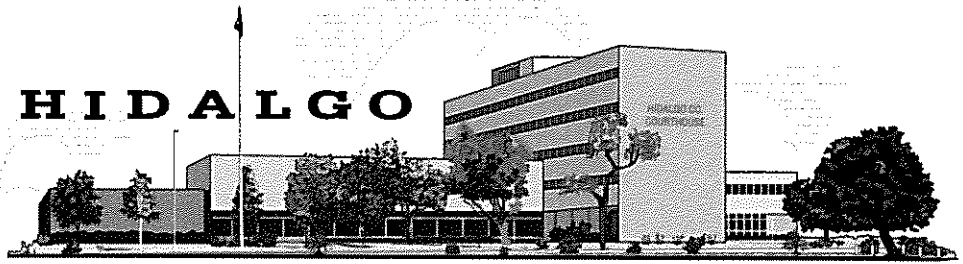


# COUNTY of HIDALGO



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EDINBURG, TEXAS 78539

April 15, 2016

The Honorable Ramon Garcia, Hidalgo County Judge  
The Honorable A.C. Cuellar, Jr., Commissioner, Precinct No. 1  
The Honorable Eduardo "Eddie" Cantu, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2  
The Honorable Jose M. Flores, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3  
The Honorable Joseph Palacios, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

**RE: Certification of Revenue**

Dear Judge and Commissioners:

Pursuant to Local Government Code § 111.0706 SPECIAL BUDGET FOR GRANT OR AID MONEY:


The county auditor shall certify to the commissioners' court the receipt of all public or private grant or aid money that is available for disbursement in a fiscal year but not included in the budget for that fiscal year. On certification, the court shall adopt a special budget for the limited purpose of spending the grant or aid money for its intended purpose.

I, Ray Eufrazio, County Auditor of Hidalgo County, certify to the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court the receipt of an award from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) passed through the Texas Department of Public Safety. These funds may now be made available by creating a new special budget or amending a current budget for its intended purposes.

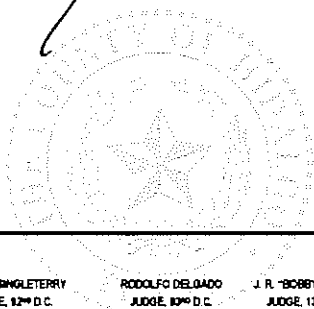
AMOUNT  
\$400,000.00

PURPOSE  
Award No. EMW-2014-SS-00029  
Operation Stone Garden Program (OPSG)

CERTIFIED BY:

  
Raymundo Eufrazio, CPA  
Hidalgo County Auditor

4/18/16  
Date



**HIDALGO COUNTY DISTRICT JUDGES**

- LUIS M. SINGLETERRY  
JUDGE, 12<sup>TH</sup> D.C.
- RODOLFO DELGADO  
JUDGE, 10<sup>TH</sup> D.C.
- J. R. "BOBBY" FLORES  
JUDGE, 11<sup>TH</sup> D.C.
- ROSE GUERRA REYNA  
JUDGE, 20<sup>TH</sup> D.C.
- JUAN R. PARTIDA  
JUDGE, 17<sup>TH</sup> D.C.
- MARIO E. RAMIREZ, JR.  
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- NOE GONZALEZ  
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OVERSEER
- LETICIA LOPEZ  
JUDGE, 30<sup>TH</sup> D.C.
- AIDA BALINAS FLORES  
JUDGE, 29<sup>TH</sup> D.C.
- ISRAEL RAMON, JR.  
JUDGE, 43<sup>RD</sup> D.C.
- JESSE CONTRERAS  
JUDGE, 44<sup>TH</sup> D.C.

AI-54109

Sheriff's Office 9. B.

CC - REGULAR

**Meeting Date:** 04/19/2016

**Submitted By:** Maria Del Rosario Gonzalez,  
SHERIFF DEPT.

**Department:** SHERIFF DEPT.

**Information**

**CAPTION**

1. Authorization and approval to accept the Grant Adjustment Notice in reference to Operation Stonegarden FY 2014 Supplemental award of \$400,000.00 and authorization for County Judge, as authorized official, to sign (and initial) required documents.
2. Authorization to pay Overtime reimburseable under the grant terms and conditions.
3. Approval of Certification of Revenues as certified by the County Auditor of the FY 2014 Operation Stonegarden Supplemental.
4. Approval to appropriate the budget for the Sheriff's Office FY2014 supplemental in the amount of \$370,000.00.
5. Approval to appropriate the budget for the City of Edinburg FY 2014 supplemental in the amount of \$30,000.00.

**BACKGROUND**

Grant Number: EMW-2014-SS-00029 (Federal)  
14-GA-48215-04 (SAA--State Administrative Agency)

Original grant award amount: \$4,674,438.00 (AI #49710 5/19/15)

Supplemental award amount: \$400,000.00

Revised grant award amount: \$5,074,438.00.

**Fiscal Impact**

**FISCAL YEAR:** 2017

**ACCT. #:** 6-1284-421-00-280-047-7-XXX

**FUNDS AVAILABLE Y/N?:** Y

**MATCHING FUNDS Y/N?:** N

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

No local match is required. Approval to accept supplemental award and appropriation of funds.

6-1284-331-12-280-047-7-000 SHERIFF OPSG REVENUES

**FISCAL YEAR:** 2017

**ACCT. #:** 6-1284-480-00-280-088-7-XXX

**FUNDS AVAILABLE Y/N?:** Y

**MATCHING FUNDS Y/N?:** N

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

No local match required. Approval of appropriation of funds.

6-1284-331-12-280-088-7-XXX EDINBURG OPSG-REVENUES

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**Attachments**

Edinburg Appropriation

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HCSO Appropriation

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**Form Review**

<b>Inbox</b>	<b>Reviewed By</b>	<b>Date</b>
Emilia Uriegas	Emilia Uriegas	04/07/2016 05:09 PM
Budget & Management	Veronica Ortiz	04/08/2016 10:16 AM
Final Approval		
Form Started By: Maria Del Rosario Gonzalez		Started On: 04/07/2016 04:08 PM

## Hector Sandoval

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**From:** Rosie Gonzalez [rosieg@hidalgoso.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2016 2:54 PM  
**To:** Hector Sandoval  
**Cc:** Deborah Fischer  
**Subject:** FW: Certification of Revenues OPSG 14 Supplemental AI 54109

**Importance:** High

Good afternoon Hector,

Would you please complete a Certification of Revenues for the OPSG 2014 Supplemental Award Incentive in the amount of \$400,000.00  
Account # 6-1284-421-00-280-047-7-XXX.

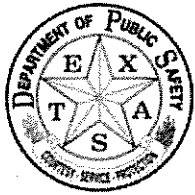
The agenda item is AI #54109.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact me.

Thanks,

*Rosie Gonzalez*

Accountant III  
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Texas Department of Public Safety

2014 Grant Adjustment Notice
for
Hidalgo County

1. General Award Information Reference/Encumbrance No:

Date of Award: April 15, 2016 Prepared By: Mendez, Arturo 3. SAA Award Number: 14-GA 48215-04

4. Sub-Recipient Name and Address 5. Federal Grant Information

Judge Ramon Garcia
Hidalgo County
100 E. Cano St. 2nd Floor
Edinburg, TX 78539

Federal Grant Title: Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)
Operation Stonegarden (OPSG)

Federal Grant Award Number: EMW-2014-SS-00029

Federal Granting Agency: U.S. Department of Homeland Security(DHS)
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Date Federal Grant Awarded to TxDPS: August 6, 2014

CFDA: 97.067

6. Award Amount and Grant Breakdowns

OPSG
\$5,074,438.00

Table with Grant Period: From: Sep 1, 2014 To: Jun 30, 2016. Includes note: (The SAA must receive all invoices by the end of grant period)

7. Statutory Authority for Grant: The Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2014, (Public Law 113-76), and The Homeland Security Act of 2002 as amended (Public Law 107-296), (6 U.S.C. § 603).

8. Method of Payment: Primary method is reimbursement.

9. Debarment/Suspension Certification: The Sub-Recipient certifies that the sub-recipient and its contractors/vendors and principals are not debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded by any federal department or agency and do not have active Exclusions listed at https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/

10. Agency Approvals

Approving TxDPS Official:
Jamie Youngs
Senior Manager
Texas Homeland Security
State Administrative Agency
Texas Department of Public Safety

Signature of TxDPS Official:
[Handwritten Signature]

11. Sub-Recipient Acceptance

I have read, understood and agree to this Sub-Recipient Agreement consisting of this Award and the attached Terms and Conditions.

Print name and title of Authorized Sub-Recipient Official: Signature of Sub-Recipient Official:

Enter Employer Identification Number (EIN) or Federal Tax Identification Number: DUNS Number: Date Signed :

DUE DATE: April 30, 2016 Signed Award with Terms and Conditions must be returned to SAA\_SRA@dps.texas.gov on or before the due date.

## 2014 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### **Instructions:**

#### **The Sub-recipient shall:**

1. Fill in the information and sign the Grant Sub-Recipient Award;
2. Certify they have read and understand these Terms and Conditions;
3. Certify to the statements provided in Exhibits A, B, C and D located at the back of this document by filling in contact information and signing all exhibits, and
4. Return all documents via email to SAA\_SRA@dps.texas.gov on or before the date provided in the transmittal letter and/or in this Grant.

### **1. Grant Sub-recipient Agreement**

This Grant Sub-recipient Agreement (consisting of this 2014 Grant Sub-recipient Award and these Terms and Conditions) is made and entered into by and between the Department of Public Safety / Texas Homeland Security State Administrative Agency, an agency of the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as "DPS/THSSAA," and the funds recipient, hereinafter referred to as the "Sub-recipient" or "Sub-grantee." Furthermore, DPS/THSSAA and the Sub-recipient are collectively hereinafter referred to as the "Parties." This Grant Sub-recipient Agreement (SRA), or otherwise referred to herein as "this Grant" or "this Agreement", is only an offer until Sub-recipient returns the signed copy of this Grant on or before the date provided in the transmittal letter and/or in this Grant Sub-recipient Award.

The FY 2014 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) funding plays an important role in the implementation of the National Preparedness System (NPS) by supporting the building, sustainment, and delivery of core capabilities essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal (NPG) of a secure and resilient Nation. HSGP funding shall be used for statutorily eligible costs related to the planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs that prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events. This program provides an integrated mechanism that builds and sustains core capabilities to support the Nation's Preparedness against terrorist attacks, major disasters, and other emergencies.

The FY 2014 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) funding plays an important role in the implementation of the National Preparedness System (NPS) by supporting the development and sustainment of core capabilities. Core capabilities are essential for the execution of each of the five mission areas outlined in the NPG. NSGP provides funding support statutorily eligible costs to include target hardening and other physical security enhancements and activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attack and located within one of the specific Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)-eligible Urban Areas. While this funding is provided specifically to high-risk nonprofit organizations, the program seeks to integrate nonprofit preparedness activities with broader State and local preparedness efforts. It is also designed to promote coordination and collaboration in emergency preparedness activities among public and private community representatives, as well as State and local government agencies.

Sub-recipient may not assign or transfer any interest in this Grant without the express, prior written consent of DPS/THSSAA. If Sub-recipient issues subawards as part of this Grant project, Sub-recipient shall include and require its subawardees to comply with the terms and conditions of this Grant.

The term "Sub-recipient agreement funds" as used in this Grant means funds provided by DPS/THSSAA under the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant programs (also referred to herein as DHS/FEMA). The term "Sub-recipient's funds" or match funds as used in this Grant means funds provided by the Sub-recipient.

### **2. Overview and Performance Standards**

All allocations and use of funds under this Grant shall be in accordance with the FY 2014 Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for the Federal Grant Title specified on this Grant, and such FY 2014 FOA is incorporated by reference herein. Sub-recipient shall read, understand and accept the FY 2014 Funding Opportunity Announcement as binding.

**A. Standard of Performance.** Sub-recipient shall perform all activities and projects entered into the DPS/THSSAA web-based grants management system which are approved by DPS/THSSAA. Any change to a project shall receive prior written approval by the appropriate local, regional and state-level grant administrator(s). Sub-recipient shall perform all activities in accordance with all terms, provisions and requirements set forth in this Grant, including but not limited to the following Exhibits:

1. Assurances – Non-Construction Programs, hereinafter referred to as "Exhibit A"
2. Assurances – Construction Programs, hereinafter referred to as "Exhibit B"
3. Certifications, hereinafter referred to as "Exhibit C"
4. State of Texas Assurances, hereinafter referred to as "Exhibit D"

**B. Failure to Perform.** In the event Sub-recipient fails to implement the project(s) entered and approved in the DPS/THSSAA web-based grants management system, or comply with any provision of this Grant, Sub-recipient shall be liable to DPS/THSSAA for an amount not to exceed the award amount of this Grant and may be barred from applying for or receiving additional DHS/FEMA grant program funds or any other grant program funds administered by DPS until repayment to DPS/THSSAA is made and any other compliance or audit finding is satisfactorily resolved, in addition to any other remedy specified in this Grant. Failure to timely implement projects may reduce future funding in additional DHS/FEMA and/or other grant programs administered by DPS.

### **3. Environmental Review**

Sub-recipient shall assess its federally funded projects for potential impact to environmental resources and historic properties. Sub-recipient shall submit any required screening form(s) as soon as possible and shall comply with deadlines established by DPS/THSSAA. Timelines for the Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (EHP) review process will vary based upon the complexity of the project and the potential for environmental or historical impact. Sub-recipient shall include sufficient review time within its project management plan to comply with EHP requirements. Initiation of any activity prior to completion of FEMA's EHP review will result in a non-compliance finding and DPS/THSSAA will not authorize or release Grant funds for non-compliant projects.

Sub-recipient, as soon as possible upon receiving this Grant, shall provide information to DPS/THSSAA to assist with the legally-required EHP review and to ensure compliance with applicable EHP laws and Executive Orders (EO) currently using the FEMA EHP Screening Form OMB Number 1660-0115/FEMA Form 024-0-01 and submitting it, with all supporting documentation, to DPS/THSSAA for review. These EHP requirements include but are not limited to the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, the Endangered Species Act, EO 11988 – Floodplain Management, EO 11990 – Protection of Wetlands, and EO 12898 – Environmental Justice. Sub-recipient shall comply with all Federal, State, and local EHP requirements and shall obtain applicable permits and clearances. See FEMA Information Bulletin 329.

Sub-recipient shall not undertake any activity from the project that would result in ground disturbance, facility modification, or purchase and use of sonar equipment without the prior approval of FEMA. These include but are not limited to communications towers, physical security enhancements involving ground disturbance, new construction, and modifications to buildings. Sub-recipient shall comply with all mitigation or treatment measures required for the project as the result of FEMA's EHP review. Any changes to an approved project description will require re-evaluation for compliance with EHP requirements before the project can proceed. If ground disturbing activities occur during project implementation, Sub-recipient shall ensure monitoring of ground disturbance and if any potential archeological resources are discovered, Sub-recipient shall immediately cease construction in that area and notify FEMA and the appropriate State

#### **4. Funding Obligations**

- A. DPS/THSSAA shall not be liable to Sub-recipient for any costs incurred by Sub-recipient that are not allowable costs.
- B. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Grant, the total of all payments and other obligations incurred by DPS/THSSAA under this Grant shall not exceed the Total Award Amount listed on the Grant Sub-recipient Award.
- C. Sub-recipient shall contribute the match funds listed on the Grant Sub-recipient Award.
- D. Sub-recipient shall refund to DPS/THSSAA any sum of these Grant funds that has been determined by DPS/THSSAA to be an overpayment to Sub-recipient or that DPS/THSSAA determines has not been spent by Sub-recipient in accordance with this Grant. No refund payment(s) shall be made from local, state or federal Grant funds unless repayment with Grant funds is specifically permitted by statute or regulation. Sub-recipient shall make such refund to DPS/THSSAA within thirty (30) calendar days after DPS/THSSAA requests such refund.
- E. Notwithstanding any other provisions, the Parties hereto understand and agree that DPS/THSSAA's obligations under this Grant are contingent upon the receipt of adequate funds to meet DPS/THSSAA's liabilities hereunder, except as required by the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). DPS/THSSAA shall not be liable to Sub-recipient for costs which exceed the amount specified in this Grant.

#### **5. Performance Period**

The performance period for this Grant is listed on the Grant Sub-Recipient Award. All goods and services shall be received within the performance period AND all reimbursement requests shall be submitted to DPS/THSSAA within the performance period. Sub-recipient shall have expended all Grant funds and submitted reimbursement requests and any invoices in the DPS/THSSAA grant management system by the end of the performance period. DPS/THSSAA shall not be obligated to reimburse expenses incurred or submitted after the performance period.

#### **6. Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements**

Except as specifically modified by law or this Grant, Sub-recipient shall administer this Grant through compliance with the most recent version of all applicable laws and regulations, including but not limited to DHS program legislation, Federal awarding agency regulations, and the terms and conditions of this Grant. A non-exclusive list is provided below.

##### **A. Administrative Requirements**

- 1. 44 C.F.R. Part 13, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments (the A-102 Common Rule);
- 2. 2 C.F.R. Part 215, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals and Other Non-Profit Organizations (OMB Circular A-110).
- 3. 44 C.F.R. Part 10, Environmental Considerations

##### **B. Cost Principles**

- 1. 2 C.F.R. Part 225, Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments (OMB Circular A-87)
- 2. 2 C.F.R. Part 220, Cost Principles for Educational Institutions (OMB Circular A-21)
- 3. 2 C.F.R. Part 230, Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations (OMB Circular A-122)
- 4. 48 C.F.R. Subpart 31.2, Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR), Contracts with Commercial Organizations

##### **C. Audit Requirements**

OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations.

##### **D. Grant Guidance (Funding Opportunity Announcement)**

Sub-recipient agrees that all allocations and use of funds under this Grant shall be in accordance with the applicable FY 2014 Funding Opportunity Announcement and supplemental resources for the HSGP currently available at [http://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1395161200285-5b07ed0456056217175fbdee28d2b06e/FY\\_2014\\_HSGP\\_FOA\\_Final.pdf](http://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1395161200285-5b07ed0456056217175fbdee28d2b06e/FY_2014_HSGP_FOA_Final.pdf) and the Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP), [http://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1396016700388-fb23d813b8df0d8eab995c8f27c1ac3e/FY\\_2014\\_NSGP\\_FOA\\_Final\\_Revised.pdf](http://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1396016700388-fb23d813b8df0d8eab995c8f27c1ac3e/FY_2014_NSGP_FOA_Final_Revised.pdf).

#### **7. DHS Specific Acknowledgements and Assurances**

Sub-recipient shall comply with the DHS Standard Administrative Terms and Conditions that are outlined in Part 6.1.1 – Financial Assistance Award Standard Terms and Conditions (January 14, 2011), which is incorporated by reference herein. DHS requires those standard terms and conditions which are approved by the Division of Financial Assistance Policy and Oversight to be applied to all financial assistance awards: <http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/cfo-financial-management-policy-manual.pdf>.

Sub-recipient acknowledges and agrees, and shall require any sub-recipients, subawardees, contractors, successors, transferees, and assignees to acknowledge and agree to comply with applicable provisions governing DHS access to records, accounts, documents, information, facilities, and staff.

- 1. Sub-recipient shall cooperate with any compliance review or complaint investigation conducted by DHS.
- 2. Sub-recipient shall give DHS access to and the right to examine and copy records, accounts, and other documents and sources of information related to this Grant and permit access to facilities, personnel, and other individuals and information as may be necessary, as required by DHS regulations and other applicable laws or program guidance.
- 3. Sub-recipient shall submit timely, complete, and accurate reports to the appropriate DHS officials and maintain appropriate backup documentation to support the reports.
- 4. Sub-recipient shall comply with all other special reporting, data collection, and evaluation requirements, as prescribed by law or detailed in program guidance.
- 5. If, during the past three (3) years, Sub-recipient has been accused of discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency), sex, age, disability, religion, or familial status, Sub-recipient shall provide a list of all such proceedings, pending or completed, including outcome and copies of settlement agreements to the DHS awarding office and the DHS Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties.

6. In the event any court or administrative agency makes a finding of discrimination on grounds of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency), sex, age, disability, religion, or familial status against Sub-recipient, or Sub-recipient settles a case or matter alleging such discrimination, Sub-recipient shall forward a copy of the complaint and findings to the DHS Component and/or awarding office.

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

### **8. Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) Specific Conditions**

If Sub-recipient is receiving Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) funds, Sub-recipient is prohibited from obligating or expending OPSG funds provided through this Grant until each unique, specific, or modified county level, tribal or equivalent Operations Order or Fragmentary Order has been reviewed and approved by official notification by FEMA and Customs and Border Protection/Border Patrol (CBP/BP). Each Operations Order will be transferred via the secure portal (CBP/BP) BPETS system from each respective AOR Sector HQ to CBP/BP HQ in Washington, D.C., for review and pre-approval for Operational continuity, then forwarded to FEMA GPD/PGD OPSG Program Office for final review/approval. Official notification of approval will be sent by FEMA via email to DPS/THSSAA and CBP/BP HQ in Washington, D.C.

1. Sub-recipient shall develop and submit required operational documents through the border area's Integrated Planning Team.
2. Sub-recipient shall maintain an approved Concept of Operations, consisting of a campaign plan and proposed budget which will articulate the intent of how OPSG funds will be used throughout Sub-recipient's Grant performance period.
3. If Sub-recipient intends to spend more than 50 percent of its award on overtime over the course of the performance period, a request for an overtime waiver shall be submitted through the Integrated Planning Team.
4. Sub-recipient shall develop and submit Operations Orders for Tactical operational periods to achieve the strategic objectives of the campaign plan.
5. Sub-recipient shall only initiate tactical operations after the specific Operations Order(s) are approved through the Border Patrol Headquarters and by FEMA, and the DPS/THSSAA has issued a Grant Sub-recipient Award or Grant Adjustment Notice (GAN) to the jurisdiction.

### **9. State Requirements for Grants**

Sub-recipient shall comply with all other federal, state, and local laws and regulations applicable to this Grant including but not limited to the laws and the regulations promulgated in Texas Government Code, Chapter 783, Uniform Grant and Contract Management, State Administrative Agency Information Bulletins, available at [http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/director\\_staff/saa/information\\_bulletins.htm](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/director_staff/saa/information_bulletins.htm), Texas Uniform Grants Management Standards (UGMS) at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/catrad/ugms.pdf> and the State Administrative Agency Sub-recipient Manual, available at [http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/director\\_staff/saa/documents/subrecipientManual.pdf](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/director_staff/saa/documents/subrecipientManual.pdf). Sub-recipient shall, in addition to the assurances and certifications, comply and require each of its subcontractors employed in the completion of the project to comply with all applicable statutes, regulations, executive orders, OMB circulars, terms and conditions of this Grant, and the approved application.

Sub-recipient shall comply with the State of Texas General Appropriations Act, Art. IX, Part 4, as follows:

1. Grant funds may not be expended for this Grant to a law enforcement agency regulated by Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 1701, unless the law enforcement agency requesting this Grant is in compliance with all rules developed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (COLE) or TCOLE certifies that the requesting agency is in the process of achieving compliance with such rules.
2. Grant funds may not be awarded to or expended by any entity which performs political polling. This prohibition does not apply to a poll conducted by an academic institution as part of the institution's academic mission that is not conducted for the benefit of a particular candidate or party.
3. Grant funds may not be expended by a unit of local government unless the following limitations and reporting requirements are satisfied:
  - a. Texas General Appropriations Act, Art. IX, Parts 2 and 3, except there is no requirement for increased salaries for local government employees;
  - b. Texas Government Code Sections 556.004, 556.005, and 556.006, which prohibits using any money or vehicle to support the candidacy of any person for office; influencing positively or negatively the payment, loan, or gift to a person or political organization for a political purpose and using Grant funds to influence the passage or defeat of legislation including not assisting with the funding of a lobbyist, or using Grant funds to pay dues to an organization with a registered lobbyist;
  - c. Texas Government Code Sections 2113.012 and 2113.101, which prohibits using Grant funds to compensate any employee who uses alcoholic beverages on active duty and Sub-recipient may not use Grant funds to purchase an alcoholic beverage and may not pay or reimburse any travel expense for an alcoholic beverage;
  - d. Texas General Appropriations Act, Art. IX, Section 6.13, which requires Sub-recipient to make every effort to attain key performance target levels associated with this Grant, including performance milestones, milestone time frames, and related performance reporting requirements; and
  - e. General Appropriations Act, Art. IX, Sections 7.01 and 7.02, and Texas Government Code §2102.0091, which requires that this Grant may only be expended if Sub-recipient timely completes and files its reports.

### **10. Restrictions and General Conditions**

- A. **Use of Funds.** DHS Grant funds may only used for the purposes set forth in this Grant, and shall be consistent with the statutory authority for this Grant. Grant funds may not be used for matching funds for other Federal grants/cooperative agreements, lobbying, or intervention in Federal regulatory or adjudicatory proceedings. In addition, Federal funds may not be used to sue the Federal government or any other government entity.
- B. **Lobbying Prohibited.** No funds shall be expended by Sub-Recipient to pay any person to influence, or attempt 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 any Federal action concerning the award or renewal of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement. These lobbying prohibitions may be found at 31 U.S.C. §1352. Further, Sub-Recipient understands and agrees that it shall not use any federal funds, either directly or indirectly, in support of the enactment, repeal, modification or adoption of any law, regulation, or policy, at any level of government, without the express prior written approval of FEMA.
- C. **Transferring Funds.** Sub-recipient is prohibited from transferring funds between grant programs (such as SHSP, UASI, and OPSG) without a properly executed GAN.
- D. **Federal Employee Prohibition.** Federal employees are prohibited from serving in any capacity (paid or unpaid) on any proposal submitted under this Grant. Federal employees may not receive funds under this Grant.
- E. **Cost Categories.** There may be limitations on the use of HSGP and/or NSGP funds for the categories of costs listed below. For additional details on restrictions on the use of funds, refer to the FY 2014 HSGP or NSGP FOA, Appendix C, Funding Guidelines.
  1. Management and Administration
  2. Planning

3. Organization
4. Equipment
5. Training
6. Exercises
7. Maintenance and Sustainment
8. Critical Emergency Supplies
9. Construction and Renovation

F. **Governing Board Approval.** In cases where local funding is established by a Council of Government (COG) or an Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) governing board, the release of funds by DPS/THSSAA is contingent upon funding allocation approval by the governing board.

G. **Notices.** All notices or communications required or permitted to be given by either Party hereunder shall be deemed sufficiently given if mailed by registered mail or certified mail, return receipt requested, or sent by overnight courier, such as Federal Express or Lone Star, to the other Party at its respective address. For notice to DPS/THSSAA see address set forth below. For Sub-recipient, see the address listed on the Grant Sub-Recipient Award page or Point of Contact address listed for the Sub-recipient in the DPS/THSSAA Grants Management System (SPARS).

DPS/THSSAA Contact Information
Deputy Assistant Director
Texas Homeland Security State Admin. Agency
Texas Department of Public Safety
P.O. Box 4087
Austin, TX 78773-0220

H. **Points of Contacts.** Within 30 calendar days of any change, Sub-recipient shall notify DPS/THSSAA of any change or correction to the chief elected official, program, and/or financial points of contact in the DPS/THSSAA grant management system.

I. **DUNS Number.** Sub-recipient confirms its Data Universal Numbering Systems (DUNS) Number is the number listed on this Grant. The DUNS Number is the nine digit number established and assigned by Dun and Bradstreet, Inc., at 866/705-5711 or <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>.

J. **Central Contractor Registration and Universal Identifier Requirements.** Sub-recipient maintains that it has registered on the System for Award Management (SAM) at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov), or other federally established site for contractor registration, and entered DPS/THSSAA-required information. Sub-recipient shall keep current, and then review and update the information at least annually. Sub-recipient shall keep information current in the SAM database until the later of when it submits this Grant's final financial report or receives final Grant award payment. Sub-recipient agrees that it shall not make any subaward agreement or contract related to this Grant without first obtaining the vendor/subawardee's mandatory DUNS number. See Section .210 of OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-profit Organizations.

K. **Indirect Cost Allocation Plan.** Sub-recipient shall submit its most recently approved Indirect Cost Allocation Plan signed by Cognizant Agency to DPS/THSSAA within 30 calendar days of the approval. "Cognizant agency" means the Federal agency responsible for reviewing, negotiating, and approving cost allocation plans or indirect cost proposals developed under 2 C.F.R. Part 225 on behalf of all Federal agencies. OMB publishes a listing of cognizant agencies at <http://harvester.census.gov/sac/dissemin/asp/reports.asp>. Unless the basis of the cost plan changes, Sub-recipient only needs to forward the annual Indirect Cost Rate approval letter to DPS/THSSAA within 30 calendar days after approval by the Cognizant Agency. The approved Indirect Cost Plans and approval letters shall be emailed to [SAA\\_RR@dps.texas.gov](mailto:SAA_RR@dps.texas.gov). The Sub-recipient name shall be included in the file name and subject line of the email transmittal.

L. **Reporting Total Compensation of Sub-recipient Executives.** 2 C.F.R. §170.320; see FEMA Information Bulletin 350.

1. **Applicability and what to report:** Sub-recipient shall report whether Sub-recipient received \$25 million or more in Federal procurement contracts or financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act per 2 C.F.R. §170.320. Sub-recipient shall report whether 80% or more of Sub-recipient's annual gross revenues were from Federal procurement contracts or Federal financial assistance. If Sub-recipient answers "yes" to both questions, Sub-recipient shall report, along with Sub-recipient's DUNS number, the names and total compensation (see 17 C.F.R. §229.402(c)(2)) for each of Sub-recipient's five most highly compensated executives for the preceding completed fiscal year.

2. **Where and when to report:** Sub-recipient shall report executive total compensation at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov), or other federally established replacement site. By signing this Grant, Sub-recipient certifies that, if required, Sub-recipient's jurisdiction has already registered, entered the required information, and shall keep information in the SAM database current, and update the information at least annually for each year until the later of when the jurisdiction submits its final financial report or receives final payment. Sub-recipient agrees that it shall not make any subaward agreement or contract without first obtaining the subawardee's mandatory DUNS number.

M. **Direct Deposit.** If Sub-recipient has not received HSGP or NSGP reimbursements from DPS/THSSAA within the past eleven (11) months (prior to date of award), it shall forward a new/updated direct deposit form to DPS/THSSAA. Completed direct deposit forms from Sub-recipient shall be emailed to [SAA\\_RR@dps.texas.gov](mailto:SAA_RR@dps.texas.gov). The email subject line and attachment name shall include the jurisdiction name and identify the document attached (i.e. "Sample County DD form"). The direct deposit form is currently available at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/74-176.pdf>. Sub-recipient may simultaneously sign up for the Advance Payment Notification (APN) email feature which provides State of Texas payees with a one-business-day advance notice that a direct deposit payment has been sent to its financial institution. After receiving an APN, a payee may securely access its payment details online.

N. **Procurements.** Sub-recipient shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and requirements, including but not limited to proper competitive solicitation processes where required, for any procurement which utilizes federal funds awarded under this Grant in accordance with 44 C.F.R. §13.36.

O. **Contract Provisions.** All contracts executed using funds awarded under this Grant shall contain the contract provisions listed under 44 C.F.R. §13.37(b), Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments.

P. **No Contracts with Debarred or Suspended Parties.** Prior to contracting with any vendor or subawardee using funds awarded under this Grant, Sub-recipient shall determine whether the vendor/subawardee is debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded by any federal department and agency and shall confirm the vendor/subawardee does not have any active "Exclusions" by reviewing the vendor/subawardee entity information at <https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/>.

Q. **Management and Administration.** If this Grant includes a specific award of funds to Sub-recipient for management and administration (M&A), Sub-recipient shall comply with all applicable requirements and limitations with respect to M&A. For additional information on M&A, refer to Information Bulletin 365 located at <http://www.fema.gov/grants/grant-programs-directorate-information-bulletins>.

R. **Personnel Cap.** Up to fifty percent (50%) of all HSGP awards received by Sub-recipient may be used for personnel and personnel-related activities as directed by the Personnel Reimbursement for Intelligence Cooperation and Enhancement (PRICE) of Homeland Security Act (Public Law 110-412). In general, use of HSGP funding to pay for staff and/or contractor regular time or overtime/backfill, among other items, are considered personnel-related costs. Sub-recipient may request a waiver to the 50% personnel cap by submitting a waiver request through its respective regional council or urban area working group to DPS/THSSAA at [SAAs@dps.texas.gov](mailto:SAAs@dps.texas.gov). Requests for waivers shall be submitted on official Sub-recipient letterhead and be signed by an authorized official of Sub-recipient. Waivers shall contain the information required on page 9 of the FEMA Information Bulletin 379.

S. **Property Management and Inventory.** At least every two (2) years, Sub-recipient shall take a physical inventory and shall reconcile the results with property records. Sub-recipient shall maintain property/inventory records which, at minimum, shall include a description of the property, a serial number or other identification number, the source of property, who holds title, the acquisition date, the cost of the property, the percentage of Federal participation in the cost of the property, the location, use and condition of the property, and any ultimate disposition data including the date of disposal and sale price of the property. (See sample equipment inventory record format at [http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/director\\_staff/saa/audit\\_and\\_compliance.htm](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/director_staff/saa/audit_and_compliance.htm) ) Sub-recipient shall develop and implement a control system to prevent loss, damage or theft of property and Sub-recipient shall investigate and document any loss, damage or theft of property funded under this Grant.

T. **Publications.** All publications produced as a result of funding under this Grant, which are submitted for publication in any magazine, journal, or trade paper, shall include the following statement: "This material is based upon work supported by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The views and conclusions contained in this document are those of the authors and should not be interpreted as necessarily representing the official policies, either expressed or implied, of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security."

U. **Acknowledgement of Federal Funding from DHS.** Sub-recipient shall comply with requirements to acknowledge use of Federal funding when issuing statements, press releases, requests for proposals, bid invitations, and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

V. **Use of DHS, DPS, and DPS/THSSAA Seals and Non-Endorsement.** Sub-recipient shall obtain DHS, DPS, or DPS/THSSAA's prior written approval before using any of these agencies' seal(s), logos, crests or reproductions of flags or likenesses of agency officials. Funding of this Grant does not equate to endorsement of use of funding agencies' seals, logos, crests, etc., including use of the United States Coast Guard seal, logo, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of Coast Guard officials.

W. **Copyright.** Sub-recipient shall comply with requirements regarding publications or other exercise of copyright for any work first produced under Federal financial assistance awards hereto related unless the work includes any information that is otherwise controlled by the Government (e.g., classified information or other information subject to national security or export control laws or regulations). For any scientific, technical, or other copyright work based on or containing data first produced under this Grant, including those works published in academic, technical or professional journals, symposia proceedings, or similar works, Sub-recipient grants the Government a royalty-free, nonexclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, display, distribute copies, perform, disseminate, or prepare derivative works, and to authorize others to do so, for Government purposes in all such copyrighted works. Sub-recipient shall affix the applicable copyright notices of 17 U.S.C. §401 or 402 and an acknowledgment of Government sponsorship (including award number) to any work first produced under this Grant.

Further, Sub-recipient acknowledges that FEMA National Preparedness Directorate reserves a royalty-free, non-exclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and authorize others to use, for government purposes: (1) the copyright in any work developed under an award or sub-award; and (2) any rights of copyright to which a recipient or Sub-recipient purchases ownership with Federal support. Sub-recipient agrees to consult with DPS/THSSAA regarding the allocation of any patent rights that arise from or are purchased with this funding.

X. **Quarterly Performance Reports.** Sub-recipient shall submit performance reports and progress reviews per DPS/THSSAA and/or FEMA's direction. Reports are entered into the grants management system. Performance reports are due by the twentieth (20th) calendar day after the end of each calendar quarter: January 20, April 20, July 20 and October 20; or as otherwise specified or required by DPS/THSSAA. DPS/THSSAA may require other reports or different timelines to meet federal reporting dates or to respond to information requests. Failure to timely complete a performance report will result in Sub-recipient being unable to request additional reimbursements/advances and may affect future funding.

Y. **Site Visits.** DHS and/or DPS/THSSAA, through its authorized representatives, have the right, at all reasonable times to make site visits to review project accomplishments and management control systems and to provide such technical assistance as may be required. If any site visit is made by DHS on the premises of Sub-recipient or a contractor under this Grant, Sub-recipient shall provide and shall require its contractors to provide all reasonable facilities and assistance for the safety and convenience of the government representatives in the performance of their duties. All site visits and evaluations shall be performed in such a manner that will not unduly delay the work.

Z. **Limited English Proficiency (Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VI).** Sub-recipient shall comply with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI) prohibition against discrimination on the basis of national origin, which requires that recipients of federal financial assistance take reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to persons with limited English proficiency (LEP) to their programs and services. Providing meaningful access for persons with LEP may entail providing language assistance services, including oral interpretation and written translation. In order to facilitate compliance with Title VI, Sub-recipient is encouraged to consider the need for language services for LEP persons served or encountered in developing program budgets. Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency (August 11, 2000), requires federal agencies to issue guidance to recipients of federal financial assistance, assisting such organizations and entities in understanding their language access obligations. DHS published the required guidance in April 2011, DHS Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons, 76 Fed. Reg. 21755-21768 (April 18, 2011). The Guidance provides helpful information such as how a recipient of federal financial assistance can determine the extent of its obligation to provide language services; selecting language services; and elements of an effective plan on language assistance for LEP persons. For additional assistance and information regarding language access obligations, please refer to the DHS Recipient Guidance at

<https://www.dhs.gov/guidance-published-help-department-supported-organizations-provide-meaningful-access-people-limited> and additional resources on <http://www.lep.gov>.

AA. **Protection of Human Subjects.** Sub-recipient shall comply with the requirements of the Federal regulations at 45 C.F.R. Part 46, which requires that Sub-recipients comply with applicable provisions/law for the protection of human subjects for purposes of research. Sub-recipient shall comply with the requirements in DHS Management Directive 026-04, Protection of Human Subjects, prior to implementing any work with human subjects. For purposes of 45 C.F.R. Part 46, research means a systematic investigation, including research, development, testing, and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to general knowledge. Activities that meet this definition constitute research for purposes of this policy, whether or not they are conducted or supported under a program that is considered research for other purposes. The regulations specify additional protections for research involving human fetuses, pregnant women, and neonates (Subpart B); prisoners (Subpart C); and children (Subpart D). The use of autopsy materials is governed by applicable State and local law and is not directly regulated by 45 C.F.R. Part 46.

BB. **National Flood Insurance Act of 1968.** Sub-recipient shall comply with the requirements of Section 1306(c) of the National Flood Insurance Act, as amended, which provides for benefit payments under the Standard Flood Insurance Policy for demolition or relocation of a structure insured under the Act that is located along the shore of a lake or other body of water and that is certified by an appropriate State or local land use authority to be subject to imminent collapse or subsidence as a result of erosion or undermining caused by waves or currents of water exceeding anticipated cyclical levels. These regulations are codified at 44 C.F.R. Part 63.

CC. **USA Patriot Act of 2001.** Sub-recipient shall comply with the requirements of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act (USA PATRIOT Act), which amends 18 U.S.C. §§175-175c. Among other things, it prescribes criminal penalties for possession of any biological agent, toxin, or delivery systems of a type or in a quantity that is not reasonably justified by a prophylactic, protective, bona fide research, or other peaceful purpose. The Act also establishes restrictions on access to specified materials. "Restricted persons," as defined by the Act, may not possess, ship, transport, or receive any biological agent or toxin that is listed as a select agent.

DD. Fly America Act of 1974. Sub-recipient shall comply with the requirements of the Preference for U.S. Flag Air Carriers: Travel supported by U.S. government funds requirement, which states preference for the use of U.S. flag air carriers (air carriers holding certificates under 49 U.S.C. §41102) for international air transportation of people and property to the extent that such service is available, in accordance with the International Air Transportation Fair Competitive Practices Act of 1974 (49 U.S.C. §40118) and the interpretive guidelines issued by the Comptroller General of the United States in the March 31, 1981 amendment to Comptroller General Decision B138942.

EE. Activities Conducted Abroad. Sub-recipient shall comply with the requirements that project activities carried on outside the United States are coordinated as necessary with appropriate government authorities and that appropriate licenses, permits, or approvals are obtained.

FF. Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000. All recipients of financial assistance shall comply with the requirements of the government-wide award term which implements Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. § 7104), located at 2 C.F.R. Part 175. This is implemented in accordance with OMB Interim Final Guidance, Federal Register, Volume 72, No. 218, November 13, 2007. In accordance with the statutory requirement, in each agency award under which funding is provided to a private entity, Section 106(g) of the TVPA, as amended, requires the agency to include a condition that authorizes the agency to terminate the award, without penalty, if the recipient or a sub-recipient: (a) engages in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect; (b) procures a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect; or (c) uses forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

DPS/THSSAA is authorized to terminate this Grant, without penalty, if the above condition is violated. Sub-recipient shall include this condition in any subawards or contracts it makes as a result of this Grant. Full text of the award term is provided at 2 C.F.R. §175.15.

GG. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Sub-recipient shall comply with the requirements of Titles I, II, and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits recipients from discriminating on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities. 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213.

HH. Public Dissemination of Sensitive Information. Sub-recipient shall notify DPS/THSSAA of any workshops, conferences, seminars or other public venues at least one hundred (100) calendar days before presenting any potentially sensitive information regarding this project. No sensitive information may be presented by Sub-recipients' personnel without DPS/THSSAA and the DHS Grants Officer's review and prior written approval.

II. Security Concerns/Violations. Sub-recipient shall inform the THSSAA's Deputy Assistant Director in writing within two (2) calendar days of Sub-recipient being made aware of any security concerns with individuals having access to government facilities or sensitive information. In the event that sensitive information is divulged in violation of Sub-recipient's security procedures, Sub-recipient shall immediately notify the DPS/THSSAA Deputy Assistant Director and take appropriate law enforcement and legal action.

JJ. SAFECOM. Sub-recipient shall comply with the SAFECOM Guidance for Emergency Communication Grants, including provisions on technical standards that ensure and enhance interoperable communications for awards under this Grant that provide emergency communication equipment and its related activities.

KK. Best Practices for Collection and Use of Personally Identifiable Information (PII). Sub-recipients who collect Personally Identifiable Information (PII) shall have a publicly-available privacy policy that describes what PII it collects, how it uses the PII, whether it shares PII with third parties, and how individuals may have their PII corrected where appropriate. Sub-recipients may also find as a useful resource the DHS Privacy Impact Assessments: [http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/privacy/privacy\\_pia\\_guidance\\_june2010.pdf](http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/privacy/privacy_pia_guidance_june2010.pdf) and [http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/privacy/privacy\\_pia\\_template.pdf](http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/privacy/privacy_pia_template.pdf).

LL. Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990. In accordance with Section 6 of the Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990, 15 U.S.C. §2225(a), Sub-recipient shall ensure that all conference, meeting, convention, or training space funded in whole or in part with Federal funds complies with the fire prevention and control guidelines of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, 15 U.S.C. §2225.

MM. False Claims Act and Program Fraud Civil Remedies. Sub-recipient shall comply with the requirements of 31 U.S.C. §3729 which sets forth that no recipient of federal payments shall submit a false claim for payment. See also 38 U.S.C. §3801-3812 which details the administrative remedies for false claims and statements made.

NN. Duplication of Benefits. State, Local and Tribal Sub-recipients shall comply with 2 C.F.R. Part §225, Appendix A, Paragraph (C)(3)(c), which provides that any cost allocable to a particular Federal award or cost objective under the principles provided for in this authority may not be charged to other Federal awards to overcome fund deficiencies.

OO. Debarment and Suspension. Sub-recipient shall comply with Executive Order 12549 and 12689, which provide protection against waste, fraud, and abuse by debarment or suspending those persons deemed irresponsible in their dealings with the Federal government.

PP. Non-Supplanting Requirement. Sub-recipient shall not replace (supplant) funds that have been budgeted for the same purpose through non-Federal sources for programs that prohibit supplanting by law. Where federal statutes for a particular program prohibit supplanting, Sub-recipient may be required to demonstrate and document that a reduction in non-Federal resources occurred for reasons other than the receipt or expected receipt of Federal funds.

## **11. Other Requirements**

A. During the performance period of this Grant, Sub-recipient, counties, cities, towns, and Indian tribes shall maintain an Emergency Management Plan at the Intermediate Level of planning preparedness or higher, as prescribed by the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM). This may be accomplished by a jurisdiction maintaining its own emergency management plan or participating in an inter-jurisdictional emergency management program that meets the required standards. If TDEM identifies deficiencies in Sub-recipient's plan, Sub-recipient shall correct deficiencies within 60 calendar days of receiving notice of such deficiencies from TDEM.

B. Projects identified and approved in the DPS/THSSAA web-based grant management system must identify and relate to the goals and objectives indicated by the applicable approved project investments for the period of performance of this Grant. Sub-recipient shall submit project plans, milestones, outputs/outcomes, narratives and budget to DPS/THSSAA and FEMA (if required) for approval prior to expending or requesting advances of any funds for this Grant. Sub-recipient shall enter appropriate project milestones into the DPS/THSSAA web-based grants management system within 60 days after award or by the deadline established by DPS/THSSAA, whichever is sooner. Sub-recipient shall report on project status and accomplishments (milestones and outputs/outcomes) in the format(s) and timeframes as required by DPS/THSSAA.

C. During the performance period of this Grant, Sub-recipient shall:

1. Participate in a legally-adopted county and/or regional mutual aid agreement.

2. Implement the National Incident Management System (NIMS) in a manner consistent with the NIMS Implementation Objectives outlined by FEMA at <http://www.fema.gov/national-incident-management-system>.

3. Be a registered user of the Texas Regional Response Network (TRRN) (or other response asset inventory management system specified by DPS/THSSAA) and shall identify, resource type, and credential all major deployable resources such as vehicles and trailers, equipment costing \$5,000 or more, and specialized teams/response units equipped and/or trained using Grant funds (i.e., hazardous material, decontamination, search and rescue, etc.). This registration is to ensure jurisdictions or organizations are prepared to make Grant funded resources available to other jurisdictions through mutual aid <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/ResourceMngmnt.shm#item3>.

## **12. Monitoring**

Sub-recipient will be monitored periodically by federal, state or local entities, both programmatically and financially, to ensure that project goals, objectives, performance requirements, timelines, milestone completion, budget, and other program-related criteria are met.

DPS/THSSAA, or its authorized representative, reserves the right to perform periodic desk/office-based and/or on-site monitoring of Sub-recipient's compliance with this Grant and of the adequacy and timeliness of Sub-recipient's performance pursuant to this Grant. After each monitoring visit, DPS/THSSAA shall provide Sub-recipient with a written report of the monitor's findings. If the monitoring report notes deficiencies in Sub-recipient's performance under this Grant, the monitoring report shall include requirements for the timely correction of such deficiencies by Sub-recipient. Failure by Sub-recipient to take action specified in the monitoring report may be cause for suspension or termination of this Grant pursuant to the Suspension and/or Termination Section herein.

### **13. Audit**

A. **Audit of Federal and State Funds.** Sub-recipient shall arrange for the performance of an annual financial and compliance audit of funds received and performances rendered under this Grant as required by the Single Audit Act (OMB Circular A – 133; 44 C.F.R. 13.26).

B. Sub-recipient shall comply, as applicable, with Texas Government Code, Chapter 783, the Uniform Grant Management Standards (UGMS), the State Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements.

C. **Right to Audit.** Sub-recipient shall give the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Comptroller General of the United States, the Texas State Auditor, DPS/THSSAA, or any of their duly authorized representatives, access to and the right to conduct a financial or compliance audit of Grant funds received and performances rendered under this Grant. Sub-recipient shall permit DPS/THSSAA or its authorized representative to audit Sub-recipient's records. Sub-recipient shall provide any documents, materials or information necessary to facilitate such audit.

D. **Sub-recipient's Liability for Disallowed Costs.** Sub-recipient understands and agrees that it shall be liable to DPS/THSSAA for any costs disallowed pursuant to any financial or compliance audit(s) of these funds. Sub-recipient further understands and agrees that reimbursement to DPS/THSSAA of such disallowed costs shall be paid by Sub-recipient from funds that were not provided or otherwise made available to Sub-recipient pursuant to this Grant or any other federal contract.

E. **Sub-recipient's Facilitation of Audit.** Sub-recipient shall take such action to facilitate the performance of such audit(s) conducted pursuant to this Section as DPS/THSSAA may require of Sub-recipient. Sub-recipient shall ensure that this clause concerning the authority to audit funds received indirectly by subcontractors through Sub-recipient and the requirement to cooperate is included in any subcontract it awards.

F. **State Auditor's Clause.** Sub-recipient understands that acceptance of funds under this Grant acts as acceptance of the authority of the State Auditor's Office to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Sub-recipient further agrees to cooperate fully with the State Auditor's Office in the conduct of the audit or investigation, including providing all records requested. Sub-recipient shall ensure that this clause concerning the State Auditor's Office's authority to audit funds and the requirement to cooperate fully with the State Auditor's Office is included in any subgrants or subcontracts it awards. Additionally, the State Auditor's Office shall at any time have access to and the rights to examine, audit, excerpt, and transcribe any pertinent books, documents, working papers, and records of Sub-recipient relating to this Grant.

### **14. Retention and Accessibility of Records**

A. **Retention of Records.** Sub-recipient shall maintain fiscal records and supporting documentation for all expenditures of this Grant's funds pursuant to the applicable OMB Circular, 44 C.F.R. Section 13.42, UGMS § \_\_.42, and this Grant. Sub-recipient shall retain these records and any supporting documentation for a minimum of three (3) years from the later of the completion of this project's public objective, submission of the final expenditure report, any litigation, dispute, or audit. Records shall be retained for three (3) years after any real estate or equipment final disposition. The DHS or DPS/THSSAA may direct Sub-recipient to retain documents or to transfer certain records to DHS custody when DHS determines that the records possess long term retention value.

B. **Access to Records.** Sub-recipient shall give the United States Department of Homeland Security, the Comptroller General of the United States, the Texas State Auditor, DPS/THSSAA, or any of its duly authorized representatives, access to and the right to examine all books, accounts, records, reports, files, other papers, things or property belonging to or in use by Sub-recipient pertaining to this Grant including records concerning the past use of DHS/FEMA funds. Such rights to access shall continue as long as the records are retained by Sub-recipient. Sub-recipient shall maintain such records in an accessible location and provide citizens reasonable access to such records consistent with the Texas Public Information Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 552.

C. **Inclusion in Subcontracts.** Sub-recipient shall include the substance of this in all subcontracts.

D. **After Action Reporting.** Sub-recipient shall complete, deliver to the appropriate source, and retain copies of all after-action reports and certificates of completion for all training and exercises paid for by this Grant.

### **15. Legal Authority**

A. **Signatory Authority.** Sub-recipient assures and guarantees that Sub-recipient possesses the legal authority to enter into this Grant, receive Grant funds and to perform the project Sub-recipient has obligated itself to perform pursuant to this Grant.

B. **Authorized Representative.** The person or persons signing and executing this Grant on Sub-recipient's behalf do warrant and guarantee that he/she has been duly authorized by Sub-recipient to execute this Grant on Sub-recipient's behalf and to validly and legally bind Sub-recipient to all terms and conditions and performance obligations.

C. **Conflicts in Requirements.** If conflict exists between federal, state, or local requirements, Sub-recipient shall comply with the strictest requirement.

### **16. Notice of Litigation and Claims**

Sub-recipient shall give DPS/THSSAA immediate notice in writing of any action or claim, including any proceeding before an administrative agency, filed against Sub-recipient arising out of performance of this Grant. Except as otherwise directed by DPS/THSSAA, Sub-recipient shall furnish immediately to DPS/THSSAA copies of all documentation or pleadings received by Sub-recipient with respect to such action or claim.

### **17. No Liability for Employees and Officers**

DPS/THSSAA shall have no liability whatsoever for the actions or omissions of an individual employed or contracted by Sub-recipient, regardless of where the individual's actions or omissions occurred.

### **18. Non-Waiver of Defaults**

Any failure of DPS/THSSAA, at any time, to enforce or require the strict keeping and performance of any provision of this Grant shall not constitute a waiver of such provision, and shall not affect or impair same or the right of DPS/THSSAA at any time to avail itself of same. A waiver does not become effective unless DPS/THSSAA expressly agrees to such waiver in writing. Any payment by DPS/THSSAA shall not constitute a waiver or otherwise impair or prejudice any right, power, privilege, or remedy available to DPS/THSSAA to enforce its rights, as such rights, powers, privileges, and remedies are specifically preserved.

### **19. Changes and Amendments**

A. **Modification.** FEMA or DPS/THSSAA may modify this Grant after an award has been made. Once notification has been made in writing, any subsequent request for funds indicates Sub-recipient's acceptance of the changes to this Grant. Any alteration, addition, or deletion to this Grant by Sub-recipient is not valid.

B. **Written Amendment.** Alterations, additions or deletions to this Grant, such as changes to period of performance and award amounts, shall be made through an executed Grant Adjustment Notice (GAN).

C. **Authority to Amend.** During the period of performance for this Grant, DPS/THSSAA and/or FEMA may issue policy directives that serve to establish, interpret or clarify this Grant's performance requirements. Such policy directives shall be promulgated by DPS/THSSAA or FEMA in the form of Information Bulletins and Sub-recipient Manuals and shall have the effect of modifying this Grant and shall be binding upon Sub-recipient as if written in this Grant.

D. **Effect of Changes in Federal and State Laws.** Any alterations, additions, or deletions to this Grant that are required by changes in federal and state laws or regulations are automatically incorporated into this Grant without written amendment to this Grant and shall become effective upon the date designated by such law or regulation. In the event FEMA or DPS/THSSAA determines that changes are necessary to this Grant after an award has been made, including changes to the period of performance or terms and conditions, Sub-recipient shall be notified of the changes in writing. Once notification has been made, any subsequent request for funds will indicate Sub-recipient's acceptance of the changes to this Grant.

## **20. Headings**

Headings and captions of this Grant are only for convenience and reference. These headings and captions shall not affect or modify the terms and conditions or be used to interpret or assist in the construction of this Grant.

## **21. Venue**

Venue shall lie in Travis County, Texas, and this Grant is governed by the laws of the State of Texas.

## **22. Suspension**

In the event Sub-recipient fails to comply with any term of this Grant, DPS/THSSAA may, upon written notification to Sub-recipient, suspend this Grant, in whole or in part, withhold payments to Sub-recipient and prohibit Sub-recipient from incurring additional obligations of this Grant's funds.

## **23. Termination**

DPS/THSSAA shall have the right to terminate this Grant, in whole or in part, at any time before the end of the Performance Period, if DPS/THSSAA determines that Sub-recipient has failed to comply with any term of this Grant. DPS/THSSAA shall provide written notice of the termination and include:

1. The reason(s) for such termination;
2. The effective date of such termination; and
3. In the case of partial termination, the portion of this Grant to be terminated.

Appeal may be made to the Deputy Director of Homeland Security, Texas Department of Public Safety.

## **24. Enforcement**

If Sub-recipient materially fails to comply with any term of this Grant, whether stated in a federal or state statute or regulation, an assurance, in a state plan or application, a notice of award, or elsewhere, DPS/THSSAA or DHS may take one or more of the following actions, as appropriate in the circumstances:

1. Temporarily withhold cash payments pending correction of the deficiency by Sub-recipient or more severe enforcement action by DPS/THSSAA or DHS;
2. Disallow or deny use of funds and matching credit for all or part of the cost of the activity or action not in compliance;
3. Wholly or partially suspend or terminate this Grant for Sub-recipient's program;
4. Withhold further awards for the program; or
5. Take other remedies that may be legally available.

In taking an enforcement action, DPS/THSSAA will provide Sub-recipient an opportunity for a hearing, appeal, or other administrative proceeding to which Sub-recipient is entitled under any statute or regulation applicable to the action involved.

The costs of Sub-recipient resulting from obligations incurred by Sub-recipient during a suspension or after termination of this Grant are not allowable unless DPS/THSSAA or DHS expressly authorizes them in the notice of suspension or termination or subsequently. Other Sub-recipient costs during suspension or after termination which are necessary and not reasonably avoidable are allowable if:

1. The costs result from obligations which were properly incurred by Sub-recipient before the effective date of suspension or termination, are not in anticipation of it, and in the case of a termination, are non-cancellable; and
2. The costs would be allowable if this Grant were not suspended or expired normally at the end of the funding period in which the termination takes effects.

The enforcement remedies identified in this section, including suspension and termination, do not preclude Sub-recipient from being subject to "Debarment and Suspension" under E.O. 12549. 44 C.F.R. §13.35.

## **25. Conflict of Interest**

No employee, officer or agent of Sub-recipient shall participate in the selection, or in the award or administration of a contract supported by Federal funds if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, is involved or otherwise creates the appearance of impropriety.

## **26. Closing of this Grant**

A. DPS/THSSAA will close a sub-award after receiving Sub-recipient's final quarterly performance report indicating that all approved work has been completed and all funds have been disbursed, completing a review to confirm the accuracy of the reported information, and reconciling actual costs to award modifications and payments. If the close out review and reconciliation indicates that Sub-recipient is owed additional funds, DPS/THSSAA will send the final payment automatically to Sub-recipient. If Sub-recipient did not use all the funds received, DPS/THSSAA will issue a GAN to recover the unused funds. Sub-recipient will return the funds to the DPS/THSSAA within 30 calendar days of receiving the GAN.

B. At the completion of Sub-recipient's performance period, DPS/THSSAA will de-obligate all uncommitted / unexpended funds.

C. The closeout of this Grant does not affect:

1. DHS or DPS/THSSAA's right to disallow costs and recover funds on the basis of a later audit or other review;

2. Sub-recipient's obligation to return any funds due as a result of later refunds, corrections, or other transactions;
3. Records retention requirements, property management requirements, and audit requirements, as set forth herein; and
4. Any other provisions of this Grant that impose continuing obligations on Sub-recipient or that govern the rights and limitations of the parties to this Grant after the expiration or termination of this Grant.

***Please fill in the appropriate information and certify by signing below that you have read, understood, and agree to the terms of this Grant.***

Print Name of Authorized Official \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Sub-recipient Organization \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## EXHIBIT A

### ASSURANCES - NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS See Standard Form 424B

As the duly authorized representative of Sub-recipient, I certify that Sub-recipient:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this Grant.
2. Will give the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Public Safety, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to this Grant and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686 and 44 C.F.R. Part 19), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290dd-3 and 290ee-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which agreement for Federal assistance is being made; and, (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.
7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
8. Will comply, as applicable, with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333), regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction sub-agreements.
10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190 as amended by 42 U.S.C. 4311 et seq. and Executive Order (EO) 11514) which establishes national policy goals and procedures to protect and enhance the environment, including protection against natural disasters. To comply with NEPA for DHS grant-supported activities, DHS-FEMA requires the environmental aspects to be reviewed and evaluated before final action on the application (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) comply with the Clean Air Act of 1977, (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq. and Executive Order 11738) providing for the protection of and enhancement of the quality of the nation's air resources to promote public health and welfare and for restoring and maintaining the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the nation's waters; (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93- 205).
12. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
13. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348, 45 C.F.R. 46, and DHS Management Directive 026-044 (Directive) regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this Grant. "Research" means a systematic investigation, including research, development, testing, and evaluation designed to develop or contribute to general knowledge. See Directive for additional provisions for including humans in the womb, pregnant women, and neonates (Subpart B); prisoners (Subpart C); and children (Subpart D). See also state and local law for research using autopsy materials.
15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§2131 et seq.) which requires the minimum standards of care and treatment for vertebrate animals bred for commercial sale, used in research, transported commercially, or exhibited to the public according to the Guide for Care and Use of Laboratory Animals and Public Health Service Policy and Government Principles Regarding the Care and Use of Animals.
16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
17. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, grant guidance, and policies governing this Grant.

**Please fill in the appropriate information and sign to certify this Exhibit A.**

Print Name of Authorized Official \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Sub-recipient Organization \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**EXHIBIT B**

**ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS See Standard Form 424D**

As the duly authorized representative of Sub-recipient, I certify that Sub-recipient:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this Grant.
2. Will give the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Public Safety, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to this Grant and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure nondiscrimination during the useful life of this Grant.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
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15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91- 190) as amended by 42 U.S.C. 4311 et seq. and Executive Order (EO) 11514 which establishes national policy goals and procedures to protect and enhance the environment, including protection against natural disasters; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) comply with the Clean Air Act of 1977, (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq. and Executive Order 11738) providing for the protection of and enhancement of the quality of the nation's air resources to promote public health and welfare and for restoring and maintaining the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the nation's waters;(g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
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19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, grant guidance and policies governing this Grant.

**Please fill in the appropriate information and sign to certify this Exhibit B, if applicable.**

Print Name of Authorized Official \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Sub-recipient Organization \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Exhibit C**

**Certifications**

The undersigned, as the authorized official, certifies the following to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

- A. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee or a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- B. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee or 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 of Lobbying Activities, in accordance with its instructions.
- C. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification prohibiting lobbying 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 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.
- D. As required by Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, and implemented at 28 C.F.R. Part 67, for prospective participants in primary covered transactions, as defined at 28 C.F.R. Part 67, Section 67.510 (Federal Certification). The Sub-recipient certifies that it and its principals and vendors:
  - 1. Are not 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. Sub-recipient can access debarment information by going to [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov) and the State Debarred Vendor List [http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/vendor\\_performance/debarred](http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/vendor_performance/debarred).
  - 2. Have not within a three-year period preceding this Grant 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 (D)(2) of this certification;
  - 4. Have not within a three-year period preceding this Grant had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default; or
  - 5. Where Sub-recipient is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, he or she shall attach an explanation to this Grant. (Federal Certification)
- E. Federal funds will be used to supplement existing funds, and will not replace (supplant) funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose. Sub-recipient may be required to supply documentation certifying that a reduction in non-federal resources occurred for reasons other than the receipt or expected receipt of federal funds.
- F. Sub-recipient will comply with 2 C.F.R. Part 180, Subpart C as a condition of receiving grant funds, and Sub-recipient will require such compliance in any sub-grants or contract at the next tier.
- G. Sub-recipient will comply with the Drug-free Workplace Act, as amended, 412 U.S.C. §701 et seq. – which requires Sub-recipient to publish a statement about its drug-free workplace program and give a copy of the statement to each employee (including consultants and temporary personnel) who will be involved in award-supported activities at any site where these activities will be carried out. Also, places where work is being performed under the award (i.e., street address, city, state, and zip code) must be maintained on file. Sub-recipient will notify the Grants Officer of any employee convicted of a violation of a criminal drug statute that occurs in the workplace. For additional information, see 44 C.F.R. Part 17. Sub-recipient shall comply with the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, which requires that all organizations receiving grants from any Federal agency agree to maintain a drug-free workplace.
- H. Sub-recipient is not delinquent on any Federal debt. Examples of relevant debt include delinquent payroll and other taxes, audit disallowances, and benefit overpayments. See OMB Circular A-129 and form SF-424, item number 17 for additional information and guidance.
- I. Sub-recipient will comply with all applicable requirements of all other federal laws, executive orders, regulations, program and administrative requirements, policies and any other requirements governing this Grant.
- J. Sub-recipient understands that failure to comply with any of the above assurances may result in suspension, termination or reduction of funds in this Grant.

**Please fill in the appropriate information and sign to certify this Exhibit C.**

Print Name of Authorized Official \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Sub-recipient Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Authorized Official \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

## EXHIBIT D

### State of Texas Assurances

As the duly authorized representative of Sub-recipient, I certify that Sub-recipient:

1. Shall comply with Texas Government Code, Chapter 573, by ensuring that no officer, employee, or member of the Sub-recipient's governing body or of the Sub-recipient's contractor shall vote or confirm the employment of any person related within the second degree of affinity or the third degree of consanguinity to any member of the governing body or to any other officer or employee authorized to employ or supervise such person. This prohibition shall not prohibit the employment of a person who shall have been continuously employed for a period of two years, or such other period stipulated by local law, prior to the election or appointment of the officer, employee, or governing body member related to such person in the prohibited degree.
2. Shall insure that all information collected, assembled, or maintained by the Sub-recipient relative to a project will be available to the public during normal business hours in compliance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 552, unless otherwise expressly prohibited by law.
3. Shall comply with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, which requires all regular, special, or called meetings of governmental bodies to be open to the public, except as otherwise provided by law or specifically permitted in the Texas Constitution.
4. Shall comply with Section 231.006, Texas Family Code, which prohibits payments to a person who is in arrears on child support payments.
5. Shall not contract with or issue a license, certificate, or permit to the owner, operator, or administrator of a facility if the Sub-recipient is a health, human services, public safety, or law enforcement agency and the license, permit, or certificate has been revoked by another health and human services agency or public safety or law enforcement agency.
6. Shall comply with all rules adopted by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education pursuant to Chapter 1701, Texas Occupations Code, or shall provide the grantor agency with a certification from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education that the agency is in the process of achieving compliance with such rules if the Sub-recipient is a law enforcement agency regulated by Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 1701.
7. Shall follow all assurances. When incorporated into a grant award or contract, standard assurances contained in the application package become terms or conditions for receipt of grant funds. Administering state agencies and sub-recipients shall maintain an appropriate contract administration system to insure that all terms, conditions, and specifications are met. (See UGMS Section \_\_.36 for additional guidance on contract provisions).
8. Shall comply with the Texas Family Code, Section 261.101, which requires reporting of all suspected cases of child abuse to local law enforcement authorities and to the Texas Department of Child Protective and Regulatory Services. Sub-recipient shall also ensure that all program personnel are properly trained and aware of this requirement.
9. Shall comply with all federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 including Titles I, II, and III of the Americans with Disability Act which prohibits recipients from discriminating on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities, 44 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment, and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to the nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290dd-3 and 290ee-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental, or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to this Grant.
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11. Shall comply with requirements of the provisions of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646), which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Shall comply with the provisions of the Hatch Political Activity Act (5 U.S.C. §7321-29), which limit the political activity of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Shall comply with the minimum wage and maximum hours provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act and the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970, as applicable.
14. Shall insure that the facilities under its ownership, lease, or supervision which shall be utilized in the accomplishment of the project are not listed on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) list of Violating Facilities and that it will notify the Federal grantor agency of the receipt of any communication from the Director of the EPA Office of Federal Activities indicating that a facility to be used in the project is under consideration for listing by the EPA (EO 11738).
15. Shall comply with the flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, Public Law 93-234. Section 102(a) requires the purchase of flood insurance in communities where such insurance is available as a condition for the receipt of any Federal financial assistance for construction or acquisition proposed for use in any area that has been identified by the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development as an area having special flood hazards.
16. Shall comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved state management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of federal actions to State (Clear Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clear Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
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18. Shall assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
19. Shall comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§2131 et seq.) which requires the minimum standards of care and treatment for vertebrate animals bred for commercial sale, used in research, transported commercially, or exhibited to the public according to the Guide for Care and Use of Laboratory Animals and Public Health Service Policy and Government Principles Regarding the Care and Use of Animals.



DATE: April 15, 2016  
 DEPARTMENT HEAD: Sheriff J.E. "Eddie" Guerra  
 DEPARTMENT NAME: Operation Stonegarden 2014  
 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 6-1284-421-00-280-047-7-XXX

SUBJECT: **Budget Amendments (Increases) in Accordance with Local Government Code, Chapter 111, Subchapter C**

Honorable Commissioners' Court of Hidalgo County:

I would like to request the following Amendments (increases) to my budget in accordance with Local Government Code, Chapter 111, Subchapter C

INCREASE OBJECT NUMBER'S)	ACCOUNT OBJECT NAME	AMOUNT
6-1284-421-00-280-047-7-131	SHERIFF OPSG-OVERTIME PAY	230,402.84
6-1284-421-00-280-047-7-220	SHERIFF OPSG-FICA	17,625.82
6-1284-421-00-280-047-7-230	SHERIFF OPSG-Retirement	25,920.32
6-1284-421-00-280-047-7-250	SHERIFF OPSG-Unemployment Comp.	1,152.01
6-1284-421-00-280-047-7-260	SHERIFF OPSG-Worker's Comp.	4,898.78
6-1284-421-00-280-047-7-581	SHERIFF OPSG-Travel in County	90,000.23
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>		<b>370,000.00</b>
6-1284-331-12-280-047-7-000	SHERIFF OPSG REVENUES	370,000.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		<b>370,000.00</b>

REASON: **To appropriate budget for the FY2014 Operation Stonegarden Grant Supplemental awarded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).**

Federal Grant Award #EMW-2014-SS-00029; SSA Award 14-SR-48215-03  
 Grant Period: September 1, 2014 to June 30, 2016

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DATE: April 15, 2016  
 DEPARTMENT HEAD: Sheriff J.E. "Eddie" Guerra  
 DEPARTMENT NAME: Operation Stonegarden 2014- City of Edinburg  
 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 6-1284-480-00-280-088-7-XXX

SUBJECT: **Budget Amendments (Increases) in Accordance with Local Government Code, Chapter 111, Subchapter C**

Honorable Commissioners' Court of Hidalgo County:

I would like to request the following Amendments (increases) to my budget in accordance with Local Government Code, Chapter 111, Subchapter C

INCREASE OBJECT NUMBER'S)	ACCOUNT OBJECT NAME	AMOUNT
6-1284-480-00-280-088-7-131	EDINBURG OPSG-OVERTIME PAY	23,715.42
6-1284-480-00-280-088-7-220	EDINBURG OPSG-FICA	1,814.23
6-1284-480-00-280-088-7-230	EDINBURG OPSG-Retirement	3,486.17
6-1284-480-00-280-088-7-260	EDINBURG OPSG-Worker's Comp.	984.18
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>		<b><u>30,000.00</u></b>
6-1284-331-12-280-088-7-000	EDINBURG OPSG REVENUES	<u>30,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		<b><u>30,000.00</u></b>

REASON: To appropriate budget for the FY2014 Operation Stonegarden Grant Supplemental awarded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Federal Grant Award #EMW-2014-SS-00029; SSA Award 14-SR-48215-01  
 Grant Period: September 1, 2014 to June 30, 2016

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