

**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
GRANT AGREEMENT  
Federal Sub-Award Agreement**

This grant agreement is between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155 ("State") and «GRANTEE» «DUNS#» «STREET», «CITY», «STATE», «ZIP» ("Grantee").

**Recitals**

1. Under «Program Name», «Federal Awarding Agency», «CFDA #», «Federal Award ID #», the State received a federal award of «\$\$\$\$» on «Federal Award Date» for «Federal Award Project Description». This project «is/is not» a research and development project.
2. Under «Federal Award Project Description» and Minnesota Statutes sections 84.026 and 84.085, the State sub-awards «DOLLARS» to the Grantee «DUNS #» for the purpose of conducting the program entitled «PROJECT».
3. The Grantee represents that it is duly qualified and agrees to perform all services described in this grant agreement to the satisfaction of the State.

**Grant Agreement**

**1. Term of Grant Agreement**

- 1.1. **Effective date:** «EFFECTIVE\_DATE».

This agreement becomes effective on «EFFECTIVE\_DATE» or the date the State obtains all required signatures under Minnesota Statutes 16B.98, subdivision 5, whichever is later. No reimbursements will be made until or upon the date that the final required signature is obtained by the State, pursuant to [Minnesota Statutes Section 16B.98, subdivision 5](#). Per [Minnesota Statutes Section 16B.98, subdivision 7](#), no payments will be made to the Grantee until this grant agreement is fully executed.

- 1.2. **Expiration date:** «EXPIRATION\_DATE», «EXPIRATION\_TERMS».

- 1.3. **Survival of Terms:** The following clauses survive the expiration or cancellation of this grant agreement: 9 Liability; 10 Audits; 11 Government Data Practices and Intellectual Property; 13 Endorsement; 14 Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue; 16 Data Disclosure; 20 Monitoring; and 26 Additional Program Requirements.

- 1.4. **Incur Expenses:** This agreement becomes effective on «EFFECTIVE\_DATE» or the date the State obtains all required signatures under Minnesota Statutes 16B.98, subdivision 5, whichever is later. **The Grantee must not begin work under this sub-grant agreement until this agreement is fully executed and the Grantee has been notified by the State's Authorized Representative to begin the work.**

**2. Grantee's Duties**

The Grantee, who is not a state employee, will:

See Federal Award letter/grant agreement/proposal/narrative, which is incorporated and made a part of this agreement.

The Grantee will comply with required grants management policies and procedures set forth through [Minnesota Statutes Section 16B.97](#), subdivision 4 (a) (1).

The Grantee agrees to complete the program in accordance with the approved budget to the extent practicable and within the program period specified in the grant agreement. Any material change in the grant agreement shall require an amendment by the State (see Section 7.2).

The Grantee shall be responsible for the administration, supervision, management, record keeping and program oversight required for the work performed under this agreement.

The Grantee is responsible for maintaining a written conflict of interest policy. Throughout the term of this agreement, the Grantee shall monitor and report any actual, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest to the State's Authorized Representative.

**3. Time**

The Grantee must comply with all the time requirements described in this grant agreement.

#### 4. Consideration and Payment

4.1. **Consideration.** Consideration for all services performed by Grantee pursuant to this grant agreement shall be paid by the State as follows:

4.1.1. **Compensation.** Compensation in an amount not to exceed «DOLLARS», based on the following computation: See Attachment C Work Plan and Budget.

4.1.2. **Matching Requirements.** Grantee certifies that the following matching requirement for the grant will be met by «GRANTEE». The total project cost is «DOLLARS». Grantee agrees to match at least «MATCH\_AMT» of this project cost.

Grant funds cannot be used by the Grantee as match or for reimbursement for any other grant or program without prior written authorization from the State's Authorized Representative.

(a) The Grantee must submit a written request for authorization no less than 10 business days prior to applying for the new funds or program to the State's Authorized Representative. This request must include the following information: project name, grant contract number, the amount of grant funds to be used, location where grant funds were or will be used, activity the grant funded, and current landowner (if applicable). The project name, location where the new funds will be used, activity to be funded, funding source of the new grant or program, and a brief description of the grant or program being applied for must also be included.

(b) If the new grant or program will add any encumbrances to the land where grant funds were or will be spent, these encumbrances must be approved in writing by the State's Authorized Representative and the current landowner.

4.1.3. **Indirect Cost Rate.** The federal indirect cost rate for the State's federal award is \_\_\_\_ .  
The Grantee's indirect cost rate is \_\_\_\_% for this sub-award agreement.

THE TOTAL STATE OBLIGATION FOR ALL COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENTS TO GRANTEE SHALL NOT EXCEED: «DOLLARS\_SPELLLED\_OUT».

Funds made available pursuant to this Agreement shall be used only for expenses incurred in performing and accomplishing the purposes and activities specified herein. Notwithstanding all other provisions of this Agreement, it is understood that any reduction or termination of funds allocated to the State may result in a like reduction to the Grantee.

#### 4.2. Payment.

The State shall disburse funds to the Grantee pursuant to this agreement **on a reimbursement basis**. The Grantee shall submit payment requests with required expenditure documentation. If necessary, advance payments on grants shall be negotiated between the State and Grantee on a case by case basis. In order to make advance payments, the Grantee must prepare and submit a written justification to the State for approval that details the specific need to utilize advance payments. A copy of the signed justification must be maintained in the grant file. All advance payments on grants over \$50,000 must be reconciled within 12 months of issuance or within 60 days of the end of the grant period.

4.2.1. **Federal funds.** Payments under this grant agreement will be made from federal funds obtained by the State through Title \_\_\_\_\_ CFDA number \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Act of \_\_\_\_\_. The Grantee is responsible for compliance with all federal requirements imposed on these funds and accepts full financial responsibility for any requirements imposed by the Grantee's failure to comply with federal requirements.

#### 5. Conditions of Payment

All services provided by the Grantee under this grant agreement must be performed to the State's satisfaction, as determined at the sole discretion of the State's Authorized Representative and in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations. The Grantee will not receive payment for work found by the State to be unsatisfactory or performed in violation of federal, state, or local law.

#### 6. Authorized Representative

The State's Authorized Representative is «STATE\_AUTH\_REP\_», or his/her successor, and has the responsibility to monitor the Grantee's performance and the authority to accept the services provided under this grant agreement. If the services are satisfactory, the State's Authorized Representative or his/her designee will certify acceptance on each invoice submitted for payment.

The Grantee Authorized Representative is «FIRST\_NAME» «LAST\_NAME», «TITLE», «STREET», «CITY», «STATE», «ZIP», «PHONE», «EMAIL», or his/her successor. If the Grantee's Authorized Representative changes at any time during this grant agreement, the Grantee must immediately notify the State.

## 7. Assignment, Amendments, Waiver, and Grant Agreement Complete

- 7.1. **Assignment.** The Grantee may neither assign nor transfer any rights or obligations under this grant agreement without the prior consent of the State and a fully executed Assignment Agreement, executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved this grant agreement, or their successors in office.
- 7.2. **Amendments.** Any amendment to this grant agreement must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved the original grant agreement, or their successors in office.
- 7.3. **Waiver.** If the State fails to enforce any provision of this grant agreement, that failure does not waive the provision or its right to enforce it.
- 7.4. **Grant Agreement Complete.** This grant agreement contains all negotiations and agreements between the State and the Grantee. No other understanding regarding this grant agreement, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either party.

## 8. Subcontractors, Contracting, and Bidding Requirements

- 8.1 The Grantee agrees that if it subcontracts any portion of this project to another entity, the agreement with the subcontractor will contain all provisions of the agreement with the State. The Grantee also agrees to comply with [Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations \(CFR\) 200.317](#) and [200.322](#) (if applicable-both apply to state entities only) as well as 2 CFR 200.318-321, and 2 CFR 200.323-326.
- 8.2 Per [Minnesota Statute 471.345](#), grantees that are municipalities as defined in Subd. 1 must follow that Uniform Municipal Contracting Law if contraction funds from this grant contract agreement for any supplies, materials, equipment, or the rental thereof, or the construction, alteration, repair, or maintenance of real or personal property.

If the amount of the contract is estimated to exceed \$100,000, a formal notice and bidding process must be conducted in which sealed bids shall be solicited by public notice. Municipalities may, as a best value alternative, award a contract for construction, alteration, repair, or maintenance work to the vendor or contractor offering the best value under a request for proposals as described in [Minnesota Statute 16C.28](#), Subd. 1, paragraph a, clause 2.

- 8.2.1 If the amount of the contract is estimated to exceed \$25,000, but not \$100,000, the contract may be made either upon sealed bids or by direct negotiation, by obtaining two or more quotations for the purchase or sale when possible, and without advertising for bids or otherwise complying with the requirements of competitive bidding. All quotations obtained shall be kept on file for a period of at least one year after receipt thereof. Municipalities may, as a best value alternative, award a contract for construction, alteration, repair, or maintenance work to the vendor or contractor offering the best value under a request for proposals as described in [Minnesota Statute 16C.28](#), Subd. 1, paragraph a, clause 2, and paragraph c.
- 8.2.2 If the amount of the contract is estimated to be \$3,000-25,000 (\$2,000 for acquisitions of construction that are subject to the [Davis-Bacon Act](#) and \$2,500 for the acquisition of services subject to the [Service Contract Act](#)) the contract may be made either upon quotation or in the open market, in the discretion of the governing body. If the contract is made upon quotation it shall be based, so far as practicable, on at least two quotations which shall be kept on file for a period of at least one year after their receipt. Alternatively, municipalities may award a contract for construction, alteration, repair, or maintenance work to the vendor or contractor offering the best value under a request for proposals as described in [Minnesota Statute 16C.28](#), Subd. 1, paragraph a, clause 2.
- 8.2.3 Any services and/or materials that are expected to cost less than \$3,000 (see 8.2.2 for thresholds regarding the Davis-Bacon and Service Contract Act) do not require the solicitation of competitive quotations in accordance with [2 CFR 200.320\(b\)](#). The Grantee must make an effort to equitably distribute these purchases.

- 8.2.4 Support documentation of the bidding process utilized to contract services must be included in the grantee's financial records, including support documentation justifying a single/sole source bid, if applicable.
- 8.2.5 For projects that include construction work of \$25,000 or more, prevailing wage rules apply per [Minnesota Statue 177.41](#) through [177.44](#) consequently, the bid request must state the project is subject to prevailing wage. These rules require that the wages of laborers and workers should be comparable to wages paid for similar work in the community as a whole. A prevailing wage form should accompany these bid submittals.
- 8.3 Nongovernmental organizations must follow the below requirements.
  - 8.3.1 Any services and/or materials that are expected to cost \$20,000 or more must undergo a formal notice and bidding process.
  - 8.3.2 Any services and/or materials that are expected to cost between \$10,000 and \$19,999 must be scoped out in writing and offered to a minimum of three (3) bidders.
  - 8.3.3 Any services and/or materials that are expected to cost between \$3,000 and \$9,999 (\$2,000 for acquisitions of construction that are subject to the [Davis-Bacon Act](#) and \$2,500 for the acquisition of services subject to the [Service Contract Act](#)) must be competitively based on a minimum of three (3) verbal quotes.
  - 8.3.4 Any services and/or materials that are expected to cost less than \$3,000 (see 8.3.3 for thresholds regarding the Davis-Bacon and Service Contract Act) do not require the solicitation of competitive quotations in accordance with [2 CFR 200.320\(b\)](#).
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## 9. Liability

The Grantee must indemnify, save, and hold the State, its agents, and employees harmless from any claims or causes of action, including attorney's fees incurred by the State, arising from the performance of this grant agreement by the Grantee or the Grantee agents or employees. This clause will not be construed to bar any legal remedies the Grantee may have for the State's failure to fulfill its obligations under this grant agreement.

## 10. Audits (State and Single)

Under [Minn. Stat. §16B.98, subd. 8](#) and [2 CFR 200.331](#), the Grantee books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices relevant to this grant agreement are subject to examination by the State and/or the State Auditor or Legislative Auditor, as appropriate, for a minimum of six years from the end of this grant agreement.

All state and local governments, colleges and universities, and non-profit organizations that expend \$750,000 or more of Federal awards in a fiscal year must have a single audit according to the OMB Uniform Guidance: Cost Principles, Audit, and Administrative Awards Requirements for Federal Awards. This is \$750,000 total Federal awards received from all sources. If an audit is completed, forward a copy of the report to both the State's Authorized Representative and the State Auditor.

## 11. Government Data Practices and Intellectual Property

11.1 **Government Data Practices.** The Grantee and State must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. Ch. 13, as it applies to all data provided by the State under this grant agreement, and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by the Grantee under this grant agreement. The civil remedies of Minn. Stat. § 13.08 apply to the release of the data referred to in this clause by either the Grantee or the State.

If the Grantee receives a request to release the data referred to in this clause, the Grantee must immediately notify the State. The State will give the Grantee instructions concerning the release of the data to the requesting party before the data is released.

11.2 **Intellectual Property Rights (if applicable).**

- 11.2.1. **Intellectual Property Rights.** The State owns any intellectual property developed with these funds. The federal awarding agency may receive royalty-free, non-exclusive and an irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the work for Federal purposes, and to authorize others to do so as noted in [2 CFR 200.315](#).
- 11.2.2 **Obligations.**
- (A) *Notification.* Whenever any invention, improvement, or discovery (whether or not patentable) is made or conceived for the first time or actually or constructively reduced to practice by the Grantee, including its employees and subcontractors, in the performance of this contract, the Grantee will immediately give the State's Authorized Representative written notice thereof, and must promptly furnish the Authorized Representative with complete information and/or disclosure thereon.
- (B) *Representation.* The Grantee must perform all acts, and take all steps necessary to ensure that all intellectual property rights in the Works and Documents are the sole property of the State, and that neither Grantee nor its employees, agents, or subcontractors retain any interest in and to the Works and Documents. The Grantee represents and warrants that the Works and Documents do not and will not infringe upon any intellectual property rights of other persons or entities. Notwithstanding Clause 9, the Grantee will indemnify; defend, to the extent permitted by the Attorney General; and hold harmless the State, at the Grantee's expense, from any action or claim brought against the State to the extent that it is based on a claim that all or part of the Works or Documents infringe upon the intellectual property rights of others. The Grantee will be responsible for payment of any and all such claims, demands, obligations, liabilities, costs, and damages, including but not limited to, attorney fees. If such a claim or action arises, or in the Grantee's or the State's opinion is likely to arise, the Grantee must, at the State's discretion, either procure for the State the right or license to use the intellectual property rights at issue or replace or modify the allegedly infringing Works or Documents as necessary and appropriate to obviate the infringement claim. This remedy of the State will be in addition to and not exclusive of other remedies provided by law.

## 12. Workers' Compensation

The Grantee certifies that it is in compliance with Minn. Stat. § 176.181, subd. 2, pertaining to workers' compensation insurance coverage. The Grantee's employees and agents will not be considered State employees. Any claims that may arise under the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Act on behalf of these employees and any claims made by any third party as a consequence of any act or omission on the part of these employees are in no way the State's obligation or responsibility.

## 13. Endorsement

The Grantee must not claim that the State endorses its products or services and the Grantee must adhere to the terms of 2 CFR 200.315.

## 14. Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue

Minnesota law, without regard to its choice-of-law provisions, governs this grant agreement. Venue for all legal proceedings out of this grant agreement, or its breach, must be in the appropriate state or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

## 15. Termination

The State may cancel this grant agreement at any time, with or without cause, upon 30 days written notice to the Grantee. Upon termination, the Grantee will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for services satisfactorily performed.

## 16. Data Disclosure

Under Minn. Stat. § 270C.65, Subd. 3, and other applicable law, the Grantee consents to disclosure of its social security number, federal employer tax identification number, and/or Minnesota tax identification number, already provided to the State, to federal and state tax agencies and state personnel involved in the payment of state obligations. These identification numbers may be used in the enforcement of federal and state tax laws which could result in action requiring the Grantee to file state tax returns and pay delinquent state tax liabilities, if any.

## 17. American Disabilities Act



The Grantee is subject to complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.) and all applicable regulations and guidelines.

## **18. Non-Discrimination Requirements**

No person in the United States must, on the ground of race, color, national origin, handicap, age, religion, or sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under, any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance. Including but not limited to:

- a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.) and DOC implementing regulations published at 15 C.F.R. Part 8 prohibiting discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin under programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.) prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex under Federally assisted education programs or activities;
- b) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 794), and DOC implementing regulations published at 15 C.F.R. Part 8b prohibiting discrimination on the basis of handicap under any program or activity receiving or benefiting from Federal assistance;
- c) The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.), and DOC implementing regulations published at 15 C.F.R. Part 20 prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
- d) Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 which prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities in services, programs, and activities of public entities;
- e) Any other applicable non-discrimination law(s).

## **19. Reporting Requirements**

The Grantee is bound to financial and performance reporting requirements as noted in the federal award letter/grant agreement/proposal/narrative.

## **20. Monitoring**

The State shall be allowed at any time to conduct periodic site visits and inspections to ensure work progress in accordance with this grant agreement, including a final inspection upon program completion. At least one monitoring visit per grant period on all state grants of over \$50,000 will be conducted and at least annual monitoring visits on grants of over \$250,000.

Following closure of the program, the State's authorized representatives shall be allowed to conduct post-completion inspections of the site to ensure that the site is being properly operated and maintained and that no conversion of use has occurred.

## **21. Invasive Species Prevention**

The DNR requires active steps to prevent or limit the introduction, establishment, and spread of invasive species during contracted work. The contractor shall prevent invasive species from entering into or spreading within a project site by cleaning equipment prior to arriving at the project site.

If the equipment, vehicles, gear, or clothing arrives at the project site with soil, aggregate material, mulch, vegetation (including seeds) or animals, it shall be cleaned by contractor furnished tool or equipment (brush/broom, compressed air or pressure washer) at the staging area. The contractor shall dispose of material cleaned from equipment and clothing at a location determined by the DNR Contract Administrator. If the material cannot be disposed of onsite, secure material prior to transport (sealed container, covered truck, or wrap with tarp) and legally dispose of offsite.

The contractor shall ensure that all equipment and clothing used for work in infested waters has been adequately decontaminated for invasive species (ex. zebra mussels) prior to being used in non-infested waters. All equipment and clothing including but not limited to waders, tracked vehicles, barges, boats, turbidity curtain, sheet pile, and pumps that comes in contact with any infested waters must be thoroughly decontaminated.

## **22. Pollinator Best Management Practices**

Habitat restorations and enhancements conducted on DNR lands and prairie restorations on state lands or on any lands using state funds are subject to pollinator best management practices and habitat restoration guidelines pursuant to [Minnesota Statutes, section 84.973](#). Practices and guidelines ensure an appropriate diversity of native species to provide habitat for pollinators through the growing season. Current specific practices and guidelines to be followed for contract and grant work can be found here: [Link to December 2014 version](#).

**23. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions**

- 23.1 The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this agreement, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- 23.2 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 agreement.

**24. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment Certification and Disclosure: (If applicable)**

- 24.1 The Grantee certifies that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352
- 24.2 The Grantee shall comply with Interim Final Rule, New Restrictions on Lobbying, found in Federal Register Vol. 55, No. 38, February 26, 1990, and any permanent rules that are adopted in place of the Interim Final Rule. The Interim Final Rule requires the Grantee to certify as to their lobbying activity. Further definition of lobbying can be found in [2 CFR 200.450](#).
- 24.3 If the Grantee engages in lobbying activities with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award, they will promptly inform the authorized representative, and complete any certifications the authorized representative requires.

**25. Whistleblower Protection Rights**

- 41 U.S.C. § 4712, Enhancement of Recipient and Subrecipient Employee Whistleblower Protection
- (a) This award and employees working on this financial assistance agreement will be subject to the whistleblower rights and remedies in the pilot program on Award Recipient employee whistleblower protections established at 41 U.S.C. § 4712 by section 828 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Pub.L. 112-239).
  - (b) Recipients, their subrecipients, and their contractors awarded contracts over the simplified acquisition threshold related to this award, shall inform their employees in writing, in the predominant language of the workforce, of the employee whistleblower rights and protections under 41 U.S.C. § 4712.
  - (c) The recipient shall insert this clause, including this paragraph (c), in all subawards and in contracts over the simplified acquisition threshold related to this award.

**26. Additional Program Requirements**

The grantee must comply with **(insert additional program requirements, state and federal law requirements, requirements of the award, etc.)** as well as the terms and conditions for closeout of the sub-award.

- Attachments:
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- Exhibit A
- Conflict of Interest Disclosure
- Federal Award Letter
- Complying with Civil Rights Requirements

**1. STATE ENCUMBRANCE VERIFICATION**

*Individual certifies that funds have been encumbered as required by Minn. Statutes 16A.15 and 16B.98.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

SWIFT Contract/PO Numbers \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. GRANTEE**

The Grantee certifies that the appropriate person(s) have executed the grant agreement on behalf of the Grantee as required by applicable articles, bylaws, resolutions, or ordinances.

**3. STATE AGENCY**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(with delegated authority)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Exhibit A



# Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

## Conflict of Interest Disclosure

### **Conflict of Interest:**

A conflict of interest occurs when a person has actual or apparent duty or loyalty to more than one organization and the competing duties or loyalties may result in actions which are adverse to one or both parties. A conflict of interest exists even if no unethical, improper or illegal act results from it.

### **Actual Conflict of Interest:**

An actual conflict of interest occurs when a person's decision or action would compromise a duty to a party without taking immediate appropriate action to eliminate the conflict. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- One party uses his or her position to obtain special advantage, benefit, or access to the other party's time, services, facilities, equipment, supplies, badge, uniform, prestige, or influence.
- One party receives or accepts money (or anything else of value) from another party or has equity or a financial interest in or partial or whole ownership of the other party's organization.
- One party is an employee, board member or family member of the other party.

### **Potential Conflict of Interest:**

A potential conflict of interest may exist if a person has a relationship, affiliation, or other interest that could create an inappropriate influence if the person is called on to make a decision or recommendation that would affect one or more of those relationships, affiliations, or interests.

### **Organizational Conflict of Interest:**

A conflict of interest can also occur with an organization that is a grant applicant in a competitive grant process or grantee of a state agency. Organizational conflicts of interest occur when:

- A grantee's objectivity in carrying out the grant is impaired or compromised due to competing duties or loyalties
- A grantee, potential grantee or grant applicant has an unfair competitive advantage through being furnished unauthorized proprietary information or source selection information that is not available to all competitors

**This section to be completed by Grantee's Authorized Representative (AR):**

I certify that we will maintain an adequate Conflict of Interest Policy, and throughout the term of our agreement, we will monitor and report any actual, potential, individual, or organizational conflicts of interest to the State's Authorized Representative.

I also certify that I have read and understand the description of conflict of interest above and as of this date (check one of the two boxes below):

- I do not have any conflicts of interest relating to this project.
- I have an actual, potential, individual, or organizational (*indicate below*) conflict of interest. The nature of the conflict is as follows:

If at any time during the grant project I discover a conflict of interest, I will disclose that conflict immediately to the State's Authorized Representative.

Grantee AR's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Grantee AR's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Citation: ML \_\_\_\_\_, Chapter \_\_\_\_\_, Article \_\_\_\_, Section \_\_\_\_, Subdivision \_\_\_\_\_

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State AR's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

State AR's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_