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To: THE COUNCIL	Date: JAN 1 4 2015
From: THE MAYOR	
TRANSMITTED FOR YOU	UR CONSIDERATION. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED
	ERIC GARCETTI Mayor (Ana Guerrero)



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Eric Garcetti, Mayor Rushmore D. Cervantes, General Manager

CITY OF LOS

December 29, 2014

Council File No: C.F 10-2327 Council Districts: All Contact Person: Olivia Mitchell 213-744-1703 Jimmy Valenzuela 213-744-7161

The Honorable Eric Garcetti Mayor, City of Los Angeles Room 303, City Hall

Attention: Mandy Morales, Legislative Coordinator

TRANSMITTAL: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT \$450,000 TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY

SUMMARY

This grant is a continuation of a grant previously approved on November 6, 2012 (C.F.10-2327) to provide child passenger safety education to city residents for the period October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014. Office of Transportation (OTS) requires that providers apply for funding each year to continue delivering these services. The Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department (HCIDLA) applied for and was awarded a \$450,000 grant from OTS to provide traffic-safety education, training and free car seats to residents from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. Grant funds will be used for City personnel implementing program services, the procurement of car seats, administration expenses, travel, and program supplies.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager of the Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department (HCIDLA) respectfully requests that:

- I. Your office schedule this transmittal at the next available meeting(s) of the appropriate City Council committee(s) and forward it to City Council for review and approval immediately after;
- II. That the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, take the following actions:
 - 1. AUTHORIZE HCIDLA to accept and execute a \$450,000 grant agreement with the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for the "Child Passenger Safety Program" for the period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015, subject to approval of the City Attorney as to form.

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- 2. AUTHORIZE the City Controller to adjust appropriation amounts within Fund 45C as follows:
 - a. Increase/decrease accounts within the Office of Traffic Safety Grant Fund No. 45C and appropriate as follows:

Account	Title	Amount
43L143	Housing and Community Invest	\$323,909.00
43L299	Reimbursements to General Fund	\$61,070.00
43L343	HCIDLA Costs	\$65,021.00
	Total	\$450,000.00

b. Increase/decrease appropriations in the amount of \$323,909.00 within the HCIDLA Fund No. 100/43 as follows:

Account	Title	Amount
001010	Salaries – General	\$146,456.00
001090	Overtime – General	\$9,675.00
003040	Contractual Services	\$8,800.00
006010 Office & Admin Expenses		\$146,149.00
006030	Leasing	\$12,829.00
	Total	\$323,909.00

c. Decrease appropriations within the Office and Safety Grant Fund No. 45C as follows:

Account	Title	Amount
22H122	HCIDLA	\$(213.31)
22J122	HCIDLA	\$(2,767.52)
43K143 HCIDLA		\$(49,663.14)
	Total	\$(52,643.97)

- e. Expend funds upon proper demand of the General Manager of HCIDLA, or designee.
- 3. AUTHORIZE the General Manager of HCIDLA, or designee, to prepare Controller instructions for technical corrections that may be necessary and consistent with the Mayor and Council action on this matter, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the City Controller to implement such transactions.

BACKGROUND

Over the last ten years the City has received this grant to provide child passenger safety education classes and free car seats to low income residents of Los Angeles. The child passenger safety team is composed of City staff who are Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians, who educate parents on the proper selection, use, and installation of car seats. The child passenger safety team works through the City's Family Source Centers (FSCs) and other non-profit health and welfare agencies to conduct two hour educational classes. Additional activities of this program include participation in community events and health fairs.

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On December 1, 2013 the OTS announced traffic-safety grant opportunities for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2014-2015 to be awarded on a competitive basis to state and local jurisdictions. The HCIDLA responded by submitting a proposal to provide traffic safety education designed to increase car seat safety and compliance. In a letter dated June 18, 2014, OTS notified the HCIDLA that it had been awarded this grant in the amount of \$450,000 to fund the proposed project, "Child Passenger Safety Program." (Attachment 1)

In the 2013-14 program year, which ended September 30, 2014, HCIDLA staff conducted 171 car seat safety education classes to 3,200 clients, participated in 14 community events citywide that were attended by approximately 4,380 residents, and distributed 3,069 free cars seats to low-income program participants. Additionally, HCIDLA staff evaluated and corrected the installation of car seats through safety check-up events. An increase in services is not anticipated as the amount of the grant has remained static. The grant will allow the HCIDLA to continue to provide these services and promote a safer environment for parents and their children in Los Angeles.

Controller instructions are included to appropriate funds to HCIDLA accounts to pay for the costs to implement the program. In addition, controller instructions are included to reduce accounts, which were previously established for prior year grants that have been closed. The amount of \$52,643.97 is no longer necessary and, in order to align the appropriations to grant sources the amount needs to be reduced.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

There is no impact on the General Fund.

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Prepared by:

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Sr. Project Coordinator

Reviewed by:

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MANUEL CHAVEZ Assistant General Manager

Approved by:

RUSHMORE D.CERVANTES General Manager

OTS TRANSMITTAL ATTACHMENT 1 – Grant Award Letter October 17, 2014 EDMUND G. BROWN JR., GOVERNOR





October 17, 2014

Grant No. OP1503

Olivia E. Mitchell Assistant Chief Grants Administrator Housing and Community Investment Department City of Los Angeles 1200 West Seventh Street Los Angeles, CA 90017

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

The Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) has approved your traffic safety grant as part of the California Traffic Safety Program.

Costs incurred must be in accordance with your grant agreement, and recorded in your accounting system. No other costs can be allowed without OTS approval. Costs incurred prior to the starting date or subsequent to the closing date of this grant are not reimbursable.

Within the first quarter of your grant period, your Coordinator will provide you with information about operational and fiscal requirements, as well as tools to manage your new grant.

Please refer to the above grant number in all your communications with this office. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Coyle, Regional Coordinator, at (916) 509-3012 or e-mail at karen.coyle@ots.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Director

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Enclosures

cc: Fiscal

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1. GRANT TITLE CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY PROGRAM	
2. NAME OF APPLICANT AGENCY CITY OF LOS ANGELES	4. GRANT PERIOD
3. AGENCY UNIT TO HANDLE GRANT HOUSING AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT DE	From: 10/1/14 FARTMENT To: 9/30/15
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These documents can be viewed at the OTS home web pa We, the officials named below, hereby swear under penalt authorized to legally bind the Grant recipient to the above	 Exhibit B* - OTS Grant Program Manual and ab- by reference and made a part of this agreement as if attached hereto. age under Grants: <u>www.ots.ca.gov</u>. y of perjury under the laws of the State of California that we are duly described Grant terms and conditions.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been exect	ited by the parties hereto.
8. APPROVAL SIGNATURES 4. Grant Director	B. AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL OF APPLICANT AGENCY
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1. PROBLEM STATEMENT

It is a fact that child safety car seats are the most effective occupant protection devices used in motor vehicles today, but according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), three out of four parents do not properly use child restraints. The Child Passenger Safety Program will provide updated information, education, and training sessions on the proper use and installation of car safety seats, and provide free safety seats to eligible low-income parents thereby reducing the risk of death and injury to young children who are occupants in cars involved in collisions.

NHTSA reports that approximately half of all children under age five who died in car crashes were unrestrained. Of the remaining half, 26 percent were in an adult seat belt, which does not provide effective protection for most children under age five, and others were in a child restraint system but had not been restrained properly. Often installation was incorrect or the wrong type of seat was used for the child's height, weight or age. For these children, the safety seat did not provide adequate protection.

If used correctly, child safety seats are 71 percent effective in reducing fatalities in children under the age of five, and 69 percent effective in reducing the need for hospitalization. Unfortunately, parents and other care givers too often consider child seats inconvenient, out of their financial reach, or too difficult to install. Others are uninformed or misinformed about the correct use child safety seats.

According to the 2010 United States Census data, the City of Los Angeles (City) is the most populous in California and the second most populous in the United States after New York City. Within Los Angeles there are 170 miles of freeways and 6,380 miles of surface streets, which consist of local and arterial streets. The City's arterial street system includes 1,370 miles of major and secondary highways. Due to its geographic size (more than 460 square miles), cars are almost a necessity and one of the primary methods of travel for City residents.

Los Angeles is home to approximately 3.8 million people who hail from more than 140 countries and speak 224 different identified languages. More than 40 percent of the City's population age five years and over are foreign-born, of which nearly 61 percent report speaking a language at home other than English and 30.6 percent report speaking English less than "very well." Residents who have limited English skills are less likely to have access to information on car safety seat laws and requirements.

Additionally, the high cost of living in Los Angeles, particularly housing, combined with a growing number of minimum wage jobs, has resulted in concentrations of low-income residents living in various areas of the City. These residents often cannot afford new child safety seats so they use previously used seats which are unsafe, or they don't use one.

Although California has effective child restraint laws and regulations, and statistics show that safety belt use has increased, there is still an ongoing need to promote car seat use and motor vehicle safety at the community level. There is a demand and a need for traffic safety education that includes the up-to-the-minute standards for proper use of seat belts and child safety seats, and classes in languages other than English. Finally, to save the

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lives of children, there is a need to provide new car seats to low-income families who otherwise may not be able to afford them.

Therefore, the three major issues to be addressed through the Child Passenger Safety Program are:

- Affordability of the seats. Many low-income families have other financial priorities, such as food and housing, so they cannot afford car seats.
- Accessibility to information regarding child safety seats. Many parents and caregivers are unaware of child restraint laws and child passenger safety programs. Additionally, information is not readily available to limited English-speakers.
- Improper car seat installations or misuse of car seats. Many parents and caregivers have limited education on proper restraint use and installation.

These major issues will be addressed by providing free car seats to low-income families and free car seat safety education classes to City residents at a community level. Classes will include current car seat laws and requirements and the correct and safe way of installing car seats. To help ensure the proper use of child safety seats, parent and caregiver classes will be conducted by Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians. The proposed target population will be parents and caregivers who are low-income, have limited-English speaking ability, and/or are uninformed or unaware of car seat laws, requirements, use, and installation.

2. PERFORMANCE MEASURES

A. Goals:

- 1) To reduce the number of persons killed in traffic collisions.
- 2) To reduce the number of persons injured in traffic collisions.
- 3) To increase child safety seat usage.
- 4) To reduce the number of vehicle occupants killed under the age of eight.
- 5) To reduce the number of vehicle occupants injured under the age of eight.

B. Objectives:

- 1) To provide 200 child safety seat education classes to 3,000 low-income residents.
- 2) To conduct 12 booster seat presentations impacting 2,000 persons during community health and safety fairs.
- 3) To distribute 3,500 no-cost child safety seats to low-income residents who complete a child safety seat class.
- 4) To work closely with 12 community-based organizations to promote proper child safety seat use at both the community and neighborhood level.
- 5) To conduct child safety seat usage rate surveys during the month of September.
- 6) To participate in the National Child Passenger Safety Week in September.
- 7) To renew certifications of 3 child passenger safety technicians.

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3. Method of Procedure

A. Phase 1 - Program Preparation, Training and Implementation (1st Quarter of Grant Year)

The Program Operations Bureau of HCIDLA will be responsible for administering the Child Passenger Safety Program with a Senior Project Coordinator managing and implementing the program.

- Train staff on their roles and responsibilities in program implementation.
- Develop traffic safety education curriculum and program guidelines for use in implementing program goals.
- Negotiate and finalize lease agreements for storage facilities.
- Procure car seats.
- Procure traffic safety materials including traffic safety brochures, pamphlets, videos.
- Begin outreach to community-based organizations.

Media Requirements

Issue a press release announcing the kick-off of the grant by November 15. The kick-off press
releases and media advisories, alerts, and materials must be emailed to the OTS Public Information
Officer at <u>pio@ots.ca.gov</u>, and copied to your OTS Coordinator, for approval 14 days prior to the
issuance date of the release.

B. Phase 2 - Program Operations (Throughout Grant Year)

- Conduct 200 classes on the correct and safe way to install child seats to 3,000 low-income residents.
- Conduct at least 12 booster seat event presentations impacting 2,000 people during community health and safety fairs.
- Distribute 3,500 child seats to low-income residents that complete a child seat safety class.
- To conduct child seat safety usage rate surveys.
- To renew certifications of Child Passenger Safety Technicians.

Media Requirements

- Send all grant-related activity press releases, media advisories, alerts and general public materials to the OTS Public Information Officer (PIO) at pio@ots.ca.gov, with a copy to your OTS Coordinator.
 - a) If an OTS template-based press release is used, the OTS PIO and Coordinator should be copied when the release is distributed to the press. If an OTS template is not used, or is substantially changed, a draft press release should first be sent to the OTS PIO for approval. Optimum lead time would be 10-20 days prior to the release date to ensure adequate turn-around time.

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- b) Press releases reporting the results of grant activities such as enforcement operations are exempt from the recommended advance approval process, but still should be copied to the OTS PIO and Coordinator when the release is distributed to the press.
- c) Activities such as warrant or probation sweeps and court stings that could be compromised by advanced publicity are exempt from pre-publicity, but are encouraged to offer embargoed media coverage and to report the results.
- Use the following standard language in all press, media, and printed materials: Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.
- Email the OTS PIO at <u>pio@ots.ca.gov</u> and copy your OTS Coordinator at least 30 days in advance, a short description of any significant grant-related traffic safety event or program so OTS has sufficient notice to arrange for attendance and/or participation in the event.
- Submit a draft or rough-cut of all printed or recorded material (brochures, posters, scripts, artwork, trailer graphics, etc.) to the OTS PIO at <u>pio@ots.ca.gov</u> and copy your OTS Coordinator for approval 14 days prior to the production or duplication.
- Include the OTS logo, space permitting, on grant-funded print materials; consult your OTS Coordinator for specifics.

C. Phase 3 – Data Collection & Reporting (Throughout Grant Year)

- Agencies are required to collect and report quarterly, appropriate data that supports the progress of goals and objectives.
- Statistical data relating to the grant goals and objectives will be collected, analyzed, and incorporated in Quarterly Performance Reports (QPRs). QPRs for the quarter ending September 30 will include year-to-date comparisons of goals and objectives. If required, a separate quarterly data reporting form will be completed each quarter and submitted as part of the QPR.
- Reports will compare actual grant accomplishments with the planned accomplishments. They will include information concerning changes made by the Grant Director in planning and guiding the grant efforts.
- Reports shall be completed and submitted in accordance with OTS requirements as specified in the Grant Program Manual.

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4. METHOD OF EVALUATION

Using the data compiled during the grant, the Grant Director will complete the "Final Evaluation" section in the fourth/final Quarterly Performance Report (QPR). The Final Evaluation should provide a brief summary of the grant's accomplishments, challenges and significant activities. This narrative should also include whether goals and objectives were met, exceeded, or an explanation why objectives were not completed.

5. Administrative Support

This program has full support of the City of Los Angeles. Every effort will be made to continue the activities after the grant conclusion.

SCHEDULE B DETAILED BUDGET ESTIMATE GRANT NO. OP1503

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FUND NUMBER	NUMBER (CFDA)	FUND DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
		NATIONAL PRIORITY SAFETY	
405b OP	20.616	PROGRAMS	\$ 450,000.00

COST CATEGORY	FIS	SCAL YEAR ESTIN	TOTAL COS TO GRANT	
A. PERSONNEL COSTS	CFDA	FY-1 10/1/14 thru 9/30/15		I U GRANI
Positions and Salaries	C			
Full-Time				
Senior Project Coordinator	00.010			
1 x 12 mos x \$8,236 @ 100%	20.616	\$ 98,842.00		\$ 98,842.00
Benefits @ 35.68%	20.616	\$ 35,266.00		\$ 35,266.00
Program Aide				
2 x 12 mos x \$4,018 @ 100%	20.616	\$ 96,432.00		\$ 96,432.00
Benefits @ 35.68%	20.616	\$ 34,405.00		\$ 34,405.00
Overtime				
Educational Events	20.616	\$ 13,000.00		\$ 13,000.00
Category Sub-Total		\$ 277,945.00		\$ 277,945.00
B. TRAVEL EXPENSE				
None				
C. CONTRACTUAL SERVICES		/		
None				
D. EQUIPMENT				
None				
E. OTHER DIRECT COSTS				
Child Safety Seats	20.616	\$ 145,500.00		\$ 145,500.00
Storage	20.616	\$ 8,800.00		\$ 8,800.00
Office Space	20.616	\$ 17,106.00		\$ 17,106.00
Office Supplies	20.616	\$ 549.00		\$ 549.00
CPS Recertification Fee	20.616	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
Category Sub-Total		\$ 172,055.00		\$ 172,055.00
F. INDIRECT COSTS				
None				
GRANT TOTA	L	\$ 450,000.00		\$ 450,000.00

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PERSONNEL COSTS

Position Descriptions:

1 Senior Project Coordinator (100%) – This position will implement a child passenger safety program for the City of Los Angeles, oversee all grant activities, and manage positions as described below.

2 Program Aides (100%) – These positions will assist with all the grant activities, provide clerical assistance, conduct child safety seat and helmet surveys, transport and maintain inventory of child safety seats and helmets.

Benefits Chart

Full Time Benefits	
Unemployment Insurance	.10%
Workers Compensation	1.04%
Vision	.03%
Employee Assistance	.01%
Health Insurance	1.10%
Life Insurance	.01%
Medical and Dental Insurance	9.07%
Retirement	24.32%
Total Benefit Rate	35.68%

Supplanting Statement

Any non-grant funded vacancies created by reassignment to a grant-funded position must be filled at the expense of the grantee agency.

Overtime Costs:

Educational Events

Grant activities will be conducted by Program Operations Division personnel on overtime basis. Grant funded operations may be conducted by personnel listed above such as Senior Project Coordinator, and Program Aides. Personnel will be deployed approximately twice per month to conduct traffic safety presentations at fairs and community events which are usually on Saturdays. The city will not be claiming overtime benefits.

TRAVEL EXPENSE

None

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

None

EQUIPMENT

None

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OTHER DIRECT COSTS

<u>3,200</u> Child Safety Seat(s) - child safety seats (including booster seats and special needs seats) to be distributed during CPS checkups, appointments, fitting stations and traffic safety presentations.

Storage – Costs are for leasing storage spaces to store car seats, equipment and other program supplies. (Approximately \$733 x 12 months)

Office Space - costs include rent and utilities associated with grant goals and objectives. Charges to the grant will be in accordance with the following formula or rate: (1 Sr. Project Coordinator position (100%) @ \$98,842 x .8.76% = \$8,659 and 2 Program Aide (100%) @ $$96,432 \times 8.76\% = $8,447$ for a total of \$17,106. Reimbursement will be claimed on an actual cost basis and proportional to the grant-related use of the space.

Office Supplies - used for standard office supplies to support grant related activities, grant monitoring and reporting. Costs may include paper, toner, ink cartridges, CDs/DVDs and desk top supplies such as pens, pencils, binders, folders, flip charts, easels and clips. Excludes office furnishings and fixtures such as but not limited to the following: desk, chair, table, shelving, coat rack, credenza, book, filing cabinet, floor covering, office planter, storage cabinet, portable partition, picture, wall clock, draperies and hardware, and fixed lighting/lamp.

CPS Re-certification – Costs for re-certifying child passenger safety technicians (2 certification @ \$50)

INDIRECT COSTS

None

PROGRAM INCOME

There will be no program income generated from this grant.

CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES

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Failure to comply with applicable Federal statutes, regulations, and directives may subject Grantee Agency officials to civil or criminal penalties and/or place the State in a high risk grantee status in accordance with 49 CFR §18.12.

The officials named on the Grant Agreement, certify by way of signature on the Grant Agreement signature page, that the Grantee Agency complies with all applicable Federal statutes, regulations, and directives and State rules, guidelines, policies and laws in effect with respect to the periods for which it receives grant funding. Applicable provisions include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 23 U.S.C. Chapter 4 Highway Safety Act of 1966, as amended
- 49 CFR Part 18 Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments
- 23 CFR Chapter II (§§1200, 1205, 1206, 1250, 1251, & 1252) Regulations governing highway safety programs
- NHTSA Order 462-6C Matching Rates for State and Community Highway Safety Programs
- Highway Safety Grant Funding Policy for Field-Administered Grants

NONDISCRIMINATION

The Grantee Agency will comply with all Federal statutes and implementing regulations relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (88), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin (and 49 CFR Part 21); (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1681-1683 and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (101), as amended (42 U.S.C. 12101, et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disabilities (and 49 CFR Part 27); (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (100), which requires Federal-aid recipients and all subrecipients to prevent discrimination and ensure nondiscrimination in all of their programs and activities; (f) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (92), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (g) the comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (91), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (h) Sections 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912, as amended (42 U.S.C. 290dd-3 and 290ee-3), relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (i) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended (42 U.S.C. 3601, et seq.), relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (j) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (k) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

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BUY AMERICA ACT

The Grantee Agency will comply with the provisions of the Buy America Act (<u>49 U.S.C. 5323(j)</u>), which contains the following requirements:

Only steel, iron and manufactured products produced in the United States may be purchased with Federal funds unless the Secretary of Transportation determines that such domestic purchases would be inconsistent with the public interest, that such materials are not reasonably available and of a satisfactory quality, or that inclusion of domestic materials will increase the cost of the overall project contract by more than 25 percent. Clear justification for the purchase of non-domestic items must be in the form of a waiver request submitted to and approved by the Secretary of Transportation.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY (HATCH ACT)

The Grantee Agency will comply with provisions of the Hatch Act (<u>5 U.S.C. 1501</u>-1508) which limits the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING FEDERAL LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

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

- 1. 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, 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.
- 2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- 3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-award at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grant, loans, and cooperative agreements) 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.

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RESTRICTION ON STATE LOBBYING

None of the funds under this program will be used for any activity specifically designed to urge or influence a State or local legislator to favor or oppose the adoption of any specific legislative proposal pending before any State or local legislative body. Such activities include both direct and indirect (e.g., "grassroots") lobbying activities, with one exception. This does not preclude a State official whose salary is supported with NHTSA funds from engaging in direct communications with State or local legislative officials, in accordance with customary State practice, even if such communications urge legislative officials to favor or oppose the adoption of a specific pending legislative proposal.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

Instructions for Primary Certification

- 1. By signing and submitting this Grant Agreement, the Grantee Agency official is providing the certification set out below.
- 2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the Grantee Agency official to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.
- 3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the Grantee Agency official knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.
- 4. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to which this Grant Agreement is submitted if at any time the Grantee Agency official learns its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- 5. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, Grant Agreement, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meaning set out in the Definitions and coverage sections of <u>49 CFR Part 29</u>. You may contact the department or agency to which this Grant Agreement is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
- 6. The Grantee Agency official agrees by submitting this Grant Agreement that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under <u>48 CFR Part 9</u>, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.

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- 7. The Grantee Agency official further agrees by submitting this Grant Agreement that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
- 8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under <u>48 CFR Part 9</u>, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the list of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Non-procurement Programs.
- 9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- 10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under <u>48 CFR Part 9</u>, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters-Primary Covered Transactions

(1) The Grantee Agency official certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that its principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal department or agency;

(b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this Grant 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 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 record, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

(c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or Local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and

(d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/Grant Agreement had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

(2) Where the Grantee Agency official is unable to certify to any of the Statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this Grant Agreement.

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Instructions for Lower Tier Certification

- 1. By signing and submitting this Grant Agreement, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
- 2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
- 3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this Grant Agreement is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- 4. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, Grant Agreement, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definition and Coverage sections of <u>49 CFR Part 29</u>. You may contact the person to whom this Grant Agreement is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
- 5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this Grant Agreement that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under <u>48 CFR Part 9</u>, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
- 6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this Grant Agreement that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion— Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions. (See below)
- 7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under <u>48 CFR Part 9</u>, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Non-procurement Programs.
- 8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- 9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under <u>48 CFR Part 9</u>, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from

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participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transactions

- 1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this grant agreement, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- 2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this grant agreement.

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