

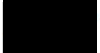



1. GRANT TITLE Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP)	
2. NAME OF AGENCY National City	3. Grant Period From: 10/01/2023 To: 09/30/2024
4. AGENCY UNIT TO ADMINISTER GRANT National City Police Department	
5. GRANT DESCRIPTION Best practice strategies will be conducted to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in crashes involving alcohol and other primary crash factors. The funded strategies may include impaired driving enforcement, enforcement operations focusing on primary crash factors, distracted driving, night-time seat belt enforcement, special enforcement operations encouraging motorcycle safety, enforcement and public awareness in areas with a high number of bicycle and pedestrian crashes, and educational programs. These strategies are designed to earn media attention thus enhancing the overall deterrent effect.	
6. Federal Funds Allocated Under This Agreement Shall Not Exceed: \$142,000.00	
<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>*Items shown with an asterisk (*), are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this agreement as if attached hereto.</p> <p>These documents can be viewed at the OTS home web page under Grants: www.ots.ca.gov.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed by the parties hereto.</p>	
8. Approval Signatures	
<p>A. GRANT DIRECTOR</p> <p>NAME: Damian Ballardo TITLE: Sergeant EMAIL: dballardo@nationalcityca.gov PHONE: (619) 336-4475 ADDRESS: 1200 National City Boulevard National City, CA 91950</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">  _____ (Signature) </div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 5px;"> Oct 23, 2023 _____ (Date) </div>	<p>B. AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL</p> <p>ADDRESS: Jose Tellez Chief of Police jtellez@nationalcityca.gov (619) 336-4510 1200 National City Boulevard National City, CA 91950</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">  _____ (Signature) </div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 5px;"> Nov 6, 2023 _____ (Date) </div>
<p>C. FISCAL OFFICIAL</p> <p>ADDRESS: Arnold Ocana Senior Accountant aocana@nationalcityca.gov 629-336-4342 1243 National City Blvd. National City, CA 91950</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">  _____ (Signature) </div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 5px;"> Oct 30, 2023 _____ (Date) </div>	<p>D. AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL OF OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY</p> <p>ADDRESS: Barbara Rooney Director barbara.rooney@ots.ca.gov (916) 509-3030 2208 Kausen Drive, Suite 300 Elk Grove, CA 95758</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">  _____ (Signature) </div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 5px;"> Nov 13, 2023 _____ (Date) </div>

1. PROBLEM STATEMENT

Drunk/Impaired driving remains a big concern for police because impaired driving increases the risk that drivers will get into traffic crashes and kill or injure themselves or others. Alcohol impairment is the primary factor in traffic fatalities in the United States, where drink driving is among the most common types of arrest made by police, the number of alcohol related crash deaths is roughly the same as the number of homicides. In addition, vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death in young people ages 15-20; many of these are alcohol related.

Sources: Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and Center for Problem Oriented Policing

The National City Police Department continued to have a higher-than-average number of traffic fatalities in 2022. There were three fatal crashes in 2020, eight in 2021, and six in 2022. Of the six fatal crashes in 2022, three of these involved pedestrians, two involved a bicyclist, and one was a motorcycle. Of the six, only one was DUI related but this crash claimed the lives of two pedestrians. In 2022 there were 202 injury crashes, 27 of these involved alcohol. The crash data for National City in the calendar year 2021 shows there were 223 injury crashes, 29 of these crashes were alcohol related. The calendar year 2020 indicated there were 216 injury crashes. Eighteen of these injury crashes were alcohol related. Although the number of crashes is trending downward from 2021 to 2022, the number of alcohol related injurie crashes remains high. In 2022 from January to December there have been 202 total crashes. Of these 202 crashes there were 266 injuries as a result. Our DUI arrests have remained steady as we continue to place officers in proactive DUI enforcement roles thanks to the OTS Grant, rather than just being reactive to crashes or radio calls. In 2021 there were 199 DUI arrests. From January to October (most recent data) of 2022 there have been 132 DUI arrests.

The National City Police Department continues to struggle with challenges created by the changes in California's controlled substances laws. The legalization of Marijuana and the de-felonization of methamphetamine, heroin and cocaine all contribute to an increase in impaired driving. It is increasingly more important to have qualified DRE Officers in the field in order to properly recognize and evaluate individuals who may be driving under the influence of narcotics. It is extremely difficult to recruit and train these officers as it requires work above and beyond their normal patrol duties and they are not compensated for this extra work. Without properly trained DRE Officers, many drug DUI's arrests will either not be conducted or will not be prosecuted by the District Attorney's Office.

Long regarded as a factor contributing to crashes, speed can take two forms: exceeding the posted speed limit and speed unsafe for the conditions present, such as heavy traffic or poor weather conditions. Speeding has been found to be directly related to the severity of vehicle crashes. As speed increases, the potential for injury also increases as the speeder has less time to react to hazards since the vehicle is covering greater distance than it would at slower speeds. Speed increases stopping distance. Speed is the number two factor in crashes in National City.

Pedestrian safety is also a huge concern in National City. After vehicle occupants, pedestrians represent the second largest category of motor vehicle deaths. So far in 2022, we have experienced six fatal traffic crashes; one crash took the lives of two pedestrians. Of the six fatal crashes, three involved pedestrians.

In the areas listed above where there has been a decrease, this can be attributed to the enforcement activities enabled by the OTS grant and the opportunity to place more proactive police officers on the streets of National City with the sole focus on traffic safety. There was a 19% increase in traffic citations from 2021 to 2022. The data also shows there were 887 traffic citations, 1,211 parking citations, and 106 traffic warnings issued in 2022. Between January and December of 2021, there were 795 traffic citations, 2,014 parking citations, and 106 traffic warnings issued. The NCPD traffic unit (two officers and one supervisor) are solely responsible for 60% of all citations.

2. PERFORMANCE MEASURES

A. Goals:

1. Reduce the number of persons killed in traffic crashes.

unsafe speed, DUI, following too closely, unsafe lane changes, improper turning, and other primary crash factor violations by motorcyclists and other drivers.	
13. Conduct highly publicized pedestrian and/or bicycle enforcement operation(s) in areas or during events with a high number of pedestrian and/or bicycle crashes resulting from violations made by pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers.	7
14. Conduct Traffic Safety educational presentation(s) with an effort to reach community members. Note: Presentation(s) may include topics such as distracted driving, DUI, speed, bicycle and pedestrian safety, seat belts and child passenger safety.	2
15. Participate in highly visible collaborative DUI Enforcement operations.	1
16. Participate in highly visible collaborative Traffic Enforcement operations.	1
3. METHOD OF PROCEDURE A. Phase 1 – Program Preparation (1st Quarter of Grant Year) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The department will develop operational plans to implement the “best practice” strategies outlined in the objectives section. • All training needed to implement the program should be conducted in the first quarter. • All grant related purchases needed to implement the program should be made in the first quarter. • In order to develop/maintain the “DUI BOLOs,” research will be conducted to identify the “worst of the worst” repeat DUI offenders with a suspended or revoked license as a result of DUI convictions. The DUI BOLO may include the driver’s name, last known address, DOB, description, current license status, and the number of times suspended or revoked for DUI. DUI BOLOs should be updated and distributed to traffic and patrol officers at least monthly. • Implementation of the STEP grant activities will be accomplished by deploying personnel at high crash locations. <p><u>Media Requirements</u> Issue a press release approved by the OTS PIO announcing the kick-off of the grant by November 15, but no sooner than October 1. The kick-off release must be approved by the OTS PIO and only distributed after the grant is fully signed and executed. If you are unable to meet the November 15 deadline to issue a kick-off press release, communicate reasons to your OTS coordinator and OTS PIO.</p>	
B. Phase 2 – Program Operations (Throughout Grant Year) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The department will work to create media opportunities throughout the grant period to call attention to the innovative program strategies and outcomes. <p><u>Media Requirements</u></p> <p>The following requirements are for all grant-related activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 pio@ots.ca.gov for approval and copy your OTS 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. • 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 Coordinator. • Pre-approval is not required when using any OTS-supplied template for media advisories, press releases, social media graphics, videos or posts, or any other OTS-supplied educational material. However, copy the OTS PIO at pio@ots.ca.gov and your OTS coordinator when any material is distributed to the media and public, such as a press release, educational material, or link to social media post. The OTS-supplied kick-off press release templates and any kickoff press releases are an exception to this policy and require prior approval before distribution to the media and public. • 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 pio@ots.ca.gov for approval and copy to your OTS Coordinator. Optimum lead time would be 7 days prior to the scheduled release date, but at least 3 business days prior to the scheduled release date for review and approval is appreciated. 	

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.

BUDGET NARRATIVE
PERSONNEL COSTS
DUI/DL Checkpoints - Overtime for grant funded law enforcement operations conducted by appropriate department personnel.
DUI Saturation Patrols - Overtime for grant funded law enforcement operations conducted by appropriate department personnel.
Collaborative DUI Enforcement - Overtime for grant funded Collaborative DUI Enforcement operations conducted by appropriate department personnel
Benefit for 164AL - OT @ 11.18% - Benefits breakdown: Medicare - 1.45% Workers Comp - 9.73%
Traffic Enforcement - Overtime for grant funded law enforcement operations conducted by appropriate department personnel.
Distracted Driving - Overtime for grant funded law enforcement operations conducted by appropriate department personnel.
Motorcycle Safety - Overtime for grant funded law enforcement operations conducted by appropriate department personnel.
Pedestrian and Bicycle Enforcement - Overtime for grant funded law enforcement operations conducted by appropriate department personnel.
Collaborative Traffic Enforcement - Overtime for grant funded Collaborative Traffic Enforcement operations conducted by appropriate department personnel
Traffic Safety Education - Overtime for grant funded traffic safety presentations or campaigns conducted by appropriate department personnel.
Benefit for 402PT - OT @ 11.18% - Benefits breakdown: Medicare - 1.45% Workers Comp - 9.73%
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. Anticipated travel may include the OTS Traffic Safety Law Enforcement Forum and the California Traffic Safety Summit. 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
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EQUIPMENT
Changeable Message Sign Trailer with Radar-Fully equipped changeable message sign trailer(s) with a radar device and digital display that is portable and fully programmable and will determine and display the speed of vehicles or post traffic safety information and messages during OTS funded operations.
OTHER DIRECT COSTS
DUI Checkpoint Supplies - On-scene supplies needed to conduct sobriety checkpoints. Costs may include 28" traffic cones, MUTCD compliant traffic signs, MUTCD compliant high visibility vests (maximum of 10), traffic counters (maximum of 2), generator, gas for generators, lighting, reflective banners, electronic flares, PAS Device/Calibration Supplies, heater, propane for heaters, fan, anti-fatigue mats, and canopies. Additional items may be purchased if approved by OTS. The cost of food and beverages will not be reimbursed. Each item must have a unit cost of less than \$5,000 (including tax and shipping).
PAS Device/Calibration Supplies - Preliminary alcohol screening device to detect the presence of alcohol in a person's breath and calibration supplies to ensure accuracy. Costs may include mouth pieces, gas and accessories.

Certifications and Assurances for Fiscal Year 2024 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;
- [2 CFR part 200](#)—Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards;
- [2 CFR part 1201](#)—Department of Transportation, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.

NONDISCRIMINATION

(applies to all 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*);
- [28 CFR 50.3](#) (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, ([42 U.S.C. 6101 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-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](#);
- [Executive Order 12898](#), *Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations* (preventing discrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations);
- [Executive Order 13166](#), *Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency* (requiring that recipients of Federal financial assistance provide meaningful access for applicants and beneficiaries who have limited English proficiency (LEP));
- [Executive Order 13985](#), *Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities through the Federal Government* (advancing equity across the Federal Government); and
- [Executive Order 13988](#), *Preventing and Combating Discrimination on the Basis of Gender Identity or Sexual Orientation* (clarifying that sex discrimination includes discrimination on the grounds of gender identity or sexual orientation).

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

GENERAL ASSURANCES

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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 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 all subrecipients as well as States)

The State will comply with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. 1501-1508), 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 all 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;
3. 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.

1. The prospective primary tier participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and 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 [2 CFR parts 180](#) 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 [2 CFR parts 180](#) and [1200](#). 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 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

1. 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.

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 www.trafficsafety.org. The NHTSA website (www.nhtsa.gov) 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 re-evaluation 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.

Complete the below information if adding, removing or editing a GEMS user(s)

GEMS User 1		Add as a media contact? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Add/Change <input type="checkbox"/>	Remove Access <input type="checkbox"/>		
Name		Job Title	
Email address		Phone number	
GEMS User 2		Add as a media contact? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
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GEMS User 3		Add as a media contact? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
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Email address		Phone number	
GEMS User 4		Add as a media contact? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
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Email address		Phone number	
GEMS User 5		Add as a media contact? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
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Name		Job Title	
Email address		Phone number	
Form completed by: <u>Miguel A Lozano</u> <small>Miguel A Lozano (Oct 23, 2023 10:19 PDT)</small>		Date: Oct 23, 2023	
As a signatory I hereby authorize the listed individual(s) to represent and have GEMS user access.			
<u>DBallardo</u> <small>DBallardo (Oct 23, 2023 13:36 PDT)</small>		DBallardo	
Signature		Name	
Oct 23, 2023		Grant Director	
Date		Title	

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-  New document URL requested by Arnold Ocana (aocana@nationalcityca.gov)
2023-11-06 - 8:31:18 PM GMT
-  Email viewed by jtellez@nationalcityca.gov
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