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## CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

THIS AGREEMENT is made this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, in the Territory of the Virgin Islands, by and between the Government of the Virgin Islands, Department of Property & Procurement, on behalf of the Department of Public Works (hereinafter referred to as “Government”) and **[Insert Contractor’s Name or Company Name as it appears on Articles of Incorporation/ Formation Documents]** (hereinafter referred to as “Contractor”).

### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Government is in need of a contractor to furnish all labor, materials and equipment necessary for the **[Insert Project Description]** in strict accordance with the plans and specifications (incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract), which duties and responsibilities are more particularly described in *Addendum I*, (Scope of Work), *Addendum II* (General Provisions and Warranties together with the additional General Provisions – Construction), *Addendum III* (Termination of Contracts), *Addendum IV* (Compensation) and *Addendum V* (Provisions from 2 CFR 200 – Appendix II) attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor represents that it is willing and capable of providing such services;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, and intending to be legally bound by this written instrument, the parties hereto do covenant and agree as follows:

### 1. SERVICES

The Contractor will provide the services described more particularly in Addendum I (Scope of Work) incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this construction contract.

### 2. TERM

This Contract shall commence upon execution by the Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement and shall terminate within **number of days in words (# of days)** calendar days from the issuance of the formal Notice to Proceed, or in accordance with an agreed upon extension pursuant to the General Provisions.

### 3. COMPENSATION

The Government, in consideration of satisfactory performance of the services described in Addendum I, agrees to pay the Contractor the sum of **[insert contract price in words (contract**



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**price in numbers)]** in accordance with the provisions set forth in Addendum IV (Compensation), attached hereto is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.

#### **4. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES**

It is hereby expressly agreed by the parties hereto that in the event the Contractor has not completed the scope of work under the term set forth in Paragraph 2 hereof, **[insert liquidated damages in words (liquidated damages in numbers)]** for each calendar day or portion thereof shall be due the Government. The liquidated damages shall first be deducted from any contract monies due, but not yet paid to the extent available.

#### **5. RECORDS**

The Contractor will present documented, precise records of time and/or money expended under this Contract.

#### **6. PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS**

The Contractor agrees to maintain the professional standards applicable to its profession and to Contractors doing business in the United States Virgin Islands.

#### **7. DOCUMENTS, PRINTOUTS, ETC.**

Certified copies of all documents, books, records, instructional materials, programs, printouts and memoranda of every description derived therefrom and pertaining to this Contract shall become the property of the Government and shall be turned over to it at the termination of this Contract, or at the Government's request, during the life of the contract. The above-described materials shall not be used by Contractor or by any other person or entity except upon the written permission of the Government.

#### **8. LIABILITY OF OTHERS**

Nothing in this Contract shall be construed to impose any liability upon Government to persons, firms, associations, or corporations engaged by Contractor as servants, agents, independent contractors, or in any other capacity whatsoever, or make the Government liable to any such persons, firms, associations or corporations for the acts, omissions, responsibilities, obligations and taxes of Contractor of whatsoever nature, including but not limited to unemployment insurance, gross receipt, excise, and social security taxes for Contractor, its servants, agents or independent contractors.

#### **9. ASSIGNMENT**



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The Contractor shall not subcontract or assign any part of the services under this contract without the prior written approval of the Government.

## **10. INDEMNIFICATION**

Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Government from and against any and all loss, damage, liability, claims, demands, detriments, cost, charges and expenses (including attorney's fees) and causes of action of whatsoever character which the Government may incur, sustain or be subjected to, arising out of or in any way connected to the services to be performed by Contractor under this Contract and arising from any cause, except the sole negligence of Government.

## **11. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

The Contractor shall perform this Contract as an independent contractor and nothing herein contained shall be construed to be inconsistent with this relationship or status.

## **12. GOVERNING LAW**

This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the United States Virgin Islands and jurisdiction and venue are exclusive in the United States Virgin Islands.

## **13. WAIVERS AND AMENDMENTS**

No waiver, modification, or amendment of any term, condition or provision of this Contract shall be valid or of any force or effect unless made in writing, signed by the parties hereto or their duly authorized representatives, and specifying with particularity the nature and extent of such waiver, modification, or amendment. Any such waiver, modification, or amendment in any instances shall in no event be construed to be a general waiver, modification, or amendment of any of the terms, conditions, or provisions of this Contract, but the same shall be strictly limited and restricted to the extent and occasion specified in such signed writing or writings.

## **14. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties relating to the subject matter addressed in this agreement. This agreement supersedes all prior communications, contracts, or agreements between the parties with respect to the subject matter addressed in this Agreement, whether written or oral.

## **15. RIGHT TO WITHHOLD**

If work under this Contract is not performed in accordance with the terms, hereof, Government will have the right to withhold out of any payment due to Contractor, such sums as



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the Government may deem ample to protect it against loss or to assure payment of claims arising therefrom, and, at its option, the Government may apply such sums in such manner as the Government may deem proper to secure itself or to satisfy such claims. The Government will immediately notify the Contractor in writing in the event that it elects to exercise its right to withhold.

## **16. CONDITION PRECEDENT**

This Contract shall be subject to the availability and appropriation of funds and to the approval of the Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement.

## **17. TERMINATION**

Either Party will have the right to terminate this contract with cause on ten (10) days written notice to the other party specifying the date of termination. The attached "Addendum III-Termination of Contracts for the Convenience of the Government" is hereby fully incorporated herein by reference and is made a part of this agreement.

## **18. PARTIAL TERMINATION**

The performance of work under this contract may be terminated by the Government in part, whenever the Government shall deem such termination advisable by providing ten (10) days written notice to the Contractor. This partial termination shall be effected by delivering to the Contractor a Notice of Partial Termination specifying the extent to which the term and/or duties under this contract are terminated and the date upon which such termination becomes effective. The Contractor shall be entitled to receive payment for services provided to the date of termination, including payment for the period of the ten (10) days' notice.

## **19. NON-DISCRIMINATION**

No person shall be excluded from participating in, be denied the proceeds of, or be subject to discrimination in the performance of this Contract on account of race, creed, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

## **20. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- (a) Contractor covenants that it has no interest and will not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services required to perform under this Contract.
- (b) Contractor further covenants that it is:
  - (1) not a territorial officer or employee (i.e., the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, member of the Legislature or any other elected territorial official; or an officer or employee of the legislative, executive, or judicial branch of the Government or any



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- agency, board, commission, or independent instrumentality of the Government, whether compensated on a salary, fee or contractual basis); or
- (2) a territorial officer or employee and, as such, has:
- (i) familiarized itself with the provisions of Title 3, Chapter 37, Virgin Islands Code, pertaining to conflicts of interest, including the penalties provisions set forth in section 1108 thereof;
  - (ii) not made, negotiated or influenced this contract, in its official capacity; and
  - (iii) no financial interest in the contract as that term is defined in section 1101, (1) of said Code chapter.

## 21. EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this Contract is upon the execution by the Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement.

## 22. NOTICE

Any notice required to be given by the terms of this Contract shall be deemed to have been given when the same is sent by certified mail, postage prepaid or personally delivered, addressed to the parties as follows:

### GOVERNMENT

Anthony D. Thomas, Commissioner  
Department of Property and Procurement  
8201 Sub Base, Suite 4  
St. Thomas USVI 00802

Head of User Agency Name  
User Agency's Title  
User Agency Name  
User Agency's Address  
User Agency's City, State, Zip Code

### CONTRACTOR

Contractor's Name  
Contractor's Title  
Contractor's Name or Company Name  
Contractor's P. O. Box  
Contractor's City, State, Zip Code



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## **23. LICENSURE**

The Contractor covenants that it has:

- a. obtained all of the applicable licenses or permits, temporary or otherwise, as required by Title 27 of the Virgin Islands Code; and
- b. familiarized itself with the applicable provisions of Title 27 of the Virgin Islands Code pertaining to professions and occupations.

## **24. CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIONS**

The Contractor agrees that it is fully informed regarding all the conditions affecting the work to be done and labor and materials to be furnished for the completion of the Contract, and that it has been engaged in and now does such work and represents that it is fully equipped, competent, and capable of performing the work and is ready and willing to perform such work.

The Contractor agrees further to begin work not later than the date indicated on the formal Notice to Proceed and complete the work within the number of days specified in the proposal or as extended in accordance with the General Provisions of the Contract.

The Work shall be done under the direct supervision of the Government, and in accordance with the laws of the Government and its Rules and Regulations thereunder issued and any and all applicable federal rules and regulations. The parties hereto agree that this contract shall, in all instances, be governed by the Laws of the Government of the Virgin Islands.

## **25. WARRANTY OF NON-SOLICITATION**

The Contractor expressly warrants that it nor its officers, agents or employees has employed no person to solicit or obtain this contract on its behalf, or to cause or procure the same to be obtained upon compensation in any way, contingent, in whole or in part, upon such procurement, and that it nor its officers, agents or employees has not paid, or promised or agreed to pay to any person, in consideration of such procurement, or in compensation for services in connection therewith, any brokerage, commission, or percentage upon the amount receivable by him hereunder; and that it nor its officers, agents or employees has not, in estimating the contract price demanded by it included any sum by reason of such brokerage, commission or percentage; and that all monies payable to it hereunder are free from obligation to any other person for services rendered, or supposed to have been rendered, in the procurement of this contract.

Breach of the warranty shall give the Government the right to terminate this Contract, or in its discretion, to deduct from the contract price or consideration the amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fees.



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## **26. FALSE CLAIMS**

Contractor warrants that it shall not, with respect to this Contract, make or present any claim upon or against the Government of the Virgin Islands, or any officer, department, board, commission, or other agency thereof, knowing such claim to be false, fictitious or fraudulent. Contractor acknowledges that making such a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim is an offense under Virgin Islands law.

## **27. DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION**

By execution of this contract, the Contractor certifies that it is eligible to receive contract awards using federally appropriated funds and that it has not been suspended or debarred from entering into contracts with any federal agency. The Contractor shall include this provision in each of its subcontracts hereunder and shall furnish its subcontractors with the current "LIST OF PARTIES EXCLUDED FROM FEDERAL PROCUREMENT OR NON PROCUREMENT." In the event the Contractor or any subcontractor misrepresents its eligibility to receive contract awards using federal funds, the Contractor or subcontractor agrees that it shall not be entitled to payment for any work performed under this contract or any subcontract and that the Contractor or subcontractor shall promptly reimburse the Government of the Virgin Islands for any progress payments heretofore made.

## **28. NOTICE OF FEDERAL FUNDING**

Contractor acknowledges that this Contract is funded, in whole or in part, by federal funds. Contractor warrants that it shall not, with respect to this Contract, make or present any claim knowing such claim to be false, fictitious, or fraudulent. Contractor acknowledges that making such a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim is a federal offense.

## **29. Davis Bacon Act**

Contractor hereby agrees that it shall comply with all rulings and interpretations of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 USC 276a-5) and that the contractor and subcontractor agrees that all employees shall be paid the local prevailing wages as established by Virgin Islands statutes and laws.

## **30. OTHER PROVISIONS**

Addendum I (Scope of Work), Addendum II (General Provisions and Warranties), Addendum III (Termination of Contracts), Addendum IV (Compensation) and Addendum V (Provisions from 2 CFR 200 – Appendix II) attached hereto are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.



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### 31. INSURANCE

Contractor shall maintain the following insurance coverages during the term of this Contract

- (a) **COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY:** Commercial general liability insurance, in a form acceptable to the Government, on a “per occurrence” basis with a minimum limit of not less than **one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00)** for any one person per occurrence for death or personal injury and **one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00)** for any one occurrence for property damage. Insurance policy(ies) shall name the Government of the Virgin Islands as the certificate holder and additional insured via an endorsement. **(For contracts small contracts valued under \$100,000, insurance limits up to \$100,000 are acceptable)**
- (b) **WORKERS’ COMPENSATION:** Contractor shall supply current coverage under the Government Insurance Fund or other form of coverage.

### 32. PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE BONDS

The Contractor shall comply with the following minimum bonding requirements:

- (a) A performance bond to secure Contractor’s obligations and performance under the contract for 100% of the Contract price; and
- (b) A payment bond to assure payment to all persons supplying labor and material in the execution of the work provided for in the contract for 100% of the Contract price.





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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands on the day and year first above written.

WITNESSES:

GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

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\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Head of User Agency Name**  
**Title**  
**User Agency Name**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Anthony D. Thomas**  
**Commissioner**  
Department of Property and Procurement

CONTRACTOR

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contractor's Name, Title**  
Contractor's Company Name

*(Corporate seal, if Contractor is a corporation)*

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY  
AT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Purchase Order No.



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**Addendum I (include each addenda on a separate sheet of paper)**

*Scope of Work*

**Addendum II**

*General Provisions and Warranties*

*Additional General Provisions - Construction*

**Addendum III**

*Termination of Contracts*



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#### **Addendum IV** *Compensation*

The Government, in consideration of the satisfactory performance of the services described in Addendum I (Scope of Work), agrees to make progress payments based on the Schedule of Values and invoices submitted by the Contractor **[Insert Contractor's Name or Company Name]** in accordance with Clause 7 (Payments to Contractor) of the General Provisions.

The parties agree that the sum to be paid under this contract is **[Insert Contract price in words]** **[(Insert Contract price in numbers)]**. The parties further agree that payments will be made in accordance with services rendered.

The final payment is subject to the inspection and acceptance of the project by the Government, the submission of all pertinent warranties, and the Release of Claims. Contractor shall submit a Waiver of Liens or Affidavits of subcontractors who have released the contractor of its obligations. Contractor shall also submit Consent of Surety before final payment and, upon the Government's request, any other documentation the Government deems necessary.



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## **ADDENDUM V**

### ***Provisions from 2 CFR 200 - Appendix II***

#### **1. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

During the performance of this contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

(1) The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that during employment, employees are treated without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

(2) The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

(3) The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(4) The Contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

(5) The Contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

(6) In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions as may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.



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(7) The Contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (7) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, that in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

## **2. COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT**

(1) Overtime requirements. No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.

(2) Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section.

(3) Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. The Department of Labor shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (2) of this section.

(4) Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for



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compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this section.

### 3. **CLEAN AIR ACT AND THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT**

Clean Air Act.

(1) The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 *et seq.*

(2) The contractor agrees to report each violation to the Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) understands and agrees that the DPNR will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Government, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

(3) The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.

Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

(1) The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*

(2) The contractor agrees to report each violation to the DPNR and understands and agrees that the DPNR will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Government, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

(3) The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

### 4. **SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT**

(1) This Contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such the Contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor, its principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995), or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

(2) The Contractor must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

(3) This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by the Government. If it is later determined that the contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R.



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pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to the Government, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

(4) The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

## 5. **BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING**

Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall 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 shall 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 Government.

## 6. **PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS**

(1) In the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA- designated items unless the product cannot be acquired—

(i) Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;

(ii) Meeting contract performance requirements; or

(iii) At a reasonable price.

(2) Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA-designate items, is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, <https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program>.

## 7. **ACCESS TO RECORDS**

The following access to records requirements apply to this contract:

(1) The Contractor agrees to provide the Government, the Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor which are



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directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.

(2) The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.

(3) The contractor agrees to provide the Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator or his/her authorized representatives access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract





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**Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements**

**(To be submitted with each bid or offer exceeding \$100,000)**

The undersigned \_\_\_\_\_ certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge, that:

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub recipients 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. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering this transaction imposed by 31, U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995). 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.

The Contractor, \_\_\_\_\_, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. § 3801 *et seq.*, apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date