

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION FOR COVERED CONTRACTS AND GRANTS**

This certification is required by the Federal Regulations Implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 45 CFR Part 93, Government-wide Debarment and Suspension, for the Department of Agriculture (7 CFR Part 3017), Department of Labor (29 CFR Part 98), Department of Education (34 CFR Parts 85, 668, 682), Department of Health and Human Services (45 CFR Part 76).

In this certification “contractor/grantee” refers to both contractor/grantee and subcontractor/subgrantee; “contract/grant” refers to both contract/grant and subcontract/subgrant.

By signing and submitting this certification the potential contractor/grantee accepts the following terms:

1. The certification herein below is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this contract/grant was entered into. If it is later determined that the potential contractor/grantee knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, the Department of Health and Human Services, United States Department of Agriculture or other federal department or agency, may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
2. The potential contractor/grantee shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this certification is submitted if at any time the potential contractor/grantee learns that the certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
3. The words “covered contract,” “debarred,” “suspended,” “ineligible,” “participant,” “person,” “principal,” “proposal,” and “voluntarily excluded,” as used in this certification have meanings based upon materials in the Definitions and Coverage sections of federal rules implementing Executive Order 12549. Usage is defined in the attachment.
4. The potential contractor/grantee agrees by submitting this certification that, should the proposed covered contract/grant be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any subcontract with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the Department of Health and Human Services, United State Department of Agriculture or other federal department or agency, as applicable.

Do you have or do you anticipate having subcontractors/subgrantees under this proposed contract?           YES                     NO          

5. The potential contractor/grantee further agrees by submitting this certification that it will include this certification titled “Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion for Covered Contracts and Grants” without modification in all covered subcontracts and in solicitations for covered subcontracts.
6. A contractor/grantee may rely upon a certification of a potential subcontractor/subgrantee that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily

excluded from the covered contract/grant, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A contractor/grantee must, at a minimum, obtain certifications from its covered subcontractors/subgrantees upon each subcontract's/subgrant's initiation and upon each renewal.

7. Nothing contained in all the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this certification document. The knowledge and information of a contractor/grantee is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
8. Except for contracts/grants authorized under paragraph 4 of these items, if a contractor/grantee in a covered contract/grant knowingly enters into a covered subcontract/subgrant with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in the transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, Department of Health and Human Services, United States Department of agriculture, or other federal department or agency, as applicable, may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

Indicate which statement applies to the covered potential contractor/grantee:

\_\_\_\_\_ **The potential** contractor/grantee certifies, by submission of this certification, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this contract/grant by any federal department or agency or by the State of Texas.

\_\_\_\_\_ **The potential c**ontractor/grantee is unable to certify to one or more of the terms in this certification. In this instance, the potential contractor/grantee must attach an explanation for each of the above terms to which he is unable to make certification. Attach the explanation(s) to this certification.

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**NAME OF POTENTIAL CONTRACTOR/GRANTEE:**

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**VENDOR ID NO./FEDERAL EMPLOYER'S ID NO.**

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Signature of Authorized Representative      Printed/Typed Name of Authorized Representative

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Date      Title of Authorized Representative