



## **Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Special Terms and Conditions**

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

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

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

The following are incorporated into this Award by reference:

- DOE Assistance Regulations, 2 CFR part 200 as amended by 2 CFR part 910 at <http://www.eCFR.gov>.
- Public Law 117-169 Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)
- National Policy Requirements (November 12, 2020) at <http://www.nsf.gov/awards/managing/rtc.jsp>.
- The Recipient’s application/proposal as approved by SCEP.

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## **Subpart A. General Provisions**

### **Term 1. Legal Authority and Effect**

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

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

### **Term 2. Terms Subject to Change Upon Obligation of Full Formula Award Allocation**

These terms and conditions cover the initial allocation of funds for this program. The recipient is advised that some terms may be added, modified, or removed upon the recipient's application and approval for the full formula allocation under this program, in order to properly implement all programmatic requirements associated with the program. "

### **Term 3. Flow Down Requirement**

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

### **Term 4. Compliance with Federal, State, and Municipal Law**

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

### **Term 5. Inconsistency with Federal Law**

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

### **Term 6. Federal Stewardship**

SCEP will exercise normal Federal stewardship in overseeing the project activities performed under this Award. Stewardship activities include, but are not limited to, conducting site visits; reviewing performance and financial reports; providing technical assistance and/or temporary intervention in unusual circumstances to address deficiencies that develop during the project;

assuring compliance with terms and conditions; and reviewing technical performance after project completion to ensure that the project objectives have been accomplished.

## **Term 7. Federal Involvement**

### **A. Review Meetings**

The Recipient, including but not limited to, the principal investigator (or, if applicable, co-principal investigators), is required to participate in periodic review meetings with SCEP. Review meetings enable SCEP to assess the work performed under this Award and determine whether the Recipient has timely achieved the technical milestones and deliverables stated in Attachment 1 to this Award.

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

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

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

### **B. Project Meetings**

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

### **C. Site Visits**

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

work.

**D. SCEP Access**

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

**Term 8. NEPA Requirements**

**A. Authorization**

DOE must comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) prior to authorizing the use of Federal funds.

For Recipients with a DOE executed Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement (PA), DOE has determined that the "Allowable Activities" listed in the State Energy Office NEPA Determination (Attachment 5) are categorically excluded and require no further NEPA review. The Recipient is thereby authorized to use Federal funds for the "Allowable Activities" listed in the IRA 50121 and 50122, Home Energy Rebate Programs Early Admin Funds ALRD NEPA Determination, subject to the Recipient's compliance with paragraphs B. "Conditions" and C. "Future Modifications," and the restrictions listed in Attachment 5.

**B. Conditions**

1. This NEPA Determination only applies to activities funded by the IRA 50121 and 50122, Home Energy Rebate Programs Early Admin Funds ALRD.
2. Activities not listed under "Allowable Activities are subject to additional NEPA review and approval by DOE. For activities requiring additional NEPA review, Recipients must complete the environmental questionnaire found at <https://www.eere-pmc.energy.gov/NEPA.aspx> and receive notification from DOE that the NEPA review has been completed and approved by the Contracting Officer prior to initiating the project or activities.
3. DOE has determined that the following Allowable Activities do not require additional review; provided the projects adhere to the Recipient's DOE executed Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement:
  1. Capacity building
    - a. Hire staff to assist the state in developing its plan for one or both rebate programs.
    - b. Contract with experts that can assist the state in drafting its application to DOE once program guidance is issued.

- c. Development of any needed contracting materials and mechanisms, particularly if the state plans to use third party program implementers.
2. Strategic planning
    - a. Conduct analysis, market research, community engagement including but not limited to workshops, town meetings, and social media outreach, or other activities to assist the state in determining its priorities and goals for the rebate funds.
    - b. Identify program design priorities that best address state needs (e.g., specific energy efficiency technologies and technology packages, targeted housing stock/communities)
    - c. Identify existing contracts and program delivery mechanisms that may meet the preliminary program requirements and could be leveraged to deliver rebates when DOE releases the programmatic funds.
    - d. Identify ways to spur long-term market transformation beyond the rebate period (e.g., workforce development, attractive financing, improved supply chain/delivery mechanisms).
    - e. Develop plan for addressing equity and environmental justice in rebate programs including contributing to the goal of the Justice40 initiative, so that 40 percent of the overall benefits of certain Federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities.
  3. Workforce development
    - a. DOE encourages states to use a portion of their administration funds under this ALRD to plan for but not implement 6/2/23, 1:41 PM U.S. DOE: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy - Environmental Questionnaire [https://eere-pmc-hq.ee.doe.gov/GONEPA/ND\\_form\\_V2.aspx?key=25397](https://eere-pmc-hq.ee.doe.gov/GONEPA/ND_form_V2.aspx?key=25397) 2/3 residential contractor training programs under DOE's forthcoming State-Based Home Energy Efficiency Contractor Training Grants (IRA section 50123).
    - b. Identify existing workforce programs, certifications, and gaps; identify job categories with shortages; develop strategy for recruiting and filling these gaps (e.g., vocational schools, community and other colleges, local labor organizations, high schools).
    - c. Engage local trades groups, home contractor organizations, retailers, and manufacturer training programs and certifications to determine what types of additional training is needed for existing residential workforce including but not limited to workshops, social media outreach, and surveys.
    - d. Research existing training materials and tools to support workforce development efforts.
    - e. Develop and begin to implement a plan for addressing equity and environmental justice as part of workforce development strategy as well as supporting good-paying jobs with a free and fair choice to join a union.
  4. Coordinated program delivery
    - a. Develop approach for integrating rebates with existing federal, state, utility and community-based programs as appropriate.

- b. Engage relevant stakeholders such as local government, community-based organizations, utilities, green banks, program implementers and existing state/federal programs to consider how and when braiding or other co-delivery of resources would be most effective including but not limited to workshops, social media outreach, and surveys.
  - c. Begin initial conversations with Indian Tribes that may receive allocations of the electrification rebate funds including meetings and possible mailings.
  - d. Research standards and best practices of standing up energy efficiency rebate programs.
5. Consumer outreach & education
- a. Determine needs for educational and marketing materials.
  - b. Identify effective approaches for outreach to disadvantaged communities. The proposed activities would be limited to outreach, education, planning, and administrative efforts.

Based on the types of activities proposed, DOE does not anticipate any impacts to resources of concern.

4. The Recipient must identify and promptly notify DOE of extraordinary circumstances, cumulative impacts or connected actions that may lead to significant effects on the human environment, or any inconsistency with the "integral elements" (as contained in 10 CFR Part 1021, Appendix B) as they relate to project activities.
5. Recipients must have a DOE executed Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement and adhere to the terms and restrictions of its DOE executed Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement. DOE executed historic preservation programmatic agreements are available on the Office of State and Community Energy Programs website: <https://www.energy.gov/scep/historic-preservation-executed-programmatic-agreements>.
6. Most activities listed under "Allowable Activities" are more restrictive than the Categorical Exclusion. The restrictions listed in the "Allowable Activities" must be followed.
7. Recipients are responsible for completing the online NEPA and Historic preservation training at <http://www.energy.gov/node/4816816> and contacting NEPA with any questions [GONEPA@ee.doe.gov](mailto:GONEPA@ee.doe.gov).
8. This authorization excludes any activities that are otherwise subject to a restriction set forth elsewhere in the Award.

**C. Modifications and Activities not covered by the NEPA Determination**

If the Recipient intends to undertake activities or projects that do not fall within the



NEPA determination, those activities and projects are subject to additional NEPA review by DOE and are not authorized for Federal funding unless and until the Contracting Officer provides written authorization on those additions or modifications. Should the Recipient elect to undertake activities or projects prior to written authorization from the Contracting Officer, the Recipient does so at risk of not receiving Federal funding for those activities and projects, and such costs may not be recognized as allowable cost match.

## **Term 9. Historic Preservation**

### **A. Authorization**

DOE must comply with the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) prior to authorizing the use of Federal funds. Section 106 applies to historic properties that are listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Recipients with a DOE-executed Programmatic Agreement (PA) must comply with the requirements identified in paragraph B. Conditions below.

### **B. Conditions**

#### **Recipients with a DOE executed PA for Historic Preservation:**

(AL, AK, AS, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, DC, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MP, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, PR, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, WA, WV, WI, WY, and VI.)

Recipients with a DOE executed historic preservation Programmatic Agreement (PA) must adhere to all the Stipulations of their PA. All DOE executed PAs are available on the Office of State and Community Energy Programs website:  
<https://www.energy.gov/scep/historic-preservation-executed-programmatic-agreements>.

In addition to the Stipulations in their PAs, Recipients must notify DOE via [GONEPA@ee.doe.gov](mailto:GONEPA@ee.doe.gov) whenever:

- Either the Recipient or the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)/Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) believes that the Criteria of Adverse Effect pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.5, apply to the proposal under consideration by DOE;
- There is a disagreement between an Applicant, or its authorized representative, and the SHPO/THPO about the scope of the area of potential effects, identification and evaluation of historic properties and/or the assessment of effects;
- There is an objection from a consulting party or the public regarding their involvement in the review process established by 36 CFR Part 800, Section 106

- findings and determinations, or implementation of agreed upon measures; or
- There is the potential for a foreclosure situation or anticipatory demolition as defined under 36 CFR §800.9 (b) and 36 CFR § 800.9 (c).

**A. Authorization**

DOE must comply with the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) prior to authorizing the use of Federal funds. Section 106 applies to historic properties that are listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

DOE has determined the Recipient is thereby authorized to use Federal funds for the "Allowable Activities" listed in the NEPA Determination, (Attachment 5), subject to the Recipient's compliance with paragraph b. "Conditions" and the restrictions listed in Attachment 5.

Recipients must comply with the requirements identified in paragraph b. "Conditions" below.

**B. Conditions**

If the Recipient seeks to fund activities that do not qualify as "Allowable Activities" as defined in Attachment 5, those activities or modified activities are subject to additional Section 106 review and are not authorized for Federal funding unless and until the DOE Contracting Officer provides written authorization for those activities. For such activities, Recipients must submit **all** projects to DOE for Section 106 review, which occurs under the umbrella of the NEPA review process. For projects requiring additional Section 106 review, recipients must contact their DOE Project Officer and request a Historic Preservation Worksheet and receive notification from the DOE that the Section 106 review has been completed and approved by the Contracting Officer prior to initiating projects.

**Term 10. Performance of Work in United States**

**A. Requirement**

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

**B. Failure to Comply**

If the Recipient fails to comply with the Performance of Work in the United States requirement, the Contracting Officer may deny reimbursement for the work

conducted outside the United States and such costs may not be recognized as allowable Recipient cost share regardless if the work is performed by the Recipient, subrecipients, vendors or other project partners.

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

All work performed under this Award must be performed in the United States. However, the Contracting Officer may approve the Recipient to perform a portion of the work outside the United States under limited circumstances. The Recipient must obtain a waiver from the Contracting Officer prior to conducting any work outside the U.S. To request a waiver, the Recipient must submit a written waiver request to the Contracting Officer, which includes the following information:

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

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

## **Term 11. Foreign National Involvement**

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

## **Term 12. Reporting Requirements**

### **A. Requirements**

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

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

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

**C. Restrictions**

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

**Term 13. Lobbying**

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

**Term 14. Publications**

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

- *Acknowledgment:* "This material is based upon work supported by the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of State and Community Energy Programs (SCEP) under the IRA Home Energy Rebates Award Number DE-0000048."
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Recipients should make every effort to include the full Legal Disclaimer. However, in the event that recipients are constrained by formatting and/or page limitations set by the publisher, the abridged Legal Disclaimer is an acceptable alternative.

**Term 15. No-Cost Extension**

As provided in 2 CFR 200.308, the Recipient must provide the Contracting Officer with notice in advance if it intends to utilize a one-time, no-cost extension of this Award. The notification must include the supporting reasons and the revised period of performance. The Recipient must submit this notification in writing to the Contracting Officer and DOE Technology Manager/ Project Officer at least 30 days before the end of the current budget period.

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

**Term 16. Property Standards**

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

**Term 17. Insurance Coverage**

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

**Term 18. Real Property**

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

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

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

## **Term 19. Equipment**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Term 20. Supplies**

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

## **Term 21. Property Trust Relationship**

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

## **Term 22. Record Retention**

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

## **Term 23. Audits**

### **A. Government-Initiated Audits**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## **Subpart B. Financial Provisions**

### **Term 24. Funding Restrictions**

Administrative funds released under this Award are intended to further the overall objectives described in IRA Sections 50121 and/or 50122; acceptance of these funds indicates a commitment from the recipient to apply for programmatic funds when they are made available to implement full rebate programs. DOE reserves the right to seek the return of these funds if the recipient accepts them but does not commit to implementation of a rebate program.

### **Term 25. Maximum Obligation**

The maximum obligation of DOE for this Award is the total “Funds Obligated” as stated in Block 13 of the Assistance Agreement to this Award. Additional Federal funding is contingent upon: (1) Recipient’s demonstrated substantial progress towards meeting the objectives of the Award; (2) availability of Federal funds appropriated by Congress for the purpose of this program; and (3) the availability of future-year budget authority.

### **Term 26. Continuation Application and Funding**

#### **A. Continuation Application**

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

#### **B. Continuation Funding**

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

### **Term 27. Refund Obligation**

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



## **Term 28. Allowable Costs**

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

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

## **Term 29. Indirect Costs**

### **A. Indirect Cost Allocation:**

The Recipient has a current and approved Predetermined or Fixed Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA) and it applies uniformly across all Federal awards through the Recipients fiscal year end 2024. An updated rate proposal or NICRA is required within 180 days prior to the identified expiration if the Recipient is to continue to bill predetermined indirect cost billing rates on the DOE award.

### **B. Fringe Cost Allocation:**

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

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

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

### **D. Indirect Cost Stipulations:**

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

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

Agency or Cognizant Federal Agency Official.

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

**ii. Award Closeout**

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

**Term 30. Decontamination and/or Decommissioning (D&D) Costs**

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

**Term 31. Use of Program Income**

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

**Term 32. Payment Procedures**

**A. Method of Payment**

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

**B. Requesting Advances**

Requests for advances must be made through the ASAP system. The Recipient may submit requests as frequently as required to meet its needs to disburse funds for the Federal share of project costs. If feasible, the Recipient should time each request so that the Recipient receives payment on the same day that the Recipient disburses

funds for direct project costs and the proportionate share of any allowable indirect costs. If same-day transfers are not feasible, advance payments must be as close to actual disbursements as administratively feasible.

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

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

**D. Payments**

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

**E. Unauthorized Drawdown of Federal Funds**

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

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

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

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

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

- Summary cost data, for the billing period and cumulative cost data, showing all categories listed in the SF-424A and identifying Federal, non-Federal, and total amounts.
- SF-270.
- If there are unauthorized phases and/or tasks for the current budget period in the NEPA Requirements term in these Special Terms and Conditions, a statement affirming that no invoiced costs are related to tasks or activities prohibited by

the NEPA Requirements term.

- *Applicable to for-profit recipients and subrecipients* UCC filing proof for all equipment acquired with project funds (i.e., Federal share or Recipient share) and equipment offered as cost share.

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

### **Term 33. Budget Changes**

#### **A. Budget Changes Generally**

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

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

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

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

The Recipient is required to obtain the prior written approval of the Contracting Officer for any transfer of funds among direct cost categories where the cumulative amount of such transfers exceeds or is expected to exceed 10 percent of the total project cost, which is stated as "Total" in Block 12 to the Assistance Agreement of this Award.

The Recipient is required to notify the DOE Technology Manager/Project Officer of any transfer of funds among direct cost categories where the cumulative amount of such transfers is equal to or below 10 percent of the total project cost, which is stated as "Total" in Block 12 to the Assistance Agreement of this Award.

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

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

than 10% of total project costs and the difference is reflected in actual requests for reimbursement to DOE.

## Subpart C. Miscellaneous Provisions

### Term 34. Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation

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

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

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

- i. *Applicability and what to report.* The Recipient must report total compensation for each of its five most highly compensated executives for the preceding completed fiscal year, if:
  1. The total Federal funding authorized to date under this Award equals or exceeds \$30,000 as defined in 2 CFR 170.320;
  2. In the preceding fiscal year, the Recipient received;
    - a. 80 percent or more of the Recipient's annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR 170.320 (and subawards); and



2. The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, see the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at <http://www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm>).
- ii. *Where and when to report.* The Recipient must report subrecipient executive total compensation described in paragraph C.i. of this award term:
    1. To the recipient.
    2. By the end of the month following the month during which the Recipient makes the subaward. For example, if a subaward is obligated on any date during the month of October of a given year (*i.e.*, between October 1 and 31), the Recipient must report any required compensation information of the subrecipient by November 30 of that year.

**D. Exemptions**

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

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

**E. Definitions**

For purposes of this Award term:

- i. Entity means all of the following, as defined in 2 CFR Part 25:
  1. A Governmental organization, which is a State, local government, or Indian tribe.
  2. A foreign public entity.
  3. A domestic or foreign nonprofit organization.
  4. A domestic or foreign for-profit organization.
  5. A Federal agency, but only as a subrecipient under an award or subaward to a non-Federal entity.

- ii. Executive means officers, managing partners, or any other employees in management positions.
- iii. Subaward:
  - 1. This term means a legal instrument to provide support for the performance of any portion of the substantive project or program for which the Recipient received this award and that the recipient awards to an eligible subrecipient.
  - 2. The term does not include the Recipient's procurement of property and services needed to carry out the project or program (for further explanation, see 2 CFR 200.501 Audit requirements, (f) *Subrecipients and Contractors* and/or 2 CFR 910.501 Audit requirements, (f) *Subrecipients and Contractors*).
  - 3. A subaward may be provided through any legal agreement, including an agreement that the Recipient or a subrecipient considers a contract.
- iv. Subrecipient means an entity that:
  - 1. Receives a subaward from the Recipient under this award; and
  - 2. Is accountable to the Recipient for the use of the Federal funds provided by the subaward.
- v. Total compensation means the cash and noncash dollar value earned by the executive during the recipient's or subrecipient's preceding fiscal year and includes the following (for more information see 17 CFR 229.402(c)(2)):
  - 1. Salary and bonus.
  - 2. Awards of stock, stock options, and stock appreciation rights. Use the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes with respect to the fiscal year in accordance with the Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (Revised 2004) (FAS 123R), Shared Based Payments.
  - 3. Earnings for services under non-equity incentive plans. This does not include group life, health, hospitalization or medical reimbursement plans that do not discriminate in favor of executives, and are available generally to all salaried employees.



4. Change in pension value. This is the change in present value of defined benefit and actuarial pension plans.
5. Above-market earnings on deferred compensation which is not tax-qualified.
6. Other compensation, if the aggregate value of all such other compensation (*e.g.* severance, termination payments, value of life insurance paid on behalf of the employee, perquisites or property) for the executive exceeds \$10,000.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **C. Definitions**

For purposes of this award term:

- i. System for Award Management (SAM) means the Federal repository into which an entity must provide information required for the conduct of business as a recipient. Additional information about registration procedures may be found at the SAM Internet site (currently at <https://www.sam.gov>).

- ii. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) is the 12-character, alpha-numeric identifier that will be assigned by SAM.gov upon registration.
- iii. Entity, as it is used in this award term, means all of the following, as defined at 2 CFR Part 25, subpart C:
  - 1. A Governmental organization, which is a State, local government, or Indian Tribe.
  - 2. A foreign public entity.
  - 3. A domestic or foreign nonprofit organization.
  - 4. A domestic or foreign for-profit organization.
  - 5. A Federal agency, but only as a subrecipient under an award or subaward to a non-Federal entity.
- iv. Subaward:
  - 1. This term means a legal instrument to provide support for the performance of any portion of the substantive project or program for which the Recipient received this Award and that the Recipient awards to an eligible subrecipient.
  - 2. The term does not include the Recipient's procurement of property and services needed to carry out the project or program (for further explanation, see 2 CFR 200.501 Audit requirements, (f) *Subrecipients and Contractors* and/or 2 CFR 910.501 Audit requirements, (f) *Subrecipients and Contractors*).
  - 3. A subaward may be provided through any legal agreement, including an agreement that the Recipient considers a contract.
- v. Subrecipient means an entity that:
  - 1. Receives a subaward from the Recipient under this Award; and
  - 2. Is accountable to the Recipient for the use of the Federal funds provided by the subaward.

### **Term 36. Nondisclosure and Confidentiality Agreements Assurances**

- A. By entering into this agreement, the Recipient attests that it **does not and will not** require its employees or contractors to sign internal nondisclosure or confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting its employees or contractors from lawfully reporting waste, fraud, or abuse to a designated

- investigative or law enforcement representative of a Federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.
- B. The Recipient further attests that it **does not and will not** use any Federal funds to implement or enforce any nondisclosure and/or confidentiality policy, form, or agreement it uses unless it contains the following provisions:
- i. *“These provisions are consistent with and do not supersede, conflict with, or otherwise alter the employee obligations, rights, or liabilities created by existing statute or Executive order relating to (1) classified information, (2) communications to Congress, (3) the reporting to an Inspector General of a violation of any law, rule, or regulation, or mismanagement, a gross waste of funds, an abuse of authority, or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or (4) any other whistleblower protection. The definitions, requirements, obligations, rights, sanctions, and liabilities created by controlling Executive orders and statutory provisions are incorporated into this agreement and are controlling.”*
  - ii. The limitation above shall not contravene requirements applicable to Standard Form 312, Form 4414, or any other form issued by a Federal department or agency governing the nondisclosure of classified information.
  - iii. Notwithstanding provision listed in paragraph (a), a nondisclosure or confidentiality policy form or agreement that is to be executed by a person connected with the conduct of an intelligence or intelligence-related activity, other than an employee or officer of the United States Government, may contain provisions appropriate to the particular activity for which such document is to be used. Such form or agreement shall, at a minimum, require that the person will not disclose any classified information received in the course of such activity unless specifically authorized to do so by the United States Government. Such nondisclosure or confidentiality forms shall also make it clear that they do not bar disclosures to Congress, or to an authorized official of an executive agency or the Department of Justice, that are essential to reporting a substantial violation of law.

### **Term 37. Subrecipient Change Notification**

Except for subrecipients specifically proposed as part of the Recipient’s Application for award, the Recipient must notify the Contracting Officer and Project Manager in writing 30 days prior to the execution of new or modified subrecipient agreements, including naming any To Be Determined subrecipients. This notification does not constitute a waiver of the prior approval requirements outlined in 2 CFR part 200 as amended by 2 CFR part 910, nor does it relieve the Recipient from its obligation to comply with applicable Federal statutes, regulations, and executive orders.

In order to satisfy this notification requirement, the Recipient documentation must, as a minimum, include the following:

- A description of the research to be performed, the service to be provided, or the equipment to be purchased.
- Cost share commitment letter if the subrecipient is providing cost share to the Award.
- An assurance that the process undertaken by the Recipient to solicit the subrecipient complies with their written procurement procedures as outlined in 2 CFR 200.317 through 200.327.
- An assurance that no planned, actual or apparent conflict of interest exists between the Recipient and the selected subrecipient and that the Recipient's written standards of conduct were followed.<sup>1</sup>
- A completed Environmental Questionnaire, if applicable.
- An assurance that the subrecipient is not a debarred or suspended entity.
- An assurance that all required award provisions will be flowed down in the resulting subrecipient agreement.

The Recipient is responsible for making a final determination to award or modify subrecipient agreements under this agreement, but the Recipient may not proceed with the subrecipient agreement until the Contracting Officer determines, and provides the Recipient written notification, that the information provided is adequate.

Should the Recipient not receive a written notification of adequacy from the Contracting Officer within 30 days of the submission of the subrecipient documentation stipulated above, the Recipient may proceed to award or modify the proposed subrecipient agreement.

### **Term 38. Conference Spending**

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

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<sup>1</sup> It is DOE's position that the existence of a "covered relationship" as defined in 5 CFR 2635.502(a)&(b) between a member of the Recipient's owners or senior management and a member of a subrecipient's owners or senior management creates at a minimum an apparent conflict of interest that would require the Recipient to notify the Contracting Officer and provide detailed information and justification (including, for example, mitigation measures) as to why the subrecipient agreement does not create an actual conflict of interest. The Recipient must also notify the Contracting Officer of any new subrecipient agreement with: (1) an entity that is owned or otherwise controlled by the Recipient; or (2) an entity that is owned or otherwise controlled by another entity that also owns or otherwise controls the Recipient, as it is DOE's position that these situations also create at a minimum an apparent conflict of interest.

## **Term 39. Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters**

### **A. General Reporting Requirement**

If the total value of the Recipient's currently active Financial Assistance awards, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts from all Federal awarding agencies exceeds \$10,000,000 for any period of time during the period of performance of this Federal award, then you as the recipient during that period of time must maintain the currency of information reported to the System for Award Management (SAM) that is made available in the designated integrity and performance system (currently the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS)) about civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings described in paragraph 2 of this term. This is a statutory requirement under section 872 of Public Law 110-417, as amended (41 U.S.C. 2313). As required by section 3010 of Public Law 111-212, all information posted in the designated integrity and performance system on or after April 15, 2011, except past performance reviews required for Federal procurement contracts, will be publicly available.

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

Submit the information required about each proceeding that:

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

**C. Reporting Procedures**

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

**D. Reporting Frequency**

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

**E. Definitions**

For purposes of this term:

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

**Term 40. Export Control**

The United States government regulates the transfer of information, commodities, technology, and software considered to be strategically important to the U.S. to protect national security, foreign policy, and economic interests without imposing undue regulatory burdens on legitimate international trade. There is a network of Federal agencies and regulations that govern exports that are collectively referred to as “Export Controls.” The Recipient is

responsible for ensuring compliance with all applicable United States Export Control laws and regulations relating to any work performed under a resulting award.

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

**Term 41. Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment**

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

- (1) Procure or obtain;
- (2) Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or
- (3) Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in Public Law 115-232, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
  - (i) For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
  - (ii) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.
  - (iii) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

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



## **Term 42. Fraud, Waste and Abuse**

The mission of the DOE Office of Inspector General (OIG) is to strengthen the integrity, economy and efficiency of DOE's programs and operations including deterring and detecting fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement. The OIG accomplishes this mission primarily through investigations, audits, and inspections of Department of Energy activities to include grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and contracts. The OIG maintains a Hotline for reporting allegations of fraud, waste, abuse, or mismanagement. To report such allegations, please visit <https://www.energy.gov/ig/ig-hotline>.

Additionally, the Recipient must be cognizant of the requirements of 2 CFR 200.113 Mandatory disclosures, which states:

The non-Federal entity or applicant for a Federal award must disclose, in a timely manner, in writing to the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the Federal award. Non-Federal entities that have received a Federal award including the term and condition outlined in appendix XII of 2 CFR Part 200 are required to report certain civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings to SAM (currently FAPIIS). Failure to make required disclosures can result in any of the remedies described in 200.339. (See also 2 CFR part 180, 31 U.S.C. § 3321, and 41 U.S.C. § 2313.)

## **Term 43. Interim Conflict of Interest Policy for Financial Assistance Policy**

The DOE interim Conflict of Interest Policy for Financial Assistance (COI Policy) can be found at <https://www.energy.gov/management/departments-energy-interim-conflict-interest-policy-requirements-financial-assistance>. This policy is applicable to all non-Federal entities applying for, or that receive, DOE funding by means of a financial assistance award (e.g., a grant, cooperative agreement, or technology investment agreement) and, through the implementation of this policy by the entity, to each Investigator who is planning to participate in, or is participating in, the project funded wholly or in part under this Award. The term "Investigator" means the PI and any other person, regardless of title or position, who is responsible for the purpose, design, conduct, or reporting of a project funded by DOE or proposed for funding by DOE. The Recipient must flow down the requirements of the interim COI Policy to any subrecipient non-Federal entities, with the exception of DOE National Laboratories. Further, the Recipient must identify all financial conflicts of interests (FCOI), i.e., managed and unmanaged/unmanageable, in its initial and ongoing FCOI reports. Prior to award, the Recipient was required to: 1) ensure all Investigators on this Award completed their significant financial disclosures; 2) review the disclosures; 3) determine whether a FCOI exists; 4) develop and implement a management plan for FCOIs; and 5) provide DOE with an initial FCOI report that includes all FCOIs (i.e., managed and unmanaged/unmanageable). Within 180 days of the date of the Award, the Recipient must be in full compliance with the other requirements set forth in DOE's interim COI Policy.



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## Subpart D. Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Specific Requirements

### **Term 44. Recipient Notification of prospective IRA- specific requirements**

The funding for this Award is made available under the IRA and is subject to the applicable requirements included in the IRA. Requirements for this Award are listed in the subsequent award terms, however the Recipient should be aware that additional terms and modifications may be included when the Award is modified with the incorporation of the Full Application.

Additional terms that may be incorporated include, but are not limited to:

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

### **Term 45. Reporting Tracking and Segregation of Incurred Costs**

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