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November 13, 2024

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the New Hampshire Department of Energy (Department) to enter into a grant agreement with the Town of Amherst, Amherst, NH, Vendor # 177351, for an amount not to exceed \$96,777, to provide funding assistance to aid in the installation of solar systems for subgrantees of the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (EECBG BIL) effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval through December 30, 2026. **100% Federal Funds.**

Funding is available in the account EECBG BIL as follows:

02-52-52-520510-64960000-072-500574	<u>FY 25</u>
Grants - Federal	\$96,777

EXPLANATION

The Department respectfully requests authority to enter into a grant agreement with Town of Amherst in an amount not to exceed \$96,777. The Town of Amherst has submitted a proposal to the Municipal Solar Assistance Program and ranked high enough to receive a grant award.

The Department issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) on June 4, 2024, RFP #2024-006, with proposals due on August 1, 2024. The notice of the RFP was published in the Union Leader for three days, posted on the Department's website, and posted on the procurement website at the Department of Administrative Services for the entire open period. The Department received 30 responses to its RFP. Proposals with a consensus score of 66 and above were considered eligible to receive a Municipal Solar Grant Program grant. The Town of Amherst received a score of 93.

The four consensus scoring team members were: Paige Relf, Department EECBG BIL Program Manager; Alexis LaBrie, Department Program Compliance; Lucia Roth, Department State Energy

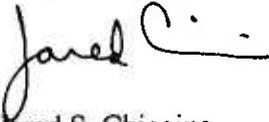
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Program Specialist; and Denise Sleeper, Department Grid Resiliency Program Manager; with Tanya Wayland, Department Sustainable Energy Analyst providing some technical assistance.

In the event Federal Funds are no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this contract.

Your consideration of this request is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jared S. Chicoine". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jared S. Chicoine
Commissioner

GRANT AGREEMENT

The State of New Hampshire and the Grantee hereby
Mutually agree as follows:
GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Identification and Definitions.

1.1. State Agency Name Department of Energy		1.2. State Agency Address 21 S. Fruit St., Ste. 10, Concord, NH 03301	
1.3. Grantee Name Town of Amherst		1.4. Grantee Address 2 Main Street, Amherst, NH 03031-2909	
1.5. Grantee Phone # 603-673-2317 Ext. 402	1.6. Account Number 02-52-52-520510- 64960000-072-500573	1.7. Completion Date December 30, 2026	1.8. Grant Limitation \$96,777
1.9. Grant Officer for State Agency Paige Relf		1.10. State Agency Telephone Number 603-271-9440	
If Grantee is a municipality or village district: "By signing this form we certify that we have complied with any public meeting requirement for acceptance of this grant, including if applicable RSA 31:95-b."			
1.11. Grantee Signature 1 		1.12. Name & Title of Grantee Signor 1 Eric M. Slosek, Director of Public Works	
Grantee Signature 2		Name & Title of Grantee Signor 2	
Grantee Signature 3		Name & Title of Grantee Signor 3	
1.13. State Agency Signature(s) 		1.14. Name & Title of State Agency Signor(s) Jared S. Chicoine, Commissioner	
1.15. Approval by Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution) (if G & C approval required) By:  Assistant Attorney General, On: 10 /21/2024			
1.16. Approval by Governor and Council (if applicable) By: _____ On: / /			

2. **SCOPE OF WORK:** In exchange for grant funds provided by the State of New Hampshire, acting through the Agency identified in block 1.1 (hereinafter referred to as "the State"), the Grantee identified in block 1.3 (hereinafter referred to as "the Grantee"), shall perform that work identified and more particularly described in the scope of work attached hereto as EXHIBIT B (the scope of work being hereinafter referred to as "the Project").

3. **AREA COVERED.** Except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, the Grantee shall perform the Project in, and with respect to, the State of New Hampshire.
4. **EFFECTIVE DATE: COMPLETION OF PROJECT.**
 - 4.1 This Agreement, and all obligations of the parties hereunder, shall become effective on the date of approval of this Agreement by the Governor and Council of the State of New Hampshire if required (block 1.16), or upon signature by the State Agency as shown in block 1.14 ("the Effective Date").
 - 4.2 Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, the Project, including all reports required by this Agreement, shall be completed in ITS entirety prior to the date in block 1.7 (hereinafter referred to as "the Completion Date").
5. **GRANT AMOUNT: LIMITATION ON AMOUNT: VOUCHERS: PAYMENT.**
 - 5.1 The Grant Amount is identified and more particularly described in EXHIBIT C, attached hereto.
 - 5.2 The manner of, and schedule of payment shall be as set forth in EXHIBIT C.
 - 5.3 In accordance with the provisions set forth in EXHIBIT C, and in consideration of the satisfactory performance of the Project, as determined by the State, and as limited by subparagraph 5.5 of these general provisions, the State shall pay the Grantee the Grant Amount. The State shall withhold from the amount otherwise payable to the Grantee under this subparagraph 5.3 those sums required, or permitted, to be withheld pursuant to N.H. RSA 80:7 through 7-c.
 - 5.4 The payment by the State of the Grant amount shall be the only, and the complete payment to the Grantee for all expenses, of whatever nature, incurred by the Grantee in the performance hereof, and shall be the only, and the complete, compensation to the Grantee for the Project. The State shall have no liabilities to the Grantee other than the Grant Amount.
 - 5.5 Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, and notwithstanding unexpected circumstances, in no event shall the total of all payments authorized, or actually made, hereunder exceed the Grant limitation set forth in block 1.8 of these general provisions.
6. **COMPLIANCE BY GRANTEE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS.** In connection with the performance of the Project, the Grantee shall comply with all statutes, laws regulations, and orders of federal, state, county, or municipal authorities which shall impose any obligations or duty upon the Grantee, including the acquisition of any and all necessary permits and RSA 31-95-b.
7. **RECORDS and ACCOUNTS.**
 - 7.1 Between the Effective Date and the date seven (7) years after the Completion Date, unless otherwise required by the grant terms or the Agency, the Grantee shall keep detailed accounts of all expenses incurred in connection with the Project, including, but not limited to, costs of administration, transportation, insurance, telephone calls, and clerical materials and services. Such accounts shall be supported by receipts, invoices, bills and other similar documents.
 - 7.2 Between the Effective Date and the date seven (7) years after the Completion Date, unless otherwise required by the grant terms or the Agency pursuant to subparagraph 7.1, at any time during the Grantee's normal business hours, and as often as the State shall demand, the Grantee shall make available to the State all records pertaining to matters covered by this Agreement. The Grantee shall permit the State to audit, examine, and reproduce such records, and to make audits of all contracts, invoices, materials, payrolls, records of personnel, data (as that term is hereinafter defined), and other information relating to all matters covered by this Agreement. As used in this paragraph, "Grantee" includes all persons, natural or fictional, affiliated with, controlled by, or under common ownership with, the entity identified as the Grantee in block 1.3 of these provisions.
8. **PERSONNEL.**
 - 8.1 The Grantee shall, at its own expense, provide all personnel necessary to perform the Project. The Grantee warrants that all personnel engaged in the Project shall be qualified to perform such Project, and shall be properly licensed and authorized to perform such Project under all applicable laws.
 - 8.2 The Grantee shall not hire, and it shall not permit any subcontractor, subgrantee, or other person, firm or corporation with whom it is engaged in a combined effort to perform the Project, to hire any person who has a contractual relationship with the State, or who is a State officer or employee, elected or appointed.
 - 8.3 The Grant Officer shall be the representative of the State hereunder. In the event of any dispute hereunder, the interpretation of this Agreement by the Grant Officer, and his/her decision on any dispute, shall be final.
9. **DATA: RETENTION OF DATA: ACCESS.**
 - 9.1 As used in this Agreement, the word "data" shall mean all information and things developed or obtained during the performance of, or acquired or developed by reason of, this Agreement, including, but not limited to, all studies, reports, files, formulae, surveys, maps, charts, sound recordings, video recordings, pictorial reproductions, drawings, analyses, graphic representations, computer programs, computer printouts, notes, letters, memoranda, paper, and documents, all whether finished or unfinished.
- 9.2 Between the Effective Date and the Completion Date the Grantee shall grant to the State, or any person designated by it, unrestricted access to all data for examination, duplication, publication, translation, sale, disposal, or for any other purpose whatsoever.
- 9.3 No data shall be subject to copyright in the United States or any other country by anyone other than the State.
- 9.4 On and after the Effective Date all data, and any property which has been received from the State or purchased with funds provided for that purpose under this Agreement, shall be the property of the State, and shall be returned to the State upon demand or upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, whichever shall first occur.
- 9.5 The State, and anyone it shall designate, shall have unrestricted authority to publish, disclose, distribute and otherwise use, in whole or in part, all data.
10. **CONDITIONAL NATURE OR AGREEMENT.** Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, all obligations of the State hereunder, including, without limitation, the continuance of payments hereunder, are contingent upon the availability or continued appropriation of funds, and in no event shall the State be liable for any payments hereunder in excess of such available or appropriated funds. In the event of a reduction or termination of those funds, the State shall have the right to withhold payment until such funds become available, if ever, and shall have the right to terminate this Agreement immediately upon giving the Grantee notice of such termination.
11. **EVENT OF DEFAULT: REMEDIES.**
 - 11.1 Any one or more of the following acts or omissions of the Grantee shall constitute an event of default hereunder (hereinafter referred to as "Events of Default"):
 - 11.1.1 Failure to perform the Project satisfactorily or on schedule; or
 - 11.1.2 Failure to submit any report required hereunder; or
 - 11.1.3 Failure to maintain, or permit access to, the records required hereunder; or
 - 11.1.4 Failure to perform any of the other covenants and conditions of this Agreement.
 - 11.2 Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the State may take any one, or more, or all, of the following actions:
 - 11.2.1 Give the Grantee a written notice specifying the Event of Default and requiring it to be remedied within, in the absence of a greater or lesser specification of time, thirty (30) days from the date of the notice; and if the Event of Default is not timely remedied, terminate this Agreement, effective two (2) days after giving the Grantee notice of termination; and
 - 11.2.2 Give the Grantee a written notice specifying the Event of Default and suspending all payments to be made under this Agreement and ordering that the portion of the Grant Amount which would otherwise accrue to the Grantee during the period from the date of such notice until such time as the State determines that the Grantee has cured the Event of Default shall never be paid to the Grantee; and
 - 11.2.3 Set off against any other obligation the State may owe to the Grantee any damages the State suffers by reason of any Event of Default; and
 - 11.2.4 Treat the agreement as breached and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity, or both.
12. **TERMINATION.**
 - 12.1 In the event of any early termination of this Agreement for any reason other than the completion of the Project, the Grantee shall deliver to the Grant Officer, not later than fifteen (15) days after the date of termination, a report (hereinafter referred to as the "Termination Report") describing in detail all Project Work performed, and the Grant Amount earned, to and including the date of termination.
 - 12.2 In the event of Termination under paragraphs 10 or 12.4 of these general provisions, the approval of such a Termination Report by the State shall entitle the Grantee to receive that portion of the Grant amount earned to and including the date of termination.
 - 12.3 In the event of Termination under paragraphs 10 or 12.4 of these general provisions, the approval of such a Termination Report by the State shall in no event relieve the Grantee from any and all liability for damages sustained or incurred by the State as a result of the Grantee's breach of its obligations hereunder.
 - 12.4 Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, either the State or, except where notice default has been given to the Grantee hereunder, the Grantee, may terminate this Agreement without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice.
13. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST.** No officer, member of employee of the Grantee, and no representative, officer or employee of the State of New Hampshire or of the governing body of the locality or localities in which

the Project is to be performed, who exercises any functions or responsibilities in the review or approval of the undertaking or carrying out of such Project, shall participate in any decision relating to this Agreement which affects his or her personal interest or the interest of any corporation, partnership, or association in which he or she is directly or indirectly interested, nor shall he or she have any personal or pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement or the proceeds thereof.

14. **GRANTEE'S RELATION TO THE STATE.** In the performance of this Agreement the Grantee, its employees, and any subcontractor or subgrantee of the Grantee are in all respects independent contractors, and are neither agents nor employees of the State. Neither the Grantee nor any of its officers, employees, agents, members, subcontractors or subgrantees, shall have authority to bind the State nor are they entitled to any of the benefits, workmen's compensation or emoluments provided by the State to its employees.
15. **ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTS.** The Grantee shall not assign, or otherwise transfer any interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the State. None of the Project Work shall be subcontracted or subgranted by the Grantee other than as set forth in Exhibit B without the prior written consent of the State.
16. **INDEMNIFICATION.** The Grantee shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the State, its officers and employees, from and against any and all losses suffered by the State, its officers and employees, and any and all claims, liabilities or penalties asserted against the State, its officers and employees, by or on behalf of any person, on account of, based on, resulting from, arising out of (or which may be claimed to arise out of) the acts or omissions of the Grantee or subcontractor, or subgrantee or other agent of the Grantee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State, which immunity is hereby reserved to the State. This covenant shall survive the termination of this agreement.
17. **INSURANCE.**
 - 17.1 The Grantee shall, at its own expense, obtain and maintain in force, or shall require any subcontractor, subgrantee or assignee performing Project work to obtain and maintain in force, both for the benefit of the State, the following insurance:
 - 17.1.1 Statutory workers' compensation and employees liability insurance for all employees engaged in the performance of the Project, and
 - 17.1.2 General liability insurance against all claims of bodily injuries, death or property damage, in amounts not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and

- \$2,000,000 aggregate for bodily injury or death any one incident, and \$500,000 for property damage in any one incident; and
- 17.2 The policies described in subparagraph 17.1 of this paragraph shall be the standard form employed in the State of New Hampshire, issued by underwriters acceptable to the State, and authorized to do business in the State of New Hampshire. Grantee shall furnish to the State, certificates of insurance for all renewal(s) of insurance required under this Agreement no later than ten (10) days prior to the expiration date of each insurance policy.
18. **WAIVER OF BREACH.** No failure by the State to enforce any provisions hereof after any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of its rights with regard to that Event, or any subsequent Event. No express waiver of any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of any provisions hereof. No such failure of waiver shall be deemed a waiver of the right of the State to enforce each and all of the provisions hereof upon any further or other default on the part of the Grantee.
19. **NOTICE.** Any notice by a party hereto to the other party shall be deemed to have been duly delivered or given at the time of mailing by certified mail, postage prepaid, in a United States Post Office addressed to the parties at the addresses first above given.
20. **AMENDMENT.** This Agreement may be amended, waived or discharged only by an instrument in writing signed by the parties hereto and only after approval of such amendment, waiver or discharge by the Governor and Council of the State of New Hampshire, if required or by the signing State Agency.
21. **CONSTRUCTION OF AGREEMENT AND TERMS.** This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the law of the State of New Hampshire, and is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assignees. The captions and contents of the "subject" blank are used only as a matter of convenience, and are not to be considered a part of this Agreement or to be used in determining the intent of the parties hereto.
22. **THIRD PARTIES.** The parties hereto do not intend to benefit any third parties and this Agreement shall not be construed to confer any such benefit.
23. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement, which may be executed in a number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties, and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings relating hereto.
24. **SPECIAL PROVISIONS.** The additional or modifying provisions set forth in Exhibit A hereto are incorporated as part of this agreement.

EXHIBIT A
SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. The Town of Amherst hereinafter "the Grantee," agrees to provide services to implement the EECBG Municipal Solar Grant as detailed in the scope of work.
2. Prohibition on Boycotting Israel

For the purposes of this Section, the terms shall be defined as follows:

"Boycotting Israel" means engaging in refusals to deal, terminating business activities, or other similar commercial actions intended to limit commercial relations with persons doing business in Israel or in Israeli-controlled territories when the actions are taken (1) in compliance with or adherence to calls for a boycott of Israel other than those boycotts to which Pub. L. No. 96- 78, § 8, 93 Stat. 522 (1979) applies; or (2) in a manner that discriminates on the basis of nationality, national origin, or religion that is not based on a legitimate business reason.

If the State receives evidence that the Contractor is Boycotting Israel, the State shall determine whether the Contractor is Boycotting Israel. A statement indicating that the Contractor engaged in an action of Boycotting Israel or has taken any action of Boycotting Israel at the request, in compliance with, or in furtherance of calls to boycott Israel, may be considered as one type of evidence that the Contractor is, or has been, participating in act of Boycotting Israel. An expressive activity, alone, directed at a specific person or a governmental action may not be considered evidence of an action of Boycotting Israel.

A determination by the State that the Contractor is engaged in an action of Boycotting Israel constitutes an Event of Default.

3. All awards made under this program shall comply with applicable laws and regulations including, but not limited to, the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards at 2 CFR Part 200 and 2 CFR Part 910 and Section 40552 of IJA.
4. The costs charged under this contract shall be comprised only of allowable costs under the cost principles detailed in 2 CFR Part 200, as amended by 2 CFR Part 910 – Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.
5. Program and financial records pertaining to this contract shall be retained by the Grantee for three years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report or, for awards that are renewed quarterly or annually, from the date of the submission of the quarterly or annual financial report, as stated in 2 CFR 200.334-338 – Retention Requirements for Records.

6. The New Hampshire Department of Energy (Department) shall have the right to issue periodic notices, memos, and updated reporting forms and information with which the Grantee shall comply.
7. The Department reserves the right to engage in any media meetings. Consequently, the Grantee is required to make all reasonable efforts to inform the Department ahead of any interviews or responses to media inquiries and to supply copies of any known published media articles and broadcasts.
8. The Department shall have the right to publicize progress of this program.
9. RESTRICTION ON ADDITIONAL FUNDING. It is understood and agreed between the parties that no portion of the "Grant" funds may be used for the purpose of obtaining additional Federal funds under any other law of the United States, except if authorized under that law.
10. COPELAND ANTI-KICKBACK ACT. All contracts and sub-grants in excess of \$2,000.00 for construction or repair shall comply with Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (18 USC 874) as supplemented in Department of Labor Regulations (29 CFR, Part 3). This Act provides that each grantee, subcontractor or sub-grantee shall be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he is otherwise entitled. The sub-grantee should report all suspected violations to the Department.
11. PROCUREMENT. Sub-grantee shall comply with all provisions of 2 CFR 200 Subpart D – Post Federal Award Requirements – Procurement Standards, with special emphasis on financial procurement (2 CFR 200 Subpart F – Audit Requirements) and property management (2 CFR 200 Subpart D – Post Federal Award Requirements – Property Standards).
12. CLOSE OUT OF CONTRACT. All final required reports and reimbursement requests shall be submitted to the State within 60 days of the completion date (Agreement Block 1.7).
13. STATE INSPECTION: Without limiting the rights established under paragraphs 7 and 9 of the general provisions, between the Effective Date and the Completion Date, the Grantee shall grant to the State and the United States Department of Energy (US DOE), or any person designated by them, the ability to inspect project and program sites, interview workers, and inspect and monitor financial payroll records and transactions. Grantee shall provide the Department and US DOE, or any person designated by them, with access to all administrators, vendors, facilities, work sites, employees of the grantee(s), financial or other records, and assistance to ensure their safety and convenience for the performance of site visits and evaluations.
14. These provisions flow down to all sub-grantee and/or sub-contractor(s), as stated in 2 CFR 200.327.

15. During the duration of the contract the Grantee must maintain a valid and active Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) registration in SAM.gov.
16. The Project scope items that are reimbursable with grant funds hereunder includes all materials and labor required to complete the project, including that of outside contractors, subcontractors, consultants, engineers, and other members of the Project team, and a minimum of a one-year labor warranty shall be applicable.
17. This is not a Research and Development (R&D) award. The Department's indirect cost rate is 25.14 percent.
18. This Agreement and performance by both the Department and the Grantee hereunder are contingent on the Grantee obtaining all necessary approvals to accept and expend the grant award pursuant to the terms of this Agreement and to undertake the Project, including but not limited to budgetary approvals. This Agreement shall terminate if Grantee fails to obtain such approvals by April 1, 2025.

EXHIBIT B

SCOPE OF WORK

In exchange for receiving grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$96,777 from the Department, the Grantee agrees to build and interconnect a 52.8 kW (DC) fixed rooftop solar photovoltaic (PV) system owned and operated by the Town of Amherst located in Amherst, New Hampshire. Specifically, Grantee agrees to:

1. Install and operate a fixed rooftop solar PV system, including, but not limited to, coordinating and overseeing the design, development, procurement, construction, installation, and interconnection of a 52.8 kW (DC) fixed rooftop solar PV system (Project).
2. The Grantee shall promptly notify the State prior to any change to the Project as described in the Grantee's proposal. The State in its sole discretion may approve functionally equivalent substitutions for any methods, or means associated with said described system install above, including those that would make minor changes to the size or the output of the described system install above, and any equipment or materials pursuant to the provisions of the Build America, Buy America Act, Pub. L. No. 117-58, §§ 70901-52 under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Pub. L. No. 117-58.
3. Maintain all components of the Project as recommended by its manufacturer and/or engineering specifications.
4. The Grantee shall use all reasonable efforts to ensure that the Project provides direct benefits to the Municipality from the date of initial operation through the earlier to occur of 20 years or the end of the project's useful operational life.
5. The Grantee shall work with a technical monitor for the duration of the proposed project. The Grantee shall provide the technical monitor with reasonable access to all administrators, vendors, facilities, work sites, employees and subcontractors of the Grantee, financial or other records, and assistance to ensure the safety and convenience for the performance of site visits and Project evaluations.
 - a. The Grantee agrees to work with the selected program technical monitor to provide evidence of, but not necessarily limited to, periodic inspections of the project for the purposes of quality control; program compliance; and to observe and interview workers regarding project health and safety. The Grantee must ensure that:
 - i. All appropriate measures are included on work orders;
 - ii. Installed measures are allowed, effective, and of acceptable workmanship;

- iii. All implemented measures comply with the building and electrical codes of New Hampshire, as well as adhere to best practices;
 - iv. Project compliance with Build America, Buy America (BABA) requirements;
 - v. Project compliance with appropriate National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements; and
 - vi. Project compliance with all New Hampshire's Executed Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement requirements.
6. The Grantee shall work with the Department's Davis-Bacon Related Acts (DBRA) selected contractor in regard to maintaining the required DBRA compliance as outlined in Exhibit M Davis-Bacon and Related Acts Requirements.
7. The Grantee shall participate in status update conference calls and/or site visits with the Department as needed prior to the Project completion date; no less than quarterly.
8. The Grantee shall notify the Department if any project specifications change including the following:
- a. Any change in ownership of the system;
 - b. Any changes made to the overall system model;
 - c. Any changes made to the original metering agreement (including net metering); and
 - d. Any notable job creation or community engagement.

EXHIBIT C
PAYMENT TERMS

In consideration of the satisfactory performance of the Services, the State agrees to pay the Grantee, in total, the sum of:

\$96,777 (which hereinafter is referred to as the "Contracted Amount").

Drawdowns from the total Contracted Amount will be paid to the Grantee on a reimbursement basis only after written documentation of cash need is submitted to the Department. Disbursement of the Contracted Amount shall be made in accordance with the procedures established by the State and 2 CFR 200.305(b) limited to minimum amounts needed; and be timed to be in accordance with the actual, immediate cash requirements of the Grantee in carrying out the purpose of the program.

The Grantee must make timely payments to sub-contractors in accordance with Davis-Bacon and Related Acts requirements.

The grant will not cover costs unrelated to the direct material, equipment, or labor costs related to the design, construction, and installation of the project. Nonallowable costs include, but are not limited to, the repair, reinforcement, or replacement of roofs, permits, landscaping, inverter replacement or ongoing operation and maintenance costs, distribution system upgrades and any interconnection fees/costs and other related expenses.

Final invoicing is due to the Department by January 15, 2027.

The Department may, as a function of its administrative oversight, modify contracted budget amounts as necessary to ensure the efficient operation of the municipal solar system project as long as these modified expenditures do not exceed the Contracted Amount total as specified above.

All obligations of the State, including the continuance of any payments, are contingent upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds for the services to be provided.

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

EXHIBIT D

The Grantee identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions agrees to comply with the provisions of Sections 5151-5160 of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-690, Title V, Subtitle D; 41 U.S.C. 701 et seq.), and further agrees to have the Grantee's representative, as identified in Sections 1.11 and 1.12 of the General Provisions execute the following Certification:

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS ALTERNATIVE I - FOR GRANTEE OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS

US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - GRANTEEES
US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - GRANTEEES
US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - GRANTEEES
US DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Sections 5151-5160 of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-690, Title V, Subtitle D; 41 U.S.C. 701 et seq.). The January 31, 1989, regulations were amended and published as Part II of the May 25, 1990, Federal Register (pages 21681-21691), and require certification by grantees (and by inference, sub-grantees and sub-contractors), prior to award, that they will maintain a drug-free workplace. Section 3017.630(c) of the regulation provides that a grantee (and by inference, sub-grantees and sub-contractors) that is a State may elect to make one certification to the Department in each federal fiscal year in lieu of certificates for each grant during the federal fiscal year covered by the certification. The certificate set out below is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. False certification or violation of the certification shall be grounds for suspension of payments, suspension or termination of grants, or government wide suspension or debarment. Grantees using this form should send it to:

Paige Relf, Program Specialist

New Hampshire Department of Energy, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, NH 03301

- (A) The grantee certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:
- (a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
 - (b) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about—
 - (1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - (2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - (3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - (4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
 - (c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);
 - (d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will—
 - (1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - (2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

EXHIBIT E

The Grantee identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions agrees to comply with the provisions of Section 319 of Public Law 101-121, Government wide Guidance for New Restrictions on Lobbying, and 31 U.S.C. 1352, and further agrees to have the Grantee's representative, as identified in Sections 1.11 and 1.12 of the General Provisions execute the following Certification:

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - GRANTEES
US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - GRANTEES
US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - GRANTEES
US DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Programs (indicate applicable program covered):

State Energy Program Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program

Contract Period: Upon G&C approval through December 30, 2026

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

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement (and by specific mention sub-grantee or sub-contractor).
(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 (and by specific mention sub-grantee or sub-contractor), the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying, in accordance with its instructions, attached and identified as Standard Exhibit E-1.
(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award document for sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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

Eric M. Slosek, Director of Public Works
Grantee Representative Signature Grantee's Representative Title

Town of Amherst 10/9/2024
Grantee Name Date

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EXHIBIT F

The Grantee identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions agrees to comply with the provisions of Executive Office of the President, Executive Order 12529 and 45 CFR Part 76 regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters, and further agrees to have the Grantee's representative, as identified in Sections 1.11 and 1.12 of the General Provisions execute the following Certification:

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS - PRIMARY COVERED TRANSACTIONS

Instructions for Certification

- (1) By signing and submitting this proposal (contract), the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.
- (2) The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. If necessary, the prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the NH Department of Energy (Department) determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.
- (3) The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the Department determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, may terminate this transaction for cause or default.
- (4) The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the Department to whom this proposal (contract) is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- (5) The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549: 45 CFR Part 76.
- (6) The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this proposal (contract) that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the Department.
- (7) The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions," provided by the Department, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
- (8) A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or involuntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Non-procurement List (of excluded parties).
- (9) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- (10) Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, the Department may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER
RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS - PRIMARY COVERED TRANSACTIONS, cont'd**

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

- (11) The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
 - (a) are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
 - (b) have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal (contract) been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or a contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - (c) are not presently indicted for otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
 - (d) have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.

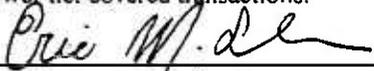
- (12) Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal (contract).

*Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and
Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions
(To Be Supplied to Lower Tier Participants)*

By signing and submitting this lower tier proposal (contract), the prospective lower tier participant, as defined in 45 CFR Part 76, certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals:

- (a) are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency.
- (b) where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the above, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal (contract).

The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal (contract) that it will include this clause entitled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions," without modification in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

	Eric M. Slosek, Director of Public Works
Grantee Representative Signature	Grantee's Representative Title
<u>Town of Amherst</u>	<u>10/9/2024</u>
Grantee Name	Date

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EXHIBIT G

CERTIFICATION REGARDING THE
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COMPLIANCE

The Grantee identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions agrees by signature of the Grantee's representative as identified in Sections 1.11 and 1.12 of the General Provisions, to execute the following certification:

By signing and submitting this proposal (contract) the Grantee agrees to make reasonable efforts to comply with all applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.


Grantee Representative Signature

Eric M. Slosek, Director of Public Works
Grantee's Representative Title

Town of Amherst
Grantee Name

10/9/2024
Date

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

EXHIBIT I

U.S. Department of Energy Assurance of Compliance Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs

OMB Burden Disclosure Statement

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to Office of Information Resources Management Policy, Plans, and Oversight, Records Management Division, HR-422 - GTN, Paperwork Reduction Project (1910-0400), U.S. Department of Energy (US DOE), 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20585; and to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Paperwork Reduction Project (1910-0400), Washington, DC 20503.

Town of Amherst (Hereinafter called the "Grantee") HEREBY AGREES to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Pub. L. 88-352), Section 16 of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-275), Section 401 of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-438), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, (Pub. L. 92-318, Pub. L. 93-568, and Pub. L. 94-482), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Pub. L. 93-112), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (Pub. L. 94-135), Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Pub. L. 90-284), the Department of Energy Organization Act of 1977 (Pub. L. 95-91), the Energy Conservation and Production Act of 1976, as amended, (Pub. L. 94-385) and Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1040. In accordance with the above laws and regulations issued pursuant thereto, the Grantee agrees to assure that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity in which the Grantee receives Federal assistance from the US DOE.

Applicability and Period of Obligation

In the case of any service, financial aid, covered employment, equipment, property, or structure provided, leased, or improved with Federal assistance extended to the Grantee by the US DOE, this assurance obligates the Grantee for the period during which Federal assistance is extended. In the case of any transfer of such service, financial aid, equipment, property, or structure, this assurance obligates the transferee for the period during which Federal assistance is extended. If any personal property is so provided, this assurance obligates the Grantee for the period during which it retains ownership or possession of the property. In all other cases, this assurance obligates the Grantee for the period during which the Federal assistance is extended to the Grantee by the US DOE.

Employment Practices

Where a primary objective of the Federal assistance is to provide employment or where the Grantee's employment practices affect the delivery of services in programs or activities resulting from Federal assistance extended by the Department, the Grantee agrees not to discriminate on the ground of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, in its employment practices. Such employment practices may include, but are not limited to, recruitment, advertising, hiring, layoff or termination, promotion, demotion, transfer, rates of pay, training and participation in upward mobility programs; or other forms of compensation and use of facilities.

Subrecipient Assurance

The Grantee shall require any individual, organization, or other entity with whom it subcontracts, sub-grants, or subleases for the purpose of providing any service, financial aid, equipment, property, or structure to comply with laws and regulations cited above. To this end, the sub-recipient shall be required to sign a written assurance form; however, the obligation of both recipient and sub-recipient to ensure compliance is not relieved by the collection or submission of written assurance forms.

Data Collection and Access to Records

The Grantee agrees to compile and maintain information pertaining to programs or activities developed as a result of the Grantee's receipt of Federal assistance from the US DOE. Such information shall include, but is not limited to the following: (1) the manner in which services are or will be provided and related data necessary for determining whether any persons are or will be denied such services on the basis of prohibited discrimination; (2) the population eligible to be served by race, color, national origin, sex, age and disability; (3) data regarding covered employment including use or planned use of bilingual public contact employees serving beneficiaries of the program where necessary to permit effective participation by beneficiaries unable to speak or understand English; (4) the location of existing or proposed facilities connected with the program and related information adequate for determining whether the location has or will have the effect of unnecessarily denying access to any person on the basis of prohibited discrimination; (5) the present or proposed membership by race, color, national origin, sex, age and disability in any planning or advisory body which is an integral part of the program; and (6) any additional written data determined by the US DOE to be relevant to the obligation to assure compliance by recipients with laws cited in the first paragraph of this assurance.

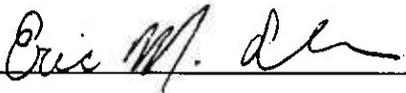
The Grantee agrees to submit requested data to the US DOE regarding programs and activities developed by the Grantee from the use of Federal assistance funds extended by the US DOE. Facilities of the Grantee (including the physical plants, buildings, or other structures) and all records, books, accounts, and other sources of information pertinent to the Grantee's compliance with the civil rights laws shall be made available for inspection during normal business hours on request of an officer or employee of the US DOE specifically authorized to make such inspections. Instructions in this regard will be provided by the Director, Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Energy.

This assurance is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all Federal grants, loans, contracts (excluding procurement contracts), property, discounts or other Federal assistance extended after the date hereof, to the Grantees by the US DOE, including installment payments on account after such date of application for Federal assistance which are approved before such date. The Grantee recognizes and agrees that such Federal assistance will be extended in reliance upon the representations and agreements made in this assurance, and that the United States shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of this assurance. This assurance is binding on the Grantee, the successors, transferees, and assignees, as well as the person(s) whose signatures appear below and who are authorized to sign this assurance on behalf of the Grantee.

Grantee Certification

The Grantee certifies that it has complied, or that, within 90 days of the date of the grant, it will comply with all applicable requirements of 10 C.F.R. § 1040.5 (a copy will be furnished to the Grantee upon written request to the Department).

Representative Name and Title: Eric M. Slosek, Director of Public Works

Signature: 

Date: 10/9/2024

Town of Amherst
22 Dodge Road
Amherst NH 03031
(603) 673-2317 Ext 402

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

EXHIBIT J

CERTIFICATION REGARDING THE FEDERAL FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT (FFATA) COMPLIANCE

The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) requires prime awardees of individual Federal grants equal to or greater than \$30,000 and awarded on or after October 1, 2010, to report on data related to executive compensation and associated first-tier sub-grants of \$30,000 or more. If the initial award is below \$30,000 but subsequent grant modifications result in a total award equal to or over \$30,000, the award is subject to the FFATA reporting requirements, as of the date of the award.

In accordance with 2 CFR Part 170 (Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information), the Department must report the following information for any subaward or contract award subject to the FFATA reporting requirements:

- 1) Name of entity
2) Amount of award
3) Funding agency
4) NAICS code for contracts/CFDA program number for grants
5) Program source
6) Award title descriptive of the purpose of the funding action
7) Location of the entity
8) Principle place of performance
9) Unique identifier of the entity (UEI #)
10) Total compensation and names of the top five executives if:
a. More than 80% of annual gross revenues are from the Federal government, and those revenues are greater than \$25M annually and
b. Compensation information is not already available through reporting to the SEC.

Prime grant recipients must submit FFATA required data by the end of the month, plus 30 days, in which the award or award amendment is made.

The Grantee identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions agrees to comply with the provisions of The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act, Public Law 109-282 and Public Law 110-252, and 2 CFR Part 170 (Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information), and further agrees to have the Grantee's representative, as identified in Sections 1.11 and 1.12 of the General Provisions execute the following Certification:

The below named Grantee agrees to provide needed information as outlined above to the Department and to comply with all applicable provisions of the Federal Financial Accountability and Transparency Act.

Eric M. Slosek
Grantee Representative Signature

Eric M. Slosek, Director of Public Works
Authorized Grantee Representative Name & Title

Town of Amherst
Grantee Name

10/9/2024
Date

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

EXHIBIT J

FORM A

As the Grantee identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions, I certify that the responses to the below listed questions are true and accurate.

1. The UEI number for your entity is: NHHLWHTB7ND3

2. In your business or organization's preceding completed fiscal year, did your business or organization receive (1) 80 percent or more of your annual gross revenue in U.S. federal contracts, subcontracts, loans, grants, sub-grants, and/or cooperative agreements; and (2) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from U.S. federal contracts, subcontracts, loans, grants, subgrants, and/or cooperative agreements?

NO YES

If the answer to #2 above is NO, stop here

If the answer to #2 above is YES, please answer the following:

3. Does the public have access to information about the compensation of the executives in your business or organization through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C.78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986?

NO YES

If the answer to #3 above is YES, stop here

If the answer to #3 above is NO, please answer the following:

4. The names and compensation of the five most highly compensated officers in your business or organization are as follows:

Name: _____ Amount: _____

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EXHIBIT K

CERTIFICATION REGARDING BUILD AMERICA, BUY AMERICA (Buy America) COMPLIANCE

The Grantee identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions agrees to comply with the provisions of the Build America, Buy America Act (Buy America) Pub. L. No. 117-58, §§ 70901-52 under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Pub. L. No. 117-58, as well as the *Initial Implementation Guidance on Application of Buy America Preference in Federal Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure* memorandum from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) dated April 18, 2022, and further OMB or US Department of Energy (US DOE) guidance once issued.

Buy America seeks to strengthen Made in America Laws and bolster America's industrial base, protect national security, and support high-paying jobs. Buy America requires that the Department and the Grantees of federal funding shall ensure that "none of the funds made available for a Federal financial assistance program for infrastructure, including each deficient program, may be obligated for a project unless all of the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States."

Definitions:

Infrastructure includes, at a minimum, the structures, facilities, and equipment for, in the United States:

- Roads, highways, and bridges;
- Public transportation;
- Dams, ports, harbors, and other maritime facilities;
- Intercity passenger and freight railroads;
- Freight and intermodal facilities;
- Airports;
- Water systems, including drinking water and wastewater systems;
- Electrical transmission facilities and systems;
- Utilities;
- Broadband infrastructure;
- Buildings and real property; and
- Facilities that generate, transport, and distribute energy.

Further, the "infrastructure" in question must either be publicly owned or serve a public function; privately owned infrastructure that is not open to the public, such as a personal residence, is not considered "infrastructure" for purposes of this requirement. In cases where the "public" nature of the infrastructure is unclear, the Grantee should contact the Department. The Department will consult with the US DOE which will render a determination.

Project means the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of infrastructure in the United States.

Construction Materials includes an article, material, or supply – other than an item of primarily iron or steel; a manufactured product; cement and cementitious materials; aggregates such as stone, sand, or gravel; or aggregate binding agents or additives – that is, or consists primarily of:

- Non-ferrous metals;
- Plastic and polymer-based products (including polyvinylchloride, composite building materials, and polymers used in fiber optic cables);
- Glass (including optic glass);
- Lumber; or
- Drywall.

Domestic content procurement preference means and refers to the same thing as “Buy America Preference.” These terms mean all iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States; the manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States; or the construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States.

Buy America Preference:

None of the funds provided under this grant to the Grantee may be used for a project for infrastructure unless:

1. All iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States – this means all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States;
2. All manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States – this means the manufactured product was manufactured in the United States; and the cost of the components of the manufactured product that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States is greater than 55 percent of the total cost of all components of the manufactured product, unless another standard for determining the minimum amount of domestic content of the manufactured product has been established under applicable law or regulation; and
3. All construction materials are manufactured in the United States – this means that all manufacturing processes for the construction material occurred in the United States.

The Buy America Preference only applies to articles, materials, and supplies that are consumed in, incorporated into, or affixed to an infrastructure project. As such, it does not apply to tools, equipment, and supplies, such as temporary scaffolding, brought into the construction site and removed at or before the completion of the infrastructure project. Nor does a Buy America Preference apply to equipment and furnishings, such as movable chairs, desks, and portable computer equipment, that are used at or within the finished infrastructure project but are not an integral part of the structure or permanently affixed to the infrastructure project.

The Grantee and its subcontractor, subgrantee, or other person, firm, or corporation, will provide the best available documentation illustrating compliance with the Buy America Preference. The Department reserves the right to request additional information from the Grantee to further demonstrate compliance with the Buy America preference. Compliance may be met by providing the following:

1. A written statement from the manufacturer demonstrating that the iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials purchased from that manufacturer were produced in the United States.
2. Photographic evidence that the iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials were produced in the United States.
3. Other documentation pre-approved by the Department.

Waivers:

When necessary, the Grantee may seek a waiver from the Buy America Preference requirements. Any issued waiver is made by the US DOE. The Grantee must contact the Department with its intent to seek a waiver from the Buy America Preference requirements. The Department will submit the waiver request on behalf of the Grantee to US DOE. Requests to waive the application of the Buy America Preference must be in writing. Waiver requests are subject to public comment periods of no less than 15 days, as well as review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Current timeframe estimate from request to approval is 45-60 days.

Waivers must be based on one of the following justifications:

1. Applying the Buy America Preference would be inconsistent with the public interest (Public Interest);
2. The types of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of a satisfactory quality (Nonavailability); or

3. The inclusion of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent (Unreasonable Cost).

Requests to waive the Buy America Preference must include the following:

- Waiver type (Public Interest, Nonavailability, or Unreasonable Cost);
- Recipient name and Unique Entity Identifier (UEI);
- A detailed justification as to how the non-domestic item(s) is/are essential to the project;
- A certification that the Grantee made a good faith effort to solicit bids for domestic products supported by terms included in requests for proposals, contracts, and non-proprietary communications with potential suppliers;
- Total estimated project cost, with estimated Federal share and recipient cost share breakdowns;
- Total estimated infrastructure costs, with estimated Federal share and recipient cost share breakdowns;
- A brief description of the project, its location, and the specific infrastructure involved;
- List and description of iron or steel item(s), manufactured goods, and/or construction material(s) the recipient seeks to waive from the Buy America Preference, including name, cost, country(ies) of origin, and relevant PSC and NAICS codes for each;
- A justification statement – based on one of the applicable justifications outlined above—as to why the items in question cannot be procured domestically, including the due diligence performed (e.g., market research, industry outreach) by the recipient to attempt to avoid the need for a waiver. This justification may cite, if applicable, the absence of any Buy America-compliant bids received for domestic products in response to a solicitation; and
- Anticipated impact to the project if no waiver is issued.

The US DOE and the Department may request, and the Grantee must provide, additional information for consideration of this waiver. The US DOE's final determination regarding approval or rejection of the waiver request may not be appealed.

	Eric M. Slosek, Director of Public Works
Grantee Representative Signature	Authorized Grantee Representative Name & Title
Town of Amherst	10/9/2024
Grantee Name	Date

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

EXHIBIT L

CERTIFICATION REGARDING NHPA and NEPA COMPLIANCE

The Grantee identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions agrees to comply with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) 42 U.S.C. §4321 et seq., rules promulgated thereunder (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), guidance documents issued by the Office of Management and Budget or the US Department of Energy (US DOE), the New Hampshire Department of Energy (Department) executed Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement, US Department of Energy EECBG Blueprint #3A Solar and Battery Storage – Power Purchase Agreements and Direct Ownership, and U.S. Department of Energy Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) NEPA Determination GFO-EECBG-2023-001 (SOW 1 – EECBG – Formula Awards).

The Grantee agrees to assure compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and the Department executed Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement prior to authorizing the use of funds.

The Grantee agrees to assure compliance with Blueprint #3A Solar and Battery Storage – Power Purchase Agreements and Direct Ownership, activities limited to:

- a) Site assessment.
- b) Project savings assessment.
- c) Procurement & legal support.
- d) Development, implementation, and installation of renewable energy technology, provided that projects adhere to the requirements of the respective applicant's US DOE executed *Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement (PA)*, are installed in or on existing buildings, (or within the boundaries of a facility, defined as an already disturbed area due to regular ground maintenance), do not require tree removal or tree trimming, do not require structural reinforcement, and are limited to Solar Electricity/Photovoltaic system not to exceed 60 kW DC.
- e) Development and installation of energy storage systems, including electrochemical and thermal storage systems, provided that projects adhere to the requirements of the respective applicant's US DOE executed *Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement (PA)*, are installed in or on existing buildings, (or within the boundaries of a facility, defined as an already disturbed area due to regular ground maintenance), do not require tree removal or tree trimming, do not require structural reinforcement, and are appropriately sized not to exceed 1,000kWh.

The Grantee agrees to assure compliance pursuant to the NEPA Determination EECBG-2023-001; B5.16 Solar photovoltaic systems defined as:

The installation, modification, operation, and removal of commercially available solar photovoltaic systems located on a building or other structure (such as rooftop, parking lot or facility, and mounted to signage, lighting, gates, or fences), or if located on land, generally comprising less than 10 acres within a previously disturbed or developed area. Covered actions would be in accordance with applicable requirements (such as local land use and zoning requirements) in the proposed project area and would incorporate appropriate control technologies and best management practices.

Activities not listed under "Blueprints and additional activities" within this NEPA determination are subject to additional NEPA review and approval by US DOE.

The Grantee is responsible for informing the Department of any extraordinary circumstances, cumulative impacts, or connected actions that may lead to significant impacts on the environment or any inconsistency with the "integral elements" from a particular project. See 10 C.F.R. Part 1021 Appendix B, and the US DOE's online NEPA and historic preservation training at www.energy.gov/node/4816816 to reviews these concepts.

Expedited NEPA review based on this NEPA Statement of Work and supporting documents does not preclude US DOE from conducting stewardship activities, including audits, and site visits, or from exercising any other rights under the EECBG program.

By signing below, the Grantee, agrees to follow all the statements and restrictions in this document; review and comply with the *NEPA Determination* (included in their Grantee award documents); review the US DOE's NEPA and Historic Preservation training website, and submit quarterly *NEPA Logs*. US DOE has developed a NEPA and Historic Preservation training website which contains PowerPoint presentations, sample template documents (including a *NEPA Log*, project *scope of work*, and a project *layout*), a Word template of the *Environmental Questionnaire 1 (EQ1)*, and an *EQ1 Submission Guide* at www.energy.gov/node/4816816. Grantees are responsible for reviewing these trainings and reviewing the sample documents prior to initiating projects. Grantees must contact their Department Project Officer with any questions. Subgrantees should also review the NEPA and Historic Preservation training website prior to initiating projects.


Grantee Representative Signature

Eric M. Slosek, Director of Public Works
Authorized Grantee Representative Name & Title

Town of Amherst
Grantee Name

10/9/2024
Date

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

EXHIBIT M

DAVIS-BACON AND RELATED ACTS REQUIREMENTS

Compliance with the Davis-Bacon Wage Act and Related Acts (DBRA) is required, and it applies to contracts in excess of \$2,000 for the construction, alteration, and/or repair of public buildings or public works, including painting and decorating. DBRA is applicable to all laborers and mechanics, subrecipients, contractors, or subcontractors who must be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on similar projects in the locality. If a project involves work at multiple sites, with a different DBRA wage determination, the DBRA wage determination appropriate for each locality must be inserted in each contract. The prevailing wage rates are determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code and published by the US Department of Labor (USDOL).

Cost shall include payroll costs for employees in the direct employ of a contractor in the performance of the work under schedules of job classifications agreed upon by Grantee and Contractor. Such employees shall include, without limitation, superintendents, foremen, and other personnel employed full time on the work. Payroll costs for employees not employed full time on the Work shall be apportioned based on their time spent on the Work. Payroll costs shall include, but not be limited to, salaries and wages plus the cost of fringe benefits, which shall include social security contributions, unemployment, excise, and payroll taxes, workers' compensation, health and retirement benefits, bonuses, sick leave, and vacation and holiday pay applicable. The expenses of performing Work outside of regular working hours, on Saturday, Sunday, or legal holidays, shall be included in the above to the extent authorized by Grantee.

By accepting this award, the Grantee is acknowledging the DBRA requirements and confirming that the laborers and mechanics performing construction, alteration, or repair work on projects funded in whole or in part by awards made as a result of this RFP are paid or will be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a character similar in the locality as determined by subchapter IV of Chapter 31 of Title 40, United States Code (Davis-Bacon Act).

Grantees must comply with all applicable Davis-Bacon Act requirements, including but not limited to:

1. Ensuring that the wage determination(s) and appropriate DBRA clauses and requirements are flowed down to and incorporated into any applicable subcontracts or subrecipient awards.
2. Ensuring that if wage determination(s) and appropriate DBRA clauses and requirements are improperly omitted from contracts and subrecipient awards, the applicable wage determination(s) and clauses are retroactively incorporated to the start of performance.
3. Being responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or subrecipient with the Davis-Bacon labor standards.

4. Receiving and reviewing certified weekly payrolls submitted by all subcontractors and subrecipients for accuracy and to identify potential compliance issues through LCPTracker.
5. Maintaining original certified weekly payrolls for three years after the completion of the project and must make those payrolls available to the Department, US DOE, or the USDOL upon request, as required by 29 CFR 5.6(a)(2).
6. Conducting payroll and job-site reviews for construction work, including interviews with employees, with such frequency as may be necessary to assure compliance by its subcontractors and subrecipients and as requested or directed by the Department, US DOE, or USDOL.
7. Cooperating with any authorized representative of the Department, US DOE, or USDOL in their inspection of records, interviews with employees, and other actions undertaken as part of a USDOL investigation.
8. Posting in a prominent and accessible place the wage determination(s) and Department of Labor Publication: WH-1321, Notice to Employees Working on Federal or Federally Assisted Construction Projects.
9. Notifying the USDOL Contracting Officer of all labor standards issues, including all complaints regarding incorrect payment of prevailing wages and/or fringe benefits, received from the recipient, subrecipient, contractor, or subcontractor employees; significant labor standards violations, as defined in 29 CFR 5.7; disputes concerning labor standards pursuant to 29 CFR parts 4, 6, and 8 and as defined in FAR 52.222-14; disputed labor standards determinations; Department of Labor investigations; or legal or judicial proceedings related to the labor standards under this Contract, a subcontract, or subrecipient award.
10. Preparing and submitting to the Contracting Officer, the Office of Management and Budget Control Number 1910-5165, Davis Bacon Semi-Annual Labor Compliance Report, by April 21 and October 21 of each year.

Grantees must also undergo DBRA compliance training and to maintain competency in DBRA compliance. The Contracting Officer will notify grantees of any USDOE, USDOL, or other sponsored DBRA compliance trainings.

The USDOL offers free Prevailing Wage Seminars several times a year that meet this requirement. More information can be found here:
<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts/construction/seminars/events>.

For additional guidance on how to comply with the DBRA provisions and clauses, see the following resources:

1. <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts/construction>.
2. <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts/protections-for-workers-in-construction>.

Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act

The Davis-Bacon Act directs the Department of Labor to determine such locally prevailing wage rates. The Davis-Bacon Act applies to contractors and subcontractors performing work on federal or District of Columbia contracts. The Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage provisions apply to the "Related Acts," under which federal agencies assist construction projects through grants, loans, loan guarantees, and insurance.

For prime contracts more than \$100,000, contractors and subcontractors must also, under the provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, as amended, pay laborers and mechanics, including guards and watchmen, at least one and one-half times their regular rate of pay for all hours worked over 40 in a workweek. The overtime provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act may also apply to DBA-covered contracts.

Grantees must submit weekly payroll monitoring information via US DOE's online system (LCPTracker) to comply with DBRA standards.

Grantee agrees to submit weekly payroll monitoring information via US DOE's online system (LCPTracker) and to comply with all applicable provisions of the Davis-Bacon Wage Act and Related Acts, the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, and the Fair Labor Standards Act, as amended, and the provisions of this Certificate.



 Grantee Representative Signature

Eric M. Slosek, Director of Public Works

 Grantee's Representative Title

Town of Amherst

 Grantee Name

10/9/2024

 Date

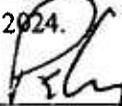
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

I, Peter Lyon, Member and Clerk of the Board of Selectman of the Town of Amherst, New Hampshire, do hereby certify that:

- (1) At the Select Board Meeting held October 9, 2024 the Board of Selectmen voted to apply for and enter into a grant agreement with the State of New Hampshire Department of Energy in the amount of \$96,777 for a solar panel power system for the Town Department of Public Works facility, contingent on the Town obtaining all necessary approvals to accept and expend the grant award pursuant to the terms of the agreement and to undertake the project, including but not limited to budgetary approvals, by April 1, 2025. Such funds from State, Federal, or other governmental unit or private sources which are to become available during the year in accordance with the procedures set forth in New Hampshire law;
- (2) The Board of Selectmen further authorized the Director of the Department of Public Works to execute any documents which may be necessary to effectuate this contract;
- (3) This authorization has not been revoked, annulled, or amended in any manner whatsoever, and remains in full force and effect as of the date hereof; and
- (4) the following person has been appointed to and now occupies the office indicated under item (2) above:

Eric M. Slosek, Director of Public Works

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand as the Clerk of the Board of Selectmen of Amherst, New Hampshire on October 9, 2024.

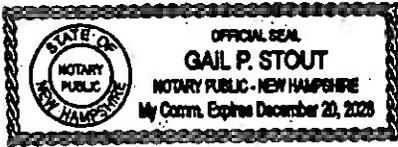

Peter Lyon, Member and Clerk
Board of Selectmen,

My commission expires: 12/20/2028

State of New Hampshire
County of HILLSBOROUGH

On this the 9th day of October, 2024, before me, Gail P. Start, the undersigned officer, personally appeared Peter Lyon who acknowledged himself to be the Clerk of the Board of Selectmen of Amherst, New Hampshire, and that he as such Clerk, being authorized to do so, executed the foregoing instrument for the purpose therein contained.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and official seal.



(Seal)

Gail P. Stout
Justice of the Peace/Notary Public
Commission Expiration Date: 12/20/2028 8



CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE

The New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange (Primex³) is organized under the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 5-B, Pooled Risk Management Programs. In accordance with those statutes, its Trust Agreement and bylaws, Primex³ is authorized to provide pooled risk management programs established for the benefit of political subdivisions in the State of New Hampshire.

Each member of Primex³ is entitled to the categories of coverage set forth below. In addition, Primex³ may extend the same coverage to non-members. However, any coverage extended to a non-member is subject to all of the terms, conditions, exclusions, amendments, rules, policies and procedures that are applicable to the members of Primex³, including but not limited to the final and binding resolution of all claims and coverage disputes before the Primex³ Board of Trustees. The Additional Covered Party's per occurrence limit shall be deemed included in the Member's per occurrence limit, and therefore shall reduce the Member's limit of liability as set forth by the Coverage Documents and Declarations. The limit shown may have been reduced by claims paid on behalf of the member. General Liability coverage is limited to Coverage A (Personal Injury Liability) and Coverage B (Property Damage Liability) only. Coverage's C (Public Officials Errors and Omissions), D (Unfair Employment Practices), E (Employee Benefit Liability) and F (Educator's Legal Liability Claims-Made Coverage) are excluded from this provision of coverage.

The below named entity is a member in good standing of the New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange. The coverage provided may, however, be revised at any time by the actions of Primex³. As of the date this certificate is issued, the information set out below accurately reflects the categories of coverage established for the current coverage year.

This Certificate is issued as a matter of information only and confers no rights upon the certificate holder. This certificate does not amend, extend, or alter the coverage afforded by the coverage categories listed below.

Participating Member: Town of Amherst 2 Main Street Amherst, NH 03031		Member Number: 106	Company Affording Coverage: NH Public Risk Management Exchange - Primex ³ PO Box 23 Hooksett, NH 03106-9716		
Type of Coverage		Effective Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Expiration Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Limits - NH Statutory Limits May Apply, If Not:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General Liability (Occurrence Form) Professional Liability (describe) <input type="checkbox"/> Claims Made <input type="checkbox"/> Occurrence	7/1/2024	7/1/2025	Each Occurrence	\$ 2,000,000
				General Aggregate	\$ 10,000,000
				Fire Damage (Any one fire)	
				Med Exp (Any one person)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Automobile Liability Deductible Comp and Coll.: \$1,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Any auto	7/1/2024	7/1/2025	Combined Single Limit (Each Accident)	\$2,000,000
				Aggregate	\$10,000,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workers' Compensation & Employers' Liability	7/1/2024	7/1/2025	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statutory	
				Each Accident	\$2,000,000
				Disease - Each Employee	\$2,000,000
				Disease - Policy Limit	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Property (Special Risk includes Fire and Theft)	7/1/2024	7/1/2025	Blanket Limit, Replacement Cost (unless otherwise stated)	Deductible: \$1,000
Description: Proof of Primex Member coverage only to include the Cook Memorial Library.					

CERTIFICATE HOLDER:	Additional Covered Party	Loss Payee	Primex³ - NH Public Risk Management Exchange
			By: <i>Mary Beth Purcell</i>
State of NH Department of Energy 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301			Date: 10/8/2024 mpurcell@nhprimex.org
			Please direct inquires to: Primex³ Claims/Coverage Services 603-225-2841 phone 603-228-3833 fax