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PART I. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this cooperative agreement is ultimately aimed at providing the AFG/FP&S grant program with improved knowledge and tools to effectively evaluate and select for award those FP&S applications that will likely be successful in reducing loss of life and injury in our communities because of fire and related hazards. It is crucial that the AFG/FP&S target the high risk behaviors of the American public and provide funding to applicants that have the ability to provide the cognitive skills to change negative behavior to positive actions when people are faced with a fire related emergency. The Federal Emergency Management Agency will award one cooperative agreement to the Institution of Fire Engineers (IFE)/US Branch with direction and assistance from the AFG/FP&S grant program office.

The scope of this collaborative effort between the IFE/U.S. Branch and AFG/FP&S will seek to identify successful “Model” fire and injury prevention programs found throughout the nation. Armed with the ability to delineate model programs, the AFG/FP&S will utilize “lessons learned from best practices” to assist in the grant review process of FP&S applications. By developing processes to identify and study model fire and injury prevention programs, the FP&S program office will be able to identify applications that will have the best opportunity to succeed therefore enhancing the safety of the public and firefighters faced with fire and related hazards. The primary goal of the Fire Prevention and Safety Grants is to target high-risk populations and reduce injury and prevent death. A model prevention program identification and selection process will be developed that will enable the AFG/Fire Prevention and Safety Grants to successfully reach this goal. This collaborative effort, which has been the guiding principal from the beginning, will be utilized throughout this project. The work of Vision 20/20 provides a clearer view of how fire prevention programs in the U.S. should evolve. If we are to match the progress that has been seen in other nations like the United Kingdom, New Zealand and Australia we must utilize the knowledge discovered by the Vision 20/20 Project to select fire prevention programs that define measurable objectives in saving lives and property. A cooperative agreement would allow us to explore the primary areas of common interest that demonstrate how to measure fire prevention efforts effectively – and through that process to guide grant parameters as well as national and local prevention programs toward prevention efforts with demonstrated positive impacts and outcomes.

Concurrently, there is a great deal of interest expressed by fire prevention practitioners around the nation (via an electronic discussion group) in one of the issues mentioned in the Vision 20/20 report: that is, a national clearinghouse of model prevention programs. The full report is available at www.strategicfire.org. This clearinghouse would establish an electronic location for easy access by field

practitioners to identify model prevention programs which could be applied in their own jurisdictions. This cooperative agreement will allow the principal partners of the agreement to pursue the actual establishment of such a national clearinghouse – and the mechanism necessary to maintain it.

The applicant is required to read and conform to all requirements of this grant guidance document and must have read and accepted all program guidance as binding.

PART II. AWARD INFORMATION

Type of Award: DHS/FEMA anticipates awarding one (1) cooperative agreement to the Institution of Fire Engineers (IFE)/U.S. Branch.

Authorizing Statutes

Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. §2201 et seq.) and the Homeland Security Act of 2006 (6 U.S.C. §101 et seq.)

Period of Performance

The period of performance of this grant is 12 months. Extensions to the period of performance will be considered only through formal requests to FEMA with specific and compelling justifications as to why an extension is required.

Available Funding

Estimated Funding: \$230,000 is estimated to be funded for the issuance of a cooperative agreement between the DHS/FEMA and the IFE for the following purposes: (1) refinement of model performance measures for fire prevention programs; (2) expansion of the use of model fire prevention programs through dissemination of information on the use of model performance measures; and (3) the development and design of the criteria for, and the location of, a national clearinghouse for model fire prevention programs.

Substantial Involvement

FEMA/AFG/FPS will be involved by providing input into the development of model performance measures, the criteria for determining model prevention programs and the design of a model prevention program clearinghouse. FEMA/AFG/FPS will solicit feedback from IFE and their partners to determine the applicability of these features to the AFG grant criteria, and the overall goal of improving fire and life safety in the U.S. relative to the grants program. The Fire Prevention and Safety Program Office personnel have developed a catalog of FPS Programs that were funded by the AFG. The development of measurements the model practices will enable IFE and others to distinguish which programs should be highlighted and distributed to the fire service. The awards listed within the AFG catalog would also use the model measurement criteria to establish which funded programs have proven successful and promote the use of these programs to the fire service.

PART III. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

A. Eligible Applicants

Institution of Fire Engineers (IFE)/US Branch

B. Cost Sharing

There will be no cost sharing or match funding requirement associated with this opportunity.

C. Restrictions

This funding opportunity is restricted to the Institution of Fire Engineers.

D. Other

National Incident Management System Implementation Compliance

In accordance with Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD)-5, *Management of Domestic Incidents*, the adoption of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) is a requirement to receive Federal assistance, through grants, contracts, and other activities. The NIMS provides a consistent nationwide template to enable all levels of government, tribal nations, nongovernmental organizations, and private sector partners to work together to prevent, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of incidents, regardless of cause, size, location, or complexity.

Federal FY 2009 NIMS implementation must be considered prior to allocation of any Federal awards in FY 2010. The primary grantee/administrator of FY 2010 Vision 20/20 award funds is responsible for determining if sub-awardees have demonstrated sufficient progress in NIMS implementation to disburse awards.

PART IV.

APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

A. Address to Request Application Package

FEMA makes all funding opportunities available through the common electronic “storefront” [grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov), accessible on the Internet at <http://www.grants.gov>. If you experience difficulties accessing information or have any questions please call the [grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) customer support hotline at (800) 518-4726.

Application forms and instructions are available at Grants.gov. To access these materials, go to <http://www.grants.gov>, select “Apply for Grants,” and then select “Download Application Package.” Enter the CFDA and/or the funding opportunity number located on the cover of this announcement. Select “Download Application Package,” and then follow the prompts to download the application package. To download the instructions, go to “Download Application Package” and select “Instructions.”

APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED THROUGH ANY OTHER WEB PORTAL OR SYSTEM.

B. Content and Form of Application

1. **Application via www.grants.gov.** All applicants must file their applications using the Administration’s common electronic “storefront” - www.grants.gov. Eligible grantees must apply for funding through this portal, accessible on the Internet at www.grants.gov.

The application must be completed and submitted using www.grants.gov after Central Contractor Registration (CCR) is confirmed. The on-line application includes the following required forms and submissions:

- Standard Form 424, Application for Federal Assistance
- Standard Form 424A, Budget Information (Non-construction)
- Standard Form 424B, Standard Assurances (Non-construction)
- Standard Form LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (if the grantee has engaged or intends to engage in lobbying activities)
- Grants.gov (GG) Lobbying Form, Certification Regarding Lobbying
- FEMA Form 20-16C, Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

- Any additional Required Attachments (ex. Budget, Budget Narrative, Budget Detail Worksheet, Investment Justification)

The program title listed in the CFDA is “Assistance to Firefighters Grant.” The CFDA number is **97.044**.

- 2. Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number.** The applicant must provide a DUNS number with their application. This number is a required field within www.grants.gov and for CCR. Organizations should verify that they have a DUNS number, or take the steps necessary to obtain one, as soon as possible. Applicants can receive a DUNS number at no cost by calling the dedicated toll-free DUNS Number request line at (866) 705-5711.
- 3. Central Contractor Registration (CCR).** The application process also involves an updated and current CCR by the applicant, which must be confirmed at <http://www.ccr.gov>.
- 4. Program Specific Narrative or Work Plan**

The Project Narrative can be taken from the Funding Opportunity Description related to this package. The Budget Justification is a narrative which explains the budget line items. An example would be in the area of “Personnel – list each position by title and name of employee, if available; show the annual salary rate and the percentage of time to be devoted to the project; compensation paid for employees engaged in grant activities must be consistent with that paid for similar work within the applicant application.”

C. Submission Dates and Times

Application submissions will be received by midnight on June 18, 2010. Only applications made through www.grants.gov will be accepted.

D. Intergovernmental Review

This funding opportunity is not subject to Executive order (EO) 12372, “Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs.”

E. Funding Restrictions

DHS grant funds may only be used for the purpose set forth in the grant, and must be consistent with the statutory authority for the award. Grant funds may not be used for matching funds for other Federal grants/cooperative agreements, lobbying, or intervention in Federal regulatory or adjudicatory proceedings. In addition, Federal funds may not be used to sue the Federal government or any other government entity.

Pre-award costs are allowable only with the written consent of DHS and if they are included in the award agreement.

Federal employees are prohibited from serving in any capacity (paid or unpaid) on any proposal submitted under this program. Federal employees may not receive funds under this award.

F. Other Submission Requirements

The application must comply with all requirements identified in the narrative and budget sections below. The IFE application will be evaluated and awarded based on the quality of the Program Narrative and Budget Proposals outlined. The application must clearly demonstrate the ability to address the following narrative work plan and budget requirements as listed below.

F1. Program Narrative Requirements

The applicant must clearly demonstrate the applicant's ability to maintain the Vision 20/20 collaborative effort with the AFG Fire Prevention and Safety Grants. The Program Narrative Proposal must be submitted with the grant application as a file attachment.

The applicant must provide a detailed work plan to address the planned activities, projects, timelines and measurable achievement outcomes related to the initiatives under the Vision 20/20 Model Prevention Program Project. The applicant must also provide a description of current resource management capabilities to develop, implement, and manage the programmatic requirements associated with the Vision 20/20 Program.

The applicant must provide a complete program management plan for the entire twelve month period. At a minimum the work plan must include the following:

- Goals and objectives of the proposal and the activities to be conducted to accomplish the goals and objectives.
- Complete description of the program management structure addressing how the program will be structured, organized, and managed within the recipient's organization. The applicant must provide an organization chart of the agency and describe how the organization will support the program.
- Program schedule containing a high-level schedule that reflects the program life cycle and shows phases and deliverables.

The proposal must clearly demonstrate the ability to address the following requirements:

Task 1: Program Administration

The IFE shall continue to maintain a Program Director and staff necessary to administer and fulfill the objectives of the Vision 20/20 Model Prevention Program Project. The Director and administrative staff will maintain communication with the AFG Fire Prevention and Safety Grants Section (FPS) to garner feedback and program direction. The IFE will contract with an independent auditing firm to conduct the A-133 program audit as required by DHS/FEMA grant regulations. This task includes but is not limited to:

1. Oversight and evaluation by the Program Director and IFE Board
2. Provision of a Program Director and appropriate administrative staff*
3. General supplies, postage, and shipping (IFE Budget)
4. Program audit (A-133)

**A Program Director will be sought for the position. The current part-time Administrator has been involved with Vision 20/20 since 2008 and spends the majority of her time on Vision 20/20 activities (up to 80%),*

Task 2: Expansion of Utilization of Models

Expanding the use of model fire prevention programs in the US through nationwide dissemination of model prevention performance measures, and the development of a national model fire prevention symposium cycle designed around existing fire prevention meetings and conferences to minimize financial needs.

Task 3: National Clearinghouse Design

Development and design of the criteria for and the location of a national electronic clearinghouse of model fire prevention programs. At a minimum the design of the criteria should include model prevention performance measures, and the process used to determine which prevention programs meet the criteria.

F.2 Budget Narrative Requirements

The Vision 20/20 Program award recipient is required to submit a budget narrative and budget detail worksheets addressing the Vision 20/20 Program Institution of Fire Engineers related costs and expenses, as a part of the Vision 20/20 application. This budget narrative should be detailed and should serve to: (1) explain how the costs were estimated, and (2) justify the need for the costs incurred to the measurable achievement outcomes as stated in the work plan. For clarification purposes, the narrative should include tables describing cost and expense elements. The narrative and accompanying budget worksheets must be attached within <http://www.grants.gov>.

The Budget Narrative Proposal must be submitted with the grant application as a file attachment, named Vision **20/20_IFE_10_PNP** within grants.gov.

- Risk management plan describing the approach for identifying and managing risks, and identifying known or postulated events or factors that could prevent

program objectives (cost, schedule, function, performance, or quality) from being met.

- Performance based evaluation plan including program performance measures that will assess the attainment of goals and objectives and details a data collection plan including how data will be analyzed.
- Quality control plan to be incorporated into the development and delivery of programs and courses

PART V. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

A. Review Criteria

Applications will be reviewed and recommended for funding by the DHS/FEMA/USFA based on the program criteria identified in this announcement.

B. Review and Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed and recommended for funding by the DHS/FEMA/USFA and is restricted to the Institution of Fire Engineers.

Funds will not be made available for obligation, expenditure, or drawdown until the applicant's budget and budget narrative have been approved by FEMA.

The applicant must provide a detailed budget for the funds requested. The detailed budget must be submitted with the grant application as a file attachment within www.grants.gov. The budget must be complete, reasonable, and cost-effective in relation to the proposed project. The budget should provide the basis of computation of all project-related costs, any appropriate narrative, and a detailed justification of M&A costs.

C. Anticipated Announcement and Award Dates

Upon review and recommendation by DHS/FEMA/USFA Project Officer, DHS/FEMA Grants Program Directorate will make the award. Awards will be made on or before September 30, 2010.

PART VI.

AWARD ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

A. Notice of Award

1. Upon approval of an application, the grant will be awarded to the grantee. The date that this is done is the “award date.” Notification of award approval is made through the Grants Management System (GMS). Once an award has been approved, a notice is sent to the authorized grant official. Follow the directions in the notification to accept your award documents. The authorized grant official should carefully read the award and special condition documents. If you do not receive a notification, please contact your FEMA Program Office for your award number. Once you have the award number, contact the GMS Help Desk at (888) 549-9901, option three, to obtain the username and password associated with the new award.

The period of performance is 12 months and begins on the Project Period/Budget Period start date listed in the award package. Any unobligated funds will be de-obligated at the end of the close-out period. Extensions to the period of performance will be considered only through formal requests to FEMA with specific and compelling justifications why an extension is required. All extension requests must be submitted to FEMA at least 60 days prior to the end of the period of performance and must address:

- Reason for delay;
- Current status of the activity/activities;
- Approved period of performance termination date and new project completion date;
- Remaining available funds, both Federal and non-Federal;
- Budget outlining how remaining Federal and non-Federal funds will be expended;
- Plan for completion including milestones and timeframes for achieving each milestone and the position/person responsible for implementing the plan for completion; and
- Certification that the activity/activities will be completed within the extended period of performance without any modification to the original Statement of Work approved by FEMA.

B. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

The recipient and any sub-recipient(s) must, in addition to the assurances made as part of the application, comply and require each of its subcontractors employed in the completion of the project to comply with all applicable statutes, regulations, executive

orders, OMB Circulars, terms and conditions of the award, and the approved application.

1. Standard Financial Requirements. The grantee and any subgrantee(s) shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations. A non-exclusive list of regulations commonly applicable to DHS grants are listed below:

1.1 – Administrative Requirements.

- 44 CFR Part 13, *Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments*
- 2 CFR Part 215, *Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations* (OMB Circular A-110)

1.2 – Cost Principles.

- 2 CFR Part 225, *Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian tribal Governments* (OMB Circular A-87)
- 2 CFR Part 220, *Cost Principles for Educational Institutions* (OMB Circular A-21)
- 2 CFR Part 230, *Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations* (OMB Circular A-122)
- 48 CFR Part 31.2, Federal Acquisitions Regulations (FAR), *Contracts with Commercial Organizations*

1.3 – Audit Requirements.

- OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*

1.4 – Duplication of Benefits. There may not be a duplication of any Federal assistance by governmental entities, per 2 CFR Part 225, Basic Guidelines Section C.3 (c), which states: Any cost allocable to a particular Federal award or cost objective under the principles provided for in this Authority may not be charged to other Federal awards to overcome fund deficiencies, to avoid restrictions imposed by law or terms of the Federal awards, or for other reasons. However, this prohibition would not preclude governmental units from shifting costs that are allowable under two or more awards in accordance with existing program agreements. Non-governmental entities are also subject to this prohibition per 2 CFR Parts 220 and 230 and 48 CFR Part 31.2.

Payment. DHS/FEMA uses the Direct Deposit/Electronic Funds Transfer (DD/EFT) method of payment to Recipients. To enroll in the DD/EFT, the Recipient must complete a Standard Form 1199A, Direct Deposit Form, found at <http://www.fms.treas.gov/eft/1199a.pdf>.

The Recipient may be paid in advance, or reimbursed by completing the Standard Form (SF) 270, Request for Advance/Reimbursement. In order to download the Standard

Form 270, the Recipient may use the following link:
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/sf270.pdf>

2.1 – Advance Payment. In accordance with Treasury regulations at 31 CFR Part 205, the Recipient shall maintain procedures to minimize the time elapsing between the transfer of funds and the disbursement of said funds (See 44 CFR Part 13.21(i)) regarding payment of interest earned on advances. In order to request an advance, the Recipient must maintain or demonstrate the willingness and ability to maintain procedures to minimize the time elapsing between the transfer of funds from DHS and expenditure and disbursement by the Recipient. When these requirements are not met, the Recipient will be required to be on a reimbursement for costs incurred method.

NOTE: FUNDS WILL NOT BE AUTOMATICALLY TRANSFERRED UPON ISSUANCE OF THE GRANT. GRANTEES MUST SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR ADVANCE/REIMBURSEMENT (SF-270) IN ORDER FOR THE FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE GRANTEE’S ACCOUNT.

2. Non-supplanting Requirement. Grant funds will be used to supplement existing funds, and will not replace (supplant) funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose. Applicants or grantees may be required to supply documentation certifying that a reduction in non-Federal resources occurred for reasons other than the receipt or expected receipt of Federal funds.

3. Administrative Requirements.

4.1 – Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). FEMA recognizes that much of the information submitted in the course of applying for funding under this program or provided in the course of its grant management activities may be considered law enforcement sensitive or otherwise important to national security interests. While this information under Federal control is subject to requests made pursuant to the *Freedom of Information Act* (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. §552, all determinations concerning the release of information of this nature are made on a case-by-case basis by the FEMA FOIA Office, and may likely fall within one or more of the available exemptions under the Act. The applicant is encouraged to consult its own State and local laws and regulations regarding the release of information, which should be considered when reporting sensitive matters in the grant application, needs assessment and strategic planning process. The grantee should be familiar with the regulations governing Sensitive Security Information (49 CFR Part 1520), as it may provide additional protection to certain classes of homeland security information.

4.2 – Compliance with Federal civil rights laws and regulations. The grantee is required to comply with Federal civil rights laws and regulations. Specifically, the grantee is required to provide assurances as a condition for receipt of Federal funds that its programs and activities comply with the following:

- *Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964*, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §2000 et seq. – Provides that no person 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 in any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance. Title VI also extends protection to persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP). (42 U.S.C. §2000d et seq.)
- *Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972*, as amended, 20 U.S.C. §1681 et seq. – Provides that no person, *on the basis of sex*, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.
- *Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973*, as amended, 29 U.S.C. §794 – Provides that no otherwise qualified individual with a disability in the United States, shall, *solely* by reason of his or her disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or subject to discrimination in any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.
- *The Age Discrimination Act of 1975*, as amended, 20 U.S.C. §6101 et seq. – Provides that no person in the United States shall, on the basis of age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

Grantees must comply with all regulations, guidelines, and standards adopted under the above statutes. The grantee is also required to submit information, as required, to the DHS Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties concerning its compliance with these laws and their implementing regulations.

4.3 – Services to Limited English Proficient (LEP) persons. Recipients of FEMA financial assistance are required to comply with several Federal civil rights laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended. These laws prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, natural origin, and sex in the delivery of services. National origin discrimination includes discrimination on the basis of limited English proficiency. To ensure compliance with Title VI, recipients are required to take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to their programs. Meaningful access may entail providing language assistance services, including oral and written translation, where necessary. The grantee is encouraged to consider the need for language services for LEP persons served or encountered both in developing their proposals and budgets and in conducting their programs and activities. Reasonable costs associated with providing meaningful access for LEP

individuals are considered allowable program costs. For additional information, see <http://www.lep.gov>.

4.4 – Certifications and Assurances. Certifications and assurances regarding the following apply:

- *Lobbying.* 31 U.S.C. §1352, *Limitation on use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracting and financial transactions.* – Prohibits the use of Federal funds in lobbying members and employees of Congress, as well as employees of Federal agencies, with respect to the award or amendment of any Federal grant, cooperative agreement, contract, or loan. FEMA and DHS have codified restrictions upon lobbying at 44 CFR Part 18 and 6 CFR Part 9. (Refer to form included in application package.)
- *Drug-free Workplace Act,* as amended, 41 U.S.C. §701 et seq. – Requires the recipient to publish a statement about its drug-free workplace program and give a copy of the statement to each employee (including consultants and temporary personnel) who will be involved in award-supported activities at any site where these activities will be carried out. Also, place(s) where work is being performed under the award (i.e., street address, city, state and zip code) must be maintained on file. The recipient must notify the Grants Officer of any employee convicted of a violation of a criminal drug statute that occurs in the workplace. For additional information, see 44 CFR Part 17.
- *Debarment and Suspension.* – Executive Orders 12549 and 12689 provide protection from fraud, waste, and abuse by debarring or suspending those persons that deal in an irresponsible manner with the Federal government. The recipient must certify that they are not debarred or suspended from receiving Federal assistance. For additional information, see 2 CFR Part 3000.
- *Federal Debt Status.* – The recipient may not be delinquent in the repayment of any Federal debt. Examples of relevant debt include delinquent payroll or other taxes, audit disallowances, and benefit overpayments. (See OMB Circular A-129) (Refer to SF-424, item number 17.)
- *Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990.* – In accordance with section 6 of the *Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990*, 15 U.S.C. §2225a, the recipient agrees to ensure that all conference, meeting, convention, or training space funded in whole or in part with Federal funds, complies with the fire prevention and control guidelines of the *Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974*, 15 U.S.C. §2225.

Grantees must comply with all regulations, guidelines, and standards adopted under the above statutes.

4.5 – Integrating individuals with disabilities into emergency planning.

Section 504 of the *Rehabilitation Act of 1973*, as amended, prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in all aspects of emergency mitigation, planning, response, and recovery by entities receiving financial funding from FEMA. In addition, Executive Order 13347, *Individuals with Disabilities in Emergency Preparedness* signed in July 2004, requires the Federal government to support safety and security for individuals with disabilities in situations involving disasters, including earthquakes, tornadoes, fires, floods, hurricanes, and acts of terrorism. Executive Order 13347 requires the Federal government to encourage consideration of the needs of individuals with disabilities served by State, local, and tribal governments in emergency preparedness planning.

4.6 – Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation Compliance.

FEMA is required to consider the potential impacts to the human and natural environment of projects proposed for FEMA grant funding. FEMA, through its Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (EHP) Program, engages in a review process to ensure that FEMA-funded activities comply with various Federal laws including: *National Environmental Policy Act*, *National Historic Preservation Act*, *Endangered Species Act*, the *Clean Water Act*, and Executive Orders on Floodplains (11988), Wetlands (11990), and Environmental Justice (12898). The goal of these compliance requirements is to protect our nation's water, air, coastal, wildlife, agricultural, historical, and cultural resources, as well as to minimize potential adverse effects to low-income and minority populations.

The grantee shall provide all relevant information to FEMA to ensure compliance with applicable Federal EHP requirements. Any project with the potential to impact natural or biological resources or historic properties cannot be initiated until FEMA has completed the required EHP review. In addition to a detailed project description that describes what is to be done with the grant funds, how it will be done, and where it will be done, grantees shall provide detailed information about the project (where applicable), including, but not limited to, the following:

- Project location (i.e., exact street address or map coordinates)
- Total extent of ground disturbance and vegetation clearing
- Extent of modification of existing structures
- Construction equipment to be used, staging areas, etc.
- Year that any affected buildings or structures were built
- Natural, biological, and/or cultural resources present within the project area and vicinity, including wetlands, floodplains, and geologic resources, threatened or endangered species, or National Register of Historic Places listed or eligible properties, etc.

- Visual documentation such as good quality, color and labeled site and facility photographs, project plans, aerial photos, maps, etc.
- Alternative ways considered to implement the project (not applicable to procurement of mobile and portable equipment)

For projects that have the potential to impact sensitive resources, FEMA must consult with other Federal, State, and tribal agencies such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, State Historic Preservation Offices, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as well as other agencies and organizations responsible for the protection and/or management of natural and cultural resources, including Federally-recognized Indian tribes, Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, and the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs. For projects with the potential to have adverse effects on the environment and/or historic properties, FEMA's EHP review process and consultation may result in a substantive agreement between the involved parties outlining how the grantee will avoid the effects, minimize the effects, or, if necessary, compensate for the effects. Grantees who are proposing communication tower projects are encouraged to complete their Federal Communications Commission (FCC) EHP process prior to preparing their EHP review materials for FEMA, and to include their FCC EHP materials with their submission to FEMA. Completing the FCC process first and submitting all relevant EHP documentation to FEMA will help expedite FEMA's review.

Because of the potential for adverse effects to EHP resources or public controversy, some projects may require an additional assessment or report, such as an Environmental Assessment, Biological Assessment, archaeological survey, cultural resources report, wetlands delineation, or other document, as well as a public comment period. Grantees are responsible for the preparation of such documents, as well as for the implementation of any treatment or mitigation measures identified during the EHP review that are necessary to address potential adverse impacts. Grantees may use grant funds toward the costs of preparing such documents. The use of grant funds for mitigation or treatment measures that are not typically allowable expenses will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Failure of the grantee to meet Federal, State, local and territorial EHP requirements, obtain required permits, and comply with any conditions that may be placed on the project as the result of FEMA's EHP review may jeopardize Federal funding.

Recipients shall not undertake any project without the prior approval of FEMA, and must comply with all conditions placed on the project as the result of the EHP review. Any change to the approved project description will require re-evaluation for compliance with these EHP requirements. If ground disturbing activities occur during project implementation, the recipient must ensure monitoring of ground disturbance, and if any potential archeological resources are discovered, the recipient will immediately cease construction in that area and notify their FEMA Program Office, and the appropriate State Historic

Preservation Office. Any projects that have been initiated prior to approval will result in a non-compliance finding and will not be eligible for funding.

For more information on FEMA's EHP requirements, Grantees should refer to FEMA's Information Bulletin #329, *Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation Requirements for Grants*, available at <http://oip.usdoj.gov/odp/docs/info329.pdf>. Additional information and resources can also be found at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/ehp-applicant-help.shtm>.

C. Reporting Requirements

Reporting requirements must be met throughout the life of the grant (refer to the program guidance and the special conditions found in the award package for a full explanation of these requirements). Any reports or documents prepared as a result of this grant shall be in compliance with Federal "plain English" policies, directives, etc. Please note that PARS contains edits that will prevent access to funds if reporting requirements are not met on a timely basis.

- 1. Federal Financial Report (FFR) – required quarterly.** Obligations and expenditures must be reported on a quarterly basis through the FFR (SF-425), which replaced the SF-269 and SF-272, which is due within 30 days of the end of each calendar quarter (e.g., for the quarter ending March 31, the FFR is due no later than April 30). A report must be submitted for every quarter of the period of performance, including partial calendar quarters, as well as for periods where no grant activity occurs. Future awards and fund draw downs may be withheld if these reports are delinquent. The final FFR is due 90 days after the end date of the performance period.

FFRs must be filed according to the process and schedule below:

FFRs must be filed electronically through PARS

Reporting periods and due dates:

- October 1 – December 31; *Due January 30*
- January 1 – March 31; *Due April 30*
- April 1 – June 30; *Due July 30*
- July 1 – September 30; *Due October 30*

2. Progress Reports.

Quarterly Performance Reports –

- a. The Recipient shall submit quarterly performance reports within 30 days after the end of each period. Reports are due on July 30, October 30, January 30 and April 30.

- b. The report shall consist of a comparison of actual accomplishments to the approved project objectives.
- c. Copies of Performance Reports shall be submitted to the Grants Management Specialist and the PO listed under VII. Department of Homeland Security Contacts.
- d. The final performance report should provide a narrative on what the Recipient accomplished with the grant funds and any benefits derived.

Reporting periods and due dates:

- October 1 – December 31; *Due January 30*
- January 1 – March 31; *Due April 30*
- April 1 – June 30; *Due July 30*
- July 1 – September 30; *Due October 30*

3. Financial and Compliance Audit Report. Recipients that expend \$500,000 or more of Federal funds during their fiscal year are required to submit an organization-wide financial and compliance audit report. The audit must be performed in accordance with GAO's *Government Auditing Standards*, located at <http://www.gao.gov/govaud/ybk01.htm>, and *OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, located at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/a133/a133.html>. Audit reports are currently due to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse no later than nine months after the end of the recipient's fiscal year. In addition, the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Comptroller General of the United States shall have access to any books, documents, and records of recipients of FY 2010 assistance for audit and examination purposes, provided that, in the opinion of the Secretary or the Comptroller, these documents are related to the receipt or use of such assistance. The grantee will also give the sponsoring agency or the Comptroller, through any authorized representative, access to, and the right to examine all records, books, papers or documents related to the grant.

The State shall require that sub-grantees comply with the audit requirements set forth in *OMB Circular A-133*. Recipients are responsible for ensuring that sub-recipient audit reports are received and for resolving any audit findings.

4. Monitoring. Grant recipients will be monitored periodically by FEMA staff, both programmatically and financially, to ensure that the project goals, objectives, performance requirements, timelines, milestone completion, budgets, and other related program criteria are being met.

Monitoring will be accomplished through a combination of desk-based reviews and on-site monitoring visits. Monitoring will involve the review and analysis of the financial, programmatic, performance and administrative issues relative to each program and will identify areas where technical assistance and other support may be needed.

The recipient is responsible for monitoring award activities, to include sub-awards, to provide reasonable assurance that the Federal award is administered in compliance with requirements. Responsibilities include the accounting of receipts and expenditures, cash management, maintaining of adequate financial records, and refunding expenditures disallowed by audits.

- 5. Grant Close-Out Process.** Within 90 days after the end of the period of performance, grantees must submit a final FFR and final progress report detailing all accomplishments throughout the period of performance. After these reports have been reviewed and approved by FEMA, a close-out notice will be completed to close out the grant. The notice will indicate the period of performance as closed, list any remaining funds that will be deobligated, and address the requirement of maintaining the grant records for three years from the date of the final FFR. The grantee is responsible for returning any funds that have been drawn down but remain as unliquidated on grantee financial records.

Required submissions: (1) final SF-425, due 90 days from end of grant period; and (2) final progress report, due 90 days from the end of the grant period.

PART VII. FEMA CONTACTS

1. Grant Programs Directorate (GPD)

FEMA GPD's Grants Management Division will provide fiscal support, including pre- and post-award administration and technical assistance, to the grant programs included in this solicitation. Additional guidance and information can be obtained by contacting the FEMA Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.

2. Program Office Contact.

The DHS/FEMA Project Officer (PO) shall be the official who will be responsible for the technical monitoring of the stages of work and technical performance of the activities described in the program narrative statement. The Project Officer is:

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