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COUNTY OF FORT BEND

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**ADDENDUM TO PUBLIC HEALTH VOLUNTEER RECRUITING CONTRACT  
BETWEEN FORT BEND COUNTY AND THE HOMELAND PREPAREDNESS PROJECT  
SOQ 07-038 – FYE2024**

THIS ADDENDUM is entered into by and between Fort Bend County, (hereinafter "County"), a body corporate and politic under the laws of the State of Texas, and Homeland Preparedness Project (hereinafter "Contractor" or "HPP"), an entity authorized to conduct business in the State of Texas.

THAT, WHEREAS, the parties have executed and accepted that certain Public Health Volunteer Recruiting Contract; and, (hereinafter the "Agreement"), attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated by reference; and

WHEREAS, the following changes are incorporated as if a part of the original Agreement:

1. **Fee.** The cost to Fort Bend County for the proposed services will be \$72,000. The fee will be paid in five (5) payments. The first payment of \$14,400 must be received by HPP before HPP provides any services under this contract. Four (4) subsequent payments of \$14,400 will be made based on the submission of quarterly invoices submitted with activity reports as described in the attached Exhibit "A" Section 1-Deliverables to Fort Bend County Health and Human Services. The period of the program will be from the date of contract acceptance and shall terminate on June 30, 2024. If either party wishes to change the scope of nature of services provided under this contract, both parties must agree to the proposed change in writing prior to those changes taking effect.
2. **Department of Homeland Security Standard Terms and Conditions.** This contract may be totally or partially funded with federal funds. If any federal funds are to be used to compensate or reimburse Contractor under this Agreement, Contractor represents that it is and will remain in compliance with all terms as stated in the FY 2023 Department of Homeland Security Standard Terms and Conditions, attached hereto as Exhibit "B". The terms and conditions of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) financial assistance awards flow down to all subrecipients, unless a particular award term or condition specifically indicates otherwise. Recipients include all third party contractors and their contracts at every tier and subrecipients and their subcontracts at every tier that exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.
3. **Applicable Law.** The laws of the State of Texas govern all disputes arising out of or relating to this Agreement. The parties hereto acknowledge that venue is proper in Fort Bend County, Texas, for all legal actions or proceedings arising out of or relating to this Agreement and waive the right to sue or be sued elsewhere. Nothing in the Agreement shall be construed to waive the County's sovereign immunity.

4. **Agreement to Not Boycott Israel Chapter 2270 Texas Government Code.** By signature below, Contractor verifies Contractor does not boycott Israel during the terms of this Agreement.

5. **Texas Government Code Section 2252.152 Acknowledgment.** By signature below, Contractor represents pursuant to Section 2252.152 of the Texas Government Code, that Contractor is not listed on the website of the Comptroller of the State of Texas concerning the listing of companies that are identified under Section 806.051, Section 807.051 or Section 2253.153.

6. **Human Trafficking.** By Acceptance of this Contract, Contractor acknowledges that the County is opposed to Human Trafficking and that No County Funds will be used in support of services or activities that violate human trafficking laws.

7. **Federal Compliance.** In addition, because federal funds are to be used to compensate or reimburse Contractor under this Agreement, Contractor represents that it is and will remain in compliance with all federal and state required contract provisions, including but not limited to the following, as stated below:

(a) Access to records, books, and documents

The Contractor agrees to provide the Office of the Governor, the State Auditor's Office or the Comptroller General through any of their authorized representatives access and right to audit, examine, and copy all records, books, papers or documents related to this Agreement and permit access to facilities, personnel, and other individuals and information as may be necessary.

(b) Civil Rights Requirements

Contractor will comply, and all its contractors will comply, with the nondiscrimination requirements which may include the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC § 2000d); the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 USC § 3601 et seq.); the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC § 794); the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 (42 USC § 12131-34); the Education Amendments of 1972 (USC §§ 1681, 1683, 1685-86); Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Equal Employment in Education Act) (20 USC § 1681 et seq.); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 USC §§ 6101-07); Titles I, II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act; the Drug Abuse and Treatment Act of 1972 (PL 92-255); the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment, and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (PL 91-616); Sections 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 USC §§ 290dd-3 and 290ee-3); and 28 CFR 38 (Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Organizations); see Ex. Order 13279 (equal protection of the laws for faith-based and community organizations) and Ex. Order 13559 (fundamental principles and policymaking criteria for partnerships with faith-based and neighborhood organizations); and the System Agency's administrative rules, as set forth in the Texas Administrative Code, to the extent applicable to this Agreement.

Contractor agrees to comply with all amendments to the above-referenced laws, and all requirements imposed by the regulations issued pursuant to these laws. These laws provide in part that no persons in the United States may, on the grounds of race, color, national

origin, sex, age, disability, political beliefs, or religion, be excluded from participation in or denied any aid, care, service or other benefits provided by Federal or State funding, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination. Contractor agrees to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and its implementing regulations at 45 C.F.R. Part 80 or 7 C.F.R. Part 15, prohibiting a contractor from adopting and implementing policies and procedures that exclude or have the effect of excluding or limiting the participation of clients in its programs, benefits, or activities on the basis of national origin. State and federal civil rights laws require contractors to provide alternative methods for ensuring access to services for applicants and recipients who cannot express themselves fluently in English. Contractor agrees to take reasonable steps to provide services and information, both orally and in writing, in appropriate languages other than English, in order to ensure that persons with limited English proficiency are effectively informed and can have meaningful access to programs, benefits, and activities.

Contractor agrees to post applicable civil rights posters in areas open to the public informing clients of their civil rights and including contact information for the HHS Civil Rights Office. The posters are available on the HHS website at the following: <https://hhs.texas.gov/about-hhs/your-rights/civil-rights-office/civil-rights-posters>

Contractor agrees to comply with Executive Order 13279, and its implementing regulations at 45 C.F.R. Part 87 or 7 C.F.R. Part 16. These provide in part that any organization that participates in programs funded by direct financial assistance from the United States Department of Agriculture or the United States Department of Health and Human Services shall not discriminate against a program beneficiary or prospective program beneficiary on the basis of religion or religious belief.

(c) Insurance

Contractor has and will maintain, for the duration of this Contract, insurance coverage necessary to ensure proper fulfillment of this Contract and potential liabilities thereunder with financially sound and reputable insurers licensed by the Texas Department of Insurance, in the type and amount customarily carried within the industry as determined by the System Agency. Contractor will provide evidence of insurance as required under this Contract, including a schedule of coverage or underwriter's schedules establishing to the satisfaction of the System Agency the nature and extent of coverage granted by each such policy, upon request by the System Agency. In the event that any policy is determined by the System Agency to be deficient to comply with the terms of this Contract, Contractor may, in its sole discretion, secure such additional policies or coverage as the System Agency may reasonably request or that are required by law or regulation, or either Party may terminate the Agreement. If coverage expires during the term of this Contract, Contractor must produce renewal certificates for each type of coverage.

These and all other insurance requirements under the Contract apply to both Contractor and its Subcontractors, if any.

(d) Compliance with Audit of Inspection Findings

Contractor understands and must ensure its compliance with all corrections necessary to address any finding of noncompliance with any law, regulation, audit requirement, or generally accepted accounting principle, or any other deficiency identified in any audit, review, or inspection of this Agreement and the goods or services provided hereunder. Any such correction related to the Subcontractor's actions shall be at the Contractor's expense. Whether Contractor's action corrects the noncompliance will be solely the decision of the County.

As part of the Services, Contractor must provide to County upon request a copy of those portions of Contractors' internal audit reports relating to the Services and deliverables provided to the County under this contract.

(e) Employment Verification

Contractor will confirm the eligibility of all persons employed during the contract term to perform duties within Texas and all persons, including subcontractors, assigned by the contractor to perform work pursuant to the Contract.

(f) SAO Audit

The Contractor agrees to reasonably cooperate with any Government agency responsible for audits, investigations, or corrective actions.

(g) Child Support

Per Section 231.006, Texas Family Code, a child support obligor who is more than thirty (30) days delinquent in paying child support and a business entity in which the obligor is a sole proprietor, partner, shareholder, or owner with an ownership interest of at least 25 percent, is not eligible to receive: 1. Payments from state funds under a contract to provide property, materials, or services; or 2. A state-funded grant or loan.

Under Section 231.006, Family Code, the vendor or applicant certifies that the individual or business entity named in this contract, bid, or application is not ineligible to receive the specified grant, loan, or payment and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

(h) Disputes and Resolutions

The parties shall attempt in good faith to resolve promptly any dispute arising out of or relating to the Agreement by negotiation between the parties. Disputes arising in the performance of this Agreement that are not resolved by agreement of the parties shall be decided in writing by the authorized representative of the County. This decision shall be final and conclusive unless within ten [10] days from the date of receipt of its copy, the Contractor mails or otherwise furnishes a written appeal to the County. In connection with any such appeal, the Contractor shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to offer evidence in support of its position. The decision of the County shall be binding upon the Contractor and the Contractor shall abide by the decision.

(i) Examination of Records

The Contractor agrees to provide the Office of the Governor, the State Auditor's Office or the Comptroller General through any of their authorized representatives access and right to audit, examine, and copy all records, books, papers or documents related to this Agreement and permit access to facilities, personnel, and other individuals and information as may be necessary.

(j) Fraud, Waste and Abuse

Contractor understands that in the event County becomes aware of any allegation or a finding of fraud, waste, or misuse of funds received from the Office of the Governor that is made against the Contractor, the County is required to immediately notify OOG of said allegation or finding and to continue to inform OOG of the status of any such on-going investigations.

The County must also promptly refer to OOG any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, contractor, subcontractor, or other person has -- (1) submitted a claim for award funds that violates the False Claims Act; or (2) committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving award funds. County must also immediately notify OOG in writing of any misappropriation of funds, fraud, theft, embezzlement, forgery, or any other serious irregularities indicating noncompliance with grant requirements. County must notify the local prosecutor's office of any possible criminal violations.

(k) Political Activities

Contractors are prohibited from using federal funds directly or indirectly for political purposes, including polling, lobbying or advocating for legislative programs or changes; campaigning for, endorsing, contributing to, or otherwise supporting political candidates or parties; and voter registration or get-out-the-vote campaigns. Generally, organizations or entities which receive federal funds by way of grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements do not lose their rights as organizations to use their own, private, non-federal resources for "political" activities because of or as a consequence of receiving such federal funds. These recipient organizations must thus use private or other non-federal money, receipts, contributions, or dues for their political activities, and may not charge off to or be reimbursed from federal contracts or grants for the costs of such activities.

(l) Eligible Expenses

Contractor ensures that Services will not include entertainment expenses or fund Sectarian worship, instruction, or proselytization.

(m) Ownership and Intellectual Property

Contractor hereby assigns to the System Agency, all right, title, and interest in all Deliverables. The Contractor will retain ownership, all rights, title, and interest in and to, their respective pre-existing Intellectual Property. A license to either Party's pre-existing Intellectual Property must be agreed to under this or another contract.

Contractor grants to the System Agency and the State of Texas a royalty-free, paid up, worldwide, perpetual, non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use any Intellectual Property invented or created by Grantee, or Grantee's Contractor in the performance of the Project.

(n) Permitting and Licenses

Contractor ensures that each of its employees, agents, or Subcontractors who provide Services or deliverables under this Agreement are properly licensed, certified, or have proper permits to perform any activity related to the Scope of Services.

(o) Reporting of Criminal Offense

Contractor certifies that it shall not permit any person who engaged, or was alleged to have engaged, in (1) any activity that could constitute a criminal offense equal to or greater than a Class A misdemeanor or grounds for disciplinary action by a state or federal regulatory authority; or (2) been placed on community supervision, received deferred adjudication, or been indicted for or convicted of a criminal offense relating to involvement in any financial matter, federal or state program or felony sex crime to perform direct client services or have direct contact with clients, unless otherwise directed in writing by the County.

All terms and conditions of the Agreement, including any attachments, not modified herein shall remain in full force and effect for the term of the Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement is signed, accepted, and agreed to by all parties by and through the parties or their agents or authorized representatives. All parties hereby acknowledge that they have read and understood this Agreement and the attachments/exhibits hereto. This Agreement may be signed in multiple counterparts and shall be effective upon the signature of both parties.

**FORT BEND COUNTY**

**HOMELAND PREPAREDNESS PROJECT**

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KP George, County Judge

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Ray, Executive Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
13 JUN 23  
Date

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Laura Richard, County Clerk

**AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE**

I hereby certify that funds are available in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to accomplish and pay the obligation of Fort Bend County under this contract.

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Robert E. Sturdivant, Fort Bend County Auditor

**ATTACHMENTS:**

EXHIBIT A: Public Health Volunteer Recruiting Agreement – FYE 2024

EXHIBIT B: 2023 DHS Standard Terms and Conditions

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**EXHIBIT A**

**PUBLIC HEALTH VOLUNTEER RECRUITING AGREEMENT  
FYE 2024**



**Public Health Volunteer Recruiting Contract  
For  
Fort Bend County Health and Human Services  
FYE 2024**



This Contract is executed by and between **FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS**, hereinafter referred to as "County," acting by and through its Commissioners' Court and HOMELAND PREPAREDNESS PROJECT, hereinafter referred to as "HPP", authorized to conduct business in the State of Texas.

**Term:**

This Extension will commence upon execution of all parties to this Contract and shall terminate on June 30, 2024. This Contract is subject to termination by any party, without cause, by providing thirty (30) days written notice. This contract may be renewed annually by mutual agreement of the parties in writing.

This Contract is subject to the terms described herein.

**Background:**

Ft. Bend County Health and Human Services is required by the State of Texas to be prepared to provide preventive medication to the entire population of the county in a 48-hour period in the case of a public health emergency. The Health and Human Services Public Health Preparedness Team (PHPT) has developed a plan to accomplish this task that requires approximately 4000 volunteers.

Volunteers are essential to achieve a successful outcome, however, recruiting of volunteers is very time consuming and labor intensive.

The volunteers can also be used for a variety of other activities including staffing testing sites, vaccination sites, offsite triage, shelters or other types of activity for which they are trained.

HPP has recruited and trained a total of 8338 Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Volunteers. After consultation with the PHPT, we believe with this base of volunteers the focus of our efforts should now turn to improving the capability of these volunteers so that they can perform in leadership roles during a public health emergency. To that end, we will provide more in-depth training to the volunteers while continuing to recruit new members in a more limited fashion.

**Operational Requirements:**

When deployed, the Public Health Volunteers will report to a predetermined site, be issued identification items, and be assigned to various tasks required for the operation of one of the Points Of Dispensing or other tasks for which they have been trained. Most of these tasks require no medical background and very limited training. Homeland Preparedness Project will not be responsible for any medical training or credentialing of licensed medical volunteers. **When deployed, all volunteers will be under the direction and control of the PHPT.**

**Strategy:**

Homeland Preparedness Project (HPP) will promote these volunteer opportunities through an integrated strategy of awareness, outreach, and public information.

**Recruiting:**

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- HPP will recruit volunteers through a variety of outlets, including radio and print media, the Internet, and presenting programs at civic and public venues. (Capability 15.1)
  - HPP will utilize existing media contacts, Public Service Announcements, and existing community group contacts to generate publicity for the campaign.
  - HPP will conduct presentations to civic groups and other potential volunteer groups identified by HPP and the PHPT, including churches, PTA's, and civic associations. (Capability 1.2)
- HPP will provide initial contact for potential volunteers through phone and electronic communication. HPP will provide interested volunteers with appropriate information supplied by the PHPT in electronic format via the Internet. (Capability 15.1)
  - Electronic versions of general information about the program, applications, and other relevant material will be available on the HPP website for people who are interested in volunteering. These documents may also be e-mailed to prospects when requested and appropriate.
  - HPP will actively promote the use of electronic media such as e-mail and Internet materials as resources for people who are interested in volunteering.
- In the limited instances when the prospective volunteer does not have Internet or e-mail access, or access to other locations where printed materials are available, hard copy of requested information will be mailed to the prospect at HPP's expense.
- The PHPT will be responsible for producing and providing printed materials for distribution by HPP at public events, for requested mailings and public distribution sites, and on-site presentations.
- Additionally, HPP will place the provided printed materials in public locations e.g. Court House, Libraries, etc. (Capability 15.1)
- HPP will provide the PHPT with a list of all identified potential volunteers on a quarterly basis. (Capability 15.1)
- The PHPT will designate a contact person and an alternate contact that will communicate with HPP.
- HPP will provide screening of potential volunteers based on the following criteria:
  - Prospect must have attained his/her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, or 16<sup>th</sup> birthday when accompanied by a responsible adult, prior to initial orientation.
  - Prospect must be available for deployment during a Public Health Emergency
  - Prospects will be screened using the US Department of Justice online sex offenders database
- HPP will advise volunteers that they are ineligible if they do not meet the basic criteria and direct them to more appropriate volunteer opportunities, if available.
- The PHPT is solely responsible for final selection or rejection of potential volunteers. The PHPT will advise HPP which volunteers are approved/rejected.
- The PHPT will advise those volunteers who are rejected of their status.

**Orientation:**

- HPP will provide an online orientation for all new volunteers. In-person orientations can be scheduled when sufficient numbers of volunteers make a request. Class size and availability of staff and resources will determine when in-person training will be held. (Capability 15.1)

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- Orientation will consist of a maximum of 3 hours per volunteer.
- A plan will be developed by the HPP staff for positions that require specialized or additional training.
- HPP will work with the PHPT to develop appropriate orientation topics based on the needs and requirements of HPP and PHPT.
- The PHPT will produce all printed orientation materials to be provided to volunteers.
- HPP will check each volunteer who completes the orientation against the public US Department of Justice Sex Offenders Registry website by name and Date of Birth.
- HPP will encourage all Medical Professionals who complete Orientation to register with the Texas Disaster Volunteer Registry. (Capability 15.1)

**Management:**

- HPP will maintain a database of volunteers who were recruited for the Public Health Preparedness Team program. This database will contain contact and orientation status for all volunteers. (Capability 15.1)
- HPP will maintain, as a part of its existing web presence, an informational website for Fort Bend County volunteers and will allow them to track their service hours through the HPP online database.
- HPP will administer the Texas Disaster Volunteer Registry for those volunteers who self-identify as licensed medical professionals. (Capability 15.1)
- HPP will work with the PHPT to facilitate exercises and to identify additional service opportunities for the volunteers. (Capability 1.4)
- HPP recognizes the importance of continued engagement for the retention of volunteers. To that end, HPP will facilitate and promote continuing volunteer opportunities for those who have completed the MRC orientation. (Capability 1.4)
- HPP will develop retention and recognition programs for the volunteers to encourage them to remain active in the program. These programs will include service level recognition, awards, and other methods to increase retention of volunteers.
  - HPP will be responsible for the costs of the retention and recognition programs.
  - HPP will facilitate a minimum of one Volunteer recognition event during this contract period.

**Capability Enhancement:**

- HPP will work with the PHPT staff to more fully engage the team members from the local Independent School Districts and County employees. (Capability 1.4)
- HPP will promote participation in other local volunteer efforts including, but not limited to,
  - Community Emergency Response Teams
  - Emergency Management Radio Operators Group
  - Citizens Police Academy
  - Citizens Fire Academy
- HPP will work to develop Special Interest Groups for volunteers in the following disciplines:
  - Medical Support
  - Mobile Unit Setup Team
  - CORPS Leadership

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- HPP will offer Advanced Training in coordination with other local groups. Some of the possible topics include:
  - Incident Command Systems
  - Psychological First Aid
  - SkyWarn
  - START Triage
  - CPR/First Aid
  - Team Leadership

### ***Deliverables:***

HPP will provide the following:

#### **1. Volunteer Recruiting**

- Volunteer recruiting services for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Team.
- During each reporting period HPP will perform a minimum of the following:
  - Add 30 volunteers to the volunteer roster during each reporting period.
  - Attend 3 meetings related to recruiting of volunteers

#### **2. Orientation**

- Maintain a web-based Volunteer Orientation for the duration of the contract.

#### **3. Management**

- Perform quarterly updates to the online Fort Bend County Medical Reserve Corps unit profile with the US Dept of Health and Human Services.
- Provide two (2) ID Cards to each volunteer that completes the Orientation program and attends at least one event. The ID will include a photo, name, and other identifiers including the MRC and HPP logos.
- Provide the PHPT with a list of all oriented volunteers whose names and Dates of Birth match the US Department of Justice Sex Offenders Registry per the public website <sup>1</sup> within 30 days of the volunteer's orientation. If for any reason the website becomes unavailable or HPP would incur costs for use of the site, HPP will not provide this service.
- Perform four tests of the volunteer callout system during the contract period.

#### **4. Capability Enhancement**

- Offer two Advanced Training Opportunities per reporting period.

#### **5. Reporting**

Produce activity reports on the following schedule:

Monthly reports:

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.nsopw.gov/>

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A report will be due on the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month outlining prior month activities for the duration of the contract. That report will include:

- Number of volunteers participating in events each month.
- The number of events held each month
- The number of volunteer hours provided during the report month.

Quarterly reports:

Report	Reporting Period Start Date	Reporting Period End Date	Report Due Date
Report 1	Contract Acceptance Date	30 SEP 23	10 OCT 23
Report 2	01 OCT 23	31 DEC 23	10 JAN 24
Report 3	01 JAN 24	31 MAR 24	10 APR 24
Final Report	01 APR 24	30 JUN 24	30 JUN 24

Each quarterly report will include the following data:

- Number of volunteers recruited during the reporting period.
- Number of volunteers completing orientation during the reporting period.
- A complete listing of all volunteer data to date including names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses (when available).
- Copies of all sign in sheets for the reporting period.

All reports will be provided electronically to the PHPT Lead in Excel format using the template agreed upon by the parties.

## **6. Performance**

The deliverables described above represent the minimum performance requirements related to this professional services contract. If Fort Bend County believes HPP has failed to meet these standards during any reporting period, Fort Bend County must notify HPP in writing of the deficiency. HPP will have 15 days from the date the notice is received to rectify the deficiency. If the deficiency is not corrected within 15 days, Fort Bend may reconsider the contract and may terminate the contract by giving appropriate written notice as stated in this contract. Payment for all work done up to the termination date will be due and payable by the date of termination.

### ***Resource Requirements:***

HPP will provide 1 full time equivalent staff with administrative support to perform recruiting, orientation, and advanced training services to the Ft. Bend PHPT. This team member will work closely with the PHPT staff to meet the team's objectives.

Due to the nature of volunteerism, HPP cannot guarantee any specific number of volunteers will be enrolled, oriented, and/or trained. We will make all reasonable efforts to meet the PHPT's goals for volunteers. HPP expects that it may take several years to recruit a complete cadre of volunteers for this project.

HPP has developed instructional materials to meet the objectives for PHPT volunteers. These materials can be customized to meet the specific requirements for Ft. Bend County.

HPP will provide all equipment for presentations related to this project.

### ***Information and Data:***

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At the end of the contract period, HPP will provide the PHPT with a complete copy of all volunteer data related to this program including names, addresses, and contact information. A copy of the data will be provided in electronic format and will be the property of the PHPT.

***Fee:***

The cost to Fort Bend County for the proposed services will be \$72,000. The fee will be paid in five payments. The first payment of \$14,400 must be received by HPP before HPP provides any services under this contract. Four (4) subsequent payments of \$14,400 will be made based on the submission of quarterly invoices submitted with activity reports as described in Section 1 – Deliverables to Fort Bend County Health and Human Services. The period of the program will be from contract acceptance to 30 JUN 23. If either party wishes to change the scope or nature of the services provided under this contract, both parties must agree to the proposed change in writing prior to those changes taking effect.

<b>Payment Due</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Contract Acceptance	\$14,400
10 OCT 23	\$14,400
10 JAN 24	\$14,400
10 APR 24	\$14,400
30 JUN 24	\$14,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$72,000</b>

HPP shall submit invoices to Fort Bend County and Fort Bend County shall pay each statement within thirty (30) days after the County's written approval provided however, that the approval or payment of any invoice shall not be considered to be conclusive evidence of performance by HPP to the point indicated by such invoice or of receipt or acceptance by the County of the services covered by such statement.

Fort Bend County will be responsible for payment in full of all payments outstanding under this contract. All monies paid to HPP are non-refundable.

Prior to the execution of this Contract, HPP has been advised by Fort Bend County, and HPP clearly understands and agrees, such understanding and agreement being of the absolute essence to this contract, that County shall have available the total maximum sum of \$72,000.00, including reimbursable expenses, if any, specifically allocated to fully discharge any and all liabilities which may be incurred by Fort Bend County.

HPP does further understand and agree, said understanding and agreement also being of the absolute essence of this contract, that the total maximum compensation that HPP may become entitled to hereunder and the total maximum sum that Fort Bend County shall become liable to pay to HPP hereunder shall not under any conditions, circumstances or interpretations thereof exceed the sum of \$72,000.00.

***Notices***

Written notices as required under this contract will be made to the parties at the addresses listed below:

Homeland Preparedness Project  
Attn: Executive Director  
2833 Cytherea Circle  
Alvin, TX 77511

Ft. Bend County Public Health Preparedness Team  
Attn: PHEP Coordinator  
Fort Bend County HHS  
4520 Reading Rd., STE A  
Rosenberg, TX 77471

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**Execution**

This Contract shall not become effective until executed by all parties hereto.

FORT BEND COUNTY:

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County Judge

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Laura Richard, County Clerk

Homeland Preparedness Project

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Ray, Executive Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
13 JUN 23  
Date

**AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE**

I hereby certify that funds are available in the amount of \$72,000.00 to accomplish and pay the obligation of Fort Bend County under this contract.

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Ed Sturdivant, Fort Bend County Auditor

## **EXHIBIT B**

### **2023 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS**



# FY 2023 DHS Standard Terms and Conditions

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 DHS Standard Terms and Conditions apply to all new federal financial assistance awards funded in FY 2023. These terms and conditions flow down to subrecipients unless an award term or condition specifically indicates otherwise. The United States has the right to seek judicial enforcement of these obligations.

All legislation and digital resources are referenced with no digital links. The FY 2023 DHS Standard Terms and Conditions will be housed on dhs.gov at [www.dhs.gov/publication/fy15-dhs-standard-terms-and-conditions](http://www.dhs.gov/publication/fy15-dhs-standard-terms-and-conditions).

## **A. Assurances. Administrative Requirements. Cost Principles. Representations and Certifications**

- I. DHS financial assistance recipients must complete either the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Standard Form 424B Assurances – Non-Construction Programs, or OMB Standard Form 424D Assurances – Construction Programs, as applicable. Certain assurances in these documents may not be applicable to your program, and the DHS financial assistance office (DHS FAO) may require applicants to certify additional assurances. Applicants are required to fill out the assurances as instructed by the awarding agency.
- II. DHS financial assistance recipients are required to follow the applicable provisions of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards located at Title 2, Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 200 and adopted by DHS at 2 C.F.R. Part 3002.
- III. By accepting this agreement, recipients, and their executives, as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 170.315, certify that their policies are in accordance with OMB's guidance located at 2 C.F.R. Part 200, all applicable federal laws, and relevant Executive guidance.

## **B. General Acknowledgements and Assurances**

All recipients, subrecipients, successors, transferees, and assignees must acknowledge and agree to comply with applicable provisions governing DHS access to records, accounts, documents, information, facilities, and staff.

- I. Recipients must cooperate with any DHS compliance reviews or compliance investigations conducted by DHS.
- II. Recipients must give DHS access to examine and copy records, accounts, and other documents and sources of information related to the federal financial assistance award and permit access to facilities or personnel.
- III. Recipients must submit timely, complete, and accurate reports to the appropriate DHS officials and maintain appropriate backup documentation to support the reports.
- IV. Recipients must comply with all other special reporting, data collection, and evaluation requirements, as prescribed by law, or detailed in program guidance.
- V. Recipients (as defined in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 and including recipients acting as pass-through entities) of federal financial assistance from DHS or one of its awarding component agencies must complete the DHS Civil Rights Evaluation Tool within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Notice of Award for the first award under which this term applies. Recipients of multiple awards of DHS financial assistance should only submit one completed tool for their organization, not per award. After the initial submission, recipients are required to complete the tool once every two (2) years if they have an active award, not every time an award is made. Recipients should submit the completed tool, including supporting materials, to [CivilRightsEvaluation@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:CivilRightsEvaluation@hq.dhs.gov). This tool clarifies the civil rights obligations and related reporting requirements contained in the DHS Standard Terms and

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Conditions. Subrecipients are not required to complete and submit this tool to DHS. The evaluation tool can be found at <https://www.dhs.gov/publication/dhs-civil-rights-evaluation-tool>. DHS Civil Rights Evaluation Tool | Homeland Security

The DHS Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties will consider, in its discretion, granting an extension if the recipient identifies steps and a timeline for completing the tool. Recipients should request extensions by emailing the request to [CivilRightsEvaluation@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:CivilRightsEvaluation@hq.dhs.gov) prior to expiration of the 30-day deadline.

## **C. Standard Terms & Conditions**

### **I. Acknowledgement of Federal Funding from DHS**

Recipients must acknowledge their use of federal funding when issuing statements, press releases, requests for proposal, bid invitations, and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or in part with federal funds.

### **II. Activities Conducted Abroad**

Recipients must ensure that project activities performed outside the United States are coordinated as necessary with appropriate government authorities and that appropriate licenses, permits, or approvals are obtained.

### **III. Age Discrimination Act of 1975**

Recipients must comply with the requirements of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Public Law 94-135 (1975) (codified as amended at Title 42, U.S. Code, § 6101 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

### **IV. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990**

Recipients must comply with the requirements of Titles I, II, and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Pub. L. 101-336 (1990) (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101– 12213), which prohibits recipients from discriminating on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities.

### **V. Best Practices for Collection and Use of Personally Identifiable Information**

Recipients who collect personally identifiable information (PII) are required to have a publicly available privacy policy that describes standards on the usage and maintenance of the PII they collect. DHS defines PII as any information that permits the identity of an individual to be directly or indirectly inferred, including any information that is linked or linkable to that individual. Recipients may also find the DHS Privacy Impact Assessments: Privacy Guidance and Privacy Template as useful resources respectively.

### **VI. Civil Rights Act of 1964 – Title VI**

Recipients must comply with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.), which provides that no person in the United States will, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. DHS implementing regulations for the Act are found at 6 C.F.R. Part 21 and 44 C.F.R. Part 7.

### **VII. Civil Rights Act of 1968**

Recipients must comply with Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, Pub. L. 90-284, as amended through Pub. L. 113-4, which prohibits recipients from discriminating in the sale, rental, financing, and advertising of dwellings, or in the provision of services in connection

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therewith, on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, familial status, and sex (see 42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.), as implemented by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at 24 C.F.R. Part 100. The prohibition on disability discrimination includes the requirement that new multifamily housing with four or more dwelling units—i.e., the public and common use areas and individual apartment units (all units in buildings with elevators and ground-floor units in buildings without elevators)—be designed and constructed with certain accessible features. (See 24 C.F.R. Part 100, Subpart D.)

## VIII. Copyright

Recipients must affix the applicable copyright notices of 17 U.S.C. §§ 401 or 402 and an acknowledgement of U.S. Government sponsorship (including the award number) to any work first produced under federal financial assistance awards.

## IX. Debarment and Suspension

Recipients are subject to the non-procurement debarment and suspension regulations implementing Executive Orders (E.O.) 12549 and 12689, which are at 2 C.F.R. Part 180 as adopted by DHS at 2 C.F.R. Part 3002. These regulations restrict federal financial assistance awards, subawards, and contracts with certain parties that are debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs or activities.

## X. Drug-Free Workplace Regulations

Recipients must comply with drug-free workplace requirements in Subpart B (or Subpart C, if the recipient is an individual) of 2 C.F.R. Part 3001, which adopts the Government-wide implementation (2 C.F.R. Part 182) of Sec. 5152-5158 of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (41 U.S.C. §§ 8101-8106).

## XI. Duplication of Benefits

Any cost allocable to a particular federal financial assistance award provided for in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E may not be charged to other federal financial assistance awards to overcome fund deficiencies; to avoid restrictions imposed by federal statutes, regulations, or federal financial assistance award terms and conditions; or for other reasons. However, these prohibitions would not preclude recipients from shifting costs that are allowable under two or more awards in accordance with existing federal statutes, regulations, or the federal financial assistance award terms and conditions may not be charged to other federal financial assistance awards to overcome fund deficiencies; to avoid restrictions imposed by federal statutes, regulations, or federal financial assistance award terms and conditions; or for other reasons.

## XII. Education Amendments of 1972 (Equal Opportunity in Education Act) – Title IX

Recipients must comply with the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Pub. L. 92-318 (1972) (codified as amended at 20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.), which provide that no person in the United States will, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. DHS implementing regulations are codified at 6 C.F.R. Part 17 and 44 C.F.R. Part 19.

## XIII. E.O. 14074 – Advancing Effective, Accountable Policing and Criminal Justice Practices to Enhance Public Trust and Public Safety

Recipient State, Tribal, local, or territorial law enforcement agencies must comply with the requirements of section 12(c) of E.O. 14074. Recipient State, Tribal, local, or territorial law enforcement agencies are also encouraged to adopt and enforce policies consistent with E.O. 14074 to support safe and effective policing.

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## XIV. Energy Policy and Conservation Act

Recipients must comply with the requirements of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, Pub. L. 94- 163 (1975) (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. § 6201 et seq.), which contain policies relating to energy efficiency that are defined in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with this Act.

## XV. False Claims Act and Program Fraud Civil Remedies

Recipients must comply with the requirements of the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. §§3729-3733, which prohibit the submission of false or fraudulent claims for payment to the Federal Government. (See 31 U.S.C. §§ 3801-3812, which details the administrative remedies for false claims and statements made.)

## XVI. Federal Debt Status

All recipients are required to be non-delinquent in their repayment of any federal debt. Examples of relevant debt include delinquent payroll and other taxes, audit disallowances, and benefit overpayments. (See OMB Circular A-129.)

## XVII. Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging while Driving

Recipients are encouraged to adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging while driving as described in E.O. 13513, including conducting initiatives described in Section 3(a) of the Order when on official government business or when performing any work for or on behalf of the Federal Government.

## XVIII. Fly America Act of 1974

Recipients must comply with Preference for U.S. Flag Air Carriers (air carriers holding certificates under 49 U.S.C.) for international air transportation of people and property to the extent that such service is available, in accordance with the International Air Transportation Fair Competitive Practices Act of 1974, 49 U.S.C. § 40118, and the interpretative guidelines issued by the Comptroller General of the United States in the March 31, 1981, amendment to Comptroller General Decision B-138942.

## XIX. Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990

Recipients must 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 Section 6 of the Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990, 15 U.S.C. § 2225a

## XX. John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2019

Recipients, subrecipients, and their contractors and subcontractors are subject to the prohibitions described in section 889 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, Pub. L. No. 115-232 (2018) and 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.216, 200.327, 200.471, and Appendix II to 2 C.F.R. Part 200. Beginning August 13, 2020, the statute – as it applies to DHS recipients, subrecipients, and their contractors and subcontractors – prohibits obligating or expending federal award funds on certain telecommunications and video surveillance products and contracting with certain entities for national security reasons.

## XXI. Limited English Proficiency (Civil Rights Act of 1964. Title VI)

Recipients must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.) prohibition against discrimination on the basis of national origin, which requires that recipients of federal financial assistance take reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to persons with limited English proficiency (LEP) to their programs and services. For additional assistance and information regarding language access obligations, please refer to the DHS Recipient Guidance: <https://www.dhs.gov/guidance-published-help-department-supported-organizations-provide-meaningful-access-people-limited> and additional resources on <http://www.lep.gov>.

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## XXII. Lobbying Prohibitions

Recipients must comply with 31 U.S.C. § 1352, which provides that none of the funds provided under a federal financial assistance award may be expended by the recipient to pay any person to influence, or attempt 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 any federal action related to a federal award or contract, including any extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification.

## XXIII. National Environmental Policy Act

Recipients must comply with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, (NEPA) Pub. L. 91-190 (1970) (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq. and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA, which require recipients to use all practicable means within their authority, and consistent with other essential considerations of national policy, to create and maintain conditions under which people and nature can exist in productive harmony and fulfill the social, economic, and other needs of present and future generations of Americans.

## XXIV. Nondiscrimination in Matters Pertaining to Faith-Based Organizations

It is DHS policy to ensure the equal treatment of faith-based organizations in social service programs administered or supported by DHS or its component agencies, enabling those organizations to participate in providing important social services to beneficiaries. Recipients must comply with the equal treatment policies and requirements contained in 6 C.F.R. Part 19 and other applicable statutes, regulations, and guidance governing the participations of faith-based organizations in individual DHS programs.

## XXV. Non-Supplanting Requirement

Recipients receiving federal financial assistance awards made under programs that prohibit supplanting by law must ensure that federal funds do not replace (supplant) funds that have been budgeted for the same purpose through non-federal sources.

## XXVI. Notice of Funding Opportunity Requirements

All the instructions, guidance, limitations, and other conditions set forth in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for this program are incorporated here by reference in the award terms and conditions. All recipients must comply with any such requirements set forth in the program NOFO.

## XXVII. Patents and Intellectual Property Rights

Recipients are subject to the Bayh-Dole Act, 35 U.S.C. § 200 et seq, unless otherwise provided by law. Recipients are subject to the specific requirements governing the development, reporting, and disposition of rights to inventions and patents resulting from federal financial assistance awards located at 37 C.F.R. Part 401 and the standard patent rights clause located at 37 C.F.R. § 401.14.

## XXVIII. Procurement of Recovered Materials

States, political subdivisions of states, and their contractors must comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, Pub. L. 89-272 (1965), (codified as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. § 6962.) The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 C.F.R. Part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition.

## XXIX. Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Recipients must comply with the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Pub. L. 93-112 (1973), (codified as amended at 29 U.S.C. § 794,) which provides

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that no otherwise qualified handicapped individuals in the United States will, solely by reason of the handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

## XXX. Reporting of Matters Related to Recipient Integrity and Performance

General Reporting Requirements:

If the total value of any currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts from all federal awarding agencies exceeds \$10,000,000 for any period of time during the period of performance of this federal award, then the recipients must comply with the requirements set forth in the government-wide Award Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters located at 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix XII, the full text of which is incorporated here by reference in the award terms and conditions.

## XXXI. Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation

Reporting of first tier subawards.

Recipients are required to comply with the requirements set forth in the government-wide award term on Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation located at 2 C.F.R. Part 170, Appendix A, the full text of which is incorporated here by reference in the award terms and conditions.

## XXXII. Required Use of American Iron, Steel, Manufactured Products, and Construction Materials

Recipients must comply with the “Build America, Buy America” provisions of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and E.O. 14005. Recipients of an award of Federal financial assistance from a program for infrastructure are hereby notified that none of the funds provided under this award may be used for a project for infrastructure unless:

(1) all iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States--this means all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States;

(2) all manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States—this means the manufactured product was manufactured in the United States; and the cost of the components of the manufactured product that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States is greater than 55 percent of the total cost of all components of the manufactured product, unless another standard for determining the minimum amount of domestic content of the manufactured product has been established under applicable law or regulation; and

(3) all construction materials are manufactured in the United States—this means that all manufacturing processes for the construction material occurred in the United States.

The Buy America preference only applies to articles, materials, and supplies that are consumed in, incorporated into, or affixed to an infrastructure project. As such, it does not apply to tools, equipment, and supplies, such as temporary scaffolding, brought to the construction site and removed at or before the completion of the infrastructure project. Nor does a Buy America preference apply to equipment and furnishings, such as movable chairs, desks, and portable computer equipment, that are used at or within the finished infrastructure project but are not an integral part of the structure or permanently affixed to the infrastructure project.

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## *Waivers*

When necessary, recipients may apply for, and the agency may grant, a waiver from these requirements. Information on the process for requesting a waiver from these requirements is on the website below.

- (a) When the Federal agency has made a determination that one of the following exceptions applies, the awarding official may waive the application of the domestic content procurement preference in any case in which the agency determines that:
- (1) applying the domestic content procurement preference would be inconsistent with the public interest;
  - (2) the types of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of a satisfactory quality; or
  - (3) the inclusion of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent.

A request to waive the application of the domestic content procurement preference must be in writing. The agency will provide instructions on the format, contents, and supporting materials required for any waiver request. Waiver requests are subject to public comment periods of no less than 15 days and must be reviewed by the Made in America Office.

There may be instances where an award qualifies, in whole or in part, for an existing waiver described at ["Buy America" Preference in FEMA Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure | FEMA.gov](#).

The awarding Component may provide specific instructions to Recipients of awards from infrastructure programs that are subject to the "Build America, Buy America" provisions. Recipients should refer to the Notice of Funding Opportunity for further information on the Buy America preference and waiver process.

## XXXIII. SAFECOM

Recipients receiving federal financial assistance awards made under programs that provide emergency communication equipment and its related activities must comply with the SAFECOM Guidance for Emergency Communication Grants, including provisions on technical standards that ensure and enhance interoperable communications.

## XXXIV. Terrorist Financing

Recipients must comply with E.O. 13224 and U.S. laws that prohibit transactions with, and the provisions of resources and support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism. Recipients are legally responsible to ensure compliance with the Order and laws.

## XXXV. Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA)

Trafficking in Persons.

Recipients must comply with the requirements of the government-wide financial assistance award term which implements Section 106 (g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), codified as amended at 22 U.S.C. § 7104. The award term is located at 2 C.F.R. § 175.15, the full text of which is incorporated here by reference.

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## XXXVI. Universal Identifier and System of Award Management

Requirements for System for Award Management and Unique Entity Identifier Recipients are required to comply with the requirements set forth in the government-wide financial assistance award term regarding the System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements located at 2 C.F.R. Part 25, Appendix A, the full text of which is incorporated here by reference.

## XXXVII. USA PATRIOT Act of 2001

Recipients must comply with requirements of Section 817 of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 (USA PATRIOT Act), which amends 18 U.S.C. §§ 175–175c.

## XXXVIII. Use of DHS Seal, Logo and Flags

Recipients must obtain permission from their DHS FAO prior to using the DHS seal(s), logos, crests or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials, including use of the United States Coast Guard seal, logo, crests or reproductions of flags or likenesses of Coast Guard officials.

## XXXIX. Whistleblower Protection Act

Recipients must comply with the statutory requirements for whistleblower protections (if applicable) at 10 U.S.C § 2409, 41 U.S.C. § 4712, and 10 U.S.C. § 2324, 41 U.S.C. §§ 4304 and 4310.