, and any other unique meaningful identifying number.
iii. Date product received or service provided.
iv. Itemized description of all products or services.
v. Unit price of products or services (if applicable).
vi. Total amount of eligible expenditures.
vii. Copy of executed contract/subcontract agreement (if applicable).
viii. Proof of payment of expenses associated with the project.

I. Any other documentation requested by RECIPIENT.

9. Responsibilities

RECIPIENT:

A. RECIPIENT shall provide funding to SUBRECIPIENT to perform the activities as described herein.

B. RECIPIENT shall conduct a review of the project to ensure that it is in accordance with SLCGP requirements.

C. RECIPIENT shall monitor the completion of the approved scope of work as specified in Attachment 1 and any approved amendments.

D. RECIPIENT has obligated the funding for this MOA within 45 days of acceptance of the federal award by signing this MOA.

E. RECIPIENT shall provide required annual progress report form (Attachment 2) and provide cost report forms required for reimbursement subsequent to execution of this MOA (See SUBRECIPIENT paragraph 9.G.).

SUBRECIPIENT:

A. This MOA must be signed and returned to RECIPIENT within 45 days after SUBRECIPIENT receives this MOA. The grant shall be effective upon return of the MOA.

B. SUBRECIPIENT shall expend FY 2023 SLCGP Grant Program funds in accordance with the FY2023 SLCGP NOFO, the grant application, and this MOA.

C. Procurement.

i. SUBRECIPIENT shall utilize State of North Carolina and/or local procurement policies and procedures for the expenditure of funds and conform to applicable state and federal law and the standards identified in 2 CFR 200.317 – 200.327.
ii. SUBRECIPIENT must follow procurement procedures and policies as outlined in the applicable FY2023 SLCGP NOFO, Appendix II of 2 CFR Part 200-Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards, and the 2024 FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations and program guidance. SUBRECIPIENT must comply with the most recent version of the funding administrative requirements, cost principles, and audit requirements.
iii. Administrative and procurement practices must conform to applicable federal requirements. A non-exclusive list of regulations commonly applicable to DHS grants are listed below, codified in the following guidance: 15 CFR Part 24; Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR), Part 31.2; 28 CFR Part 23 "Criminal Intelligence Systems Operating Policies"; 49 CFR Part 1520 "Sensitive Security Information"; Public Law 107-296, The Critical Infrastructure Act of 2002; Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000 et. seq.; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1681 et. seq; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. 794; The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 6101 et. seq.; Cash Management Improvement Act (CMIA) and its implementing regulations at 31 CFR Part 205; FEMA Grant Programs Directorate, Grants Management Division, Match Guidance; Certifications and Assurances regarding Lobbying 31 U.S.C. 1352, Drug-Free Workplace Act, as amended, 41 U.S.C. 701 et. seq. and Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements, Debarment and Suspension Executive Orders 12549 and 12689 and certification regarding debarment, suspension and other responsibility matters; 28 CFR Parts 66, 67, 69, 70 and 83; and Grant Award and Special Conditions documents.

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iv. Mini-Brooks Act. Subrecipients that are governmental entities or otherwise subject to the requirements of the Local Government Commission (LGC) per 20 NCAC 03 are required under North Carolina law to follow rules and regulations in the "Mini-Brooks Act", G.S. 143-64.31, for the procurement of certain professional services performed by architects, engineers, surveyors, and construction managers at risk.
v. Conflicts of Interest. See paragraph M.iii. below.
vi. Complete all procurement by February 28, 2027.

D. Comply with current federal laws and suspension and debarment regulations pursuant to 2 CFR 200.213 – 200.214, 2 CFR Part 180 and U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Guidance, which requires in pertinent part that when a non-federal entity enters into a covered transaction with an entity at a lower tier, the non-federal entity must verify that the entity is not suspended or debarred or otherwise excluded.

SUBRECIPIENT shall be responsible to ensure that it has checked the federal System for Awards Management (SAM), https://sam.gov/content/exclusions and the State Debarred Vendors Listing, https://ncadmin.nc.gov/documents/nc-debarred-vendors, to verify that contractors or subrecipients have not been suspended or debarred from doing business with the federal government.

E. Per 09 NCAC 03M, agencies shall not disburse any state financial assistance to an entity that is on the Suspension of Funding List (SOFL)**.** OSBM maintains the SOFL. The SOFL is updated on a weekly basis. SUBRECIPIENT is prohibited under this MOA from procurement, and/or contracting with any entity listed on the SOFL using these grant funds.

F. Indirect Costs. No indirect or administrative costs will be charged to this award. See 2 CFR 200.332(a).

G. Requests for Reimbursement (RFR). Submit RFR for items or services received in *Salesforce*. RECIPIENT will reimburse SUBRECIPIENT for eligible costs as outlined in the applicable DHS program guidelines and FY2023 SLCGP NOFO. SUBRECIPIENT must take possession of all purchased equipment and receive any grant-eligible service prior to seeking reimbursement from RECIPIENT. SUBRECIPIENT must submit request for reimbursement within 60 days of payment of invoice. Requests for reimbursement submitted more than 60 days after SUBRECIPIENT payment of invoice may be denied.

RFR must include sufficient documentation that approved expenditures have been properly invoiced and paid by SUBRECIPIENT, and that the products and/or services have in fact been received by SUBRECIPIENT. RFRs must also include a cost report form (supplied by the RECIPIENT) and a summary of all expenditures included in the RFR completed by SUBRECIPIENT. Summary of expenditures should include at a minimum: vendor name, date of purchase, invoice number, total invoice amount, and reimbursable amount.

Refer to RFR webinar for guidance on proper submission of RFRs for FY23 SLCGP. RFRs must be submitted in an unlocked PDF file that does not require a password or any special permissions to open. All documentation attached to RFR submitted in *Salesforce* must be unlocked and named in standard convention discussed in RFR webinar:

Year of Grant + MOA # + Grantee Agency + Type of Document + Date

Example: 23SLCGP145_North County_RFR #1_2024 05 17

H. Funds Management. SUBRECIPIENT agrees that funds paid through this grant shall be accounted for in a separate fund and accounting structure within SUBRECIPIENT's central accounting and grant management system. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to manage all accounts payable disbursements, check register disbursements and related transactions in a detailed manner that supports fully transparent accounting of all financial transactions associated with the funding for this grant.

i. Expenditures for travel mileage, meals, lodging and other travel expenses incurred in the performance of this grant shall be reasonable and supported by documentation. State rates should be used as guidelines. International travel shall not be eligible under this MOA. Subrecipient must have an acceptable local travel regulation plan or accept the state travel regulations. Refer to 2 CFR 200.475 for travel costs.

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ii. If eligible, SUBRECIPIENT shall: (a) ask the North Carolina Department of Revenue for a refund of all sales and use taxes paid by them in the performance of this grant, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 105-164.14; and (b) exclude all refundable sales and use taxes from all reported expenditures.

I. Maintain Required Subrecipient File Documentation as specified in this MOA (Attachment 3). SUBRECIPIENT is required to maintain all records of this grant for three years after termination of the grant, or audit if required, or longer where required by law, as outlined below. SUBRECIPIENT must meet the record retention requirements in 2 CFR 200.334 and must maintain a file for each SLCGP grant award. However, if any litigation, claim or audit has been initiated prior to the expiration of the three-year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims or audit findings involving the records have been resolved. The following files must be available for review by NCEM staff for site visits, project closeout and audits:

i. Resolution/ordinance establishing SUBRECIPIENT as a state or local government entity, or nonprofit organization.
ii. Award letter, MOA, and supporting attachments.
iii. Completed appropriate reports with specifications, solicitations, competitive quotes or proposals, basis for selection decisions, purchase orders, contracts, invoices, and proof(s) of payment.
iv. Audit findings and corrective action plans.

J. Property and Equipment. SUBRECIPIENT shall have sole responsibility for the maintenance, insurance, upkeep, and replacement of any equipment procured pursuant to this MOA as follows:

i. Only allowable equipment listed in the Authorized Equipment List (AEL) for SLCGP are eligible for purchases from this grant. In addition, SUBRECIPIENT will be responsible for obtaining and maintaining all necessary certifications and licenses for the requested equipment.
ii. Property and equipment purchased with SLCGP funds shall be titled to SUBRECIPIENT, unless otherwise specified by NCEM, DHS and/or FEMA. SUBRECIPIENT shall be responsible for the custody and care of any property and equipment purchased with SLCGP funds furnished for use in connection with this MOA, and shall reimburse RECIPIENT for any loss or damage to said property until the property is disposed of in accordance with SLCGP Program requirements. RECIPIENT will not be held responsible for any property purchased under this MOA.
iii. SUBRECIPIENT must utilize all property and equipment as intended in their project application to NCEM. Any variation from this intended use must be requested in writing and approved by NCEM.
iv. RECIPIENT and SUBRECIPIENT shall take an initial physical inventory of any equipment. Equipment is defined as tangible, non-expendable property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of $10,000 or more per unit. SUBRECIPIENT may have property management guidelines that are more restrictive, requiring a unit of equipment with a value of less than $10,000 to be inventoried. If so, such equipment purchased under this award allocation shall be included on the report submitted to RECIPIENT. The grant summary, cost reports with backup documentation, certificate of title, and any other SUBRECIPIENT reports or inventory reports that include information regarding the grant, vendor, invoice number, cost per item, number of items, description, location, condition, and identification number may be used to meet this requirement.
v. SUBRECIPIENT must ensure a control system exists to ensure adequate safeguards to prevent loss, damage, or theft. SUBRECIPIENT shall be responsible for replacing or repairing equipment which is willfully or negligently lost, stolen, damaged, or destroyed. Any loss, damage or theft of the property must be investigated and fully documented and made part of the official project records.
vi. SUBRECIPIENT or equipment owner must ensure adequate maintenance procedures exist to keep the equipment in good condition.
vii. Use. Per 2 CFR 200.313, during the time that equipment is used on the project or program for which it was acquired, SUBRECIPIENT must also make the equipment available for use on other projects or programs currently or previously supported by this or other federal grants, provided that such use will not interfere with the work on the projects or program for which it was originally acquired. First preference for other use must be given to other programs or projects supported by DHS that financed the equipment and second preference must be given to other programs or projects under grants from other federal awarding agencies. NCEM, in conjunction with DHS and/or FEMA, will determine and direct how equipment will be redeployed.

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viii. Disposition Procedures. Unless otherwise directed by RECIPIENT, DHS and/or FEMA, SUBRECIPIENT may dispose of the equipment when the original or replacement equipment acquired under the grant award is no longer needed for the original project or program, or for other activities currently or previously supported by a federal awarding agency. However, SUBRECIPIENT must notify RECIPIENT via *Chatter* in *Salesforce* prior to disposing of any equipment purchased with grant funds. Items with a fair market value of less than $10,000 may be retained, transferred, or otherwise disposed of with prior approval of NCEM and in accordance with disposition requirements in 2 CFR 200.313. Unless otherwise directed by NCEM, DHS and/or FEMA, items with a current per unit standard federal or fair market value in excess of $10,000 may not be retained, transferred, or otherwise disposed of without prior NCEM approval in accordance with disposition requirements in 2 CFR 200.313. SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation that includes the method used to determine current fair market value.

ix. Communications equipment. Investments in emergency communications systems and equipment must meet applicable SAFECOM Guidance recommendations. Such investments must be coordinated with the Statewide Inoperability Coordinator (SIEC) to ensure interoperability and long-term compatibility. In order to align communications technologies with current statewide communications plans, systems, networks, strategies, and emerging technologies, the NCEM Communications Branch requires that purchases made with grant funds meet the standards identified in Attachment 4.

K. The purchase or acquisition of any additional materials, equipment, accessories or supplies, or the provision of any training, exercise, or work activities beyond that identified in the approved scope of work specified in Attachment 1 and any approved amendments, shall be the sole responsibility of SUBRECIPIENT and shall not be reimbursed under this MOA.

L. Conflicts of Interest.

i. State Law. Per N.C.G.S. § 143C-6-23(b), SUBRECIPIENT is required to file with RECIPIENT a copy of SUBRECIPIENT's policy addressing conflicts of interest that may arise involving SUBRECIPIENT's management employees and the members of its board of directors or other governing body. The policy shall address situations in which any of these individuals may directly or indirectly benefit, except as SUBRECIPIENT's employees or members of its board or other governing body, from RECIPIENT's disbursing of grant funds, and shall include actions to be taken by SUBRECIPIENT or the individual, or both, to avoid conflicts of interest and the appearance of impropriety. **The policy shall be filed before RECIPIENT may disburse any grant funds.**

ii. Federal Law – Grant Administration. Per 2 CFR 200.112 and the 2024 FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual, all subrecipients must disclose in writing to NCEM, and attempt to avoid, any real or potential conflict of interest that may arise during the administration of a federal grant award. For purposes of this MOA, conflicts of interest may arise in situations where a subrecipient employee, officer, or agent, any members of his or her immediate family, or his or her partner has a family relationship, close personal relationship, business relationship, or professional relationship, with anybody at DHS, FEMA and/or NCEM involved in the administration of this grant award.

iii. Federal Law – Procurement. Per 2 CFR 200.318 and the 2024 FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual, all subrecipients that are non-federal entities other than states are required to maintain written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing the actions of their employees engaged in the selection, award, and administration of contracts. No employee, officer, or agent may participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a federal award if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest. Such conflicts of interest would arise when the employee, officer, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization that employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract. The officers, employees, and agents of the subrecipient may neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors or parties to subcontracts. However, subrecipients may set standards for situations in which the financial interest is not substantial, or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal value. The standards of conduct must provide for disciplinary actions to be applied for violations of such standards by officers, employees, or agents of the subrecipient. All subrecipients must disclose in writing to NCEM, and attempt to avoid, any real or potential conflicts of interest with respect to procurement, contracting and subcontracting with funds provided under this grant award. Upon request, subrecipients must

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also provide a copy of their standards of conduct policy covering conflicts of interest with respect to procurement, contracting and subcontracting with funds provided under this grant award.

M. Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (EHP) Compliance. Subrecipients shall **not** propose projects that could impact the environment, including, but not limited to, the construction of communication towers, modification or renovation of existing buildings, structures, and facilities, or new construction including replacement of facilities, must participate in the DHS/FEMA EHP review process. Projects requiring EHP reviews are **not** permitted under the federal statute authorizing SLCGP.

N. All materials publicizing or resulting from award activities, including websites, social media and TV/radio, shall contain this acknowledgement: "This project was supported by a federal award from the US Department of Homeland Security, Department of Public Safety, North Carolina Emergency Management." Use of DHS seal(s), logo(s) and flags must be approved by DHS. Printed as a legend, either below or beside the logo(s) shall be the words "Funded by US Department of Homeland Security".

O. Comply with the applicable federal statutes, regulations, policies, guidelines, requirements and certifications as outlined in the FY 2023 SLCGP NOFO and Subaward Notification.

P. DHS Standard Terms and Conditions
SUBRECIPIENT must comply with all applicable provisions of the FY23 DHS Standard Terms and Conditions (Attachment 5). This applies to all new federal financial assistance awards funded in FY23. 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.

Q. Closeout Reporting Requirements. In accordance with 2 CFR 200.344, SUBRECIPIENT must submit to RECIPIENT, no later than 90 calendar days after the end date of the POP, all financial, performance, and other reports as required by the terms and conditions of the federal award, this MOA and FY23 DHS Standard Terms and Conditions (Attachment 5), incorporated by reference herein, for the performance of the activities. This closeout documentation must be submitted in *Salesforce*.

Documentation required

i. A complete accounting of how all grant funds were used.
ii. A Certification stating the funds were used for the purpose appropriated.
iii. A closeout letter indicating that the approved scope of work is complete.
iv. Any other closeout documentation requested by RECIPIENT.
v. SUBRECIPIENT agrees that all program activity results information reported shall be subject to review and authentication and SUBRECIPIENT will provide access to work papers, receipts, invoices and reporting records, if requested by RECIPIENT, as RECIPIENT executes any audit internal audit responsibilities.
vi. Once the complete final performance and financial status report package has been received and evaluated by RECIPIENT, SUBRECIPIENT will receive official notification of MOA close-out from RECIPIENT.
vii. The notification will inform SUBRECIPIENT that RECIPIENT is officially closing the MOA and retaining all MOA files and related material for a period of three (3) years or until all audit exceptions have been resolved, whichever is longer.

10. Taxes

SUBRECIPIENT shall be considered to be an independent subrecipient and as such shall be responsible for ALL taxes. There shall be no reimbursement for taxes incurred by SUBRECIPIENT under this grant. If eligible, SUBRECIPIENT shall: (a) ask the North Carolina Department of Revenue for a refund of all sales and use taxes paid by them in the performance of this grant, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 105-164.14; and (b) exclude all refundable sales and use taxes from all reported expenditures.

11. Warranty

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As an independent subrecipient, SUBRECIPIENT will hold RECIPIENT harmless for any liability and personal injury that may occur from or in connection with the performance of this MOA to the extent permitted by the North Carolina Tort Claims Act. Nothing in this MOA, express or implied, is intended to confer on any other person any rights or remedies in or by reason of this MOA. This MOA does not give any person or entity other than the parties hereto any legal or equitable claim, right or remedy. This MOA is intended for the sole and exclusive benefit of the parties hereto. This MOA is not made for the benefit of any third person or persons. No third party may enforce any part of this MOA or shall have any rights hereunder. This MOA does not create, and shall not be construed as creating, any rights enforceable by any person not a party to this MOA. Nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State of North Carolina.

12. State of North Carolina Reporting Requirements per NCGS 143C-6-23 and 09 NCAC 03M

North Carolina state law (N.C.G.S. 143C-6-23 and 09 NCAC 03M) requires every nongovernmental entity (including non-profit organizations) that receives state or federal pass-through grant funds from state agencies to file annual reports on how those grant funds were used no later than three months after the end of the non-state entity's fiscal year. **Government entities including counties and local governments are not required to file these reports**.

Refer to "State Grant Compliance Reporting Forms" on the following website for instructions and applicable forms for nongovernmental subrecipients (including non-profit organizations) to meet these requirements: https://www.ncdps.gov/our-organization/emergency-management/emergency-management-grants/grants-management-compliance.

13. Audit Requirements

For all federal grant programs, SUBRECIPIENT is responsible for obtaining audits in accordance with 2 CFR 200 Subpart F.

Per 2 CFR 200.501, a subrecipient that receives a combined $1,000,000 or more in funding from all federal funding sources, even those passed through a state agency, must have a single audit conducted in accordance with 2 CFR 200.514 and GAGAS within 9 months of the subrecipient's fiscal year end. SUBRECIPIENT must:

A. Post the single audit conducted in accordance with 2 CFR 200.514 and GAGAS to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse https://harvester.census.gov/facweb/.

B. Submit to DPS Internal Audit (DPS_GrantComplianceReports@ncdps.gov) a single audit prepared and completed in accordance with GAGAS. This can, at the option of SUBRECIPIENT, be the same single audit submitted to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse in paragraph 13.A. above.

C. Make copies of the single audit available to the public.

Per 09 NCAC 03M.0205, a non-state entity that is not exempt from the requirements of SUBCHAPTER 03M – UNIFORM ADMINISTRATION OF STATE AWARDS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE per 09 NCAC 03M.0201, that receives a combined $1,000,000 or more in North Carolina state funding or federal funding passed through a state agency must within 9 months of the non-state entity's fiscal year end submit to DPS Internal Audit (DPS_GrantComplianceReports@ncdps.gov) a single audit prepared and completed in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS): https://www.gao.gov/yellowbook.

If SUBRECIPIENT is a unit of local government in North Carolina, SUBRECIPIENT may be subject to the audit and reporting requirements in N.C.G.S. 159-34, Local Government Finance Act – Annual Independent Audit, rules and regulations. Such audit and reporting requirements may vary depending upon the amount and source of grant funding received by the SUBRECIPIENT and are subject to change (see Local Government Commission for more information). See also 20 NCAC 03 (Local Government Commission).

The different audit requirements for non-governmental and governmental entities are summarized on the NCEM Grants Management & Compliance website.

14. Construction, Renovation, and Infrastructure Projects

Projects requiring EHP reviews are **not** permitted under the federal statute authorizing SLCGP. This includes all construction, renovation and infrastructure projects. SLCGP funding **cannot** be used for any construction, renovation

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or infrastructure projects. If a project involves hammering a nail in a wall, inserting a screw in a hole, or disturbing even a teaspoon full of dirt in the ground, it cannot be approved for SLCGP funding.

15. **Subrecipient Monitoring**
    See Attachment 6 for subrecipient monitoring.

16. **Points of Contact**
    To provide consistent and effective communication between GRANTOR and GRANTEE, each party shall appoint a Principal Representative(s) to serve as its central point of contact responsible for coordinating and implementing this MOA. The Department of Public Safety, North Carolina Emergency Management contacts shall be NCEM Preparedness Grants Management Branch and NCEM Regional Branch Office. GRANTEE's contact shall be the person(s) designated by the GRANTEE in *Salesforce*. GRANTEE is required to keep GRANTOR informed and *Salesforce* updated if there are any changes in POC over the course of the period of performance.

    All confidential information of either party disclosed to the other party in connection with the services provided hereunder will be treated by the receiving party as confidential and restricted in its use to only those uses contemplated by the terms of this MOA. Any information to be treated as confidential must be clearly marked as confidential prior to transmittal to the other party. Neither party shall disclose to third parties, the other party's confidential information without written authorization to do so from the other party. Specifically excluded from such confidential treatment shall be information that:

    A. As of the date of disclosure and/or delivery, is already known to the party receiving such information.

    B. Is or becomes part of the public domain, through no fault of the receiving party.

    C. Is lawfully disclosed to the receiving party by a third party who is not obligated to retain such information in confidence.

    D. Is independently developed at the receiving party by someone not privy to the confidential information.

17. **Public Records Access**
    While this information under federal control is subject to requests made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. §552 et. seq., all determinations concerning the release of information of this nature are made on a case-by-case basis by the FEMA FOIA Office.

    Information maintained by RECIPIENT in connection with this MOA and grant award is subject to the North Carolina Public Records Act, Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes and is subject to public records requests through NCDPS.

18. **Contracting/Subcontracting**
    If SUBRECIPIENT contracts/subcontracts any or all purchases or services under this MOA, then SUBRECIPIENT agrees to include in the contract/subcontract that the contractor/subcontractor is bound by the terms and conditions of this MOA. SUBRECIPIENT and any contractor/subcontractor agree to include in the contract/subcontract that the contractor/subcontractor shall hold NCEM harmless against all claims of whatever nature arising out of the contractors/subcontractor's performance of work under this MOA. **If SUBRECIPIENT contracts/subcontracts any or all purchases or services required under this MOA, a copy of the executed contract/subcontract agreement must be submitted to NCEM along with the RFR in accordance with SUBRECIPIENT responsibilities in paragraph 9.G. above.** A contractual arrangement shall in no way relieve SUBRECIPIENT of its responsibilities to ensure that all funds issued pursuant to this grant be administered in accordance with all state and federal requirements. SUBRECIPIENT is bound by all special conditions of this grant award as set out in the grant application and the grant award letter Subaward Agreement incorporated by reference herein, as well as all terms, conditions and restrictions of the FY2023 SLCGP NOFO referenced herein.

19. **Antitrust Laws**
    All signatories of this MOA will comply with all applicable state and federal antitrust laws.

20. **Prohibition on purchasing certain telecommunications - John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019** –John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2019

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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 for Fiscal Year 2019, Pub. L. No. 115-232 (2018) and **2 C.F.R. §§200.216, 200.327, 200.471,** and **Appendix II to 2 C.F.R. Part 200**. 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.

Definitions

Per section 889(f)(2)-(3) of the FY 2019 NDAA and 2 C.F.R. § 200.216, 200.327, 200.471, and Appendix II to 2 C.F.R. Part 200 covered telecommunications equipment or services means:

A. Telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation, (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

B. For the purpose of public safety, security of Government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

C. Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment; or

D. Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the People's Republic of China.

Examples of the types of products covered by this prohibition include phones, internet, video surveillance, and cloud servers when produced, provided, or used by the entities listed in the definition of "covered telecommunications equipment or services." See 2 C.F.R. § 200.471.***FEMA Policy #405-143-1***Guidance is available in FEMA Policy #405-143-1, Prohibitions on Expending FEMA Award Funds for Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services issued May 10, 2022.

21. Divestment and Do-Not-Contract Rules

The State of North Carolina, through the Department of State Treasurer, follows several divestment and do-not-contract mandates. Information about each of these mandates is available at: https://www.nctreasurer.com/about/transparency/commitment-transparency/divestment-and-do-not-contract-rules.

SUBRECIPIENT may not contract with any vendors on any of these designated divestment and do-not-contract lists using SLCGP grant funds, and SUBRECIPIENT must comply with all other requirements of these divestment and do-not-contract laws.

22. Acknowledgement of Federal Funding from DHS

Subrecipients 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.

23. Lobbying Prohibition

SUBRECIPIENT certifies, to the best of its 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 or employee of any state or federal agency, a member of the NC General Assembly, 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 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

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cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

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

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

24. Assurance of Compliance with Civil Rights Act of 1964 – Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1968, and Related Provisions

During the performance of this agreement, SUBRECIPIENT for itself, its assignees and successors in interest agrees as follows:

A. Age Discrimination Act of 1975
Subrecipients 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.

B. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
Subrecipients 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.

C. Civil Rights Act of 1964 - Title VI
Subrecipients must comply with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Pub. L. No. 88-352 (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. § 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. Subrecipients of an award from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) must also comply with FEMA's implementing regulations at 44 C.F.R. Part 7.

D. Civil Rights Act of 1968
Subrecipients 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.)

E. Education Amendments of 1972 (Equal Opportunity in Education Act) - Title IX
Subrecipients 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.

F. E.O. 14074 – Advancing Effective, Accountable Policing and Criminal Justice Practices to Enhance Public Trust and Public Safety

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Recipients and subrecipients that are State, Tribal, local, or territorial law enforcement agencies must comply with the requirements of section 12(c) of E.O. 14074 which addresses the transfer or purchase of certain military equipment by law enforcement. Recipients and subrecipients that are 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.

G. Limited English Proficiency (Civil Rights Act of 1964 - Title VI)
Subrecipients must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 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.

H. 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 statues, regulations, and guidance governing the participations of faith-based organizations in individual DHS programs.

I. Rehabilitation Act of 1973
Subrecipients 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

J. Whistleblower Protection Act
Subrecipients 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.

25. Assurance of Compliance with Privacy Act
Subrecipient agrees:

A. To comply with the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. §552A and regulations adopted there under, when performance under the program involves the design, development, or operation of any system or records on individuals to be operated by the Subrecipient, its third-party subrecipients, contractors, or their employees to accomplish a DHS function.

B. To notify DHS when the Subrecipient or any of its third-party contractors, subcontractors, subrecipients, or their employees anticipate a system of records on behalf of DHS in order to implement the program, if such system contains information about individuals name or other identifier assigned to the individual. A system of records subject to the Act may not be used in the performance of this MOA until the necessary and applicable approval and publication requirements have been met.

C. To include in every solicitation and in every third-party contract, sub-grant, and when the performance of work, under that proposed third-party contract, sub-grant, or sub-agreement may involve the design, development, or operation of a system of records on individuals to be operated under that third-party contract, sub grant, or to accomplish a DHS function, a Privacy Act notification informing the third party contractor, or subrecipient, that it will be required to design, develop, or operate a system of records on individuals to accomplish a DHS function subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. §552a, and applicable DHS regulations, and that a violation of the Act may involve the imposition of criminal penalties; and

D. To include the text of Sections 30 parts A through C in all third-party contracts, and sub grants under which work for this MOA is performed or which is awarded pursuant to this MOA, or which may involve the design, development, or operation of a system of records on behalf of the DHS.

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26. 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.

27. Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (Subrecipients Other Than Individuals)
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 Governmentwide implementation (2 C.F.R. Part 182) of Sec. 5152-5158 of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (41 U.S.C. §§ 8101-8106).

28. Term of this Agreement
Regardless of actual execution date, this MOA shall be in effect from the start of the POP on December 1, 2023, to the end of the POP.

29. Statement of Assurances
SUBRECIPIENT must complete Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Standard Form 424B Assurances – Non-Construction Programs as applicable. SUBRECIPIENT must complete the appropriate form(s) and submit to NCEM Grants Management Branch in *Salesforce* upon execution of this MOA. SUBRECIPIENT must still complete the form even if certain assurances in the form may not directly apply to SUBRECIPIENT's specific program to ensure that all possible situations are covered.

30. Situs
This MOA shall be governed by the laws of North Carolina and any claim for breach or enforcement shall be filed in State Court in Wake County, North Carolina.

31. Other Provisions/Severability
Nothing in this MOA is intended to conflict with current federal, state, local, or tribal laws or regulations. If a term of this MOA is inconsistent with such authority, then that term shall be invalid, but the remaining terms and conditions of this MOA shall remain in full force and effect.

32. Entire Agreement
This MOA and any annexes, exhibits and amendments annexed hereto, and any documents incorporated specifically by reference represent the entire agreement between the parties and supersede all prior oral and written statements or agreements.

33. Modification
This MOA may be amended only by written amendments duly executed by RECIPIENT and SUBRECIPIENT.

34. Termination
The terms and conditions of this MOA, as modified with the consent of all parties, will remain in effect until February 28, 2027. Either party upon thirty days advance written notice to the other party may terminate this MOA. Upon approval by DHS, FEMA, and the issuance of the Grant Adjustment Notice, if this MOA is extended, the termination date for the extension will be the date listed in the applicable DHS, Grant Adjustment Notice, incorporated by reference herein. If DHS suspends or terminates funding in accordance with 2 CFR 200.340 and the 2023 SLCGP NOFO, incorporated by reference herein, SUBRECIPIENT shall reimburse NCEM for said property and/or expenses.

35. Compliance
SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with applicable federal, state, local and/or tribal statutes, regulations, ordinances, licensing requirements, policies, guidelines, reporting requirements, certifications, and other regulatory matters for the conduct of its business and purchase requirements performed under this MOA. This includes all requirements contained in the applicable FY 2023 SLCGP NOFO referenced in paragraph 2 above. SUBRECIPIENT shall be wholly responsible for the purchases made under this MOA and for the supervision of its employees and assistants. Failure to comply with the specified terms and conditions of this MOA may result in the return of funds and any other remedy for noncompliance specified in 2 CFR 200.339, and/or termination of the award per 2 CFR 200.340. Additional conditions may also be placed upon SUBRECIPIENT for noncompliance with the specified terms and

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conditions of this MOA, including (but not limited to) additional monitoring. See Attachment 6 for subrecipient monitoring.

36. Execution and effective date

This grant shall become effective upon return of the original grant award letter and MOA, properly executed on behalf of SUBRECIPIENT, to NCEM on behalf of RECIPIENT and will become binding upon execution of all parties to this MOA. The conditions of this MOA are effective upon signature by all parties.

This MOA shall be in effect from start of POP on 12/1/2023 through end of POP. Failure to provide applicable cost reports, proofs of payment and/or a de-obligation request letter within 30 days of the end of the POP may result in automatic de-obligation of grant funds.

37. Attachments

All attachments to this MOA are incorporated as if set out fully herein.

A. In the event of any inconsistency or conflict between the language of this MOA and the attachments hereto, the language of such attachments shall be controlling, but only to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

B. This MOA includes the following attachments or documents incorporated by reference as if fully set out herein:

- Attachment 1 Scope of Work / Approved Application in Salesforce: App-0000603
- Attachment 2 Annual Progress Report Form – to be provided in Salesforce or under separate cover
- Attachment 3 Required Subrecipient File Documentation - to be provided in Salesforce or under separate cover
- Attachment 4 NCEM Communications Branch Memo - to be provided in Salesforce or under separate cover
- Attachment 5 FY23 DHS Standard Terms and Conditions - click hyperlink to access document
- Attachment 6 Subrecipient Monitoring - to be provided in Salesforce or under separate cover

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AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE WARRANTY

THE UNDERSIGNED REPRESENT AND WARRANT THAT THEY ARE AUTHORIZED TO BIND THEIR PRINCIPALS TO THE TERMS OF THIS MOA. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, RECIPENT AND SUBRECIPIENT HAVE EACH EXECUTED THIS MOA AND THE PARTIES AGREE THAT THE MOA IS EFFECTIVE AS OF THE POP START DATE, EVEN IF THIS MOA IS SIGNED BY ANY PARTIES AFTER THAT DATE.

For RECIPIENT:

By: DocuSigned by: William Ray BD9D1C9856624CB... **Date:** 11/26/2024 | 09:14:45 EST

William C. Ray, Director & Deputy Homeland Security Advisor
North Carolina Department of Public Safety
Division of Emergency Management

For SUBRECIPIENT:

By: Signed by: Tony Helton 2CACF9278288438... **Date:** 11/26/2024 | 09:25:21 EST

By: _____ **Date:** _____

By: _____ **Date:** _____

Approved as to Form:

By: DocuSigned by: William Polk 89E06A3C9472449... **Date:** 11/25/2024 | 23:44:23 EST

William Polk, Deputy General Counsel Reviewed for the North Carolina Department of Public Safety to fulfill the purposes of the DHS Homeland Security Grant Program

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Attachment 1

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Organization Information

1. Legal Name of Entity: *

Caldwell County

2. Street Address: *

905 West Ave NW

3. City: *

Lenoir

4. ZIP Code: *

28645

The value must be a number

5. County: *

Caldwell

6. Employer Identification Number (EIN) *

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7. Unique Entity ID (UEID): *

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8. Organization Type: *

- ( ) State Agency
- (•) Local Government *(refer to guidance doc for definition)*
- ( ) Tribe
- ( ) Community College *(refer to guidance doc for definition)*
- ( ) Local School Administrative Unit *(refer to guidance doc for definition)*

9. Rural Community: *

See guidance document for definition

- ( ) Yes
- (•) No

10. County Distress Tier: *

See Guidance Document

- ( ) Tier 1
- (•) Tier 2
- ( ) Tier 3

Point of Contact

11. Name: *

Brandon Price

12. Job Title: *

Deputy Director of Information Technology

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13. Email: *

bprice@caldwellcountync.org

14. Phone Number: *

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Project Manager

15. Name: *

Brandon Price

16. Job Title: *

Deputy Director of Information Technology

17. Email: *

bprice@caldwellcountync.org

18. Phone Number: *

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Financial Officer

19. Name: *

Tony Helton

20. Job Title: *

Chief Financial Officer

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21. Email: *

thelton@caldwellcountync.org

22. Phone Number: *

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Project Information

23. Short Title: *

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Modernization

24. Purpose: *

The purpose of this project is to eliminate end-of-life servers and related infrastructure. These upgrades will help ensure that citizen and employee data stored on Caldwell County servers and systems are protected by current encryption methods as well as hardware and software with future security updates.

25. Project Objective *

Select One

- ( ) Understand their current cybersecurity posture and areas for improvement based on continuous testing, evaluation, and structured assessments.
- (•) Implement security protections commensurate with risk.
- ( ) Ensure organization personnel are appropriately trained in cybersecurity, commensurate with responsibility

CISA Cybersecurity Plans Elements

Indicate at least ONE of the CISA Cybersecurity Plans Elements below that are applicable to your project, ***you may also select any others that apply to your project****.*

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26. Required Elements Addressed: *

- [x] Manage, monitor, and track information systems, applications, and user accounts.
- [x] Monitor, audit, and track network traffic and activity.
- [x] Enhance the preparation, response, and resilience of information systems, applications, and user accounts.
- [x] Implement a process of continuous cybersecurity vulnerability aassessments and threat mitigation practices prioritized by risk.
- [x] Adopt and use best practices and methodologies to enhance cybersecurity.
- [ ] Transition to a dot-gov internet domain.
- [ ] Ensure continuity of operations including by conducting exercises.
- [ ] Identify and mitigate any gaps in the cybersecurity workforces, enhance recruitment and retention errors, and bolster the knowledge, skills, and abilities of personnel (reference to NICE Workforce Framework for Cybersecurity).
- [ ] Ensure continuity of communications and data networks in the event of an incident involving communications or data networks.
- [x] Assess and mitigate, to the greatest degree possible, cybersecurity risks and cybersecurity threats.
- [x] Enhance capabilities to share cyber threat indicators and related information between the eligible entity and the Department.
- [ ] Leverage cybersecurity services offered by the Department Implement an information technology and operational technology modernization cybersecurity review process.
- [ ] Develop and coordinate strategies to address cybersecurity risks and cybersecurity threats.
- [ ] Ensure rural communities have adequate access to, and participation in, plan activities.
- [ ] Distribute funds, items, services, capabilities, or activities.

Project and Budget Narrative

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27. Project Narrative *

Caldwell County provides many services and support to a population of just over 80,000. Our organization employs over 700 staff across all departments with nearly 1000 various devices on our networks. The services provided by our Tax department and Register of Deeds are running on out-of-date hardware and on end-of-life operating systems. The Tax department is the primary source of revenue for the county while the Register of Deeds provides a proper and safe repository of deeds and other documents that impact property and personal status for citizens of Caldwell County. Yet, due to the aging infrastructure these departments rely on, they are left vulnerable and potentially open to infiltration. In addition to the servers that support Tax and Register of Deeds, the domain controllers, file servers, backup systems, and the SQL servers in the same environment are also beyond or near their end-of-life. Lastly, there are currently five network domains supported by Caldwell County IT staff. These domains are over 20-years ago and do not follow network or Windows domain best practices and the segmentation creates security obstacles due to the need for domain trusts and network inter-connectivity.

Caldwell County is applying for SLCGP funding to replace end-of-life infrastructure to ensure modern and effective data security methods and protocols can be implemented. These improvements also follow the recommendations received after completing a network security assessment provided by the NC National Guard Cybersecurity Response Force. Grant funds will be used to purchase a Lenovo hyper-converged environment consisting of four physical nodes that is supported by VMWare as well as the required Windows server licenses needed to support the needed upgrades. Lenovo offers five years of direct support for all physical servers and five years of support for VMWare. This new hyper-converged environment will also facilitate planned security upgrades such as 802.1X authentication via a RADIUS server, TLS implementation for SQL server and clients, proper control of file server access via Active Directory Security Groups and configured Group Policy, and the unification of network domains throughout the county. Finally, the new environment will allow for the implementation of Wazuh to facilitate extended detection and response and security information and event management for devices connected to our network.

The new Lenovo hyper-converged environment will build upon many of the cybersecurity protocols we have implemented over the last 18 months. Multi-factor authentication is utilized by every county employee to access email and nearly all workstations. Cybersecurity awareness training is provided for all Caldwell County staff through KnowBe4, and additional training and information is provided through an IT newsletter that is shared monthly. We have upgraded our 911 and emergency response systems with a similar Lenovo hyper-converged environment. Active Directory services have been reorganized and simplified based on best practices and, when not limited by incompatibility restrictions due to EOL or related issues, CISA recommended Group Policy Objects have been applied to improve security and stability. Acronis next-gen anti-virus, Huntress endpoint detection and response, and Auvik security incident and event management have all been implemented.

The scope of this project is large. To implement all aspects of the project properly, additional equipment and installation support will be needed. In addition to the Lenovo Hyper-converged environment, improvements in network infrastructure are required. A network switch capable of handling the 10-gigbit fiber needs of the Lenovo nodes and data throughput and access from network attached devices has been included in the quoted project. The total cost of the project is estimated at $303,000. Caldwell County is asking for $200,000 of grant support with the remainder coming from county funds.

28. Investment Strategy *

In June 2023 Caldwell County completed network security assessment provided by the NC National Guard Cybersecurity Response Force. While passing marks were given for the implementation of multi-factor authentication and our cybersecurity awareness training, there were significant issues related to our aging infrastructure. With the bulk of our servers running Windows Server 2003, 2008, or 2012, our infrastructure was deemed to be a critical area of concern. Currently all versions of Windows Server 2003 and 2008 are deprecated and no longer receive security updates or patches. Windows Server 2012 originally reached end-of-life in October 2018 with official support ending in October 2023. In addition, the hardware these servers utilize no longer qualifies for support contracts or firmware updates via Dell or related 3rd party vendors. These obsolete servers contain private personal data, private property details, financial information, and personal property Tax details of the employed staff and citizens of Caldwell County. Due to the age of the physical hardware, operating systems, and database software running on the machines they are a growing threat to network security and stability.

29. Collaboration

The motivation for our project originated from the results of the network security assessment we completed in June 2023. The critical issues addressed in the network security assessment not only opened our eyes to the urgency of our situation, but also to the programs available to assist us as we move toward a more secure network. The NC National Guard Cybersecurity Response Force provided a detailed assessment and direct support during their visit. The NC National Guard Cybersecurity Response Force provides opportunities for follow-on scans after the completion of an initial scan. We have already scheduled a scan to take place in November 2024. In addition to the NC National Guard Cybersecurity Response Force, we have contracted with a local 3rd-party, Business Data Solutions, to provide 24/7 monitoring of our systems. Also, we have already begun a Nationwide Cybersecurity Review for 2024 and have enrolled with CISA and have begun Cyber Hygiene scans.

Partnering with these organizations will allow us to ensure our network and systems are up-to-date, secure, and protected from intrusion. Maintaining these partnerships will also provide evidence of growth and track improvements as we implement our hyper-converged environment and make other improvements outside the scope of this grant request. Most importantly, these relationships will provide contacts and resources in the event of a breach, and it will provide needed data that could assist in incident response and forensics. Finally, the relationships, lessons learned, and experience gained can be shared within our county municipalities and surrounding county governments to improve local cyber hygiene and incident response.

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30. Budget Narrative *

The estimated budget for the planned project is $303,000. Caldwell County is asking for $200,000 of grant support with the remainder coming from county funds. The full project equipment and support plans includes the following:
4 - server nodes (24-Core Xeon, 256GB RAM, 10gigabit ethernet ea. (65TB SAN))
20 - Windows Server 2022 Licenses
1 – Windows SQL
VMWare vSphere 8 License
Lenovo Installation Services
5-Years of Lenovo 24/7 Support Services
1 - Aruba 6400 Series Switch
8 - Aruba 6400 Series PoE-Gigabit 24-port Modules
3rd-Party vendor installation materials and support
The requested grant funds will be applied to the cost Lenovo Hyper-Converged environment with the county funds covering the remainder of the costs and any non-grant supported expenses. The supporting county funds ensure that the project addresses the issues found during the network security assessment provided by the NC National Guard Cybersecurity Response Force. Our project is not a band-aid, and by supporting the grant funds with additional county capital we can ensure current and future needs are met. The support services included with the Lenovo hardware will provide reassurance and sustainability for the project.

Milestone timeline for individual activities

Refer to https://www.ncdps.gov/2023-slcgp-grant-application-guidance

31. 2024 *

Upon Grant Approval: Purchase Project Equipment/Materials
Plan implementation with vendors and support services

32. 2025

Q1: Complete installation of new environment

33. 2026

34. 2027

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35. Impact / Outcomes *

Our project plan of replacing the obsolete servers with a modern hyper-converged virtualized environment will immediately address the critical failures found during the network security assessment provided by the NC National Guard Cybersecurity Response Force. The new environment will also facilitate the implementation of modern data encryption and security by leveraging the latest technology and tools provided by Lenovo and Microsoft. The project will also provide a platform that can support the migration of our Veeam backup server. Our Veeam license will allow us to take advantage of the larger storage SAN on the new environment and allow us extended backups. Also, the Lenovo hyper-converged environment provides the technological improvements needed to hybridize our backups and store clean, encrypted back-ups off-site.
The project will also facilitate improved monitoring and support from our 3rd-party vendor, Business Data Solutions as their modern tools require newer operating systems. Also, we will be able to implement our own extended detection and response (XDR) as well as our security information and event management (SIEM) through Wazuh. The new environment will provide the resources and infrastructure upgrades needed to properly implement current threat detection and response tools. The implementation of XDR and SIEM will necessitate a new network monitoring and management policy for IT staff requiring constant and consistent engagement.
Success will be measured by consistent cyber hygiene scans via CISA, our 3rd-party vendor, and internal systems. Also, scheduling yearly network security assessments by the NC National Guard Cybersecurity Response Force will also demonstrate adherence to cybersecurity best practices and regulations. Ultimately, Caldwell County's project will ensure that the critical issues addressed in network security assessments are mitigated, but also provide a platform and environment that will receive security support on the physical hardware for the next 5 years and operating system security updates until 2031.

PROJECT BUDGET
Planning / Organization / Exercise / Training / Equipment Costs (POETE)

See https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-04/CPG201Final20180525.pdf, pages 30-44, for more info about Expenditure Areas (THIRA & SPR 3rd Ed)

36. Planning Expenditure

37. Planning Expenditure Total $

The value must be a number

38. Organization Expenditure

39. Organization Expenditure Total $

The value must be a number

40. Exercises Expenditure

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41. Exercises Expenditure Total $

The value must be a number

42. Training Expenditure

43. Training Expenditure Total $

The value must be a number

Equipment Costs

See guidance document

44. Quantity

4

The value must be a number

45. AEL Number

04HW-01-INHW

46. Equipment Description

Servers

47. Quantity

20

The value must be a number

48. AEL Number

04HW-01-INHW

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49. Equipment Description

Windows Server 2022 Licenses

50. Quantity

1

The value must be a number

51. AEL Number

04HW-03-NETD

52. Equipment Description

Aruba Network Switch

53. Planning Expenditure Description

54. Planning Expenditure Total Cost

Total entered as amount in USD $

The value must be a number

55. Organization Expenditure Description

56. Organization Expenditure Total Cost

Total entered as amount in USD $

The value must be a number

57. Equipment Expenditure Description

4 server nodes, 20 Windows Server Licenses, Aruba Network Switch

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58. Equipment Expenditure Total Cost

Total entered as amount in USD $

200000

The value must be a number

59. Training Expenditure Description

60. Training Expenditure Total Cost

Total entered as amount in USD $

The value must be a number

61. Exercises Expenditure Description

62. Exercises Expenditure Total Cost

Total entered as amount in USD $

The value must be a number

63. Total Combined Cost *

200000

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Your Organization's Current Cyber Posture

64. Does your organization have a written security policy that employees must consent to annually? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

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65. Do all employees receive annual cybersecurity awareness training? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

66. Does your organization have antivirus software on all workstations? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

67. If you have antivirus software on all workstations, please list your AV solutions:

Acronis Cyber Protect

68. Does your organization have antivirus software on all servers? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

69. If you have antivirus software on all servers, please list your AV solutions:

Acronis Cyber Protect

70. Does your organization have a firewall? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

71. If so, please list your firewall solution(s).

WatchGuard Firebox

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72. Does your organization utilize a centralized patch management solution? *

- ( ) Yes
- (•) No

73. Is your organization's data regularly backed up via a non-domain joined solution (external media, cloud solution, etc) *

- (•) Yes
- ( ) No

74. Is your organization using intrusion detection/prevention solutions to stop external attacks? *

- (•) Yes
- ( ) No

75. If so, please list the solution(s) being used.

Auvik and Huntress

76. Are user accounts and permissions actively monitored and routinely audited? *

- (•) Yes
- ( ) No

77. Is your organization using any centralized logging solution? *

- (•) Yes
- ( ) No

78. If so, please list the solution(s) being used.

Auvik

79. Does your organization require multi-factor authentication for e-mail account access? *

- (•) Yes
- ( ) No

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80. Does your organization require multi-factor authentication for Domain admin accounts (or other privileged accounts)? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

81. Does your organization require multi-factor authentication for VPN access? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

Additional Information

If you would like to submit additional information (such as a more lengthy response to free text questions, or a more detailed listing of anything) or have questions concerning this application, please email SLCGP@NCDPS.gov for further instructions.

ATTESTATIONS

Acknowledge the following statements (check all eight, or application will be considered incomplete):

82. I certify the following answers are all true and correct to the best of my knowledge: *

- [x] This application includes complete and accurate information.
- [x] Any project having the potential to impact the environment, historic or cultural resources must submit an Environmental Planning & Historic Preservation (EHP) form.
- [x] Projects with funds allocated for Emergency Communications must meet applicable SAFECOM Guidance recommendations. Such investments must be coordinated with the NC State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) to ensure interoperability and long-term compatibility.
- [x] Receiving SLCGP funding requires annual Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (no cost) and signing-up for required cyber hygiene services as specified in the SLCGP NOFO .
- [x] Projects with funds allocated for equipment are required to check all equipment purchases against the FEMA Authorized Equipment List.
- [x] Submission of the project proposal does not guarantee funding.
- [x] Entities must be able to sustain capabilities once SLCGP funds are no longer available.
- [x] Any person who knowingly makes a false claim or statement in connection with this application may be subject to civil or criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. section 287, 18 U.S.C. section 1001, 31 U.S.C. section 3729 and N.C.G.S sections 1-605 through 618 (North Carolina False Claims Act)

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Annual Report for this FY23 SLCGP award will be completed in the Salesforce Award Record

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Required Sub-Recipient File Documentation

Sub-grantee or sub-recipient must meet the financial administration requirements in 2 C.F.R Part 200 and must maintain a file for each Homeland security grant award. The files must be available for review by the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management – Homeland Security Branch Staff for site visits, project closeout and future audits.

Sub-grantee or sub-recipient must include appropriate documentation in the file, including but not limited to the following documents:

- ☐ Grant Award and Memorandum of Agreement/ Memorandum of Understanding and Supporting Appendices
- ☐ Completed appropriate cost report forms with invoices and proof(s) of payment
- ☐ Audit Findings and Corrective Action Plans
- ☐ Equipment Inventory records with photo documentation of labeling

Non-Federal entities are required to maintain and retain the following:

- ☐ Backup documentation, such as bids and quotes.
- ☐ Cost/price analyses on file for review by Federal personnel, if applicable.
- ☐ Other documents required by Federal regulations applicable at the time a grant is awarded to a recipient.

FEMA requires that non-Federal entities maintain the following documentation for federally funded purchases:

- ☐ Specifications
- ☐ Solicitations
- ☐ Competitive quotes or proposals
- ☐ Basis for selection decisions
- ☐ Purchase orders
- ☐ Contracts
- ☐ Invoices
- ☐ Cancelled checks

Non-Federal entities should keep detailed records of all transactions involving the grant. FEMA may at any time request copies of purchasing documentation along with copies of cancelled checks for verification.
Non-Federal entities who fail to fully document all purchases will find their expenditures questioned and subsequently disallowed.

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NC Department of Public Safety
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Roy Cooper, Governor

Eddie M. Buffaloe Jr., Secretary
William C. Ray, Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Derek Dorazio

FROM: Greg Hauser

DATE: August 1, 2024

SUBJECT: Requirements for Grant Funded Communications Equipment

To align communications technologies with current statewide communications plans, systems, networks, strategies and emerging technologies, the North Carolina State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) requires that purchases made with U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) federal financial assistance meet requirements. These sources of funding include the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG), Emergency Management Performance Supplemental Grant (EMPG-S), Emergency Management Performance American Rescue Plan Act Grant (EMPG-ARPA) and the Homeland Security Grant (HSGP). The below requirements must also be met for those purchases made with NCEM Capacity Building Competitive Grant (CBCG) and State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) funds. Included are the equipment identifiers as listed on the FEMA Authorized Equipment List (AEL) that are allowable, where applicable.

700/800 MHz Radio purchases (06CP-01-BASE, 06CP-01-MOBL, 06CP-01-PORT)

Radio purchases can be classified into three parts: portable (handheld), mobile (vehicular/desktop) or console/consolette (software/infrastructure). These radios must appear on the current VIPER Approved Radio List, and have the following capabilities, i.e., the feature must be purchased and present in the radio:

- Capable of operating on a P25 radio system/network
- Capable of operating in a P25 Phase II (TDMA) environment
- Capable of passing and receiving AES/256-bit encryption
- Capable of utilizing more than one encryption key

Further information is available at:
https://www.dhs.gov/science-and-technology/approved-grant-eligible-equipment

All radios purchased using the above noted grant sources shall have the VIPER statewide required template in them. This template was approved by the SIEC on June 6th, 2021.

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If a grant recipient chooses to operate in an encrypted environment, all radios purchased using the above noted grant sources shall follow the SIEC Interoperable Radio Encryption Standard Operating Guideline approved on May 28th, 2020.

Non 700/800 MHz radio purchases (06CP-01-BASE, 06CP-01-MOBL, 06CP-01-PORT)

Non 700/800 MHz radios (UHF/VHF) are allowable provided they are included on the below list of grant eligible equipment.
https://www.dhs.gov/science-and-technology/approved-grant-eligible-equipment

If a radio purchase is requested for other, non-P25 networks the following are **NOT** eligible:

- Wouxun handheld or mobile radios (multiband)
- Baofeng handheld or mobile radios (multiband)
- Any other wireless device outlined in the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) "List of equipment and services covered in section 2 of the Secure Networks Act" This list is a result of the passage of *H.R.5515 - John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act in 2019.* Further information can be found at https://www.fcc.gov/supplychain/coveredlist .

Public Alerting Software Platforms (04AP-09-ALRT)

Public alerting software platforms are a means of alerting citizens of emergencies. There are two distinct functions that a software platform provides. There is a citizen sign up option for notifications and a wireless emergency alerting (WEA) function. The WEA function alerts smartphones and devices based on geographic location through the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS). Please make sure the purchasing agency is a North Carolina/FEMA approved public alerting authority (PAA) or is in the process of obtaining the PAA status **If purchasing or subscribing to software, it must be identified on the attached *"List of Alert Software Providers (AOSP) That Have Successfully Demonstrated Their IPAWS Capabilities."***

Voice Gateway Devices (06CP-02-BRDG)

Gateway devices are used to bridge disparate voice sources together to create a single line of communications. This can include radio, voice over IP, smart device application, etc. These devices are **NOT** allowed to be permanently mounted at Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP), tower sites or network rooms to permanently patch disparate radio systems. Written permission **must** be obtained from all system administrators authorizing the intended use of the gateway device on the system.

Items not included or referenced in this document must be clearly identified to ensure that interoperability, physical security, and cybersecurity priorities are followed. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Smart device applications that integrate into first responder communications networks
- Infrastructure equipment that allows for the integration of smart device applications
- Equipment that uses shared radio frequency (RF) spectrum to create mesh networks

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FY 2023 DHS Standard Terms and Conditions

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.

A. 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. § 170.315, certify that their policies are in accordance with OMB's guidance located at 2 C.F.R. Part 200, all applicable federal laws, and relevant Executive guidance.

B. 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

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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.

C. Standard Terms & Conditions

I. 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.

II. 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.

III. 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, § 6101 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

IV. 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. §§ 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.

V. 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.

VI. 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. § 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.

VII. 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

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therewith, on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, familial status, and sex (see 42 U.S.C. § 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.)

VIII. Copyright

Recipients must affix the applicable copyright notices of 17 U.S.C. §§ 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.

IX. 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.

X. 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. §§ 8101-8106).

XI. 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.

XII. 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. § 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.

XIII. 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.

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XIV. 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. § 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.

XV. False Claims Act and Program Fraud Civil Remedies

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

XVI. 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.)

XVII. 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.

XVIII. 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. § 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.

XIX. 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. § 2225a

XX. 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 for Fiscal Year 2019, Pub. L. No. 115-232 (2018) and 2 C.F.R. §§ 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.

XXI. 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. § 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.

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XXII. Lobbying Prohibitions

Recipients must comply with 31 U.S.C. § 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.

XXIII. 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. § 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.

XXIV. 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 statues, regulations, and guidance governing the participations of faith- based organizations in individual DHS programs.

XXV. 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.

XXVI. 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.

XXVII. Patents and Intellectual Property Rights

Recipients are subject to the Bayh-Dole Act, 35 U.S.C. § 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. § 401.14.

XXVIII. 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. § 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.

XXIX. 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. § 794,) which provides

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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.

XXX. 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.

XXXI. 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.

XXXII. 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.

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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.

XXXIII. 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.

XXXIV. 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.

XXXV. 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. § 7104. The award term is located at 2 C.F.R. § 175.15, the full text of which is incorporated here by reference.

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XXXVI. 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.

XXXVII. 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. §§ 175–175c.

XXXVIII. 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.

XXXIX. Whistleblower Protection Act

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

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Attachment 6

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Subrecipient Monitoring

Subrecipient is subject to monitoring by Recipient in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR 200.332.

A. Recipient may assess Subrecipient's risk of noncompliance with applicable laws, rules, regulations, policies and guidelines, and with the terms and conditions of this award, per 2 CFR 200.332(b).

1. This includes the application and award process when Subrecipient was selected to receive this award, and it continues throughout the life of the award, such as ensuring Subrecipient remains eligible to receive funding as specified in **Funding Eligibility Criteria**.

2. Subrecipient's prior experience with other grant awards by/through Recipient may also be included in the risk assessment.

3. Depending on the risk, additional conditions may be imposed on this award at any time per 2 CFR 200.332(c).

4. Subrecipient's activities may be continually monitored as necessary to ensure that this award is used for authorized purposes and in compliance with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, polices and guidelines, per 2 CFR 200.332(d).

B. Monitoring will include Recipient reviewing all financial, performance and/or or cost reports - including all requests for reimbursement (and associated invoices and proof of payment) - submitted by Subrecipient as required in this MOA.

1. Recipient will also review all other documentation required to be submitted by Subrecipient in this MOA, including equipment lists and inventories, after action reports for exercises, training course rosters and descriptions, all contracts and subcontracts executed by Subrecipient with funds from this award, and all project closeout documents.

2. All documentation required to be retained by Subrecipient in this MOA, including all required Subrecipient file documentation per 2 CFR 200.334, is also subject to review and monitoring by Recipient (see **File Retention**).

3. Any/all reports and audits required to be filed under federal and state law as specified in **State of North Carolina Reporting Requirements** and **Audit Requirements** are also subject to review and monitoring by Recipient.

C. Any required documentation, reports or requests for reimbursement submitted late, incompletely, inaccurately and/or with discrepancies may elevate the risk status of Subrecipient and cause additonal monitoring, imposition of additional award conditions, return of funds, negative determinations for future awards, and/or any other remedy for noncompliance specified in 2 CFR 200.339 (see **Compliance**).

1. This includes any/all reports and audits required to be filed under federal and state law as specified in **State of North Carolina Reporting Requirements** and **Audit Requirements.**

2. Failure to timely file complete and accurate audits and reports required under federal and state law may subject Subrecipient to additional monitoring and the full range of remedies for noncompliance specified in **Compliance**.

D. Any findings or corrective actions identified in Subrecipient audits specifically related to this award may elevate the risk status of Subrecipient and cause additonal monitoring, imposition of additional award conditions, return of funds, negative determinations for future awards, and/or any other remedy for noncompliance specified in 2 CFR 200.339 (see **Compliance**).

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1. Such audit findings and corrective actions must be appropriately resolved by Subrecipient and are subject to monitoring, follow-up and verification by Recipient.

2. Recipient may issue a Management Decision for applicable audit findings pertaining specifically to this award per 2 CFR 200.332 and 2 CFR 200.521, in addition to any Management Decisions issued by Subrecipient.

E. Depending on the risk, Subrecipient monitoring may include, but is not limited to, the following measures: training and technical assistance, site visits, desk reviews, and audits (in addition to the audits specified in **Audit Requirements**.