

1. GRANT TITLE Regional Collision Response and Extrication Improvement Program	
2. NAME OF AGENCY Tulare County	3. Grant Period
4. AGENCY UNIT TO ADMINISTER GRANT Tulare County Fire Department	From: 10/01/2019 To: 09/30/2020
5. GRANT DESCRIPTION The city/county/fire protection district will serve as the lead agency for a regional extrication equipment distribution grant for their county. The extrication equipment is used by first responders to safely extricate victims trapped in traffic collisions. "Best practice" strategies will be used to reduce the response time for the arrival of appropriate extrication equipment to traffic collision scenes and the time to extricate the victims of traffic collisions, thus increasing survivability. The grant will provide funding for new equipment and training for fire departments without extrication equipment or those that have existing equipment that has reached the end of its usable lifespan and is in need of replacement.	
6. Federal Funds Allocated Under This Agreement Shall Not Exceed: \$175,000.00	
7. TERMS AND CONDITIONS: The parties agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the following which are by this reference made a part of the Agreement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule A – Problem Statement, Goals and Objectives and Method of Procedure • Schedule B – Detailed Budget Estimate and Sub-Budget Estimate (if applicable) • Schedule B-1 – Budget Narrative and Sub-Budget Narrative (if applicable) • Exhibit A – Certifications and Assurances • Exhibit B* – OTS Grant Program Manual <p>*Items shown with an asterisk (*), are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this agreement as if attached hereto. These documents can be viewed at the OTS home web page under Grants: www.ots.ca.gov. We, the officials named below, hereby swear under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that we are duly authorized to legally bind the Grant recipient to the above described Grant terms and conditions. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed by the parties hereto.</p>	
8. Approval Signatures	
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10. PROJECTED EXPENDITURES

FUND	CFDA	ITEM/APPROPRIATION	F.Y.	CHAPTER	STATUTE	PROJECTED EXPENDITURES
402EM-20	20.600	0521-0890-101	2019	2019	BA/19	\$175,000.00
AGREEMENT TOTAL						\$175,000.00
AMOUNT ENCUMBERED BY THIS DOCUMENT						\$175,000.00
<i>I CERTIFY upon my own personal knowledge that the budgeted funds for the current budget year are available for the period and purpose of the expenditure stated above.</i>						PRIOR AMOUNT ENCUMBERED FOR THIS AGREEMENT
						\$ 0.00
OTS ACCOUNTING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE ES			DATE SIGNED		TOTAL AMOUNT ENCUMBERED TO DATE	
					\$175,000.00	

1. PROBLEM STATEMENT

The County of Tulare covers a geographical area of over 4,839 square miles and serves an estimated population of 473,318 people. Tulare County Fire Department is the Authority having Jurisdiction (AHJ) for all hazard type incidents, including traffic collisions. The service area includes 350 miles of State highways, and over 3,047 miles of unincorporated county roadways. The Tulare County Fire Department currently has cooperative mutual aid agreements with Fresno, Kings, and Kern Counties as well as the cities of Farmersville, Lindsay, Porterville, Tulare, Visalia, and Woodlake; all within the County of Tulare. These agreements provide a regional approach to extrication assistance to all the listed Counties and Cities listed above.

Tulare County Fire Department has been using Hurst extrication equipment for many years. Hurst recently notified Tulare County Fire Department the models currently being utilized will no longer be supported, serviced or repaired. All current extrication equipment has reached the end of its usable lifespan and needs replacement's. The average age of our extrication equipment is (20) twenty years old. We started identifying rising costs over the past several years maintaining the equipment due to the majority of the units going out of service frequently. This newly provided information warranted us to perform a needs assessment of our extrication equipment, responses and capabilities. This assessment has also identified a need for 26 sets of high pressure air bag lifting systems that have reached their usable lifespan and five stations that need a set of Rescue 42 vehicle stabilizing struts.

These deficiencies will leave significant gaps along State Highways 198, HWY245, HWY63, HWY201, HWY216, HWY137, HWY65, HWY190 and HWY180. California Highway Patrol's data does indicate Tulare, Fresno, Kern, and Kings Counties are ranking in the top third of the state for fatal injury collisions.

Complementing our departments first due engines and aerial trucks with full extrication equipment will allow shortened extrication time. This allows for patients to be transported to local hospitals and trauma centers, potentially saving numerous lives. The Office of Traffic Safety data for 2016 identifies Tulare County ranks 31st statewide for injury and or fatal traffic collisions.

Due to emerging technology, these 26 new sets of Hurst extrication equipment and 26 sets of High pressure air bag lifting systems along with the addition of five sets of Rescue 42 stabilizing struts would complement all of our first due apparatus with full extrication capabilities drastically increase our efficiency and capabilities at incidents needing extrication. At present, Tulare County Fire Department staffs a minimum of (1) one full time firefighter at (24) of its (28) fire stations. Consequently, it takes a significant amount of time for one firefighter to set up extrication equipment. This includes spotting the apparatus for scene and personnel safety, using appropriate delineation devices, scene size up, patient assessment, removing and starting a gasoline powered generator and connecting the hydraulic lines. These important steps all need to be done prior to commencing extrication. The 26 sets of Hurst extrication equipment we will purchase with this much needed award will be battery operated and will dramatically reduce the amount of time needed to better provide direct patient care.

A significant common goal is the "Golden Hour". This is recognized as the goal for emergency medical personnel to deliver victims requiring hospital care in an appropriate time frame. If granted this highly needed award, our department would strategically place the newly purchased battery operated extrication equipment along with our current staffing model, combined with our average response times of 14 minutes and 33 seconds for traffic collisions will assist in allowing us to meet the "Golden Hour" goal.

In summary, Tulare County Fire Departments current inventory of extrication equipment is old, outdated and becoming more difficult to service and repair. The addition of 26 additional sets would allow Tulare County Fire Department to address the highest priority areas needing extrication equipment over the next year. Once these needs are addressed, the Departments plan is to modernize old systems in the following years. Due to ever-tightening budgetary constraints, Tulare County Fire Department is restricted from funding these needs alone, therefore we are in need of the assistance from the Office of Traffic Safety.

Your sincere time and consideration is immensely appreciated!!

2. PERFORMANCE MEASURES**A. Goals:**

1. Reduce the number of persons killed in traffic collisions.	
2. Reduce the number of persons injured in traffic collisions.	
B. Objectives:	Target Number
1. Issue a press release announcing the kick-off of the grant by November 15. The kick-off press releases and media advisories, alerts, and materials must be emailed to the OTS Public Information Officer at pio@ots.ca.gov , and copied to your OTS Coordinator, for approval 14 days prior to the issuance date of the release.	1
2. Purchase and place fully equipped extrication systems in strategic locations within the jurisdiction.	5
3. Train firefighters in the use of the new equipment.	100
4. Conduct traffic safety presentations with an effort to reach persons and communities.	2
5. Display the OTS funded equipment days during Public Safety Fairs, community festivals and or other Department or community events.	5
6. Notify OTS in the event grant-funded equipment is used to save a life and provide the facts involving the incident.	1
7. Station 4 (Cutler-Orosi) - Decrease the average extrication time, from the time of arrival at the crash site to transport, from 28 minutes to 14 minutes.	14
8. Station 7 (Goshen) - Decrease the average extrication time, from the time of arrival at the crash site to transport, from 28 minutes to 14 minutes.	14
9. Station 15 (Lindsay) - Decrease the average extrication time, from the time of arrival at the crash site to transport, from 28 minutes to 14 minutes.	14
10. Station 19 (West Olive) - Decrease the average extrication time, from the time of arrival at the crash site to transport, from 28 minutes to 14 minutes.	14
11. Station 27 (Pixley) - Decrease the average extrication time, from the time of arrival at the crash site to transport, from 28 minutes to 14 minutes.	14
3. METHOD OF PROCEDURE	
A. Phase 1 – Program Preparation (1st Quarter of Grant Year)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine specific equipment requirements. Request equipment vendor price quotation for the required equipment per host agency requirement. Submit purchase orders to equipment vendors for purchase of the equipment. 	
<u>Media Requirements</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue a press release announcing the kick-off of the grant by November 15, but no earlier than October 1. If unable to meet the November 15 date, communicate reasons to your OTS Coordinator. The kick-off press releases and any related media advisories, alerts, and materials must be emailed for approval to the OTS Public Information Officer at pio@ots.ca.gov, and copied to your OTS Coordinator, 14 days prior to the issuance date of the release. 	
B. Phase 2 – Program Operations (Throughout Grant Year)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inventory the new equipment following delivery. Disperse equipment to identified recipient agencies. Plan a media event announcing the grant funded equipment. Recipient agencies will identify training needs and objectives and coordinate instructional staff to conduct a high quality training program for their respective agency. Recipient agencies will develop a preventive maintenance schedule for the new equipment following manufacturers' recommendations. 	
<u>Media Requirements</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send all grant-related activity press releases, media advisories, alerts and general public materials to the OTS Public Information Officer (PIO) at pio@ots.ca.gov, with a copy to your OTS Coordinator. <p>The following requirements are for grant-related activities and are different from those regarding any grant kick-off release or announcement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If an OTS-supplied, template-based press release is used, there is no need for pre-approval, however, the OTS PIO and Coordinator should be copied when the release is distributed to the press. If an OTS-supplied template is not used, or is substantially changed, a draft press release shall be sent to the OTS PIO for approval. Optimum lead-time would be 10 days prior to the release distribution date, but should be no less than 5 working days prior to the release distribution date. 	

- Press releases reporting the immediate and time-valued results of grant activities such as enforcement operations are exempt from the recommended advance approval process, but still should be copied to the OTS PIO and Coordinator when the release is distributed to the press.
- Activities such as warrant or probation sweeps and court stings that could be compromised by advanced publicity are exempt from pre-publicity, but are encouraged to offer embargoed media coverage and to report the results.
- Use the following standard language in all press, media, and printed materials: Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.
- Email the OTS PIO at pio@ots.ca.gov and copy your OTS Coordinator at least 30 days in advance, a short description of any significant grant-related traffic safety event or program so OTS has sufficient notice to arrange for attendance and/or participation in the event.
- Submit a draft or rough-cut of all printed or recorded material (brochures, posters, scripts, artwork, trailer graphics, etc.) to the OTS PIO at pio@ots.ca.gov and copy your OTS Coordinator for approval 14 days prior to the production or duplication.
- Space permitting, include the OTS logo, on grant-funded print materials; consult your OTS Coordinator for specifics and format-appropriate logos.
- Contact the OTS PIO or your OTS Coordinator, sufficiently far enough in advance of need, for consultation when deviation from any of the above requirements might be contemplated.

C. Phase 3 – Data Collection & Reporting (Throughout Grant Year)

- Invoice Claims (due January 30, April 30, July 30, and October 30)
- Quarterly Performance Reports (due January 30, April 30, July 30, and October 30)
 - Collect and report quarterly, appropriate data that supports the progress of goals and objectives.
 - Provide a brief list of activity conducted, procurement of grant-funded items, and significant media activities. Include status of grant-funded personnel, status of contracts, challenges, or special accomplishments.
 - Provide a brief summary of quarterly accomplishments and explanations for objectives not completed or plans for upcoming activities.
 - Collect, analyze and report statistical data relating to the grant goals and objectives.

4. METHOD OF EVALUATION

Using the data compiled during the grant, the Grant Director will complete the “Final Evaluation” section in the fourth/final Quarterly Performance Report (QPR). The Final Evaluation should provide a brief summary of the grant’s accomplishments, challenges and significant activities. This narrative should also include whether goals and objectives were met, exceeded, or an explanation of why objectives were not completed.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

This program has full administrative support, and every effort will be made to continue the grant activities after grant conclusion.

GRANT AGREEMENT

Schedule B

EM20012

FUND NUMBER	CATALOG NUMBER (CFDA)	FUND DESCRIPTION	TOTAL AMOUNT
402EM-20	20.600	State and Community Highway Safety	\$175,000.00

COST CATEGORY	CFDA	TOTAL COST TO GRANT
A. PERSONNEL COSTS		
Positions and Salaries		
<u>Full-Time</u>		\$0.00
<u>Overtime</u>		\$0.00
<u>Part-Time</u>		\$0.00
Category Sub-Total		\$0.00
B. TRAVEL EXPENSES		
		\$0.00
		\$0.00
Category Sub-Total		\$0.00
C. CONTRACTUAL SERVICES		
		\$0.00
Category Sub-Total		\$0.00
D. EQUIPMENT		
Fully Equipped Extrication System	20.600	\$175,000.00
Category Sub-Total		\$175,000.00
E. OTHER DIRECT COSTS		
		\$0.00
Category Sub-Total		\$0.00
F. INDIRECT COSTS		
		\$0.00
Category Sub-Total		\$0.00
GRANT TOTAL		\$175,000.00

BUDGET NARRATIVE	
PERSONNEL COSTS	QUANTITY
-	
TRAVEL EXPENSES	
-	
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	
-	
EQUIPMENT Fully Equipped Extrication System - Generally comprised of a hydraulic pump, fluid, hoses, control valves, and hydraulically actuated spreaders and cutters used primarily for vehicle extrication incidents. It includes every piece of extrication equipment, modifications, attachments, accessories, and auxiliary apparatus necessary to make it usable for the purpose it was acquired, and costs \$5,000 or more (including tax, shipping, and installation).	5
OTHER DIRECT COSTS	
-	
INDIRECT COSTS	
-	
STATEMENTS/DISCLAIMERS There will be no program income generated from this grant.	

CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES
HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANTS
(23 U.S.C. CHAPTER 4 AND SEC. 1906, PUB. L. 109-59, AS AMENDED)

Failure to comply with applicable Federal statutes, regulations, and directives may subject Grantee Agency officials to civil or criminal penalties and/or place the State in a high-risk grantee status in accordance with 49 CFR §18.12.

The officials named on the grant agreement, certify by way of signature on the grant agreement signature page, that the Grantee Agency complies with all applicable Federal statutes, regulations, and directives and State rules, guidelines, policies and laws in effect with respect to the periods for which it receives grant funding. Applicable provisions include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 23 U.S.C. Chapter 4—Highway Safety Act of 1966, as amended
- 49 CFR Part 18—Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments
- 23 CFR Part 1300—Uniform Procedures for State Highway Safety Grant Programs

NONDISCRIMINATION

(applies to subrecipients as well as States)

The State highway safety agency will comply with all Federal statutes and implementing regulations relating to nondiscrimination ("Federal Nondiscrimination Authorities"). These include but are not limited to:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin) and 49 CFR part 21;
- The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
- Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C. 324 et seq.), and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1681-1683 and 1685-1686) (prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex);
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. 794 et seq.), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability) and 49 CFR part 27;
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (Pub. L. 100-209), (broadens scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms "programs or activities" to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal aid recipients, subrecipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally-funded or not);
- Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12131-12189) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing) and 49 CFR parts 37 and 38;

- Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations (prevents discrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations); and
- Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency (guards against Title VI national origin discrimination/discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP) by ensuring that funding recipients take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to programs (70 FR 74087-74100).

The State highway safety agency—

- Will take all measures necessary to ensure that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, disability, sex, age, limited English proficiency, or membership in any other class protected by Federal Nondiscrimination Authorities, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any of its programs or activities, so long as any portion of the program is Federally-assisted;
- Will administer the program in a manner that reasonably ensures that any of its subrecipients, contractors, subcontractors, and consultants receiving Federal financial assistance under this program will comply with all requirements of the Non-Discrimination Authorities identified in this Assurance;
- Agrees to comply (and require its subrecipients, contractors, subcontractors, and consultants to comply) with all applicable provisions of law or regulation governing US DOT's or NHTSA's access to records, accounts, documents, information, facilities, and staff, and to cooperate and comply with any program or compliance reviews, and/or complaint investigations conducted by US DOT or NHTSA under any Federal Nondiscrimination Authority;
- Acknowledges that the United States has a right to seek judicial enforcement with regard to any matter arising under these Non-Discrimination Authorities and this Assurance;
- Agrees to insert in all contracts and funding agreements with other State or private entities the following clause:

“During the performance of this contract/funding agreement, the contractor/funding recipient agrees—

- To comply with all Federal nondiscrimination laws and regulations, as may be amended from time to time;
- Not to participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by any Federal non-discrimination law or regulation, as set forth in appendix B of 49 CFR part 21 and herein;
- To permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as required by the State highway safety office, US DOT or NHTSA;
- That, in event a contractor/funding recipient fails to comply with any nondiscrimination provisions in this contract/funding agreement, the State highway safety agency will have the right to impose such contract/agreement sanctions as it or NHTSA determine are appropriate, including but not limited to withholding payments to the contractor/funding recipient under the contract/agreement until the contractor/funding recipient complies; and/or cancelling, terminating, or suspending a contract or funding agreement, in whole or in part; and
- To insert this clause, including paragraphs (a) through (e), in every subcontract and sub agreement and in every solicitation for a subcontract or sub-agreement, that receives Federal funds under this program.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY (HATCH ACT)

(applies to subrecipients as well as States)

The State will comply with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. 1501-1508), which limits the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING FEDERAL LOBBYING

(applies to subrecipients as well as States)

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions;
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-award at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grant, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

RESTRICTION ON STATE LOBBYING

(applies to subrecipients as well as States)

None of the funds under this program will be used for any activity specifically designed to urge or influence a State or local legislator to favor or oppose the adoption of any specific legislative proposal pending before any State or local legislative body. Such activities include both direct and indirect (e.g., "grassroots") lobbying activities, with one exception. This does not preclude a State official whose salary is supported with NHTSA funds from engaging in direct communications with State or local legislative officials, in accordance with customary State practice, even if such communications urge legislative officials to favor or oppose the adoption of a specific pending legislative proposal.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

(applies to subrecipients as well as States)

Instructions for Primary Tier Participant Certification (States)

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary tier participant is providing the certification set out below and agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200.

2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective primary tier participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary tier participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.
3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default or may pursue suspension or debarment.
4. The prospective primary tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective primary tier participant learns its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
5. The terms covered transaction, civil judgment, debarment, suspension, ineligible, participant, person, principal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, are defined in 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
6. The prospective primary tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.
7. The prospective primary tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Instructions for Lower Tier Participant Certification" including the "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions and will require lower tier participants to comply with 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200.
8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any prospective lower tier participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the System for Award Management Exclusions website (<https://www.sam.gov/>).
9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, the department or agency may terminate the transaction for cause or default.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters-Primary Tier Covered Transactions

- (1) The prospective primary tier participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
 - (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

- (b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or Local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
- (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

(2) Where the prospective primary tier participant is unable to certify to any of the Statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Instructions for Lower Tier Participant Certification

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below and agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms covered transaction, civil judgment, debarment, suspension, ineligible, participant, person, principal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, are defined in 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200. You may contact the person to whom this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Instructions for Lower Tier Participant Certification" including the "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions and will require lower tier participants to comply with 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any prospective lower tier participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the System for Award Management Exclusions website (<https://www.sam.gov/>).
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension or debarment.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion -- Lower Tier Covered Transactions:

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency.
2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

BUY AMERICA ACT

(applies to subrecipients as well as States)

The State and each subrecipient will comply with the Buy America requirement (23 U.S.C. 313) when purchasing items using Federal funds. Buy America requires a State, or subrecipient, to purchase with Federal funds only steel, iron and manufactured products produced in the United States, unless the Secretary of Transportation determines that such domestically produced items would be inconsistent with the public interest, that such materials are not reasonably available and of a satisfactory quality, or that inclusion of domestic materials will increase the cost of the overall project contract by more than 25 percent. In order to use Federal funds to purchase foreign produced items, the State must submit a waiver request that provides an adequate basis and justification for approval by the Secretary of Transportation.

PROHIBITION ON USING GRANT FUNDS TO CHECK FOR HELMET USAGE

(applies to subrecipients as well as States)

The State and each subrecipient will not use 23 U.S.C. Chapter 4 grant funds for programs to check helmet usage or to create checkpoints that specifically target motorcyclists.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

All subrecipient law enforcement agencies shall comply with California law regarding profiling. Penal Code section 13519.4, subdivision (e), defines "racial profiling" as the "practice of detaining a suspect based on a broad set of criteria which casts suspicion on an entire class of people without any individualized suspicion of the particular person being stopped." Then, subdivision (f) of that section goes on to provide, "A law enforcement officer shall not engage in racial profiling."

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To: "cnorman@co.tulare.ca.us" <cnorman@co.tulare.ca.us>, "jemclaughlin@co.tu...
Date: 8/15/2019 11:43 AM
Subject: Office of Traffic Safety Grant EM20012 – Signature Required
Attachments: Grant Agreement - EM20012.pdf; OTS 55 GEMS User Authority 2019.pdf

Dear Grantee,

The attached final grant agreement for EM20012, Regional Collision Response and Extrication Improvement Program and the GEMS user authority form are ready for your agency's signatures.

Final Grant Instructions:

1. Print one copy of the attached final grant agreement PDF. (If your agency would like a copy with wet signatures, please print and sign two copies, and one will be sent back to you for your files. **Please ensure that only this time stamped version is signed, no other version will be accepted.)
2. Obtain signatures of the Grant Director, Authorizing Official, and Fiscal or Accounting Official (Page 1, Box 8A-C).
 - a. Ensure the individuals listed are authorized to sign on behalf of your agency and can bind the agency into a contract.
 - b. Only the person whose name appears can sign.
 - c. No one can sign for another individual.
 - d. White-out is not permitted.
3. Mail the signed grant agreement (original hard copy) to OTS at 2208 Kausen Drive, Suite 300, Elk Grove, CA, 95758.
4. If you cannot return the signed grant agreement by September 13th, 2019, please contact your Program Coordinator.

GEMS User Authority Form Instructions:

1. The Grant Director, Authorizing Official, or the Fiscal or Accounting Official of the grant agreement may submit this form to the OTS delegating Grant Electronic Management System (GEMS) user authority for one or more of their employees.
2. All individuals listed on this form will be authorized to login to GEMS to complete and submit Quarterly Performance Reports (QPRs) and reimbursement claims.
3. Each agency is allowed a total of five (5) GEMS users (including the grant's signing officials).
4. Complete and submit one GEMS User Authority form per grant.
5. Mail the signed GEMS User Authority form with your signed grant agreement to OTS at 2208 Kausen Drive, Suite 300, Elk Grove, CA, 95758.

If you have any questions, please contact your Program Coordinator, Bao Her at (916) 509-3013 or email bao.her@ots.ca.gov.