

STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Award is made under the authority of the President's FY 2014 budget request for FNS (*The Food and Nutrition Service: 2014, Explanatory Notes*), as approved by Congress. By acceptance of this award, the Recipient agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of the award listed below.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for this project is: **10.545**

STANDARD TERMS OF THE AWARD

1. Funding: Funds are provided as specified in the award/cooperative agreement letter and as specified in these modified FNS standard terms.

2. Performance Period: The period of performance for this project is listed on the Award/Cooperative Agreement/contract. The recipient may only incur allowable costs during the period of performance. Any costs incurred prior to the period of performance must be approved in writing by MFM.

All funds must be obligated and all program activities under the agreement (other than activities related to the close out of the agreement) must be completed by the Expiration Date listed on the Award/Cooperative Agreement/contract. The closeout of the cooperative agreement/contract must occur within 90 days of the expiration date, and all obligations incurred under the agreement must be liquidated by this date.

3. Amendments/Revisions and Budget Changes: The Recipient may request an amendment or revision to the agreement, including the proposal, in writing at any time during the duration of the agreement. Prior approval is required for any revision of the scope or objectives of the project (regardless of whether there is an associated budget revision), changes in key personnel, disengagement from the project for more than three months (or a 25 percent reduction in time devoted to the project) by the project director, transferring or contracting any work (unless approved in the submitted application package) or changes to budget line cost/expenditure.

The Recipient must include justification with any proposed amendment/revision and budget changes. All requests for changes must be made at least 30 days before the end of the award period. Any request received after this time will not be considered.

4. Non-agreement funds: The Recipient may seek and apply for funds from other sources in support of the mission of the agreement.

REPORTING

5. Quarterly Progress Reports: These reports should cover the preceding quarterly period of activity. At a minimum, progress reports should include the following information:

- A narrative description of project progress, tasks completed, and roadblocks or problems;
- Reasons why goals and objectives were not met, if appropriate, particularly at predefined go/no-go decision points, and justification of decision to proceed;
- Discuss the budget impact and/or costs associated within this reporting period;
- List key activities planned for the next report period;
- Findings or activities which may require changes in schedule, accomplishments, or costs, particularly those changes which may impact the awardee's ability to utilize award funds within the specified time period;
- Other pertinent information including, when appropriate, analysis and explanation of cost overruns; and
- Any unique aspects that you would like to share.

The Recipient must immediately report any problems, delays, or adverse conditions that impair the Recipient's ability to meet the program objectives. The notification must include information on action taken or contemplated in response to the problem.

All materials developed with funding from this Agreement must be submitted in an electronic format (preferably Microsoft Word).

6. Financial Status Reports: The Recipient is required to provide quarterly and final financial status report as specified in the award/cooperative Agreement/contract. This report must be submitted within 20 days after the close of each quarter. The Final Financial Report must be submitted within 70 days of the expiration of this agreement.

REGULATORY AND STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

7. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Guidance: This Federal financial assistance award is subject to rules and regulations related to the Recipient's organizational entity type as noted below.

Government-wide Regulations

- 2 CFR Part 25: "Universal Identifier and Central Locator Contractor Registration"
- 2 CFR Part 170: "Reporting Sub-award and Executive Compensation Information"
- 2 CFR Part 175: "Award Term for Trafficking in Persons"
- 2 CFR Part 180: "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Non-Procurement)"

- 2 CFR 200: “Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards”
- 2 CFR 400: “Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards”
- 2 CFR Part 415: USDA “General Program Administrative Regulations”
- 2 CFR Part 416: USDA “General Program Administrative Regulations for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments”
- 2 CFR Part 417: USDA “Implementation of OMB Guidance on Non-Procurement Debarment and Suspension”
- 2 CFR Part 418 USDA “New Restrictions on Lobbying
- 2 CFR Part 421: USDA “Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Financial Assistance)”
- 7 CFR Part 3: “Debt Management”
- 41 U.S.C. Section 22 “Interest of Member of Congress”
- Privacy Act. The Cooperator/Recipient shall follow the rules and procedures of disclosure set forth in the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a, and implementing regulations and policies, with respect to systems of records determined to be subject to the Privacy Act.
- Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Public access to Federal Financial Assistance records shall not be limited, except when such records must be kept confidential and would have been excepted from disclosure pursuant to the “Freedom of Information” regulation (5 U.S.C. 552)

PROPERTY STANDARDS

8. Insurance Coverage: The Recipient must provide the equivalent insurance coverage for real property and equipment acquired or improved with Federal funds.

9. Intangible Property:

a. The Recipient may copyright any work that is subject to copyright and was developed, or for which ownership was purchased, under the award. The Agency reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish or otherwise use these materials for federal purposes and to authorize others to do so.

"Federal purposes" include the use of award products in activities or programs undertaken by the Federal Government, in response to a governmental request, or as otherwise required by federal law. However, the federal government's use of copyrighted materials is not intended to interfere with or disadvantage the recipient or assignee in the sale and distribution of the award product.”

The Agency may request copies of an award product for non-profit use. These copies will be provided at the cost of reproduction and shipping, and no royalties or other fees will be charged.

b. The Agency has the right to:

1. Obtain, reproduce, publish or otherwise use the data first produced under an award; and
2. Authorize others to receive, reproduce, publish, or otherwise use such data for Federal purposes.

c. In addition, in response to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for research data relating to published research findings produced under an award that were used by the Federal Government in developing an agency action that has the force and effect of law, the Agency shall request, and the recipient shall provide within a reasonable time, the research data so that they can be made available to the public through the procedures established under the FOIA. If the FNS obtains the research data solely in response to a FOIA request, the Agency may charge the requester a reasonable fee equaling the full incremental cost of obtaining the research data. This fee should reflect costs incurred by the agency, the recipient, and applicable sub-recipients. This fee is in addition to any fees the agency may assess under the FOIA (5 U.S.C. 552(a)(4)(A)).

d. Title to intangible property acquired under an award or sub-award vests upon acquisition in the Recipient. The Recipient shall use that property for the originally authorized purpose and shall not encumber the property without Agency approval. The Agency reserves the right to determine the disposition of the intangible property when it is no longer needed for the originally authorized purpose.

10. Federally-owned and exempt property: Title to federally-owned property remains vested in the Federal entity. The recipient must submit annually an inventory listing of federally-owned property to the Agency. Upon completion of the project, or when the property is no longer needed, the recipient must contact the Agency for disposition instructions.

11. Equipment: Equipment is defined as tangible, nonexpendable personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more per unit. The purchase of equipment not included in the approved project budget is allowable only if it is specifically approved beforehand by the Agency and there is documentation to support that the purchase is necessary and reasonable to carry out project activities.

Equipment records must be maintained that include the description of the equipment, the serial number or other identification number, the source of equipment, the title holder, the acquisition date, the cost of the equipment, the location, use, and condition of the equipment, and any ultimate disposition data including the date of disposal and the sale price of the equipment. A physical inventory of the equipment must be taken and the results reconciled with the equipment records at least once every two years. The Recipient will share the results of this inventory. .

The Recipient will follow the Agency's equipment disposition guidance and procedures. Disposition procedures will be provided by the Agency.

In expending funds for equipment and products, all Recipients and sub-recipients will comply with the Buy American Act, 41 U.S.C. 10a-c.

PROCUREMENT STANDARDS

The recipient will adhere to all procurement standards, included those listed below, if applicable, as found in 2 CFR 200.318 through 2 CFR 200.326. When procuring property and services under a Federal award, a State must follow the same policies and procedures used for procurements from its non-Federal funds. States recipients will comply with 2 CFR 200.322.

12. General procurement standards: The non-Federal entity must use its own documented procurement procedures, which reflect applicable State and local laws and regulations provided that procurements conform to applicable Federal law and the standards identified in this section. The Recipient must maintain oversight over contractors to ensure performance in accordance with the terms, conditions and specifications of their contracts or purchase orders, including written performance standards of its employees engaged in the selection, award and administration of contracts. The non-Federal entity must award contracts only to responsible contractors possessing the ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of a proposed procurement. In accordance with 2 CFR 200.318(j), the non-Federal entity may only use time and material type contracts after a determination that no other contract is suitable and if the contract includes a ceiling that the contractor exceeds at its own risk.

13. Competition: All procurement transactions must be conducted in a manner providing full and open competition consistent with 2 CFR 200.319.

15. Suspension/Debarment: The Recipient agrees to ensure that all sub-recipients are neither excluded nor disqualified under the Suspension and Debarment rules found at 2 CFR Parts 180 and 417 by doing any one of the following:

- a. Checking the System for Awards Management (SAM) to determine if the applicant or recipient has been debarred or suspended. This information can be found at www.sam.gov.
- b. Collecting a certification that the entity is neither excluded nor disqualified. Because a Federal certification form is no longer available, recipient electing this must devise its own.
- c. Including a clause to this effect in the sub-recipient agreement and in any procurement contract expected to equal or exceed \$25,000, awarded by the Recipient or a sub-recipient within any agreements..

16. Nondiscrimination: The Recipient will comply with following the nondiscrimination statutes and regulations, other related regulations and any USDA nondiscrimination directives:

- a. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d- *et seq.*) and USDA regulations at 7 CFR Part 15, Nondiscrimination, an Department of Justice regulations at 28 CFR Part 42, Non discrimination; Equal Employment Opportunity: Policies And Procedures;
- b. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 *et seq.*) and USDA regulations at 7 CFR Part 15a, Education Programs or Activities Receiving or Benefiting from Federal Financial Assistance;
- c. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 1681 *et seq.*) and USDA regulations at 7 CFR Part 15a, Education Programs or Activities Receiving or Benefiting or Benefiting from Federal Financial Assistance, and Department of Justice regulations at 28 CFR Part 41, Implementation of Executive Order 12250, Nondiscrimination On the Basis of Handicap In Federally Assisted Programs; and
- d. Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101 *et seq.*) The Recipient assures that it will immediately take any measures necessary to effectuate the requirements in these laws, regulations and directives. The Recipient gives this assurance in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining the funds provided under this agreement.
- e. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in employment (Title I), state and local government services (Title II), places of public accommodation and commercial facilities (Title III). (42 U.S.C. 12101-12213).

The following nondiscrimination statement shall be included, in full, on all materials that are produced by the recipient for public information, public education, or public distribution.

“In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color national origin, sex, age, or disability.

If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.”

RECORD RETENTION AND ACCESS

17. Evaluation and Access to Records: The Recipient will cooperate with any evaluation of the program by providing the Agency requested data and access to records. The Recipient will cooperate with any, as needed, on-site financial and/or technical reviews and audits at any time during the term of the agreement. In addition, the Recipient shall make all records pertaining to activities under the award available for audit purposes.

The Recipient will require any contractors to comply with the requirements of this agreement and ensure that the Agency has access to any sub-recipient or contractors for purposes of evaluating, monitoring or reviewing other operations or records as they relate to this award.

NONCOMPLIANCE AND TERMINATION

18. Noncompliance: As provided in 2 CFR 200.338, the Agency may unilaterally terminate this agreement or recover, withhold, or disallow costs of up to 100 percent of the funds made available under the agreement if the Recipient fails to comply with any term of the agreement. The Agency will consider failure to comply with the reporting requirements of this agreement to be a material failure to comply with the agreement and a basis for termination. If USDA or the Agency decides to take action against the Recipient for noncompliance under this agreement, USDA or the Agency will provide the recipient written notice of the basis for its determination.

In the event that an award is suspended and corrective action is not taken within 90 days of the suspension effective date, the Agency may issue a notice of termination. No costs that are incurred during the suspension period or after the effective date of termination will be allowable, except those that are specifically authorized by the suspension or termination notice or those that, in the opinion of the Agency, could not have been reasonably avoided.

Within 30 days of the termination date, the Recipient shall furnish to the Agency a summary of progress achieved under the award, an itemized accounting of charges incurred against award funds and cost sharing prior to the effective date of the suspension or termination, and a separate accounting and justification for any costs that may have been incurred after this date.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

19. USDA/FNS acknowledgement: Unless otherwise advised by the Agency, the Recipient will acknowledge the support of USDA FNS whenever publicizing the work under this award. To this end, the Recipient must include in any publication resulting from work performed under this award an acknowledgment in substantially the form set below:

“This project has been funded at least in part with Federal funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The contents of this publication do not necessarily reflect the view or policies of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, nor does mention of trade names, commercial products, or organizations imply endorsement by the U.S. Government.”

20. Liabilities: The Recipient may not seek any financial recourse from the Agency as a result of any liabilities the Recipient might incur for bodily injury or personal property damage resulting from negligent acts, errors, or omissions of the Recipient their officers, agents or employees, or if applicable its contractors or their officers, agents, or employees, in performing this agreement. Liabilities of the United States are governed by the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. 2671 *et seq.*

21. Program Income: Program income is money that is earned or received by a recipient or a subrecipient from the activities supported by award funds or from products resulting from award activities. It includes, but is not limited to, income from fees for services performed and from the sale of items produced under an award; usage or rental fees for equipment or property acquired under an award; admission fees; broadcast or distribution rights; and license fees and royalties on patents and copyrights. The federal share of program income is determined by the percentage of total project costs that are supported by the Agency.

Income Earned During the Award Period: The Federal share of program income earned during the award period shall be retained by the recipient and, unless the award specifies how such income will be used, the recipient must use it in the following way:

It may be added to the existing project funding to cover increased costs of the project. A report of program income earned during the award period must be submitted with the final Federal Financial Report whenever program income is earned during the award period or when the terms and conditions of the award specifically require such a report. The report shall indicate the total amount of program income that was earned and how it was used.

If income is to be returned to the Agency, a check made payable to the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) and identified as program income must be submitted.

POST CLOSEOUT ADJUSTMENTS AND COLLECTIONS

22. Post-closeout adjustments: The closeout of a Federal award does not affect:

- a. The right of the Agency to disallow costs and recover funds on the basis of an audit or later review;
- b. The obligation of a non-Federal entity to return funds as a result of later cost adjustments;
- c. Audits requirements;
- d. Property management and disposition requirements; and

e. Record retention requirements.

23. Collections: Any funds paid in excess of the amount in which the non-Federal entity is finally determined to be entitled will constitute a debt to the Federal Government. If these funds are not repaid within 90 days, the Agency may: make an administrative offset; withhold advance payments or take other necessary actions. In addition, interest will accrue on this overdue debt in accordance with the Federal Claims Collections Standards (31 CFR Parts 900 through 999).