NEBRASKA CRIME COMMISSION

Certified Assurances

SECTION 1: CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING LOBBYING; DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS; DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS; LAW ENFORCEMENT AND COMMUNITY POLICING

Applicants should refer to the regulations and other requirements cited below to determine the certification to which they are required to attest. Applicants should also review the instructions for certification included in the regulations or other cited requirements before completing this form. The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the U.S. Department of Justice ("Department") determines to award the covered transaction, grant, or cooperative agreement.

1. LOBBYING

As required by 31 U.S.C. § 1352, as implemented by 28 C.F.R. Part 69, the Applicant certifies and assures (to the extent applicable) the following:

(a) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the Applicant, 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 making of any Federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal grant or cooperative agreement;

(b) If the Applicant's request for Federal funds is in excess of $100,000, and 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 grant or cooperative agreement, the Applicant shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities" in accordance with its (and any DOJ awarding agency's) instructions; and

(c) The Applicant shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subgrants and procurement contracts (and their subcontracts) funded with Federal award funds and shall ensure that any certifications or lobbying disclosures required of recipients of such subgrants and procurement contracts (or their subcontractors) are made and filed in accordance with 31 U.S.C. § 1352.

2. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

A. Pursuant to Department regulations on non-procurement debarment and suspension implemented at 2

C.F.R. Part 2867, and to other related requirements, the Applicant certifies, with respect to prospective participants in a primary tier "covered transaction," as defined at 2 C.F.R. § 2867.20(a), that neither it nor any of its principals—

(a) is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of Federal benefits by a State or Federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

(b) has within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law, or been convicted or had a civil judgment rendered against it for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, tribal, or local) transaction or private agreement or transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion or receiving stolen property, making false claims, or obstruction of justice, or commission of any offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty that seriously and directly affects its (or its principals') present responsibility;

(c) is presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, tribal, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (b) of this certification; and/or

(d) has within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, tribal, or local) terminated for cause or default.

B. Where the Applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, it shall attach an explanation to this application. Where the Applicant or any of its principals was convicted, within a three-year period preceding this application, of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law, the Applicant also must disclose such felony criminal conviction in writing to the Department (for OJP Applicants, to OJP at Ojpcompliancereporting@usdoj.gov; for OVW Applicants, to OVW at OVW.GFMD@usdoj.gov; or for COPS Applicants, to COPS at AskCOPSRC@usdoj.gov), unless such disclosure has already been made.

3. FEDERAL TAXES

A. If the Applicant is a corporation, it certifies either that (1) the corporation has no unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, or (2) the corporation has provided written notice of such an unpaid tax liability (or liabilities) to the Department (for OJP Applicants, to OJP at Ojpcompliancereporting@usdoj.gov; for OVW Applicants, to OVW at OVW.GFMD@usdoj.gov; or for COPS Applicants, to COPS at AskCOPSRC@usdoj.gov).

B. Where the Applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, it shall attach an explanation to this application.

4. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE (GRANTEES OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS)

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, as implemented at 28 C.F.R. Part 83, Subpart F, for grantees, as defined at 28 C.F.R. §§ 83.620 and 83.650:

A. The Applicant certifies and assures that it will, or will continue to, 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 its workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;

(b) Establishing an on-going drug-free awareness program to inform employees about—

(1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;

(2) The Applicant's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;

(3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and

(4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;

(c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the award be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);

(d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the award, the employee will—

(1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and

(2) Notify the employer in writing of the employee's conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;

(e) Notifying the Department, in writing, within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title of any such convicted employee to the Department, as follows:

For COPS award recipients - COPS Office, 145 N Street, NE, Washington, DC, 20530;

For OJP and OVW award recipients - U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, ATTN: Control Desk, 810 7th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20531.

Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected award;

(f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted:

(1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

(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; and

(g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).

5. LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY CERTIFICATION REQUIRED UNDER DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAMS ("SAFE POLICING CERTIFICATION")

If this application is for a discretionary award pursuant to which award funds may be made available (whether by the award directly or by any subaward at any tier) to a State, local, college, or university law enforcement agency, the Applicant certifies that any such law enforcement agency to which funds will be made available has been certified by an approved independent credentialing body or has started the certification process. To become certified, a law enforcement agency must meet two mandatory conditions:

(a) the agency's use of force policies adhere to all applicable federal, State, and local laws; and

(b) the agency's use of force policies prohibit chokeholds except in situations where use of deadly force is allowed by law.

For detailed information on this certification requirement, see https://cops.usdoj.gov/SafePolicingEO.

The Applicant acknowledges that compliance with this safe policing certification requirement does not ensure compliance with federal, state, or local law, and that such certification shall not constitute a defense in any federal lawsuit. Nothing in the safe policing certification process or safe policing requirement is intended to be (or may be) used by third parties to create liability by or against the United States or any of its officials, officers, agents or employees under any federal law. Neither the safe policing certification process nor the safe policing certification requirement is intended to (or does) confer any right on any third-person or entity seeking relief against the United States or any officer or employee thereof.

No person or entity is intended to be (or is) a third-party beneficiary of the safe policing certification process, or, with respect to the safe policing certification requirement, such a beneficiary for purposes of any civil, criminal, or administrative action.

6. COORDINATION REQUIRED UNDER PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY POLICING PROGRAMS

As required by the Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Act of 1994, at 34 U.S.C. § 10382(c)(5), if this application is for a COPS award, the Applicant certifies that there has been appropriate coordination with all agencies that may be affected by its award. Affected agencies may include, among others, Offices of the United States Attorneys; State, local, or tribal prosecutors; or correctional agencies.

I acknowledge that a materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement (or concealment or omission of a material fact) in this certification, or in the application that it supports, may be the subject of criminal prosecution (including under 18 U.S.C. §§ 1001 and/or 1621, and/or 34 U.S.C. §§ 10271- 10273), and also may subject me and the Applicant to civil penalties and administrative remedies for false claims or otherwise (including under 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3730 and 3801-3812). I also acknowledge that the Department's awards, including certifications provided in connection with such awards, are subject to review by the Department, including by its Office of the Inspector General.

I declare that the foregoing is true and correct.

Organization Name _____

Authorized Official Signature: _____

Name of Authorized Official: _____

Title:_____ Date: _____

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SECTION 2: CERTIFICATIONS STANDARD ASSURANCES

On behalf of the Applicant, and in support of this application for a grant or cooperative agreement, I certify under penalty of perjury to the U.S. Department of Justice ("Department"), that all of the following are true and correct:

(1) I have the authority to make the following representations on behalf of myself and the Applicant. I understand that these representations will be relied upon as material in any Department decision to make an award to the Applicant based on its application.

(2) I certify that the Applicant has the legal authority to apply for the federal assistance sought by the application, and that it has the institutional, managerial, and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay any required non-federal share of project costs) to plan, manage, and complete the project described in the application properly.

(3) I assure that, throughout the period of performance for the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application—

a. the Applicant will comply with all award requirements and all federal statutes and regulations applicable to the award;

b. the Applicant will require all subrecipients to comply with all applicable award requirements and all applicable federal statutes and regulations; and

c. the Applicant will maintain safeguards to address and prevent any organizational conflict of interest, and also to prohibit employees from using their positions in any manner that poses, or appears to pose, a personal or financial conflict of interest.

(4) The Applicant understands that the federal statutes and regulations applicable to the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application specifically include statutes and regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination, and, in addition—

a. the Applicant understands that the applicable statutes pertaining to civil rights will include section 601 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d); section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794); section 901 of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681); and section 303 of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. § 6102);

b. the Applicant understands that the applicable statutes pertaining to nondiscrimination may include section 809(c) of Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10228(c)); section 1407(e) of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (34 U.S.C. § 20110(e)); section 299A(b) of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002 (34 U.S.C. § 11182(b)); and that the grant condition set out at section 40002(b)(13) of the Violence Against Women Act (34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(13)), which will apply to all awards made by the Office on Violence Against Women, also may apply to an award made otherwise;

c. the Applicant understands that it must require any subrecipient to comply with all such applicable statutes (and associated regulations); and

d. on behalf of the Applicant, I make the specific assurances set out in 28 C.F.R. §§ 42.105 and 42.204.

(5) The Applicant also understands that (in addition to any applicable program-specific regulations and to applicable federal regulations that pertain to civil rights and nondiscrimination) the federal regulations applicable to the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application may include, but are not limited to, 2 C.F.R. Part 2800 (the DOJ "Part 200 Uniform Requirements") and 28 C.F.R. Parts 22 (confidentiality - research and statistical information), 23 (criminal intelligence systems), 38 (regarding faith-based or religious organizations participating in federal financial assistance programs), and 46 (human subjects protection).

(6) I assure that the Applicant will assist the Department as necessary (and will require subrecipients and contractors to assist as necessary) with the Department's compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (54 U.S.C. § 306108), the Archeological and Historical Preservation Act of 1974 (54 U.S.C. §§ 312501-312508), and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. §§ 4321-4335), and 28 C.F.R. Parts 61 (NEPA) and 63 (floodplains and wetlands).

(7) I assure that the Applicant will give the Department and the Government Accountability Office, through any authorized representative, access to, and opportunity to examine, all paper or electronic records related to the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application.

(8) If this application is for an award from the National Institute of Justice or the Bureau of Justice Statistics pursuant to which award funds may be made available (whether by the award directly or by any subaward at any tier) to an institution of higher education (as defined at 34 U.S.C. § 10251(a)(17)), I assure that, if any award funds actually are made available to such an institution, the Applicant will require that, throughout the period of performance—

a. each such institution comply with any requirements that are imposed on it by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and

b. subject to par. a, each such institution comply with its own representations, if any, concerning academic freedom, freedom of inquiry and debate, research independence, and research integrity, at the institution, that are included in promotional materials, in official statements, in formal policies, in applications for grants (including this award application), for accreditation, or for licensing, or in submissions relating to such grants, accreditation, or licensing, or that otherwise are made or disseminated to students, to faculty, or to the general public.

(9) I assure that, if the Applicant is a governmental entity, with respect to the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application—

a. it will comply with the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§ 4601-4655), which govern the treatment of persons displaced as a result of federal and federally-assisted programs; and

b. it will comply with requirements of 5 U.S.C. §§ 1501-1508 and 7324-7328, which limit certain political activities of State or local government employees whose principal employment is in connection with an activity financed in whole or in part by federal assistance.

(10) If the Applicant applies for and receives an award from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office), I assure that as required by 34 U.S.C. § 10382(c)(11), it will, to the extent practicable and consistent with applicable law--including, but not limited to, the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act--seek, recruit, and hire qualified members of racial and ethnic minority groups and qualified women in order to further effective law enforcement by increasing their ranks within the sworn positions, as provided under 34 U.S.C. § 10382(c)(11).

(11) If the Applicant applies for and receives a DOJ award under the STOP School Violence Act program, I assure as required by 34 U.S.C. § 10552(a)(3), that it will maintain and report such data, records, and information (programmatic and financial) as DOJ may reasonably require.

I acknowledge that a materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement (or concealment or omission of a material fact) in this certification, or in the application that it supports, may be the subject of criminal prosecution (including under 18 U.S.C. §§ 1001 and/or 1621, and/or 34 U.S.C. §§ 10271- 10273), and also may subject me and the Applicant to civil penalties and administrative remedies for false claims or otherwise (including under 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3730 and 3801-3812). I also acknowledge that the Department's awards, including certifications provided in connection with such awards, are subject to review by the Department, including by its Office of the Inspector General.

I declare that the foregoing is true and correct.

Organization Name _____

Authorized Official Signature: _____

Name of Authorized Official: _____

Title:_____ Date: _____

SECTION 3: BJA ASSURANCES AND COMPLIANCE

The following certified assurances and compliance regulations are applicable to projects, programs and/or agencies receiving Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) grant funds.

1. Applicant certifies that property (i.e. equipment and supplies) purchased with federal funds will be used for criminal justice purposes.
2. Applicant assures no person shall on the ground of race, color, religion, national origin, handicap, or sex be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, subjected to discrimination under, or denied employment in connection with, any undertaking funded in whole or in part with sums made available under this fund.
3. Applicant will maintain fund accounting, auditing, and other records, as necessary, to assure fiscal control, proper fund management, and efficient disbursement of funds received under the BJA program.
4. Applicant has or will have a grievance procedure for service recipients, employees and volunteers.
5. Applicant will establish and maintain effective internal control over the Federal award that provides reasonable assurance that it is managing the Federal award in compliance with Federal statues, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the Federal award. This includes no comingling of federal funds, financial documentation for disbursements, daily time and attendance records for paid and volunteer staff, client files, the portion of the program funded with other sources of revenue, job descriptions, contracts for services, and other records which facilitate an effective audit.
6. The Applicant assures that if awarded funds, it will make Determinations of the Suitability to Interact with Minors for all individuals conducting some or all of activities to be carried out under the award (by the subrecipient at any tier) if those activities are to benefit individuals under 18 years of age. The subrecipient at any tier must make determinations of suitability before certain individuals may interact with participating minors and documentation of this determination will be kept by the subrecipient to be reviewed as requested by the Crime Commission. This requirement applies regardless of an individual's employment status and whether or not the grant award funds the individual's position. The Applicant agrees to pass down this condition and verify suitability is attained prior to dispersing funds to a pass-through entity (sub-subrecipient). Details of this requirement are posted here: https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/Interact-Minors.htm
7. Certification of Application: Applicant certifies the information in this application is accurate and, as the Authorized Official for the project, hereby agree to comply with all provisions of the grant program and all other applicable state and federal laws.
8. Discrimination & Harassment Policy Certification: Applicant acknowledges review of the Nebraska Crime Commission's Discrimination & Harassment Policy located at: https://ncc.nebraska.gov/sites/ncc.nebraska.gov/files/OI%2342.pdf
9. The Applicant assures that federal grant funds will not be used to supplant existing funds.
10. The Applicant assures that fund accounting, auditing, monitoring, and such evaluation procedures as may be necessary to keep such records as the Nebraska Crime Commission shall prescribe will be provided to assure fiscal control, proper management, and efficient disbursement of funds received under the program.
11. The Applicant assures that they and all subawards under this award have a UEI number and are registered with the System for Award Management (SAM) (or with a successor government-wide system officially designated by OMB and the federal administering office of the Applicable Grant Program (i.e., OVW, OVC, BJA, Title II).
12. The Applicant assures it shall maintain such data and information and submit such reports, in such form, at such times, and containing such information as the Crime Commission may require.

13. The Applicant assures the proposed project fulfills all program requirements; that all the information is correct; that there has been and will be throughout the life of the grant, appropriate coordination with affected agencies; and the Applicant will comply with all provisions of the Applicable Grant Program as well as all other applicable federal and state laws.

14. The Applicant agrees that its compliance with all applicable federal civil rights and nondiscrimination laws is material to the government's decision to make this award and any payment thereunder, including for purposes of the False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. 3729-3730 and 3801-3812), and, by accepting this award, certifies that it does not operate any programs (including any such programs having components relating to diversity, equity, and inclusion) that violate any applicable federal civil rights or nondiscrimination laws.

I certify I have read and reviewed the above assurances, that the Applicant will comply with all provisions of the Applicable Grant Program (NCC Fund Opportunity) and all other applicable federal laws and state laws, and the Applicant will implement the project as written if approved by the Crime Commission.

I declare that the foregoing is true and correct.

Organization Name _____

Authorized Official Signature: _____

Name of Authorized Official: _____

Title:_____ Date: _____

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