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October 1, 2025

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

1) Authorize the New Hampshire Department of Energy (Department) to enter into a **SOLE SOURCE** contract Southwestern Community Services, Inc. (SCS), Keene, NH, Vendor #177511, in the amount of \$4,365,868 for the Fuel Assistance Program effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval through September 30, 2027. **100% Federal Funds.**

Funds to support this request are available in the account Fuel Assistance as follows:

02-52-52-520510-33540000-074-500587  
Grants for Pub Assist & Relief

**FY 2026**

\$4,365,868

2) Further request authorization to advance Southwestern Community Services \$25,219 from the above-referenced contract amount.

**EXPLANATION**

This contract is **SOLE SOURCE** because the historical performance of the Community Action Agencies (CAA) in the New Hampshire LIHEAP, their outreach and client service capabilities, and the synergies that benefit the FAP as a result of the five statewide CAAs' implementation of several other federal assistance programs as well as the infrastructure that is already in place to deliver LIHEAP (also known as Fuel Assistance Program or FAP) services. The Department proposes to continue to subcontract with the five CAAs who have successfully provided FAP services at the local level for more than three decades. The CAAs work closely with the Department's FAP Administrator in the implementation of the program.

FAP is a statewide program, funded by a Federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Block Grant, and works to make home energy more affordable for income-qualified New Hampshire families, including those who are elderly or disabled. Program funds are targeted to low-income households with high energy burdens. The current maximum income level is 60% of the State Median Income (SMI), which is \$91,548 per year for a family of four. The average FAP benefit during the last program year was \$1,045. The program operates on an October 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup> program year.

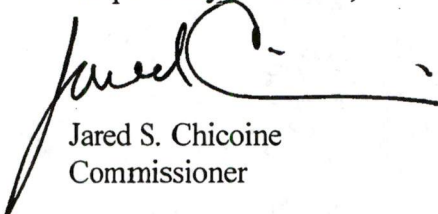
The proposed advance of funds will enable the CAA to operate the program between monthly reimbursements from the State.

In the event that the Federal Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

The Department has determined that the vendor is in good standing with the Secretary of State's Office, has secured the required levels of insurance, and has provided evidence of authority to execute and be bound by the contract. Documents supporting these assertions are available at the agency, for review upon request.

SCS is a non-profit organization, and the Department has confirmed the vendor is registered and in good standing with the Department of Justice's Charitable Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jared S. Chicoine", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jared S. Chicoine  
Commissioner

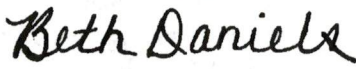
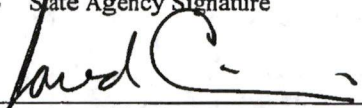
**Notice:** This agreement and all of its attachments shall become public upon submission to Governor and Executive Council for approval. Any information that is private, confidential or proprietary must be clearly identified to the agency and agreed to in writing prior to signing the contract.

**AGREEMENT**

The State of New Hampshire and the Contractor hereby mutually agree as follows:

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**1. IDENTIFICATION.**

|                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                            |                                                                                      |                                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1.1 State Agency Name<br>Department of Energy                                                                                                                                                  |                                            | 1.2 State Agency Address<br>21 S. Fruit St., Ste. 10, Concord, NH 03301              |                                     |
| 1.3 Contractor Name<br>Southwestern Community Services, Inc.                                                                                                                                   |                                            | 1.4 Contractor Address<br>63 Community Way, PO Box 603, Keene, NH 03431              |                                     |
| 1.5 Contractor Phone Number<br>(603) 352-7152                                                                                                                                                  | 1.6 Account Unit and Class<br>33540000-074 | 1.7 Completion Date<br>09/30/2027                                                    | 1.8 Price Limitation<br>\$4,365,868 |
| 1.9 Contracting Officer for State Agency<br>Leah Richards, Fuel Assistance Program Director                                                                                                    |                                            | 1.10 State Agency Telephone Number<br>(603) 271-3670                                 |                                     |
| 1.11 Contractor Signature<br> Date: 08/08/25                                                                 |                                            | 1.12 Name and Title of Contractor Signatory<br>Beth Daniels, Chief Executive Officer |                                     |
| 1.13 State Agency Signature<br> Date: 8/11/25                                                               |                                            | 1.14 Name and Title of State Agency Signatory<br>Jared S. Chicoine, Commissioner     |                                     |
| 1.15 Approval by the N.H. Department of Administration, Division of Personnel (if applicable)<br>By: _____ Director, On: _____                                                                 |                                            |                                                                                      |                                     |
| 1.16 Approval by the Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution) (if applicable)<br>By:  On: 8/28/2025 |                                            |                                                                                      |                                     |
| 1.17 Approval by the Governor and Executive Council (if applicable)<br>G&C Item number: _____ G&C Meeting Date: _____                                                                          |                                            |                                                                                      |                                     |

**2. SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED.** The State of New Hampshire, acting through the agency identified in block 1.1 ("State"), engages contractor identified in block 1.3 ("Contractor") to perform, and the Contractor shall perform, the work or sale of goods, or both, identified and more particularly described in the attached EXHIBIT B which is incorporated herein by reference ("Services").

**3. EFFECTIVE DATE/COMPLETION OF SERVICES.**

3.1 Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, and subject to the approval of the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire, if applicable, this Agreement, and all obligations of the parties hereunder, shall become effective on the date the Governor and Executive Council approve this Agreement, unless no such approval is required, in which case the Agreement shall become effective on the date the Agreement is signed by the State Agency as shown in block 1.13 ("Effective Date").

3.2 If the Contractor commences the Services prior to the Effective Date, all Services performed by the Contractor prior to the Effective Date shall be performed at the sole risk of the Contractor, and in the event that this Agreement does not become effective, the State shall have no liability to the Contractor, including without limitation, any obligation to pay the Contractor for any costs incurred or Services performed.

3.3 Contractor must complete all Services by the Completion Date specified in block 1.7.

**4. CONDITIONAL NATURE OF AGREEMENT.**

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, all obligations of the State hereunder, including, without limitation, the continuance of payments hereunder, are contingent upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds. In no event shall the State be liable for any payments hereunder in excess of such available appropriated funds. In the event of a reduction or termination of appropriated funds by any state or federal legislative or executive action that reduces, eliminates or otherwise modifies the appropriation or availability of funding for this Agreement and the Scope for Services provided in EXHIBIT B, in whole or in part, the State shall have the right to withhold payment until such funds become available, if ever, and shall have the right to reduce or terminate the Services under this Agreement immediately upon giving the Contractor notice of such reduction or termination. The State shall not be required to transfer funds from any other account or source to the Account identified in block 1.6 in the event funds in that Account are reduced or unavailable.

**5. CONTRACT PRICE/PRICE LIMITATION/ PAYMENT.**

5.1 The contract price, method of payment, and terms of payment are identified and more particularly described in EXHIBIT C which is incorporated herein by reference.

5.2 Notwithstanding any provision 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 Price Limitation set forth in block 1.8. The payment by the State of the contract price shall be the only and the complete reimbursement to the Contractor for all expenses, of whatever nature incurred by the Contractor in the performance hereof, and shall be the only and the complete compensation to the Contractor for the Services.

5.3 The State reserves the right to offset from any amounts otherwise payable to the Contractor under this Agreement those liquidated amounts required or permitted by N.H. RSA 80:7 through RSA 80:7-c or any other provision of law.

5.4 The State's liability under this Agreement shall be limited to monetary damages not to exceed the total fees paid. The Contractor agrees that it has an adequate remedy at law for any breach of this Agreement by the State and hereby waives any right to specific performance or other equitable remedies against the State.

**6. COMPLIANCE BY CONTRACTOR WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS/EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.**

6.1 In connection with the performance of the Services, the Contractor shall comply with all applicable statutes, laws, regulations, and orders of federal, state, county or municipal authorities which impose any obligation or duty upon the Contractor, including, but not limited to, civil rights and equal employment opportunity laws and the Governor's order on Respect and Civility in the Workplace, Executive order 2020-01. In addition, if this Agreement is funded in any part by monies of the United States, the Contractor shall comply with all federal executive orders, rules, regulations and statutes, and with any rules, regulations and guidelines as the State or the United States issue to implement these regulations. The Contractor shall also comply with all applicable intellectual property laws.

6.2 During the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of age, sex, sexual orientation, race, color, marital status, physical or mental disability, religious creed, national origin, gender identity, or gender expression, and will take affirmative action to prevent such discrimination, unless exempt by state or federal law. The Contractor shall ensure any subcontractors comply with these nondiscrimination requirements.

6.3 No payments or transfers of value by Contractor or its representatives in connection with this Agreement have or shall be made which have the purpose or effect of public or commercial bribery, or acceptance of or acquiescence in extortion, kickbacks, or other unlawful or improper means of obtaining business.

6.4. The Contractor agrees to permit the State or United States access to any of the Contractor's books, records and accounts for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with this Agreement and all rules, regulations and orders pertaining to the covenants, terms and conditions of this Agreement.

**7. PERSONNEL.**

7.1 The Contractor shall at its own expense provide all personnel necessary to perform the Services. The Contractor warrants that all personnel engaged in the Services shall be qualified to perform the Services, and shall be properly licensed and otherwise authorized to do so under all applicable laws.

7.2 The Contracting Officer specified in block 1.9, or any successor, shall be the State's point of contact pertaining to this Agreement.

**8. EVENT OF DEFAULT/REMEDIES.**

8.1 Any one or more of the following acts or omissions of the Contractor shall constitute an event of default hereunder ("Event of Default"):

8.1.1 failure to perform the Services satisfactorily or on schedule;  
8.1.2 failure to submit any report required hereunder; and/or  
8.1.3 failure to perform any other covenant, term or condition of this Agreement.

8.2 Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the State may take any one, or more, or all, of the following actions:

8.2.1 give the Contractor 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) calendar days from the date of the notice; and if the Event of Default is not timely cured,

terminate this Agreement, effective two (2) calendar days after giving the Contractor notice of termination;

8.2.2 give the Contractor 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 contract price which would otherwise accrue to the Contractor during the period from the date of such notice until such time as the State determines that the Contractor has cured the Event of Default shall never be paid to the Contractor;

8.2.3 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and set off against any other obligations the State may owe to the Contractor any damages the State suffers by reason of any Event of Default; and/or

8.2.4 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default, treat the Agreement as breached, terminate the Agreement and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity, or both.

## **9. TERMINATION.**

9.1 Notwithstanding paragraph 8, the State may, at its sole discretion, terminate the Agreement for any reason, in whole or in part, by thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the Contractor that the State is exercising its option to terminate the Agreement.

9.2 In the event of an early termination of this Agreement for any reason other than the completion of the Services, the Contractor shall, at the State's discretion, deliver to the Contracting Officer, not later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the date of termination, a report ("Termination Report") describing in detail all Services performed, and the contract price earned, to and including the date of termination. In addition, at the State's discretion, the Contractor shall, within fifteen (15) calendar days of notice of early termination, develop and submit to the State a transition plan for Services under the Agreement.

## **10. PROPERTY OWNERSHIP/DISCLOSURE.**

10.1 As used in this Agreement, the word "Property" shall mean all data, 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, papers, and documents, all whether finished or unfinished.

10.2 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.

10.3 Disclosure of data, information and other records shall be governed by N.H. RSA chapter 91-A and/or other applicable law. Disclosure requires prior written approval of the State.

**11. CONTRACTOR'S RELATION TO THE STATE.** In the performance of this Agreement the Contractor is in all respects an independent contractor, and is neither an agent nor an employee of the State. Neither the Contractor nor any of its officers, employees, agents or members shall have authority to bind the State or receive any benefits, workers' compensation or other emoluments provided by the State to its employees.

## **12. ASSIGNMENT/DELEGATION/SUBCONTRACTS.**

12.1 Contractor shall provide the State written notice at least fifteen (15) calendar days before any proposed assignment, delegation, or other transfer of any interest in this Agreement. No such assignment,

delegation, or other transfer shall be effective without the written consent of the State.

12.2 For purposes of paragraph 12, a Change of Control shall constitute assignment. "Change of Control" means (a) merger, consolidation, or a transaction or series of related transactions in which a third party, together with its affiliates, becomes the direct or indirect owner of fifty percent (50%) or more of the voting shares or similar equity interests, or combined voting power of the Contractor, or (b) the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Contractor.

12.3 None of the Services shall be subcontracted by the Contractor without prior written notice and consent of the State.

12.4 The State is entitled to copies of all subcontracts and assignment agreements and shall not be bound by any provisions contained in a subcontract or an assignment agreement to which it is not a party.

**13. INDEMNIFICATION.** The Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State, its officers, and employees from and against all actions, claims, damages, demands, judgments, fines, liabilities, losses, and other expenses, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees, arising out of or relating to this Agreement directly or indirectly arising from death, personal injury, property damage, intellectual property infringement, or other claims asserted against the State, its officers, or employees caused by the acts or omissions of negligence, reckless or willful misconduct, or fraud by the Contractor, its employees, agents, or subcontractors. The State shall not be liable for any costs incurred by the Contractor arising under this paragraph 13. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the State's sovereign immunity, which immunity is hereby reserved to the State. This covenant in paragraph 13 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

## **14. INSURANCE.**

14.1 The Contractor shall, at its sole expense, obtain and continuously maintain in force, and shall require any subcontractor or assignee to obtain and maintain in force, the following insurance:

14.1.1 commercial general liability insurance against all claims of bodily injury, death or property damage, in amounts of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate or excess; and

14.1.2 special cause of loss coverage form covering all Property subject to subparagraph 10.2 herein, in an amount not less than 80% of the whole replacement value of the Property.

14.2 The policies described in subparagraph 14.1 herein shall be on policy forms and endorsements approved for use in the State of New Hampshire by the N.H. Department of Insurance, and issued by insurers licensed in the State of New Hampshire.

14.3 The Contractor shall furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or any successor, a certificate(s) of insurance for all insurance required under this Agreement. At the request of the Contracting Officer, or any successor, the Contractor shall provide certificate(s) of insurance for all renewal(s) of insurance required under this Agreement. The certificate(s) of insurance and any renewals thereof shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference.

## **15. WORKERS' COMPENSATION.**

15.1 By signing this agreement, the Contractor agrees, certifies and warrants that the Contractor is in compliance with or exempt from, the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A ("Workers' Compensation").

15.2 To the extent the Contractor is subject to the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A, Contractor shall maintain, and require any subcontractor or assignee to secure and maintain, payment of Workers'

Compensation in connection with activities which the person proposes to undertake pursuant to this Agreement. The Contractor shall furnish the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or any successor, proof of Workers' Compensation in the manner described in N.H. RSA chapter 281-A and any applicable renewal(s) thereof, which shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference. The State shall not be responsible for payment of any Workers' Compensation premiums or for any other claim or benefit for Contractor, or any subcontractor or employee of Contractor, which might arise under applicable State of New Hampshire Workers' Compensation laws in connection with the performance of the Services under this Agreement.

**16. WAIVER OF BREACH.** A State's failure to enforce its rights with respect to any single or continuing breach of this Agreement shall not act as a waiver of the right of the State to later enforce any such rights or to enforce any other or any subsequent breach.

**17. 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 given in blocks 1.2 and 1.4, herein.

**18. 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 Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire unless no such approval is required under the circumstances pursuant to State law, rule or policy.

**19. CHOICE OF LAW AND FORUM.**

19.1 This Agreement shall be governed, interpreted and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire except where the Federal supremacy clause requires otherwise. The wording used in this Agreement is the wording chosen by the parties to express their mutual intent, and no rule of construction shall be applied against or in favor of any party.

19.2 Any actions arising out of this Agreement, including the breach or alleged breach thereof, may not be submitted to binding arbitration,

but must, instead, be brought and maintained in the Merrimack County Superior Court of New Hampshire which shall have exclusive jurisdiction thereof.

**20. CONFLICTING TERMS.** In the event of a conflict between the terms of this P-37 form (as modified in EXHIBIT A) and any other portion of this Agreement including any attachments thereto, the terms of the P-37 (as modified in EXHIBIT A) shall control.

**21. THIRD PARTIES.** This Agreement is being entered into for the sole benefit of the parties hereto, and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or will confer any legal or equitable right, benefit, or remedy of any nature upon any other person.

**22. HEADINGS.** The headings throughout the Agreement are for reference purposes only, and the words contained therein shall in no way be held to explain, modify, amplify or aid in the interpretation, construction or meaning of the provisions of this Agreement.

**23. SPECIAL PROVISIONS.** Additional or modifying provisions set forth in the attached EXHIBIT A are incorporated herein by reference.

**24. FURTHER ASSURANCES.** The Contractor, along with its agents and affiliates, shall, at its own cost and expense, execute any additional documents and take such further actions as may be reasonably required to carry out the provisions of this Agreement and give effect to the transactions contemplated hereby.

**25. SEVERABILITY.** In the event any of the provisions of this Agreement are held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to any state or federal law, the remaining provisions of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

**26. 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 with respect to the subject matter hereof.

## EXHIBIT A

### SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. Southwestern Community Services, Inc., hereinafter "the Contractor," agrees to provide services to implement the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Grant (also known as Fuel Assistance Program or FAP) as detailed in the scope of work.
2. On or before the date set forth in Block 1.7 of the General Provisions, the Contractor shall deliver to the State an independent audit of the Contractor's entire agency by a qualified independent auditor in good standing with the state and federal government.
3. This audit shall be conducted in accordance with the audit requirements of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular 2 CFR200, Subpart F- Audit Requirements. The Fuel Assistance Program shall be considered a "major program" for purposes of this audit.
4. This audit report shall include a schedule of revenues and expenditures by contract or grant number of all expenditures during the Contractor's fiscal year. The Contractor shall utilize a competitive bidding process to choose a qualified financial auditor at least every four years.
5. The audit report shall include a schedule of prior years' questioned costs along with an Agency response to the current status of the prior years' questioned costs. Copies of all OMB letters written as a result of audits shall be forwarded to New Hampshire Department of Energy (Department). The audit shall be forwarded to the Department within one month of the time of receipt by the Agency, accompanied by an action plan for each finding or questioned cost.
6. Delete the following from paragraph 10 of the General Provisions: "The form, subject matter, content, and number of copies of the Termination Report shall be identical to those of any Final Report described in Exhibit A."
7. The costs charged under this contract shall be determined as allowable under the cost principles detailed in 2 CFR 200 Subpart E – Cost Principles.
8. Program and financial records pertaining to this contract shall be retained by the Contractor 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.
9. In accordance with Public Law 103-333, the "Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1995," the following provisions are applicable to this grant award:

- a. Section 507: "Purchase of American-Made Equipment and Products – It is the sense of the Congress that, to the greatest extent practicable, all equipment and products purchased with funds made available in this Act should be American-made."
  - b. Section 508: "When issuing statements, press releases, requests for proposals, bid solicitations and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or in part with federal money, all states receiving federal funds, including but not limited to state and local governments and recipients of federal research grants, shall clearly state (1) the percentage of the total costs of the program or project which will be financed with federal money, (2) the dollar amount of federal funds for the project or program, and (3) the percentage and dollar amount of the total costs of the project or program that will be financed by non-governmental sources."
10. CLOSE OUT OF CONTRACT. All final required reports and reimbursement requests shall be submitted to the State within 30 days of the completion date (Agreement Block 1.7).
  11. ADVANCES. Advance funds must be used solely for appropriate Fuel Assistance Program expenditures. All Fuel Assistance Program payments must be transferred from the Community Action Agency's (CAA's) general operating account into a specific Fuel Assistance Program account within 48 hours after being received electronically from the State. CAAs must submit the bank account number of the designated bank account for the advance funds to the Department prior to the electronic submission of the funds to the CAA. Unspent Advance funds must remain in the FAP dedicated account at all times and cannot be comingled with any other CAA funds. CAAs are required to submit a complete electronic copy of the FAP-dedicated bank account statement to the Department on a monthly basis.
  12. This is not a Research and Development (R&D) award. The Contractor's indirect rate is the de minimis rate of 15 percent.
  13. The Department shall have the right to issue periodic notices, memos, and updated reporting forms and information.
  14. Contractor shall notify Department of any media inquiries and responses and copies of published media clippings and broadcasts. The Department shall have the right to participate in any meetings with media.
  15. The Department shall have the right to publicize progress of this program.
  16. 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.

17. These provisions flow down to all sub-grantee and/or sub-contractor(s).
18. During the duration of the contract the Contractor must maintain a valid and active Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) registration in SAM.gov.

## **EXHIBIT B**

### **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

Southwestern Community Services, Inc., hereinafter the Contractor, agrees to provide Fuel Assistance Program (FAP) services to qualified low-income individuals and agrees to perform all such services and other work necessary to operate the Program in accordance with the requirements of this contract, the principles and objectives set forth in the Fuel Assistance Program Policy and Procedures Manual, Information Memoranda, and other guidance as determined by the Department.

FAP services will be defined to include the following categories:

1. Outreach, eligibility, determination, and certification of FAP applicants through the state-authorized software;
2. Payments directly to energy vendors;
3. Payments directly to landlords for renters who pay their energy costs as undefined portions of their rent;
4. Payments directly to clients only when deemed appropriate and necessary as defined in the Fuel Assistance Program Policy and Procedures Manual;
5. Emergency Assistance through expedited application and payment processing as outlined in the Fuel Assistance Program Policy and Procedures Manual.

## EXHIBIT C

### PAYMENT TERMS

In consideration of the satisfactory performance of the services as determined by the State, the State agrees to pay over to the Contractor the sum of \$4,365,868 (which hereinafter is referred to as the "Grant").

Upon the State's receipt of the 2026 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and New Hampshire Governor and Executive Council (Governor and Executive Council) approval, the following funds will be authorized:

**LIHEAP PY2026 Funds:**

\$252,194 for administration costs, of which \$25,219 will be issued as a cash advance;  
\$3,771,381 for program costs;  
\$198,493 for program support costs;  
\$143,800 for Assurance 16.

The dates for this contract are upon Governor and Council approval through September 30, 2027.

Authorization to spend the above-awarded funds will be provided in writing by the Department to the Contractor as the Federal funds become available (Exhibit I). Drawdowns from the balance of funds will be made to the Contractor only after written documentation of immediate cash need is submitted to the State. Disbursement of the Grant shall be in accordance with procedures established by the State as detailed in the Fuel Assistance Program Policy and Procedures Manual.

The Contractor must make timely payments to sub-contractors in accordance with the contract provisions.

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

ALN Title: Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program  
ALN No: 93.568  
Award Name: Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program  
Federal Agency: Health & Human Services  
Administration for Children and Families  
Office of Community Services

**NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**EXHIBIT D**

The Contractor 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 Contractor'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 CONTRACTORS OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS**

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - CONTRACTORS  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - CONTRACTORS  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - CONTRACTORS  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
U.S. 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 Contractors (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 Contractor (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. Contractors using this form should send it to:

Leah Richards, Fuel Assistance Administrator  
New Hampshire Department of Energy, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, NH 03301

- (A) The Contractor 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 Contractor'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 Contractor'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;

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS  
ALTERNATIVE I - FOR CONTRACTORS OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS, cont'd**

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - CONTRACTORS  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - CONTRACTORS  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - CONTRACTORS  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

- (e) Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;
- (f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted—
- (1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
  - (2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
- (g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).
- (B) The Contractor may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant.

Place of Performance (street address, city, county, State, zip code) (list each location)

Southwestern Community Services, Inc.  
63 Community Way, PO Box 603, Keene, NH 03431

Check ☐ if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

Southwestern Community Services, Inc.      Upon G&C approval through September 30, 2027  
Contractor Name      Period Covered by this Certification

Beth Daniels, CEO  
Name and Title of Authorized Contractor Representative

Beth Daniels      08/08/25  
Contractor Representative Signature      Date

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EXHIBIT E

The Contractor 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 Contractor's representative, as identified in Sections 1.11 and 1.12 of the General Provisions execute the following Certification:

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - CONTRACTORS

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - CONTRACTORS

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - CONTRACTORS

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Programs (indicate applicable program covered):

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

Contract Period: Upon G&C approval through September 30, 2027

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.

Beth Daniels  
Contractor Representative Signature

CEO  
Contractor's Representative Title

Southwestern Community Services, Inc. 08/08/25  
Contractor Name Date

## NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### EXHIBIT F

The Contractor 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 Contractor'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 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 (l) (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.

Beth Daniels

Contractor Representative Signature

CEO

Contractor's Representative Title

Southwestern Community Services, Inc. 08/08/25

Contractor Name

Date

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

EXHIBIT G

CERTIFICATION REGARDING THE  
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COMPLIANCE

The Contractor identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions agrees by signature of the Contractor'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 Contractor agrees to make reasonable efforts to comply with all applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Beth Daniels  
Contractor Representative Signature

CEO  
Contractor's Representative Title

Southwestern Community Services, Inc.  
Contractor Name

08/08/25  
Date

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EXHIBIT H

CERTIFICATION

Public Law 103-227, Part C  
ENVIRONMENTAL TOBACCO SMOKE

Public Law 103227, Part C Environmental Tobacco Smoke, also known as the Pro Children Act of 1994, requires that smoking not be permitted in any portion of any indoor facility routinely owned or leased or contracted for by an entity and used routinely or regularly for provision of health, day care, education, or library services to children under the age of 18, if the services are funded by Federal programs either directly or through State or local governments, by Federal grant, contract, loan, or loan guarantee.

The law does not apply to children's services provided in private residences, facilities funded solely by Medicare or Medicaid funds, and portions of facilities used for inpatient drug or alcohol treatment.

Failure to comply with the provisions of the law may result in the imposition of a civil monetary penalty of up to \$1000 per day and/or the imposition of an administrative compliance order on the responsible entity.

By signing and submitting this application the applicant/Contractor certifies that it will comply with the requirements of the Act.

The applicant/Contractor further agrees that it will require the language of this certification be included in any subawards which contain provisions for the children's services and that all subcontractors shall certify accordingly.

Beth Daniels

Contractor Representative Signature

CEO

Contractor's Representative Title

Southwestern Community Services, Inc.

Contractor Name

08/08/25

Date

Exhibit I

**PY24 Fuel Assistance Program Authorization to Spend (aka Approval to Obligate)**

| SAMPLE ONLY                             | CAPBM               | CAPSC               | SCS                 | SNHS                 | TCCAP               | STATEWIDE            |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Program Funds</b>                    |                     |                     |                     |                      |                     |                      |
| PY 23 Funds Remaining                   | \$ 66,643           | \$ 772,405          | \$ -                | \$ 4,295,035         | \$ -                | \$ 5,134,083         |
| PY 24 Funds Remaining                   | \$ 3,157,257        | \$ 1,955,953        | 2,457,048           | \$ 7,013,005         | \$ 2,498,808        | \$ 17,082,071        |
| Additional PY 24 Funds Added on 8/7/24  | \$ 241,725          | \$ 157,358          | \$ 209,962          | \$ -                 | \$ 271,582          | \$ 880,627           |
| <b>TOTAL Amount Authorized to Spend</b> | <b>\$ 3,465,625</b> | <b>\$ 2,885,716</b> | <b>\$ 2,667,010</b> | <b>\$ 11,308,040</b> | <b>\$ 2,770,390</b> | <b>\$ 23,096,781</b> |
| Below - only Additional funds updated   |                     |                     |                     |                      |                     |                      |
| <b>Program Support (2%) Funds</b>       |                     |                     |                     |                      |                     |                      |
| PY 24 Funds Authorized                  | \$ 65,426           | \$ 30,524           | \$ 31,706           | \$ 77,365            | \$ -                | \$ 205,021           |
| Additional PY 24 Funds Added 8/7/24     | \$ 4,933            | \$ 3,211            | \$ 4,285            | \$ -                 | \$ -                | \$ 12,429            |
| <b>TOTAL Amount Authorized to Spend</b> | <b>\$ 70,359</b>    | <b>\$ 33,735</b>    | <b>\$ 35,991</b>    | <b>\$ 77,365</b>     | <b>\$ -</b>         | <b>\$ 217,450</b>    |
| <b>Administrative Funds</b>             |                     |                     |                     |                      |                     |                      |
| PY 23 Funds Remaining                   | \$ 82,965           | \$ -                | \$ 192,295          | 27,399               | \$ 313,443          | \$ 616,102           |
| PY 24 Funds Remaining                   | \$ 197,117          | \$ 11,407           | \$ 176,023          | \$ 638,847           | \$ 315,581          | \$ 1,338,975         |
| Additional PY24 Funds Added 8/7/24      | \$ 24,670           | \$ 16,060           | \$ 21,422           | \$ -                 | \$ 27,155           | \$ 89,307            |
| <b>TOTAL Amount Authorized to Spend</b> | <b>\$ 304,752</b>   | <b>\$ 27,467</b>    | <b>\$ 389,741</b>   | <b>\$ 666,246</b>    | <b>\$ 656,179</b>   | <b>\$ 2,044,384</b>  |
| <b>Assurance 16 Funds</b>               |                     |                     |                     |                      |                     |                      |
| PY 23 Funds Remaining                   | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ 117,018           | \$ -                | \$ 117,018           |
| PY 24 Funds Remaining                   | \$ 67,421           | \$ 54,804           | \$ 57,387           | \$ 425,400           | \$ 78,487           | \$ 683,499           |
| <b>TOTAL Amount Authorized to Spend</b> | <b>\$ 67,421</b>    | <b>\$ 54,804</b>    | <b>\$ 57,387</b>    | <b>\$ 542,418</b>    | <b>\$ 78,487</b>    | <b>\$ 800,517</b>    |

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 LIHEAP PY26 ALN # 93.568  
 Southwestern Community Services, Inc.

Initials **BD** Exhibit I  
 Date **08/08/25**  
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# 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 / ALN 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 Contractor 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 Contractor's representative, as identified in Sections 1.11 and 1.12 of the General Provisions execute the following Certification:

The below named Contractor 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.

Beth Daniels

Contractor Representative Signature

Beth Daniels, CEO

Authorized Contractor Representative Name & Title

Southwestern Community Services, Inc. 08/08/25

Contractor Name

Date

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

EXHIBIT J

FORM A

As the Contractor 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: HM4UXK8MBJC3

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?

X 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_