

**TASK FORCE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE
US DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION
& THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

This agreement is made this 1st day of October, 2014, between the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (hereinafter "DEA"), and the United States Virgin Islands (USVI) Police Department (hereinafter "VIPD"). The DEA is authorized to enter into this cooperative agreement concerning the use and abuse of controlled substances under the provisions of 21 U.S.C. Section 873.

WHEREAS there is evidence that trafficking in narcotics and dangerous drugs exists in the U. S. Virgin Islands area and that such illegal activity has a substantial and detrimental effect on the health and general welfare of the people of the U. S. Virgin Islands, the parties hereto agree to the following:

1. The Caribbean Division High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (CD/HIDTA) USVI Task Force will perform the activities and duties described below:

a. Disrupt the illicit drug traffic in the USVI area by immobilizing targeted violators and trafficking organizations;

b. Gather and report intelligence data relating to trafficking in narcotics and dangerous drugs; and

c. Conduct undercover operations where appropriate and engage in other traditional methods of investigation in order that the CD/HIDTA USVI Task Force's activities will result in

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effective prosecution before the courts of the United States and the U. S. Virgin Islands.

2. To accomplish the objectives of the CD/HIDTA USVI Task Force, VIPD agrees to detail eight (8) experienced officers to the CD/HIDTA St. Croix, USVI Task Force and four (4) experienced officers to the CD/HIDTA St/Thomas, USVI Task Force for a period of not less than two years. During this period of assignment, VIPD officers will be under the direct supervision and control of DEA supervisory personnel assigned to the CD/HIDTA USVI Task Force. The VIPD officers will prepare DEA-352s (Bi-weekly Activity Reports), which will be approved by a DEA Supervisor.

3. The VIPD officers assigned to the CD/HIDTA Task Force shall adhere to all DEA policies and procedures. Failure to adhere to DEA policies and procedures shall be grounds for dismissal from the CD/HIDTA USVI Task Force.

4. The VIPD officers assigned to the CD/HIDTA USVI Task Force shall be deputized as task force officers of DEA pursuant to 21 U.S.C. Section 878.

5. DEA acknowledges that the United States is liable for the wrongful or negligent acts or omissions of its officers and employees, including task force officers duly sworn pursuant to 21 U.S.C. Section 878, while on duty and acting within the scope of their federal employment, to the extent permitted by the Federal Tort Claims Act.

6. To accomplish the objectives of the CD/HIDTA Task Force, DEA will assign twenty five (25) special agents to the CD/HIDTA Task Force. HIDTA will also, subject to the availability of annually appropriated funds or any continuing resolution thereof, provide necessary funds and equipment to support the activities of the

DEA special agents and the VIPD officers assigned to the CD/HIDTA Task Force. This support will include: necessary available and reasonable funds for travel, purchase of evidence and information, informants, investigative equipment, training and other support deemed appropriate.

7. During the period of assignment to the CD/HIDTA Task Force, VIPD will remain responsible for establishing the salary and benefits, including overtime, of the VIPD officers assigned to the CD/HIDTA Task Force, and for making all payments due to them. HIDTA will, subject to availability of funds, reimburse VIPD for overtime payments made by it to the VIPD officers assigned to the CD/HIDTA Task Force for overtime, provided that required supporting documentation is received by HIDTA no later than 60 days from the VIPD officers incurring overtime, and up to a sum equivalent to 25 percent of the salary of a GS-12, step 1, (RUS) federal employee (currently \$17,374.25), per officer. ***Note: Task force officer's overtime shall not include any costs for benefits, such as retirement, FICA, and other expenses.***

8. Assets seized during task force investigations will be forfeited pursuant to the appropriated forfeiture statutes and will be shared equitably among the parties to this agreement in accordance with the Attorney General's Guidelines on Seized and Forfeited Property. The parties agree that the DEA special agent in charge or designee, in his or her recommendation on DAG Form 71, will describe the contribution of each member of the Caribbean Division Task Force. All parties to this agreement acknowledge, however, that the disposition of assets forfeited under federal law is within the discretionary authority of the United States Department of Justice.

9. In no event will VIPD charge any indirect cost rate to DEA for the administration or implementation of this agreement.

10. VIPD shall maintain on a current basis complete and accurate records and accounts of all obligations and expenditures of funds under this agreement in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and instructions provided by DEA to facilitate on-site inspection and auditing of such records and accounts.

11. VIPD shall permit and have readily available for examination and auditing by DEA, the United States Department of Justice, the Comptroller General of the United States, and any of their duly authorized agents and representatives, any and all records, documents, accounts, invoices, receipts or expenditures relating to this agreement. VIPD shall maintain all such reports and records until all litigation, claim, audits and examinations are completed and resolved, or for a period of three (3) years after termination of this agreement, whichever is later.

12. VIPD shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the regulations of the United States Department of Justice implementing those laws, 28 C.F.R. Part 42, Subparts C, F, G, H and I.

13. VIPD agrees that an authorized officer or employee will execute and return to DEA the attached OJP Form 4061/6, Certification Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements. VIPD acknowledges that this agreement will not take effect and no federal funds will be awarded to VIPD by DEA until the completed certification is received.

14. When issuing statements, press releases, requests for proposals, bid solicitations, and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or in part with federal money, VIPD shall clearly state: (1) the percentage of the total cost of the program or project which will be financed with federal money and (2) the dollar amount of federal funds for the program or project.

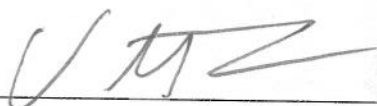
15. VIPD agrees to provide the CD/HIDTA Task Force officers with a vehicle suitable for surveillance. VIPD will be financially responsible for the purchase of fuel and maintenance. Subject to the availability of annually appropriated funds or any continuing resolution thereof, HIDTA will be financially responsible, through DEA, for providing toll charges. Any VIPD officer involved in an automobile accident while driving a VIPD official vehicle will adhere to whatever reporting and investigating automobile accidents requirements VIPD may have.

16. Vehicles provided by HIDTA will be suitable for surveillance. HIDTA, through DEA, will furnish mobile radios for installation in the CD/HIDTA Task Force vehicles and HIDTA will assume the cost of installation and removal. HIDTA will be financially responsible for the purchase of fuel for the leased vehicles and for providing routine maintenance as follows: oil changes, belts, timing belts, brakes, transmission services, coolant services, tires, hoses, spark plugs, spark plug wires, distributor cap and rotor, air filter, battery replacement, brake fluid, and rotate tires. DEA and HIDTA procedures for reporting and investigating automobile accidents involving official government vehicles (OGVs)/HIDTA leased vehicles, shall apply to accidents involving the leased vehicles furnished to the CD/HIDTA task force officers, in addition to whatever accident reporting requirements the USVI may have.

17. While on duty and acting on CD/HIDTA USVI Task Force business, VIPD officers assigned to the CD/HIDTA USVI Task Force shall be subject to all DEA and federal government rules, regulations and procedures governing the use of OGVs for home to work transportation and for personal business. The HIDTA Executive Committee acknowledges that the United States is liable for the actions of task force officers, while on duty and acting within the scope of their federal employment, to the extent permitted by the Federal Torts Claim Act, 28 U.S.C. 2401 (b) 2671-2680.

18. The term of this agreement shall be effective from the date in paragraph one until September 30, 2015. This agreement may be terminated by either party on thirty days' advance written notice. Billings for all outstanding obligations must be received by DEA within ninety (90) days of the date of termination of this agreement. DEA will be responsible only for obligations incurred by VIPD during the term of this agreement.

For the Drug Enforcement Administration:



Date: 10/1/14

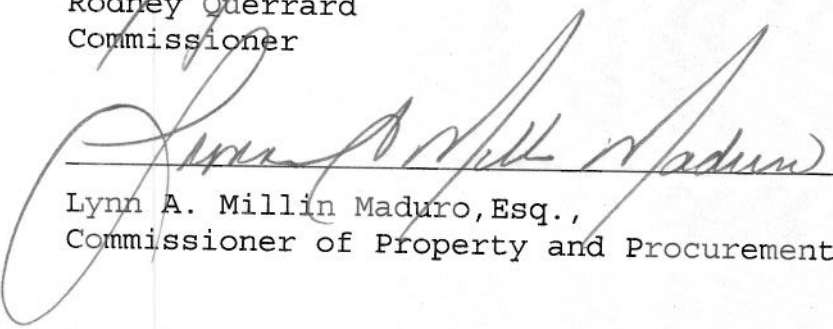
Vito S. Guarino
Special Agent in Charge
Caribbean Division

For the U.S. Virgin Islands Police Department:



Date: 10/10/14

Rodney Querrard
Commissioner



Date: 10/20/14

Lynn A. Millin Maduro, Esq.,
Commissioner of Property and Procurement



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS
OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER

CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING LOBBYING; DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS; AND DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should refer to the regulations cited below to determine the certification to which they are required to attest. Applicants should also review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before completing this form. Signature of this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 28 CFR Part 69, "New Restrictions on Lobbying" and 28 CFR Part 67, "Government-wide Department and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)." The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon reliance will be placed when the Department of Justice determines to award the covered transaction, grant, or cooperative agreement.

1. LOBBYING

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented at 28 CFR Part 69, for persons entering into a grant or cooperative agreement over \$100,000, as defined at 28 CFR Part 69, 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 any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any Federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal grant 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 grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form - ULL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, 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 subgrants, contracts under grants and cooperative agreements, and subcontracts) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

2. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (DIRECT RECIPIENT)

As required by Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, and implemented at 28 CFR Part 67, for prospective participants in primary covered transactions, as defined at 28 CFR Part 67, Section 67.510-

A. The applicant certifies that it and its principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of Federal benefits by a State or Federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department 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 (1) (b) of this certification; and

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

B. 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.

3. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE (GRANTEES OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS)

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 28 CFR Part 67, Subpart E, for grantees, as defined at 28 CFR Part 67 Sections 67.615 and 67.620-

A. The applicant certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

(a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;

(b) Establishing an on-going drug-free awareness program to inform employees about-

(1) The dangers of drugs abuse in the workplace;

(2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;

(3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and

(4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;

(c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);

(d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will-

(1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and

(2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;

(e) Notifying the agency, in writing, within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, ATTN: Control Desk, 633 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20531. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

(f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted-

(1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

(2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

(g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).

B. The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance (Street address, city, country, state, zip code)

Check ☐ if there are workplace on file that are not identified here.

Section 67.630 of the regulations provides that a grantee that is a State may elect to make one certification in each Federal fiscal year. A copy of which should be included with each application for Department of Justice funding. States and State agencies may elect to use OJP Form 40617.

Check ☐ if the State has elected to complete OJP Form 40617.

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE (GRANTEES WHO ARE INDIVIDUALS)

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 28 CFR Part 67, Subpart F, for grantees, as defined at 28 CFR Part 67, Sections 67.615 and 67.620-

A. As a condition of the grant, I certify that I will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in connection any activity with the grant; and

B. If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any grant activity, I will report the conviction, in writing, within 10 calendar days of the conviction, to: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, ATTN: Control Desk, 633 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20531.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above certifications.

1. Grantee Name and Address:

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT (USVI)
8172 SUB BASE, SUITE #3, FAWLEY
ST. THOMAS, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS 00802

2. Application Number and/or Project Name

3. Grantee IRS/Vendor Number

HIDTA TASK FORCE AGREEMENT / CARIBBEAN DIVISION & USVI

4. Typed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

RODNEY QUERRARD, COMMISSIONER

5. Signature

6. Date



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