

CERTIFICATION OF ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE
Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Act (FSIA) Fund

The applicant must complete a Certification of Assurance of Compliance-FSIA (Cal OES 2-104e), which includes details regarding Federal Grant Funds, Equal Employment Opportunity Program, Drug Free Workplace Compliance, California Environmental Quality Act, Lobbying, Debarment and Suspension requirements, Proof of Authority from City Council/Governing Board, Civil Rights Compliance and the special conditions for Subaward with the above mentioned fund. The applicant is required to submit the necessary assurances and documentation before finalization of the Grant Subaward. In signing the Grant Subaward Face Sheet, the applicant formally notifies Cal OES that the applicant will comply with all pertinent requirements.

Resolutions are no longer required as submission documents. Cal OES has incorporated the resolution into the Certification of Assurance of Compliance, Section VII, entitled, "Proof of Authority from City Council/Governing Board." The Applicant is required to obtain written authorization (original signature) from the City Council/Governing board that the official executing the agreement is, in fact, authorized to do so, and will maintain said written authorization on file and readily available upon demand. This requirement does not apply to state agencies.

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I, _____ hereby certify that
(official authorized to sign Subaward; same person as Section 14 on Subaward Face Sheet)

SUBRECIPIENT: _____

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: _____

PROJECT TITLE: _____

is responsible for reviewing the *Subrecipient Handbook* and adhering to all of the Subaward requirements (state and/or federal) as directed by Cal OES including, but not limited to, the following areas:

I. Federal Grant Funds

Subrecipients expending \$750,000 or more in federal grant funds annually are required to secure an audit pursuant to OMB Uniform Guidance 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F and are allowed to utilize federal grant funds to budget for the audit costs. See Section 8000 of the Subrecipient Handbook for more detail.

- The above named Subrecipient receives \$750,000 or more in federal grant funds annually.
- The above named Subrecipient does not receive \$750,000 or more in federal grant funds annually.

II. Equal Employment Opportunity – (*Subrecipient Handbook Section 2151*)

It is the public policy of the State of California to promote equal employment opportunity by prohibiting discrimination or harassment in employment because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, disability (mental and physical) including HIV and AIDS, medical condition (cancer and genetic characteristics), marital status, sex, sexual orientation, denial of family medical care leave, denial of pregnancy disability leave, or age (over 40). **Cal OES-funded projects certify that they will comply with all state and federal requirements regarding equal employment opportunity, nondiscrimination and civil rights.**

Please provide the following information:

Equal Employment Opportunity Officer: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

III. Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 – (Subrecipient Handbook, Section 2152)

The State of California requires that every person or organization subawarded a grant or contract shall certify it will provide a drug-free workplace.

IV. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) – (Subrecipient Handbook, Section 2153)

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (*Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.*) requires all Cal OES funded projects to certify compliance with CEQA. Projects receiving funding must coordinate with their city or county planning agency to ensure that the project is compliance with CEQA requirements.

V. Lobbying – (Subrecipient Handbook Section 2154)

Cal OES grant funds, grant property, or grant funded positions shall not be used for any lobbying activities, including, but not limited to, being paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal grant or cooperative agreement.

VI. Debarment and Suspension – (Subrecipient Handbook Section 2155)

(This applies to federally funded grants only.)

Cal OES-funded projects must certify that it and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of federal benefits by a state or federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department of agency.

VII. Proof of Authority from City Council/Governing Board

The above-named organization (Applicant) accepts responsibility for and will comply with the requirement to obtain a signed resolution from the city council/governing board in support of this program. The applicant agrees to provide all matching funds required for said project (including any amendment thereof) under the Program and the funding terms and conditions of Cal OES, and that any cash match will be appropriated as required. It is agreed that any liability arising out of the performance of this Subaward, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grant Subrecipient and the authorizing agency. The State of California and Cal OES disclaim responsibility of any such liability. Furthermore, it is also agreed that grant funds received from Cal OES shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by the city council/governing board.

The applicant is required to obtain written authorization from the city council/governing board that the official executing this agreement is, in fact, authorized to do so. The applicant is also required to maintain said written authorization on file and readily available upon demand.

VIII. Civil Rights Compliance

The Subrecipient complies will all laws that prohibit excluding, denying or discriminating against any person based on actual or perceived race, color, national origin, disability, religion, age, sex, gender identity, and sexual orientation in both the delivery of services and employment practices and does not use federal financial assistance to engage in explicitly religious activities.

IX. Special Conditions for Grant Subaward with Forensic Science Improvement Act (FSIA) Funds

- Subrecipients must promptly refer to the DOJ OIG any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, subrecipient, contractor, subcontractor, or other person has (1) Submitted a claim for award funds that violates the False Claims Act; or (2) committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving award funds. Potential fraud, waste, abuse, or misconduct should be reported to the OIG by:
 - Mail: Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Justice, Investigations Division, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Room 4706, Washington, DC 20530;
 - Email: oig.hotline@usdoj.gov;
 - Hotline (contact information in English and Spanish): (800) 869-4499; or
 - Hotline fax: (202) 616-9881.

Additional information is available from the DOJ OIG website at: www.usdoj.gov/oig.

- Restrictions and certifications regarding non-disclosure agreements and related matters.

No subrecipient under this award, or entity that receives a contract or subcontract with any funds under this award, may require any employee or contractor to sign an internal confidentiality agreement or statement that prohibits or otherwise restricts, or purports to prohibit or restrict, the reporting (in accordance with law) of waste, fraud, or abuse to an investigative or law enforcement representative of a federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

The foregoing is not intended, and shall not be understood by the agency making this award, to contravene requirements applicable to Standard Form 312 (which relates to classified information), Form 4414 (which relates to sensitive compartmented information), or any other form issued by a federal department or agency governing the nondisclosure of classified information.

1. In accepting this award, the subrecipient:

- Represents that it neither requires nor has required internal confidentiality agreements or statements from employees or contractors that currently prohibit or otherwise currently restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict) employees or contractors from reporting waste, fraud, or abuse as described above; and
- Certifies that, if it learns or is notified that it is or has been requiring its employees or contractors to execute agreements or statements that prohibit or otherwise restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict), reporting of waste, fraud, or abuse as described above, it will immediately stop any further obligations of award funds, will provide prompt written notification to the agency making this award, and will resume (or permit resumption of) such obligations only if expressly authorized to do so by that agency.

2. If the subrecipient does or is authorized to make subawards or contracts under this award, it represents that:

- It has determined that no other entity that the subrecipient's application proposes may or will receive award funds (whether through a subaward, contract, or subcontract) either requires or has required internal confidentiality agreements or statements from employees or contractors that currently prohibit or otherwise currently restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict) employees or contractors from reporting waste, fraud, or abuse as described above; and
- It has made appropriate inquiry, or otherwise has an adequate factual basis, to support this representation;

- it certifies that, if it learns or is notified that any subrecipient, contractor, or subcontractor entity that receives funds under this award is or has been requiring its employees or contractors to execute agreements or statements that prohibit or otherwise restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict), reporting of waste, fraud, or abuse as described above, it will immediately stop any further obligations of award funds to or by that entity, will provide prompt written notification to the agency making this award, and will resume (or permit resumption of) such obligations only if expressly authorized to do so by that agency.
- Pursuant to Executive Order 13513, “Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving,” 74 Fed. Reg. 51225 (October 1, 2009), the Department encourages subrecipients to adopt and enforce policies banning employees from text messaging while driving any vehicle during the course of performing work funded by this grant, and to establish workplace safety policies and conduct education, awareness, and other outreach to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers.
- Generally Accepted Laboratory Practices: The subrecipient shall ensure that any forensic laboratory, forensic laboratory system, medical examiner’s office, or coroner’s office that will receive any portion of the award uses generally accepted laboratory practices and procedures as established by accrediting organizations or appropriate certifying bodies.
- External Investigations: The subrecipient shall ensure that requirements associated with 42 U.S.C. section 3797k(4) (which relate to processes in place to conduct independent external investigations into allegations of serious negligence or misconduct by employees or contractors) are satisfied with respect to any forensic laboratory system, medical examiner’s office, coroner’s office, law enforcement storage facility, or medical facility in the State that will receive a portion of the grant amount.
- Use of Funds – No Research: Funds provided under this award shall be used only for the purposes and types of expenses set forth in the fiscal year 2015 program solicitation. Funds shall not be used for general law enforcement functions or non-forensic investigatory functions, and shall not be used for research or statistical projects or activities. Use of award funds for construction of new facilities is restricted by statute. Any questions concerning this provision should be directed to the NIJ program manager prior to incurring the expense or commencing the activity of question.
- Performance Measures: To ensure compliance with the Government Performance and Results Act (Pub. L. No. 103-62) and the GPRA Modernization Act of 2010 (Pub. L. No. 111-352), program performance under this fiscal year 2015 award is measured by the following: (1) percent reduction in the average number of days from the submission of a sample to a forensic science laboratory to the delivery of test results to a requesting office or agency (calculated by reporting the average number of days to process a sample at the beginning of the grant period versus the average number of days to process a sample at the end of the grant period); (2) percent reduction in the number of backlogged forensic cases (calculated by reporting the number of backlogged forensic cases at the beginning of the grant period versus the number of backlogged forensic cases at the end of the grant period); and (3) the number of forensic science or medical examiner personnel who completed appropriate training or educational opportunities with fiscal year 2015 Coverdell funds, if applicable to the award. Cal OES is required to collect and report data relevant to these measures to NIJ.
- The subrecipient understands and agrees that gross income (revenues) from fees charged for forensic science or medical examiner services constitutes program income (in whole or in part), and that program income must be determined, used, and documented in accordance with the provisions of 2 C.F.R. 200.307, including as applied in the Department of Justice (DOJ) Grants Financial Guide, as it may be revised from time to time. The subrecipient further understands and agrees that both

program income earned during the award period and expenditures of such program income must be reported to Cal OES and are subject to audit.

- The subrecipient understands and agrees that, throughout the award period, it must promptly notify NIJ if it either starts or stops charging fees for forensic science or medical examiner services, or if it revises its method of allocating fees received for such services to program income. Cal OES must then provide notice in writing to the NIJ program manager for the award within ten (10) business days of implementation of the change.
- The subrecipient agrees to comply with all Federal, State, and local environmental laws and regulations applicable to the development and implementation of the activities to be funded under this award.

Environmental Assessment (EA): The subrecipient agrees and understands that funded activities (whether conducted by the subrecipients or contractors) may require the preparation of an EA as defined by the Council on Environmental Quality's Regulations for implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), found at 40 CFR Part 1500. An EA is a concise public document that briefly provides sufficient analysis for determining whether to prepare and environmental impact statement (EIS) or a finding of no significant impact for the proposed activity. If in completing an EA for a proposed activity, potential adverse environmental impacts are identified, the EA will serve as a vehicle for developing either alternative approaches or mitigation measures for avoiding or reducing the identified adverse environmental impacts.

Modifications: Throughout the term of this award, the subrecipient agrees that for any activity that is the subject of a completed EA, it will inform Cal OES of: (1) any change(s) that it is considering making to the previously assessed activity that may be relevant to environmental impact; or (2) any proposed new activities or changed circumstances that may require assessment as to environmental impact, such as new activities that involve the use of chemicals or involve construction or major renovation. The subrecipient will not implement a proposed change or new activity until Cal OES, with the assistance of NIJ, has determined whether the proposed change or activity (or changed circumstances) will require additional review under NEPA. Approval for implementation will not be unreasonably withheld as long as any requested modification(s) is consistent with eligible program purposes and found acceptable under an NIJ-conducted environmental impact review process.

- The subrecipient acknowledges that, as stated in the solicitation for the FY 2015 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program, NIJ assumes that subrecipients of Coverdell funds will make use of the process referenced in their certification as to external investigations, and will refer allegations of serious negligence or misconduct substantially affecting the integrity of forensic results to government entities with an appropriate process in place to conduct independent external investigations, such as the government entity (or entities) identified in the grant application.

The subrecipient shall submit the following information to Cal OES: (1) the number and nature of any allegations of serious negligence or misconduct substantially affecting the integrity of forensic results received during the 12-month period of the award; (2) information on the referral of such allegations (e.g., the government entity or entities to which referred, the date of referral); (3) the outcome of such referrals if known as of the date of the report; and (4) if any such allegations were not referred, the reason(s) for the non-referral. Cal OES is required to collect and report this information on its final report to NIJ.

Should the project period for this award be extended, Cal OES shall submit the above information as to the first twelve months of the award as part of the first semi-annual progress report that comes due after the conclusion of the first twelve months of the project period, and shall submit the required information as to subsequent twelve-month periods every twelve months thereafter (as part of a semi-

annual progress report) until the close of the award period, at which point Cal OES shall submit the required information as to any period not covered by prior reports as part of its final report.

Cal OEs and its subrecipients, understand and agree that funds may be withheld (including funds under future awards), or other related requirements may be imposed, if the required information is not submitted on a timely basis.

All appropriate documentation must be maintained on file by the project and available for Cal OES or public scrutiny upon request. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in suspension of payments under the grant or termination of the grant or both and the Subrecipient may be ineligible for subaward of any future grants if the Cal OES determines that any of the following has occurred: (1) the Subrecipient has made false certification, or (2) violates the certification by failing to carry out the requirements as noted above.

CERTIFICATION

I, the official named below, am the same individual authorized to sign the Subaward [Section 14 on Grant Subaward Face Sheet], and hereby swear that I am duly authorized legally to bind the contractor or grant Subrecipient to the above described certification. I am fully aware that this certification, executed on the date and in the county below, is made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California.

Authorized Official's Signature: _____

Authorized Official's Typed Name: _____

Authorized Official's Title: _____

Date Executed: _____

Federal Employer ID #: _____ Federal DUNS # _____

Current Central Contractor Registration Expiration Date: _____

Executed in the City/County of: _____

AUTHORIZED BY: *(not applicable to State agencies)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> City Financial Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> County Financial Officer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City Manager | <input type="checkbox"/> County Manager |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Governing Board Chair | |

Signature: _____

Typed Name: _____

Title: _____