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**Texas Traffic Safety Program
GRANT AGREEMENT GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

ARTICLE 1. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

The Subgrantee shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, statutes, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations, and the orders and decrees of any courts or administrative bodies or tribunals in any matter affecting the performance of this Agreement, including, without limitation, workers' compensation laws, minimum and maximum salary and wage statutes and regulations, nondiscrimination laws and regulations, and licensing laws and regulations. When required, the Subgrantee shall furnish the Department with satisfactory proof of its compliance therewith.

ARTICLE 2. STANDARD ASSURANCES

The Subgrantee hereby assures and certifies that it will comply with the regulations, policies, guidelines, and requirements, including 49 CFR, Part 18; 49 CFR, Part 19 (OMB Circular A-110); OMB Circular A-87; OMB Circular A-102; OMB Circular A-21; OMB Circular A-122; OMB Circular A-133; and the Traffic Safety Program Manual, as they relate to the application, acceptance, and use of federal or state funds for this project. Also, the Subgrantee assures and certifies that:

- A. It possesses legal authority to apply for the grant; and that a resolution, motion, or similar action has been duly adopted or passed as an official act of the applicant's governing body, authorizing the filing of the application, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, and directing and authorizing the person identified as the official representative of the applicant to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.
- B. It and its subcontractors will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Public Law 88-352), as amended, and in accordance with that Act, no person shall discriminate, on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin, age, religion, or disability.
- C. It will comply with requirements of the provisions of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Act of 1970, as amended; 42 USC §§4601 et seq.; and United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) regulations, "Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition for Federal and Federally Assisted Programs," 49 CFR, Part 24, which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced as a result of federal and federally assisted programs.
- D. It will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Political Activity Act, which limits the political activity of employees. (See also Article 25, Lobbying Certification.)
- E. It will comply with the federal Fair Labor Standards Act's minimum wage and overtime requirements for employees performing project work.
- F. It will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that is or gives the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have family, business, or other ties.
- G. It will give the Department the access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to this Grant Agreement.
- H. It will comply with all requirements imposed by the Department concerning special requirements of law, program requirements, and other administrative requirements.
- I. It recognizes that many federal and state laws imposing environmental and resource conservation requirements may apply to this Grant Agreement. Some, but not all, of the major federal laws that

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may affect the project include: the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, 42 USC §§4321 et seq.; the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 USC §§7401 et seq. and sections of 29 USC; the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 USC §§1251 et seq.; the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, 42 USC §§6901 et seq.; and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended, 42 USC §§9601 et seq. The Subgrantee also recognizes that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, USDOT, and other federal agencies have issued, and in the future are expected to issue, regulation, guidelines, standards, orders, directives, or other requirements that may affect this Project. Thus, it agrees to comply, and assures the compliance of each contractor and each subcontractor, with any such federal requirements as the federal government may now or in the future promulgate.

- J. It will comply with the flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 USC §4012a(a). Section 102(a) requires, on and after March 2, 1975, the purchase of flood insurance in communities where such insurance is available as a condition for the receipt of any federal financial assistance for construction or acquisition purposes for use in any area that has been identified by the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development as an area having special flood hazards. The phrase “federal financial assistance” includes any form of loan, grant, guaranty, insurance payment, rebate, subsidy, disaster assistance loan or grant, or any form of direct or indirect federal assistance.
- K. It will assist the Department in its compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended (16 USC 470 et seq.), Executive Order 11593, and the Antiquities Code of Texas (National Resources Code, Chapter 191).
- L. It will comply with Chapter 573 of the Texas Government Code by ensuring that no officer, employee, or member of the Subgrantee’s governing board or the Subgrantee’s subcontractors shall vote or confirm the employment of any person related within the second degree of affinity or third degree by consanguinity to any member of the governing body or to any other officer or employee authorized to employ or supervise such person. This prohibition shall not prohibit the employment of a person described in Section 573.062 of the Texas Government Code.
- M. It will ensure that all information collected, assembled, or maintained by the applicant relative to this project shall be available to the public during normal business hours in compliance with Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code, unless otherwise expressly provided by law.
- N. If applicable, it will comply with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, which requires all regular, special, or called meetings of governmental bodies to be open to the public, except as otherwise provided by law or specifically permitted in the Texas Constitution.

ARTICLE 3. COMPENSATION

- A. The method of payment for this Agreement will be based on actual costs incurred up to and not to exceed the limits specified in Attachment E, Traffic Safety Project Budget. The amount included in the Project Budget will be deemed to be an estimate only and a higher amount can be reimbursed, subject to the conditions specified in paragraph B hereunder. If Attachment E, Traffic Safety Project Budget, specifies that costs are based on a specific rate, per-unit cost, or other method of payment, reimbursement will be based on the specified method.
- B. All payments made hereunder will be made in accordance with Attachment E, Traffic Safety Project Budget. The Subgrantee’s expenditures may overrun a budget category in the approved Project Budget without a grant (budget) amendment, as long as the overrun does not exceed five (5) percent of the maximum amount eligible for reimbursement in the budget for the covered fiscal year and there is also a commensurate underrun elsewhere in the Project Budget. The Subgrantee must provide

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written notification to the Department of an overrun of five (5) percent or less in order for there to be approval of the Request for Reimbursement. This notification must be in the form of an attachment to the Request for Reimbursement that covers the period of the overrun. This attachment must indicate the amount, the percent change, and the specific reason(s) for the overrun. Any overrun of more than five (5) percent of the amount eligible for reimbursement in the budget for the covered fiscal year requires an amendment of this Grant Agreement. The maximum amount eligible for reimbursement shall not be increased above the total Department (TxDOT) amount in the approved Project Budget as a result of exceeding a budget category without a written grant amendment.

- C. To be eligible for reimbursement under this Agreement, a cost must be incurred in accordance with Attachment E, Traffic Safety Project Budget, within the time frame specified in Grant Period on page 1 of this Grant Agreement, attributable to work covered by this Agreement, and which has been completed in a manner satisfactory and acceptable to the Department.
- D. Federal funds cannot supplant (replace) funds from any other sources. The term “supplanting,” refers to the use of federal funds to support personnel or an activity already supported by local or state funds.
- E. Payment of costs incurred under this Agreement is further governed by one of the following cost principles, as appropriate, outlined in the Federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars:
 - A-21, Cost Principles for Institutions of Higher Education;
 - A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments; or,
 - A-122, Cost Principles for Nonprofit Organizations.
- F. The Subgrantee agrees to submit monthly or quarterly Requests for Reimbursement, as designated in Attachment D, Action Plan, within thirty (30) days after the end of the billing period. The Subgrantee will use billing forms acceptable to the Department. The original Request for Reimbursement, with the appropriate backup documentation, must be submitted to the Department address shown on Attachment A, Mailing Addresses, of this Agreement. In addition, a copy of the Request for Reimbursement and appropriate backup documentation, plus three (3) copies of the Request for Reimbursement without backup documentation, must be submitted to this same address.
- G. The Subgrantee agrees to submit the final Request for Reimbursement under this Agreement within forty-five (45) days of the end of the grant period.
- H. The Department will exercise good faith to make payments within thirty (30) days of receipt of properly prepared and documented Requests for Reimbursement. Payments, however, are contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds.
- I. Project agreements supported with federal funds are limited to the length of this Grant Period, which is specified on page 1 of this Grant Agreement. If the Department determines that the project has demonstrated merit or has potential long-range benefits, the Subgrantee may apply for funding assistance beyond the initial Agreement period. Preference for funding will be given to those projects for which the Subgrantee has assumed some cost sharing, those which propose to assume the largest percentage of subsequent project costs, and which have demonstrated performance that is acceptable to the Department.

ARTICLE 4. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

Payment of costs incurred hereunder is contingent upon the availability of funds. If at any time during this Grant Period, the Department determines that there is insufficient funding to continue the project, the

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Department shall so notify the Subgrantee, giving notice of intent to terminate this Agreement, as specified in Article 11 of this Agreement. If at the end of a federal fiscal year, the Department determines that there is sufficient funding and performance to continue the project, the Department may so notify the Subgrantee to continue this agreement.

ARTICLE 5. AMENDMENTS

This Agreement may be amended prior to its expiration by mutual written consent of both parties, utilizing the Grant Agreement Amendment designated by the Department. Any amendment must be executed by the parties within the Grant Period, as specified on page 1 of this Grant Agreement.

ARTICLE 6. ADDITIONAL WORK AND CHANGES IN WORK

If the Subgrantee is of the opinion that any assigned work is beyond the scope of this Agreement and constitutes additional work, the Subgrantee shall promptly notify the Department in writing. If the Department finds that such work does constitute additional work, the Department shall so advise the Subgrantee and a written amendment to this Agreement will be executed according to Article 5, Amendments, to provide compensation for doing this work on the same basis as the original work. If performance of the additional work will cause the maximum amount payable to be exceeded, the work will not be performed before a written grant amendment is executed.

If the Subgrantee has submitted work in accordance with the terms of this Agreement but the Department requests changes to the completed work or parts thereof which involve changes to the original scope of services or character of work under this Agreement, the Subgrantee shall make such revisions as requested and directed by the Department. This will be considered as additional work and will be paid for as specified in this Article.

If the Subgrantee submits work that does not comply with the terms of this Agreement, the Department shall instruct the Subgrantee to make such revisions as are necessary to bring the work into compliance with this Agreement. No additional compensation shall be paid for this work.

The Subgrantee shall make revisions to the work authorized in this Agreement, which are necessary to correct errors or omissions appearing therein, when required to do so by the Department. No additional compensation shall be paid for this work.

The Department shall not be responsible for actions by the Subgrantee or any costs incurred by the Subgrantee relating to additional work not directly associated with or prior to the execution of an amendment.

ARTICLE 7. REPORTING AND MONITORING

Not later than ten (10) days after the end of each reporting period, as designated in Attachment D, Action Plan, the Subgrantee shall submit a performance report using forms provided or approved by the Department. The performance report will include, as a minimum: (1) a comparison of actual accomplishments to the objectives established for the period, (2) reasons why established objectives and performance measures were not met, if appropriate, and (3) other pertinent information, including, when appropriate, an analysis and explanation of cost underruns, overruns, or high unit costs.

The Subgrantee shall submit the Final Performance Report and Administrative Evaluation Report within thirty (30) days after completion of the grant.

The Subgrantee shall promptly advise the Department in writing of events that will have a significant impact upon this Agreement, including:

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- A. Problems, delays, or adverse conditions, including a change of project director or other changes in Subgrantee personnel, that will materially affect the ability to attain objectives and performance measures, prevent the meeting of time schedules and objectives, or preclude the attainment of project objectives or performance measures by the established time periods. This disclosure shall be accompanied by a statement of the action taken or contemplated and any Department or federal assistance needed to resolve the situation.
- B. Favorable developments or events that enable meeting time schedules and objectives sooner than anticipated or achieving greater performance measure output than originally projected.

ARTICLE 8. RECORDS

The Subgrantee agrees to maintain all reports, documents, papers, accounting records, books, and other evidence pertaining to costs incurred and work performed hereunder, (hereinafter called the records), and shall make such records available at its office for the time period authorized within the Grant Period, as specified on page 1 of this Grant Agreement. The Subgrantee further agrees to retain said records for four (4) years from the date of final payment under this Agreement, until completion of all audits, or until pending litigation has been completely and fully resolved, whichever occurs last.

Duly authorized representatives of the Department, the USDOT, the Office of the Inspector General, Texas State Auditor, and the Comptroller General shall have access to the records. This right of access is not limited to the four (4) year period but shall last as long as the records are retained.

ARTICLE 9. INDEMNIFICATION

To the extent permitted by law, the Subgrantee, if other than a government entity, shall indemnify, hold, and save harmless the Department and its officers and employees from all claims and liability due to the acts or omissions of the Subgrantee, its agents, or employees. The Subgrantee also agrees, to the extent permitted by law, to indemnify, hold, and save harmless the Department from any and all expenses, including but not limited to attorney fees, all court costs and awards for damages incurred by the Department in litigation or otherwise resisting such claims or liabilities as a result of any activities of the Subgrantee, its agents, or employees.

Further, to the extent permitted by law, the Subgrantee, if other than a government entity, agrees to protect, indemnify, and save harmless the Department from and against all claims, demands, and causes of action of every kind and character brought by any employee of the Subgrantee against the Department due to personal injuries or death to such employee resulting from any alleged negligent act, by either commission or omission on the part of the Subgrantee.

If the Subgrantee is a government entity, both parties to this Agreement agree that no party is an agent, servant, or employee of the other party and each party agrees it is responsible for its individual acts and deeds, as well as the acts and deeds of its contractors, employees, representatives, and agents.

ARTICLE 10. DISPUTES AND REMEDIES

This Agreement supercedes any prior oral or written agreements. If a conflict arises between this Agreement and the Traffic Safety Program Manual, this Agreement shall govern.

The Subgrantee shall be responsible for the settlement of all contractual and administrative issues arising out of procurement made by the Subgrantee in support of Agreement work.

Disputes concerning performance or payment shall be submitted to the Department for settlement, with the Executive Director acting as referee.

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ARTICLE 11. TERMINATION

This Agreement shall remain in effect until the Subgrantee has satisfactorily completed all services and obligations described herein and these have been accepted by the Department, unless:

- This Agreement is terminated in writing with the mutual consent of both parties; or
- There is a written thirty (30) day notice by either party; or
- The Department determines that the performance of the project is not in the best interest of the Department and informs the Subgrantee that the project is terminated immediately.

The Department shall compensate the Subgrantee for only those eligible expenses incurred during the Grant Period specified on page 1 of this Grant Agreement which are directly attributable to the completed portion of the work covered by this Agreement, provided that the work has been completed in a manner satisfactory and acceptable to the Department. The Subgrantee shall not incur nor be reimbursed for any new obligations after the effective date of termination.

ARTICLE 12. INSPECTION OF WORK

The Department and, when federal funds are involved, the US DOT, or any authorized representative thereof, have the right at all reasonable times to inspect or otherwise evaluate the work performed or being performed hereunder and the premises in which it is being performed.

If any inspection or evaluation is made on the premises of the Subgrantee or its subcontractor, the Subgrantee shall provide and require its subcontractor to provide all reasonable facilities and assistance for the safety and convenience of the inspectors in the performance of their duties. All inspections and evaluations shall be performed in such a manner as will not unduly delay the work.

ARTICLE 13. AUDIT

The Subgrantee shall comply with the requirements of the Single Audit Act of 1984, Public Law (PL) 98-502, ensuring that the single audit report includes the coverage stipulated in OMB Circular A-133, “Audits of States, Local Governments, and Other Non-Profit Organizations.”

The state auditor may conduct an audit or investigation of any entity receiving funds from the state directly under this Agreement or indirectly through a subcontract under this Agreement. Acceptance of funds directly under this Agreement or indirectly through a subcontract under this Agreement acts as acceptance of the authority of the State Auditor, under the direction of the legislative audit committee, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds.

ARTICLE 14. SUBCONTRACTS

The Subgrantee shall not enter into any subcontract with individuals or organizations not a part of the Subgrantee’s organization without prior written concurrence with the subcontract by the Department. Subcontracts shall contain all required provisions of this Agreement. No subcontract will relieve the Subgrantee of its responsibility under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 15. GRATUITIES

Texas Transportation Commission policy mandates that employees of the Department shall not accept any benefit, gift, or favor from any person doing business with or who, reasonably speaking, may do business with the Department under this Agreement. The only exceptions allowed are ordinary business lunches and items that have received the advanced written approval of the Department’s Executive Director.

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Any person doing business with or who reasonably speaking may do business with the Department under this Agreement may not make any offer of benefits, gifts, or favors to Department employees, except as mentioned here above. Failure on the part of the Subgrantee to adhere to this policy may result in termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 16. NONCOLLUSION

The Subgrantee warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Subgrantee, to solicit or secure this Agreement, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person, other than a bona fide employee, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. If the Subgrantee breaches or violates this warranty, the Department shall have the right to annul this Agreement without liability or, in its discretion, to deduct from the Agreement price or consideration, or otherwise recover the full amount of such fee, commission, brokerage fee, contingent fee, or gift.

ARTICLE 17. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Subgrantee represents that it or its employees have no conflict of interest that would in any way interfere with its or its employees' performance or which in any way conflicts with the interests of the Department. The Subgrantee shall exercise reasonable care and diligence to prevent any actions or conditions that could result in a conflict with the Department's interests.

ARTICLE 18. SUBGRANTEE'S RESOURCES

The Subgrantee certifies that it presently has adequate qualified personnel in its employment to perform the work required under this Agreement, or will be able to obtain such personnel from sources other than the Department.

All employees of the Subgrantee shall have such knowledge and experience as will enable them to perform the duties assigned to them. Any employee of the Subgrantee who, in the opinion of the Department, is incompetent or whose conduct becomes detrimental to the work, shall immediately be removed from association with the project.

Unless otherwise specified, the Subgrantee shall furnish all equipment, materials, supplies, and other resources required to perform the work.

ARTICLE 19. PROCUREMENT AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

The Subgrantee shall establish and administer a system to procure, control, protect, preserve, use, maintain, and dispose of any property furnished to it by the Department or purchased pursuant to this Agreement in accordance with its own property management procedures, provided that the procedures are not in conflict with the Department's property management procedures or property management standards and federal standards, as appropriate, in:

- 49 CFR, Part 18, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments," or
- 49 CFR, Part 19 (OMB Circular A-110), "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Nonprofit Organizations."

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ARTICLE 20. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Upon completion or termination of this Grant Agreement, whether for cause or at the convenience of the parties hereto, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, reports, maps, drawings, models, photographs, etc. prepared by the Subgrantee, and equipment and supplies purchased with grant funds shall, at the option of the Department, become the property of the Department. All sketches, photographs, calculations, and other data prepared under this Agreement shall be made available, upon request, to the Department without restriction or limitation of their further use.

- A. Intellectual property consists of copyrights, patents, and any other form of intellectual property rights covering any data bases, software, inventions, training manuals, systems design, or other proprietary information in any form or medium.
- B. *All rights to Department.* The Department shall own all of the rights (including copyrights, copyright applications, copyright renewals, and copyright extensions), title and interests in and to all data, and other information developed under this contract and versions thereof unless otherwise agreed to in writing that there will be joint ownership.
- C. *All rights to Subgrantee.* Classes and materials initially developed by the Subgrantee without any type of funding or resource assistance from the Department remain the Subgrantee’s intellectual property. For these classes and materials, the Department payment is limited to payment for attendance at classes.

ARTICLE 21. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

The Department and the Subgrantee each binds itself, its successors, executors, assigns, and administrators to the other party to this Agreement and to the successors, executors, assigns, and administrators of such other party in respect to all covenants of this Agreement. The Subgrantee shall not assign, sublet, or transfer interest and obligations in this Agreement without written consent of the Department.

ARTICLE 22. CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE

- A. Compliance with regulations: The Subgrantee shall comply with the regulations relative to nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the USDOT: 49 CFR, Part 21; 23 CFR, Subchapter C; and 41 CFR, Parts 60-74, as they may be amended periodically (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations). The Subgrantee agrees to comply with Executive Order 11246, entitled “Equal Employment Opportunity,” as amended by Executive Order 11375 and as supplemented by the U.S. Department of Labor regulations (41 CFR, Part 60).
- B. Nondiscrimination: The Subgrantee, with regard to the work performed during the period of this Agreement, shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin, age, religion, or disability in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment.
- C. Solicitations for subcontracts, including procurement of materials and equipment: In all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by the Subgrantee for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by the Subgrantee of the Subgrantee’s obligations under this Agreement and the regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin, age, religion, or disability.
- D. Information and reports: The Subgrantee shall provide all information and reports required by the regulations, or directives issued pursuant thereto, and shall permit access to its books, records,

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accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the Department or the USDOT to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such regulations or directives. Where any information required of the Subgrantee is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, the Subgrantee shall so certify to the Department or the US DOT, whichever is appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts the Subgrantee has made to obtain the requested information.

- E. Sanctions for noncompliance: In the event of the Subgrantee’s noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provision of this Agreement, the Department shall impose such sanctions as it or the US DOT may determine to be appropriate.
- F. Incorporation of provisions: The Subgrantee shall include the provisions of paragraphs A. through E. in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the regulations or directives. The Subgrantee shall take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the Department may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance. However, in the event a Subgrantee becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation with a subcontractor or supplier as a result of such direction, the Subgrantee may request the Department to enter into litigation to protect the interests of the state; and in addition, the Subgrantee may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

ARTICLE 23. DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

It is the policy of the Department and the USDOT that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, as defined in 49 CFR Part 26, shall have the opportunity to participate in the performance of agreements financed in whole or in part with federal funds. Consequently, the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise requirements of 49 CFR Part 26, apply to this Agreement as follows:

- The Subgrantee agrees to insure that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, as defined in 49 CFR Part 26, have the opportunity to participate in the performance of agreements and subcontracts financed in whole or in part with federal funds. In this regard, the Subgrantee shall make good faith efforts in accordance with 49 CFR Part 26, to insure that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises have the opportunity to compete for and perform agreements and subcontracts.
- The Subgrantee and any subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, or disability in the award and performance of agreements funded in whole or in part with federal funds.

These requirements shall be included in any subcontract.

Failure to carry out the requirements set forth above shall constitute a breach of this Agreement and, after the notification of the Department, may result in termination of this Agreement by the Department, or other such remedy as the Department deems appropriate.

ARTICLE 24. DEBARMENT/SUSPENSION

- A. The Subgrantee certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
 - 1. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency;
 - 2. Have not within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a federal, state, or local public transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes; or commission

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- of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
3. Are not presently indicted or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a federal, state, or local governmental entity with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph A. 2. of this Article; and
 4. Have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more federal, state, or local public transactions terminated for cause or default.
- B. Where the Subgrantee is unable to certify to any of the statements in this Article, such Subgrantee shall attach an explanation to this Agreement.
- C. The Subgrantee is prohibited from making any award or permitting any award at any tier to any party which is debarred or suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension.
- D. The Subgrantee shall require any party to a subcontract or purchase order awarded under this Grant Agreement to certify its eligibility to receive federal grant funds, and, when requested by the Department, to furnish a copy of the certification.

ARTICLE 25. LOBBYING CERTIFICATION

The Subgrantee certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that:

- A. No federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the Subgrantee to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- B. If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the party to this Agreement shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- C. The Subgrantee shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

ARTICLE 26. CHILD SUPPORT STATEMENT

Unless the Subgrantee is a governmental or non-profit entity, the Subgrantee certifies that it either will go to the Department's website noted below and complete the Child Support Statement or already has a Child Support Statement on file with the Department . The Subgrantee is responsible for keeping the

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Child Support Statement current and on file with that office for the duration of this Agreement period. The Subgrantee further certifies that the Child Support Statement on file contains the child support information for the individuals or business entities named in this grant. Under Section 231.006, Family Code, the Subgrantee certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Agreement is not ineligible to receive the specified grant or payment and acknowledges that this Agreement may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

The form for the Child Support Statement is available on the Internet at:

<http://www.dot.state.tx.us/cso/default.htm>.