

IOWA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

EECBG GRANT AGREEMENT

GRANT NUMBER: 25-ECBG-002

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 15, 2025

BETWEEN Iowa Economic Development Authority
1963 Bell Avenue Suite 200
Des Moines, Iowa 50315
(hereinafter "IEDA" or "Authority")

AND City of Bloomfield
111 W. Franklin Street
Bloomfield, Iowa 52537
(hereinafter "Recipient")

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In consideration of the promises and mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

1. RECIPIENT. "Recipient" means the entity described above and who has been selected to receive Project funds to undertake the funded Project and agrees to comply with all applicable requirements. The Recipient, its employees, agents and any subcontractors performing under this Agreement are not employees or agents of the IEDA. Neither the Recipient nor its employees shall be considered employees of the IEDA for federal or state tax purposes simply by virtue of work performed pursuant to this Agreement.
2. GRANT PROJECT. "Project" means the description of eligible work, services, activities and other obligations to be performed or accomplished by the Recipient as described in Scope of Work, Exhibit A.
3. GRANT PERIOD. The term of the grant shall be from the Project Effective Date: October 15, 2025 to the Project Completion Date: September 30, 2026.
4. FUNDING SOURCE. IEDA shall provide the funds for this agreement from the monies provided to IEDA through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Formula award.
5. TOTAL PAYMENT. Total payment of funds under this Agreement is not to exceed \$31,505 for costs directly attributed to the Project as described in the Recipient's IowaGrants.gov account, unless modified by written amendment of this Agreement. All payments under this Agreement are subject to receipt by the IEDA of sufficient funds for this activity. Any termination, reduction or delay of funds to the IEDA shall, at the option of IEDA, result in the termination, reduction or delay of funds to the Recipient.

6. REPAYMENT OBLIGATION. In the event that any federal funds are deferred and/or disallowed as a result of any audits or expended in violation of this Agreement or the laws applicable to the expenditure of such funds, the Recipient shall be liable to IEDA for the full amount of any claim disallowed and for all related penalties incurred. If IEDA determines at any time, whether through monitoring, audit, closeout procedures or by other means that the Recipient has received grant funds or requested reimbursement for costs which are unallowable under the terms of this Agreement or applicable laws, the Recipient will be notified of the questioned costs and given an opportunity to justify questioned costs prior to IEDA's final determination of the disallowance of costs. Appeals of any determinations will be handled in accordance with the provisions of Iowa Code Chapter 17A. If it is IEDA's final determination that costs previously paid by IEDA are unallowable under the terms of the Agreement, the expenditures will be disallowed, and the Recipient shall immediately repay to IEDA any and all disallowed costs. The requirements of this paragraph shall apply to the Recipient as well as any subcontractors or subrecipients.
7. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. The Recipient shall submit project status reports quarterly and as specified by IEDA. The reports shall be in a format and content as specified by the Authority. The Recipient shall submit a final report to the IEDA within 60 days of Project Completion Date for IEDA to verify that the terms of this Agreement have been met.
8. PAYMENT PROCEDURES. Payment shall be made on a reimbursement basis no more frequently than monthly. Claims must be for an amount equal to or greater than \$500 per request. Recipient shall prepare, review and sign the requests and reports in the form and content specified by the Authority. The Recipient must submit all claims for reimbursement within sixty (60) days of the Project Completion Date. If the sum of the claims submitted by the Recipient is less than the IEDA total award amount, IEDA shall be under no further obligation to disburse any unclaimed balance.
9. IOWAGRANTS.GOV. "IowaGrants.gov" means Iowa's Funding Opportunity Search and Grant Management System. This system allows a Recipient to electronically apply for and manage grants received by the state of Iowa. Persons accessing the system for this purpose are required to register online at www.iowaGrants.gov. The IEDA reserves the right to require the Recipient to utilize the IowaGrants.gov system to conduct business associated with this Agreement.
10. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY; USE OF NAME OR STATE'S INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY. Subject to any pertinent obligations to other sponsors, intellectual property which results from this Project which is created solely by the Recipient's employees will be owned by the Recipient ("Recipient's IP"). Intellectual Property resulting from the performance of the Project and created solely by IEDA's employees will be owned by IEDA ("IEDA's IP"). Intellectual Property resulting from the performance of the Project and created jointly by the Recipient's employees and IEDA's employees will be owned jointly by the Recipient, and IEDA ("Joint IP").

Copyrightable materials first created solely by the Recipient's personnel in the performance of the work funded under this Agreement shall vest in the Recipient. The Recipient shall grant to IEDA an irrevocable, royalty-free, non-exclusive right to reproduce, translate, and use all such copyrighted material for its own purposes.

11. DEFAULT. The occurrence of any one or more of the following events shall constitute cause for IEDA to declare the Recipient in default of its obligations under this Agreement: a) non-performance; b) a failure of the Recipient to make substantial and timely progress toward

performance of the Agreement; c) a failure of the Recipient work product and services to conform with the terms of this Agreement and any and all attachments; d) a breach of any term of this Agreement; e) utilizing grant proceeds for purposes not described in the Scope of Work as described in Exhibit A; and f) failure to comply with applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations, rules, ordinances and orders when performing within the scope of this Agreement. The IEDA shall issue a written notice of default providing therein a thirty (30) day period in which the Recipient shall have an opportunity to cure, provided that cure is possible and feasible.

12. TERMINATION. This Agreement may be terminated in the following circumstances: a) by either party, without cause, after thirty (30) days' written notice; b) immediately, as a result of the Grantee's default under this Agreement and failure to cure within the time period provided; c) immediately, as a result of the termination or reduction of funding to IEDA or the deauthorization of IEDA to engage in activities or conduct business under this Agreement; or d) immediately upon written mutual agreement by all parties to terminate the Agreement.
13. EVENTS UPON TERMINATION. If this Agreement is terminated, IEDA and Recipient shall negotiate the terms of winding down the activities under this Agreement. The Recipient shall return to IEDA all unencumbered funds within one week of receipt of the notice of termination. IEDA shall pay only those amounts, if any, due and owing to Recipient up to and including the date of termination of the Agreement and for which IEDA is obligated to pay pursuant to this Agreement; Recipient shall cease work under this Agreement and take all necessary or appropriate steps to limit disbursements and minimize costs. The Parties will provide for the timely transfer of any active files and cooperate in good faith during the transition period.
14. ASSIGNMENT AND DELEGATION. The Recipient may not assign, transfer or convey, in whole or in part, this Agreement without the prior written consent of IEDA. For the purpose of construing this clause, a transfer of a controlling interest in the Recipient shall be considered an assignment. The Recipient may not delegate any of its obligations or duties under this Agreement without the prior written consent of IEDA. The Recipient may not assign, pledge as collateral, grant a security interest in, create a lien against, or otherwise encumber, any payments that may or will be made to the Recipient under this Agreement.
15. AMENDMENT. No change, modification, or termination of any of the terms, provisions or conditions of this Agreement shall be effective unless made in writing and signed by the parties. The IEDA will consider whether an amendment request is so substantial as to necessitate reevaluating the IEDA's original funding decision on the Project. An amendment will be denied if it substantially alters the circumstances under which the Project funding was originally approved or if it conflicts with any applicable federal, state or local laws, federal regulations, or state rules.
16. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS; DECLARATION OF THE RECIPIENT. The Recipient shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, federal regulations, state rules, local ordinances, and orders. The Recipient declares that it has complied with all federal, state, and local laws regarding business permits and licenses that may be required to carry out the work to be performed under this Agreement.
17. COMPLIANCE WITH EEO/AA PROVISIONS. The Recipient shall comply with the applicable provisions of federal, state and local laws, rules and executive orders, including Iowa Code Chapter 216.6, to ensure that no employee or applicant for employment is discriminated against because of race, religion, color, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, or disability. A breach of this provision shall be considered a material breach of this Agreement.

18. INDEMNIFICATION. The Recipient agrees to be responsible, for any and all claims for wrongful death, personal injury or property damage arising from activities under this Agreement and resulting directly from the negligence or wrongful acts or omissions of Recipient or its employees acting within the scope of their employment.
19. RIGHT TO REVIEW AND OBSERVE; ACCESS TO RECORDS. IEDA shall have the right to review and observe, at any time, completed work or work in progress related to the Agreement. The Recipient shall permit IEDA or its agents, within normal business hours and upon prior written notification to the Recipient, to access and examine, audit, excerpt and transcribe any directly pertinent books, documents, reports, papers and records of the Recipient relating to orders, invoices, or payments or any other documentation or materials pertaining to this Agreement. Upon the request of IEDA, the Recipient shall deliver to IEDA or its agents said documentation or materials.
20. PUBLIC RECORDS; RECORDS RETENTION. All records submitted to IEDA regarding this Agreement, including this Agreement, shall be public records and subject to the Open Records Law in Iowa Code chapter 22. All records of the Recipient relating to this Agreement shall be retained for a period of three (3) years following the date of final payment or completion of any required audit, whichever is later.
21. AUDITS. Recipient who are local governments or non-profit entities that expend \$1,000,000 or more in a year in federal awards (from all sources) shall have a single audit conducted for that year in accordance with the provisions of Single Audit Act Amendment of 1996; OMB 2 CFR part 200, subpart E; and OMB 2 CFR part 200, subpart F, as applicable. A copy of the final audit report shall be submitted to IEDA if either the schedule of findings and questioned costs or the summary schedule of prior audit findings includes any audit findings related to federal awards provided by IEDA. If an audit report is not required to be submitted per the criteria above, the Recipient must provide written notification to IEDA that the audit was conducted in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and that neither the schedule of findings and questioned costs nor the summary schedule of prior audit findings includes any audit findings related to federal awards provided by IEDA. The Recipient shall provide IEDA with a copy of any written audit findings or reports, whether in draft or final form, within 3 days following receipt by the Recipient. The requirements of this paragraph shall apply to the Recipient as well as any of its subcontractors or subrecipients.
22. SEVERABILITY OF AGREEMENT. If any portion of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder shall be valid and enforceable.
23. GOVERNING LAW. This Agreement shall be interpreted in accordance with the law of the State of Iowa, and any action relating to the Agreement shall only be commenced in the Iowa District Court for Polk County or the United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa.
24. FINAL AUTHORITY. The decision of the IEDA shall be binding on the Recipient. The IEDA shall have the final authority to assess whether the Recipient has complied with the terms of this Agreement.
25. COMPLIANCE WITH IOWA CODE CHAPTER 8F. If applicable, the Recipient shall comply with Iowa Code chapter 8F with respect to any subcontracts it enters into pursuant to this Agreement. Any

compliance documentation, including but not limited to certifications, received from subcontractors by the Recipient shall be forwarded to IEDA.

26. LEGISLATIVE CHANGES. The Recipient expressly acknowledges that the Project is subject to legislative change by either the federal or state government. Should either legislative body enact measures which alter the Project, the Recipient shall not hold IEDA liable in any manner for the resulting changes. IEDA shall use best efforts to provide thirty (30) days' written notice to the Recipient of any legislative change. During the thirty (30)-day period, the parties shall meet and make a good faith effort to agree upon changes to the Agreement to address the legislative change. Nothing in this paragraph shall affect or impair IEDA's right to terminate the Agreement pursuant to the termination provisions.
27. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES. There are no third-party beneficiaries to this Agreement. This Agreement is intended only to benefit the State and the Recipient.
28. JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY. If the Recipient is a joint entity, consisting of more than one individual, partnership, corporation or other business organization, all such entities shall be jointly and severally liable for carrying out the activities and obligations of this Agreement, and for any default of activities and obligations.
29. WAIVER. Except as specifically provided for in a waiver signed by duly authorized representatives of IEDA and the Recipient, failure by either party at any time to require performance by the other party or to claim a breach of any provision of the Agreement shall not be construed as affecting any subsequent right to require performance or to claim a breach.
30. CONFLICT OF INTEREST.
 - (a) The Recipient represents, warrants, and covenants that no relationship exists or will exist during the Agreement period between the Recipient and IEDA that is a conflict of interest. The provisions of Iowa Code chapter 68B shall apply to this Agreement. If a conflict of interest is proven to IEDA, IEDA may terminate this Agreement pursuant to Paragraph 12 of this Agreement, and the Recipient shall be liable for any excess costs to IEDA as a result of the conflict of interest. The Recipient shall establish safeguards to prevent employees, consultants, or members of governing bodies from using their positions for purposes that are, or give the appearance of being, motivated by the desire for private gain for themselves or others with whom they have family, business, or other ties. The Recipient shall report any potential, real, or apparent conflict of interest to IEDA.
 - (b) Except for the use of Energy funds to pay salaries and other related administrative or personnel costs, no persons identified in paragraph (b) below who exercise or have exercised any functions or responsibilities with respect to Energy assisted activities or who are in a position to participate in a decision making process or gain inside information with regard to such activities may obtain a personal or financial interest or benefit from an Energy assisted activity or have an interest in any contract, subcontract or agreement with respect thereto, or the proceeds thereunder, either for themselves or those with whom they have family or business ties, during their tenure or for one year thereafter.

- (c) The conflict-of-interest provisions described above apply to any person who is an employee, agent, consultant, officer, or elected or appointed official of the Recipient, or of any designated public agencies, or subrecipients which are receiving Energy funds.
31. IOWA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FRAUD AND WASTE POLICY. The Authority has zero tolerance for the commission or concealment of acts of fraud, waste, or abuse. Allegations of such acts will be investigated and pursued to their logical conclusion, including legal action where warranted.
32. INSURANCE. The Recipient shall insure and keep insured with good and responsible insurance companies all insurable property owned by it which is of a character usually insured by Persons similarly situated and operating like properties against loss or damage from such hazards or risks as are insured by Persons similarly situated and operating like properties; and the Recipient shall insure such other hazards and risks (including employers' and public liability risks) with good and responsible insurance companies as and to the extent usually insured by Persons similarly situated and conducting similar businesses. The Recipient will, upon request of the IEDA, furnish a certificate setting forth in summary form the nature and extent of the insurance maintained pursuant to this Section.
33. IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY. Every person who is a party to the Agreement is hereby notified and agrees that the State, IEDA, and all of their employees, agents, successors, and assigns are immune from liability and suit for or from Recipient's and/or its subrecipients' or subcontractors' activities involving third parties and arising from the Agreement. Pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 669, IEDA and the State of Iowa are self-insured against all risks and hazards related to this Agreement. No separate fund has been established to provide self-insurance, and the State of Iowa is not obligated to establish any such fund during the term of this Agreement.
34. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS. The Recipient shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, federal regulations, state rules, local ordinances, and orders including all Federal laws and regulations described in regulatory requirements contained in 2 CFR Part 200 as amended by 2 CFR Part 910 as found in Department of Energy Guide To Financial Assistance Effective Date November 8, 2023; 10 CFR part 600; 2 CFR part 910; 2 CFR Part 180; and applicable program rules.
35. DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION. Recipient acknowledges that Iowa Code section 19.2 prohibits IEDA from expending any moneys appropriated by the general assembly or any other moneys derived from any other source to establish, sustain, support or staff a "diversity, equity, and inclusion office," or to contract, employ, engage, or hire an individual to serve as a "diversity, equity, and inclusion officer," as those terms are defined in Iowa Code section 19.1. Recipient will comply with Iowa Code section 19.2 and will not use any monies received by IEDA under this Agreement for any purpose in contravention of section 19.2. In the event Recipient is found to knowingly be in violation of this provision, Recipient may be required, at the discretion of IEDA, to return all or a portion of the funds received under this Agreement, as well as be subject to all other applicable penalties provided by law.
36. PROGRAM INCOME. All program income, as defined in 2 CFR part 200; subpart E; and 2 CFR Part 200.307; 10 CFR 600; shall be added to the Project "Budget Activity" and used to further eligible Project objectives as defined in the Contract and the "Budget Activity" in the Energy Application. Program income not used to further Project objectives will be deducted from the total Project "Budget Activity" for the purpose of determining the amount of reimbursable costs under the

Contract. In cases of dispute, final decisions regarding the definition or disposition of program income shall be made by the Authority.

37. INTEREST EARNED. To the extent that interest is earned on advances of Energy funds, this interest shall be returned to the Authority, except that the Recipient may keep interest amounts of up to \$100 per year for administrative expenses.
38. SUSPENSION. When the Recipient has failed to comply with the Agreement, award conditions or standards, the Authority may, on reasonable notice to the Recipient, suspend the Agreement and withhold future payments, or prohibit the Recipient from incurring additional obligations of Energy funds. Suspension may continue until the Recipient completes the corrective action as required by the Authority. The Authority may allow such necessary and proper costs which the Recipient could not reasonably avoid during the period of suspension provided the Authority concludes that such costs meet the provisions of DOE regulations issued pursuant to OMB 2 CFR part 200, subpart E; 2 CFR Part 910; 10 CFR Part 600; Department of Energy Guide To Financial Assistance Effective Date November 8, 2023; and 2 CFR Part 180, as applicable.
39. ENFORCEMENT EXPENSES. The Recipient shall pay upon demand any and all reasonable fees and expenses of the Authority, including the fees and expenses of its attorneys, experts and agents, in connection with the exercise or enforcement of any of the rights of the Authority under this Agreement.
40. USE OF DEBARRED, SUSPENDED, OR INELIGIBLE CONTRACTORS OR SUBRECIPIENTS. Energy funds shall not be used directly or indirectly to employ, award contracts to, or otherwise engage the service of, or fund any contractor or subrecipient during any period of debarment, suspension, or placement ineligible status under the provisions of 2 CFR Part 180 or any applicable law or regulation of the Department of Labor.
41. CIVIL RIGHTS.
 - (a) NONDISCRIMINATION POLICIES. The Recipient shall comply with the applicable provisions of national policies as implemented by DOE Regulation as found in 10 CFR Parts 1040, 1041, and 1042; Department of Health and Human Services regulations at 45 CFR part 90; Department of Justice regulations at 28 CFR part 41; Department of Housing and Urban Development 24 CFR PART 100—Discriminatory Conduct Under the Fair Housing Act; and Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4151 et seq.). In addition, the Recipient shall conform with requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.) and DOE regulations issued pursuant thereto contained in 10 CFR Part 1040 and 10 CFR Part 1042. No person in the United States shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or religion or religious affiliation, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available through this Contract. Any prohibition against discrimination on the basis of age under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101 et. seq.) or with respect to an otherwise qualified individual with a disability as provided in the Americans with Disabilities Act, as applicable, (P.L. 101 336, 42 U.S.C. 12101 12213) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Section 794) shall also apply to any such program, activity, or Project.
 - (b) DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT. The Recipient shall not discriminate against any qualified employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex,

national origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, familial status, physical or mental disability. The Recipient may take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, sexual orientation, familial status, gender identity, or physical or mental disability. Such action shall include, but may not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, promotion, demotion or transfers; recruitment or recruitment advertising; lay-off or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including an apprenticeship. The Recipient agrees to post notices setting forth the provisions of the nondiscrimination clause in conspicuous places so as to be available to employees. Upon the State's written request, the Recipient shall submit to the State a copy of its affirmative action plan, containing goals and time specifications, and accessibility plans and policies as required under Iowa Administrative Code chapter 11—121.

- (c) CONSIDERATION FOR EMPLOYMENT. The Recipient shall, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Recipient, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental disability, or familial status.
- (d) SOLICITATION AND ADVERTISEMENT. The Recipient shall list all suitable employment openings through Iowa Workforce Development's job search website, currently known as IowaWORKS.
- (e) CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE IN EMPLOYMENT. The Recipient shall comply with all relevant provisions of the Iowa Civil Rights Act of 1965 as amended; Chapter 19B.7 and Chapter 216, Code of Iowa; Federal Executive Order 11246, as amended; Title VI of the U.S. Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended (42 U.S.C. Section 2000d et seq.) including section 602 of the civil rights act of 1964; the Fair Labor Standards Act (29 U.S.C. Section 201 et seq.); The Americans with Disabilities Act, as applicable, (P.L. 101 336, 42 U.S.C. 12101-12213); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended (29 U.S.C. Section 794); and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 as amended (42 U.S.C. Section 6101 et seq.). The Recipient will furnish all information and reports requested by the State of Iowa or required by or pursuant to the rules and regulations thereof and will permit access to payroll and employment records by the State of Iowa to investigate compliance with these rules and regulations.
- (f) CERTIFICATION REGARDING GOVERNMENT-WIDE RESTRICTION ON LOBBYING. The Recipient certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that:
 - (i) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the Recipient, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with awarding any Federal contract, making any Federal grant, making any Federal loan, entering into any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
 - (ii) 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, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the Recipient shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Federal Lobbying" in accordance with its instruction.

- (iii) The Recipient shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.
- (iv) This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code and as implemented by DOE at 10 CFR part 601. 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.
- (v) If the Recipient is a nonprofit organization described in section 501(c)(4) of title 26, United States Code (the Internal Revenue Code of 1968), it may not engage in lobbying activities as defined in the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C., Chapter 26). If DOE or IEDA determines the Recipient has engaged in lobbying activities, IEDA will cease all payments to Recipient under this and other awards and terminate the awards unilaterally for material failure to comply with the award terms and conditions. By signing this agreement and accepting funds, the Recipient assures that it is not an organization described in section 501(c)(4) that has engaged in any lobbying activities described in the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1611).
- (vi) Officials not to benefit. Recipient must comply with the requirement that no member of Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of this agreement, or to any benefit arising from it, in accordance with 41 U.S.C. 22.
- (g) THE ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS ACT OF 1968. (42 U.S.C. § 4151 et seq.) Recipients must ensure that all persons have ready access to, and use, of buildings regardless of disability in the design, construction or alteration of buildings and facilities financed with Federal funds.
- (h) TITLE IX OF THE EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1972. (20 USC 1681-1686) Subject to certain exceptions regarding admission policies at certain religious and military organizations, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 USC §1681-1686) prohibits the exclusion of persons on the basis of sex from any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance. All DOE recipients and subrecipients must comply with Title IX. The Recipient shall comply with Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.).
- (i) NONCOMPLIANCE WITH THE CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS. In the event of the Recipient's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this Contract or with any of the

aforesaid rules, regulations, or requests, this Contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended either wholly or in part. In addition, the State of Iowa may take further action, imposing other sanctions and invoking additional remedies as provided by the Iowa Civil Rights Act of 1965 (Chapter 216, Code of Iowa) or as otherwise provided by law.

- (j) INCLUSION IN SUBCONTRACTS. The Recipient will include the provisions of the preceding paragraphs of Section 14 in every subcontract unless exempt by the State of Iowa, and said provisions will be binding on each subcontractor. The Recipient will take such action with respect to any subcontract as the State of Iowa may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance. In the event the Recipient becomes involved in or is threatened by litigation with a subcontractor or provider as a result of such direction by the State of Iowa, the Recipient may request the State of Iowa to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the State of Iowa.
- 42. DAVIS-BACON ACT. The Recipient shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, federal regulations, state rules, local ordinances, and orders. The Recipient declares that it has complied with all requirements related to Davis-Bacon wage rates as described in Exhibit B.
- 43. ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES. Environmental policy requires the recipient, as applicable, to protect the environment and human interaction with land, air, water or contact with certain substances. The following sections discuss the application of each of these policies:
 - (a) The Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 7401, et. seq.) and Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1251, et. seq.), as implemented by Executive Order 11738 [3 CFR, 1971-1975 Comp., p. 799] and Environmental Protection Agency rules at 40 CFR Part 32, Subpart J, are concerned with protecting and enhancing the quality of the Nation's air resources so as to promote the public health and welfare and the productive capacity of its population and encouraging and promoting pollution prevention.
 - (b) Recipients must protect the quality of the human environment, including wetlands, and provide any help DOE may need to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. § 4321 et. seq) and as implemented by DOE at 10 CFR Part 1021 and assist in preparing Environmental Impact Statements or other environmental documentation.
 - (c) Recipients must manage impacts on the following:
 - (i) Flood-prone areas, and comply with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 and Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. § 4001 et. Seq) and as implemented by DOE at 10 CFR Part 1022.
 - (ii) Land and water resources of coastal zones, and comply with the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. § 1451, et. seq.).
 - (iii) Coastal barriers along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts and Great Lakes' shores, and comply with the Coastal Barriers Resource Act (16 U.S.C. § 3501 et. seq.), concerning preservation of barrier resources.
 - (iv) Any existing or proposed component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers

system, and comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. § 1271 et seq.).

- (v) Underground sources of drinking water in areas that have an aquifer that is the sole or principal drinking water source, and comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. § 300h-3).
- (d) Recipients must comply with applicable provisions of the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 4821-4846), as implemented by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (24 CFR part 35). The requirements concern lead-based paint in housing owned by the Federal Government or receiving Federal assistance.
- (e) Recipients must comply with section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 6962), and implementing regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency (40 CFR Part 247) which require the purchase of recycled products by States or political subdivision of States.

44. PROTECTION OF HUMAN SUBJECTS AND ANIMALS IN RESEARCH (as applicable).

- (a) Humans. The recipient is responsible for the protection of the rights and welfare of human subjects involved in activities supported by DOE. All research involving human subjects is subject to the requirements of DOE Policy 443.1A, Protection of Human Subjects; 10 CFR 745, Protection of Human Subjects; and 45 CFR Part 46, Protection of Human Subjects. Information is available at <http://humansubjects.energy.gov>.
- (b) Animals. The recipient is responsible for the humane care and treatment of any animal used or intended for use in such activities as field or laboratory research, development, training, experiments, biological testing or for related purposes supported by DOE grants. Several Acts cover the treatment of animals in research including; the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.) and the regulations promulgated there under by the Secretary of Agriculture (9 CFR 1.1-4.11) pertaining to the humane care, handling, and treatment of vertebrate animals held or used for research, teaching or other activities supported by Federal awards and the Endangered Species Act of 1973 and implementing regulations of the Departments of Interior (50 CFR Parts 10-24) and Commerce (50 CFR Parts 217-227).

45. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE. The Recipient must comply with drug-free workplace requirements in Subpart B of 10 CFR part 607, which implements sec. 5151-5160 of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-690, Title V, Subtitle D; 41 U.S.C. 701, et seq.).

46. BUY AMERICAN. The Recipient shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, federal regulations, state rules, local ordinances, and orders. The Recipient declares that it has complied with all requirements related to Buy American provisions as described in Exhibit B.

47. POLITICAL ACTIVITY. No portion of program funds shall be used for any partisan political activity or to further the election or defeat of any candidate for public office. Neither the program nor the funds provided therefore, nor the personnel employed in the administration

of this Contract, shall be in any way or to any extent engaged in the conduct of political activities in contravention of The Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. 15).

48. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS:

- (a) Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation. If the Recipient controls or possesses Native American remains and associated funerary objects, Recipient must comply with the requirements of 43 CFR part 10, the Department of the Interior implementation of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (25 U.S.C. chapter 32).
- (b) Fly America Act. The Recipient must comply with the International Air Transportation Fair Competitive Practices Act of 1974 (49 U.S.C. 40118), commonly referred to as the "Fly America Act," and implementing regulations at 41 CFR 301-10.131 through 301-10.143.
- (c) Use of United States-flag vessels. Pursuant to Pub. L. 664 (43 U.S.C. 1241(b)), at least 50 percent of any equipment, materials or commodities procured, contracted for or otherwise obtained with funds under this award, and which may be transported by ocean vessel, must be transported on privately owned United States-flag commercial vessels, if available.
- (d) Research misconduct. The Recipient must comply with the government-wide policy on research misconduct issued by the Office of Science and Technology Policy (available in the Federal Register at 65 FR 76260, December 6, 2000, as implemented by DOE at 10 CFR part 733 and 10 CFR 600.31.
- (e) Requirements for an Institution of Higher Education Concerning Military recruiters and Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC). If the Recipient receives funds from an award by the National Nuclear Security Administration of the Department of Energy, the Recipient agrees that the Recipient is not an institution of higher education that has a policy or practice placing any of the restrictions specified in 10 U.S.C. 983. as implemented by 32 CFR part 216.
- (f) Historic Preservation Requirements. Construction contracts for non-exempt activities shall not be executed and construction shall not begin prior to providing IEDA with documentation of the Recipient's compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR Part 800, "Protection of Historic Properties", and Executive Order 11593. Any property listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places that will be affected by this award is subject to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470f) and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 469a-1, et seq.).
- (g) Confidentiality of patient records. If applicable the Recipient must keep confidential any records the Recipient maintain of the identity, diagnosis, prognosis, or treatment of any patient in connection with any program or activity relating to substance abuse education, prevention, training, treatment, or rehabilitation that is assisted directly or indirectly under this award, in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 290dd-2.
- (h) Constitution Day. If applicable the Recipient must comply with Public Law 108-447, Div. J, Title I, Sec. 111 (36 U.S.C. 106 note), which requires each educational institution

receiving Federal funds in a Federal fiscal year to hold an educational program on the United States Constitution on September 17th during that year for the students served by the educational institution.

(i) **Trafficking in Persons. Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104(g).**

i. Provisions applicable to a Recipient that is a private entity. The Recipient, its employees, contractors, and subrecipients under this award, and subrecipients' employees may not: i. engage in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect; ii. procure a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect; or iii. use forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award. DOE or IEDA may unilaterally terminate this award, without penalty, if the Recipient or a subrecipient that is a private entity: i. is determined to have violated a prohibition in a previous paragraph or ii. Has an employee who is determined by the agency official authorized to terminate the award to have violated a prohibition in a previous paragraph through conduct that is either: i. associated with performance under this award; or ii. imputed to Recipient or the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 2 CFR part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," as implemented by DOE or IEDA at 2 CFR part 901.

ii. Provision applicable to a recipient other than a private entity. The DOE or IEDA may unilaterally terminate this award, without penalty, if a subrecipient that is a private entity: i. is determined to have violated a prohibition in a previous paragraph or ii. Has an employee who is determined by the agency official authorized to terminate the award to have violated a prohibition in a previous paragraph through conduct that is either: i. associated with performance under this award; or ii. imputed to Recipient or the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 2 CFR part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," as implemented by DOE or IEDA at 2 CFR part 901.

iii. Provisions applicable to any recipient: 1. The Recipient must inform IEDA immediately of any information it receives from any source alleging a violation of Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104(g). (a) Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation. If the Recipient controls or possesses Native American remains and associated funerary objects, Recipient must comply with the requirements of 43 CFR part 10, the Department of the Interior implementation of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (25 U.S.C. chapter 32).

49. **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RIGHTS.** If all or a portion of the funding used to pay for the Deliverables is being provided through a grant from the Federal Government, recipient, subrecipient, contractor, subcontractor, or provider acknowledges and agrees that pursuant to applicable federal laws, regulations, circulars and bulletins, the awarding agency of the Federal Government reserves certain rights including, without limitation a royalty-free, non-exclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use,

for Federal Government purposes, the Deliverables developed under this Contract and the copyright in and to such Deliverables.

50. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROVISIONS. Nonprofit organizations are subject to the intellectual property requirements at 10 CFR 600.136(a), (c) and (d). All other organizations are subject to the intellectual property requirements at 10 CFR 600.136(a) and (c).
51. FLOWDOWN PROVISIONS TO SUBRECIPIENTS, SUBGRANTEES, AND CONTRACTORS. The terms and conditions of Federal awards (including this part) flow down to subawards to subrecipients, subgrantees, and contractors unless a particular section of this part or the terms and conditions of the Federal award specifically indicate otherwise.
52. HEADINGS OR CAPTIONS. The paragraph headings or captions used in this Agreement are for identification purposes only and do not limit or construe the contents of the paragraphs.
53. INTEGRATION. This Agreement contains the entire understanding between the Grantee and IEDA and any representations that may have been made before or after the signing of this Agreement, which are not contained herein, are nonbinding, void and of no effect. Neither of the parties has relied on any such prior representation in entering into this Agreement.
54. DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE. The following documents are hereby incorporated by reference:
 - (a) Exhibit A – Scope of Services and Budget
 - (b) Exhibit B - DOE Special Terms and Conditions, DE-SE0000197
55. ORDER OF PRIORITY. In the event of a conflict between documents, the follow order or priority shall be applied:
 - (a) Exhibit B - DOE Special Terms and Conditions, DE-SE0000197
 - (b) Articles 1-54 of this Grant Agreement.
 - (c) Exhibit A- Scope of Services and Budget

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed, effective as of the
October 15, 2025.

FOR RECIPIENT:

Signature

Title

Date

FOR IEDA:

Deborah Durham, Director

Date

Exhibit A

Scope of Services and Budget

Scope of Services

Deliverables

The project includes the following deliverables:

The Recipient will improve energy efficiency, enhance public safety, and advance long-term sustainability goals by replacing four (4) outdated high-energy-use streetlights in downtown Bloomfield with modern, energy-efficient LED fixtures.

Budget

Line Item	Cost
Energy efficient downtown lighting	Up to \$23,505
Grant administration	Up to \$8,000
Total Contract Award	Up to \$31,505

Exhibit B – Special Terms and Conditions

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

Special Terms and Conditions

Iowa Economic Development Authority (“Recipient”), which is identified in Block 5 of the Assistance Agreement, and the Office of State and Community Energy Programs (“SCEP”), and Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (“EECBG”), an office within the United States Department of Energy (“DOE”), enter into this Award, referenced above, to achieve the project objectives and the technical milestones and deliverables stated in Exhibit A to this Award.

This Award consists of the following documents, including all terms and conditions therein:

	Assistance Agreement
	Special Terms and Conditions
Attachment 1	Activity File
Attachment 2	Federal Assistance Reporting Checklist and Instructions
Attachment 3	Budget Information SF-424A
Attachment 4	Intellectual Property Provisions
Attachment 5	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy

The following are incorporated into this Award by reference:

- DOE Assistance Regulations, 2 CFR part 200 as amended by 2 CFR part 910 at <http://www.eCFR.gov>.
- National Policy Requirements (November 12, 2020) at <http://www.nsf.gov/awards/managing/rtc.jsp>.
- The Recipient’s application/proposal as approved by SCEP.
- Public Law 117-58, also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

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Subpart A. General Provisions

Term 1. Legal Authority and Effect

A DOE financial assistance award is valid only if it is in writing and is signed, either in writing or electronically, by a DOE Contracting Officer.

The Recipient may accept or reject the Award. A request to draw down DOE funds or acknowledgement of award documents by the Recipient's authorized representative through electronic systems used by DOE, specifically FedConnect, constitutes the Recipient's acceptance of the terms and conditions of this Award. Acknowledgement via FedConnect by the Recipient's authorized representative constitutes the Recipient's electronic signature.

Term 2. Flow Down Requirement

The Recipient agrees to apply the terms and conditions of this Award, as applicable, including the Intellectual Property Provisions, to all subrecipients (and subcontractors, as appropriate), as required by 2 CFR 200.101, and to require their strict compliance therewith. Further, the Recipient must apply the Award terms as required by 2 CFR 200.327 to all subrecipients (and subcontractors, as appropriate), and to require their strict compliance therewith.

Term 3. Compliance with Federal, State, and Municipal Law

The Recipient is required to comply with applicable Federal, state, and local laws and regulations for all work performed under this Award. The Recipient is required to obtain all necessary Federal, state, and local permits, authorizations, and approvals for all work performed under this Award.

Term 4. Inconsistency with Federal Law

Any apparent inconsistency between Federal statutes and regulations and the terms and conditions contained in this Award must be referred to the DOE Award Administrator for guidance.

Term 5. Federal Stewardship

SCEP will exercise normal Federal stewardship in overseeing the project activities performed under this Award. Stewardship activities include, but are not limited to, conducting site visits; reviewing performance and financial reports; providing technical assistance and/or temporary intervention in unusual circumstances to address deficiencies that develop during the project; assuring compliance with terms and conditions; and reviewing technical performance after project completion to ensure that the project objectives have been accomplished.

Term 6. NEPA Requirements

DOE must comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) prior to authorizing the use of Federal funds. Based on all information provided by the Recipient, SCEP has made a NEPA determination by issuing a categorical exclusion (CX) for all activities listed in the Activity File approved by the Contracting Officer and the DOE NEPA Determination. The Recipient is thereby authorized to use Federal funds for the defined project activities, subject the Recipient's compliance with the conditions stated below and except where such activity is subject to a restriction set forth elsewhere in this Award.

Condition(s):

1. This NEPA Determination only applies to activities funded by the Administrative and Legal Requirements Document (ALRD) for the EECBG Program Formula Infrastructure

Investment and Jobs Act (EECBG Formula - IJJA) which are awarded to non-tribal recipients proposing projects with potential ground disturbing activities within states that have a DOE executed Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement.

2. Activities not listed under "Blueprints and additional activities" within this NEPA determination are subject to additional NEPA review and approval by DOE. For activities requiring additional NEPA review, Recipients must complete the environmental questionnaire (EQ-1) found at <https://www.eere-pmc.energy.gov/NEPA.aspx> and receive notification from DOE that the NEPA review has been completed and approved by the Contracting Officer prior to initiating the project or activities.
3. Activities proposed on tribal lands or tribal properties would be restricted to homes/buildings less than forty-five (45) years old and without ground disturbance. Recipients must contact their DOE Project Officer for a Historic Preservation Worksheet to request a review of activities that are listed below on tribal homes/buildings forty-five (45) years and older and/or ground disturbing activities. The DOE NEPA team must review the Historic Preservation Worksheet and notify the Recipient's DOE Project Officer before activities listed on the Historic Preservation Worksheet may begin.
4. This authorization does not include activities where the following elements exist: extraordinary circumstances; cumulative impacts or connected actions that may lead to significant effects on the human environment; or any inconsistency with the "integral elements" (as contained in 10 CFR Part 1021, Appendix B) as they relate to a particular project.
5. The Recipient must identify and promptly notify DOE of extraordinary circumstances, cumulative impacts or connected actions that may lead to significant effects on the human environment, or any inconsistency with the "integral elements" (as contained in 10 CFR Part 1021, Appendix B) as they relate to project activities.
6. Recipients must have a DOE executed Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement and adhere to the terms and restrictions of its DOE executed Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement. DOE executed Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreements are available at <https://www.energy.gov/node/812599>.
7. Recipients are responsible for reviewing the online NEPA and Historic preservation training at www.energy.gov/node/4816816 and contacting EECBG.NEPA@ee.doe.gov with any EECBG NEPA or historic preservation questions.
8. Recipients are required to submit an annual Historic Preservation Report in the Performance and Accountability for Grants in Energy system (PAGE) at <https://www.page.energy.gov/default.aspx>.
9. Recipients are required to submit quarterly reports in the form of a NEPA Log. Sample NEPA Logs can be found at: www.energy.gov/node/4816816. NEPA Logs must be submitted to EECBG.NEPA@ee.doe.gov and your DOE Project Officer.

10. Most activities listed under “Blueprints and additional activities” within this NEPA determination are more restrictive than the Categorical Exclusion. The restrictions included in the “Blueprints and additional activities” must be followed.
11. This authorization excludes any activities that are otherwise subject to a restriction set forth elsewhere in the Award.

This authorization is specific to the project activities and locations as described in the Activity File approved by the Contracting Officer and the DOE NEPA Determination.

If the Recipient later intends to add to or modify the activities or locations as described in the approved Activity File and the DOE NEPA Determination, those new activities/locations or modified activities/locations are subject to additional NEPA review and are not authorized for Federal funding until the Contracting Officer provides written authorization on those additions or modifications. Should the Recipient elect to undertake activities or change locations prior to written authorization from the Contracting Officer, the Recipient does so at risk of not receiving Federal funding for those activities, and such costs may not be recognized as allowable cost share.

Term 7. Notice Regarding the Purchase of American-Made Equipment and Products – Sense of Congress

It is the sense of the Congress that, to the greatest extent practicable, all equipment and products purchased with funds made available under this Award should be American-made.

Term 8. Reporting Requirements

The reporting requirements for this Award are identified on the Federal Assistance Reporting Checklist, attached to this Award. Failure to comply with these reporting requirements is considered a material noncompliance with the terms of the Award. Noncompliance may result in withholding of future payments, suspension, or termination of the current award, and withholding of future awards. A willful failure to perform, a history of failure to perform, or unsatisfactory performance of this and/or other financial assistance awards, may also result in a debarment action to preclude future awards by Federal agencies.

Term 9. Lobbying

By accepting funds under this Award, the Recipient agrees that none of the funds obligated on the Award shall be expended, directly or indirectly, to influence congressional action on any legislation or appropriation matters pending before Congress, other than to communicate to Members of Congress as described in 18 U.S.C. § 1913. This restriction is in addition to those prescribed elsewhere in statute and regulation.

Term 10. Publications

The Recipient is required to include the following acknowledgement in publications arising out of, or relating to, work performed under this Award, whether copyrighted or not:

- ***Acknowledgment:*** “This material is based upon work supported by the U.S. Department of Energy’s Office of State and Community Energy Programs (SCEP) under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG) Award Number DE- SE0000197.”

- *Full Legal Disclaimer:* “This report was prepared as an account of work sponsored by an agency of the United States Government. Neither the United States Government nor any agency thereof, nor any of their employees, makes any warranty, express or implied, or assumes any legal liability or responsibility for the accuracy, completeness, or usefulness of any information, apparatus, product, or process disclosed, or represents that its use would not infringe privately owned rights. Reference herein to any specific commercial product, process, or service by trade name, trademark, manufacturer, or otherwise does not necessarily constitute or imply its endorsement, recommendation, or favoring by the United States Government or any agency thereof. The views and opinions of authors expressed herein do not necessarily state or reflect those of the United States Government or any agency thereof.”

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Recipients should make every effort to include the full Legal Disclaimer. However, in the event that recipients are constrained by formatting and/or page limitations set by the publisher, the abridged Legal Disclaimer is an acceptable alternative.

Term 11. No-Cost Extension

As provided in 2 CFR 200.308, the Recipient must provide the Contracting Officer with notice in advance if it intends to utilize a one-time, no-cost extension of this Award. The notification must include the supporting reasons and the revised period of performance. The Recipient must submit this notification in writing to the Contracting Officer and DOE Technology Manager/ Project Officer at least 30 days before the end of the current budget period.

Any no-cost extension will not alter the project scope, milestones, deliverables, or budget of this Award.

Term 12. Property Standards

The complete text of the Property Standards can be found at 2 CFR 200.310 through 200.316. Also see 2 CFR 910.360 for additional requirements for real property and equipment for For-Profit recipients.

Term 13. Insurance Coverage

See 2 CFR 200.310 for insurance requirements for real property and equipment acquired or improved with Federal funds. Also see 2 CFR 910.360(d) for additional requirements for real property and equipment for For-Profit recipients.

Term 14. Real Property

Subject to the conditions set forth in 2 CFR 200.311, title to real property acquired or improved under a Federal award will conditionally vest upon acquisition in the non-Federal entity. The non-Federal entity cannot encumber this property and must follow the requirements of 2 CFR 200.311 before disposing of the property.

Except as otherwise provided by Federal statutes or by the Federal awarding agency, real property will be used for the originally authorized purpose as long as needed for that purpose. When real property is no longer needed for the originally authorized purpose, the non-Federal entity must obtain disposition instructions from DOE or pass-through entity. The instructions must provide for one of the following alternatives: (1) retain title after compensating DOE as described in 2 CFR 200.311(c)(1); (2) Sell the property and compensate DOE as specified in 2 CFR 200.311(c)(2); or (3) transfer title to DOE or to a third party designated/approved by DOE as specified in 2 CFR 200.311(c)(3).

See 2 CFR 200.311 for additional requirements pertaining to real property acquired or improved under a Federal award. Also see 2 CFR 910.360 for additional requirements for real property for For-Profit recipients.

Term 15. Equipment

Subject to the conditions provided in 2 CFR 200.313, title to equipment (property) acquired under a Federal award will conditionally vest upon acquisition with the non-Federal entity. The non-Federal entity cannot encumber this property and must follow the requirements of 2 CFR 200.313 before disposing of the property.

A state must use equipment acquired under a Federal award by the state in accordance with state laws and procedures.

Equipment must be used by the non-Federal entity in the program or project for which it was acquired as long as it is needed, whether or not the project or program continues to be supported by the Federal award. When no longer needed for the originally authorized purpose, the equipment may be used by programs supported by DOE in the priority order specified in 2 CFR 200.313(c)(1)(i) and (ii).

Management requirements, including inventory and control systems, for equipment are provided in 2 CFR 200.313(d).

When equipment acquired under a Federal award is no longer needed, the non-Federal entity must obtain disposition instructions from DOE or pass-through entity.

Disposition will be made as follows: (1) items of equipment with a current fair market value of \$5,000 or less may be retained, sold, or otherwise disposed of with no further obligation to DOE; (2) Non-Federal entity may retain title or sell the equipment after compensating DOE as described in 2 CFR 200.313(e)(2); or (3) transfer title to DOE or to an eligible third party as specified in 2 CFR 200.313(e)(3).

See 2 CFR 200.313 for additional requirements pertaining to equipment acquired under a Federal award. Also see 2 CFR 910.360 for additional requirements for equipment for For-Profit recipients. See also 2 CFR 200.439 Equipment and other capital expenditures.

Term 16. Supplies

See 2 CFR 200.314 for requirements pertaining to supplies acquired under a Federal award. See also 2 CFR 200.453 Materials and supplies costs, including costs of computing devices.

Term 17. Property Trust Relationship

Real property, equipment, and intangible property, that are acquired or improved with a Federal award must be held in trust by the non-Federal entity as trustee for the beneficiaries of the project or program under which the property was acquired or improved. See 2 CFR 200.316 for additional requirements pertaining to real property, equipment, and intangible property acquired or improved under a Federal award.

Term 18. Record Retention

Consistent with 2 CFR 200.334 through 200.338, the Recipient is required to retain records relating to this Award.

Term 19. Audits**A. Government-Initiated Audits**

The Recipient must provide any information, documents, site access, or other assistance requested by SCEP, DOE or Federal auditing agencies (e.g., DOE Inspector General, Government Accountability Office) for the purpose of audits and investigations. Such assistance may include, but is not limited to, reasonable access to the Recipient's records relating to this Award.

Consistent with 2 CFR part 200 as amended by 2 CFR part 910, DOE may audit the Recipient's financial records or administrative records relating to this Award at any time. Government-initiated audits are generally paid for by DOE.

DOE may conduct a final audit at the end of the project period (or the termination of the Award, if applicable). Upon completion of the audit, the Recipient is required to refund to DOE any payments for costs that were determined to be unallowable. If the audit has not been performed or completed prior to the closeout of the award, DOE retains the right to recover an appropriate amount after fully considering the recommendations on disallowed costs resulting from the final audit.

DOE will provide reasonable advance notice of audits and will minimize interference with ongoing work, to the maximum extent practicable.

B. Annual Independent Audits (Single Audit or Compliance Audit)

The Recipient must comply with the annual independent audit requirements in 2 CFR 200.500 through .521 for institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, and state and local governments (Single audit), and 2 CFR 910.500 through .521 for for-profit entities (Compliance audit).

The annual independent audits are separate from Government-initiated audits discussed in part A. of this Term and must be paid for by the Recipient. To minimize expense, the Recipient may have a Compliance audit in conjunction with its annual audit of financial statements. The financial statement audit is **not** a substitute for the Compliance audit. If the audit (Single audit or Compliance audit, depending on Recipient entity type) has not been performed or completed prior to

the closeout of the award, DOE may impose one or more of the actions outlined in 2 CFR 200.339, Remedies for Noncompliance.

Term 20. Indemnity

The Recipient shall indemnify DOE and its officers, agents, or employees for any and all liability, including litigation expenses and attorneys' fees, arising from suits, actions, or claims of any character for death, bodily injury, or loss of or damage to property or to the environment, resulting from the project, except to the extent that such liability results from the direct fault or negligence of DOE officers, agents or employees, or to the extent such liability may be covered by applicable allowable costs provisions.

Term 21. Foreign National Participation

If the Recipient (including any of its subrecipients and contractors) anticipates involving foreign nationals in the performance of the Award, the Recipient must, upon DOE's request, provide DOE with specific information about each foreign national to ensure compliance with the requirements for participation and access approval. The volume and type of information required may depend on various factors associated with the Award. The DOE Contracting Officer will notify the Recipient if this information is required.

DOE may elect to deny a foreign national's participation in the Award. Likewise, DOE may elect to deny a foreign national's access to a DOE sites, information, technologies, equipment, programs or personnel.

Term 22. Post-Award Due Diligence Reviews

During the life of the Award, DOE may conduct ongoing due diligence reviews, through Government resources, to identify potential risks of undue foreign influence. In the event, a risk is identified, DOE may require risk mitigation measures, including but not limited to, requiring an individual or entity not participate in the Award.

Subpart B. Financial Provisions

Term 23. Maximum Obligation

The maximum obligation of DOE for this Award is the total "Funds Obligated" stated in Block 13 of the Assistance Agreement to this Award.

Term 24. Refund Obligation

The Recipient must refund any excess payments received from SCEP, including any costs determined unallowable by the Contracting Officer. Upon the end of the project period (or the termination of the Award, if applicable), the Recipient must refund to SCEP the difference between (1) the total payments received from SCEP, and (2) the Federal share of the costs incurred. Refund obligations under this Term do not supersede the annual reconciliation or true up process if specified under the Indirect Cost Term.

Term 25. Allowable Costs

SCEP determines the allowability of costs through reference to 2 CFR part 200 as amended by 2 CFR part 910. All project costs must be allowable, allocable, and reasonable. The Recipient must document and maintain records of all project costs, including, but not limited to, the costs

paid by Federal funds, costs claimed by its subrecipients and project costs that the Recipient claims as cost sharing, including in-kind contributions. The Recipient is responsible for maintaining records adequate to demonstrate that costs claimed have been incurred, are reasonable, allowable and allocable, and comply with the cost principles. Upon request, the Recipient is required to provide such records to SCEP. Such records are subject to audit.

Failure to provide SCEP adequate supporting documentation may result in a determination by the Contracting Officer that those costs are unallowable.

The Recipient is required to obtain the prior written approval of the Contracting Officer for any foreign travel costs.

Term 26. Indirect Costs

A. Indirect Cost Allocation:

The Recipient has a Federally approved provisional Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA) with a current effective period identified for billing and estimation purposes and it applies uniformly across all Federal awards. These costs shall be reconciled or trued up (actual incurred costs) on an annual basis with the Recipient's cognizant agency. An updated rate proposal or NICRA is required if the Recipient requests to bill the DOE higher billing rates than those listed in the current NICRA.

B. Fringe Cost Allocation:

Fringe benefit costs have been allocated to this award under a segregated fringe billing rate. The fringe costs were found to be reasonable, allocable, and allowable as reflected in the budget. Fringe elements apply to both direct and indirect

labor. Under a segregated cost pool, the fringe billing rate shall be treated as an indirect cost expenditure and must be reconciled annually.

C. Subrecipient Indirect Costs (If Applicable):

The Recipient must ensure its subrecipient's indirect costs are appropriately managed, have been found to be allowable, and comply with the requirements of this Award and 2 CFR Part 200 as amended by 2 CFR Part 910.

D. Indirect Cost Stipulations:

i. Modification to Indirect Cost Billing Rates

SCEP will not modify this Award solely to provide additional funds to cover increases in the Recipient's indirect cost billing rate(s). Adjustments to the indirect cost billing rates must be approved by the Recipient's Cognizant Agency or Cognizant Federal Agency Official.

The Recipient must provide a copy of an updated NICRA or indirect rate proposal to the DOE Award Administrator in order to increase indirect cost billing rates. If the Contracting Officer provides prior written approval, the Recipient may incur an increase in the indirect cost billing rates.

Reimbursement will be limited by the budgeted dollar amount for indirect costs for each budget period as shown in Attachment 3 to this Award.

ii. Annual Cost Reconciliation

In accordance with Appendices III-VII of 2 CFR Part 200 or 48 CFR Part 42.7, governing for-profit organizations, the indirect cost billing rates shall be reconciled or trued up (actual incurred costs) on an annual basis via the annual incurred cost proposal within six months after the Recipient's fiscal year end.

iii. Adjustments to Indirect Cost Billing Rates

Following an official audit or adequacy review of the incurred cost proposal, one of the following shall apply:

1. If the Recipient's actual and final annual indirect cost billing rate(s) reflect that Recipient invoiced at higher billing rates than actually incurred, the Recipient must refund the Government the over- recovered amounts.
2. If the Recipient's actual and final annual indirect cost billing rate(s) reflect that the Recipient invoiced at lower billing rates than actually incurred, the Recipient may not be reimbursed for increases in its indirect cost rate, which resulted in an under-recovery. Increased indirect cost billing rates cannot be retroactively applied to the DOE award.

iv. Award Closeout

The closeout of the DOE award does not affect (1) the right of the DOE to disallow costs and recover funds on the basis of a later audit or other review; (2) the requirement for the Recipient to return any funds due as a result of later refunds, corrections or other transactions including final indirect cost billing rate adjustments; and (3) the ability of the DOE to make financial adjustments to a previously closed award resolving indirect cost payments and making final payments.

Term 27. Decontamination and/or Decommissioning (D&D) Costs

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Award, the Government shall not be responsible for or have any obligation to the Recipient for (1) Decontamination and/or Decommissioning (D&D) of any of the Recipient's facilities, or (2) any costs which may be incurred by the Recipient in connection with the D&D of any of its facilities due to the performance of the work under this Award, whether said work was performed prior to or subsequent to the effective date of the Award.

Term 28. Use of Program Income

If the Recipient earns program income during the project period as a result of this Award, the Recipient must add the program income to the funds committed to the Award and used to further eligible project objectives.

Term 29. Payment Procedures**A. Method of Payment**

Payment will be made by advances through the Department of Treasury's ASAP system.

B. Requesting Advances

Requests for advances must be made through the ASAP system. The Recipient may submit requests as frequently as required to meet its needs to disburse funds for the Federal share of project costs. If feasible, the Recipient should time each request so that the Recipient receives payment on the same day that the Recipient disburses funds for direct project costs and the proportionate share of any allowable indirect costs. If same-day transfers are not feasible, advance payments must be as close to actual disbursements as administratively feasible.

C. Adjusting Payment Requests for Available Cash

The Recipient must disburse any funds that are available from repayments to and interest earned on a revolving fund, program income, rebates, refunds, contract settlements, audit recoveries, credits, discounts, and interest earned on any of those funds before requesting additional cash payments from SCEP.

D. Payments

All payments are made by electronic funds transfer to the bank account identified on the Bank Information Form that the Recipient filed with the U.S. Department of Treasury.

E. Unauthorized Drawdown of Federal Funds

For each budget period, the Recipient may not spend more than the Federal share authorized to that particular budget period, without specific written approval from the Contracting Officer. The Recipient must immediately refund SCEP any amounts spent or drawn down in excess of the authorized amount for a budget period. The Recipient and subrecipients shall promptly, but at least quarterly, remit to DOE interest earned on advances drawn in excess of disbursement needs, and shall comply with the procedure for remitting interest earned to the Federal government per 2 CFR 200.305, as applicable.

The DOE payment authorizing official may request additional information from the Recipient to support the payment requests prior to release of funds, as deemed necessary. The Recipient is required to comply with these requests. Supporting documents include invoices, copies of

contracts, vendor quotes, and other expenditure explanations that justify the payment requests.

Term 30. Budget Changes

A. Budget Changes Generally

The Contracting Officer has reviewed and approved the SF-424A in Attachment 3 to this Award.

Any increase in the total project cost, whether DOE share or Cost Share, which is stated as "Total" in Block 12 to the Assistance Agreement of this Award, must be approved in advance and in writing by the Contracting Officer.

Any change that alters the project scope, milestones or deliverables requires prior written approval of the Contracting Officer. SCEP may deny reimbursement for any failure to comply with the requirements in this term.

B. Transfers of Funds Among Direct Cost Categories

The Recipient is required to obtain the prior written approval of the Contracting Officer for any transfer of funds among direct cost categories where the cumulative amount of such transfers exceeds or is expected to exceed 10 percent of the total project cost, which is stated as "Total" in Block 12 to the Assistance Agreement of this Award.

The Recipient is required to notify the DOE Technology Manager/Project Officer of any transfer of funds among direct cost categories where the cumulative amount of such transfers is equal to or below 10 percent of the total project cost, which is stated as "Total" in Block 12 to the Assistance Agreement of this Award.

C. Transfer of Funds Between Direct and Indirect Cost Categories

The Recipient is required to obtain the prior written approval of the Contracting Officer for any transfer of funds between direct and indirect cost categories. If the Recipient's actual allowable indirect costs are less than those budgeted in Attachment 3 to this Award, the Recipient may use the difference to pay additional allowable direct costs during the project period so long as the total difference is less than 10% of total project costs and the difference is reflected in actual requests for reimbursement to DOE.

Subpart C. Miscellaneous Provisions

Term 31. Environmental, Safety and Health Performance of Work at DOE Facilities

With respect to the performance of any portion of the work under this Award which is performed at a DOE -owned or controlled site, the Recipient agrees to comply with all State and Federal Environmental, Safety and Health (ES&H) regulations and with all other ES&H requirements of the operator of such site.

Prior to the performance on any work at a DOE-owned or controlled site, the Recipient shall contact the site facility manager for information on DOE and site-specific ES&H requirements.

The Recipient is required apply this provision to its subrecipients and contractors.

Term 32. System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements

A. Requirement for Registration in the System for Award Management (SAM)

Unless the Recipient is exempted from this requirement under 2 CFR 25.110, the Recipient must maintain the currency of its information in SAM until the Recipient submits the final financial report required under this Award or receive the final payment, whichever is later. This requires that the Recipient reviews and updates the information at least annually after the initial registration, and more frequently if required by changes in its information or another award term.

B. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)

SAM automatically assigns a UEI to all active SAM.gov registered entities. Entities no longer have to go to a third-party website to obtain their identifier. This information is displayed on SAM.gov.

If the Recipient is authorized to make subawards under this Award, the Recipient:

- i. Must notify potential subrecipients that no entity (see definition in paragraph C of this award term) may receive a subaward from the Recipient unless the entity has provided its UEI number to the Recipient.
- ii. May not make a subaward to an entity unless the entity has provided its UEI number to the Recipient.

C. Definitions

For purposes of this award term:

- i. System for Award Management (SAM) means the Federal repository into which an entity must provide information required for the conduct of business as a recipient. Additional information about registration procedures may be found at the SAM Internet site (currently at <https://www.sam.gov>).

- ii. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) is the 12-character, alpha-numeric identifier that will be assigned by SAM.gov upon registration.
- iii. Entity, as it is used in this award term, means all of the following, as defined at 2 CFR Part 25, subpart C:
 - 1. A Governmental organization, which is a State, local government, or Indian Tribe.
 - 2. A foreign public entity.
 - 3. A domestic or foreign nonprofit organization.
 - 4. A domestic or foreign for-profit organization.
 - 5. A Federal agency, but only as a subrecipient under an award or subaward to a non-Federal entity.
- iv. Subaward:
 - 1. This term means a legal instrument to provide support for the performance of any portion of the substantive project or program for which the Recipient received this Award and that the Recipient awards to an eligible subrecipient.
 - 2. The term does not include the Recipient's procurement of property and services needed to carry out the project or program (for further explanation, see 2 CFR 200.501 Audit requirements, (f) *Subrecipients and Contractors* and/or 2 CFR 910.501 Audit requirements, (f) *Subrecipients and Contractors*).
 - 3. A subaward may be provided through any legal agreement, including an agreement that the Recipient considers a contract.
- v. Subrecipient means an entity that:
 - 1. Receives a subaward from the Recipient under this Award; and
 - 2. Is accountable to the Recipient for the use of the Federal funds provided by the subaward.

Term 33. Nondisclosure and Confidentiality Agreements Assurances

- A. By entering into this agreement, the Recipient attests that it does not and will not require its employees or contractors to sign internal nondisclosure or confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting its employees or contractors from lawfully reporting waste, fraud, or abuse to a designated investigative or law enforcement

representative of a Federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

- B.** The Recipient further attests that it **does not and will not** use any Federal funds to implement or enforce any nondisclosure and/or confidentiality policy, form, or agreement it uses unless it contains the following provisions:
- i. *“These provisions are consistent with and do not supersede, conflict with, or otherwise alter the employee obligations, rights, or liabilities created by existing statute or Executive order relating to (1) classified information, (2) communications to Congress, (3) the reporting to an Inspector General of a violation of any law, rule, or regulation, or mismanagement, a gross waste of funds, an abuse of authority, or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or (4) any other whistleblower protection. The definitions, requirements, obligations, rights, sanctions, and liabilities created by controlling Executive orders and statutory provisions are incorporated into this agreement and are controlling.”*
 - ii. The limitation above shall not contravene requirements applicable to Standard Form 312, Form 4414, or any other form issued by a Federal department or agency governing the nondisclosure of classified information.
 - iii. Notwithstanding provision listed in paragraph (a), a nondisclosure or confidentiality policy form or agreement that is to be executed by a person connected with the conduct of an intelligence or intelligence-related activity, other than an employee or officer of the United States Government, may contain provisions appropriate to the particular activity for which such document is to be used. Such form or agreement shall, at a minimum, require that the person will not disclose any classified information received in the course of such activity unless specifically authorized to do so by the United States Government. Such nondisclosure or confidentiality forms shall also make it clear that they do not bar disclosures to Congress, or to an authorized official of an executive agency or the Department of Justice, that are essential to reporting a substantial violation of law.

Term 34. Subrecipient Change Notification

Except for subrecipients specifically proposed as part of the Recipient's Application for award, the Recipient must notify the Contracting Officer and Project Manager in writing 30 days prior to the execution of new or modified subrecipient agreements, including naming any To Be Determined subrecipients. This notification does not constitute a waiver of the prior approval requirements outlined in 2 CFR part 200 as amended by 2 CFR part 910, nor does it relieve the Recipient from its obligation to comply with applicable Federal statutes, regulations, and executive orders.

In order to satisfy this notification requirement, the Recipient documentation must, as a minimum, include the following:

- A description of the research to be performed, the service to be provided, or the equipment to be purchased.
- Cost share commitment letter if the subrecipient is providing cost share to the Award.
- An assurance that the process undertaken by the Recipient to solicit the subrecipient complies with their written procurement procedures as outlined in 2 CFR 200.317 through 200.327.
- An assurance that no planned, actual or apparent conflict of interest exists between the Recipient and the selected subrecipient and that the Recipient's written standards of conduct were followed.¹
- A completed Environmental Questionnaire, if applicable.
- An assurance that the subrecipient is not a debarred or suspended entity.
- An assurance that all required award provisions will be flowed down in the resulting subrecipient agreement.

¹ It is DOE's position that the existence of a "covered relationship" as defined in 5 CFR 2635.502(a)&(b) between a member of the Recipient's owners or senior management and a member of a subrecipient's owners or senior management creates at a minimum an apparent conflict of interest that would require the Recipient to notify the Contracting Officer and provide detailed information and justification (including, for example, mitigation measures) as to why the subrecipient agreement does not create an actual conflict of interest. The Recipient must also notify the Contracting Officer of any new subrecipient agreement with: (1) an entity that is owned or otherwise controlled by the Recipient; or (2) an entity that is owned or otherwise controlled by another entity that also owns or otherwise controls the Recipient, as it is DOE's position that these situations also create at a minimum an apparent conflict of interest.

The Recipient is responsible for making a final determination to award or modify subrecipient agreements under this agreement, but the Recipient may not proceed with the subrecipient agreement until the Contracting Officer determines, and provides the Recipient written notification, that the information provided is adequate.

Should the Recipient not receive a written notification of adequacy from the Contracting Officer within 30 days of the submission of the subrecipient documentation stipulated above, the Recipient may proceed to award or modify the proposed subrecipient agreement.

Term 35. Conference Spending

The Recipient shall not expend any funds on a conference not directly and programmatically related to the purpose for which the grant was awarded that would defray the cost to the United States Government of a conference held by any Executive branch department, agency, board, commission, or office for which the cost to the United States Government would otherwise exceed \$20,000, thereby circumventing the required notification by the head of any such Executive Branch department, agency, board, commission, or office to the Inspector General (or senior ethics official for any entity without an Inspector General), of the date, location, and number of employees attending such conference.

Term 36. Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters

A. General Reporting Requirement

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

B. Proceedings About Which You Must Report

Submit the information required about each proceeding that:

- i. Is in connection with the award or performance of a Financial Assistance, cooperative agreement, or procurement contract from the Federal Government;
- ii. Reached its final disposition during the most recent five-year period; and
- iii. Is one of the following:
 1. A criminal proceeding that resulted in a conviction, as defined in paragraph E of this award term and condition;
 2. A civil proceeding that resulted in a finding of fault and liability and

payment of a monetary fine, penalty, reimbursement, restitution, or damages of \$5,000 or more;

3. An administrative proceeding, as defined in paragraph E of this term, that resulted in a finding of fault and liability and your payment of either a monetary fine or penalty of \$5,000 or more or reimbursement, restitution, or damages in excess of \$100,000; or
4. Any other criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding if:
 - a. It could have led to an outcome described in paragraph B.iii.1, 2, or 3 of this term;
 - b. It had a different disposition arrived at by consent or compromise with an acknowledgment of fault on your part; and
 - c. The requirement in this term to disclose information about the proceeding does not conflict with applicable laws and regulations.

C. Reporting Procedures

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

D. Reporting Frequency

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

E. Definitions

For purposes of this term:

- i. Administrative proceeding means a non-judicial process that is adjudicatory in nature in order to make a determination of fault or liability (e.g., Securities and Exchange Commission Administrative proceedings, Civilian Board of Contract Appeals proceedings, and Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals proceedings). This includes proceedings at the Federal and State level but only in connection with performance of a Federal contract or Financial Assistance awards. It does not include audits, site visits, corrective plans, or inspection of deliverables.

- ii. Conviction means a judgment or conviction of a criminal offense by any court of competent jurisdiction, whether entered upon a verdict or a plea, and includes a conviction entered upon a plea of *nolo contendere*.
- iii. Total value of currently active Financial Assistance awards, cooperative agreements and procurement contracts includes—
 - 1. Only the Federal share of the funding under any Federal award with a recipient cost share or match; and
 - 2. The value of all expected funding increments under a Federal award and options, even if not yet exercised.

Term 37. Export Control

The United States government regulates the transfer of information, commodities, technology, and software considered to be strategically important to the U.S. to protect national security, foreign policy, and economic interests without imposing undue regulatory burdens on legitimate international trade. There is a network of Federal agencies and regulations that govern exports that are collectively referred to as “Export Controls.” The Recipient is responsible for ensuring compliance with all applicable United States Export Control laws and regulations relating to any work performed under a resulting award.

The Recipient must immediately report to DOE any export control violations related to the project funded under this award, at the recipient or subrecipient level, and provide the corrective action(s) to prevent future violations.

Term 38. Interim Conflict of Interest Policy for Financial Assistance

The DOE interim Conflict of Interest Policy for Financial Assistance (COI Policy) can be found at <https://www.energy.gov/management/department-energy-interim-conflict-interest-policy-requirements-financial-assistance>. This policy is applicable to all non-Federal entities applying for, or that receive, DOE funding by means of a financial assistance award (e.g., a grant, cooperative agreement, or technology investment agreement) and, through the implementation of this policy by the entity, to each Investigator who is planning to participate in, or is participating in, the project funded wholly or in part under this Award. The term “Investigator” means the PI and any other person, regardless of title or position, who is responsible for the purpose, design, conduct, or reporting of a project funded by DOE or proposed for funding by DOE. The Recipient must flow down the requirements of the interim COI Policy to any subrecipient non-Federal entities, with the exception of DOE National Laboratories. Further, the Recipient must identify all financial conflicts of interests (FCOI), i.e., managed and unmanaged/unmanageable, in its initial and ongoing FCOI reports.

Prior to award, the Recipient was required to: 1) ensure all Investigators on this Award completed their significant financial disclosures; 2) review the disclosures; 3) determine whether a FCOI exists; 4) develop and implement a management plan for FCOIs; and 5) provide DOE with an initial FCOI report that includes all FCOIs (i.e., managed and unmanaged/unmanageable). Within 180 days of the date of the Award, the Recipient must be in full compliance with the other requirements set forth in DOE’s interim COI Policy.

Term 39. Organizational Conflict of Interest

Organizational conflicts of interest are those where, because of relationships with a parent company, affiliate, or subsidiary organization, the Recipient is unable or appears to be unable to be impartial in conducting procurement action involving a related organization (2 CFR 200.318(c)(2)).

The Recipient must disclose in writing any potential or actual organizational conflict of interest to the DOE Contracting Officer. The Recipient must provide the disclosure prior to engaging in a procurement or transaction using project funds with a parent, affiliate, or subsidiary organization that is not a state, local government, or Indian tribe. For a list of the information that must be included the disclosure, see Section VI. of the DOE interim Conflict of Interest Policy for Financial Assistance at <https://www.energy.gov/management/department-energy-interim-conflict-interest-policy-requirements-financial-assistance>.

If the effects of the potential or actual organizational conflict of interest cannot be avoided, neutralized, or mitigated, the Recipient must procure goods and services from other sources when using project funds. Otherwise, DOE may terminate the Award in accordance with 2 CFR 200.340 unless continued performance is determined to be in the best interest of the Federal government.

The Recipient must flow down the requirements of the interim COI Policy to any subrecipient non-Federal entities, with the exception of DOE National Laboratories. The Recipient is responsible for ensuring subrecipient compliance with this term.

If the Recipient has a parent, affiliate, or subsidiary organization that is not a state, local government, or Indian tribe, the Recipient must maintain written standards of conduct covering organizational conflicts of interest.

Term 40. Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment

As set forth in 2 CFR 200.216, recipients and subrecipients are prohibited from obligating or expending project funds (Federal and non-Federal funds) to:

- (1) Procure or obtain;
 - (2) Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or
 - (3) Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in Public Law 115-232, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
- (i) 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).

- (ii) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.
- (iii) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

See Public Law 115-232, section 889 for additional information.

Term 41. Human Subjects Research

Research involving human subjects, biospecimens, or identifiable private information conducted with Department of Energy (DOE) funding is subject to the requirements of DOE Order 443.1C, *Protection of Human Research Subjects*, 45 CFR Part 46, *Protection of Human Subjects (subpart A which is referred to as the “Common Rule”)*, and 10 CFR Part 745, *Protection of Human Subjects*.

Federal regulation and the DOE Order require review by an Institutional Review Board (IRB) of all proposed human subjects research projects. The IRB is an interdisciplinary ethics board responsible for ensuring that the proposed research is sound and justifies the use of human subjects or their data; the potential risks to human subjects have been minimized; participation is voluntary; and clear and accurate information about the study, the benefits and risks of participating, and how individuals' data/specimens will be protected/used, is provided to potential participants for their use in determining whether or not to participate.

The Recipient shall provide the Federal Wide Assurance number identified in item 1 below and the certification identified in item 2 below to DOE prior to initiation of any project that will involve interactions with humans in some way (e.g., through surveys); analysis of their identifiable data (e.g., demographic data and energy use over time); asking individuals to test devices, products, or materials developed through research; and/or testing of commercially available devices in buildings/homes in which humans will be present. *Note:* This list of examples is illustrative and not all inclusive.

No DOE funded research activity involving human subjects, biospecimens, or identifiable private information shall be conducted without:

- 1) A registration and a Federal Wide Assurance of compliance accepted by the Office of Human Research Protection (OHRP) in the Department of Health and Human Services; and

- 2) Certification that the research has been reviewed and approved by an Institutional Review Board (IRB) provided for in the assurance. IRB review may be accomplished by the awardee's institutional IRB; by the Central DOE IRB; or if collaborating with one of the DOE national laboratories, by the DOE national laboratory IRB.

The Recipient is responsible for ensuring all subrecipients comply and for reporting information on the project annually to the DOE Human Subjects Research Database (HSRD) at <https://science.osti.gov/HumanSubjects/Human-Subjects-Database/home>. *Note:* If a DOE IRB is used, no end of year reporting will be needed.

Additional information on the DOE Human Subjects Research Program can be found at: <https://science.osti.gov/ber/human-subjects>

Term 42. Fraud, Waste and Abuse

The mission of the DOE Office of Inspector General (OIG) is to strengthen the integrity, economy and efficiency of DOE's programs and operations including deterring and detecting fraud, waste, abuse and mismanagement. The OIG accomplishes this mission primarily through investigations, audits, and inspections of Department of Energy activities to include grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and contracts. The OIG maintains a Hotline for reporting allegations of fraud, waste, abuse, or mismanagement. To report such allegations, please visit <https://www.energy.gov/ig/ig-hotline>.

Additionally, the Recipient must be cognizant of the requirements of 2 CFR § 200.113 Mandatory disclosures, which states:

The non-Federal entity or applicant for a Federal award must disclose, in a timely manner, in writing to the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the Federal award. Non-Federal entities that have received a Federal award including the term and condition outlined in appendix XII of 2 CFR Part 200 are required to report certain civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings to SAM (currently FAPIIS). Failure to make required disclosures can result in any of the remedies described in § 200.339. (See also 2 CFR part 180, 31 U.S.C. 3321, and 41 U.S.C. 2313.)

Subpart D. Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)-specific requirements

Term 43. Reporting, Tracking and Segregation of Incurred Costs

BIL funds can be used in conjunction with other funding, as necessary to complete projects, but tracking and reporting must be separate to meet the reporting requirements of the BIL and related Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Guidance. The Recipient must keep separate records for BIL funds and must ensure those records comply with the requirements of the BIL.

Funding provided through the BIL that is supplemental to an existing grant or cooperative agreement is one-time funding.

Term 44. Davis-Bacon Requirements

This award is funded under Division D of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). All laborers and mechanics employed by the recipient, subrecipients, contractors or subcontractors in the performance of construction, alteration, or repair work in excess of \$2000 on an award funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by funds made available under this award shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on similar projects in the locality, as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code commonly referred to as the "Davis-Bacon Act" (DBA).

Recipients shall provide written assurance acknowledging the DBA requirements for the award or project and confirming that all of the laborers and mechanics performing construction, alteration, or repair, through funding under the award are paid or will be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a character similar in the locality as determined by Subchapter IV of Chapter 31 of Title 40, United States Code (Davis-Bacon Act).

The Recipient must comply with all of the Davis-Bacon Act requirements, including but not limited to:

- (1) ensuring that the wage determination(s) and appropriate Davis-Bacon clauses and requirements are flowed down to and incorporated into any applicable subcontracts or subrecipient awards.
- (2) being responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or subrecipient with the Davis-Bacon labor standards.
- (3) receiving and reviewing certified weekly payrolls submitted by all subcontractors and subrecipients for accuracy and to identify potential compliance issues.
- (4) maintaining original certified weekly payrolls for 3 years after the completion of the project and must make those payrolls available to the DOE or the Department of Labor upon request, as required by 29 CFR 5.6(a)(2).
- (5) conducting payroll and job-site reviews for construction work, including interviews with employees, with such frequency as may be necessary to assure compliance by its subcontractors and subrecipients and as requested or directed by the DOE.
- (6) cooperating with any authorized representative of the Department of Labor in their inspection of records, interviews with employees, and other actions undertaken as

part of a Department of Labor investigation.

- (7) posting in a prominent and accessible place the wage determination(s) and Department of Labor Publication: WH-1321, Notice to Employees Working on Federal or Federally Assisted Construction Projects.
- (8) notifying the Contracting Officer of all labor standards issues, including all complaints regarding incorrect payment of prevailing wages and/or fringe benefits, received from the recipient, subrecipient, contractor, or subcontractor employees; significant labor standards violations, as defined in 29 CFR 5.7; disputes concerning labor standards pursuant to 29 CFR parts 4, 6, and 8 and as defined in FAR 52.222-14; disputed labor standards determinations; Department of Labor investigations; or legal or judicial proceedings related to the labor standards under this Contract, a subcontract, or subrecipient award.
- (9) preparing and submitting to the Contracting Officer, the Office of Management and Budget Control Number 1910-5165, Davis Bacon Semi-Annual Labor Compliance Report, by April 21 and October 21 of each year. Form submittal will be administered through the iBenefits system (<https://doeibenefits2.energy.gov>) or its successor system.

The Recipient must undergo Davis-Bacon Act compliance training and must maintain competency in Davis-Bacon Act compliance. The Contracting Officer will notify the Recipient of any DOE sponsored Davis-Bacon Act compliance trainings. The Department of Labor offers free Prevailing Wage Seminars several times a year that meet this requirement, at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts/construction/seminars/events>.

The Department of Energy has contracted with, a third-party DBA electronic payroll compliance software application. The Recipient must ensure the timely electronic submission of weekly certified payrolls as part of its compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act unless a waiver is granted to a particular contractor or subcontractor because they are unable or limited in their ability to use or access the software.

Davis Bacon Act Electronic Certified Payroll Submission Waiver

A waiver must be granted before the award starts. The applicant does not have the right to appeal SCEP's decision concerning a waiver request.

For additional guidance on how to comply with the Davis-Bacon provisions and clauses, see <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts/construction> and <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts/protections-for-workers-in-construction>.

Term 45. Buy American Requirement for Infrastructure Projects

A. Definitions

Components are defined as the articles, materials, or supplies incorporated directly into the end manufactured product(s).

Construction Materials are an article, material, or supply—other than an item primarily of iron or steel; a manufactured product; cement and cementitious materials; aggregates such as stone, sand, or gravel; or aggregate binding agents or additives—that is used in an infrastructure project and is or consists primarily of non-ferrous metals, plastic and polymer-based products (including polyvinylchloride, composite building materials, and polymers used in fiber optic cables), glass (including optic glass), lumber, drywall, coatings (paints and stains), optical fiber, clay brick; composite building materials; or engineered wood products.

Domestic Content Procurement Preference Requirement- means a requirement that no amounts made available through a program for federal financial assistance may be obligated for an infrastructure project unless—

(A) all iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States;

(B) the manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States; or

(C) the construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States.

Also referred to as the **Buy America Requirement**.

Infrastructure includes, at a minimum, the structures, facilities, and equipment located in the United States, for: roads, highways, and bridges; public transportation; dams, ports, harbors, and other maritime facilities; intercity passenger and freight railroads; freight and intermodal facilities; airports; water systems, including drinking water and wastewater systems; electrical transmission facilities and systems; utilities; broadband infrastructure; and buildings and real property; and generation, transportation, and distribution of energy - including electric vehicle (EV) charging.

The term “infrastructure” should be interpreted broadly, and the definition provided above should be considered as illustrative and not exhaustive.

Manufactured Products are items used for an infrastructure project made up of components that are not primarily of iron or steel; construction materials; cement and cementitious materials’ aggregates such as stone, sand, or gravel; or aggregate binding agents or additives.

Primarily of iron or steel means greater than 50% iron or steel, measured by cost.

Project- means the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of infrastructure in the United States.

Public- The Buy America Requirement does not apply to non-public infrastructure. For purposes of this guidance, infrastructure should be considered “public” if it is: (1) publicly owned or (2) privately owned but utilized primarily for a public purpose. Infrastructure should be considered to be “utilized primarily for a public purpose” if it is privately operated on behalf of the public or is a place of public accommodation.

B. Buy America Requirement

None of the funds provided under this award (federal share or recipient cost-share) may be used for a project for infrastructure unless:

1. All iron and steel used in the project is 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 Requirement only applies to articles, materials, and supplies that are consumed in, incorporated into, or permanently affixed to an infrastructure project. As such, it does not apply to tools, equipment, and supplies, such as temporary scaffolding, brought into the construction site and removed at or before the completion of the infrastructure project. Nor does a Buy America Requirement 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.

Recipients are responsible for administering their award in accordance with the terms and conditions, including the Buy America Requirement. The recipient must ensure that the Buy America Requirement flows down to all subawards and that the subawardees and subrecipients comply with the Buy America Requirement. The Buy America Requirement term and condition must be included all sub-awards, contracts, subcontracts, and purchase orders for work performed under the infrastructure project.

C. Certification of Compliance

The Recipient must certify or provide equivalent documentation for proof of compliance that a good faith effort was made to solicit bids for domestic products used in the infrastructure project under this Award.

The Recipient must also maintain certifications or equivalent documentation for proof of compliance that those articles, materials, and supplies that are consumed in, incorporated into, affixed to, or otherwise used in the infrastructure project, not covered by a waiver or exemption, are produced in the United States. The certification or proof of compliance must be provided by the suppliers or manufacturers of the iron, steel, manufactured products and construction materials and flow up from all subawardees, contractors and vendors to the Recipient. The Recipient must keep these certifications with the award/project files and be able to produce them upon request from DOE, auditors or Office of Inspector General.

D. Waivers

When necessary, the Recipient may apply for, and DOE may grant, a waiver from the Buy America Requirement. Requests to waive the application of the Buy America Requirement must be in writing to the Contracting Officer. Waiver requests are subject to review by DOE and the Office of Management and Budget, as well as a public comment period of no less than 15 calendar days.

Waivers must be based on one of the following justifications:

1. Public Interest- Applying the Buy America Requirement would be inconsistent with the public interest;
2. Non-Availability- 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. Unreasonable Cost- 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.

Requests to waive the Buy America Requirement must include the following:

- Waiver type (Public Interest, Non-Availability, or Unreasonable Cost);
- Recipient name and Unique Entity Identifier (UEI);
- Award information (Federal Award Identification Number, Assistance Listing number);
- A brief description of the project, its location, and the specific infrastructure involved;
- Total estimated project cost, with estimated federal share and recipient cost share breakdowns;
- Total estimated infrastructure costs, with estimated federal share and recipient

cost share breakdowns;

- List and description of iron or steel item(s), manufactured goods, and/or construction material(s) the recipient seeks to waive from the Buy America Preference, including name, cost, quantity(ies), country(ies) of origin, and relevant Product Service Codes (PSC) and North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes for each;
- A detailed justification as to how the non-domestic item(s) is/are essential the project;
- A certification that the recipient made a good faith effort to solicit bids for domestic products supported by terms included in requests for proposals, contracts, and non-proprietary communications with potential suppliers;
- A justification statement—based on one of the applicable justifications outlined above—as to why the listed items cannot be procured domestically, including the due diligence performed (e.g., market research, industry outreach, cost analysis, cost-benefit analysis) by the recipient to attempt to avoid the need for a waiver. This justification may cite, if applicable, the absence of any Buy America-compliant bids received for domestic products in response to a solicitation; and
- Anticipated impact to the project if no waiver is issued.

The Recipient should consider using the following principles as minimum requirements contained in their waiver request:

- Time-limited: Consider a waiver constrained principally by a length of time, rather than by the specific project/award to which it applies. Waivers of this type may be appropriate, for example, when an item that is “non-available” is widely used in the project. When requesting such a waiver, the Recipient should identify a reasonable, definite time frame (e.g., no more than one to two years) designed so that the waiver is reviewed to ensure the condition for the waiver (“non-availability”) has not changed (e.g., domestic supplies have become more available).
- Targeted: Waiver requests should apply only to the item(s), product(s), or material(s) or category(ies) of item(s), product(s), or material(s) as necessary and justified. Waivers should not be overly broad as this will undermine domestic preference policies.
- Conditional: The Recipient may request a waiver with specific conditions that support the policies of IIJA/BABA and Executive Order 14017.

DOE may request, and the Recipient must provide, additional information for consideration of this waiver. DOE may reject or grant waivers in whole or in part depending on its review, analysis, and/or feedback from OMB or the public. DOE's final determination regarding approval or rejection of the waiver request may not be appealed. Waiver requests may take up to 90 calendar days to process.

Term 46. Affirmative Action and Pay Transparency Requirements

All federally assisted construction contracts exceeding \$10,000 annually will be subject to the requirements of Executive Order 11246:

- (1) Recipients, subrecipients, and contractors are prohibited from discriminating in employment decisions on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin.
- (2) Recipients and Contractors are required to take affirmative action to ensure that equal opportunity is provided in all aspects of their employment. This includes flowing down the appropriate language to all subrecipients, contractors and subcontractors.
- (3) Recipients, subrecipients, contractors and subcontractors are prohibited from taking adverse employment actions against applicants and employees for asking about, discussing, or sharing information about their pay or, under certain circumstances, the pay of their co-workers.

The Department of Labor's (DOL) Office of Federal Contractor Compliance Programs (OFCCP) uses a neutral process to schedule contractors for compliance evaluations. OFCCP's Technical Assistance Guide² should be consulted to gain an understanding of the requirements and possible actions the recipients, subrecipients, contractors and subcontractors must take.

Term 47. Potentially Duplicative Funding Notice

If the Recipient or subrecipients have or receive any other award of federal funds for activities that potentially overlap with the activities funded under this Award, the Recipient must promptly notify DOE in writing of the potential overlap and state whether project funds (i.e., recipient cost share and federal funds) from any of those other federal awards have been, are being, or are to be used (in whole or in part) for one or more of the identical cost items under this Award. If there are identical cost items, the Recipient must promptly notify the DOE Contracting Officer in writing of the potential duplication and eliminate any inappropriate duplication of funding.

² See OFCCP's Technical Assistance Guide at: <https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/ofccp/Construction/files/ConstructionTAG.pdf?msclkid=9e397d68c4b111ec9d8e6fecb6c710ec> Also see the National Policy Assurances <http://www.nsf.gov/awards/managing/rtc.jsp>

Term 48. Transparency of Foreign Connections

During the term of the Award, the Recipient must notify the DOE Contracting Officer within fifteen (15) business days of learning of the following circumstances in relation to the Recipient or subrecipients:

1. The existence of any joint venture or subsidiary that is based in, funded by, or has a foreign affiliation with any foreign country of risk;
2. Any current or pending contractual or financial obligation or other agreement specific to a business arrangement, or joint venture-like arrangement with an enterprise owned by a country of risk or foreign entity based in a country of risk;
3. Any current or pending change in ownership structure of the Recipient or subrecipients that increases foreign ownership related to a country of risk;
4. Any current or pending venture capital or institutional investment by an entity that has a general partner or individual holding a leadership role in such entity who has a foreign affiliation with any foreign country of risk;
5. Any current or pending technology licensing or intellectual property sales to a foreign country of risk; and
6. Any current or pending foreign business entity, offshore entity, or entity outside the United States related to the Recipient or subrecipient.

Term 49. Foreign Collaboration Considerations

- a. Consideration of new collaborations with foreign organizations and governments. The Recipient must provide DOE with advanced written notification of any potential collaboration with foreign entities, organizations or governments in connection with its DOE-funded award scope. The Recipient must await further guidance from DOE prior to contacting the proposed foreign entity, organization or government regarding the potential collaboration or negotiating the terms of any potential agreement.
- b. Existing collaborations with foreign entities, organizations and governments. The Recipient must provide DOE with a written list of all existing foreign collaborations in which has entered in connection with its DOE-funded award scope.
- c. Description of collaborations that should be reported: In general, a collaboration will involve some provision of a thing of value to, or from, the Recipient. A thing of value includes but may not be limited to all resources made available to, or from, the recipient in support of and/or related to the Award, regardless of whether or not they have monetary value. Things of value also may include in-kind contributions (such as office/laboratory space, data, equipment, supplies, employees, students). In-kind contributions not intended for direct use on the Award but resulting in provision of a thing of value from or to the Award must also be reported.

Collaborations do not include routine workshops, conferences, use of the Recipient's services and facilities by foreign investigators resulting from its standard published process for evaluating requests for access, or the routine use of foreign facilities by awardee staff in accordance with the Recipient's standard policies and procedures.