

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION,  
INELIGIBILITY, AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION**

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective Participant is providing the certification set out below.
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 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 and/or debarment.
3. The prospective Participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective Participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or had become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms "covered transaction", "debarred", "suspended", "ineligible", "primary", "lower tier covered transaction", "participant", "person", "primary covered transaction", "principal", "proposal", and "voluntarily excluded", as used in this clause, have the meaning set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective 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 Participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled "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.
7. 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 covered transactions, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A Participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each Participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.
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 and/or debarment.

49 CFR 29, Appendix C, includes attached Certification of Primary Participant Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters

**CERTIFICATION OF PRIMARY PARTICIPANT REGARDING  
DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS**

The Primary Participant (applicant for an FTA grant to cooperative agreement or potential contractor for a major third party contract), \_\_\_\_\_, ("CONTRACTOR"), certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

1. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency;
2. 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 records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
3. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph 2 above of this Certification; and
4. 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.

(If the Primary Participant (applicant for an FTA grant, or cooperative agreement, or potential third party contractor) is unable to certify to any of the statements in this Certification, the Participant shall attach an explanation to this Certification).

The Primary Participant (applicant for an FTA grant or cooperative agreement, or potential contractor for a major third party contract), \_\_\_\_\_, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of the contents of the statements submitted on or with this Certification and understands that the provisions of 31 USC §§ 3801, et seq., are applicable thereto.

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature and Title of Authorized Official

The undersigned chief legal counsel for Contractor, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby certifies that the Contractor has authority under federal, state, and local law to comply with the subject assurances and that the Certification above has been legally made.

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Contractor's Attorney

Name, Address, and Phone  
of Contractor's Attorney: \_\_\_\_\_  
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