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May 17, 2022

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Safety, Office of Highway Safety, to enter into a sole source contract with the University of New Hampshire Survey Center (Vendor Code 177867-B018), Durham, New Hampshire, in the amount of \$47,223.00 to conduct the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Seat Belt Use Survey. Effective upon Governor and Council approval through September 30, 2022. Funding source: 100% Federal Funds

Funds are available in the SFY2022 and SFY2023 operating budgets with the authority to adjust between fiscal years through the Budget Office if needed and justified.

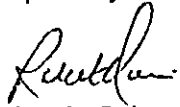
02-23-23-231010- 75410000 Dept. of Safety-Ofc. of Commissioner-NHTSA Grants	<u>SFY 2022</u>	<u>SFY 2023</u>
072 500577 Grants to Schools – Federal	\$18,000.00	\$29,223.00

EXPLANATION

This is a sole source contract as the University of New Hampshire (UNH) developed the proprietary data collection methodology for the survey in accordance with NHTSA requirements including the Uniform Criteria for State Observation Surveys of Seat Belt Use. Conducting a survey of this magnitude, requires experience and detailed knowledge of the state, sampling, weighting, and observation techniques. The UNH Survey Center has had three weighting methodologies approved by NHTSA with the most recent methodology approved in FY2018. The UNH Survey Center conducts the seat belt survey at a reasonable cost; has extensive experience in conducting this survey; and possesses important seat belt use data from prior year surveys conducted to which survey data and results can be compared. Additional information will continue to be collected during the observational process as determined by the UNH Survey Center and the State.

The UNH Survey Center, in accordance with the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, will conduct the State's "NHTSA Seat Belt Use Survey" and any and all components of the observational seat belt use survey in accordance with the methodology and criteria established by the US Secretary of Transportation and contained in 23 CRF Part 1340 – Uniform Criteria for State Observation Surveys of Seat Belt Use.

Respectfully submitted,


Robert L. Quinn
Commissioner of Safety

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COOPERATIVE PROJECT AGREEMENT

between the

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, **OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY**

and the

University of New Hampshire of the UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

- A. This Cooperative Project Agreement (hereinafter "Project Agreement") is entered into by the State of New Hampshire, **Office of Highway Safety**, (hereinafter "State"), and the University System of New Hampshire, acting through **University of New Hampshire**, (hereinafter "Campus"), for the purpose of undertaking a project of mutual interest. This Cooperative Project shall be carried out under the terms and conditions of the Master Agreement for Cooperative Projects between the State of New Hampshire and the University System of New Hampshire dated November 13, 2002, except as may be modified herein.
- B. This Project Agreement and all obligations of the parties hereunder shall become effective on the date the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire approve this Project Agreement ("Effective date") and shall end on **9/30/22**. If the provision of services by Campus precedes the Effective date, all services performed by Campus shall be performed at the sole risk of Campus and in the event that this Project Agreement does not become effective, State shall be under no obligation to pay Campus for costs incurred or services performed; however, if this Project Agreement becomes effective, all costs incurred prior to the Effective date that would otherwise be allowable shall be paid under the terms of this Project Agreement.
- C. The work to be performed under the terms of this Project Agreement is described in the proposal identified below and attached to this document as Exhibit A, the content of which is incorporated herein as a part of this Project Agreement.

Project Title: **UNH Seat Belt Use Survey**

- D. The Following Individuals are designated as Project Administrators. These Project Administrators shall be responsible for the business aspects of this Project Agreement and all invoices, payments, project amendments and related correspondence shall be directed to the individuals so designated.

State Project Administrator

Name: Steven R. Lavoie

Address: Office of Highway Safety
33 Hazen Dr. Room 109A
Concord NH 03305

Phone: 603-271-2791

Campus Project Administrator

Name: Kimberly Becker

Address: University of New Hampshire
Sponsored Programs Administration
229 Main St.
Keene NH 03435

Phone: 603-358-2443

- E. The Following Individuals are designated as Project Directors. These Project Directors shall be responsible for the technical leadership and conduct of the project. All progress reports, completion reports and related correspondence shall be directed to the individuals so designated.

State Project Director

Name: Robert L. Quinn

Address: Office of Highway Safety
33 Hazen Drive, Room 109A
Concord, NH 03305

Phone:

Campus Project Director

Name: Andrew Smith

Address: University of New Hampshire
Survey Center
9 Madbury Rd.
Durham, NH 03824

Phone: 603-862-2226

F. Total State funds in the amount of \$47,223 have been allotted and are available for payment of allowable costs incurred under this Project Agreement. State will not reimburse Campus for costs exceeding the amount specified in this paragraph.

Check if applicable

☐ Campus will cost-share _____ % of total costs during the term of this Project Agreement.

☒ Federal funds paid to Campus under this Project Agreement are from Grant/Contract/Cooperative Agreement No. P.L. 111-242 "Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011" from National Highway Traffic Safety Administration/US DOT under CFDA# 20.616. Federal regulations required to be passed through to Campus as part of this Project Agreement, and in accordance with the Master Agreement for Cooperative Projects between the State of New Hampshire and the University System of New Hampshire dated November 13, 2002, are attached to this document as Exhibit B, the content of which is incorporated herein as a part of this Project Agreement.

G. Check if applicable

☐ Article(s) _____ of the Master Agreement for Cooperative Projects between the State of New Hampshire and the University System of New Hampshire dated November 13, 2002 is/are hereby amended to read:

H. ☒ State has chosen not to take possession of equipment purchased under this Project Agreement.
☐ State has chosen to take possession of equipment purchased under this Project Agreement and will issue instructions for the disposition of such equipment within 90 days of the Project Agreement's end-date. Any expenses incurred by Campus in carrying out State's requested disposition will be fully reimbursed by State.

This Project Agreement and the Master Agreement constitute the entire agreement between State and Campus regarding this Cooperative Project, and supersede and replace any previously existing arrangements, oral or written; all changes herein must be made by written amendment and executed for the parties by their authorized officials.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the University System of New Hampshire, acting through the University of New Hampshire and the State of New Hampshire, Office of Highway Safety have executed this Project Agreement.

By An Authorized Official of:

University of New Hampshire

Name: Karen M. Jensen

Title: Director, Pre-Award

Signature and Date: Karen Jensen Digitally signed by Karen Jensen
Date: 2022.04.15 12:08:30
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By An Authorized Official of: the New
Hampshire Office of the Attorney General

Name: Jessica A. King

Title: Assistant Attorney General

Signature and Date: *J.A.K.* 5/31/22

By An Authorized Official of:

Office of Highway Safety

Name: Robert L. Quinn

Title: Coordinator, Office of Highway Safety

Signature and Date: *R. Quinn* 5/17/22

By An Authorized Official of: the New
Hampshire Governor & Executive Council

Name:

Title:

Signature and Date:

EXHIBIT A

- A. **Project Title:** UNH Seat Belt Use Survey
- B. **Project Period:** May 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022, effective upon Governor and Council approval
- C. **Objectives:** Employment of Contractor; Services to be Performed. The Campus, will continue to conduct any and all components of an observational seat belt use survey in accordance with NHTSA's new Uniform Criteria for State Observational Surveys of Seat Belt Use. The final rule was published in Federal Register Vol. 76 No. 63, April 1, 2011, Rules and Regulations, pp. 18042 – 18059. This survey was approved by NHTSA and is fully compliant with the Uniform Criteria.
- D. **Scope of Work:** The Campus, in accordance with NHTSA's new Uniform Criteria for State Observational Surveys of Seat Belt Use, will continue to conduct any and all components of an observational seat belt use survey.

Research Design and Methodology

Utilize the "Seat Belt Use Survey Design for New Hampshire; Sampling, Data Collection and Estimation Plan" approved by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. If necessary the Campus will work with the State to revise/select specific observation sites along selected road segments. In addition to information that must be collected to conform with federal criteria, additional information will continue to be collected during the observational process as determined by the Campus and the State.

Training of Observers

To insure that all observers record information accurately, the Campus will conduct training sessions with all observers. Training sessions will last eight hours and include classroom and field training. Training will consist of general data collection techniques, a thorough description of data collection forms, and how to accurately record information about vehicle types, use of seat belts by vehicle occupants, etc. Training will include a practice period during which observers will record seat belt usage, and their results will be compared with those of supervisors. Any discrepancies will be reviewed to improve standardization of observations.

Observation/Data Collection

Observations will be conducted by eight (8) data collectors (campus and/or state staff to be determined) who will operate in four, two-person teams with one person observing and the other recording their observations. Observers will wear identification badges and orange (or bright colored) safety vests.

A Quality Control (QC) Monitor, responsible for the Data Collector teams, will make unannounced visits to at least 50 percent of the scheduled data collection locations to ensure that data is being collected according to the research protocol.

Observers and Quality Control Monitors will have cellular telephones in order to communicate if questions arise or there are emergency situations.

Completed observation forms will be provided at the end of each day to the Campus and staff will enter raw data into the computer format, or if necessary, a revised computer format. Specially designed data entry software will continue to be used that will flag potential entry errors and help to insure data quality. Campus staff will train all data entry personnel on the use of this software.

Analysis and Report Preparation

The Campus will provide a report of observations that includes the total number of vehicles observed at each site, the time of day and day of week observations were made, the number of observed persons wearing or not wearing seat belts when observed, and other information collected during the survey process. The final calculation of seat belt usage will be determined with the NHTSA-approved methodology. An electronic data set of all observations will be provided in a format to be determined, and the final report will be generated for calendar year 2022. It is understood the Campus is authorized to release results only to the NH Office of Highway Safety.

- E. Deliverables Schedule:** The Campus will provide a report of observations that includes the total number of vehicles observed at each site, the time of day and day of week observations were made, the number of observed persons wearing or not wearing seat belts when observed, and other information collected during the survey process. The final calculation of seat belt usage will be determined with the NHTSA-approved methodology. An electronic data set of all observations will be provided in a format to be determined, and the final report will be generated for calendar year 2022. It is understood the Campus is authorized to release results only to the Office of Highway Safety.
- F. Budget and Invoicing Instructions:** The Campus will submit invoices to the State no more frequently than monthly and no less frequently than quarterly. The final invoice must be submitted to the State no later than 45 days (October 31, 2022) after the contract termination date. Reimbursement requests will be submitted on UNH invoice forms indicating the project title, project number, and reimbursement amount, along with supporting documentation (copy of paid invoices, payroll runs, travel reimbursements, etc.).

Educational institutions which receive federal funding are required by the United States Office of Management and Budget (OMB) "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards" (Uniform Guidance) to maintain an effort reporting system, the purpose of which is to assure that the distribution of pay is in accordance with actual effort expended (by funding source and activity). UNH has no ability to track and verify hours/days worked. Salary is charged to the grant by effort, daily rates are estimates only and can't be tracked or verified.

The recipient of these funds is encouraged to provide programs to encourage the use of safety belts by all drivers and passengers in motor vehicles (23 U.S.C. 1200.11 (a)(d)) and to adopt and enforce seat belt use policies for employees operating company-owned, rented, or personally-owned vehicles when performing official business.

Research Design and Methodology		
Salaries and Wages:		
Director: 10 hours @ \$145.00	1,45.00	\$1,450.00
Employee Fringe Benefits:		
Director: \$1,450 x 37.6%	\$45.20	\$545.20
Supplies & Services: printing sample data forms and training materials		\$50.00

Design Sub-total		\$2,045.20
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Training of Observers		
Salaries and Wages:		
Director: 6 hours @ \$145.00	870.00	
Data Operations Manager: 6 hours @ \$40.00	240.00	\$1,430.00
Observers: 20 hours @ \$16.00	320.00	
Employee Fringe Benefits:		
Director: \$870 x 37.6%	327.12	
Data Operations Manager: \$240 x 37.6%	90.24	\$442.64
Observers: \$320 * 7.9%	25.28	
Supplies & Services: printing sample data forms and training materials		\$50
Training Sub-total		\$1,922.64

Observation/Data Collection		
Salaries and Wages:		
Director: 10 hours @ \$145.00	1,450.00	
Data Operations Manager: 50 hours @ \$40.00	2,000.00	
Quality Control Monitor 80 @ \$32.00	2,560.00	
Observers: 500 hours @ \$16.00	8,000.00	
Data Entry staff: 100 hours @ \$16.00	1,600.00	
Analysts: 10 hours @ \$45.00	450.00	\$16,060.00
Employee Fringe Benefits:		
Director: \$1,450 x 37.6%	545.20	
Data Operations Manager - \$2,000 x 37.6%	752.00	
Analysts - \$450 x 37.6%	169.20	
QC Monitor, Observers & Data Entry - \$12,160 x 7.9%	960.64	\$2,427.04
Travel: Durham to 120 survey sites throughout state and QC Monitoring		
Mileage: 7,500 miles (estimated) x \$.58.5/mile		\$4,387.50
Supplies & Services: printing (observation forms, training materials, reports, etc.), supplies (clipboards, identification badges, 6 reflective safety vests, etc.), miscellaneous items, rent for cell phones		\$50.00
Observation Sub-total		\$22,924.54

Analysis & Report Preparation		
Salaries and Wages:		
Director: 35 hours @ \$145.00	5,075.00	
Data Operations Manager: 10 hours @ \$40.00	400.00	\$5,475.00
Employee Fringe Benefits:		
Director: \$5,075 x 37.6%	1,908.20	
Data Operations Manager: \$400 x 37.6%	150.04	\$2,058.60
Supplies & Services: printing reports and supplies		\$10
Analysis Sub-total		\$7,543.60

2022 Site Selection Redesign

Salaries and Wages:		
Director: 15 hours @ \$145.00	2,175.00	\$2,175.00

Employee Fringe Benefits: Director: \$2,175 x 37.6%	817.80	\$9817.80
Supplies & Services: printing sample data forms and training materials		\$50.00
Design Sub-total		\$3,042.80

Sub-Total		\$37,478.78
Indirect Cost (Facilities and Administration) UNH federally negotiated rate \$37,478.78 x 26%		\$9,744.48
GRAND TOTAL		\$47,223

Project Cost is 20% State Share
Awarding Agency: Office of Highway Safety (OHS)
Federal Awarding Agency: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), US DOT NHTSA Region 1 55 Broadway, RTV-8E Cambridge, MA 02142
FAIN Number: 69A3752130000405bNHL 69A3752230000405bNHL 69A3752230SUP405bNHL
Project Title & Number: UNH Seat Belt Survey 22-238
Funding Source; PSP & Task #: 22-01-06 (OP)
Award Title: 405b Fast Act/BIL/SUP
DUNS Number: 111089470
Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 20.616
Is This a Research and Development Project (Yes or No): No

EXHIBIT B

This Project Agreement is funded under a Grant/Contract/Cooperative Agreement to State from the Federal sponsor specified in Project Agreement article F. All applicable requirements, regulations, provisions, terms and conditions of this Federal Grant/Contract/Cooperative Agreement are hereby adopted in full force and effect to the relationship between State and Campus, except that wherever such requirements, regulations, provisions and terms and conditions differ for INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, the appropriate requirements should be substituted (e.g., OMB Circulars A-21 and A-110, rather than OMB Circulars A-87 and A-102). References to Contractor or Recipient in the Federal language will be taken to mean Campus; references to the Government or Federal Awarding Agency will be taken to mean Government/Federal Awarding Agency or State or both, as appropriate.

Special Federal provisions are listed here: ☐ None or **Uniform Guidance** issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in lieu of Circulars listed in paragraph above.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

U.S. Department of Transportation/NHTSA Grant Conditions:

As a result of participating in Federal highway safety grant programs administered by National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the US Department of Transportation (USDOT), highway safety subrecipients are required to comply with the following documents:

- Subrecipients agree to comply with all applicable elements of NHTSA's Memorandum: Use of NHTSA Highway Safety Grant Funds for Certain Purchases May 18, 2016 and found at the following Web link.: <https://www.nhtsa.gov/highway-safety-grants-program/resources-guide>. Subrecipients should pay particular attention to the sections on (1) allowable costs for equipment, travel, training, and consultant services; and (2) unallowable costs for equipment, facilities and construction, training and program administration.
- Subrecipients agree to comply with all applicable elements of 2 CFR 200 - the Uniform Administrative Requirement for Grants, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements as promulgated by the U.S. Department of Transportation. This document is found at the following Web link <https://www.nhtsa.gov/highway-safety-grants-program/resources-guide>.
- Subrecipients agree to comply with all applicable Federal basic and incentive grant program requirements as outlined in the Highway Safety Grant Management Manual found at the following Web link: <https://www.nhtsa.gov/highway-safety-grants-program>. This document provides information on each of the grant programs.

The following additional provisions apply to highway safety subrecipients as a result of certifications and assurances provided to NHTSA by State Highway Safety Offices in their Highway Safety Plan:

- Federal Funding Accountability & Transparency Act (FFATA). Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Numbers Requirement. As the recipient of federal highway safety funds, the applicant agency must have a DUNS number. This is a unique nine-character number that identifies the applicant agency and is used by the federal government to track how federal funds are distributed. If the applicant agency is authorized to make sub-awards under this contract, it must: 1) notify potential sub-recipients that no entity may receive a sub-award unless that entity has provided the applicant agency with its DUNS number; and 2) the applicant agency may not make a

sub-award to an entity unless the entity has provided its DUNS number to the applicant agency. (<https://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>)

- The State will comply with FFATA guidance, OMB Guidance on FFATA Subaward and Executive Compensation Reporting, August 27, 2010, [Qrttps://www.fsrs.gov/documents/OMB Guidance on FFATA Subaward and Executive Compensation Reporting 08272010.pdf](https://www.fsrs.gov/documents/OMB_Guidance_on_FFATA_Subaward_and_Executive_Compensation_Reporting_08272010.pdf)) by reporting to FSRS.gov for each sub-grant awarded:

- Name of the entity receiving the award;
- Amount of award;
- Information on the award including transaction type, funding agency, the North American Industry Classification System code or Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number (where applicable), Program source;
- Location of the entity receiving the award and the primary location of performance under the award, including the city, State, congressional district, and country; and an award title descriptive of the purpose of each funding action;
- A unique identifier (DUNS);
- The names and total compensation of the five most highly compensated officers of the entity if:
 - (i) The entity in the preceding fiscal year received –
 - (ii) 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues in Federal awards;
 - (iii) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from federal awards; and
 - (iv) The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the senior executives of the entity through periodic reports filed under section 13 (a) or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;
- Other relevant information specified by OMB guidance.

NONDISCRIMINATION

(Applies to subrecipients as well as States)

The State highway safety agency will comply with all Federal statutes and implementing regulations relating to nondiscrimination (“Federal Nondiscrimination Authorities”). These include but are not limited to:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin) and 49 CFR part 21;
- The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
- Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C. 324 et seq.), and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1681–1683 and 1685–1686) (prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex);
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. 794 et seq.), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability) and 49 CFR part 27;
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (Pub. L. 100–209), (broadens scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms “programs

or activities” to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal aid recipients, subrecipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally-funded or not);

- Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12131–12189) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing) and 49 CFR parts 37 and 38;

- Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions To Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations (prevents discrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations); and

- Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency (guards against Title VI national origin discrimination/discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP) by ensuring that funding recipients take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to programs (70 FR 74087–74100).

POLITICAL ACTIVITY (HATCH ACT)

(Applies to subrecipients as well as States)

The State will comply with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. 1501–1508), which limits the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING FEDERAL LOBBYING

(Applies to subrecipients as well as States)

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- 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 any 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.

- 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.

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

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. 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.

RESTRICTION ON STATE LOBBYING

(Applies to subrecipients as well as States)

None of the funds under this program will be used for any activity specifically designed to urge or influence a State or local legislator to favor or oppose the adoption of any specific legislative proposal pending before any State or local legislative body. Such activities include both direct and indirect (e.g., "grassroots") lobbying activities, with one exception. This does not preclude a State official whose salary is supported with NHTSA funds from engaging in direct communications with State or local legislative officials, in accordance with customary State practice, even if such communications urge legislative officials to favor or oppose the adoption of a specific pending legislative proposal.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

(Applies to subrecipients as well as States)

Instructions for Primary Tier Participant Certification (States)

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below and agrees to comply with the requirements of 2CFR parts 180 and 1200.
2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.
3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default or may pursue suspension or debarment.
4. The prospective primary tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective primary tier participant learns its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
5. The terms covered transaction, civil judgement, debarment, suspension, ineligible, participant, person, principal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, are defined in 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
6. The prospective primary tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.

7. The prospective primary tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Instructions for Lower Tier Participant Certification" including the "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions and will require lower tier participants to comply with 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200.

8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any prospective lower tier participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the System for Award Management Exclusions website (<https://www.sam.gov/>).

9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, the department or agency may terminate the transaction for cause or default.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS-PRIMARY TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS

1. The prospective primary tier participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it

and its principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or Voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

(b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal 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 record, 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 (1)(b) of this certification; and

(d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

2. Where the prospective primary tier participant is unable to certify to any of the Statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Instructions for Lower Tier Certification

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below and agrees to comply with the requirements of 2CFR parts 180 and 1200.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to whom this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms covered transaction, civil judgement, debarment, suspension, ineligible, participant, person, principal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, are defined in 2 CFR part 180 and 1200. You may contact the person to whom this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Instructions for Lower Tier Certification" including the "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions and will require lower tier participants to comply with 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transactions that is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any prospective lower tier participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the System for Award Management Exclusions website (<https://www.sam.gov/>).
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available

to the Federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension or debarment.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion Lower Tier Covered Transactions:

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in covered transaction by any Federal department or agency.
2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

BUY AMERICA ACT

(Applies to subrecipients as well as States)

The State and each subrecipient will comply with the Buy America requirement (23 U.S.C. 313) when purchasing items using Federal funds. Buy America requires a State, or subrecipient, to purchase with Federal funds only steel, iron and manufactured products produced in the United States, unless the Secretary of Transportation determines that such domestically produced items would be inconsistent with the public interest, that such materials are not reasonably available and of a satisfactory quality, or that inclusion of domestic materials will increase the cost of the overall project contract by more than 25 percent. In order to use Federal funds to purchase foreign produced items, the State must submit a waiver request that provides an adequate basis and justification for approval by the Secretary of Transportation.

PROHIBITION ON USING GRANT FUNDS TO CHECK FOR HELMET USAGE

(Applies to subrecipients as well as States)

The State and each subrecipient will not use 23 U.S.C. Chapter 4 grant funds for programs to check helmet usage or to create checkpoints that specifically target motorcyclists.

POLICY ON SEAT BELT USE

In accordance with the Executive Order 13043, Increasing Seat Belt Use in the United States, dated April 16, 1997, the Grantee is encouraged to adopt and enforce on-the-job seat belt use policies and programs for its employees when operating company-owned, rented, or personally-owned vehicles. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is responsible for providing leadership and guidance in support of this Presidential initiative. For information and resources on traffic safety programs and policies for employees, please contact the Network of Employers for Traffic Safety (NETS), a public-private partnership dedicated to improving the traffic safety practices of employers, and other traffic safety initiatives at www.trafficsafety.org. The NHTSA website (www.nhtsa.gov) also provides information on statistics, campaigns, and program evaluations and references.

POLICY ON BANNING TEXT MESSAGING WHILE DRIVING

In accordance with Executive Order 13513, Federal Leadership On Reducing Text Messaging While Driving, and DOT Order 3902.10, Text Messaging While Driving, States are encouraged to adopt and enforce workplace safety policies to decrease crashes caused by distracted driving, including policies to ban text messaging while driving company-owned or rented vehicles, Government-owned, leased or rented vehicles, or privately-owned vehicles when on official Government business or when performing any work on behalf of the Government. States are also encouraged to conduct workplace safety initiatives in a manner commensurate with the size of the business, such as establishment of new rules and programs or re-evaluation of existing programs to prohibit text messaging while driving, and education, awareness, and other outreach to employees about the safety risks associated with texting while driving.

CASH MANAGEMENT

Cash draw-downs will be initiated only when actually needed for disbursement (i.e., as close as possible to the time of making disbursements). Cash disbursements and balances will be reported in a timely manner as required by NHTSA. 2 CFR Part 200.305.

For subrecipients, recipients must establish reasonable procedures to ensure the receipt of reports on subrecipients' cash balances and cash disbursements in sufficient time to enable them to prepare complete and accurate cash transactions reports to the awarding agency. Recipients must monitor cash draw-downs by their subrecipients to assure that they conform substantially to the same standards of timing and amount as apply to advances to the recipients. 2 CFR 200.305. Failure to adhere to these provisions may result in the termination of draw-down privileges.

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET GRANT CONDITIONS

The following documents issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) apply to all Federal grants regardless of the Federal Department making them available:

- **Audit Requirement of Federal Funds: 2 CFR part 200, subpart F (formerly known as OMB Circular A-133)** – These requirements apply to each non-profit organization, each institution of higher education, and local governments as a whole when they or one of their departments receives federal funds. Any non-profit organization, institution of higher education, or local government spending more than \$750,000 in federal funds from all sources within a 12-month period must have an audit performed on the use of the funds. OGR defines the 12-month period as July 1 to June 30. The following link provides the full text of this basic federal grant requirement: <https://www.nhtsa.gov/highway-safety-grants-program/resources-guide>.

- **Cost Principles for Federal Grants to State and Local Governments**
 - o **2 CFR 200 subpart E** – These requirements apply only to state and local government subrecipients. These regulations list and define general categories of costs that are both allowable and unallowable. Examples include the following:
 - o The cost of alcoholic beverages is unallowable.
 - o Costs incurred by advisory councils are allowable.
 - o Audit costs are allowable.
 - o Compensation costs are allowable so long as they are consistent with that paid for similar work in other activities of the local government.

- o Entertainment costs are unallowable.
- o Equipment costs are allowable with the prior approval of the HSO. Equipment having a useful life of more than one year or a current per-unit fair market value of \$5,000 or more must be tracked. When replacing equipment purchased with federal funds, the equipment to be replaced may be used as a trade-in or can be sold with the proceeds used to offset the cost of the replacement equipment. In addition, during the period of the contract with HSO, insurance on the equipment is allowable.
- o Travel costs are allowable if pre-approved by the HSO and so long as they are consistent with those normally allowed in like circumstances for non-federally funded activities.
- Cost Principles for Federal Grants to Non-Profit Organizations and Institutions of Higher Education - These requirements apply to only the non-profit and higher education sub recipients. These document list and define general categories of costs that are allowable and unallowable. The links below provide the full text of these two basic federal grant requirements.
- o 2 CFR 200 subpart E

CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR NON-FEDERAL ENTITY CONTRACTS UNDER FEDERAL AWARDS

In addition to other provisions required by the Federal agency or non-Federal entity, all contracts made by the non-Federal entity under the Federal award must contain provisions covering the following, as applicable.

(A) Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$150,000, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

(B) All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement.

(C) Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity" (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," and implementing regulations at 41 CFR part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor."

(D) Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148). When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The

non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

(E) Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

(F) Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement. If the Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR §401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

(G) Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as amended—Contracts and sub grants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

(H) Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)—A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the government wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

(I) Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)—Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.

(J) See §200.322 Procurement of recovered materials.

SPECIAL PROVISION-NH OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY

(A) In the event of any conflict or ambiguity between the provisions of the Subrecipient's application and the provisions of the Office of Highway Safety Grant Agreement, including applicable EXHIBITS A and B, the provisions of the Grant Agreement shall govern.

(B) The New Hampshire Office of Highway Safety (OHS) will review all reports and certifications received to ensure compliance. If findings specific to Highway Safety Programs are detected within an agency's Single Audit, appropriate action shall be taken to ensure that identified sub recipient risks are being timely and appropriately corrected.

I understand that failure to comply with applicable Federal statutes and regulations may subject State officials to civil or criminal penalties and/or place the State in a high risk grantee status in accordance with 2 CFR 200.

I sign these Certifications and Assurances based on personal knowledge, after appropriate inquiry, and I understand that the Government will rely on these representations in awarding grant funds.

Authorized Contract Signatory: Karen Jensen

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