

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

(This Certification is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352)

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 of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions.
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$11,000 and not more than \$110,000 for each such failure.

Please check appropriate box:

No nonfederal funds have been used or are planned to be used for lobbying in connection with this application/award/contract.

or

Attached is Standard Form LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," which describes the use (past or planned) of nonfederal funds for lobbying in connection with this application/award/contract.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 20____

by _____
(Type or Print Name)

(Title of Executing Official)

(Signature of Executing Official)

(Name of organization/applicant)

CONTRACT CLAUSE NEW RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING

This contract, subcontract, or subgrant is subject to Section 319 of Public Law 101-121, which added section 1352, regarding lobbying restrictions, to Chapter 13 of Title 31 of the United States Code. The new section is explained in the common rule, 15 CFR Part 28 (55 FR 6736-6748, 2/26/90). Each bidder/applicant/recipient of this contract subcontract, or subgrant and subrecipients are generally prohibited from using Federal funds for lobbying the Executive or Legislative Branches of the Federal Government in connection with this Award.

Contract Clause Threshold

This Contract Clause regarding lobbying must be included in each application for a subgrant and in each bid for a contract or subcontract exceeding \$100,000 of Federal funds at any tier under the Federal Award.

Certification and Disclosure

Each applicant/recipient of a subgrant and each bidder/applicant/ recipient of a contract or subcontract exceeding \$100,000 of Federal funds at any tier under the Federal Award must file a "Certification Regarding Lobbying" and, if applicable, Standard Form LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," regarding the use of any nonfederal funds for lobbying. Certifications shall be retained by the next higher tier. All disclosure forms, however, shall be forwarded from tier to tier until received by the Recipient of the Federal Award (grant), who shall forward all disclosure forms to the Federal agency.

Continuing Disclosure Requirement

Each subgrantee, contractor, or subcontractor that is subject to the Certification and Disclosure provision of this Contract Clause is required to file a disclosure form at the end of each calendar quarter in which there occurs any event that requires disclosure or that materially affects the accuracy of the information contained in any disclosure form previously filed by such person. Disclosure forms shall be forwarded from tier to tier until received by the Recipient of the Federal Award (grant) who shall forward all disclosure forms to the Federal agency.

Indian Tribes, Tribal Organizations, or Other Indian Organizations

Indian tribes, tribal organizations, or any other Indian organizations, including the Alaskan Native organizations, are excluded from the above lobbying restrictions and reporting requirements, but only with respect to expenditures that are by such tribes or organizations for lobbying activities permitted by other Federal law. An Indian tribe or organization that is seeking an exclusion from Certification and Disclosure requirements must provide (preferably in an attorney's opinion) EDA with the citation of the provision or provisions of Federal law upon which it relies to conduct lobbying activities that would otherwise be subject to the prohibitions in and to the Certification and Disclosure requirements of Section 319 of Public Law No. 101-121. Note, also, that a non-Indian subgrantee, contractor, or subcontractor under an award (grant) to an Indian tribe, for example, is subject to the restrictions and reporting requirements.