Standard Assurances
For All Cal OES Federal Grant Programs

As the duly authorized representative of the Applicant, I hereby certify that the Applicant has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay any non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application, within prescribed timelines.

I further acknowledge that the Applicant is responsible for reviewing and adhering to all requirements within the:

(a) Applicable Federal Regulations (see below);
(b) Federal Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO);
(c) California Supplement to the NOFO; and
(d) Federal and State Grant Program Guidelines.

Federal Regulations
Government cost principles, uniform administrative requirements and audit requirements for federal grant programs are housed in Title 2, Part 200 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and in updates issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/.

Significant state and federal grant award requirements (some of which appear in the documents listed above) are called out below. The Applicant hereby agrees to comply with the following:

1. **Proof of Authority**
   The Applicant will obtain written authorization from the city council, governing board or authorized body in support of this project. This written authorization must specify that the Applicant and the city council, governing board or authorized body agree:

   (a) To provide all matching funds required for said project and that any cash match will be appropriated as required.
   (b) That any liability arising out of the performance of this agreement shall be the responsibility of the Applicant and the city council, governing board or authorized body.
   (c) That grant funds shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by the city council, governing board or authorized body.
   (d) That the official executing this agreement is, in fact, authorized to do so.

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This Proof of Authority must be maintained on file and readily available upon demand.

2. Period of Performance

The Applicant will initiate work after approval of the award and complete all work within the period of performance specified in the grant.

3. Lobbying and Political Activities

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code (U.S.C.), for persons entering into a contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement from an agency or requests or receives from an agency a commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the Applicant certifies that:

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

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

(c) The undersigned 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.

The Applicant will also comply with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and §§7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

Finally, the Applicant agrees that Federal funds will not be used, directly or indirectly, to support the enactment, repeal, modification or adoption of any law, regulation or policy without the express written approval from the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) or the Federal awarding agency.

4. Debarment and Suspension

As required by Executive Orders (EO) 12549 and 12689, and 2 CFR §200.212 and codified in 2 CFR Part 180, Debarment and Suspension, the Applicant will provide protection against waste, fraud and abuse by debarring or suspending those persons deemed irresponsible in their dealings with the Federal government. The Applicant certifies that it and its principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
(b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
(c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (2)(b) of this certification; and
(d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transaction (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

Where the Applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, he or she shall attach an explanation to this application.

5. Non-Discrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity

The Applicant will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Public Law (P.L.) 88-352 and 42 U.S.C. §2000d et. seq.) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin and requires that recipients of federal financial assistance take reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to persons with limited English proficiency (LEP) to their programs and services;
(b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex;
(c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps;
(d) Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability, as well as all applicable regulations and guidelines issued pursuant to ADA (42 U.S.C. 12101, et seq.);
(e) Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age;
(f) Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972) (P.L. 92-255), as amended (P.L. 96-181), relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of Treatment or recovery from drug abuse;
(g) Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism;
(h) Sections 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records;
(i) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing;

(j) EO 11246, which prohibits federal contractors and federally assisted construction contractors and subcontractors, who do over $10,000 in Government business in one year from discriminating in employment decisions on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin;
(k) EO 11375, which bans discrimination on the basis of sex in hiring and employment in both the United States federal workforce and on the part of government contractors;
(l) California Public Contract Code §10295.3, which addresses discrimination based on domestic partnerships;
(m) Any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and
(n) The requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

In addition to the items listed in (a) through (n), the Applicant will comply with California's Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA). FEHA prohibits harassment and discrimination in employment because of race, color, religion, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, ancestry, mental and physical disability, medical condition, age, pregnancy, denial of medical and family care leave, or pregnancy disability leave (California Government Code sections 12940, 12945, 12945.2) and/or retaliation for protesting illegal discrimination related to one of these categories, or for reporting patient abuse in tax supported institutions.

6. Drug-Free Workplace

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (41 U.S.C. §701 et seq.), the Applicant certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace and a drug-free awareness program as outlined in the Act.

7. Environmental Standards

The Applicant will comply with State and Federal environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following, as applicable:

(a) California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (California Public Resources Code §§21000-21177), to include coordination with the city or county planning agency;
(b) CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, §§15000-15387);
(c) Federal Clean Water Act (CWA) (33 U.S.C. §1251 et seq.), which establishes the basic structure for regulating discharges of pollutants into the waters of the United States and regulating quality standards for surface waters.
(d) Institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Orders (EO) on the Environmental Justice Act (EO 12898) and Environmental Quality (EO 11514);
(e) Notification of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738;
(f) Protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990;

(g) Evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988;
(h) Assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §1451 et seq.);
(i) Conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §7401 et seq.);
(j) Protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523);
(k) Protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205);
(l) Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.

Finally, the Applicant shall not be: 1) in violation of any order or resolution promulgated by the State Air Resources Board or an air pollution district; 2) subject to a cease and desist order pursuant to §13301 of the California Water Code for violation of waste discharge requirements or discharge prohibitions; or 3) finally determined to be in violation of federal law relating to air or water pollution.

8. Audits

For subrecipients expending $750,000 or more in Federal grant funds annually, the Applicant will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200, Subpart F Audit Requirements.

9. Access to Records

In accordance with 2 CFR §200.336, the Applicant will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award. The Applicant will require any subrecipients, contractors, successors, transferees and assignees to acknowledge and agree to comply with this provision.

10. Conflict of Interest

The Applicant will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.

11. Financial Management

<u>False Claims for Payment</u>

The Applicant will comply with 31 U.S.C §3729 which sets forth that no subgrantee, recipient or subrecipient shall submit a false claim for payment, reimbursement or advance.

12. Reporting - Accountability

The Applicant agrees to comply with applicable provisions of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) (2 CFR Chapter 1, Part 170), specifically (a) the reporting of

subawards obligating $25,000 or more in federal funds and (b) executive compensation data for first-tier subawards. This includes the provisions of FFATA, which includes requirements on executive compensation, and also requirements implementing the Act for the non-Federal entity at 2 CFR part 25 Financial Assistance Use of Universal Identifier and Central Contractor Registration and 2 CFR part 170 Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information.

The Applicant also must comply with statutory requirements for whistleblower protections at 10 U.S.C. §2409, 41 U.S.C. §4712, and 10 U.S.C. §2324, 41 U.S.C. §4304 and §4310 and 31 U.S.C. §6101 et seq.

13. Human Trafficking

The Applicant will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. §7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a subrecipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

14. Labor Standards

The Applicant will comply with the following federal labor standards:

(a) Comply with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), as applicable, and the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §3145 and 18 U.S.C. §874) and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333), regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction contracts or subcontracts.

(b) Comply with the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (29 U.S.C. §201 et al.) as they apply to employees of institutes of higher learning (IHE), hospitals and other non-profit organizations.

15. Worker's Compensation

The Applicant must comply with provisions which require every employer to be insured against liability for Worker's Compensation before commencing performance of the work of this Agreement, as per California Labor Code §3700.

16. Property-Related

If applicable to the type of project funded by this Federal award, the Applicant will:

(a) Comply with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchase.

(b) Comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires subrecipients in a special flood hazard

area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is $10,000 or more.

(c) Assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §469a-1 et seq.).

(d) Comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §4831 and 24 CFR Part 35) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.

17. Certifications Applicable Only to Federally-Funded Construction Projects

For all construction projects, the Applicant will:

(a) Not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure nondiscrimination during the useful life of the project.

(b) Comply with the requirements of the awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.

(c) Provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.

18. Freedom of Information Act

The Applicant acknowledges that all information submitted in the course of applying for funding under this program or provided in the course of an entity's grant management activities which is under Federal control is subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. §552. The Applicant should also consult its own State and local laws and regulations regarding the release of information, which should be considered when reporting sensitive matters in the grant application, needs assessment and strategic planning process.

19. California Public Records Act

The Applicant acknowledges that all information submitted in the course of applying for funding under this program or provided in the course of an entity's grant management activities may be subject to the California Public Records Act (California Government Code §§6250-6276.48), which requires inspection and/or disclosure of governmental records to the public upon request, unless exempted by law.

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20. Personally Identifiable Information

Subrecipients collecting Personally Identifiable Information (PII) must have a publically-available policy that describes what PII they collect, how they plan to use the PII, whether they share PII with third parties, and how individuals may have their PII corrected where appropriate.

21. Disposition of Equipment

When original or replacement equipment acquired under this award is no longer needed for the original project or program or for other activities currently or previously supported by the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency, subrecipients must request instructions from Cal OES on proper disposition of equipment.

22. Reporting Accusations and Findings of Discrimination

If, during the past three years, the subrecipient has been accused of discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency), sex, age, disability, religion, or familial status, the subrecipient must provide a list of all such proceedings, pending or completed, including outcome and copies of settlement agreements to Cal OES for reporting to the DHS awarding office and the DHS Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties.

If any court or administrative agency makes a finding of discrimination on grounds of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency), sex, age, disability, religion or familial status against the subrecipient, or the subrecipient settles a case or matter alleging such discrimination, subrecipients must forward a copy of the complaint and findings to Cal OES for forwarding to the DHS Component and/or awarding office.

The United States has the right to seek judicial enforcement of these obligations.

23. Acknowledgement of Federal Funding from DHS and Use of DHS Seal, Logo and Flags

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

All subrecipients must obtain DHS's approval prior to using DHS seal(s), Logos, crests or reproductions of DHS agency officials, including use of the United States Coast Guard seal, logo, crests or reproductions of flags or likenesses of Coast Guard officials.

24. Copyright

All subrecipients must affix the applicable copyright notices of 17 U.S.C. §§401 or 402 and an acknowledgement of Government sponsorship (including award number) to any work first produced under Federal financial assistance awards, unless the work includes any information that is otherwise controlled by the Government (e.g., classified information or other information subject to national security or export control laws or regulations).

25. Energy Policy and Conservation Act

All subrecipients must comply with the requirements of 42 U.S.C. §6201 which contain policies relating to energy efficiency that are defined in the state energy conservation plan issues in compliance with this Act.

26. Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990

All subrecipients must ensure that all conference, meeting, convention, or training space funded in whole or in part with Federal funds complies with Section 6 of the fire prevention and control guidelines of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, 15 U.S.C. §2225a.

27. Terrorist Financing E.O. 13224

All subrecipients must comply with U.S. Executive Order 13224 and U.S. law that prohibit transactions with, and the provisions of resources and support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism. It is the legal responsibility of subrecipients to ensure compliance with the E.O. and laws.

28. USA Patriot Act of 2001

All subrecipients must comply with the requirements of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act (USA Patriot Act), which amends 18 U.S.C. §§175-175c.

IMPORTANT

The purpose of the assurance is to obtain federal and state financial assistance, including any and all federal and state grants, loans, reimbursement, contracts, etc. The Applicant recognizes and agrees that state financial assistance will be extended based on the representations made in this assurance. This assurance is binding on the Applicant, its successors, transferees, assignees, etc. Failure to comply with any of the above assurances may result in suspension, termination, or reduction of grant funds.

All appropriate documentation, as outlined above, must be maintained on file by the Applicant 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 award of any future grants if the Cal OES determines that any of the following has occurred: (1) the recipient has made false certification, or (2) violates the certification by failing to carry out the requirements as noted above.

All of the language contained within this document <u>must</u> be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers, including contracts under grants and cooperative agreements and subcontracts.

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The undersigned represents that he/she is authorized by the above named Applicant to enter into this agreement for and on behalf of the said Applicant.

Signature of Authorized Agent:_____

Printed Name of Authorized Agent:_____

Title:_____ Date:_____

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