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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
And the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

Your Excellency and Members of the Council:

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Justice to enter into a subgrant with the New Hampshire Department of Safety (DOS), Concord NH (Vendor #311206-B001), in an amount not to exceed \$415,602, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP), for the purpose of upgrading software that supports the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) and to upgrade software that validates submission entries into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval through September 30, 2023. 100% Federal Funds.

Funding is available as follows:

02-20-20-201510-3426	<u>FY 2023</u>
NCHIP	
085-588523, Interagency Trans. out of Federal Funds	\$415,602

EXPLANATION

The Department of Justice requests authorization to subgrant funds to the Department of Safety from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP). The goal of this federal grant is to improve and enhance criminal history record information for improved security.

This subgrant will fund two projects for the Department of Safety. The first project involves upgrading the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS). The State

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of New Hampshire NICS was implemented in 1998. From that time, the State has been a partial point of contact (POC) for the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI)/NICS check involving all handguns commercially sold within the state. To maintain functionality as a POC, the Department of Safety must replace an antiquated and failing software application designed to directly support the FBI/NICS background check process. Should this system fail, the State will no longer have the capability to operate as a POC.

The second project is to upgrade validation software for the National Crime Information Center (NCIC). Currently, the validation process of NCIC data is manual. This validation can exceed 1,000 pages in data. In 2018, the State received a non-compliant finding in a NCIC audit for failing to validate NCIC entries submitted by multiple agencies within the proper timeframe. Failure to validate data in a timely manner can result in lost or delayed information resulting in a negative impact to public safety. The Department of Safety will use grant funds to update its validation software to allow agencies to validate their own records in a timely manner in compliance with constitutional and statutory obligations.

In the event that federal funds are no longer available, general funds will not be requested to support this program.

Please let me know if you have any questions concerning this request. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attorney General

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State of New Hampshire
Interagency Memorandum of Understanding

Whereas, the New Hampshire Department of Justice (DOJ) is a duly constituted agency of the State of New Hampshire;

Whereas, the New Hampshire Department of Safety (DOS) is a duly constituted agency of the State of New Hampshire;

Whereas, DOJ is responsible for providing funding through a subgrant to DOS as herein described;

Whereas, DOJ desires to enter into a subgrant with DOS for a term from Governor and Council approval through 09/30/2023 in an amount not to exceed \$415,602.00;

Whereas, DOS is responsible for adhering to all conditions as set forth in the federal financial rules and all applicable state rules and regulations of procurement;

Whereas, DOS desires to upgrade software that supports the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) and purchase software that validates submission entries into the National Crime Information Center.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties enter into this Memorandum of Understanding to their mutual benefit, the benefit of the State and in furtherance of constitutional or statutory authority and objectives.

1. DOJ agrees to pay DOS the amount of \$415,602.00 for the purposes described in the attached MOU Exhibit A, which is hereby incorporated by reference. Payment shall be provided from 020-20-20-201510-3426-085-588523.
2. DOS agrees to carry out the services described in the attached MOU Exhibit B, which is hereby incorporated by reference.
3. The method of payment and payment amount for the above-referenced services, if any is required, is described in the attached MOU Exhibit C, such exhibit being hereby incorporated by reference.
4. All obligations hereunder are contingent upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds. The agencies shall not be required to transfer funds from any other account in the event that funds are reduced or unavailable.
5. The Memorandum of Understanding is effective until 9/30/2023.
6. This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by an instrument in writing signed by both parties. Either party may terminate this agreement by providing written notice to the other party at least 30 days prior to termination.

7. The parties agree that the obligations, agreements and promises made under this Memorandum of Understanding are not intended to be legally binding on the parties and are not legally enforceable.
8. Disputes arising under this Memorandum of Understanding which cannot be resolved between the agencies shall be referred to the Department of Justice, Civil Bureau, for review and resolution.
9. This agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire.
10. The parties hereto do not intend to benefit any third parties and this Memorandum of Understanding shall not be construed to confer any such benefit.
11. In the event any of the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding are held to be contrary to any state or federal law, the remaining provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding will remain in full force and effect.
12. This Memorandum of Understanding, which may be executed in a number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, constitutes the entire Memorandum of Understanding and understandings between the parties, and supersedes all prior Memoranda of Understanding and understandings related hereto.
13. Nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of sovereign immunity, such immunity being hereby specifically preserved.
14. **For DOJ, Department of Justice:**

Kathleen Carr

Kathleen Carr, Director of Administration

09/15/2022

Date:

15. **For Subrecipient, Department of Safety**

Robert L. Quinn

Robert L. Quinn, Commissioner

Date:

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16. **Approved by the Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution)**

Takmina Rakhmatova

Attorney

Date:

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EXHIBIT A

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. Requirements of the award; remedies for non-compliance or for materially false statements

The conditions of this award are material requirements of the award. Compliance with any assurances or certifications submitted by or on behalf of the recipient that relate to conduct during the period of performance also is a material requirement of this award. By signing and accepting this award on behalf of the recipient, the authorized recipient official accepts all material requirements of the award, and specifically adopts all such assurances or certifications as if personally executed by the authorized recipient official.

Limited Exceptions: In certain special circumstances, the U.S. Department of Justice ("DOJ") may determine that it will not enforce, or enforce only in part, one or more requirements otherwise applicable to the award. Any such exceptions regarding enforcement, including any such exceptions made during the period of performance, are (or will be during the period of performance) set out through the Office of Justice Programs ("OJP") webpage entitled "Legal Notices: Special circumstances as to particular award conditions" (ojp.gov/funding/Explore/LegalNotices-AwardReqs.htm), and incorporated by reference into the award.

By signing and accepting this award on behalf of the recipient, the authorized recipient official accepts all material requirements of the award, and specifically adopts, as if personally executed by the authorized recipient official, all assurances or certifications submitted by or on behalf of the recipient that relate to conduct during the period of performance.

Failure to comply with any one or more of these award requirements -- whether a condition set out in full below, a condition incorporated by reference below, or an assurance or certification related to conduct during the award period -- may result in the Office of Justice Programs ("OJP") taking appropriate action with respect to the recipient and the award. Among other things, the OJP may withhold award funds, disallow costs, or suspend or terminate the award. The U.S. Department of Justice ("DOJ"), including OJP, also may take other legal action as appropriate.

Any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement to the federal government related to this award (or concealment or omission of a material fact) may be the subject of criminal prosecution (including under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and/or 1621, and/or 34 U.S.C. 10271, 10273); and also may lead to imposition of civil penalties and administrative remedies for false claims or otherwise (including under 31 U.S.C.

Should any provision of a requirement of this award be held to be invalid or unenforceable by its terms, that provision shall first be applied with a limited construction so as to give it the maximum effect permitted by law. Should it be held, instead, that the provision is utterly invalid or unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed severable from this award.

2. Applicability of Part 200 Uniform Requirements

The Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, as adopted and supplemented by DOJ in 2 C.F.R. Part 2800 (together, the "Part 200 Uniform Requirements") apply to this FY 2019 award from OJP.

The Part 200 Uniform Requirements were first adopted by DOJ on December 26, 2014. If this FY 2019 award supplements funds previously awarded by OJP under the same award number (e.g., funds awarded during or before December 2014), the Part 200 Uniform Requirements apply with respect to all funds under that award number (regardless of the award date, and regardless of whether derived from the initial award or a supplemental award) that are obligated on or after the acceptance date of this FY 2019 award.

For more information and resources on the Part 200 Uniform Requirements as they relate to OJP awards and subawards ("subgrants"), see the OJP website at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Part200UniformRequirements.htm>.

Record retention and access: Records pertinent to the award that the any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier) must retain -- typically for a period of 3 years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report (SF 425), unless a different retention period applies -- and to which any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier) must provide access, include performance measurement information, in addition to the financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and other pertinent records indicated at 2 C.F.R. 200.333.

In the event that an award-related question arises from documents or other materials prepared or distributed by OJP that may appear to conflict with, or differ in some way from, the provisions of the Part 200 Uniform Requirements, the recipient is to contact OJP promptly for clarification.

3. Compliance with DOJ Financial Guide

References to the DOJ Grants Financial Guide are to the DOJ Grants Financial Guide as posted on the OJP website (currently, the "DOJ Grants Financial Guide" available

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at <https://ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/index.htm>), including any updated version that may be posted during the period of performance. The subrecipient agrees to comply with the DOJ Grants Financial Guide.

4. **Reclassification of various statutory provisions to a new Title 34 of the United States Code**

On September 1, 2017, various statutory provisions previously codified elsewhere in the U.S. Code were editorially reclassified to a new Title 34, entitled "Crime Control and Law Enforcement." The reclassification encompassed a number of statutory provisions pertinent to OJP awards (that is, OJP grants and cooperative agreements), including many provisions previously codified in Title 42 of the U.S. Code.

Effective as of September 1, 2017, any reference in this award document to a statutory provision that has been reclassified to the new Title 34 of the U.S. Code is to be read as a reference to that statutory provision as reclassified to Title 34. This rule of construction specifically includes references set out in award conditions, references set out in material incorporated by reference through award conditions, and references set out in other award requirements.

5. **Requirements related to "de minimis" indirect cost rate**

A subrecipient that is eligible under the Part 200 Uniform Requirements and other applicable law to use the "de minimis" indirect cost rate described in 2 C.F.R. 200.414(1), and that elects to use the "de minimis" indirect cost rate, must advise OJP in writing of both its eligibility and its election, and must comply with all associated requirements in the Part 200 Uniform Requirements. The "de minimis" rate may be applied only to modified total direct costs (MTDC) as defined by the Part 200 Uniform Requirements.

6. **Requirements related to System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements**

The subrecipient must comply with applicable requirements regarding the System for Award Management (SAM), currently accessible at <https://www.sam.gov/>. This includes applicable requirements regarding registration with SAM, as well as maintaining the currency of information in SAM.

The subrecipient also must comply with applicable restrictions on subawards ("subgrants") to first-tier subrecipients (first-tier "subgrantees"), including restrictions on subawards to entities that do not acquire and provide (to the subrecipient) the unique entity identifier required for SAM registration.

The details of the subrecipient's obligations related to SAM and to unique entity identifiers are posted on the OJP web site at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/SAM.htm> (Award condition: System for Award Management (SAM) and Universal Identifier Requirements), and are incorporated by reference here.

This condition does not apply to an award to an individual who received the award as a natural person (i.e., unrelated to any business or non-profit organization that he or she may own or operate in his or her name):

7. Employment eligibility verification for hiring under the award.
 1. The subrecipient (and any subrecipient at any tier) must—
 - A. Ensure that, as part of the hiring process for any position within the United States that is or will be funded (in whole or in part) with award funds, the any subrecipient properly verifies the employment eligibility of the individual who is being hired, consistent with the provisions of 8 U.S.C. 1324a(a)(1) and (2).
 - B. Notify all persons associated with any subrecipient who are or will be involved in activities under this award of both--
 1. this award requirement for verification of employment eligibility, and
 2. the associated provisions in 8 U.S.C. 1324a(a)(1) and (2) that, generally speaking, make it unlawful, in the United States, to hire (or recruit for employment) certain aliens.
 - C. Provide training (to the extent necessary) to those persons required by this condition to be notified of the award requirement for employment eligibility verification and of the associated provisions of 8 U.S.C. 1324a(a)(1) and (2).
 - D. As part of the recordkeeping for the award (including pursuant to the Part 200 Uniform Requirements), maintain records of all employment eligibility verifications pertinent to compliance with this award condition in accordance with Form 1-9 record retention requirements, as well as records of all pertinent notifications and trainings.
 2. Monitoring
The recipient's monitoring responsibilities include monitoring of subrecipient compliance with this condition.
 3. Allowable costs
To the extent that such costs are not reimbursed under any other federal program, award funds may be obligated for the reasonable, necessary, and allocable costs (if any) of actions designed to ensure compliance with this

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condition.

4. Rules of construction

A. Staff involved in hiring process

For purposes of this condition, persons "who are or will be involved in activities under this award" specifically includes (without limitation) any and any subrecipient officials or other staff who are or will be involved in the hiring process with respect to a position that is or will be funded (in whole or in part) with award funds.

B. Employment eligibility confirmation with E-verify

For purpose of satisfying the requirement of this condition regarding verification of employment eligibility, any subrecipient may choose to participate in, and use, E-Verify (www.e-verify.gov), provided an appropriate person authorized to act on behalf of the subrecipient uses E-Verify (and follows the proper E-Verify procedures, including in the event of a "Tentative Nonconfirmation" or a "Final Nonconfirmation") to confirm employment eligibility for each hiring for a position in the United States that is or will be funded (in whole or in part) with award funds.

C. "United States" specifically includes the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands of the United States, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

D. Nothing in this condition shall be understood to authorize or require any subrecipient at any tier, or any person or other entity, to violate any federal law, including any applicable civil rights or nondiscrimination law.

E. Nothing in this condition, including in paragraph 4.B., shall be understood to relieve any subrecipient at any tier, or any person or other entity, of any obligation otherwise imposed by law, including 8 U.S.C. 1324a(a)(1) and (2).

Questions about E-Verify should be directed to DHS. For more information about E-Verify visit the E-Verify website (<https://www.e-verify.gov/>) or email E-Verify at E-Verify@dhs.gov. E-Verify employer agents can email E-Verify at E-VerifyEmployerAgent@dhs.gov.

Questions about the meaning or scope of this condition should be directed to OJP, before award acceptance.

8. Requirement to report actual or imminent breach of personally identifiable information (PII)

Any "subrecipient" at any tier must have written procedures in place to respond in the event of an actual or imminent "breach" (OMB M-17-12) if it (or a subrecipient)- (1) creates, collects, uses, processes, stores, maintains, disseminates, discloses, or disposes of "personally identifiable information (PII)" (2 CFR 200.79) within the scope of an OJP grant-funded program or activity, or (2) uses or operates a "Federal information system" (OMB Circular A-130). The recipient's breach procedures must include a requirement to report actual or imminent breach of PII to an OJP Program Manager no later than 24 hours after an occurrence of an actual breach, or the detection of an imminent breach.

9. All subawards ("subgrants") must have specific federal authorization

Any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable requirements for authorization of any subaward. This condition applies to agreements that -- for purposes of federal grants administrative requirements -- OJP considers a "subaward" (and therefore does not consider a procurement "contract").

The details of the requirement for authorization of any subaward are posted on the OJP web site at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/SubawardAuthorization.htm> (Award condition: All subawards ("subgrants") must have specific federal authorization), and are incorporated by reference here.

10. Specific post-award approval required to use a noncompetitive approach in any procurement contract that would exceed \$250,000.

The subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable requirements to obtain specific advance approval to use a noncompetitive approach in any procurement contract that would exceed the Simplified Acquisition Threshold (currently, \$250,000). This condition applies to agreements that -- for purposes of federal grants administrative requirements -- OJP considers a "procurement contract" (and therefore does not consider a subaward).

The details of the requirement for advance approval to use a noncompetitive approach in a procurement contract under an OJP award are posted on the OJP web site at <http://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/NoncompetitiveProcurement.htm> (Award condition: Specific post-award approval required to use a noncompetitive approach in a procurement contract (if contract would exceed \$250,000)), and are incorporated by reference here.

11. Compliance with applicable rules regarding approval, planning, and reporting of conferences, meetings, trainings, and other events.

Any subrecipient (subgrantee) at any tier, must comply with all applicable laws, regulations, policies, and official DOJ guidance (including specific cost limits, prior approval and reporting requirements, where applicable) governing the use of federal

funds for expenses related to conferences (as that term is defined by DOJ), including the provision of food and/or beverages at such conferences, and costs of attendance at such conferences.

Information on the pertinent DOJ definition of conferences and the rules applicable to this award appears in the DOJ Grants Financial Guide (currently, as section 3.10 of "Post-award Requirements" in the "DOJ Grants Financial Guide").

12. Requirement for data on performance and effectiveness under the award

The subrecipient must collect and maintain data that measure the performance and effectiveness of activities under this award. The data must be provided to OJP in the manner (including within the timeframes) specified by OJP in the program solicitation or other applicable written guidance. Data collection supports compliance with the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) and the GPRA Modernization Act of 2010, and other applicable laws.

13. OJP Training Guiding Principles

Any training or training materials that any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier -- develops or delivers with OJP award funds must adhere to the OJP Training Guiding Principles for Grantees and Subrecipient, available at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Implement/TrainingPrinciplesForGrantees-Subgrantees.htm>

14. Compliance with DOJ regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination -- 28 C.F.R. Part 42

Any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 42, specifically including any applicable requirements in subpart E of 28 C.F.R. Part 42 that relate to an equal employment opportunity program.

15. Compliance with DOJ regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination -- 28 C.F.R. Part 54

Any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 54, which relates to nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in certain education programs.

16. Compliance with DOJ regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination -- 28 C.F.R. Part 38

Any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 38 (as may be applicable from time to time)

specifically, including any applicable requirements regarding written notice to program beneficiaries and prospective program beneficiaries.

Currently, among other things, 28 C.F.R. Part 38 includes rules that prohibit specific forms of discrimination on the basis of religion, a religious belief, a refusal to hold a religious belief, or refusal to attend or participate in a religious practice. Part 38, currently, also sets out rules and requirements that pertain to subrecipient ("subgrantee") organizations that engage in or conduct explicitly religious activities, as well as rules and requirements that pertain to recipients and subrecipients that are faith-based or religious organizations.

The text of 28 C.F.R. Part 38 is available via the Electronic Code of Federal Regulations (currently accessible at <https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/ECFR?page=browse>), by browsing to Title 28-Judicial Administration,

Chapter I, Part 38, under e-CFR "current" data.

17. Restrictions on "lobbying"

In general, as a matter of federal law, federal funds awarded by OJP may not be used by the subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, either directly or indirectly, to support or oppose the enactment, repeal, modification, or adoption of any law, regulation, or policy, at any level of government. See 18 U.S.C. 1913. (There may be exceptions if an applicable federal statute specifically authorizes certain activities that otherwise would be barred by law.)

Another federal law generally prohibits funds awarded by OJP from being used by any subrecipient at any tier, to pay any person to influence (or attempt to influence) a federal agency, a Member of Congress, or Congress (or an official or employee of any of them) with respect to the awarding of federal grant or cooperative agreement, subgrant, contract, subcontract, or loan with respect to actions such as renewing, extending, or modifying any such award. See 31 U.S.C. 1352. Certain exceptions to this law, including exception that applies to Indian tribes and tribal organizations.

Should any questions arise to whether a particular use of funds by a subrecipient would or might fall within the scope of these prohibitions, the recipient is to contact OJP for guidance, and may not proceed without the express prior written approval of OJP.

18. Compliance with general appropriations-law restrictions on the use of federal funds (FY 2020). Any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable restrictions on the use of federal funds set out in federal appropriations statutes. Pertinent restrictions that may be set out in applicable appropriations acts are indicated at

<https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/FY20AppropriationsRestrictions.htm>, and are

incorporated by reference here.

Should a question arise as to whether a particular use of federal funds by a subrecipient would or might fall within the scope of an appropriations-law restriction, the recipient is to contact OJP for guidance, and may not proceed without the express prior written approval of OJP.

19. Reporting potential fraud, waste and abuse and similar misconduct.

Any subrecipients ("subgrantees") must promptly refer to the DOJ Office of the Inspector General (OIG) any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, subrecipient, contractor, subcontractor, or other person has, in connection with funds under this award -- (1) submitted a claim that violates the False Claims Act; or (2) committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct.

Potential fraud, waste, abuse, or misconduct involving or relating to funds under this award should be reported to the OIG by--(1) online submission accessible via the OIG webpage at <https://oig.justice.gov/hotline/contact-grants.htm> (select "Submit Report Online"); (2) mail directed to: Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Justice, Investigations Division, 1425 New York Avenue, N.W. Suite 7100, Washington, DC 20530; and/or (3) by facsimile directed to the DOJ OIG Fraud Detection Office (Attn: Grantee Reporting) at (202) 616-9881 (fax).

Additional information is available from the DOJ OIG website at <https://oig.justice.gov/hotline>.

20. Restrictions and certifications regarding non-disclosure agreements and related matters.

No subrecipient ("subgrantee") under this award, or entity that receives a procurement contract or subcontract with any funds under this award, may require any employee or contractor to sign an internal confidentiality agreement or statement that prohibits or otherwise restricts, or purports to prohibit or restrict, the reporting (in accordance with law) of waste, fraud, or abuse to an investigative or law enforcement representative of a federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

The foregoing is not intended, and shall not be understood by the agency making this award, to contravene requirements applicable to Standard Form 312 (which relates to classified information), Form 4414 (which relates to sensitive compartmented information), or any other form issued by a federal department or agency governing the nondisclosure of classified information.

a. In accepting this award, the subrecipient—

- i. represents that it neither requires nor has required internal confidentiality agreements or statements from employees or contractors that currently prohibit or otherwise currently restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict) employees or contractors from reporting waste, fraud, or abuse as described above; and
 - ii. certifies that, if it learns or is notified that it is or has been requiring its employees or contractors to execute agreements or statements that prohibit or otherwise restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict), reporting of waste, fraud, or abuse as described above, it will immediately stop any further obligations of award funds, will provide prompt written notification to the federal agency making this award, and will resume (or permit resumption of) such obligations only if expressly authorized to do so by that agency.
- b. If the subrecipient does or is authorized under this award to make subawards ("subgrants"), procurement contracts, or both:
- i. it represents that— it has determined that no other entity that the subrecipient's application proposes may or will receive award funds (whether through a subaward ("subgrant"), procurement contract, or subcontract under a procurement contract) either requires or has required internal confidentiality agreements or statements from employees or contractors that currently prohibit or otherwise currently restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict) employees or contractors from reporting waste, fraud, or abuse as described above; and
 - ii. it has made appropriate inquiry, or otherwise has an adequate factual basis, to support this representation; and
- c. it certifies that, if it learns or is notified that any subrecipient, contractor, or subcontractor entity that receives funds under this award is or has been requiring its employees or contractors to execute agreements or statements that prohibit or otherwise restrict (or purport to prohibit or restrict), reporting of waste, fraud, or abuse as described above, it will immediately stop any further obligations of award funds to or by that entity, will provide prompt written notification to the federal agency making this award; and will resume (or permit resumption of) such obligations only if expressly authorized to do so by that agency.

21. Compliance with 41 U.S.C. 4712 (including prohibitions on reprisal; notice to employees)

The subrecipient at any tier must comply with, and is subject to, all applicable provisions of 41 U.S.C. 4712, including all applicable provisions that prohibit, under specified circumstances, discrimination against an employee as reprisal for the

employee's disclosure of information related to gross mismanagement of a federal grant, a gross waste of federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a federal grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a federal grant.

The subrecipient also must inform its employees, in writing (and in the predominant native language of the workforce), of employee rights and remedies under 41 U.S.C. 4712.

Should a question arise as to the applicability of the provisions of 41 U.S.C. 4712 to this award, the recipient is to contact the DOJ awarding agency (OJP or OVW, as appropriate) for guidance.

22. Encouragement of policies to ban text messaging while driving

Pursuant to Executive Order 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving," 74 Fed. Reg. 51225 (October 1, 2009), DOJ encourages subrecipients ("subgrantees") to adopt and enforce policies banning employees from text messaging while driving any vehicle during the course of performing work funded by this award, and to establish workplace safety policies and conduct education, awareness, and other outreach to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers.

23. Requirement to disclose whether subrecipient is designated "high risk" by a federal grant-

making agency outside of DOJ If the subrecipient is designated "high risk" by a federal grant-making agency outside of DOJ, currently or at any time during the course of the period of performance under this award, the subrecipient must disclose that fact and certain related information to OJP by email at OJP.ComplianceReporting@ojp.usdoj.gov.

For purposes of this disclosure, high risk includes any status under which a federal awarding agency provides additional oversight due to the recipient's past performance, or other programmatic or financial concerns with the recipient. The recipient's disclosure must include the following: 1. The federal awarding agency that currently designates the recipient high risk, 2. The date the recipient was designated high risk, 3. The high-risk point of contact at that federal awarding agency (name, phone number, and email address), and 4. The reasons for the high-risk status, as set out by the federal awarding agency.

24. Subrecipient agrees that AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System) equipment purchased under this award will conform to the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Standard, "Data Format for the Interchange of Fingerprint, Facial & Other

Biometric Information" (ANSI/NIST-ITL 1-2007 PART 1) and other reporting standards of the FBI.

25. This NCHIP/NARIP related project is to be funded as a cooperative agreement. The basis for using a cooperative agreement is the substantial involvement of the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) in providing information, guidance, and direction relative to criminal history records improvements within the states. BJS will exercise general approval over the entire project. In addition, the substantial involvement of BJS will include, but not be limited to:

- a. Determining the types of criminal history record information that will be useful to Federal, state, and local agencies.
- b. Identifying Federal information reporting standards and guidelines and making them available to the recipient or providing access to them.
- c. Providing technical assistance to the recipient to enhance state criminal history records, identify convicted felons, and improve the quality and timeliness of criminal history information.
- d. Informing the recipient of the status of Federal program requirements, specifications, and funding levels.
- e. Requesting and obtaining statistical data as needed to monitor and assess performance with respect to criminal records improvement goals.

26. Unreasonable restrictions on competition under the award; association with federal government.

SCOPE. This condition applies with respect to any procurement of property or services that is funded (in whole or in part) by this award, whether by any subrecipient at any tier, and regardless of the dollar amount of the purchase or acquisition, the method of procurement, or the nature of any legal instrument used. The provisions of this condition must be among those included in any subaward (at any tier).

1. No discrimination, in procurement transactions, against associates of the federal government

Consistent with the (DOJ) Part 200 Uniform Requirements -- including as set out at 2 C.F.R. 200.300 (requiring awards to be "manage[d] and administer[ed] in a manner so as to ensure that Federal funding is expended and associated programs are implemented in full accordance with U.S. statutory and public policy requirements") and 200.319(a) (generally requiring "[a]ll procurement transactions [to] be conducted in a manner providing full and open competition" and forbidding practices "restrictive of competition," such as: "[p]lacing unreasonable requirements on firms in order for

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them to qualify to do business" and taking "[a]ny arbitrary action in the procurement process") -- no subrecipient, at any tier may (in any procurement transaction) discriminate against any person or entity on the basis of such person or entity's status as an "associate of the federal government" (or on the basis of such person or entity's status as a parent, affiliate, or subsidiary of such an associate), except as expressly set out in 2 C.F.R. 200.319(a) or as specifically authorized by USDOJ.

2. Monitoring

The recipient's monitoring responsibilities include monitoring of subrecipient compliance with this condition.

3. Allowable costs

To the extent that such costs are not reimbursed under any other federal program, award funds may be obligated for the reasonable, necessary, and allocable costs (if any) of actions designed to ensure compliance with this condition.

4. Rules of construction

A. The term "associate of the federal government" means any person or entity engaged or employed (in the past or at present) by or on behalf of the federal government -- as an employee, contractor or subcontractor (at any tier), grant subrecipient (at any tier), agent, or otherwise -- in undertaking any work, project, or activity for or on behalf of (or in providing goods or services to or on behalf of) the federal government, and includes any applicant for such employment or engagement, and any person or entity committed by legal instrument to undertake any such work, project, or activity (or to provide such goods or services) in future.

B. Nothing in this condition shall be understood to authorize or require any subrecipient at any tier, or any person or other entity, to violate any federal law, including any applicable civil rights or nondiscrimination law.

27. Requirements pertaining to prohibited conduct related to trafficking in persons (including reporting requirements and OJP authority to terminate award)

Any subrecipient ("subgrantee") at any tier, must comply with all applicable requirements (including requirements to report allegations) pertaining to prohibited conduct related to the trafficking of persons, whether on the part of subrecipients ("subgrantees"), or individuals defined (for purposes of this condition) as "employees" of any subrecipient. The details of the subrecipient's obligations related to prohibited conduct related to trafficking in persons are posted on the OJP web site at

<https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/ProhibitedConduct-Trafficking.htm> (Award condition: Prohibited conduct by subrecipients related to trafficking in persons (including reporting requirements and OJP authority to terminate award)), and are incorporated by reference here.

28. Determination of suitability to interact with participating minors

SCOPE. This condition applies to this award if it is indicated -- in the application for the award (as approved by DOJ)(or in the application for any subaward, at any tier), the DOJ funding announcement (solicitation), or an associated federal statute -- that a purpose of some or all of the activities to be carried out under the award (whether by a subrecipient at any tier) is to benefit a set of individuals under 18 years of age.

Any subrecipient at any tier, must make determinations of suitability before certain individuals may interact with participating minors. This requirement applies regardless of an individual's employment status.

The details of this requirement are posted on the OJP web site at

<https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/Interact-Minors.htm> (Award condition: Determination of suitability required, in advance, for certain individuals who may interact with participating minors), and are incorporated by reference here.

29. Subrecipient agrees that criminal justice information systems designed, implemented, or upgraded with NCHIP or NARIP funds will be compatible, where applicable, with the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), the National Crime Information Center system (NCIC 2000), the National Criminal Instant Background Check System (NICS), the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS), and applicable national, statewide or regional criminal justice information sharing standards and plans.

30. Consonant with federal statutes that pertain to firearms and background checks -- including 18 U.S.C. 922 and 34 U.S.C. ch. 409 -- in connection with any use, by the recipient (or any subrecipient at any tier), of this award to fund (in whole or in part) a specific project or program (such as a law enforcement, prosecution, or court program) that results in any court dispositions, information, or other records that are "eligible records" (under federal or State law) relevant to the National Instant Background Check System (NICS), or that has as one of its purposes the establishment or improvement of records systems that contain any court dispositions, information, or other records that are "eligible records" (under federal or State law) relevant to the NICS, the recipient (or subrecipient, if applicable) must ensure that all such court dispositions, information, or

other records that are "eligible records" (under federal or State law) relevant to the NICS are promptly made available to the NICS or to the "State" repository/database that is electronically available to (and accessed by) the NICS, and -- when appropriate -- promptly must update, correct, modify, or remove such NICS-relevant "eligible records".

In the event of minor and transitory non-compliance, the recipient may submit evidence to demonstrate diligent monitoring of compliance with this condition (including subrecipient compliance). DOJ will give great weight to any such evidence in any express written determination regarding this condition.

31. Subrecipient agrees that activities funded under this award will be closely coordinated with related activities supported with OJP, State, local, or tribal funds.
32. Subrecipient has or intends to establish a program that enters into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) records of: (a) Protection orders for the protection of persons from stalking or domestic violence; (b) Warrants for the arrest of persons violating protection orders intended to protect victims from stalking or domestic violence; and (c) Arrests or convictions of persons violating protection orders intended to protect victims from stalking or domestic violence.
33. Within 45 calendar days after the end of any conference, meeting, retreat, seminar, symposium, training activity, or similar event funded under this award, and the total cost of which exceeds \$20,000 in award funds, the subrecipient must provide the program manager with the following information and itemized costs:
 - 1) name of event;
 - 2) event dates;
 - 3) location of event;
 - 4) number of federal attendees;
 - 5) number of non-federal attendees;
 - 6) costs of event space, including rooms for break-out sessions;
 - 7) costs of audio visual services;

- 8) other equipment costs (e.g., computer fees, telephone fees);
- 9) costs of printing and distribution;
- 10) costs of meals provided during the event;
- 11) costs of refreshments provided during the event;
- 12) costs of event planner;
- 13) costs of event facilitators; and
- 14) any other costs associated with the event.

The recipient must also itemize and report any of the following attendee (including participants, presenters, speakers) costs that are paid or reimbursed with cooperative agreement funds:

- 1) meals and incidental expenses (M&IE portion of per diem);
- 2) lodging;
- 3) transportation to/from event location (e.g., common carrier, Privately Owned Vehicle (POV)); and,
- 4) local transportation (e.g., rental car, POV) at event location.

Note that if any item is paid for with registration fees, or any other non-award funding, then that portion of the expense does not need to be reported.

Further instructions regarding the submission of this data, and how to determine costs, are available in the OJP Financial Guide Conference Cost Chapter.

34. Subrecipient integrity and performance matters: Requirement to report information on certain civil, criminal, and administrative proceedings to SAM and FAPIIS

The subrecipient must comply with any and all applicable requirements regarding reporting of information on civil, criminal, and administrative proceedings connected

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with (or connected to the performance of) either this OJP award or any other grant, cooperative agreement, or procurement contract from the federal government. Under certain circumstances, recipients of OJP awards are required to report information about such proceedings, through the federal System for Award Management (known as "SAM"), to the designated federal integrity and performance system (currently, "FAPIS").

The details of recipient obligations regarding the required reporting (and updating) of information on certain civil, criminal, and administrative proceedings to the federal designated integrity and performance system (currently, "FAPIS") within SAM are posted on the OJP web site at <https://ojp.gov/funding/FAPIS.htm> (Award condition: Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters, including Recipient Reporting to FAPIS), and are incorporated by reference here.

35. FFATA reporting: Subawards and executive compensation

The recipient must comply with applicable requirements to report first-tier subawards ("subgrants") of \$25,000 or more and, in certain circumstances, to report the names and total compensation of the five most highly compensated executives of the subrecipient and first-tier subrecipients (first-tier "subgrantees") of award funds. The details of recipient obligations, which derive from the Federal Funding Accountability and

Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA), are posted on the OJP web site at <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/FFATA.htm> (Award condition: Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation), and are incorporated by reference here.

This condition, including its reporting requirement, does not apply to-- (1) an award of less than \$25,000, or (2) an award made to an individual who received the award as a natural person (i.e., unrelated to any business or non-profit organization that he or she may own or operate in his or her name).

36. Justification of consultant rate

Approval of this award does not indicate approval of any consultant rate in excess of \$650 per day. A detailed justification must be submitted to and approved by the OJP program office prior to obligation or expenditure of such funds.

37. With respect to this award, federal funds may not be used to pay cash compensation (salary plus bonuses) to any employee of the award recipient at a rate that exceeds 110% of the maximum annual salary payable to a member of the federal government's Senior

Executive Service (SES) at an agency with a Certified SES Performance Appraisal System for that year. (An award recipient may compensate an employee at a higher rate, provided the amount in excess of this compensation limitation is paid with non-federal funds.)

This limitation on compensation rates allowable under this award may be waived on an individual basis at the discretion of the OJP official indicated in the program announcement under which this award is made.

38. The subrecipient agrees to submit a final report at the end of this award documenting all relevant project activities during the entire period of support under this award. This report will include detailed information about the project(s) funded, including, but not limited to, information about how the funds were actually used for each purpose area, data to support statements of progress, and data concerning individual results and outcomes of funded projects reflecting project successes and impacts. The final report is due no later than 90 days following the close of this award period or the expiration of any extension periods. This report will be submitted by the recipient to the Office of Justice Programs, on-line through the Internet at <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/>.
39. The subrecipient shall submit semiannual progress reports. Progress reports shall be submitted within 30 days after the end of the reporting periods, which are June 30 and December 31, for the life of the award. These reports will be submitted to the Office of Justice Programs by the recipient, on-line through the Internet at <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/>.
40. Subrecipient is or will be following a comprehensive strategy for information sharing systems to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, with an emphasis on integration of all criminal justice components, law enforcement, courts, prosecution, corrections, and probation and parole. Further, the strategy must be developed in consultation with State and local officials with emphasis on the recommendation of officials whose duty it is to oversee, plan, and implement integrated information technology systems, and contain-- (a) a definition and analysis of integration in the State and localities developing integrated information sharing systems; (b) an assessment of the criminal justice resources being devoted to information technology; (c) State and local resource needs; (d) Federal, State, regional, and local information technology coordination requirements; and (e) statewide priorities for planning and implementation of information technology systems.

41. The value or amount of any "non-federal share," "match," or cost-sharing contribution incorporated into the OJP OCFD-approved budget for this award is part of the "project cost" for purposes of the Part 200 Uniform Requirements, and is subject to audit. In general, the rules and restrictions that apply to award funds from federal sources also apply to funds in the OJP-approved budget that are provided as "match" or through "cost sharing"

42. Effect of failure to address audit issues

The subrecipient understands and agrees that the DOJ awarding agency (OJP or OVW, as appropriate) may withhold award funds, or may impose other related requirements, if (as determined by the DOJ awarding agency) the recipient does not satisfactorily and promptly address outstanding issues from audits required by the Part 200 Uniform Requirements (or by the terms of this award), or other outstanding issues that arise in connection with audits, investigations, or reviews of DOJ awards.

43. Potential imposition of additional requirements

The subrecipient agrees to comply with any additional requirements that may be imposed by the DOJ awarding agency (OJP or OVW, as appropriate) during the period of performance for this award, if the recipient is designated as "high-risk" for purposes of the DOJ high-risk grantee list.

44. In order to ensure that the National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP) and the NICS Act Record Improvement Program (NARIP) are realizing the objectives in the most productive manner, the recipient agrees to participate in a comprehensive evaluation effort. It is anticipated that the evaluation will take place during the course of the program and will likely involve each participating state. It is expected that the evaluation will have a minimal impact on state program personnel and resources.

I have read and understand all 44 special provisions contained in this document.

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Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Signature

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Name and Address of Agency

EXHIBIT B

-SCOPE OF SERVICES-

1. New Hampshire Department of Safety (DOS) as Subrecipient shall receive a grant from the New Hampshire Department of Justice (DOJ) for expenses incurred for an upgrade to software that supports the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) and to purchase software that validates submission entries into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC).
2. The Subrecipient shall be reimbursed by the DOJ based on budgeted expenditures described in Exhibit B. The Subrecipient shall submit incurred expenses for reimbursement on the state approved expenditure reporting form as provided. Expenditure reports shall be submitted on a quarterly basis, within fifteen (15) days following the end of the current quarterly activities. Expenditure reports submitted later than thirty (30) days following the end of the quarter will be considered late and out of compliance. *For example, with an award that begins on January 1, the first quarterly report is due on April 15th or 15 days after the close of the first quarter ending on March 31.*
3. Subrecipient is required to maintain supporting documentation for all grant expenses both state funds and match if provided and to produce those documents upon request of this office or any other state or federal audit authority. Grant project supporting documentation should be maintained for at least 3 years after the close of the project.
4. Subrecipient shall be required to submit an annual application to the DOJ for review and compliance.

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5. Subrecipient shall be subject to periodic desk audits and program reviews by DOJ. Such desk audits and program reviews shall be scheduled with Subrecipient and every attempt shall be made by Subrecipient to accommodate the schedule.

6. All correspondence and submittals shall be directed to:

NH Department of Justice
Grants Management Unit
33 Capitol Street
Concord, NH 03301
603-271-8090 or Thomas.Kaempfer@doj.nh.gov

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EXHIBIT C

SCHEDULE/TERMS OF PAYMENT-

1. The Subrecipient shall receive reimbursement in exchange for approved expenditure reports as described in EXHIBIT A.
2. The Subrecipient shall be reimbursed within thirty (30) days following the DOJ's approval of expenditures. Said payment shall be made to the Subrecipient's account receivables address per the Financial System of the State of New Hampshire.
3. The State's obligation to compensate the Subrecipient under this Agreement shall not exceed the price limitation set forth.
 - 3a. The Subrecipient shall be awarded an amount not to exceed \$415,602.00 of the total Grant Limitation from Governor and Council approval through 09/30/2023, with approved expenditure reports. This shall be contingent on continued federal funding and program performance.

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