

North Carolina Non-Congregate COVID-19 Sheltering Memorandum of Agreement

This agreement is made and entered into between the North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) and County of Cumberland [hereinafter “Organization”] to establish terms of agreement for the sheltering of displaced persons or persons needing isolated sheltering in response to the pandemic COVID-19.

Purpose/Background:

NCEM is working with local governments and organizations to provide non-congregate sheltering statewide for persons who have tested positive for COVID-19 or who have been exposed to COVID-19 and do not have a safe place to isolate or quarantine, as well as individuals who are high-risk and need a safe place to social distance. The non-congregate sheltering (NCS) program is a collaborative effort between the State, counties, and local partners to secure hotel and motel rooms (or other suitable non-congregate shelter locations like dormitories), as well as essential wrap around services, for individuals with no other safe place to quarantine, isolate, or social distance due to COVID-19. The purpose of this agreement is to set forth the terms by which NCEM and Organization will cooperate in the disaster recovery and sheltering of citizens for the COVID-19 event, and enhance cooperation, communication, coordination, and collaboration between any potential stakeholders that would aid in the goal of this agreement.

Whereas, N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 166A-19.10, -19.11, -19.12 and - 19.30 provide the Governor, Secretary of Public Safety and Division of Emergency Management with additional authority to manage state resources during a declared state of emergency;

Whereas, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency in the United States for COVID-19 on January 31, 2020 pursuant to Sec. 319 of the Public Health Service Act;

Whereas, Governor Roy Cooper issued Executive Order No. 116 on March 10, 2020 and declared a North Carolina state of emergency based on the public health emergency posed by COVID-19;

Whereas, President Donald J. Trump declared a nationwide emergency on March 13, 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to Sec. 501(b) of the Stafford Act and subsequently approved major disaster declarations for all states and territories pursuant to Sec. 401 of the Stafford Act, including for North Carolina on March 25, 2020;

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recognizes that non-congregate sheltering may be necessary to protect public health and save lives;

Whereas, Federal funding is available in the form FEMA Public Assistance for Emergency Protective Measures (Category B) for non-congregate sheltering; Whereas, it is in the best interest of the State of North Carolina and its residents to stop and slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and it is proven that adequate social distancing measures aid in that effort, non-congregate sheltering facilities should be made accessible statewide.

The State is working on removing barriers and ensuring access for highly vulnerable and historically marginalized populations to safely isolate, quarantine, and social distance. These highly vulnerable populations would include, but are not limited to:

1. First Responders and healthcare workers who do not require hospitalization but need to avoid direct contact with their families due to exposure to COVID-19;
2. Those who test positive for COVID-19 who do not require hospitalization but need isolation (including those exiting from hospitals);
3. Those who have been exposed to COVID-19 who do not require hospitalization but whom warrant quarantine;
4. Other persons needing social distancing as a precautionary measure, as determined by public health officials, particularly for high risk groups such as people over 65 or with certain underlying healthy conditions (respiratory, compromised immunities, chronic disease), this may include those whose living situation makes them unable to adhere to social distancing guidance

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the parties and their mutual promises, covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth, the parties agree as follows:

Responsibilities of Parties:

- A. NCEM agrees to reimburse Organization for eligible FEMA Public Assistance non-congregate sheltering expenses specific to the COVID-19 event and related to the sheltering of above-described individuals for the first 14 days of their stay in non-congregate sheltering, or if the individual being sheltered continues to test positive, thereby creating a danger to themselves or others if released from the non-congregate sheltering program.
- B. Organization will provide coordination assistance with NCEM officers, agencies and departments to ensure open communication and cooperation with NCEM; and disseminate information to sheltered individuals, and the community at large.
- C. Organization will report their sheltering counts, costs, and other data weekly, as currently required by close of business every Friday to the NCEM Program Administrator. If Friday is recognized as a Federal or State holiday, reporting data will be required on the nearest preceding work day.

Organization will provide additional reporting or documentation, upon request as soon as reasonable.

Reporting data will include but is not limited to the following:

- Location of the Facilities in use;
- Type(s) of location;
- Maximum capacity;
- Number currently sheltered;
- Average cost per night;
- Average length of stay.

D. Organization will maintain documentation for all eligible clients and expenses, and make such documentation available upon request.

- Specific need for each individual sheltered (e.g., what eligibility category is applicable to the individual);
- Length of stay for each individual sheltered;
- Age of each individual sheltered;
- If applicable, number of meals provided for each individual sheltered;
- If applicable, number of individuals with access or functional needs sheltered;
- If applicable, number of household pets sheltered;
- If applicable, number of assistance and service animals sheltered;
- If applicable, type of shelter provided for animals as stand-alone, co-located, co-habitational;
- If applicable, other Federal non-FEMA assistance the Organization receives related to the specific activity being conducted;
- Description of services provided to sheltered individuals;
- Vendor contracts;
- Invoices with proof of payment.

E. Organization will comply with FEMA procurement requirements, as listed in Attachment A and found at 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.317 – 200.326, and follow FEMA’s guidance for Procurement Under Grants Conducted Under Exigent or Emergency Circumstances, available at

[https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-](https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-06/procurement_during_ee_circumstances_factsheet_ea_031820.pdf)

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F. When Organization pays any applicable Vendors, Organization will retain a copy of the payment method and will make available to NCEM the verification of payment within 30 days of payment being made.

- G. Organization will identify a non-congregate sheltering site at a hotel/motel, trailer, dormitory, or other FEMA approved setting and set up contractual relationship with site that dictates terms and rates. Every effort should be made that the rates not exceed the allowable state rate for rooms.
- H. Organization will assist NCEM in pandemic response and recovery by facilitating the temporary use of Organization equipment and supplies, insofar as governmental regulations, resources, and priorities allow and are requested.
- I. Organization will coordinate with NCEM for any additional assistance or resources necessary to facilitate the limited goal of this agreement in the sheltering of North Carolinians.
- J. Organization will provide or contract with vendors to provide eligible wrap-around services including food provisions/meals, laundry services, security, medicine, cleaning/disinfecting, transportation, mental health or other access needs. Case management and mental health counseling are ineligible for reimbursement.

Transportation for this Agreement shall be understood as the movement of persons to and from the shelter location from medical facilities or living locations, as well as to and from medical appointments.

It is highly recommended that Security be present at the facility. If Security is not provided, Organization will ensure that local law enforcement is aware of the sheltering location.

Organization intends to facilitate the following wrap around services through third party vendors it will bill, at cost, the expenses incurred to NCEM: (check all that apply)

- ☒ Food
- ☒ Laundry
- ☒ Security
- ☒ Medicine
- ☒ Cleaning/Disinfecting
- ☒ Transportation
- ☒ Care for those with disabilities and/or access and functional needs

- K. NCEM agrees that it will finance the cost of sheltering individuals in the jurisdiction controlled by the Organization and certain preapproved wrap around services.
- L. Organization must provide timely invoices at least bi-weekly basis to NCEM. Organization should be able to operate without receiving payment for those invoices for a period of at least thirty (30) business days after receipt.

- M. All billing and payment procedures will be clearly defined by the Non-Congregate Sheltering Facts Sheet and should be strictly adhered to.
- N. NCEM agrees that it will reimburse Organization for any bona fide expenditure of personnel required to maintain the facility, including overtime costs, upon production of verified receipts or time sheets. NCEM will not pay or reimburse Organization for any operational or administrative fees associated with use of the Facility pursuant to this Memorandum of Agreement. NCEM shall not be responsible for costs or expenditures by Organizations not directly related to sheltering activities or wrap around services conducted pursuant to this Memorandum of Agreement.
- O. NCEM agrees that it shall exercise reasonable care in the conduct of its activities and the use of Organization' property and further agrees to replace or reimburse Organization for any items, materials, equipment or supplies that may be used in the conduct of sheltering activities within the Organization jurisdiction.
- P. NCEM agrees that it will be responsible for replacing, restoring, or repairing damage caused by the use of any building, facilities or equipment belonging to Organization as a direct result of sheltering activities conducted pursuant to this Memorandum of Agreement. NCEM shall not be responsible in any way for any damages or losses to the Facility or Organization resulting in negligence of an individual or not directly resulting from sheltering activities conducted pursuant to this Memorandum of Agreement.
- Q. NCEM shall provide any and all releases of information to the press and media. Requests for interviews or information submitted to Organization shall be promptly directed to the NCEM's Public Information Officer. Despite the foregoing, requests made to Organization pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stats. Ch. 132, the Public Record Law, shall be address per the law's requirements.

Issue Elevation:

Any disputes arising out of this agreement shall be resolved in the most informal way possible for the mutual interest of all parties. Claims should be submitted to the other entity in writing for prompt resolution. Entities shall negotiate in good faith and use all reasonable efforts to resolve disputes.

Authorities:

By agreeing to the terms and conditions set forth in this Memorandum of Agreement, Organization's officers, employees, and agents are considered emergency management workers for purposes of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.60 to the extent that Organization, its officers, employees, and agents act in good faith, without willful misconduct or gross negligence, and under the direction and control of Government pursuant

to this Memorandum of Agreement. Government assumes no liability for any wrongful acts of Organization, its officers, employees, and agents arising out of performing any activities pursuant to this Memorandum of Agreement.

Nothing in this Memorandum of Agreement shall be construed to or is intended to conflict with current laws or regulations of the United States of America, the State of North Carolina, or Government. If a term of this agreement is inconsistent with such authority, then that term shall be invalid, but the remaining terms and conditions of this Memorandum of Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

This Memorandum of Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of North Carolina as well as all contract provisions listed in Attachments A: 2 C.F.R Part 200 Contract Provisions and Attachment B: State Compliance Provisions, the provisions of both Attachments are incorporated to this Agreement by reference and are binding on Organization

Amendments:

This Memorandum of Agreement may be amended when such an amendment is agreed to in writing by all Parties. The amendment will be effective on the date a copy of the amended MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT has been signed by all of the Parties.

Duration/Termination:

This Memorandum of Agreement shall become effective on **upon signing by both parties**. If either party determines that the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement will not or cannot be carried out, that entity shall immediately consult with the other entity to develop an amendment to this Agreement. If within fourteen (14) days an amendment cannot be reached, any entity may terminate the Memorandum of Agreement upon written notification to the other Party(ies).

This Memorandum of Agreement shall remain in effect for only as long as the Non-Congregate Sheltering actives continue to be approved by the Federal Government, the State of Emergency Declaration by the Governor is still in effect or for one (1) year, whichever comes first. Prior to such time, Parties may consult to reconsider the terms of this Memorandum of Agreement and extend it for another term. Any extension should be made or captured in writing. Either party, upon ten (10) days written notice to the other party, may terminate this agreement. The terms of this agreement, can be modified with the consent of both parties, and must be made in writing.

FINAL AGREEMENT

This Agreement is intended by the Parties to be the final, exclusive, and complete expression of their agreement and its terms. All prior understandings or agreements on the subject matter hereof are terminated and superseded.

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AND NOW, this _____ day of _____ 20____, the parties hereby acknowledge the foregoing as the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

NCEM

ORGANIZATION

Authorized Signature, **[Insert Title]**

Name Authorized Signature, **[Insert Title]**

Date

Date

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Program Monitoring. Property Owner agrees to assist and cooperate with the Federal grantor agency and NCEM or their duly designated representatives in the monitoring of the project or projects to which this facility usage agreement relates, and to provide in form and manner approved by NCEM such monitoring reports, progress reports, and the like as may be required and to provide such reports at the times specified.

Termination for Cause. If through any cause, Property Owner shall fail to fulfill in a timely or proper manner any obligations under this Agreement, or if Property Owner shall violate any of the covenants, agreements, or stipulations of the Contract, NCEM shall thereupon have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to Property Owner of such termination and specifying the effective date of such termination. Unless a shorter time is determined by NCEM to be necessary, NCEM shall effect termination according to the following procedure:

- a. Notice to Cure. NCEM shall give written notice of the conditions of default, setting forth the ground or grounds upon which such default is declared ("Notice to Cure"). The Property Owner shall have ten (10) days from receipt of the Notice to Cure or any longer period that is set forth in the Notice to Cure to cure the default.
- b. Notice of Termination. If the conditions set forth in the Notice to Cure are not cured within the period set forth in the Notice to Cure, NCEM may terminate the Agreement, in whole or in part. NCEM shall give the Property Owner written notice of such termination ("Notice of Termination"), specifying the applicable provision(s) under which the Agreement is terminated and the effective date of the termination.
- c. In such event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, and reports prepared by Property Owner entitle Property Owner's receipt of just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents. Notwithstanding the above, Property Owner shall not be relieved of liability to NCEM for damage sustained to NCEM by virtue of any breach of this Agreement by Property Owner. NCEM may withhold any payments to Property Owner for the purpose of set off until such time as the exact amount of damages due NCEM from Property Owner is determined.

Termination for Convenience. The Agreement may be suspended and/or terminated without liability to the State and NCEM is under no obligation to make any payments to the Property Owner. The performance of work under this Contract may be terminated by the State in accordance with this clause in whole, or from time to time in part, whenever the State shall determine that such termination is in the best interest of the State. The State will pay all reasonable costs associated with this Contract that the Contractor has incurred up to the date of termination, and all reasonable costs associated with termination of the Contract; provided, however, the Contractor shall not be reimbursed for any anticipatory profits that have not been earned up to the date of termination.

Equal Employment Opportunity. During the performance of this Agreement, the Property Owner agrees as follows:

- a. The Property Owner will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The Property Owner will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following:

Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Property Owner agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and

applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

- b. The Property Owner will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Property Owner, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.
- c. The Property Owner will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the Property Owner's legal duty to furnish information.
- d. The Property Owner will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the Property Owner's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- e. The Property Owner will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- f. The Property Owner will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
- g. In the event of the Property Owner's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the Property Owner may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
- h. The Property Owner will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor. The Property Owner will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance:

Provided, however, that in the event a Property Owner becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor as a result of such direction by the administering agency, the Property Owner may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

The Property Owner further agrees that it will be bound by the above equal opportunity clause with respect to its own employment practices when it participates in federally assisted construction work: Provided, that if the Property Owner so participating is a State or local government, the above equal opportunity clause is not applicable to any agency, instrumentality or subdivision of such government which does not participate in work on or under the contract.

The Property Owner agrees that it will assist and cooperate actively with the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor in obtaining the compliance of any vendors and subcontractors with the equal opportunity clause and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, that it will furnish the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor such information as they may require for the supervision of such compliance, and that it will otherwise assist the administering agency in the discharge of the agency's primary responsibility for securing compliance.

The Property Owner further agrees that it will refrain from entering into any contract or contract modification subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, with a Vendor debarred from, or who has not demonstrated eligibility for, Government contracts and federally assisted construction contracts pursuant to the Executive Order and will carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of the equal opportunity clause as may be imposed upon Vendors and subcontractors by the administering agency or the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Part II, Subpart D of the Executive Order. In addition, the applicant agrees that if it fails or refuses to comply with these undertakings, the administering agency may take any or all of the following actions: Cancel, terminate, or suspend in whole or in part this grant (contract, loan, insurance, guarantee); refrain from extending any further assistance to the applicant under the program with respect to which the failure or refund occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from such applicant; and refer the case to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal proceedings

Anti-Discrimination. Property Owner will comply with the following clauses: Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (PL 88-352), and the regulations issued pursuant thereto (prohibiting discrimination on the basis race, color, national origin and ensuring that individuals are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age); Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (codified as amended at 20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.) (prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex); Titles I, II, III, IV, and V of the Americans with Disability Act of 1990 (prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (codified as amended at 29 U.S.C. § 794) (prohibiting discrimination on the basis of handicap); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.) (prohibiting age discrimination); Executive Order 11063 as amended by Executive Order 2259; and Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708).

Compliance with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.

- a. Overtime requirements. No Vendor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.
- b. Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in 29 CFR §5.5(b)(1) the Property Owner and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such Property Owner and subcontractor shall be liable

to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in 29 CFR §5.5(b)(1), in the sum of \$26 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in 29 CFR §5.5(b)(1).

- c. Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. NCNCEM shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the Vendor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime Vendor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime Vendor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such Vendor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in 29 CFR §5.5(b)(2).
- d. Subcontracts. The Vendor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (b)(1) through (4) of 29 CFR §5.5 and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime Vendor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in 29 CFR §5.5(b)(2) through (4).

CLEAN AIR ACT AND THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

Clean Air Act

The Property Owner agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.

The Property Owner agrees to report each violation to NCEM and the Activating Entity and understands and agrees that NCEM and the Activating Entity will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

The Property Owner agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.

Federal Water Pollution Control Act

The Property Owner agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.

The Property Owner agrees to report each violation to NCEM and the Activating Entity and understands and agrees that NCEM and the Activating Entity will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

The Property Owner agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.

Debarment and Suspension

- a. This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such, the Property Owner is required to verify that none of the Property Owner's principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995) or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).
- b. The Property Owner must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.
- c. This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by NCEM and any Activating Entity. If it is later determined that the Property Owner did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to NCEM and any Activating Entity, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.
- d. The Property Owner agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The Property Owner or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352) (as Amended)

Property Owner s who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient who in turn will forward the certification(s) to the awarding agency.

Required Certification. If applicable, Property Owner s must sign and submit to the NCEM the certification. See final page.

Procurement of Recovered Materials

- a. In the performance of this contract, the Property Owner shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired—
 - Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
 - Meeting contract performance requirements; or
 - At a reasonable price.
- b. Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA designated items, is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, <https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program>.
- c. The Property Owner also agrees to comply with all other applicable requirements of Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act."

Women and Minority Owned Businesses. 2 C.F.R. § 200.321 requires that all necessary affirmative steps are taken by the State and Property Owner to assure that minority and women's businesses are used when possible, and N.C. Gen. Stat. 143-128.2 establishes a ten percent (10%) goal for participation by minority and women owned businesses in total value of work performed for the State.

Access to Records. The following access to records requirements apply to this contract:

- a. The Property Owner agrees to provide NCEM, the FEMA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives, and the Activating Entity access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Property Owner which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.
- b. The Property Owner agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.
- c. The Property Owner agrees to provide the FEMA Administrator or his authorized representative access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract.
- d. In compliance with the Disaster Recovery Act of 2018, NCEM, the Activating Entity, and the Property Owner acknowledge and agree that no language in this contract is intended to prohibit audits or internal reviews by the FEMA Administrator or the Comptroller General of the United States.
- e. Property Owner agrees to allow the departments and agencies of the State of North Carolina, FEMA, the Comptroller General of the United States, and any of their duly authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers, and records of Property Owner which are directly pertinent to the contract for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions

Records Retention. All records required to be kept on the project shall be maintained for at least five (5) years after final payments and until all other pending matters under the grant for this project have been closed. However, if any audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this project is commenced before the end of the five (5) year period, the records shall be retained for one (1) year after all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved or until the end of the five (5) year period, whichever is later.

Energy Efficiency. All participants in the projects funded hereby shall recognize mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency, which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (PL 94-163).

Personnel. Property Owner represents that it has, or will secure at its own expense, all personnel required in performing the work under this Contract. Such personnel shall not be employees of or have any contractual relationship with State, NCEM, or Activating Entity. All of the work required hereunder will be performed by Property Owner or under its supervision, and all personnel engaged in the work shall be fully qualified and shall be authorized or permitted under State and local law to perform such work. No person who is serving a sentence in penal or correctional institution shall be employed to work under this Contract.

Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts. Property Owner acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chapter 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to its actions pertaining to the Contract.

No Obligation by Federal Government. The Federal Government is not a party to this contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, Property Owner, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.

Compliance with Federal Law, Regulations, and Executive Orders. This is an acknowledgement that FEMA financial assistance will be used to fund all or a portion of the contract. The Property Owner will comply with all applicable Federal law, regulations, executive orders, FEMA policies, procedures, and directives.

DHS, Seal, Logo, and Flags. The Property Owner shall not use the DHS seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials without specific FEMA pre-approval.

If applicable, contractors must sign and submit to the non-federal entity the following certification.

APPENDIX A, 44 C.F.R. PART 18 – CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements (To be submitted with each bid or offer exceeding \$100,000)

The undersigned [Contractor] certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge, 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 an 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 subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, 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 31, U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995). 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.

The Contractor, _____, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. § 3801 *et seq.*, apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

Date

Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

Date

Attachment B: State Compliance Provisions

1. **Non-Governmental Entities:** Non-governmental entities (not-for-profit and for-profit entities) must adhere to N.C. Gen. Stat §143C-6-22.
2. **Compliance:** The ORGANIZATION shall be wholly responsible for the supervision of its employees and assistants. The ORGANIZATION shall be responsible for compliance with all laws, ordinances, codes, rules, regulations, licensing requirements and other regulatory matters that are applicable to the conduct of its business and purchase requirements performed under this Agreement, including those of federal, state, and local agencies having jurisdiction and/or authority.

The ORGANIZATION acknowledges and agrees that, in its conduct under this Contract and in connection with any and all expenditures of grant funds made by it, it shall comply with the cost principles enunciated in the Code of Federal Regulations, 2 CFR Part 200. The ORGANIZATION further acknowledges and agrees that, if it grants any of the grant funds awarded hereunder to one or more sub-recipients or sub-sub-recipients, the ORGANIZATION shall, by contract, ensure that said cost principles are made applicable to and binding upon any and all such sub-recipients, sub-sub-recipients, etc. in their handling, use and expenditure of the funds awarded to the ORGANIZATION hereunder.

3. **Historically Underutilized Businesses:** If ORGANIZATION is a private, nonprofit corporation other than an institution of higher education or a hospital that receives an appropriation of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) or more during a fiscal year from the General Assembly, it shall comply with North Carolina General Statute 143-48 and report to the North Carolina Department of Administration annually on what percentage of its contract purchases of goods and services, through term contracts and open-market contracts, were from minority-owned businesses, what percentage from female-owned businesses, what percentage from disabled-owned businesses, what percentage from disabled business enterprises and what percentage from nonprofit work centers for the blind and the severely disabled. Reporting on contract purchases of goods and services will be submitted to the North Carolina Department of Administration's Office for Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) using the NC Interactive Purchasing System's HUB reporting system. Contact the HUB Office at 919-807-2330 or huboffice.doa@doa.nc.gov for instructions and to gain access to the NC Interactive Purchasing System's HUB reporting system.
4. **Sanctions for Non-Compliance.** The applicant ORGANIZATION agrees that if it fails or refuses to comply with any provisions and assurances in this contract, the NCEM may take any or all of the following actions:
 - (a) Cancel, terminate, or suspend this contract in whole or in part;
 - (b) Withhold funding to the ORGANIZATION until satisfactory compliance has been attained by the ORGANIZATION;
 - (c) Refrain from extending any further funding to the ORGANIZATION under this contract with respect to which the failure or refusal occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from the ORGANIZATION;
 - (d) Refer the case for appropriate legal proceedings.

5. **Project Costs.** It is understood and agreed that the work conducted pursuant to this contract shall be done on an actual cost basis by the ORGANIZATION. The amount of funding from the NCEM shall not exceed the estimated funds budgeted in the approved contract. The ORGANIZATION shall initiate and prosecute to completion all actions necessary to enable the ORGANIZATION to provide its share of the project costs at or prior to the conclusion of the project. All unexpended grant funds shall be remitted to the NCEM within thirty (30) days of the project completion date. The ORGANIZATION must have an adequate accounting system to identify costs chargeable to the project. The ORGANIZATION agrees that funds paid through this Agreement shall be accounted for in a separate fund and accounting structure within the ORGANIZATION's central accounting and grant management system. The ORGANIZATION agrees to manage all accounts payable disbursements, check register disbursements and related transactions in a detailed manner that supports fully transparent accounting of all financial transactions associated with this funding allocations described above. If eligible, the ORGANIZATION and all subrecipients shall: (a) ask the North Carolina Department of Revenue for a refund of all sales and use taxes paid by them in the performance of this Agreement, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 105-164.14; and (b) exclude all refundable sales and use taxes from all reportable expenditures before the expenses are entered in their quarterly project status reports.
6. **Project Directors and Notices.** The Project Director, as specified on the signature page of this Agreement, must be an employee of the ORGANIZATION or the ORGANIZATION's governing body. Any notice required or permitted under this Agreement shall be delivered to the ORGANIZATION's Project Director or NCEM Authorizing Official. Notice may be given to the ORGANIZATION's Project Director or NCEM Authorizing Official by mail, first-class postage prepaid, or by facsimile transmittal or by electronic mail with the original to follow by first-class mail. Either party may change the name, address, telephone number, fax number or email address of its Project Director or NCEM Authorizing Official by giving timely written notice to the other party.
7. **Records Access and Retention.** The ORGANIZATION shall provide all information and reports required by the regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto, and shall permit access to its persons, books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the NCEM, or the State to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such regulations, orders and instructions. Furthermore, the ORGANIZATION shall maintain such materials during the contract period, and for five (5) years from the date of final payment from the NCEM or until all audit exceptions have been resolved, for such inspection and audit or until litigation has concluded, whichever is longer. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §147-64.7, the NCEM, the State Auditor, appropriate federal officials, and their respective authorized employees or agents are authorized to examine all books, records, and accounts of the ORGANIZATION insofar as they relate to transactions with any board, officer, commission, institution, or other agency of the State of North Carolina pursuant to the performance of this Agreement or to costs charged to this Agreement.
8. **E-Verify requirements.** If this contract is subject to N.C. Gen. Stat. §143-133.3, the contractor and its subcontractors shall comply with the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the General Statutes.
9. **Certification of Eligibility Under the Iran Divestment Act.** Pursuant to G.S. 147-86.59, any person identified as engaging in investment activities in Iran, determined by appearing on the Final Divestment List created by the State Treasurer pursuant to G.S. 147-86.58, is ineligible to

contract with the State of North Carolina or any political subdivision of the State. The Iran Divestment Act of 2015, G.S. 147-55 et seq. requires that each ORGANIZATION, prior to contracting with the State certify, and the undersigned ORGANIZATION Authorizing Official on behalf of the Agency does hereby certify, to the following:

- (a) that the ORGANIZATION is not now and was not at the time of the execution of the Contract dated below identified on the Final Divestment List of entities that the State Treasurer has determined engages in investment activities in Iran;
- (b) that the ORGANIZATION shall not utilize on any contract with the State agency any subcontractor that is identified on the Final Divestment List; and
- (c) that the undersigned ORGANIZATION Authorizing Official is authorized by the ORGANIZATION to make this Certification.

10. **Regulation:** The funds awarded under this Agreement must be used in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws governing their use including but may not be limited to, N.C. Gen. Stat. 143C-6-21, 143C-6-22, 143C-6-23, and 09 NCAC 03M (Notice of Certain Reporting and Audit Requirements), Chapter 166 of the North Carolina General Statutes at N.C. Gen. Stat. 166A-1 et. seq., The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act), 42 U.S.C. §5121 et. seq., 44 CFR Parts 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 17, 18, 25, 60, 206, 209, 220, 221, 2 CFR 200, Appendix II to Part 200 "Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards", and applicable HUD regulations, policies, and guidance if CDBG-DR funds are used under this Contract. By accepting this payment, the below official agrees to use these funds in a manner consistent with state laws and regulations.
11. **Taxes:** disburse The ORGANIZATION shall be responsible for all taxes. The ORGANIZATION shall complete, execute, notarize and return the "State Grant Certification – No Overdue Tax Debts" form. The ORGANIZATION shall complete and return the "Substitute W-9 Form Request for Taxpayer Identification Number" form. The ORGANIZATION agrees that failure to provide NCEM with a correct taxpayer identification number authorizes NCEM to withhold any amount due and payable under this Agreement.
12. **Antitrust Laws:** This Agreement is entered into in compliance with all State and Federal antitrust laws.
13. **Conflict of Interest:** Notarized Policy addressing conflicts of interest: The ORGANIZATION shall file with NCEM a copy of the ORGANIZATION'S policy addressing conflicts of interest that may arise involving NCEM'S management employees and the members of its board of directors or other governing body. The policy shall address situations in which any of these individuals may directly or indirectly benefit, except as ORGANIZATION'S employees or members of its board or other governing body, from ORGANIZATION'S disbursing of State funds and shall include actions to be taken by ORGANIZATION or the individual, or both to avoid conflicts of interest and the appearance of impropriety. Additionally, the ORGANIZATION certifies that, as of the date it executes this Contract, no such individuals have such a conflict of interest or will directly or indirectly benefit, except in the capacities described above, from the grant or project. Throughout the duration of this Contract, the ORGANIZATION has the duty to promptly inform NCEM of any such conflict of interest or direct or indirect benefit of which it becomes aware. The policy shall be filed before NCEM may disburse the grant funds.