

1. DATE ISSUED MM/DD/YYYY | 1a. SUPERSEDES AWARD NOTICE dated  
 Draft as of 05/21/2024 | except that any additions or restrictions previously imposed remain in effect unless specifically rescinded

2. CFDA NO.  
 15.228 - BLM Fuels Management and Community Fire Assistance Program Activities

3. ASSISTANCE TYPE Cooperative Agreement

4. GRANT NO. L24AC00073-00 | 5. TYPE OF AWARD Other  
 Originating MCA #

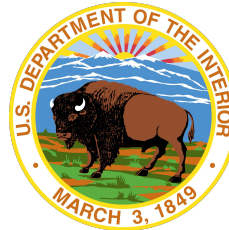
4a. FAIN L24AC00073 | 5a. ACTION TYPE New

6. PROJECT PERIOD MM/DD/YYYY | MM/DD/YYYY  
 From 07/01/2024 | Through 06/30/2029

7. BUDGET PERIOD MM/DD/YYYY | MM/DD/YYYY  
 From 07/01/2024 | Through 06/30/2029

8. TITLE OF PROJECT (OR PROGRAM)  
 El Dorado County Fire Adapted Communities

**NOTICE OF AWARD**



AUTHORIZATION (Legislation/Regulations)  
 Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), 43 USC § 1737(b)

9a. GRANTEE NAME AND ADDRESS  
 EL DORADO, COUNTY OF  
 330 Fair Ln  
 Placerville, CA, 95667-4103

9b. GRANTEE PROJECT DIRECTOR  
 Tom Meyer  
 360 Fair Ln  
 Placerville, CA, 95667-4103  
 Phone: 530-621-5662

10a. GRANTEE AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL  
 Tom Meyer  
 360 Fair Ln  
 Placerville, CA, 95667-4103  
 Phone: 530-621-5662

10b. FEDERAL PROJECT OFFICER  
 Mrs. Thelma Mosley  
 2800 Cottage Way  
 Sacramento, CA, 95825-1846  
 Phone: 9169784370

**ALL AMOUNTS ARE SHOWN IN USD**

11. APPROVED BUDGET (Excludes Direct Assistance)	
I Financial Assistance from the Federal Awarding Agency Only	
II Total project costs including grant funds and all other financial participation	
a. Salaries and Wages	\$ 306,951.66
b. Fringe Benefits	\$ 207,782.50
c. Total Personnel Costs	\$ 514,734.16
d. Equipment	\$ 0.00
e. Supplies	\$ 176,000.00
f. Travel	\$ 3,015.00
g. Construction	\$ 0.00
h. Other	\$ 0.00
i. Contractual	\$ 9,201,875.90
j. TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	\$ 9,895,625.06
k. INDIRECT COSTS	\$ 104,374.94
<b>l. TOTAL APPROVED BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 10,000,000.00</b>
m. Federal Share	\$ 10,000,000.00
n. Non-Federal Share	\$ 483,419.60

12. AWARD COMPUTATION	
a. Amount of Federal Financial Assistance (from item 11m)	\$ 10,000,000.00
b. Less Unobligated Balance From Prior Budget Periods	\$ 9,900,000.00
c. Less Cumulative Prior Award(s) This Budget Period	\$ 0.00
<b>d. AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THIS ACTION</b>	<b>\$ 100,000.00</b>
<b>13. Total Federal Funds Awarded to Date for Project Period</b>	<b>\$ 100,000.00</b>

14. RECOMMENDED FUTURE SUPPORT (Subject to the availability of funds and satisfactory progress of the project):			
YEAR	TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	YEAR	TOTAL DIRECT COSTS
a. 2	\$	d. 5	\$
b. 3	\$	e. 6	\$
c. 4	\$	f. 7	\$

15. PROGRAM INCOME SHALL BE USED IN ACCORD WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES:

- a. DEDUCTION
- b. ADDITIONAL COSTS
- c. MATCHING
- d. OTHER RESEARCH (Add / Deduct Option)
- e. OTHER (See REMARKS)

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16. THIS AWARD IS BASED ON AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO, AND AS APPROVED BY, THE FEDERAL AWARDING AGENCY ON THE ABOVE TITLED PROJECT AND IS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS INCORPORATED EITHER DIRECTLY OR BY REFERENCE IN THE FOLLOWING:

- a. The grant program legislation
- b. The grant program regulations.
- c. This award notice including terms and conditions, if any, noted below under REMARKS.
- d. Federal administrative requirements, cost principles and audit requirements applicable to this grant.

In the event there are conflicting or otherwise inconsistent policies applicable to the grant, the above order of precedence shall prevail. Acceptance of the grant terms and conditions is acknowledged by the grantee when funds are drawn or otherwise obtained from the grant payment system.

REMARKS (Other Terms and Conditions Attached -  Yes  No)  
 See next page

GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL:  
 Thelma Mosley, Grants Management Officer  
 2800 Cottage Way  
 Sacramento, CA, 95825-1846  
 Phone: 9169784370

17. VENDOR CODE	0071440437	18a. UEI UJSDBFWMWTS4	18b. DUNS 071543201	19. CONG. DIST.	05	
LINE#	FINANCIAL ACCT	AMT OF FIN ASST	START DATE	END DATE	TAS ACCT	PO LINE DESCRIPTION
1	0051044381-00010	\$100,000.00	07/01/2024	06/30/2029	1125	EL DORADO FIRE ADAPTED COMMUNITIES

NOTICE OF AWARD (Continuation Sheet)

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GRANT NO. L24AC00073-00	

REMARKS:

This cooperative agreement is made and entered into by the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, California State Office (BLM), and County of El Dorado, the recipient, for the purpose of El Dorado County Fire Adapted Communities transferring something of value to the recipient to carry out a public purpose of support or stimulation authorized by a law of the United States.

Acceptance of a Federal Financial Assistance award from the Department of the Interior (DOI) carries with it the responsibility to be aware of and comply with the terms and conditions of award. Acceptance is defined as the start of work, drawing down funds, or accepting the award via electronic means.

Program Officer: Burns Brimhall/bbrimhall@blm.gov/PH#916-941-3118.

Indirect Cost Rate:10%

Program Income: N/A

Required Cost Sharing/Matching: N/A

Required Periodic Status Reporting: Upload Reports in Grant Solutions

Performance Reports: Annual

SF425 Financial Reports: Annual

\*\*Upon execution of the agreement the Recipient agrees that receipts for the Supplies and Contractual line items will be supplied once received.

Refer to Attachment No. 1 for Award Terms and Condition

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# AWARD ATTACHMENTS

EL DORADO, COUNTY OF

L24AC00073-00

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1. El Dorado T&C Draft

**1. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT OBJECTIVES:**

A. Objective(s):

This project will reduce risk of wildfires starting and spreading onto BLM lands by providing defensible space around structures on private properties adjacent to these areas. El Dorado will provide education, outreach and assistance to create additional Firewise Communities and other local efforts within at-risk and low-income communities.

Project activities will reduce community losses from wildfire and subsequently reduce the need for FEMA disaster support costs. The project will also reduce the risk to adjacent and intermixed federal lands from catastrophic wildfires occurring in the wildland urban interface.

B. Public Benefit(s)

To protect natural resources, infrastructure, and promote a safe living environment for residents and visitors. El Dorado County seeks to create and maintain fire adapted communities. This project will reduce risk of wildfires starting and spreading onto BLM lands by providing defensible space around structures on private properties adjacent to these areas.

C. Federal Award Performance Goals

Milestone / Task / Activity	Start Date	Completion Date
Defensible Space and Hazardous Fuels Reduction Planning and Outreach	June 11, 2024	May 1, 2029
Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Defensible Space project Environmental Review	September 1, 2024	June 1, 2025
Defensible Space/Home Hardening Evaluations (30,000)	August 1, 2024	May 10, 2029
Defensible Space Projects (1000)	October 1, 2024	May 10, 2029
Hire Firewise Community and Outreach Coordinator	January 1, 2025	June 10, 2029
Firewise Community Workshops (2)	February 1, 2025	November 30, 2025
Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project Implementation (100 acres)	April 1, 2025	June 30, 2026
Firewise Community Workshops (3)	February 1, 2026	November 30, 2026
Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project Implementation (150 acres)	July 1, 2026	June 30, 2027
Firewise Community Workshops (2)	February 1, 2027	November 30, 2027
Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project Implementation (150 acres)	July 1, 2027	June 30, 2028
Firewise Community Workshop (2)	February 1, 2028	November 30, 2028
Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project Implementation (100 acres)	July 1, 2028	March 1, 2029
Project Close Out	March 1, 2029	June 10, 2029

**2. PROPOSED WORK**

- A. The Recipient's Project Proposal, dated 05/04/2023 entitled El Dorado County Fire Adapted Communities, is accepted by the BLM and incorporated herein, as part of this agreement in order to serve as the project work plan.

Additional documents incorporated by reference: The following recipient documents GRANT13877526, dated 05/04/2023 to include: Standard Form (SF) 424 Application for Federal Assistance, SF424A, Budget Information - Non-Construction Programs, SF424B, Assurances - Non-Construction Programs, Budget Detail, and signed Certification Regarding Lobbying - Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans and Cooperative Agreements.

- B. BLM will:

Coordination with the appropriate BLM Specialists will be done to analyze proposed treatments in either ACEC's or other parcels. With this analysis the appropriate NEPA document will be utilized be it a standalone EA, Programmatic EA, or CX.

Additional hazardous fuels reduction treatments as well as maintenance on existing fuel breaks will be initiated as identified in the requested Community Wildfire Protection Plan update and the proper environmental assessments will be completed by BLM Specialists.

- C. In addition, the recipient will also be responsible for significant developments, i.e., events which may occur between the scheduled performance reporting dates that have significant impact upon the supported activity. In such cases, the recipient must inform the BLM or pass-through entity as soon as the following types of conditions become known:

1. Problems, delays, or adverse conditions which will materially impair the ability to meet the objective of the Federal award. This disclosure must include a statement of the action taken, or contemplated, and any assistance needed to resolve the situation.
2. Favorable developments which enable meeting time schedules and objectives sooner or at less cost than anticipated or producing more or different beneficial results than originally planned.

### **3. TERM OF AGREEMENT**

- A. The term, or period of performance, of this agreement shall become effective as of the date shown on the signed award cover page and may remain in effect for a maximum of five (5) years.

The BLM will consider continued support of the project upon; (a) the recipient showing progress satisfactory to the BLM toward program goals and the determination by the BLM that continuation of the program would be in the best interests of the Government, (b) project is still in line with management's top priorities, and/or (c) the availability of funds.

- B. Budget and Program Revisions

1. Recipients must submit in writing to the BLM's Grants Management Officer (GMO) and Program Officer (PO) any request for budget or program revision in accordance with 2 CFR 200.308.

2. All modifications to the agreement shall be in writing and signed by the GMO. No oral statements or any written statements made by any person other than the GMO, shall in any manner modify or otherwise affect the terms of the agreement.

C. Termination. This agreement may be terminated in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR, Subpart D, Section 200.339 Termination.

#### **4. FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND PAYMENT METHOD**

A. Funding. The Recipient agrees not to exceed the total amount of available incremental funding. The Government is not obligated to reimburse the Recipient for the Recipient's expenditure of amounts in excess of the total available incremental funding nor is the Recipient obligated to continue performance beyond the incrementally funded amount. The obligation of funds for future incremental payments shall be subject to the availability of funds.

Funds obligated but not expended by the recipient in a FY may be carried forward and expended in subsequent years.

B. Maximum Obligations. The Recipient agrees not to exceed the total amount of available incremental funding. The Government is not obligated to reimburse the Recipient for the Recipient's expenditure of amounts in excess of the total available incremental funding nor is the Recipient obligated to continue performance beyond the incrementally funded amount. The obligation of funds for future incremental payments shall be subject to the availability of funds.

The total obligations, including modifications, represent the amount for which the BLM will be responsible under the terms of this agreement. The BLM shall not be responsible to pay for, nor shall the recipient be responsible to perform, any effort that will require the expenditure of Federal funds above the current obligated amount.

C. Reimbursable Costs and Limitations. The recipient shall not incur costs or obligate funds for any purpose pertaining to operation of the program or activities beyond the expiration date stated in the agreement. The only costs which are authorized for a period of up to 90 days following the award expiration date are those strictly associated with closeout activities for preparation of the final report. The BLM's financial participation is limited. The BLM will only fund up to its share of those amounts requested in the project proposal and as are subsequently approved and funded in the agreement. The recipient shall not be obligated to continue performance under the agreement or to incur costs in excess of the costs set forth in the proposal and subsequent agreement. However, if the Recipient chooses to expend funds in excess of the approved project budget, the Recipient will be responsible to fund the excess without funding participation by the Bureau.

#### **D. Cost Sharing and Matching**

Cost sharing for this agreement shall be in accordance with 2 CFR, Subpart D, Section 200.306, Cost sharing or matching.

1. There is no cost share or match legislatively required for this award.

## E. Indirect Costs

1. The Recipient has never had a federally approved negotiated indirect rate, and as the BLM is the cognizant agency, the Recipient has requested and received approval from the BLM for reimbursement under this agreement at the de minimis rate shown on the award cover sheet under "Indirect Cost Rate." This rate is to be applied to the agreement's base modified total direct costs (MTDC). MTDC consist of all salaries and wages, fringe benefits, materials and supplies, services, travel, and subgrants and subcontracts up to the first \$25,000 of each subgrant or subcontract (regardless of the period covered by the subgrant or subcontract). Equipment, capital expenditures, charges for patient care, rental costs and the portion of subgrants or subcontracts in excess of \$25,000 shall be excluded from TDC. Participant support costs shall generally be excluded from MTDC.

## F. Payment by Reimbursement

1. Payment will be made by draw-down reimbursement through the Department of the Treasury, Automated Standard Application for Payment (ASAP) System. See following website: <http://www.fiscal.treasury.gov/asap>. Treasury Circular 1075 (31 CFR 205) requires that draw-downs to a recipient organization shall be limited to the minimum amounts needed and shall be timed to be in accordance with the actual, immediate cash requirements of the recipient organization in carrying out the purposes of the approved program or project. The timing and amount of cash advances shall be as close as is administratively feasible to the actual disbursements by the recipient organization for direct program or project costs and the proportionate share of any allowable indirect costs

2. 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, must be disbursed before requesting additional cash payments.

## G. Payment Review

If a recipient has a history of poor performance, financial instability, uses a management system not meeting standards prescribed by the Uniform Administrative Requirements, has not conformed to the terms and conditions of the award, and/or is not otherwise responsible in safeguarding Federal funds, they may be determined to be "high risk" and be placed on Agency Review. Agency Review limits a recipient's access to funds by requiring that all draw-down requests reviewed and approved prior to their being released. Recipients on agency review must submit a completed Standard Form (SF) 270 Request for Advance Payment or Reimbursement for each payment requested along with a detailed explanation of how the costs correspond to the approved budget categories as listed on their Application for Federal Assistance SF-424A Budget Information and their Detailed Budget Breakdown or Challenge Cost Share Program Commitment Document, whichever is applicable. Being put on Agency Review does not relieve the recipient of required financial or performance reporting requirements.

## H. System for Award Management (SAM, [www.SAM.gov](http://www.SAM.gov))

Recipients of Federal financial assistance must maintain current registration with the System for Award Management (SAM, [www.SAM.gov](http://www.SAM.gov)). Failure to maintain registration can

impact access to funds and future obligations under this agreement and any other financial assistance or procurement award the recipient may have with the Federal government.

## 5. PERFORMANCE & FINANCIAL MONITORING

A. In accordance with 2 CFR 200.327 Financial Reporting and 200.328 Monitoring and Reporting Program Performance, the recipient is responsible for oversight, monitoring, and reporting of its activities under Federal awards to assure compliance with applicable Federal requirements and that performance expectations are being achieved. The BLM's monitoring of the recipient's activities may include review of the award file including discussions with the recipient regarding reporting, award activities, and project status (desk reviews), analysis of financial and performance reports, and discussions of specific issues related to project implementation, observation of project activity, and review of planned versus actual progress (site visits). The BLM has the right to inspect and evaluate the work performed or being performed under this agreement, and the premises where the work is being performed, at all reasonable times and in a manner that will not unduly delay the work. If the BLM performs inspection or evaluation on the premises of the recipient or a sub-recipient, the recipient shall furnish and shall require sub-recipients to furnish all reasonable facilities and assistance for the safe and convenient performance of these duties.

1. BLM programmatic monitoring addresses the content and substance of the program. It is a qualitative review to determine performance, innovation, and contributions to the field. The BLM may make site visits as warranted by program needs. In addition, the BLM has the right of timely and unrestricted access to any books, documents, papers, or other records of the recipient's that are pertinent to the award, in order to make audits, examinations, excerpts, transcripts, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to recipient personnel for the purpose of interviews and discussions related to such documents.

2. BLM financial monitoring ensures compliance with financial guidelines and general accounting practices. On-site or internal financial reviews are conducted to determine if: (1) award recipients are properly accounting for the receipt and expenditures of federal funds; (2) expenditures are in compliance with federal requirements and award special conditions; and (3) proper documentation on financial monitoring activities is prepared, maintained, and distributed as appropriate.

## 6. PERFORMANCE, FINANCIAL, AND OTHER REPORTING

Periodic financial, performance, and (if applicable) youth employment status reporting is a condition of this financial assistance award. Submission of reports is required whether or not any work has been attempted and/or any funds have been drawn down or expended. Failure to comply with the reporting requirements included in this agreement may be considered a material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of the award. Non-compliance may result in withholding of future payments, suspension or termination of the agreement, recovery of funds paid under the agreement, and withholding of future awards. The periodic status reporting required under this agreement is as follows.

### A. Annual Federal Financial Reports



1. Recipients of Federal financial assistance is required to submit periodic financial reports which document the financial status of their awards. The Federal Financial Report (FFR) or Standard Form (SF) 425 and SF425A - Attachment is the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) standard form used to report financial status. Expenditures and/or income may be reported either on a cash or accrual basis, whichever method is normally used by the recipient. Submitted SF425 reports must be signed by an authorized official of the recipient certifying that the information complete, accurate, consistent with the recipient's accounting system, and that all expenditures and obligations are for the purposes set forth in the agreement. The SF425 represents a claim to the Federal government, filing a false claim may result in civil or criminal penalties. Blank SF425 forms with instructions are available on the Grants.gov web site, URL: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/forms.html>.

2. Annual Reporting. Financial status reports under this agreement must be submitted on an annual basis. Reporting periods and report due dates under this agreement shall be as follows:

Reporting Period Dates

Submit Reports By

Award Start Date *through* September 30, 2025.....December 31, 2025\*

\*And each 12-Month period thereafter for the life of the agreement.

3. Annual financial reports are due by 90 Calendar days after the end of the reporting period. Upload financial status reports to Grants Solutions.

4. At the end of the agreement, final SF425 financial reports are due by 120 Calendar days after the expiration, termination, and/or project completion, whichever comes first. Upload financial status reports to Grants Solutions.

**B. Annual Performance Reports**

1. Recipients of Federal financial assistance is required to submit periodic performance reports prepared in accordance with 2 CFR, Subpart D, Section 200.329 Monitoring and Reporting Program Performance. There is no standard form, however performance reports should always relate to the performance goals and objectives identified in Section 1. of this agreement. Performance reports must be submitted in a narrative summary to include, but not limited to, the following:

a. Completed established goals, work in progress, future work, the percentage of work completed (based on Section 1 and 2 of this document).

b. The reasons why established goals and objectives were not met or problems which may impact the ability to complete work on time with recommendations on their resolution, if appropriate.

c. Prediction of future activities and how they will be accomplished.

d. Where the accomplishments of the Federal award can be quantified, a computation of the cost (for example, related to units of accomplishment) may be required if that information will be useful.

e. Where performance trend data and analysis would be informative to the BLM program the Federal awarding agency should include this as a performance reporting requirement.

f. Additional pertinent information including, when appropriate, analysis and explanation of cost overruns or high unit costs.

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A. Liability. The BLM assumes no liability for any actions or activities conducted under this agreement except to the extent that recourse or remedies are provided by Congress under the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 USC 2671.

B. Indemnification. The recipient hereby agrees:

1. To indemnify the federal government, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), from any act or omission of the recipient, its officers, employees, or (members, participants, agents, representatives, agents as appropriate) (1) against third party claims for damages arising from one or more activities carried out in connection with this financial assistance agreement and (2) for damage or loss to government property resulting from such an activity, to the extent the laws of the State where the recipient is located permit. This obligation shall survive the termination of this agreement.

2. To pay the United States the full value for all damage to the lands or other property of the United States caused by the recipient, its officers, employees, or (members, participants, agents, representatives, agents as appropriate).

3. To provide workers' compensation protection to the recipient's officers, employees, and representatives.

4. To cooperate with the BLM in the investigation and defense of any claims that may be filed with the BLM arising out of the activities of the recipient, its agents, and employees.

5. In the event of damage to or destruction of the buildings and facilities assigned for the use of the recipient in whole or in part by any cause whatsoever, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to require the BLM to replace or repair the buildings or facilities. If the BLM determines in writing, after consultation with the recipient that damage to the buildings or portions thereof renders such buildings unsuitable for continued use by the recipient, the BLM shall assume sole control over such buildings or portions thereof. If the buildings or facilities rendered unsuitable for use are essential for conducting operations authorized under this agreement, then failure to substitute and assign other facilities acceptable to the recipient will constitute termination of this agreement by the BLM.

C. Flow-down. For the purposes of this clause, "recipient" includes such subrecipients, contractors, or subcontractors as, in the judgment of the recipient and subject to the Government's determination of sufficiency, have sufficient resources and/or maintain adequate and appropriate insurance to achieve the purposes of this clause.

D. Identified Activities. All activities carried out in connection with this financial assistance agreement.

## 8. BLM PROPERTY STANDARDS

A. Government-furnished property (GFP), such as tools and equipment, furnished by the BLM to the recipient shall be used for official purposes only and shall be subject to the terms of the agreement. Tools and equipment shall be returned in the same condition received except for normal wear and tear in project use. Any BLM property used, or other property acquired under this agreement, including intangible property such as copyrights and patents, shall be governed by the property management provisions of 2 CFR, Subpart D, Sections 200.310 to 200.316, Property Standards.

## 9. KEY OFFICIALS

The key officials on this agreement are listed on the award cover page(s) and are considered to be essential to ensure maximum coordination and communication between the parties and the work being performed. Upon written notice, either party may designate an alternate to act in the place of their designated key official.

## 10. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A. See the Bureau of Land Management's ["Financial Assistance Award Terms and Conditions"](#) for the administrative and national policy requirements applicable to BLM awards.

B. [Appendix XII to Part 200—Award Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters](#)

C. Program Legislation and/or Regulations:

1. **Buy America Domestic Procurement Preference:**

As required by Section 70914 of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act), P.L. 117-58, on or after May 14, 2022, none of the funds under a federal award that are part of Federal financial assistance program for infrastructure may be obligated for a project unless all of the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States, unless subject to an approved waiver. The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards, including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this program.

Recipients of an award of Federal financial assistance are hereby notified that none of the funds provided under this award may be used for a project for infrastructure unless:

1. 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 to 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.

For further information on the Buy America preference, please visit [www.doi.gov/grants/BuyAmerica](http://www.doi.gov/grants/BuyAmerica). Additional information can also be found at the White House Made in America Office website: [www.whitehouse.gov/omb/management/made-in-america](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/management/made-in-america).

### *Waivers*

When necessary, recipients may apply for, and the Department of the Interior (DOI) may grant, a waiver from these requirements, subject to review by the Made in America Office. The DOI may waive the application of the domestic content procurement preference in any case in which it is determined that one of the below circumstances applies:

1. Non-availability Waiver: 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;

2. Unreasonable Cost Waiver: 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; or

3. Public Interest Waiver: applying the domestic content procurement preference would be inconsistent with the public interest.

There may be instances where an award qualifies, in whole or in part, for an existing DOI general applicability waiver as described at:

[www.doi.gov/grants/BuyAmerica/GeneralApplicabilityWaivers](http://www.doi.gov/grants/BuyAmerica/GeneralApplicabilityWaivers). If the specific financial assistance agreement, infrastructure project, or non-domestic materials meets the criteria of an existing general applicability waiver within the limitations defined within the waiver, the recipient is not required to request a separate waiver for non-domestic materials.

If a general applicability waiver does not already apply, and a recipient believes that one of the above circumstances applies to an award, a request to waive the application of the domestic content procurement preference may be submitted to the financial assistance awarding officer in writing. Waiver requests shall include the below information. The waiver shall not include any Privacy Act information, sensitive data, or proprietary information within their waiver request. Waiver requests will be posted to [www.doi.gov/grants/buyamerica](http://www.doi.gov/grants/buyamerica) and are subject to public comment periods of no less than 15 days. Waiver requests will also be reviewed by the Made in America Office.

1. Type of waiver requested (non-availability, unreasonable cost, or public interest).
2. Requesting entity and Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) submitting the request.
3. Department of Interior Bureau or Office who issued the award.
4. Federal financial assistance listing name and number (reference block 2 on DOI Notice of Award)
5. Financial assistance title of project (reference block 8 on DOI Notice of Award).
6. Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN).
7. Federal funding amount (reference block 11.m. on DO Notice of Award).
8. Total cost of Infrastructure expenditures (includes federal and non-federal funds to the extent known).
9. Infrastructure project description(s) and location(s) (to the extent known).
10. List of iron or steel item(s), manufactured goods, and construction material(s) the recipient seeks to waive from Buy America requirements. Include the name, cost, countries of origin (if known), and relevant PSC or NAICS code for each.
11. 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 nonproprietary communications with the prime contractor.
12. A statement of waiver justification, including a description of efforts made (e.g., market research, industry outreach) by the recipient, in an attempt to avoid the need for a waiver. Such a justification may cite, if applicable, the absence of any Buy America-compliant bids received in response to a solicitation.
13. Anticipated impact if no waiver is issued.

Approved waivers will be posted at [www.doi.gov/grants/BuyAmerica/ApprovedWaivers](http://www.doi.gov/grants/BuyAmerica/ApprovedWaivers); recipients requesting a waiver will be notified of their waiver request determination by an awarding officer.

Questions pertaining to waivers should be directed to the financial assistance awarding officer.

### *Definitions*

“Construction materials” includes an article, material, or supply 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.

“Construction Materials” does **not** include cement and cementitious materials, aggregates such as stone, sand, or gravel, or aggregate binding agents or additives.

“Domestic content procurement preference” means all iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States; the manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States; or the construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States.

“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; and buildings and real property. Infrastructure includes facilities that generate, transport, and distribute energy.

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

1. Scientific integrity is vital to Department of the Interior (DOI) activities under which scientific research, data, summaries, syntheses, interpretations, presentations, and/or publications are developed and used. Failure to uphold the highest degree of scientific integrity will result not only in potentially flawed scientific results, interpretations, and applications but will damage DOI's reputation and ability to uphold the public's trust. All work performed must comply with the DOI Scientific Integrity Policy posted to <http://www.doi.gov>, or its equivalent as provided by their organization or State law. For more information go to URL: <https://www.doi.gov/scientificintegrity>.

2. Opposition to Any Legislation. In accordance with the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Act, 2006, Title IV, Section 402, no part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be available for any activity or the publication or distribution of literature that in any way tends to promote public support or opposition to any legislative proposal on which Congressional action is not complete other than to communicate to Members of Congress as described in 18 U.S.C. 1913.

3. Prohibition on Issuing Financial Assistance Awards to Entities that Require Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements.

Section 743 of Division E, Title VII of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Resolution Appropriations Act of 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235) prohibits the use of funds appropriated or otherwise made available under that or any other Act for grants or cooperative agreements to an entity that requires employees or contractors of such entity seeking to report fraud, waste, or abuse to sign internal confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting such employees or contractors from lawfully reporting such waste, fraud, or abuse to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

Recipients must not require their employees or contractors seeking to report fraud, waste, or abuse to sign internal confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting such employees or contractors from lawfully reporting such waste, fraud, or abuse to a

designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

Recipients must notify their employees or contractors that existing internal confidentiality agreements covered by this condition are no longer in effect.

4. Order of Precedence. Any inconsistency in this agreement shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order: (a) Any national policy requirements and administrative management standards; (b) 2 CFR. Part 200; (c) requirements of the applicable OMB Circulars and Treasury regulations; (d) special terms and conditions; (e) all agreement sections, documents, exhibits, and attachments; and (f) the recipient's project proposal.

## **11. SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

A. Deposit of Publications. In addition to any requirements listed in the Project Management Plan, two (2) copies of each applicable publication produced under this agreement shall be sent to the Natural Resources Library with a transmittal that identifies the sender and the publication, and states that the publication is intended for deposit in the Natural Resources Library. Publications shall be sent to the following address:

U.S. Department of the Interior  
Natural Resources Library  
Interior Service Center  
Gifts and Exchanges Section  
1849 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20240

### **B. Conflicts of Interest.**

#### **1. Applicability.**

a. This section intends to ensure that non-Federal entities and their employees take appropriate steps to avoid conflicts of interest in their responsibilities under or with respect to Federal financial assistance agreements.

b. In the procurement of supplies, equipment, construction, and services by recipients and by subrecipients, the conflict-of-interest provisions in 2 CFR 200.318 apply.

#### **2. Requirements.**

a. Non-Federal entities must avoid prohibited conflicts of interest, including any significant financial interests that could cause a reasonable person to question the recipient's ability to provide impartial, technically sound, and objective performance under or with respect to a Federal financial assistance agreement.

b. In addition to any other prohibitions that may apply with respect to conflicts of interest, no key official of an actual or proposed recipient or subrecipient, who is substantially involved in the proposal or project, may have been a former Federal employee who, within the last one (1) year, participated personally and substantially in the evaluation, award, or administration of an award with respect to that recipient or subrecipient or in development of the requirement leading to the funding announcement.

c. No actual or prospective recipient or subrecipient may solicit, obtain, or use non-public information regarding the evaluation, award, or administration of an award to that



recipient or subrecipient or the development of a Federal financial assistance opportunity that may be of competitive interest to that recipient or subrecipient.

3. Notification.

a. Non-Federal entities, including applicants for financial assistance awards, must disclose in writing any conflict of interest to the DOI awarding agency or pass-through entity in accordance with 2 CFR 200.112, Conflicts of Interest.

b. Recipients must establish internal controls that include, at a minimum, procedures to identify, disclose, and mitigate or eliminate identified conflicts of interest. The recipient is responsible for notifying the Financial Assistance Officer in writing of any conflicts of interest that may arise during the life of the award, including those that have been reported by subrecipients.

4. Restrictions on Lobbying. Non-Federal entities are strictly prohibited from using funds under this grant or cooperative agreement for lobbying activities and must provide the required certifications and disclosures pursuant to 43 CFR Part 18 and 31 USC 1352.

5. Review Procedures. The Financial Assistance Officer will examine each conflict of interest disclosure on the basis of its particular facts and the nature of the proposed grant or cooperative agreement, and will determine whether a significant potential conflict exists and, if it does, develop an appropriate means for resolving it.

6. Enforcement. Failure to resolve conflicts of interest in a manner that satisfies the Government may be cause for termination of the award. Failure to make required disclosures may result in any of the remedies described in 2 CFR 200.338, Remedies for Noncompliance, including suspension or debarment (see also 2 CFR Part 180).

## **12. DEFINITIONS & ACRONYMS**

**Agency Review:** If a recipient has a history of poor performance, financial instability, has a management system not meeting standards prescribed by the Uniform Administrative Requirements, has not conformed to the terms and conditions of the award, and/or is not otherwise responsible in safeguarding federal funds, they may be placed on Agency Review. Agency Review limits a recipient's access to funds by requiring that all payments must be requested, reviewed, and approved prior to their being released.

**Award Recipient:** The Award Recipient is the recipient's individual who is authorized to act for the applicant and to assume the obligations imposed by the Federal laws, regulations, requirements, and conditions that apply to grant applications or grant awards.

**BLM:** Bureau of Land Management may, also be referred to as Bureau.

**CFR:** Code of Federal Regulations.

**DOI:** Department of the Interior.

**FFR:** Federal Financial Report or Standard Form (SF) 425.

**Financial Assistance Agreement:** This grant or cooperative agreement. The term grant is defined as all Federal financial assistance that provides support or stimulation to accomplish a public purpose. Use of the term "grant" includes grants and/or cooperative agreements awarded by the Federal Government to eligible recipients.



**Federal Award Date:** The date when the Federal award is sign by the BLM Grants Management Officer

**FY:** Federal Fiscal Year which runs from October 1 through September 30 each year.

**GMO:** Grants Management Officer, the only individual in the BLM who is authorized to obligate funds, award, modify, and/or terminate assistance agreements.

**GMS:** Grants Management Specialist, the administrative individual authorized to prepare assistance agreement awards and modifications, but who cannot obligate funds, award, modify, and/or terminate the agreement.

**NTE:** Not-to-exceed amount, the maximum Federal funding amount available for reimbursement to the recipient.

**OMB:** The Office of Management and Budget. OMB leads development of government-wide policy to assure that grants are managed properly and that Federal dollars are spent in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. OMB Circulars that apply to this agreement may be found on the OMB Website, URL: [http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars\\_default/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars_default/).

**PI:** The BLM Project Inspector, the technical advisor assisting the BLM Program Officer in administering and monitoring the technical aspects of the agreement. The Project Inspector is not authorized to modify this agreement or obligate the Government in any way.

**PO:** The BLM Program Officer, appointed for the purposes of monitoring the technical aspects of the agreement. The PO will work closely with the RPM and is authorized to clarify technical requirements, and review and approve work which is clearly within the objectives specified in this agreement. The PO will review financial, performance, and youth employment reports, and review and recommend approval of payments to the GMO if a recipient is on Agency Review. The PO is not authorized to modify this agreement or obligate the Government in any way.

**Recipient:** The organization and/or individual named in Box 5. of the "Grant and Cooperative Agreement" cover sheet.

**RPM:** The recipient's Project or Program Manager, designated to direct the project or activity being supported by the agreement. The RPM is responsible and accountable to the recipient and BLM for the proper implementation of the project or activity.

### **13. FULL TEXT TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

#### **1. Department of Interior Conflict of Interest Term and Condition:**

a. The Recipient must establish safeguards to prohibit its employees and Subrecipients from using their positions for purposes that constitute or present the appearance of a personal or organizational conflict of interest. The Recipient is responsible for notifying the Grants Officer in writing of any actual or potential conflicts of interest that may arise during the life of this award. Conflicts of interest include any relationship or matter which might place the Recipient or its employees in a position of conflict, real or apparent, between their responsibilities under the agreement and any other outside interests. Conflicts of interest may also include, but are not limited to, direct or indirect financial interests, close personal relationships, positions of trust in outside organizations, consideration of future employment arrangements with a different organization, or decision-making affecting the award that would cause a reasonable person with

knowledge of the relevant facts to question the impartiality of the Recipient and/or Recipient's employees and Sub-recipients in the matter.

b. The Grants Officer and the servicing Ethics Counselor will determine if a conflict of interest exists. If a conflict of interest exists, the Grants Officer will determine whether a mitigation plan is feasible. Mitigation plans must be approved by the Grants Officer in writing. Failure to resolve conflicts of interest in a manner that satisfies the government may be cause for termination of the award.

c. Failure to make required disclosures may result in any of the remedies described in 2 CFR § 200.338, Remedies for Noncompliance, including suspension or debarment (see also 2 CFR Part 180).

d. Definitions:

(1) Conflict of Interest is defined as any relationship or matter which might place the Recipient, its employees, and/or its Subrecipients in a position of conflict, real or apparent, between their responsibilities under the agreement and any other outside interests. Conflicts of interest may also include, but are not limited to, direct or indirect financial interests, close personal relationships, positions of trust in outside organizations, consideration of future employment arrangements with a different organization, or decision-making affecting the award that would cause a reasonable person with knowledge of the relevant facts to question the impartiality of the Recipient and/or Recipient's employees and Subrecipients in the matter.

(2) Close Personal Relationship means a federal award program employee's childhood or other friend, sibling, or other family relations that may compromise or impair the fairness and impartiality of the Proposal Evaluator and Advisor and Grants Officer in the review, selection, award, and management of a financial assistance award.

(3) Discretionary Federal Financial Assistance means Federal awards including grants and agreements that are awarded at the discretion of the agency.

(4) Employment means:

(a) In any capacity, even if otherwise permissible, by any applicant or potential applicant for a Federal financial assistance award;

(b) Employment within the last 12 months with a different organization applying for some portion of the award's approved project activities and funding to complete them OR expected to apply for and to receive some portion of the award; and/or

(c) Employment with a different organization of any member of the organization employee's household or a relative with whom the organization's employee has a close personal relationship who is applying for some portion of the award's approved project activities and funding to complete them OR expected to apply for and to receive some portion of the award.

(d) Nonfederal entity means a State, local government, Indian tribe, institution of higher education, or nonprofit organization that carries out a Federal award as a Recipient or Subrecipient.

(e) Recipient means a nonfederal entity that receives a federal award directly from a federal awarding agency to carry out an activity under a federal program. The term Recipient does not include Subrecipients.

(f) Subrecipient means a nonfederal entity that receives a subaward from a pass-through entity to carry out part of a federal program but does not include an

individual who is a beneficiary of such program. A Subrecipient may also be a recipient of other Federal awards directly from a federal awarding agency.

## 2. MINIMUM WAGES UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 13658 (January 2015)2

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause—

“United States” means the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

“Worker”—

(1) Means any person engaged in performing work on, or in connection with, a contract covered by Executive Order 13658, and

(i) Whose wages under such contract are governed by the Fair Labor Standards Act (29 U.S.C. chapter 8), the Service Contract Labor Standards statute (41 U.S.C. chapter 67), or the Wage Rate Requirements (Construction) statute (40 U.S.C. chapter 31, subchapter IV),

(ii) Other than individuals employed in a bona fide executive, administrative, or professional capacity, as those terms are defined in 29 CFR part 541,

(iii) Regardless of the contractual relationship alleged to exist between the individual and the employer.

(2) Includes workers performing on, or in connection with, the contract whose wages are calculated pursuant to special certificates issued under 29 U.S.C. 214(c).

(3) Also includes any person working on, or in connection with, the contract and individually registered in a bona fide apprenticeship or training program registered with the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship, or with a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office of Apprenticeship.

(b) Executive Order Minimum Wage rate.

(1) The Contractor shall pay to workers, while performing in the United States, and performing on, or in connection with, this contract, a minimum hourly wage rate of \$10.10 per hour beginning January 1, 2015.

(2) The Contractor shall adjust the minimum wage paid, if necessary, beginning January 1, 2016 and annually thereafter, to meet the Secretary of Labor's annual E.O. minimum wage. The Administrator of the Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division (the Administrator) will publish annual determinations in the Federal Register no later than 90 days before the effective date of the new E.O. minimum wage rate. The Administrator will also publish the applicable E.O. minimum wage on [www.wdol.gov](http://www.wdol.gov) (or any successor Web site) and on all wage determinations issued under the Service Contract Labor Standards statute or the Wage Rate Requirements (Construction) statute. The applicable published E.O. minimum wage is incorporated by reference into this contract.

(3) (i) The Contractor may request a price adjustment only after the effective date of the new annual E.O. minimum wage determination. Prices will be adjusted only if labor costs increase as a result of an increase in the annual E.O. minimum wage, and for associated labor costs and relevant subcontract costs. Associated labor costs shall include increases or decreases that result from changes in social security and unemployment taxes and workers' compensation insurance but will not otherwise include any amount for general and administrative costs, overhead, or profit.

(ii) Subcontractors may be entitled to adjustments due to the new minimum wage, pursuant to paragraph (b)(2). Contractors shall consider any subcontractor requests for such price adjustment.

(iii) The Contracting Officer will not adjust the contract price under this clause for any costs other than those identified in paragraph (b)(3)(i) of this clause and will not provide duplicate price adjustments with any price adjustment under clauses implementing the Service Contract Labor Standards statute or the Wage Rate Requirements (Construction) statute.

(4) The Contractor warrants that the prices in this contract do not include allowance for any contingency to cover increased costs for which adjustment is provided under this clause.

(5) A pay period under this clause may not be longer than semi-monthly but may be shorter to comply with any applicable law or other requirement under this contract establishing a shorter pay period. Workers shall be paid no later than one pay period following the end of the regular pay period in which such wages were earned or accrued.

(6) The Contractor shall pay, unconditionally to each worker, all wages due free and clear without subsequent rebate or kickback. The Contractor may make deductions that reduce a worker's wages below the E.O. minimum wage rate only if done in accordance with 29 CFR 10.23, Deductions.

(7) The Contractor shall not discharge any part of its minimum wage obligation under this clause by furnishing fringe benefits or, with respect to workers whose wages are governed by the Service Contract Labor Standards statute, the cash equivalent thereof.

(8) Nothing in this clause shall excuse the Contractor from compliance with any applicable Federal or State prevailing wage law or any applicable law or municipal ordinance establishing a minimum wage higher than the E.O. minimum wage. However, wage increases under such other laws or municipal ordinances are not subject to price adjustment under this subpart.

(9) The Contractor shall pay the E.O. minimum wage rate whenever it is higher than any applicable collective bargaining agreement(s) wage rate.

(10) The Contractor shall follow the policies and procedures in 29 CFR 10.24(b) and 10.28 for treatment of workers engaged in an occupation in which they customarily and regularly receive more than \$30 a month in tips.

(c) (1) This clause applies to workers as defined in paragraph (a). As provided in that definition—

(i) Workers are covered regardless of the contractual relationship alleged to exist between the contractor or subcontractor and the worker;

(ii) Workers with disabilities whose wages are calculated pursuant to special certificates issued under 29 U.S.C. 214(c) are covered; and

(iii) Workers who are registered in a bona fide apprenticeship program or training program registered with the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship, or with a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office of Apprenticeship, are covered.

(2) This clause does not apply to—

(i) Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)-covered individuals performing in connection with contracts covered by the E.O., i.e. those individuals who perform duties necessary to the performance of the contract, but who are not directly engaged in performing the specific work called for by the contract, and who spend less than 20 percent of their hours worked in a particular workweek performing in connection with such contracts;

(ii) Individuals exempted from the minimum wage requirements of the FLSA under 29 U.S.C. 213(a) and 214(a) and (b), unless otherwise covered by the Service Contract Labor Standards statute, or the Wage Rate Requirements (Construction) statute. These individuals include but are not limited to—

(a) Learners, apprentices, or messengers whose wages are calculated pursuant to special certificates issued under 29 U.S.C. 214(a).

(b) Students whose wages are calculated pursuant to special certificates issued under 29 U.S.C. 214(b).

(c) Those employed in a bona fide executive, administrative, or professional capacity (29 U.S.C. 213(a)(1) and 29 CFR part 541).

(d) Notice. The Contractor shall notify all workers performing work on, or in connection with, this contract of the applicable E.O. minimum wage rate under this clause. With respect to workers covered by the Service Contract Labor Standards statute or the Wage Rate Requirements (Construction) statute, the Contractor may meet this requirement by posting, in a prominent and accessible place at the worksite, the applicable wage determination under those statutes. With respect to workers whose wages are governed by the FLSA, the Contractor shall post notice, utilizing the poster provided by the Administrator, which can be obtained at [www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts](http://www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts), in a prominent and accessible place at the worksite. Contractors that customarily post notices to workers electronically may post the notice electronically provided the electronic posting is displayed prominently on any Web site that is maintained by the contractor, whether external or internal, and customarily used for notices to workers about terms and conditions of employment.

(e) Payroll Records.

(1) The Contractor shall make and maintain records, for three years after completion of the work, containing the following information for each worker:

- (i) Name, address, and social security number;
- (ii) The worker's occupation(s) or classification(s);
- (iii) The rate or rates of wages paid;
- (iv) The number of daily and weekly hours worked by each worker;
- (v) Any deductions made; and
- (vi) Total wages paid.

(2) The Contractor shall make records pursuant to paragraph (e)(1) of this clause available for inspection and transcription by authorized representatives of the Administrator. The Contractor shall also make such records available upon request of the Contracting Officer.

(3) The Contractor shall make a copy of the contract available, as applicable, for inspection or transcription by authorized representatives of the Administrator.

(4) Failure to comply with this paragraph (e) shall be a violation of 29 CFR 10.26 and this contract. Upon direction of the Administrator or upon the Contracting Officer's own action, payment shall be withheld until such time as the noncompliance is corrected.

(5) Nothing in this clause limits or otherwise modifies the Contractor's payroll and recordkeeping obligations, if any, under the Service Contract Labor Standards statute, the Wage Rate Requirements (Construction) statute, the Fair Labor Standards Act, or any other applicable law.

(f) Access. The Contractor shall permit authorized representatives of the Administrator to conduct investigations, including interviewing workers at the worksite during normal working hours.

(g) Withholding. The Contracting Officer, upon his or her own action or upon written request of the Administrator, will withhold funds or cause funds to be withheld from the Contractor under this or any other Federal contract with the same Contractor, sufficient to pay workers the full amount of wages required by this clause.

(h) Disputes. Department of Labor has set forth in 29 CFR 10.51, Disputes concerning contractor compliance, the procedures for resolving disputes concerning a contractor's compliance with Department of Labor regulations at 29 CFR part 10. Such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with those procedures and not the Disputes clause of this contract. These disputes include disputes between the Contractor (or any of its subcontractors) and the contracting agency, the Department of Labor, or the workers or their representatives.

(i) Anti-retaliation. The Contractor shall not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any worker because such worker has filed any complaint or instituted or caused to be instituted any proceeding under or related to compliance with the E.O. or this clause or has testified or is about to testify in any such proceeding.

(j) Subcontractor compliance. The Contractor is responsible for subcontractor compliance with the requirements of this clause and may be held liable for unpaid wages due subcontractor workers.

(k) Subcontracts. The Contractor shall include the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (k) in all subcontracts, regardless of dollar value, that are subject to the Service Contract Labor Standards statute or the Wage Rate Requirements (Construction) statute, and are to be performed in whole or in part in the United States.