

FEDERAL CERTIFICATIONS

Certifications regarding lobbying, debarment, suspension, and other responsibility matters; and drug-free workplace requirements

Applicants should refer to the regulations cited below to determine the certification to which they are required to attest. Applicants should also review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before completing this form. Signature of this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under *Code of Federal Regulations*, Title 34 (34 *CFR*) Part 82 “New restrictions on Lobbying,” and 34 *CFR* Part 85, “Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Non procurement) and Government-wide requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants).” The Certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the U.S. Department of Education determines to award the covered transaction, grant, or cooperative agreement.

1. LOBBYING

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the *U.S. Code*, and implemented at 34 *CFR* Part 82, for persons entering into a grant or cooperative agreement over \$100,000 as defined at 34 *CFR* Part 82, Section 82.105 and 82.110, the applicant certifies that:

- (a) No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress in connection with the making of any federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal grant or cooperative agreement;
- (b) If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an employee of Congress, or any employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form–LLL, “Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying,” in accordance with this instruction;
- (c) The undersigned shall require the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subgrants, contracts under grants cooperative agreements, and subcontracts) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

2. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

As required by Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, and other responsibilities implemented at 34 *CFR* Part 85, for prospective participants in primary or substantive control over a covered transactions, as defined at 34 *CFR* Part 85, Sections 85.105 and 85.110:

- A. The applicant certifies that it and its principals:
 - (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency;
 - (b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction violation of federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - (c) Have not within a three-year period proceeding this application had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default; and
- B. Where the applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, he or she shall attach an explanation to this application.

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

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1998, and implemented at 34 *CFR* Part 85, Subpart F, for grantees, as defined at 34 *CFR* Part 85, Section 85.605 and 85.610:

- A. The applicant certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:
 - (a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition.
 - (b) Establishing an on-going drug-free awareness program to inform employees about
 - (1) The danger of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - (2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;

- (3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
- (4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
- (c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);
- (d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will:
 - (1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - (2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation;
- (e) Notifying the agency, in writing, within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d) (2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to: Director, Grants, and Contracts Service, U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W. (Room 3124, GSA Regional Office Building No.3), Washington, DC 20202-4571. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;
- (f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d) (2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted:
 - (1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
 - (2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a federal, state, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
- (g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).

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

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

Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

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4. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE (GRANTEES WHO ARE INDIVIDUALS)

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 34 *CFR* Part 85, Subpart F, for grantees, as defined at 34 *CFR* Part 85, Sections 85.605 and 85.610

- (a) As a condition of the grant, I certify that I will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with the grant, and
- (b) If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any grant activity, I will report the conviction, in writing, within 10 calendar days of the conviction, to: Director, Grants and Contracts Service, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W. (Room 3124, GSA Regional Office Building No.3) Washington, DC 20202-4571. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant.

5. FEDERAL CERTIFICATIONS

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

NAME OF APPLICANT:

CONTRACT #:

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:

SIGNATURE:

DATE:
