

STATE OF VERMONT JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

# MEMORANDUM

To: Joint Fiscal Committee members

From: Sorsha Anderson, Senior Staff Associate

Date: August 7, 2023

Subject: Grant Request – JFO #3158

Enclosed please find one (1) item, which the Joint Fiscal Office has received from the Administration. *The Vermont Department of Public Service has requested an expedited review of JFO #3158. Please respond by August 11, 2023.* 

**JFO #3158:** \$3,039,806.51 to the Vermont Department of Public Service from the U.S. Department of Energy to administer established and new Residential and Commercial Building Energy Standards programs and State and Municipal energy planning.

[NOTE: The above amount includes an award of \$39,716.51 to fund a State Energy Security Plan which needed to be submitted to request the additional \$3,000,090.00. DPS is submitting a grant spending pre-notice form for the smaller award and states that \$2,745.00 has been spent to date. This amount has been spent from their budget and will be reimbursed once the grants have been accepted.]

[Received August 2, 2023]

Please review the enclosed materials and notify the Joint Fiscal Office (Sorsha Anderson: sanderson@leg.state.vt.us) if you have questions or would like this item held for legislative review. If members have not responded by August 11, 2023, members will be polled.



#### State of Vermont

Department of Finance & Management 109 State Street, Pavilion Building Montpelier, VT 05620-0401 Agency of Administration

[phone] 802-828-2376 [fax] 802-828-2428

# **STATE OF VERMONT** FINANCE & MANAGEMENT GRANT REVIEW FORM

Grant Summary:		Grant Summary:			or existing and	new energy program	ms at state and municipa		
Date:			7/18/2023						
Department:			Public S	Service De	partment				
Legal Title of Grant: Federal Catalog #:				nergy Prog	ram (SEP) Infr	astructure Investme	ent and Jobs Act (IIJA) c		
			2021						
			01.041						
			81.041						
Grant/Donor Nan	ne and Add	ress.	Denartn	nent of En	ergy 1000 Ind	enendence Ave SV	W, Washington, DC 2058		
		11 033.	Departi		<u>ergy</u> , 1000 mu	ependence rve., b	, , , , usinington, DC 2030		
Grant Period:	From:		7/1/202	2 <b>To:</b>	6/30/2027				
<b>Grant/Donation</b>			Grant	Grant					
	SFY	´ 1	SF	Y 2	SFY 3	Total	Comments		
Grant Amount:	\$1,900	\$1,900,000		00,090	\$	\$3,000,090	\$39,716 in additiona pre-award funding		
							1 0		
		# Dosi	tions	Fynlanati	on/Commonts				
Docition Informat		# Posi		Explanati	on/Comments				
Position Informat			tions						
Position Informat Additional Comm				Grant w	vill primarily be		dential and Commercial		
				Grant w	vill primarily be	e used to fund Resid lards program. Reco			
				Grant w	vill primarily be	ards program. Reco			
	ients:		0	Grant w	vill primarily be				
Additional Comm	ents: ance & Ma		0	Grant w	vill primarily be	Adam Digitally signed	ommend approval.		



Date

Sent To Joint Fiscal Office



State of Vermont Department of Public Service 112 State Street Montpelier, VT 05620-2601 http://public service.vermont.gov

[phone] 802-828-2811 [fax] 802-828-2342 [tdd] 800-734-8390

To: Will Anderson, Budget & Management Analyst

From: Cherie Yaeger, Federal Grant Program Manager

Re: Submission of AA-1 and AA-1PN for Expedited Review

Date: June 30, 2023

The Department of Public Service (PSD) has received a grant award in the amount of \$3,000,090.00 from the U.S. Department of Energy through the State Energy Program Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (SEP BIL). These funds will be used to administer established and new programs for state and municipal energy planning. The period of performance for this award runs from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2028. PSD is requesting an expedited review for two reasons.

First, we have existing/ongoing work related to our Residential and Commercial Building Energy Standards (RBES and CBES) that will be funded from this grant award. The new RBES and CBES have now been adopted and the PSD needs to conduct trainings on the changes and develop and print Energy Standard materials and those costs are included in this budget.

Additionally, the PSD is required through Act 47 of 2023 to hire a contractor to assist and staff a Building Energy Code Study Committee, however, no funding was appropriated to the PSD for these costs. As the PSD already has a line item in the SEP BIL budget to support Building Energy Codes, we will use some of those funds to support this contract. The PSD is required to convene this Committee by July 15, 2023 so time is of the essence to get this contract in place.

An initial grant award of \$39,716.51 was provided by the U.S. Department of Energy for the Vermont Department of Public Service to complete and submit a State Energy Security Plan (SESP). This plan had to be submitted prior to the PSD applying for the remaining SEP BIL funding of \$3,000,090.00. To date we have spent a total of \$2,745.00 of these funds. At the time of our initial request for the \$39,716.51 we did not submit a Grant Spending Pre-Notice (Form AA-1PN). We are now submitting Form AA-1PN for these funds.

Please find the following documents enclosed:

- Form AA-1
- Form AA-1PN
- Notice of grant award and grant terms and conditions

If you have any questions, please contact me at <u>Cherie.Yaeger@vermont.gov</u>.

# STATE OF VERMONT REQUEST FOR GRANT <sup>(\*)</sup> ACCEPTANCE (Form AA-1)

	ATION						
1. Agency:	1						
2. Department:	Department of Public S	ervice					
3. Program:	State Energy Program						
8							
4. Legal Title of Grant:	State Energy Program (	SEP) Infrastructure Inves	stment and Jobs A	Act (IIJA) of 2021			
5. Federal Catalog #:	81.041	/					
8							
6. Grant/Donor Name and A	Address:						
Department of Energy	y, 1000 Independence A	ve., SW, Washington, DO	C 20585				
7. Grant Period: Fro			0/2027				
8. Purpose of Grant:							
	posal is to leverage fund	ls offered through the Sta	te Energy Program	m formula awards in			
1 1	· · · · · ·	JA) of 2021 to administe	0, 0				
municipal energy pla							
9. Impact on existing progra		oted:					
		state energy programs go	oing and create ne	w energy programs the			
		he state will need to find					
programs.			e	6,			
10. BUDGET INFORMATI	[ON						
	SFY 1	SFY 2	SFY 3	Comments			
Expenditures:	<b>FY</b> 2024	<b>FY</b> 2025	<u> </u>	Comments			
Dorgonal Somilard	\$1,000,000	©1 100 000	¢				
Personal Services	\$1,000,000	\$1,100,090	\$				
Operating Expenses	\$	\$	\$				
Operating Expenses Grants	\$ \$900,000	\$ \$	\$ \$				
Operating Expenses Grants Tota	\$ \$900,000	\$	\$				
Operating Expenses Grants Tota Revenues:	\$ \$900,000 1 \$1,900,000	\$ \$ \$1,100,090	\$ \$ \$				
Operating Expenses Grants <b>Tota</b> Revenues: State Funds:	\$ \$900,000 1 \$1,900,000 \$	\$ \$ \$1,100,090 \$	\$ \$ \$ \$				
Operating Expenses Grants Tota Revenues: State Funds: Cash	\$ \$900,000 1 \$1,900,000 \$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$1,100,090 \$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$				
Operating Expenses Grants <b>Tota</b> Revenues: State Funds:	\$ \$900,000 1 \$1,900,000 \$	\$ \$ \$1,100,090 \$	\$ \$ \$ \$				
Operating Expenses Grants Tota Revenues: State Funds: Cash In-Kind	\$ \$900,000 1 \$1,900,000 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$1,100,090 \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$				
Operating Expenses Grants Tota Revenues: State Funds: Cash In-Kind Federal Funds:	\$ \$900,000 \$1,900,000 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$1,100,090 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$				
Operating Expenses Grants Tota Revenues: State Funds: Cash In-Kind Federal Funds: (Direct Costs)	\$ \$900,000 \$1,900,000 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$1,100,090 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$				
Operating Expenses Grants Tota Revenues: State Funds: Cash In-Kind Federal Funds: (Direct Costs) (Statewide Indirect)	\$ \$900,000 1 \$1,900,000 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$1,100,090 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$				
Operating Expenses Grants Tota Revenues: State Funds: Cash In-Kind Federal Funds: (Direct Costs)	\$ \$900,000 \$1,900,000 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$1,100,090 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$				
Operating Expenses Grants Tota Revenues: State Funds: Cash In-Kind Federal Funds: (Direct Costs) (Statewide Indirect) (Departmental Indirect)	\$ \$900,000 \$1,900,000 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$1,100,090 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$				
Operating Expenses Grants Tota Revenues: State Funds: Cash In-Kind Federal Funds: (Direct Costs) (Statewide Indirect) (Departmental Indirect) Other Funds:	\$ \$900,000 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$1,100,090 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$				
Operating Expenses Grants Tota Revenues: State Funds: Cash In-Kind Federal Funds: (Direct Costs) (Statewide Indirect) (Departmental Indirect) Other Funds: Grant (source )	\$ \$900,000 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$1,100,090 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$				
Operating Expenses Grants <b>Tota</b> <b>Revenues:</b> State Funds: Cash In-Kind Federal Funds: (Direct Costs) (Statewide Indirect) (Departmental Indirect) Other Funds:	\$ \$900,000 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$1,100,090 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$				
Operating Expenses Grants Tota Revenues: State Funds: Cash In-Kind Federal Funds: (Direct Costs) (Statewide Indirect) (Departmental Indirect) Other Funds: Grant (source ) Tota	\$ \$900,000 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$1,100,090 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$				
Operating Expenses Grants Tota Revenues: State Funds: Cash In-Kind Federal Funds: (Direct Costs) (Statewide Indirect) (Departmental Indirect) Other Funds: Grant (source )	\$ \$900,000 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$1,100,090 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$				
Operating Expenses Grants Tota Revenues: State Funds: Cash In-Kind Federal Funds: (Direct Costs) (Statewide Indirect) (Departmental Indirect) Other Funds: Grant (source ) Tota	\$ \$900,000 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$1,100,090 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$				
Operating Expenses Grants Tota Revenues: State Funds: Cash In-Kind Federal Funds: (Direct Costs) (Statewide Indirect) (Departmental Indirect) Other Funds: Grant (source ) Tota	\$ \$900,000 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$1,100,090 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$				
Operating Expenses Grants Tota Revenues: State Funds: Cash In-Kind Federal Funds: (Direct Costs) (Statewide Indirect) (Departmental Indirect) Other Funds: Grant (source ) Tota	\$ \$900,000 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$1,100,090 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$				
Operating Expenses Grants Tota Revenues: State Funds: Cash In-Kind Federal Funds: (Direct Costs) (Statewide Indirect) (Departmental Indirect) Other Funds: Grant (source ) Tota	\$ \$900,000 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$1,100,090 \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$				

# **STATE OF VERMONT REQUEST FOR GRANT** <sup>(\*)</sup> **ACCEPTANCE** (Form AA-1)

				\$	
			Total	\$	
			а <u>т</u> — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —		
PERSONAL SERVICE IN					
<b>11. Will monies from this g</b> If "Yes", appointing authorit Appointing Authority Name	y must initial here to ind	licate intent to fol			
12. Limited Service Position Information:	# Positions	Title			
Total Positions	for those	presently availabl		be obtained with	available funds
12a. Equipment and space positions:		presently available		r be obtained with	available funds.
13. AUTHORIZATION A	GENCY/DEPARTMEN	JT ed by:			
I/we certify that no funds beyond basic application	Signature: June 4	E. Tienney	Da		Date: 6/30/2023
preparation and filing costs	Title: Commissioner,	Department of Pu	blic Service		0/30/2023
have been expended or committed in anticipation of					
Joint Fiscal Committee approval of this grant, unless	Signature:				Date:
previous notification was	Title:				
made on Form AA-1PN (if applicable):					
1405 SECRETARY OF ADM			cuSigned by:		
Approved:	(Secretary or designee signatur	re) Doi	19105 Faml	am	Date: 7/21/2023
<b>15. ACTION BY GOVERN</b>	NOR				
Check One Box: Accepted					
Rejected	(Goverflor ssignature)				Date: 8/2/23
16. DOCUMENTATION F	REOUIRED				
		GRANT Docum	entation		
<ul> <li>Request Memo</li> <li>Dept. project approval (in Notice of Award</li> <li>Grant Agreement</li> <li>Grant Budget</li> </ul>	f applicable)	Notice of Do Grant (Projec Request for E Form AA-1P	et) Timeline (i Extension (if a	f applicable) pplicable)	
		nd Form AA-1			
(*) The term "grant" refers to a department, commission, board				be accepted by any	agency,

I

		ASS	ISTANCE	AGREEMENT			
1. Award No. DE-EE0010104		<b>2. Modific</b> 0001	ation No.	3. Effective D 07/01/202		<b>4</b> . <b>CFDA No</b> . 81.041	
5. Awarded To PUBLIC SERVICE, VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF Attn: Carol Flint 112 STATE ST MONTPELIER VT 056202601		:	6. Sponsoring Office Energy Effcy & Renewa EE-1 U.S. Department of Er 1000 Independence Ave Washington DC 20585		Energy		7. Period of Performance 07/01/2022 through 06/30/2028
Grant 1	. <b>Authority</b> 17-58 Infrast 09-58 Energy			ent and Job	10. Purcha 23EE0012		Eunding Document No.
11. Remittance Address				l Amount	•	13. Funds O	•
PUBLIC SERVICE, VERMONT Attn: Carol Flint 112 STATE STREET MONTPELIER VT 056202601	DEPARTMENT OF	7		Share: \$3,000 Share : \$0.00 : \$3,000	),090.00 ),090.00	This act. Total	ion: \$2,960,373.49 : \$3,000,090.00
14. Principal Investigator	Henry	ram Manager D. Fowler 240-562-			U.S. Depa Golden Fi	eld Office rtment of eld Office ver West F	Energy
17. Submit Payment Requests To Payment - Direct Payment from U.S. Dept of Treast		18. Payir Multip	-		1		mit Reports To ttachment #2
20. Accounting and Appropriation Da           05461-2022-31-200835-410           24. December 744 and 400 December 744 and	20-1004901-00	00000-000	0000-00	00000		I	
21. Research Title and/or Description BIL: SEP - Vermont	n of Project						
For the	e Recipient				For the Unit	ed States of Am	erica
22. Signature of Person Authorized t	o Sign			5. Signature of Gran			2-2
23. Name and Title		24. Date Sig	ned 26.	Name of Officer Stephanie D.	Sites		27. Date Signed

٦

#### CONTINUATION SHEET

REFERENCE NO. OF DOCUMENT BEING CONTINUED DE-EE0010104/0001

PAGE

2

OF

3

	FFEROR OR CONTRACTOR SERVICE, VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF				
EM NO. (A)	SUPPLIES/SERVICES (B)	QUANTITY (C)	UNIT (D)	UNIT PRICE (E)	AMOUNT (F)
()	DUNS Number: Not Available	(-/			
	UEI: FXRGN76HPMF3 The purposes of these actions are to:				
	1. Obligate BIL SEP funds and to authorize				
	activities under Section 40109. All award				
	Attachments and the Special Terms and Conditions are deleted and replaced with this modification;				
	2. Extend the Period of Performance end date, as shown in Block 7; and				
	3. Update the DOE Award Administrator, as shown below.				
	The Project Period for this award is 07/01/2022 through 06/30/2028.				
	In Block 7 of the Assistance Agreement, the				
	Period of Performance reflects the beginning of				
	the Project Period through the end of the current Budget Period.				
	In addition to this Assistance Agreement, this				
	award consists of the items listed on the Cover				
	Page of the Special Terms and Conditions.				
	This award is subject to the Financial Assistance regulations contained in 2 CFR 200 as amended by 2 CFR Part 910.	1			
	Block 9 Authority reads as follows: SEP is authorized under the Energy Policy and				
	Conservation Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6321 et				
	seq.). All grant awards made under this program				
	shall comply with applicable laws including, but				
	not limited to, the SEP statutory authority (42 U.S.C. § 6321 et seq.), 10 CFR 420, and 2 CFR 200	7			
	as amended by 2 CFR Part 910.				
	Funding for all awards and future budget periods				
	is contingent upon the availability of funds				
	appropriated by Congress for the purpose of this				
	program and the availability of future-year				
	budget authority.				
	DOE Award Administrator: Walda Jacobs				
	Email: Walda.Jacobs@ee.doe.gov				
	Phone: 720-262-0214				
	DOE Project Officer: Henry Fowler				
	Continued				

#### CONTINUATION SHEET

REFERENCE NO. OF DOCUMENT BEING CONTINUED DE-EE0010104/0001 PAGE

3

OF

3

(B) E-mail: Henry.Fowler@ee.doe.gov		(D)		AMOUNT (F)
	(C)	(-)	(E)	(Г)
Phone: 720-356-1595				
Recipient Business Officer: Carol Flint	_			
E-mail: Carol.Flint@Vermont.gov	-			
Phone: 802-828-4009				
Recipient Principal Investigator: Kelly	Launder			
E-mail: Kelly.Launder@Vermont.gov	Y Launder			
Phone: 802-828-4039				
Electronic signature or signatures as v	used in			
this document means a method of signing				
electronic message that-				
(A) Identifies and authenticates a part	icular			
person as the source of the electronic				
(B) Indicates such person's approval of	f the			
information contained in the electronic				
and,				
(C) Submission via FedConnect constitut	ces			
electronically signed documents.				
ASAP: YES Extent Competed: NOT COMPETED				
Davis-Bacon Act: YES PI: Launder, Kelly				
Fund: 05461 Appr Year: 2022 Allottee: 3				
Entity: 200835 Object Class: 41020 Prog				
1004901 Project: 0000000 WFO: 0000000 I 0000000	local Use:			

JULY 2004



# Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Special Terms and Conditions

The Grantee ("Recipient"), which is identified in Block 5 of the Assistance Agreement, and the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy ("EERE"), an office within the United States Department of Energy ("DOE"), enter into this Award, referenced above, to achieve the project objectives and the technical milestones and deliverables stated in Attachment 1 to this Award.

This Award consists of the following documents, including all terms and conditions therein:

	Assistance Agreement
	Special Terms and Conditions
Attachment 1	Annual File
Attachment 2	Federal Assistance Reporting Checklist and
	Instructions
Attachment 3	Budget Information SF-424A
Attachment 4	Intellectual Property Provisions
Attachment 5	Master File
Attachment 6	NEPA Determination

The following are incorporated into this Award by reference:

- Applicable program regulations, including 10 CFR Part 420 State Energy Program at <u>http://eCFR.gov</u>.
- DOE Assistance Regulations, 2 CFR part 200 as amended by 2 CFR part 910 at <a href="http://www.eCFR.gov">http://www.eCFR.gov</a>.
- Public Law 117-58 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)
- National Policy Requirements (November 12, 2020) at <a href="http://www.nsf.gov/awards/managing/rtc.jsp">http://www.nsf.gov/awards/managing/rtc.jsp</a>.
- The Recipient's application/proposal as approved by EERE.



Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy

# **Table of Contents**

Subpart A.	General Provisions	1
Term 1.	Legal Authority and Effect	1
Term 2.	Flow Down Requirement	
Term 3.	Compliance with Federal, State, and Municipal Law	
Term 4.	Inconsistency with Federal Law	
Term 5.	Federal Stewardship	
Term 6.	Federal Involvement	
Term 7.	NEPA Requirements	
Term 8.	Reserved	
Term 9.	Performance of Work in United States	
Term 10.		
	Reporting Requirements	
	Lobbying	
	Publications	
	No-Cost Extension	-
-	Property Standards	-
	Insurance Coverage	
	Real Property	
	Equipment	
	Supplies	
	Property Trust Relationship	
	Record Retention	
	Audits	
Subpart B.	Financial Provisions	9
Term 23.	Maximum Obligation	9
	Continuation Application and Funding	
	Reserved	
	Refund Obligation	
	Allowable Costs	
	Indirect Costs	
Term 29.		
Term 30.		
Term 31.	-	
Term 32.		
	Carryover of Unobligated Balances	
Subpart C.	Miscellaneous Provisions	14
Term 34.	Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation	14
Term 35.		
Term 36.		
Term 37.		
Term 38.		
Term 39.		
Term 40.	-	
Term 41.		
	Interim Conflict of Interest Policy for Financial Assistance Policy	
Subpart D.	Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)-specific requirements	26
Term 43.	Recipient Notification of prospective BIL- specific requirements	26

ENERGY Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy

Term 44.	Reporting Tracking and Segregation of Incurred Costs	26
Term 45.	Buy American Requirements for Infrastructure Projects	26
Term 46.	Davis Bacon Requirements	29



# Subpart A. General Provisions

# Term 1. Legal Authority and Effect

A DOE financial assistance award is valid only if it is in writing and is signed, either in writing or electronically, by a DOE Contracting Officer.

The Recipient may accept or reject the Award. A request to draw down DOE funds or acknowledgement of award documents by the Recipient's authorized representative through electronic systems used by DOE, specifically FedConnect, constitutes the Recipient's acceptance of the terms and conditions of this Award. Acknowledgement via FedConnect by the Recipient's authorized representative constitutes the Recipient's electronic signature.

# Term 2. Flow Down Requirement

The Recipient agrees to apply the terms and conditions of this Award, as applicable, including the Intellectual Property Provisions, to all subrecipients (and subcontractors, as appropriate), as required by 2 CFR 200.101, and to require their strict compliance therewith. Further, the Recipient must apply the Award terms as required by 2 CFR 200.327 to all subrecipients (and subcontractors, as appropriate), and to require their strict compliance therewith.

# Term 3. Compliance with Federal, State, and Municipal Law

The Recipient is required to comply with applicable Federal, state, and local laws and regulations for all work performed under this Award. The Recipient is required to obtain all necessary Federal, state, and local permits, authorizations, and approvals for all work performed under this Award.

# Term 4. Inconsistency with Federal Law

Any apparent inconsistency between Federal statutes and regulations and the terms and conditions contained in this Award must be referred to the DOE Award Administrator for guidance.

# Term 5. Federal Stewardship

EERE will exercise normal Federal stewardship in overseeing the project activities performed under this Award. Stewardship activities include, but are not limited to, conducting site visits; reviewing performance and financial reports; providing technical assistance and/or temporary intervention in unusual circumstances to address deficiencies that develop during the project; assuring compliance with terms and conditions; and reviewing technical performance after project completion to ensure that the project objectives have been accomplished.

# Term 6. Federal Involvement

# A. Review Meetings

The Recipient, including but not limited to, the principal investigator (or, if



Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy

applicable, co-principal investigators), is required to participate in periodic review meetings with EERE. Review meetings enable EERE to assess the work performed under this Award and determine whether the Recipient has timely achieved the technical milestones and deliverables stated in Attachment 1 to this Award.

EERE shall determine the frequency of review meetings and select the day, time, and location of each review meeting and shall do so in a reasonable and good faith manner. EERE will provide the Recipient with reasonable notice of the review meetings.

For each review meeting, the Recipient is required to provide a comprehensive overview of the project, including:

- The Recipient's technical progress compared to the Milestone Summary Table stated in Attachment 1 to this Award.
- The Recipient's actual expenditures compared to the approved budget in Attachment 3 to this Award.
- Other subject matter specified by the DOE Technology Manager/Project Officer.

#### **B.** Project Meetings

The Recipient is required to notify EERE in advance of scheduled tests and internal project meetings that would entail discussion of topics that could result in major changes to the baseline project technical scope/approach, cost, or schedule. Upon request by EERE, the Recipient is required to provide EERE with reasonable access (by telephone, webinar, or otherwise) to the tests and project meetings. The Recipient is not expected to delay any work under this Award for the purpose of government insight.

#### C. Site Visits

EERE's authorized representatives have the right to make site visits at reasonable times to review project accomplishments and management control systems and to provide technical assistance, if required. The Recipient must provide, and must require subrecipients to provide, reasonable access to facilities, office space, resources, and assistance for the safety and convenience of the government representatives in the performance of their duties. All site visits and evaluations must be performed in a manner that does not unduly interfere with or delay the work.

#### D. EERE Access

The Recipient must provide any information, documents, site access, or other assistance requested by EERE for the purpose of its Federal stewardship or substantial involvement.

Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy

## Term 7. NEPA Requirements

DOE must comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) prior to authorizing the use of Federal funds. Based on all information provided by the Recipient, EERE has made a NEPA determination by issuing a categorical exclusion (CX) for all activities listed in the DOE NEPA Determination and approved by the Contracting Officer. The Recipient is thereby authorized to use Federal funds for the defined project activities, except where such activity is subject to a restriction set forth elsewhere in this Award.

This authorization is specific to the project activities as described in the DOE NEPA Determination and approved by the Contracting Officer.

*If the Recipient later intends to add to or modify the activities* as described in the DOE NEPA Determination, those new activities or modified activities are subject to additional NEPA review and are not authorized for Federal funding until the Contracting Officer provides written authorization on those additions or modifications. Should the Recipient elect to undertake activities prior to written authorization from the Contracting Officer, the Recipient does so at risk of not receiving Federal funding for those activities, and such costs may not be recognized as allowable cost share.

### Term 8. Reserved

#### Term 9. Performance of Work in United States

#### A. Requirement

All work performed under this Award must be performed in the United States unless the Contracting Officer provides a waiver. This requirement does not apply to the purchase of supplies and equipment; however, the Recipient should make every effort to purchase supplies and equipment within the United States. The Recipient must flow down this requirement to its subrecipients.

#### B. Failure to Comply

If the Recipient fails to comply with the Performance of Work in the United States requirement, the Contracting Officer may deny reimbursement for the work conducted outside the United States and such costs may not be recognized as allowable Recipient cost share regardless if the work is performed by the Recipient, subrecipients, vendors or other project partners.

#### C. Waiver for Work Outside the U.S.

All work performed under this Award must be performed in the United States. However, the Contracting Officer may approve the Recipient to perform a portion of the work outside the United States under limited circumstances. The Recipient must

Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy

obtain a waiver from the Contracting Officer prior to conducting any work outside the U.S. To request a waiver, the Recipient must submit a written waiver request to the Contracting Officer, which includes the following information:

- The rationale for performing the work outside the U.S.;
- A description of the work proposed to be performed outside the U.S.;
- Proposed budget of work to be performed; and
- The countries in which the work is proposed to be performed.

For the rationale, the Recipient must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Contracting Officer that the performance of work outside the United States would further the purposes of the FOA or Program that the Award was selected under and is in the economic interests of the United States. The Contracting Officer may require additional information before considering such request.

# Term 10. Foreign National Involvement

The Recipient and project participants (including subrecipients and contractors) who anticipate involving foreign nationals in the performance of an award, may be required to provide DOE with specific information about each foreign national to satisfy requirements for foreign national participation. A foreign national is defined as any person who is not a U.S. citizen by birth or naturalization. The volume and type of information collected may depend on various factors associated with the award.

# Term 11. Reporting Requirements

#### A. Requirements

The reporting requirements for this Award are identified on the Federal Assistance Reporting Checklist, attached to this Award. Failure to comply with these reporting requirements is considered a material noncompliance with the terms of the Award. Noncompliance may result in withholding of future payments, suspension, or termination of the current award, and withholding of future awards. A willful failure to perform, a history of failure to perform, or unsatisfactory performance of this and/or other financial assistance awards, may also result in a debarment action to preclude future awards by Federal agencies.

#### B. Dissemination of Scientific and Technical Information

Scientific and Technical Information (STI) generated under this Award will be submitted to DOE via the Office of Scientific and Technical Information's Energy Link (<u>E-Link</u>) system. STI submitted under this Award will be disseminated via DOE's <u>OSTI.gov</u> website subject to approved access limitations. Citations for journal articles produced under the Award will appear on the <u>DOE PAGES</u> website.

# C. Restrictions

Scientific and Technical Information submitted to E-Link must not contain any Protected Personal Identifiable Information (PII), limited rights data (proprietary data), classified information, information subject to export control classification, or other information not subject to release.

# Term 12. Lobbying

By accepting funds under this Award, the Recipient agrees that none of the funds obligated on the Award shall be expended, directly or indirectly, to influence congressional action on any legislation or appropriation matters pending before Congress, other than to communicate to Members of Congress as described in 18 U.S.C. 1913. This restriction is in addition to those prescribed elsewhere in statute and regulation.

# Term 13. Publications

The Recipient is required to include the following acknowledgement in publications arising out of, or relating to, work performed under this Award, whether copyrighted or not:

- Acknowledgment: "This material is based upon work supported by the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) under the State Energy Program Award Number DE-\_\_\_\_\_."
- *Full Legal Disclaimer:* "This report was prepared as an account of work sponsored by an agency of the United States Government. Neither the United States Government nor any agency thereof, nor any of their employees, makes any warranty, express or implied, or assumes any legal liability or responsibility for the accuracy, completeness, or usefulness of any information, apparatus, product, or process disclosed, or represents that its use would not infringe privately owned rights. Reference herein to any specific commercial product, process, or service by trade name, trademark, manufacturer, or otherwise does not necessarily constitute or imply its endorsement, recommendation, or favoring by the United States Government or any agency thereof. The views and opinions of authors expressed herein do not necessarily state or reflect those of the United States Government or any agency thereof."

Abridged Legal Disclaimer: "The views expressed herein do not necessarily represent the views of the U.S. Department of Energy or the United States Government."

Recipients should make every effort to include the full Legal Disclaimer. However, in the event that recipients are constrained by formatting and/or page limitations set by the publisher, the abridged Legal Disclaimer is an acceptable alternative.

# Term 14. No-Cost Extension

As provided in 2 CFR 200.308, the Recipient must provide the Contracting Officer with notice in advance if it intends to utilize a one-time, no-cost extension of this Award. The notification

must include the supporting reasons and the revised period of performance. The Recipient must submit this notification in writing to the Contracting Officer and DOE Technology Manager/ Project Officer at least 30 days before the end of the current budget period.

Any no-cost extension will not alter the project scope, milestones, deliverables, or budget of this Award.

# Term 15. Property Standards

The complete text of the Property Standards can be found at 2 CFR 200.310 through 200.316. Also see 2 CFR 910.360 for additional requirements for real property and equipment for For-Profit recipients.

# Term 16. Insurance Coverage

See 2 CFR 200.310 for insurance requirements for real property and equipment acquired or improved with Federal funds. Also see 2 CFR 910.360(d) for additional requirements for real property and equipment for For-Profit recipients.

# Term 17. Real Property

Subject to the conditions set forth in 2 CFR 200.311, title to real property acquired or improved under a Federal award will conditionally vest upon acquisition in the non-Federal entity. The non-Federal entity cannot encumber this property and must follow the requirements of 2 CFR 200.311 before disposing of the property.

Except as otherwise provided by Federal statutes or by the Federal awarding agency, real property will be used for the originally authorized purpose as long as needed for that purpose. When real property is no longer needed for the originally authorized purpose, the non-Federal entity must obtain disposition instructions from DOE or pass-through entity. The instructions must provide for one of the following alternatives: (1) retain title after compensating DOE as described in 2 CFR 200.311(c)(1); (2) Sell the property and compensate DOE as specified in 2 CFR 200.311(c)(2); or (3) transfer title to DOE or to a third party designated/approved by DOE as specified in 2 CFR 200.311(c)(3).

See 2 CFR 200.311 for additional requirements pertaining to real property acquired or improved under a Federal award. Also see 2 CFR 910.360 for additional requirements for real property for For-Profit recipients.

# Term 18. Equipment

Subject to the conditions provided in 2 CFR 200.313, title to equipment (property) acquired under a Federal award will conditionally vest upon acquisition with the non-Federal entity. The non-Federal entity cannot encumber this property and must follow the requirements of 2 CFR 200.313 before disposing of the property.

ENERGY R

Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy

A state must use equipment acquired under a Federal award by the state in accordance with state laws and procedures.

Equipment must be used by the non-Federal entity in the program or project for which it was acquired as long as it is needed, whether or not the project or program continues to be supported by the Federal award. When no longer needed for the originally authorized purpose, the equipment may be used by programs supported by DOE in the priority order specified in 2 CFR 200.313(c)(1)(i) and (ii).

Management requirements, including inventory and control systems, for equipment are provided in 2 CFR 200.313(d).

When equipment acquired under a Federal award is no longer needed, the non-Federal entity must obtain disposition instructions from DOE or pass-through entity.

Disposition will be made as follows: (1) items of equipment with a current fair market value of \$5,000 or less may be retained, sold, or otherwise disposed of with no further obligation to DOE; (2) Non-Federal entity may retain title or sell the equipment after compensating DOE as described in 2 CFR 200.313(e)(2); or (3) transfer title to DOE or to an eligible third party as specified in 2 CFR 200.313(e)(3).

See 2 CFR 200.313 for additional requirements pertaining to equipment acquired under a Federal award. Also see 2 CFR 910.360 for additional requirements for equipment for For-Profit recipients. See also 2 CFR 200.439 Equipment and other capital expenditures.

# Term 19. Supplies

See 2 CFR 200.314 for requirements pertaining to supplies acquired under a Federal award. See also 2 CFR 200.453 Materials and supplies costs, including costs of computing devices.

# Term 20. Property Trust Relationship

Real property, equipment, and intangible property, that are acquired or improved with a Federal award must be held in trust by the non-Federal entity as trustee for the beneficiaries of the project or program under which the property was acquired or improved. See 2 CFR 200.316 for additional requirements pertaining to real property, equipment, and intangible property acquired or improved under a Federal award.

# Term 21. Record Retention

Consistent with 2 CFR 200.334 through 200.338, the Recipient is required to retain records relating to this Award.



Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy

#### Term 22. Audits

#### A. Government-Initiated Audits

The Recipient must provide any information, documents, site access, or other assistance requested by EERE, DOE or Federal auditing agencies (e.g., DOE Inspector General, Government Accountability Office) for the purpose of audits and investigations. Such assistance may include, but is not limited to, reasonable access to the Recipient's records relating to this Award.

Consistent with 2 CFR part 200 as amended by 2 CFR part 910, DOE may audit the Recipient's financial records or administrative records relating to this Award at any time. Government-initiated audits are generally paid for by DOE.

DOE may conduct a final audit at the end of the project period (or the termination of the Award, if applicable). Upon completion of the audit, the Recipient is required to refund to DOE any payments for costs that were determined to be unallowable. If the audit has not been performed or completed prior to the closeout of the award, DOE retains the right to recover an appropriate amount after fully considering the recommendations on disallowed costs resulting from the final audit.

DOE will provide reasonable advance notice of audits and will minimize interference with ongoing work, to the maximum extent practicable.

#### B. Annual Independent Audits (Single Audit or Compliance Audit)

The Recipient must comply with the annual independent audit requirements in 2 CFR 200.500 through .521 for institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, and state and local governments (Single audit), and 2 CFR 910.500 through .521 for for-profit entities (Compliance audit).

The annual independent audits are separate from Government-initiated audits discussed in part A. of this Term, and must be paid for by the Recipient. To minimize expense, the Recipient may have a Compliance audit in conjunction with its annual audit of financial statements. The financial statement audit is **not** a substitute for the Compliance audit. If the audit (Single audit or Compliance audit, depending on Recipient entity type) has not been performed or completed prior to the closeout of the award, DOE may impose one or more of the actions outlined in 2 CFR 200.338, Remedies for Noncompliance.

ENERGY Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy

# Subpart B. Financial Provisions

# Term 23. Maximum Obligation

The maximum obligation of DOE for this Award is the total "Funds Obligated" as stated in Block 13 of the Assistance Agreement to this Award. The "Funds Obligated" shall be used only to create or update a compliant State Energy Security Plan. This BIL award will consist of a 5-year Project and Budget Period. However, additional funds will be made available after completion of a full State plan application submitted under a subsequent Administrative and Legal Documents Requirements (ALRD).

Additional Federal funding is contingent upon: (1) Recipient's demonstrated substantial progress towards meeting the objectives of the Award; (2) availability of Federal funds appropriated by Congress for the purpose of this program; and (3) the availability of future-year budget authority.

# Term 24. Continuation Application and Funding

#### A. Continuation Application

A continuation application is a non-competitive application for an additional budget period and extended project period. The continuation application shall be submitted to EERE in accordance with the annual Announcement/Grant Guidance that is issued.

#### B. Continuation Funding

Continuation funding is contingent on (1) the availability of funds appropriated by Congress for the purpose of this program; (2) the availability of future-year budget authority; (3) Recipient's satisfactory progress towards meeting the objectives of the State Energy Program; (4) Recipient's submittal of required reports; (5) Recipient's compliance with the terms and conditions of the Award; (6) the Recipient's submission of a continuation application; and (7) written approval of the continuation application by the Contracting Officer.

# Term 25. Reserved

# Term 26. Refund Obligation

The Recipient must refund any excess payments received from EERE, including any costs determined unallowable by the Contracting Officer. Upon the end of the project period (or the termination of the Award, if applicable), the Recipient must refund to EERE the difference between (1) the total payments received from EERE, and (2) the Federal share of the costs incurred. Refund obligations under this Term do not supersede the annual reconciliation or true up process if specified under the Indirect Cost Term.

# Term 27. Allowable Costs

EERE determines the allowability of costs through reference to 2 CFR part 200 as amended by 2 CFR part 910. All project costs must be allowable, allocable, and reasonable. The Recipient must document and maintain records of all project costs, including, but not limited to, the costs paid by Federal funds, costs claimed by its subrecipients and project costs that the Recipient claims as cost sharing, including in-kind contributions. The Recipient is responsible for maintaining records adequate to demonstrate that costs claimed have been incurred, are reasonable, allowable and allocable, and comply with the cost principles. Upon request, the Recipient is required to provide such records to EERE. Such records are subject to audit. Failure to provide EERE adequate supporting documentation may result in a determination by the Contracting Officer that those costs are unallowable.

The Recipient is required to obtain the prior written approval of the Contracting Officer for any foreign travel costs.

### Term 28. Indirect Costs

#### A. Indirect Cost Allocation:

The Recipient has a current and approved Predetermined or Fixed Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA) and it applies uniformly across all Federal awards through the Recipients fiscal year end <u>2023</u>. An updated rate proposal or NICRA is required within 180 days prior to the identified expiration if the Recipient is to continue to bill predetermined indirect cost billing rates on the DOE award.

#### B. Fringe Cost Allocation:

Fringe benefit costs have been allocated to this award under a segregated fringe billing rate. The fringe costs were found to be reasonable, allocable, and allowable as reflected in the budget. Fringe elements apply to both direct and indirect labor. Under a segregated cost pool, the fringe billing rate shall be treated as an indirect cost expenditure and must be reconciled annually.

#### C. Subrecipient Indirect Costs (If Applicable):

The Recipient must ensure its subrecipient's indirect costs are appropriately managed, have been found to be allowable, and comply with the requirements of this Award and 2 CFR Part 200 as amended by 2 CFR Part 910.

#### D. Indirect Cost Stipulations:

#### i. Modification to Indirect Cost Billing Rates

EERE will not modify this Award solely to provide additional funds to cover increases in the Recipient's indirect cost billing rate(s). Adjustments to the indirect cost billing rates must be approved by the Recipient's Cognizant



Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy

Agency or Cognizant Federal Agency Official.

The Recipient must provide a copy of an updated NICRA or indirect rate proposal to the DOE Award Administrator in order to increase indirect cost billing rates. If the Contracting Officer provides prior written approval, the Recipient may incur an increase in the indirect cost billing rates. Reimbursement will be limited by the budgeted dollar amount for indirect costs for each budget period as shown in Attachment 3 to this Award.

#### ii. Cost Sharing Indirect Costs

Indirect costs may be used as cost share only with prior approval from the Contracting Officer.

#### iii. Award Closeout

The closeout of the DOE award does not affect (1) the right of the DOE to disallow costs and recover funds on the basis of a later audit or other review; (2) the requirement for the Recipient to return any funds due as a result of later refunds, corrections or other transactions including final indirect cost billing rate adjustments; and (3) the ability of the DOE to make financial adjustments to a previously closed award resolving indirect cost payments and making final payments.

# Term 29. Decontamination and/or Decommissioning (D&D) Costs

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Award, the Government shall not be responsible for or have any obligation to the Recipient for (1) Decontamination and/or Decommissioning (D&D) of any of the Recipient's facilities, or (2) any costs which may be incurred by the Recipient in connection with the D&D of any of its facilities due to the performance of the work under this Award, whether said work was performed prior to or subsequent to the effective date of the Award.

# Term 30. Use of Program Income

If the Recipient earns program income during the project period as a result of this Award, the Recipient must add the program income to the funds committed to the Award and used to further eligible project objectives.

# Term 31. Payment Procedures

#### A. Method of Payment

Payment will be made by advances through the Department of Treasury's ASAP system.

#### **B. Requesting Advances**

Requests for advances must be made through the ASAP system. The Recipient may

submit requests as frequently as required to meet its needs to disburse funds for the Federal share of project costs. If feasible, the Recipient should time each request so that the Recipient receives payment on the same day that the Recipient disburses funds for direct project costs and the proportionate share of any allowable indirect costs. If same-day transfers are not feasible, advance payments must be as close to actual disbursements as administratively feasible.

#### C. Adjusting Payment Requests for Available Cash

The Recipient must disburse any funds that are available from repayments to and interest earned on a revolving fund, program income, rebates, refunds, contract settlements, audit recoveries, credits, discounts, and interest earned on any of those funds before requesting additional cash payments from EERE.

#### **D.** Payments

All payments are made by electronic funds transfer to the bank account identified on the Bank Information Form that the Recipient filed with the U.S. Department of Treasury.

#### E. Unauthorized Drawdown of Federal Funds

For each budget period, the Recipient may not spend more than the Federal share authorized to that particular budget period, without specific written approval from the Contracting Officer. The Recipient must immediately refund EERE any amounts spent or drawn down in excess of the authorized amount for a budget period. The Recipient and subrecipients shall promptly, but at least quarterly, remit to DOE interest earned on advances drawn in excess of disbursement needs, and shall comply with the procedure for remitting interest earned to the Federal government per 2 CFR 200.305, as applicable.

#### F. Supporting Documents for Agency Approval of Payments

DOE may require Agency pre-approval of payments. If the Agency approval requirement is in effect for the Recipient's Award, the ASAP system will indicate that Agency approval is required when the Recipient submits a request for payment.

The Recipient must notify the DOE Technical Project Officer and DOE Award Administrator identified on the Assistance Agreement that a payment request has been submitted.

The following items are required to be submitted to the DOE Technical Project Officer and DOE Award Administrator identified on the Assistance Agreement:

- Summary cost data, for the billing period and cumulative cost data, showing all categories listed in the SF-424A and identifying Federal, non-Federal, and total amounts.
- SF-270.



Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy

- If there are unauthorized phases and/or tasks for the current budget period in the NEPA Requirements term in these Special Terms and Conditions, a statement affirming that no invoiced costs are related to tasks or activities prohibited by the NEPA Requirements term.
- Applicable to for-profit recipients and subrecipients UCC filing proof for all equipment acquired with project funds (i.e., Federal share or Recipient share) and equipment offered as cost share.

The DOE payment authorizing official may request additional information from the Recipient to support the payment requests prior to release of funds, as deemed necessary. The Recipient is required to comply with these requests. Supporting documents include invoices, copies of contracts, vendor quotes, and other expenditure explanations that justify the payment requests.

# Term 32. Budget Changes

#### A. Budget Changes Generally

The Contracting Officer has reviewed and approved the SF-424A in Attachment 3 to this Award.

Any increase in the total project cost, whether DOE share or Cost Share, which is stated as "Total" in Block 12 to the Assistance Agreement of this Award, must be approved in advance and in writing by the Contracting Officer.

Any change that alters the project scope, milestones or deliverables requires prior written approval of the Contracting Officer. EERE may deny reimbursement for any failure to comply with the requirements in this term.

#### B. Transfers of Funds Among Direct Cost Categories

The Recipient is required to submit written notification via email (not in PAGE) to the Project Officer identified in the Assistance Agreement of any transfer of funds among direct cost categories where the cumulative amount of such transfers exceeds or is expected to exceed 10 percent of the total project cost, which is stated as "Total" in Block 12 to the Assistance Agreement of this Award.

Upon receipt of adequate notification documentation by the Project Officer, the recipient is hereby authorized to transfer funds among direct cost categories for program activities consistent with their approved State/Annual Plan, without prior approval by the awarding agency.

Limitations on supplies and equipment as detailed in the respective year's SEP Grant Guidance still apply and are not waived under this provision.

# C. Transfer of Funds Between Direct and Indirect Cost Categories

The Recipient is required to obtain the prior written approval of the Contracting Officer for any transfer of funds between direct and indirect cost categories. If the Recipient's actual allowable indirect costs are less than those budgeted in Attachment 3 to this Award, the Recipient may use the difference to pay additional allowable direct costs during the project period so long as the total difference is less than 10% of total project costs and the difference is reflected in actual requests for reimbursement to DOE.

# Term 33. Carryover of Unobligated Balances

The Recipient is hereby authorized to carry over unobligated balances of Federal and non-Federal funds from one budget period to a subsequent budget period, for program activities consistent with their approved State/Annual Plan, without prior approval by the Contracting Officer. Should the Recipient wish to use carryover funds for activities that are not consistent with the approved State/Annual Plan, a budget revision application must be submitted for approval by DOE.

For purposes of this Award, an unobligated balance is the portion of the funds authorized by DOE that have not been obligated by the Recipient at the end of a budget period. The Recipient is advised to carefully manage grant funds to minimize unobligated balances each year, but especially at the end of the grant project period.

# Subpart C. Miscellaneous Provisions

# Term 34. Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation

#### A. Reporting of first-tier subawards

- i. *Applicability*. Unless the Recipient is exempt as provided in paragraph D. of this award term, the Recipient must report each action that equals or exceeds \$30,000 in Federal funds for a subaward to an entity (see definitions in paragraph E. of this award term).
- ii. Where and when to report.
  - 1. The Recipient must report each obligating action described in paragraph A.i. of this award term to <u>https://www.fsrs.gov</u>.
  - 2. For subaward information, report no later than the end of the month following the month in which the obligation was made. (For example, if the obligation was made on November 7, 2010, the obligation must be reported no later than December 31, 2010.)



iii. What to report. The Recipient must report the information about each obligating action that the submission instructions posted at <u>https://www.fsrs.gov</u> specify.

#### **B.** Reporting Total Compensation of Recipient Executives

- i. *Applicability and what to report*. The Recipient must report total compensation for each of its five most highly compensated executives for the preceding completed fiscal year, if:
  - 1. The total Federal funding authorized to date under this Award equals or exceeds \$30,000 as defined in 2 CFR 170.320;
  - 2. In the preceding fiscal year, the Recipient received;
    - a. 80 percent or more of the Recipient's annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR 170.320 (and subawards); and
    - \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR 170.320 (and subawards)
  - The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, see the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at <u>http://www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm</u>).
- ii. *Where and when to report*. The Recipient must report executive total compensation described in paragraph B.i. of this award term:
  - 1. As part of the Recipient's registration profile at <u>https://www.sam.gov</u>.
  - 2. By the end of the month following the month in which this award is made, and annually thereafter.



#### C. Reporting of Total Compensation of Subrecipient Executives

- i. Applicability and what to report. Unless the Recipient is exempt as provided in paragraph D. of this award term, for each first-tier subrecipient under this award, the Recipient shall report the names and total compensation of each of the subrecipient's five most highly compensated executives for the subrecipient's preceding completed fiscal year, if:
  - 1. In the subrecipient's preceding fiscal year, the subrecipient received:
    - a. 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR 170.320 (and subawards); and
    - \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts), and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act (and subawards)
  - The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, see the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at <u>http://www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm</u>).
- ii. *Where and when to report*. The Recipient must report subrecipient executive total compensation described in paragraph C.i. of this award term:
  - 1. To the recipient.
  - By the end of the month following the month during which the Recipient makes the subaward. For example, if a subaward is obligated on any date during the month of October of a given year (*i.e.*, between October 1 and 31), the Recipient must report any required compensation information of the subrecipient by November 30 of that year.

#### **D. Exemptions**

If, in the previous tax year, the Recipient had gross income, from all sources, under \$300,000, it is exempt from the requirements to report:



- i. Subawards; and
- ii. The total compensation of the five most highly compensated executives of any subrecipient.

#### E. Definitions

For purposes of this Award term:

- i. Entity means all of the following, as defined in 2 CFR Part 25:
  - 1. A Governmental organization, which is a State, local government, or Indian tribe.
  - 2. A foreign public entity.
  - 3. A domestic or foreign nonprofit organization.
  - 4. A domestic or foreign for-profit organization.
  - 5. A Federal agency, but only as a subrecipient under an award or subaward to a non-Federal entity.
- ii. Executive means officers, managing partners, or any other employees in management positions.
- iii. Subaward:
  - This term means a legal instrument to provide support for the performance of any portion of the substantive project or program for which the Recipient received this award and that the recipient awards to an eligible subrecipient.
  - 2. The term does not include the Recipient's procurement of property and services needed to carry out the project or program (for further explanation, see 2 CFR 200.501 Audit requirements, (f) *Subrecipients and Contractors* and/or 2 CFR 910.501 Audit requirements, (f) *Subrecipients and Contractors*).
  - 3. A subaward may be provided through any legal agreement, including an agreement that the Recipient or a subrecipient considers a contract.
- iv. Subrecipient means an entity that:
  - 1. Receives a subaward from the Recipient under this award; and



- 2. Is accountable to the Recipient for the use of the Federal funds provided by the subaward.
- v. Total compensation means the cash and noncash dollar value earned by the executive during the recipient's or subrecipient's preceding fiscal year and includes the following (for more information see 17 CFR 229.402(c)(2)):
  - 1. Salary and bonus.
  - Awards of stock, stock options, and stock appreciation rights. Use the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes with respect to the fiscal year in accordance with the Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (Revised 2004) (FAS 123R), Shared Based Payments.
  - 3. Earnings for services under non-equity incentive plans. This does not include group life, health, hospitalization or medical reimbursement plans that do not discriminate in favor of executives, and are available generally to all salaried employees.
  - 4. Change in pension value. This is the change in present value of defined benefit and actuarial pension plans.
  - 5. Above-market earnings on deferred compensation which is not taxqualified.
  - 6. Other compensation, if the aggregate value of all such other compensation (*e.g.* severance, termination payments, value of life insurance paid on behalf of the employee, perquisites or property) for the executive exceeds \$10,000.

# Term 35. System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements

A. Requirement for Registration in the System for Award Management (SAM)

Unless the Recipient is exempted from this requirement under 2 CFR 25.110, the Recipient must maintain the currency of its information in SAM until the Recipient submits the final financial report required under this Award or receive the final payment, whichever is later. This requires that the Recipient reviews and updates the information at least annually after the initial registration, and more frequently if required by changes in its information or another award term.



#### B. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)

SAM automatically assigns a UEI to all active SAM.gov registered entities. Entities no longer have to go to a third-party website to obtain their identifier. This information is displayed on SAM.gov.

If the Recipient is authorized to make subawards under this Award, the Recipient:

- i. Must notify potential subrecipients that no entity (see definition in paragraph C of this award term) may receive a subaward from the Recipient unless the entity has provided its UEI number to the Recipient.
- ii. May not make a subaward to an entity unless the entity has provided its UEI number to the Recipient.

#### C. Definitions

For purposes of this award term:

- i. System for Award Management (SAM) means the Federal repository into which an entity must provide information required for the conduct of business as a recipient. Additional information about registration procedures may be found at the SAM Internet site (currently at <a href="https://www.sam.gov">https://www.sam.gov</a>).
- ii. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) is the 12-character, alpha-numeric identifier that will be assigned by SAM.gov upon registration.
- iii. Entity, as it is used in this award term, means all of the following, as defined at 2 CFR Part 25, subpart C:
  - 1. A Governmental organization, which is a State, local government, or Indian Tribe.
  - 2. A foreign public entity.
  - 3. A domestic or foreign nonprofit organization.
  - 4. A domestic or foreign for-profit organization.
  - 5. A Federal agency, but only as a subrecipient under an award or subaward to a non-Federal entity.
- iv. Subaward:
  - This term means a legal instrument to provide support for the performance of any portion of the substantive project or program for which the Recipient received this Award and that the Recipient awards to an eligible subrecipient.



- 2. The term does not include the Recipient's procurement of property and services needed to carry out the project or program (for further explanation, see 2 CFR 200.501 Audit requirements, (f) *Subrecipients and Contractors* and/or 2 CFR 910.501 Audit requirements, (f) *Subrecipients and Contractors*).
- 3. A subaward may be provided through any legal agreement, including an agreement that the Recipient considers a contract.
- v. Subrecipient means an entity that:
  - 1. Receives a subaward from the Recipient under this Award; and
  - 2. Is accountable to the Recipient for the use of the Federal funds provided by the subaward.

# Term 36. Nondisclosure and Confidentiality Agreements Assurances

- A. By entering into this agreement, the Recipient attests that it **does not and will not** require its employees or contractors to sign internal nondisclosure or confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting its employees or contactors from lawfully reporting waste, fraud, or abuse to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a Federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.
- B. The Recipient further attests that it **does not and will not** use any Federal funds to implement or enforce any nondisclosure and/or confidentiality policy, form, or agreement it uses unless it contains the following provisions:
  - i. "These provisions are consistent with and do not supersede, conflict with, or otherwise alter the employee obligations, rights, or liabilities created by existing statute or Executive order relating to (1) classified information, (2) communications to Congress, (3) the reporting to an Inspector General of a violation of any law, rule, or regulation, or mismanagement, a gross waste of funds, an abuse of authority, or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or (4) any other whistleblower protection. The definitions, requirements, obligations, rights, sanctions, and liabilities created by controlling Executive orders and statutory provisions are incorporated into this agreement and are controlling."
  - The limitation above shall not contravene requirements applicable to Standard Form 312, Form 4414, or any other form issued by a Federal department or agency governing the nondisclosure of classified information.



Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy

iii. Notwithstanding provision listed in paragraph (a), a nondisclosure or confidentiality policy form or agreement that is to be executed by a person connected with the conduct of an intelligence or intelligence-related activity, other than an employee or officer of the United States Government, may contain provisions appropriate to the particular activity for which such document is to be used. Such form or agreement shall, at a minimum, require that the person will not disclose any classified information received in the course of such activity unless specifically authorized to do so by the United States Government. Such nondisclosure or confidentiality forms shall also make it clear that they do not bar disclosures to Congress, or to an authorized official of an executive agency or the Department of Justice, that are essential to reporting a substantial violation of law.

# Term 37. Conference Spending

The Recipient shall not expend any funds on a conference not directly and programmatically related to the purpose for which the grant or cooperative agreement was awarded that would defray the cost to the United States Government of a conference held by any Executive branch department, agency, board, commission, or office for which the cost to the United States Government would otherwise exceed \$20,000, thereby circumventing the required notification by the head of any such Executive Branch department, agency, board, commission, or office to the Inspector General (or senior ethics official for any entity without an Inspector General), of the date, location, and number of employees attending such conference.

#### Term 38. Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters

#### A. General Reporting Requirement

If the total value of the Recipient's currently active Financial Assistance awards, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts from all Federal awarding agencies exceeds \$10,000,000 for any period of time during the period of performance of this Federal award, then you as the recipient during that period of time must maintain the currency of information reported to the System for Award Management (SAM) that is made available in the designated integrity and performance system (currently the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS)) about civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings described in paragraph 2 of this term. This is a statutory requirement under section 3010 of Public Law 110-417, as amended (41 U.S.C. 2313). As required by section 3010 of Public Law 111-212, all information posted in the designated integrity and performance system on or after April 15, 2011, except past performance reviews required for Federal procurement contracts, will be publicly available.

#### B. Proceedings About Which You Must Report

Submit the information required about each proceeding that:

- Is in connection with the award or performance of a Financial Assistance, cooperative agreement, or procurement contract from the Federal Government;
- ii. Reached its final disposition during the most recent five-year period; and
- iii. Is one of the following:
  - 1. A criminal proceeding that resulted in a conviction, as defined in paragraph E of this award term and condition;
  - 2. A civil proceeding that resulted in a finding of fault and liability and payment of a monetary fine, penalty, reimbursement, restitution, or damages of \$5,000 or more;
  - 3. An administrative proceeding, as defined in paragraph E of this term, that resulted in a finding of fault and liability and your payment of either a monetary fine or penalty of \$5,000 or more or reimbursement, restitution, or damages in excess of \$100,000; or
  - 4. Any other criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding if:
    - a. It could have led to an outcome described in paragraph B.iii.1,2, or 3 of this term;
    - b. It had a different disposition arrived at by consent or compromise with an acknowledgment of fault on your part; and
    - c. The requirement in this term to disclose information about the proceeding does not conflict with applicable laws and regulations.

# C. Reporting Procedures

Enter in the SAM Entity Management area the information that SAM requires about each proceeding described in paragraph B of this term. You do not need to submit the information a second time under assistance awards that you received if you already provided the information through SAM because you were required to do so under Federal procurement contracts that you were awarded.

#### D. Reporting Frequency

During any period of time when you are subject to the requirement in paragraph A of this term, you must report proceedings information through SAM for the most recent five-year period, either to report new information about any proceeding(s) that you have not reported previously or affirm that there is no new information to report. Recipients that have Federal contract, Financial Assistance awards, (including cooperative agreement awards) with a cumulative total value greater than \$10,000,000, must disclose semiannually any information about the criminal, civil, and administrative proceedings.

DocuSign Envelope ID: D4118AA1-0EC6-43DA-B6B1-0D5C8CCCA7B9



Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy

## E. Definitions

For purposes of this term:

- i. Administrative proceeding means a non-judicial process that is adjudicatory in nature in order to make a determination of fault or liability (e.g., Securities and Exchange Commission Administrative proceedings, Civilian Board of Contract Appeals proceedings, and Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals proceedings). This includes proceedings at the Federal and State level but only in connection with performance of a Federal contract or Financial Assistance awards. It does not include audits, site visits, corrective plans, or inspection of deliverables.
- ii. Conviction means a judgment or conviction of a criminal offense by any court of competent jurisdiction, whether entered upon a verdict or a plea, and includes a conviction entered upon a plea of *nolo contendere*.
- iii. Total value of currently active Financial Assistance awards, cooperative agreements and procurement contracts includes—
  - 1. Only the Federal share of the funding under any Federal award with a recipient cost share or match; and
  - 2. The value of all expected funding increments under a Federal award and options, even if not yet exercised.

# Term 39. Export Control

The U.S. government regulates the transfer of information, commodities, technology, and software considered to be strategically important to the U.S. to protect national security, foreign policy, and economic interests without imposing undue regulatory burdens on legitimate international trade. There is a network of Federal agencies and regulations that govern exports that are collectively referred to as "Export Controls." To ensure compliance with Export Controls, it is the Recipient's responsibility to determine when its project activities trigger Export Controls and to ensure compliance.

Certain information, technology or material under an award may be considered exportcontrolled items that cannot be released to any foreign entity (organization, company, or person) without a license. The Recipient, and any subrecipients, must take the appropriate steps to obtain any required licenses, monitor and control access to restricted information and material, and safeguard all controlled items to ensure compliance with Export Controls. Under no circumstances may any foreign entity (organizations, companies, or persons) receive access to an export-controlled item unless proper export procedures have been satisfied and such access is authorized pursuant to law or regulation.

The Recipient must immediately report to DOE any export control violations related to the project funded under this Award, at the recipient or subrecipient level, and provide the corrective action(s) to prevent future violations.

ENERGY Energy Renew

# Term 40. Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment

As set forth in 2 CFR 200.116, recipients and subrecipients are prohibited from obligating or expending project funds (Federal funds and recipient cost share) to:

(1) Procure or obtain;

(2) Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or

(3) Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in Public Law 115-232, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

 (i) For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera
 Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

(ii) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.

(iii) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

See Public Law 115-232, section 889 for additional information.

# Term 41. Fraud, Waste and Abuse

The mission of the DOE Office of Inspector General (OIG) is to strengthen the integrity, economy and efficiency of DOE's programs and operations including deterring and detecting fraud, waste, abuse and mismanagement. The OIG accomplishes this mission primarily through investigations, audits, and inspections of Department of Energy activities to include grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and contracts.

The OIG maintains a Hotline for reporting allegations of fraud, waste, abuse, or mismanagement. To report such allegations, please visit https://www.energy.gov/ig/ig-hotline.



Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy

Additionally, the Recipient must be cognizant of the requirements of <u>2 CFR § 200.113</u> <u>Mandatory disclosures</u>:, which states:

The non-Federal entity or applicant for a Federal award must disclose, in a timely manner, in writing to the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the Federal award. Non-Federal entities that have received a Federal award including the term and condition outlined in appendix XII to this part are required to report certain civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings to SAM (currently FAPIIS). Failure to make required disclosures can result in any of the remedies described in § 200.339. (See also 2 CFR part 180, 31 U.S.C. 3321, and 41 U.S.C. 2313.) [85 FR 49539, Aug. 13, 2020]

## Term 42. Interim Conflict of Interest Policy for Financial Assistance Policy

The DOE interim Conflict of Interest Policy for Financial Assistance (COI Policy) can be found at <u>https://www.energy.gov/management/pf-2022-17-department-energy-interim-conflict-interest-policy-requirements-financial</u>. This policy is applicable to all non-Federal entities applying for, or that receive, DOE funding by means of a financial assistance award (e.g., a grant, cooperative agreement, or technology investment agreement) and, through the implementation of this policy by the entity, to each Investigator who is planning to participate in, or is participating in, the project funded wholly or in part under the DOE financial assistance award.

Recipients must flow down the requirements of the interim COI Policy to any subrecipient non-Federal entities.

It is understood that non-Federal entities and individuals receiving DOE financial assistance awards will need sufficient time to come into full compliance with DOE's interim COI Policy. To provide some flexibility, EERE allows for a staggered implementation. Specifically, prior to award, the Recipient must ensure all Investigators complete their significant financial disclosures; review the disclosures; determine whether a FCOI exists; develop and implement a management plan for FCOIs; and provide DOE with an initial FCOI report that includes any unmanaged/ unmanageable FCOIs.

To further ease the administrative burden, EERE established a model conflict of interest policy that WIPO Recipients may adopt and implement. The Recipients has 180 days from the date of this Award to either adopt and implement the WIPO model conflict of interest policy or ensure its existing conflict of interest policy aligns with the requirements of the WIPO model COI policy. The WIPO model COI Policy is available upon request from the Contracting Officer.



# Subpart D. Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)-specific requirements

# Term 43. Recipient Notification of prospective BIL- specific requirements

The funding for this Award is made available under the BIL and is subject to the applicable requirements included in the BIL. Requirements for this Award are listed in the subsequent award terms, however the Recipient should be aware that additional terms and modifications may be included when the Award is modified with the incorporation of the Full Application. Additional terms that may be incorporated include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Publication of Information on the Internet
- 2. Certification and Registration
- 3. Whistleblowers and False Claims

## Term 44. Reporting Tracking and Segregation of Incurred Costs

BIL funds may be used in conjunction with other funding, as necessary to complete projects, but tracking and reporting must be separate. The Recipient must keep separate records for BIL funds and must ensure those records comply with the requirements of the BIL.

## Term 45. Buy American Requirements for Infrastructure Projects

A. Definitions

**Infrastructure** includes, at a minimum, the structures, facilities, and equipment for, in the United States:

- Roads, highways, and bridges;
- Public transportation;
- Dams, ports, harbors, and other maritime facilities;
- Intercity passenger and freight railroads;
- Freight and intermodal facilities;
- Airports;
- Water systems, including drinking water and wastewater systems;
- Electrical transmission facilities and systems;
- Utilities;
- Broadband infrastructure;
- Buildings and real property; and
- Facilities that generate, transport, and distribute energy.

Further, the "infrastructure" in question must either be publicly owned or serve a public function; privately owned infrastructure that is not open to the public, such as a personal residence, is not considered "infrastructure" for purposes of this requirement. In cases where the "public" nature of the infrastructure is unclear, the recipient is required to consult with the DOE Grants Officer who will render a determination.



Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy

**Project** means the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of infrastructure in the United States.

**Construction Materials** includes an article, material, or supply—other than an item of primarily iron or steel; a manufactured product; cement and cementitious materials; aggregates such as stone, sand, or gravel; or aggregate binding agents or additives—that is, or consists primarily of:

- Non-ferrous metals;
- Plastic and polymer-based products (including polyvinylchloride, composite building materials, and polymers used in fiber optic cables);
- Glass (including optic glass);
- Lumber; or
- Drywall.

**Domestic content procurement preference** means and refers to the same thing as "Buy America Preference."

#### B. Buy America Preference

None of the funds provided under this award may be used for a project for infrastructure unless:

- All iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States—this means all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States;
- 2. All manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States—this means the manufactured product was manufactured in the United States; and the cost of the components of the manufactured product that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States is greater than 55 percent of the total cost of all components of the manufactured product, unless another standard for determining the minimum amount of domestic content of the manufactured product has been established under applicable law or regulation; and
- 3. All construction materials are manufactured in the United States—this means that all manufacturing processes for the construction material occurred in the United States.

The Buy America Preference only applies to articles, materials, and supplies that are consumed in, incorporated into, or affixed to an infrastructure project. As such, it does not apply to tools, equipment, and supplies, such as temporary scaffolding, brought into the construction site and removed at or before the completion of the infrastructure project. Nor does a Buy America Preference apply to equipment and furnishings, such as movable chairs, desks, and portable computer equipment, that are used at or within the finished infrastructure project but are not an integral part of the structure or permanently affixed to the infrastructure project.



#### C. <u>Waivers</u>

When necessary, recipients may apply for, and DOE may grant, a waiver from the Buy America Preference requirements. Requests to waive the application of the Buy America Preference must be in writing. Waiver requests are subject to public comment periods of no less than 15 days, as well as review by the Office of Management and Budget.

Waivers must be based on one of the following justifications:

- Applying the Buy America Preference would be inconsistent with the public interest (Public Interest);
- 2. The types of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of a satisfactory quality (Nonavailability); or
- 3. The inclusion of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent (Unreasonable Cost).

Requests to waive the Buy America Preference must include the following:

- Waiver type (Public Interest, Nonavailability, or Unreasonable Cost);
- Recipient name and Unique Entity Identifier (UEI);
- A detailed justification as to how the non-domestic item(s) is/are essential the project;
- A certification that the recipient made a good faith effort to solicit bids for domestic products supported by terms included in requests for proposals, contracts, and non-proprietary communications with potential suppliers;
- Total estimated project cost, with estimated Federal share and recipient cost share breakdowns;
- Total estimated infrastructure costs, with estimated Federal share and recipient cost share breakdowns;
- A brief description of the project, its location, and the specific infrastructure involved;
- List and description of iron or steel item(s), manufactured goods, and/or construction material(s) the recipient seeks to waive from the Buy America Preference, including name, cost, country(ies) of origin, and relevant PSC and NAICS codes for each;
- A justification statement—based on one of the applicable justifications outlined above—as to why the items in question cannot be procured domestically, including the due diligence performed (e.g., market research, industry outreach) by the recipient to attempt to avoid the need for a waiver. This justification may cite, if applicable, the absence of any Buy America-compliant bids received for domestic products in response to a solicitation; and
- Anticipated impact to the project if no waiver is issued.
  - DOE may request, and the recipient must provide, additional information for consideration of this wavier. The Agency's final determination regarding approval or rejection of the waiver request may not be appealed.

ENERGY En

#### Term 46. Davis Bacon Requirements

This Award is funded under Division D of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). All laborers and mechanics employed by the Recipient, subrecipients, contractors or subcontractors in the performance of construction, alteration, or repair work in excess of \$2000 on an Award funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by funds made available under this Award shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on similar projects in the locality, as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code commonly referred to as the "Davis-Bacon Act" (DBA).

By accepting this Award, the Recipient acknowledges the DBA requirements for the Award and confirms that all of the laborers and mechanics performing construction, alteration, or repair work in excess of \$2000 on projects funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by and through funding under the Award are paid or will be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a character similar in the locality as determined by Subchapter IV of Chapter 31 of Title 40, United States Code (Davis-Bacon Act).

The Recipient must comply with all of the Davis-Bacon Act requirements, including but not limited to:

(1) ensuring that the wage determination(s) and appropriate Davis-Bacon clauses and requirements are flowed down to and incorporated into any applicable subcontracts or subrecipient awards.

(2) being responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or subrecipient with the Davis-Bacon labor standards.

(3) receiving and reviewing certified weekly payrolls submitted by all subcontractors and subrecipients for accuracy and to identify potential compliance issues.

(4) maintaining original certified weekly payrolls for 3 years after the completion of the project and must make those payrolls available to the DOE or the Department of Labor upon request, as required by 29 CFR 5.6(a)(2).

(5) conducting payroll and job-site reviews for construction work, including interviews with employees, with such frequency as may be necessary to assure compliance by its subcontractors and subrecipients and as requested or directed by the DOE.

(6) cooperating with any authorized representative of the Department of Labor in their inspection of records, interviews with employees, and other actions undertaken as part of a Department of Labor investigation.



Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy

(7) posting in a prominent and accessible place the wage determination(s) and Department of Labor Publication: WH-1321, Notice to Employees Working on Federal or Federally Assisted Construction Projects.

(8) notifying the Contracting Officer of all labor standards issues, including all complaints regarding incorrect payment of prevailing wages and/or fringe benefits, received from the recipient, subrecipient, contractor, or subcontractor employees; significant labor standards violations, as defined in 29 CFR 5.7; disputes concerning labor standards pursuant to 29 CFR parts 4, 6, and 8 and as defined in FAR 52.222-14; disputed labor standards determinations; Department of Labor investigations; or legal or judicial proceedings related to the labor standards under this Contract, a subcontract, or subrecipient award.

(9) preparing and submitting to the Contracting Officer, the Office of Management and Budget Control Number 1910-5165, Davis Bacon Semi-Annual Labor Compliance Report, by April 21 and October 21 of each year. Form submittal will be administered through the iBenefits system (https://doeibenefits2.energy.gov) or its successor system.

The Recipient must undergo Davis-Bacon Act compliance training and must maintain competency in Davis-Bacon Act compliance. The Contracting Officer will notify the Recipient of any DOE sponsored Davis-Bacon Act compliance trainings. The U.S. Department of Labor ("DOL") offers free Prevailing Wage Seminars several times a year that meet this requirement, at <a href="https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts/construction/seminars/events">https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts/construction/seminars/events</a>.

For additional guidance on how to comply with the Davis-Bacon provisions and clauses, see <a href="https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts/construction">https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts/construction</a> and <a href="https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts/protections-for-workers-in-construction">https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts/construction</a> and <a href="https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts/protections-for-workers-in-construction">https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts/protections-for-workers-in-construction</a> .

# **STATE OF VERMONT GRANT SPENDING PRE-NOTICE** (Form AA-1PN)

PURPOSE & INSTRUCTION	NS.							
		int Fiscal Committee of the unavoidable	e need to spend State funds					
		rant requests and with the intent of secu						
		expenditures of state funds beyond bas						
		tate funds does not guarantee that a gr						
		e accepted by the Joint Fiscal Committe						
		equest for Grant Acceptance must be	submitted to the Joint Fiscal					
Committee for review and appre		g or obligating additional funds.						
BASIC GRANT INFORMAT	TION							
1. Agency:								
2. Department:	Department of	of Public Service						
3. Program:	State Energy	Program						
	State Lifergy	Tiogram						
4. Legal Title of Grant:	State Energy	Program (SEP) Infrastructure Investme	ent and Jobs Act (IIJA) of					
0	2021							
5. Federal Catalog #:	81.041, State	Energy Program						
6. Grant/Donor Name and Ad								
		Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20585						
7. Grant Period: From	<b>1:</b> 7/1/2022	<b>To:</b> 6/30/2027						
8. Purpose of Grant:								
		inds offered through the State Energy P						
		(IIJA) of 2021 to administer established	and new programs for state					
and municipal energy p	olanning.							
9. STATE FUNDS TO BE SP	ENT IN ADVANC	E OF GRANT ACCEPTANCE BY J	OINT FISCAL:					
Expenditures:	<b>FY</b> 23	<b>Required Explanation/Comments</b>						
Personal Services	\$	(Include type of expenditures to be incurred, i.e. trai	ining, planning, proposal development,					
Operating Expenses	\$39,716.51	Complete and submit a State Energy S	Security Dlan (SESD)					
Grants	\$	Complete and submit a State Energy S	Security Flan (SESF).					
Total	\$39,716.51							
<b>10. AUTHORIZATION AGE</b>	NCY/DEPARTME	DocuSigned by:						
We certify that spending these State funds in advance of Joint	Signature:	June E. Tienney	Date: 6/30/2023					
Fiscal Approval of a Grant is	Title: Comm	hissioner, Department of Public Service	I					
inavoidable, and that a complete		-						
Form AA-1 Request for Grant	Signature:		Date:					
Acceptance will be submitted for			Date.					
oint Fiscal Committee approva	lifa							
grant award is received for this	Title:							
program:								
	relevant documenta	tion that demonstrates the necessity of	this expenditure. (example:					
funding opportunity guidelines			und empenditurer (enumprei					
Distribution:	. 0,	/						
Original - Joint Fiscal Office;								
Copy 1 – Department Grant File								
Copy 2 – Attach to Form AA-1 (	if grant is subsequen	tly received).						

#### **STATE OF VERMONT GRANT SPENDING PRE-NOTICE** (Form AA-1PN) (End Form AA-1PN – Grant Spending Pre-Notice – Form AA-1PN)

		ASSIS	STANCE AG	REEMENT			
1. Award No. DE-EE0010104		2. Modificat	tion No.	3. Effective Da		<b>4. CFDA No</b> . 81.041	
5. Awarded To PUBLIC SERVICE, VERMONT Attn: Patricia LaRose 112 STATE ST MONTPELIER VT 056202601		E U 1	EE-1 J.S. Depa .000 Inde	Office fcy & Renew. rtment of E. pendence Av. n DC 20585	nergy		7. Period of Performance 07/01/2022 through 06/30/2023
8. Type of Agreement	9. Authority				10. Purchas	e Request or F	unding Document No.
<ul> <li>☑ Grant</li> <li>☑ Cooperative Agreement</li> <li>☑ Other</li> </ul>	117-58 Infrastru 109-58 Energy Po	olicy Act	2005		22EE0021	_	
11. Remittance Address			12. Total Arr			13. Funds Ob	•
PUBLIC SERVICE, VERMONT Attn: VERMONT DEPARTMEN 112 STATE STREET MONTPELIER VT 056202603	NT OF PUBLIC SER	VIC	Cost Sha	are: \$39,71 re : \$0.00		This acti Total	ion: \$39,716.51 : \$39,716.51
			Total	: \$39,71	0.31		
14. Principal Investigator		n Manager . Fowler 240-562-1	.595		U.S. Depai Golden Fie	eld Office rtment of eld Office ver West P	Energy
17 Cubrit Doursont Domuseto To			. Office			10 Cub	mit Donosto To
17. Submit Payment Requests To Payment - Direct Payme from U.S. Dept of Trea			- Direc	t Payment of Treasury			mit Reports To ttachment 2
20. Accounting and Appropriation I		0000-0000	0000-0000	000		I	
21. Research Title and/or Descripti BIL: SEP - Vermont	on of Project						
For t	he Recipient				For the Unite	d States of Ame	erica
22. Signature of Person Authorized	I to Sign			ignature of Grants			wh
23. Name and Title	2	4. Date Signe		ame of Officer	Parrish		27. Date Signed

#### CONTINUATION SHEET

REFERENCE NO. OF DOCUMENT BEING CONTINUED DE-EE0010104 PAGE

2

OF

3

NAME OF OFFEROR OR CONTRACTOR

M NO.	SUPPLIES/SERVICES	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)
	DUNS Number: Not Available				
	The purpose of this action is to obligate BIL SEE	1			
	funds and to authorize State Energy Security Plan				
	activities.				
	The Project Period for this award is 07/01/2022				
	through 06/30/2027.				
	Current Budget Period: 07/01/2022 through				
	06/30/2023.				
	In Block 7 of the Assistance Agreement, the				
	Period of Performance reflects the beginning of				
	the Project Period through the end of the current				
	Budget Period.				
	In addition to this Assistance Agreement, this				
	award consists of the items listed on the Cover				
	Page of the Special Terms and Conditions.				
	The Special Terms and Conditions for this award				
	contain specific funding restrictions. Please				
	review the Maximum Obligation term for additional				
	information.				
	This award is subject to the Financial Assistance				
	regulations contained in 2 CFR 200 as amended by				
	2 CFR Part 910.				
	Block 9 Authority reads as follows: SEP is				
	authorized under the Energy Policy and				
	Conservation Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6321 et				
	seq.). All grant awards made under this program				
	shall comply with applicable laws including, but				
	not limited to, the SEP statutory authority (42				
	U.S.C. § 6321 et seq.), 10 CFR 420, and 2 CFR 200				
	as amended by 2 CFR Part 910.				
	Funding for all awards and future budget periods				
	Funding for all awards and future budget periods is contingent upon the availability of funds				
	appropriated by Congress for the purpose of this				
	program and the availability of future-year				
	budget authority.				
	DOE Award Administrator: Misty Hitesman				
	Email: Misty.Hitesman@ee.doe.gov				
	Phone: 240-562-1385				
	DOE Project Officer: Henry Fowler				
	Continued	l			

#### CONTINUATION SHEET

REFERENCE NO. OF DOCUMENT BEING CONTINUED DE-EE0010104

PAGE

3

OF

I

3

	SUPPLIES/SERVICES (B)	QUANTITY (C)	UNIT (D)	UNIT PRICE (E)	AMOUNT (F)
E-r	nail: Henry.Fowler@ee.doe.gov		(= )	(⊑)	(1)
	one: 720-356-1595				
Boy	cipient Business Officer: Carol Flint				
	mail: Carol.Flint@Vermont.gov				
	one: 802-828-4009				
	cipient Principal Investigator: Kelly Launder mail: Kelly.Launder@Vermont.gov				
	one: 802-828-4039				
Ele	ectronic signature or signatures as used in				
	is document means a method of signing an				
	ectronic message that-				
(7)	) Identifies and authenticates a particular				
	rson as the source of the electronic message;				
	) Indicates such person's approval of the				
int	formation contained in the electronic message;				
and					
	) Submission via FedConnect constitutes ectronically signed documents.				
	sectionically signed documents.				
	AP: YES Extent Competed: NOT COMPETED				
	vis-Bacon Act: YES PI: Launder, Kelly				
	nd: 05461 Appr Year: 2022 Allottee: 31 Report				
	tity: 200835 Object Class: 41020 Program: 04901 Project: 0000000 WFO: 0000000 Local Use:				
	20000				

JULY 2004