1.	GRANT TITLE				
	Alcohol and Drug Impaired Driver Vertical Prosecution Program				
2.	NAME OF AGENCY	3. Gra	nt Period		
	San Bernardino County		10/01/2025		
4.	AGENCY UNIT TO ADMINISTER GRAN	10:	09/30/2026		
	San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office				
5. GRANT DESCRIPTION					
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- 6. Federal Funds Allocated Under This Agreement Shall Not Exceed: \$892,000.00 Allocation is contingent upon availability of federal funds.
- **7. TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** The parties agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the following which are by this reference made a part of the Agreement:
  - Schedule A Problem Statement, Goals and Objectives and Method of Procedure
  - Schedule B Detailed Budget Estimate and Sub-Budget Estimate (if applicable)
  - Schedule B-1 Budget Narrative and Sub-Budget Narrative (if applicable)
  - Exhibit A Certifications and Assurances
  - Exhibit B\* OTS Grant Program Manual
  - Exhibit C Grant Electronic Management System (GEMS) Access

\*Items shown with an asterisk (\*), are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this agreement as if attached hereto. These documents can be viewed at the OTS home web page under Grants: <a href="www.ots.ca.gov">www.ots.ca.gov</a>.

We, the officials named below, hereby swear under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that we are duly authorized to legally bind the Grant recipient to the above described Grant terms and conditions. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed by the parties hereto.

#### **Approval Signatures** A. GRANT DIRECTOR B. AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL NAME: Michael Fermin NAME: Jason Anderson TITLE: District Attorney TITLE: Assistant District Attorney EMAIL: mfermin@sbcda.org EMAIL: da@sbcda.org PHONE: 909-382-7714 PHONE: (909) 382-3660 ADDRESS: 303 W 3rd Street, 6th floor ADDRESS: 303 West 3rd Street, 6th Floor San Bernardino, CA 92415-0502 San Bernardino, CA 92415 (Date) (Date) (Signature) (Signature) C. FISCAL OFFICIAL D. AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL OF OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY NAME: Claudia Walker NAME: Stephanie Dougherty TITLE: Chief, Bureau of Administration TITLE: Director EMAIL: cwalker@sbcda.org EMAIL: stephanie.dougherty@ots.ca.gov PHONE: (909) 382-7689 PHONE: (916) 509-3030 ADDRESS: 303 West 3rd Street, 6th Floor ADDRESS: 2208 Kausen Drive Suite 300 San Bernardino, CA 92415-0502 Sacramento, CA 95758 (Signature) (Date) (Signature) (Date)

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E. ACCOUNTING OFFICER OF OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY

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9. SAM INFORMATION

SAM#: E81BMEGBU6R3

REGISTERED

ADDRESS: 303 W. 3rd Street
CITY: San Bernardino
ZIP+4: 92415-0502

10. PROJECTED EXPENDITURES							
FUND	CFDA	ITEM/APPROPI	RIATION	F.Y.	CHAPTER	STATUTE	PROJECTED EXPENDITURES
				AGREEMENT TOTAL		\$892,000.00	
				AMOUNT ENCUMBERED BY THIS DOCUMENT \$892,000.00			
I CERTIFY upon my own personal knowledge that the budgeted funds for the current budget year are available for the period and purpose of the expenditure stated above.					PRIOR AMOUNT ENCUMBERED FOR THIS AGREEMENT \$ 0.00		
OTS ACCOUNTING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE DATE SIGNED TOTAL AMOUNT ENCUMBERED TO DATE \$892,000.00					ERED TO DATE		

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### 1. PROBLEM STATEMENT

# Describe the city, county, or jurisdiction this grant will impact.

San Bernardino County is located in Southern California, east of Los Angeles and Kern Counties and North of Riverside County. San Bernardino County stretches from those inland county boarders to the boarder with both the states of Nevada and Arizona. Measuring 20,105 square miles, San Bernardino County has the distinction of being largest geographical county in the contiguous United States.[1] Within those 20,105 square miles is approximately 10,000 miles of roadways including 6 Federal Interstates Highways, 2 Federal U.S. Highways, and 18 State Highways.[2]

Although vast, our population of 2,187,665 people is mostly concentrated in the southwestern region of the county. Home to 24 incorporated cities and 56 unincorporated communities[3], only 22% of our land is dedicated to housing, industrial, utilities, agriculture, transportation, and parks leaving the remainder open desert and land. [4]

Major Interstates traverse our county through the open desert as well as through our cities; Intestate 10 travels through San Bernardino County all the way to Florida; Interstate 15 stretches from the Mexican border to the Canadian border passing traversing San Bernardino County from its border with Riverside County all the way to the Nevada State border; and I-40 stretches throughout the entirety of Mojave desert crossing the nation to North Carolina. These highways make San Bernardino County a vital transportation corridor for residents, tourists, and commerce. That also means that these roads are traversed by many more people and vehicles than just the local population. Our highways are shared by small commuter cars to the largest tractor-trailer allowed to haul goods across the interstate system and every vehicle in between. However, it is that population of 2,187,665 people who are mostly affected by the crashes in the county. The largest county in the nation, San Bernardino County is comprised of vast deserts, large stretches of highly traversed highway, and some of the hardest working families in the state. The roads are heavily traveled by families, workers, travelers, and commerce. The danger on the roads is high and the need for traffic safety is great.

- [1] https://indicators.sbcounty.gov/county-profile/
- [2] https://selectsbcounty.com/highways-distribution
- [3] https://selectsbcounty.com/county-snapshot
- [4] https://indicators.sbcounty.gov/county-profile

# Describe the problem(s) to be addressed, supported by current and relevant crash data. (most recent calendar year data/stats).

Due to its size and the vast nature of the highway systems that connect the physically largest county in the nation, it should come as no surprise that San Bernardino County is home to the number one deadliest roadway in the state of California.[1] Interstate 15 (I-15) between Exits 138 and 129, also known as the Cajon Pass to locals, is the deadliest stretch of highway in California. Released in 2024, data indicates that the fatalities in the Cajon Pass rose from 33 in 2018 to 45 in 2022. That's almost one fatality per week on a 4.5 mile stretch of Interstate. Although the Cajon Pass is known by most of southern California as a connector to Las Vegas, for locals it is a commuting highway that connects the County's High Desert Area to the rest of the Inland Empire, Orange County, and Los Angeles County. The Cajon Pass is the connection to jobs, entertainment, and family. Not only do we have the most dangerous Highway in the State, but we also have some of the most dangerous Cities in the Nation to drive in.

In October 2024, Consumer Affairs released a report discussing the most dangerous drivers in the Nation by City. The cities of Victorville and San Bernardino were among the top 5 most dangerous in the Nation.[2] The city of Victorville ranked second most dangerous, with 3.0 alcohol-related fatalities per 100,000 and 11.2 fatalities per 100,000 involving speed in 2022. The city of San Bernardino ranked fourth with 7.7 alcohol-related fatalities per 100,000 and 11.3 speed related fatalities per 100,000.

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Focusing on driving under the influence related crashes, San Bernardino County had 1,297 DUI related crashes in 2022 which was 12.3% of all crashes within the county.[3] There was a slight decrease in 2023 to 1,246 DUI related crashes, making up 12.0% of all crashes within the county.[4] Of those crashes in 2022, there were 110 DUI crashes related fatalities making up 24% of all crashes related fatalities in the County.[5] This fell only slightly below the California State percentage of where DUI related fatalities made up 28.1% of all crashes related fatalities. The highest percentage of drivers in DUI related crashes in San Bernardino County are between the ages of 20-29 years old followed by 30-39 years old.[6] With 27% of the County's population being between the ages 25-40 years old, it is the largest portion of the county's population that is involved in these crashes. Of these DUI related crashes, there were 76 fatalities in 2023 and 348 fatalities and serious injuries.[7]

Our community is plagued with the task of commuting the longest distance in the state on the deadliest highway in the state and within the most dangerous cities to drive in the nation. Although intoxication related crashes and fatalities are reducing they are reducing with the state and national averages, yet still maintaining the rankings as the most dangerous highway and cities to drive in. The communities within the county need help combatting these issues.

- [1] https://www.moneygeek.com/living/driving/most-deadly-roads-california/; https://ktla.com/ew/local-news/californias-deadliest-road-is-likely-one-you-drive-on-every-day/;
- https://www.fozla.com/news/deadliest-highways-california;
- [2] https://www.vvng.com/victorville-and-san-bernardino-drivers-rank-among-worst-in-u-s
- [3] https://tims.berkeley.edu/tools/dui
- [4] Id.
- [5] Id.
- [6] Id.
- [7] Id.

Define the target population the grant intends to serve and how they are affected by the problem(s). When you look at the county as a whole, our population density is 109 persons per square mile. But, noting that our residents populate that southwestern region of the county that number changes to a much more 3,236 persons per square mile.[1] Based on County data from 2022, 27% of the population is between the ages of 25-40 years old, 23% of the population is between 45-64 years old, and 11% is between the ages of 18-24 years old.[2] The average household size is 3.2 persons with 39% of households in the county having children under in the age of 18 in the house and 23% of families with children under 18 being single parent households.[3] Although 87% of our population graduated from high school in 2021/2022, only 23% of our population over 25 years old has a bachelor's degree or higher.[4] Of the population, 1,023,600 people in November 2022 were employed in the labor force, 42,400 were unemployed and there was a 4.1% unemployment rate.[5] The median house-hold income was \$74,846 and only 52% of buyer could afford an entry-level home priced at 85% of the median.[6]

The communities in this county are blue collar workers supporting their families while striving to make the American dream. Commuting on these highways is a daily necessity for the residents of San Bernardino County. According to the 2021 U.S. Census San Bernardino County Residents the highest average commute time in the region with 32.2 minutes (Riverside County averaged 32.1 and Los Angeles averaged 29.2 minutes) which was above the state average of 27.6 minutes.[7] San Bernardino also had the lowest percentage of workers working from home at 13.6%. Finally, San Bernardino residents commute daily to their jobs with more than 466,000 residents commuting outside of San Bernardino County for work and only about 357,000 people commuting into San Bernardino County to work.[8]

The people of San Bernardino County are struggling to survive in a California economy that is outpacing what their households can afford. Most of the community is forced to go into the workforce out of high school for lack of access and lack of financial availability to reach beyond while still supporting their families. Commuting on the most dangerous highways and within the most dangerous cities and on major transportation corridors is their only option. When a family in San Bernardino County is affected by a loss from a DUI related crashes, whether it is property, or worse – a life, they lose access to their lifeline: whether it be their vehicle that was totaled and their only source of transportation, or a parent who was the only source of income. Insurance from the defendants in these cases, if the defendant has insurance, may not be enough or is stalled by the criminal justice process and the families are left, not only with injuries and family losses, but with loss of income or a means to make a living.

[1] https://indicators.sbcounty.gov/county-profile/

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		Goals: Reduce the number of persons killed in traffic crashes.	
		Reduce the number of persons injured in traffic crashes.	
		Improve the prosecution knowledge and expertise of DUI Alcohol, DUI Drug and DUI Combination cases.	Alcohol/Drug
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	В.	Objectives:	Target Number
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	2.	Attend the TSRP informational webinar to identify how TSRP can assist with training needs.	1
	3.	Create or expand a Vertical Prosecution Program with the City Attorney or District Attorney's Office by November 30. The program will facilitate the prosecution of all DUI drug cases, all DUI alcohol and drug combination cases, and if applicable, all felony DUI alcohol cases with death or injury.	1
	4.	to prosecute DUI Alcohol, DUI Drug and DUI Alcohol/Drug Combo cases. The individual(s) will be dedicated solely to this assignment allowing them to gain expertise in the investigation and prosecution of DUI Alcohol, DUI Drug, and DUI Alcohol/Drug Combo cases. While employed by the City Attorney's or District Attorney's Office, the individual(s) in the grant-funded DUI Vertical Prosecutor position(s) should remain the same throughout the term of the grant.	3
	5.	Develop and implement a system for gathering, tracking, and reporting all DUI case reviews, filings, and outcomes in the county/city by December 31,	1

differentiating between: 1) DUI Alcohol-only; 2) DUI Drug-only; and 3) DUI

throughout the grant, differentiating between: 1) DUI Alcohol-only; 2) DUI Drug-

7. Partner with the California Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor Training Network to

8. Send the funded prosecutor(s) to trainings/meetings sponsored by OTS and/or the

9. Coordinate and host four in person regional roundtable law enforcement meetings (one each quarter, with telephone or internet conference capabilities for the CA OTS Staff) to provide information on the DUI Vertical Prosecution Program, interact with law enforcement to identify means to improve DUI investigation and

prosecution, and assess technical assistance needs for training on DUI investigation and court testimony. OTS staff, local law enforcement, CHP and probation staff should be included in the roundtable. Agenda and minutes should be produced and distributed. All four meetings for the year should be scheduled in

provide comprehensive training in the prosecution of DUI Alcohol and DUI Drug

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6. Report on all DUI case reviews, filings and outcomes in the county or city

only; and 3) DUI Combination Alcohol and Drug cases.

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California Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor Training Network.

Combination

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11. Participate in at least one DUI saturation ride-along. Note: The funded vertical prosecutor(s) and investigator should participate within the first quarter of the grant.  12. Respond to at least one fatal DUI crash investigation scene. Note: The funded vertical prosecutor(s) and investigator(s) should achieve this objective within the first quarter of the grant.  13. Identify grant funded, straight time personnel. Include any vacancies or staff changes that have occurred. For any vacancies, include the status of filling the vacancy.  14. District Attorney's Office / City Attorney's Office to partner with local school and/or youth organizations to provide educational programming about the dangers and consequences of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.  15. Send prosecutors/DA Investigators to the NHTSA Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) (minimum 16 hours) POST-certified training.  16. Send prosecutors/DA Investigators to the NHTSA Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) 16 hour POST-certified training.  17. Send prosecutors/DA Investigators to the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training.  18. Send prosecutors/DA Investigators to the DRE Recertification training.  3. Attend and observe at least one DUI checkpoint. Note: The funded vertical prosecutor(s) and investigator should participate within the first quarter of the grant	10. Coordinate with local law enforcement agencies on the development of an on-call response protocol for the investigation of fatal and major injury DUI vehicle crashes, and to report on response activities	1
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#### 3. METHOD OF PROCEDURE

# A. Phase 1 – Program Preparation (1st Quarter of Grant Year)

- Recruit and hire all staff for the grant.
- Procure all materials necessary to implement the grant.
- Identify dates and schedule the four in person Roundtable Meetings (one each quarter with telephone or video conference capabilities). Notify the OTS coordinator of the dates. Meetings are meant to provide information on the DUI Vertical Prosecution Program, interact with law enforcement to identify means to improve DUI investigation and prosecution, and assess technical assistance needs for training on DUI investigation and court testimony. OTS staff, TSRP staff, local law enforcement, CHP, and probation staff should be included in the roundtable. Agenda and minutes should be produced and distributed. All four meetings for the year should be scheduled in the first quarter of the grant.
- Develop protocols to be used to measure the success of the DUI Prosecution Program.
- Conduct training for all program staff outlining the goals and objectives of the grant.
- Refer cases for prosecution to the grant-funded Deputy District/City Attorney(s).
- Transfer all pending DUI cases which qualify under this program so that vertical prosecution may begin.
- Develop a training protocol for law enforcement agencies within the county, and start a process
  of coordinating all reporting, investigation, and referral of cases that qualify under the grant.

# Media Requirements

• Issue a news release approved by the OTS PIO announcing the kick-off of the grant by December 31 and after the grant is signed and executed, but no sooner than October 1, the start of the grant year. The kick-off release must be approved by the OTS PIO. If you are unable to meet the December 31 deadline to issue a kick-off press release, communicate reasons to your OTS grant coordinator and OTS PIO.

# B. Phase 2 – Program Operations (Throughout Grant Year)

- Prosecution will be on-going. The Deputy District/City Attorney(s) will review DUI cases from all law enforcement agencies in the county/city.
- Training for law enforcement personnel, District Attorney Investigators, and other Deputy District/City Attorneys will begin and continue throughout the program.

Prosecutor(s) will:

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- a) Work to secure convictions (as justice requires) and appropriate sentences that reflect the public safety risk posed by the offender.
- b) Mentor trial attorneys on how to successfully try high-risk DUI offenders.
- c) Host Quarterly Roundtable meetings with local law enforcement personnel, CHP, TSRP, and OTS staff
- d) Work with the TSRP to obtain and deliver high quality DUI prosecution training programs to non-grant-funded prosecutors.
- e) Work with the TSRP to obtain and deliver high quality DUI investigation, report writing, and courtroom testimony training programs to law enforcement personnel (police officers, deputies, District Attorney Investigators, and crime lab scientists).
- f) Attend training programs that cover evaluation and preparation of DUI drug cases, marijuana, prescription drugs, drug trends, people's experts, defense challenges, cross-examination of experts, SFST evidence, jury considerations and toxicology evidence, and incorporate this information into DUI trainings for attorneys and law enforcement personnel.

#### Media Requirements

The following requirements are for all grant-related activities:

- Send all media advisories, alerts, videos, graphics, artwork, posters, radio/PSA/video scripts, storyboards, digital and/or print educational materials for grant-related activities to the OTS PIO at <a href="mailto:pio@ots.ca.gov">pio@ots.ca.gov</a> for approval and copy your OTS grant coordinator. Optimum lead time would be 7 days before the scheduled release but at least 3 business days prior to the scheduled release date for review and approval is appreciated.
- Send all PowerPoint presentations, online presentations and trainings for grant-related activities
  to the OTS PIO at <u>pio@ots.ca.gov</u> for approval and copy your OTS grant coordinator. Certified
  training courses are EXEMPT from the approval process.
- The OTS PIO is responsible for the approval of the design and content of materials. The agency
  understands OTS PIO approval is not authorizing approval of budget expenditure or cost. Any
  cost approvals must come from the OTS grant coordinator.
- Pre-approval is not required when using any OTS-supplied template for media advisories, news
  releases, social media graphics, videos or posts, or any other OTS-supplied educational material.
  However, copy the OTS PIO at <a href="mailto:pio@ots.ca.gov">pio@ots.ca.gov</a> and your OTS grant coordinator when any
  material is distributed to the media and public, such as a news release, educational material, or
  link to social media post.
- If an OTS-supplied template, educational material, social media graphic, post or video is substantially changed, the changes shall be sent to the OTS PIO at <a href="mailto:pio@ots.ca.gov">pio@ots.ca.gov</a> for approval and copy your OTS grant coordinator.
- News releases, social media posts and alerts on platforms such as NextDoor and Nixle reporting
  immediate and time-sensitive grant activities (e.g. enforcement operations, day of event
  highlights or announcements, event invites) are EXEMPT from the OTS PIO approval process.
  The OTS PIO and your OTS grant coordinator should still be notified when the grant-related
  activity is happening (e.g. car seat checks, bicycle rodeos, community presentations, DUI
  checkpoints, etc.).
- Enforcement activities such as warrant and probation sweeps, court stings, etc. that are
  embargoed or could impact operations by publicizing in advance are EXEMPT from the PIO
  approval process. However, announcements and results of activities should still be copied to the
  OTS PIO at <a href="mailto:pio@ots.ca.gov">pio@ots.ca.gov</a> and your OTS grant coordinator with the embargoed date and time
  or with "INTERNAL ONLY: DO NOT RELEASE" message in subject line of email.
- Any earned or paid media campaigns for TV, radio, digital or social media that are part of a specific grant objective, using OTS grant funds, or designed and developed using contractual services by a subgrantee, requires prior approval.
- Social media posts highlighting state or national traffic safety campaigns (Distracted Driving Month, Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, etc.), enforcement operations (DUI checkpoints, etc.), or any other grant-related activity such as Bicycle rodeos, presentations, or events, are highly encouraged but do not require prior approval.
- Submit a draft or rough-cut of all digital, printed, recorded or video material (brochures, posters, scripts, artwork, trailer graphics, digital graphics, social posts connected to an earned or paid

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- media campaign grant objective) to the OTS PIO at <u>pio@ots.ca.gov</u> and copy your OTS grant coordinator for approval prior to the production or duplication.
- Use the following standard language in all press, media, and printed materials, space permitting: Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.
- Space permitting, include the OTS logo on all grant-funded print materials, graphics and paid or earned social media campaign grant objective; consult the OTS PIO and copy your OTS grant coordinator for specifics, format-appropriate logos, or if space does not permit the use of the OTS logo.
- Email the OTS PIO at <a href="mailto:pio@ots.ca.gov">pio@ots.ca.gov</a> and copy your OTS grant coordinator at least 21 days in advance, or when first confirmed, a short description of any significant grant-related traffic safety event or program, particularly events that are highly publicized beforehand with anticipated media coverage so OTS has sufficient notice to arrange for attendance and/or participation in the event. If unable to attend, email the OTS PIO and coordinator brief highlights and/or results, including any media coverage (broadcast, digital, print) of event within 7 days following significant grant-related event or program. Media and program highlights are to be reflected in QPRs.
- Any news releases, work plans, scripts, storyboards, artwork, graphics, videos or any educational
  or informational materials that received OTS PIO approval in a prior grant year needs to be
  resubmitted for approval in the current grant year.
- For additional guidance, refer to the <u>OTS Grants Materials Approval Process Guidelines</u> and <u>OTS Grants Media Approval Process FAQs</u> on the OTS website.
- Contact the OTS PIO or your OTS grant coordinator for consultation when changes from any of the above requirements might be warranted.

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

- 1. Prepare and submit grant claim invoices (due January 30, April 30, July 30, and October 30)
- 2. Prepare and submit Quarterly Performance Reports (QPR) (due January 30, April 30, July 30, and October 30)
  - Collect and report quarterly, appropriate data that supports the progress of goals and objectives.
  - Provide a brief list of activity conducted, procurement of grant-funded items, and significant media activities. Include status of grant-funded personnel, status of contracts, challenges, or special accomplishments.
  - Provide a brief summary of quarterly accomplishments and explanations for objectives not completed or plans for upcoming activities.
  - Collect, analyze and report statistical data relating to the grant goals and objectives.

## 4. METHOD OF EVALUATION

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

# 5. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

This program has full administrative support, and every effort will be made to continue the grant activities after grant conclusion.

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FUND NUMBER	CATALOG NUMBER (CFDA)	FUND DESCRIPTION	TOTAL AMOUNT
405d AL-26	20.616	Impaired Driving Countermeasures	\$892,000.00

COST CATEGORY	FUND NUMBER	Unit Cost or Rate	Units	TOTAL COST TO GRANT
A. PERSONNEL COSTS				
Straight Time				
Prosecutor	405d AL- 26	\$92.19	4,160	\$383,510.00
Benefits - Prosecutor	405d AL- 26	\$383,510.00	1	\$170,892.00
Investigator	405d AL- 26	\$71.60	2,080	\$148,928.00
Benefits - Investigator	405d AL- 26	\$148,928.00	1	\$86,899.00
Overtime				\$0.00
Category Sub-Total				\$790,229.00
B. TRAVEL EXPENSES	•			
In State Travel	405d AL- 26	\$1,771.00	1	\$1,771.00
				\$0.00
Category Sub-Total				\$1,771.00
C. CONTRACTUAL SERVICES				
DUI Drug Testing and Confirmation by Mass Spectrometry	405d AL- 26	\$100,000.00	1	\$100,000.00
Category Sub-Total				\$100,000.00
D. EQUIPMENT			1	
				\$0.00
Category Sub-Total				\$0.00
E. OTHER DIRECT COSTS				Φ0.00
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Category Sub-Total				\$0.00
F. INDIRECT COSTS				\$0.00
Category Sub-Total				\$0.00
GRANT TOTAL	<u>'</u>			\$892,000.00

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# BUDGET NARRATIVE

#### **PERSONNEL COSTS**

Prosecutor - Hours for prosecutor dedicated to vertically prosecute all felony cases involving driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. Hours may include wages or authorized absences, such as annual leave and sick leave, provided they are accrued during the grant term. The prosecutors will attend training provided by the Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor Program and deliver training to law enforcement, investigators and other attorneys within the District Attorney's Office

Benefits - Prosecutor - Claimed amounts must reflect actual benefit costs for straight time or overtime hours charged to the grant.

Benefits - Prosecutor - TOTAL BENEFIT RATE - 44.56%

Health Insurance - 3.35%

Life Insurance - 1.02%

Medicare - 1.42%

Retirement - 33.84%

State Disability/SDI - 0.87%

Vision Insurance - 0.04%

Workers Compensation Insurance - 3.63%

457b Match - 0.39%

Investigator - Investigator - Hours used to consult and offer assistance on all DUID related issues, including, but not limited to, reviewing police reports; responding to the scene of a traffic fatality; offering strategies in prosecutions and case presentations; and being available to testify as an expert in court.

Benefits - Investigator - Claimed amounts must reflect actual benefit costs for straight time or overtime hours charged to the grant.

Benefits - Investigator - TOTAL BENEFIT RATE 58.35%

Members Retirement - 47.6%

Long Term Disability - 0.35%

Vision Care - 0.08%

Short Term Disability - 0.03%

FICA Medicare Tax - 1.45%

Workers Compensation Insurance - 8.3%

Life Insurance - 0.21%

Indemnification/Cafeteria Plan - 0.33%

#### TRAVEL EXPENSES

In State Travel - Costs are included for appropriate staff to attend conferences and training events supporting the grant goals and objectives and/or traffic safety. Local mileage for grant activities and meetings is included. All conferences, seminars or training not specifically identified in the Budget Narrative must be approved by OTS. All travel claimed must be at the agency approved rate. Per Diem may not be claimed for meals provided at conferences when registration fees are paid with OTS grant funds.

#### **CONTRACTUAL SERVICES**

DUI Drug Testing and Confirmation by Mass Spectrometry - DUI Drug Testing and Confirmation by Mass Spectrometry - To draw and collect blood samples from suspected DUI drivers on scene as evidence in support of DUI convictions in a court of law.

# **EQUIPMENT**

**OTHER DIRECT COSTS** 

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#### **INDIRECT COSTS**

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#### STATEMENTS/DISCLAIMERS

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There will be no program income generated from this grant.

Salaries may include wages, salaries, special compensations, or authorized absences such as annual leave and sick leave provided the cost for the individual employee is (a) reasonable for the services rendered, and (b) follows an appointment made in accordance with state or local laws and rules and meets federal requirements.

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

Benefits for personnel costs can only be applied to straight time or overtime hours charged to the grant.

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Appendix A to Part 1300—Certifications and Assurances for Highway Safety Grants (23 U.S.C. Chapter 4 or Section 1906, Public Law 109-59, as amended by Section 25024, Public Law 117-58)

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

# **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

The State will comply with applicable statutes and regulations, including but not limited to:

- 23 U.S.C. Chapter 4—Highway Safety Act of 1966, as amended;
- Sec. 1906, Public Law 109-59, as amended by Sec. 25024, Public Law 117-58;
- 23 CFR part 1300—Uniform Procedures for State Highway Safety Grant Programs;
- <u>2 CFR part 200</u>—Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards;
- <u>2 CFR part 1201</u>—Department of Transportation, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.

### **NONDISCRIMINATION**

(applies to subrecipients as well as States)

The State highway safety agency [and its subrecipients] will comply with all Federal statutes and implementing regulations relating to nondiscrimination ("Federal Nondiscrimination Authorities"). These include but are not limited to:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin);
- 49 CFR part 21 (entitled Non-discrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation—Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964);
- <u>28 CFR 50.3</u> (U.S. Department of Justice Guidelines for Enforcement of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964);
- The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
- Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C. 324 et seq.), and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1681-1683) and 1685-1686) (prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex);
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. 794 et seq.), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability) and 49 CFR part 27;
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (<u>42 U.S.C. 6101</u> et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (Pub. L. 100-209), (broadens scope, coverage, and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms "programs or activities" to include all of the programs or activities of the
   Federal aid recipients, subrecipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally-
  - Federal aid recipients, subrecipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally-funded or not);
- Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12131-12189) (prohibits
  discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private
  transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing) and 49 CFR parts 37
  and 38

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The preceding statutory and regulatory cites hereinafter are referred to as the "Acts" and "Regulations," respectively.

## **GENERAL ASSURANCES**

In accordance with the Acts, the Regulations, and other pertinent directives, circulars, policy, memoranda, and/or guidance, the Recipient hereby gives assurance that it will promptly take any measures necessary to ensure that:

"No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity, for which the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance from DOT, including NHTSA."

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 clarified the original intent of Congress, with respect to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other non-discrimination requirements (the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973), by restoring the broad, institutional-wide scope and coverage of these nondiscrimination statutes and requirements to include all programs and activities of the Recipient, so long as any portion of the program is Federally assisted.

#### SPECIFIC ASSURANCES

More specifically, and without limiting the above general Assurance, the Recipient agrees with and gives the following Assurances with respect to its Federally assisted Highway Safety Grant Program:

- 1. The Recipient agrees that each "activity," "facility," or "program," as defined in § 21.23(b) and (e) of 49 CFR part 21 will be (with regard to an "activity") facilitated, or will be (with regard to a "facility") operated, or will be (with regard to a "program") conducted in compliance with all requirements imposed by, or pursuant to the Acts and the Regulations.
- 2. The Recipient will insert the following notification in all solicitations for bids, Requests For Proposals for work, or material subject to the Acts and the Regulations made in connection with all Highway Safety Grant Programs and, in adapted form, in all proposals for negotiated agreements regardless of funding source:
  - "The [name of Recipient], in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award."
- 3. The Recipient will insert the clauses of appendix A and E of this Assurance (also referred to as DOT order 1050.2A) [1] in every contract or agreement subject to the Acts and the Regulations.
- 4. The Recipient will insert the clauses of appendix B of DOT Order 1050.2A, as a covenant running with the land, in any deed from the United States effecting or recording a transfer of real property, structures, use, or improvements thereon or interest therein to a Recipient.
- 5. That where the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance to construct a facility, or part of a facility, the Assurance will extend to the entire facility and facilities operated in connection therewith.
- 6. That where the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance in the form of, or for the acquisition of, real property or an interest in real property, the Assurance will extend to rights to space on, over, or under such property.
- 7. That the Recipient will include the clauses set forth in appendix C and appendix D of this DOT Order 1050.2A, as a covenant running with the land, in any future deeds, leases, licenses, permits, or similar instruments entered into by the Recipient with other parties:
  - a. for the subsequent transfer of real property acquired or improved under the applicable activity, project, or program; and
  - b. for the construction or use of, or access to, space on, over, or under real property acquired or improved under the applicable activity, project, or program.
- 8. That this Assurance obligates the Recipient for the period during which Federal financial assistance is extended to the program, except where the Federal financial assistance is to provide, or is in the

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form of, personal property, or real property, or interest therein, or structures or improvements thereon, in which case the Assurance obligates the Recipient, or any transferee for the longer of the following periods:

- a. the period during which the property is used for a purpose for which the Federal financial assistance is extended, or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits; or
- b. the period during which the Recipient retains ownership or possession of the property.
- 9. The Recipient will provide for such methods of administration for the program as are found by the Secretary of Transportation or the official to whom he/she delegates specific authority to give reasonable guarantee that it, other recipients, sub-recipients, sub- grantees, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, transferees, successors in interest, and other participants of Federal financial assistance under such program will comply with all requirements imposed or pursuant to the Acts, the Regulations, and this Assurance.
- 10. The Recipient agrees that the United States has a right to seek judicial enforcement with regard to any matter arising under the Acts, the Regulations, and this Assurance.

By signing this ASSURANCE, the State highway safety agency also agrees to comply (and require any sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, successors, transferees, and/or assignees to comply) with all applicable provisions governing NHTSA's access to records, accounts, documents, information, facilities, and staff. You also recognize that you must comply with any program or compliance reviews, and/or complaint investigations conducted by NHTSA. You must keep records, reports, and submit the material for review upon request to NHTSA, or its designee in a timely, complete, and accurate way. Additionally, you must comply with all other reporting, data collection, and evaluation requirements, as prescribed by law or detailed in program guidance.

The State highway safety agency gives this ASSURANCE in consideration of and for obtaining any Federal grants, loans, contracts, agreements, property, and/or discounts, or other Federal-aid and Federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the recipients by the U.S. Department of Transportation under the Highway Safety Grant Program. This ASSURANCE is binding on the State highway safety agency, other recipients, sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, subcontractors and their subcontractors', transferees, successors in interest, and any other participants in the Highway Safety Grant Program. The person(s) signing below is/are authorized to sign this ASSURANCE on behalf of the Recipient.

## THE DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE ACT OF 1988 (41 U.S.C. 8103)

The Subgrantee will provide a drug-free workplace by:

- a. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace, and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition:
- b. Establishing a drug-free awareness program to inform employees about:
  - 1. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
  - 2. The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace:
  - 3. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs;
  - 4. The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug violations occurring in the workplace;
  - 5. Making it a requirement that each employee engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);
- c. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will—
  - 1. Abide by the terms of the statement;
  - 2. Notify the employer of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five days after such conviction;
- d. Notifying the agency within ten days after receiving notice under subparagraph (c)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction;
- e. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 days of receiving notice under subparagraph (c)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted—
  - 1. Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination:
  - 2. Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or

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rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

f. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of all of the paragraphs above.

# POLITICAL ACTIVITY (HATCH ACT)

(applies to subrecipients as well as States)

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

### **CERTIFICATION REGARDING FEDERAL LOBBYING**

(applies to subrecipients as well as States)

CERTIFICATION FOR CONTRACTS, GRANTS, LOANS, AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

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

- 1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
- 2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions:
- The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grant, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of

U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

# **RESTRICTION ON STATE LOBBYING**

(applies to subrecipients as well as States)

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

# <u>CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION</u> (applies to subrecipients as well as States)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRIMARY TIER PARTICIPANT CERTIFICATION (STATES)

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- By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary tier participant is providing the certification set out below and agrees to comply with the requirements of <u>2 CFR parts 180</u> and <u>1200</u>.
- 2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective primary tier participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary tier participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.
- 3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default or may pursue suspension or debarment.
- 4. The prospective primary tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective primary tier participant learns its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- 5. The terms **covered transaction**, **civil judgment**, **debarment**, **suspension**, **ineligible**, **participant**, **person**, **principal**, **and voluntarily excluded**, as used in this clause, are defined in <u>2 CFR parts 180</u> and <u>1200</u>. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
- 6. The prospective primary tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.
- 7. The prospective primary tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Instructions for Lower Tier Participant Certification" including the "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions and will require lower tier participants to comply with 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200.
- 8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any prospective lower tier participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the System for Award Management Exclusions website
  - ( https://www.sam.gov/).
- 9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- 10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate the transaction for cause or default.

# CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS—PRIMARY TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS

1. The prospective primary tier participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and

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its principals:

- a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
- b. Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
- d. Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.
- 2. Where the prospective primary tier participant is unable to certify to any of the Statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR LOWER TIER PARTICIPANT CERTIFICATION

- 1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below and agrees to comply with the requirements of <u>2 CFR parts 180</u> and 1200.
- 2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension or debarment.
- 3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- 4. The terms **covered transaction**, **civil judgment**, **debarment**, **suspension**, **ineligible**, **participant**, **person**, **principal**, **and voluntarily excluded**, as used in this clause, are defined in <u>2 CFR parts</u> <u>180</u> and <u>1200</u>. You may contact the person to whom this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
- 5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
- 6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Instructions for Lower Tier Participant Certification" including the "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions and will require lower tier participants to comply with 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200.
- 7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any prospective lower tier participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the System for Award Management Exclusions website

( https://www.sam.gov/).

8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of

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- records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- 9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension or debarment.

# CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION—LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS

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

## **BUY AMERICA**

(applies to subrecipients as well as States)

The State and each subrecipient will comply with the Buy America requirement (23 U.S.C. 313) when purchasing items using Federal funds. Buy America requires a State, or subrecipient, to purchase with Federal funds only steel, iron and manufactured products produced in the United States, unless the Secretary of Transportation determines that such domestically produced items would be inconsistent with the public interest, that such materials are not reasonably available and of a satisfactory quality, or that inclusion of domestic materials will increase the cost of the overall project contract by more than 25 percent. In order to use Federal funds to purchase foreign produced items, the State must submit a waiver request that provides an adequate basis and justification for approval by the Secretary of Transportation.

### **CERTIFICATION ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

(applies to subrecipients as well as States)

#### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

No employee, officer, or agent of a State or its subrecipient who is authorized in an official capacity to negotiate, make, accept, or approve, or to take part in negotiating, making, accepting, or approving any subaward, including contracts or subcontracts, in connection with this grant shall have, directly or indirectly, any financial or personal interest in any such subaward. Such a financial or personal interest would arise when the employee, officer, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or personal interest in or a tangible personal benefit from an entity considered for a subaward. Based on this policy:

- 1. The recipient shall maintain a written code or standards of conduct that provide for disciplinary actions to be applied for violations of such standards by officers, employees, or agents.
  - a. The code or standards shall provide that the recipient's officers, employees, or agents may neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from present or potential subawardees, including contractors or parties to subcontracts.
  - b. The code or standards shall establish penalties, sanctions, or other disciplinary actions for violations, as permitted by State or local law or regulations.
- 2. The recipient shall maintain responsibility to enforce the requirements of the written code or standards of conduct.

#### **DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS**

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No State or its subrecipient, including its officers, employees, or agents, shall perform or continue to perform under a grant or cooperative agreement, whose objectivity may be impaired because of any related past, present, or currently planned interest, financial or otherwise, in organizations regulated by NHTSA or in organizations whose interests may be substantially affected by NHTSA activities. Based on this policy:

- The recipient shall disclose any conflict of interest identified as soon as reasonably possible, making an immediate and full disclosure in writing to NHTSA. The disclosure shall include a description of the action which the recipient has taken or proposes to take to avoid or mitigate such conflict.
- 2. NHTSA will review the disclosure and may require additional relevant information from the recipient. If a conflict of interest is found to exist, NHTSA may (a) terminate the award, or (b) determine that it is otherwise in the best interest of NHTSA to continue the award and include appropriate provisions to mitigate or avoid such conflict.
- 3. Conflicts of interest that require disclosure include all past, present, or currently planned organizational, financial, contractual, or other interest(s) with an organization regulated by NHTSA or with an organization whose interests may be substantially affected by NHTSA activities, and which are related to this award. The interest(s) that require disclosure include those of any recipient, affiliate, proposed consultant, proposed subcontractor, and key personnel of any of the above. Past interest shall be limited to within one year of the date of award. Key personnel shall include any person owning more than a 20 percent interest in a recipient, and the officers, employees or agents of a recipient who are responsible for making a decision or taking an action under an award where the decision or action can have an economic or other impact on the interests of a regulated or affected organization.

# PROHIBITION ON USING GRANT FUNDS TO CHECK FOR HELMET USAGE (applies to subrecipients as well as States)

The State and each subrecipient will not use 23 U.S.C. Chapter 4 grant funds for programs to check helmet usage or to create checkpoints that specifically target motorcyclists.

### POLICY ON SEAT BELT USE

In accordance with Executive Order 13043, Increasing Seat Belt Use in the United States, dated April 16, 1997, the Grantee is encouraged to adopt and enforce on-the-job seat belt use policies and programs for its employees when operating company-owned, rented, or personally-owned vehicles. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is responsible for providing leadership and guidance in support of this Presidential initiative. For information and resources on traffic safety programs and policies for employers, please contact the Network of Employers for Traffic Safety (NETS), a public-private partnership dedicated to improving the traffic safety practices of employers and employees. You can download information on seat belt programs, costs of motor vehicle crashes to employers, and other traffic safety initiatives at <a href="https://www.trafficsafety.org">www.trafficsafety.org</a>. The NHTSA website (<a href="https://www.nhtsa.gov">www.nhtsa.gov</a>) also provides information on statistics, campaigns, and program evaluations and references.

### POLICY ON BANNING TEXT MESSAGING WHILE DRIVING

In accordance with Executive Order 13513, Federal Leadership On Reducing Text Messaging While Driving, and DOT Order 3902.10, Text Messaging While Driving, States are encouraged to adopt and enforce workplace safety policies to decrease crashes caused by distracted driving, including policies to ban text messaging while driving company-owned or rented vehicles, Government-owned, leased or rented vehicles, or privately-owned vehicles when on official Government business or when performing any work on or behalf of the Government. States are also encouraged to conduct workplace safety initiatives in a manner commensurate with the size of the business, such as establishment of new rules and programs or reevaluation of existing programs to prohibit text messaging while driving, and education, awareness, and other outreach to employees about the safety risks associated with texting while driving.

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