



**UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**



Title

BLM NV NSO Nevada Wildlife-Compatible Bat Closures for Nevada Abandoned Mine Land Hazards

Authority

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

***This Funding Announcement is not a request for applications. This announcement is to provide public notice of the Bureau of Land Management's intention to fund the following project activities without full and open competition.**

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CFDA No. 15.231

Fish, Wildlife and Plant Conservation Resource Management

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SECTION I. Funding Opportunity Description

A. Legislative Authority:

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B. CFDA Number and Place of Performance:

CFDA No. 15.231 – Fish, Wildlife and Plant Conservation Resource Management

Place of Performance – Nevada, Statewide

C. Project Background Information:

Nevada BLM and Nevada Department of Wildlife share a strong commitment to the preservation and conservation of bat habitat and the remediation of physical safety hazards on public lands in Nevada. A key element of this is the construction of bat gates that allow continued bat use of abandoned mines while reducing hazards to humans. In cooperation with the Nevada BLM, the Nevada Department of Wildlife has been developing a list of abandoned mine sites which are worthy of protection as bat habitat. These determinations have been based on scientific survey data which has been heavily supported by BLM and Bat Conservation International as well the Department of Wildlife. It is expected that NEPA compliance will be by categorical exclusion, which will minimize or nearly eliminate further clearance requirements for the minimal disturbance involved in gate construction.

D. Project Objective:

The recipient of this agreement will provide support to the BLM, Nevada State Office in the conservation and management of bats and bat habitat on public lands by accelerating the rate of abandoned mine closures which will enhance the safety of public land users while preserving bat and other wildlife habitat.

The recipient will provide the means to construct bat gates on hazards which have already been surveyed and identified as requiring closure.

The recipient will provide recommendations for bat-compatible closure of abandoned mine physical safety hazards. The recipients will also aid in increasing scientific knowledge and understanding of bat populations and distribution, and of bat habitats and usage within the project area.

This project will contribute to the management, protection, and conservation of public lands by improving the safety of public lands, preserving bat habitat, and increasing the information available on bat conservation and management to facilitate informed decisions for the conservation of these resources while increasing the safety of public land users. The project also supports the public purpose of improved coordination of state and federal management of wildlife and their interdependent populations, which are highly valued resources.

E. Benefits

The activities to be undertaken through this project will allow the BLM and the State of Nevada to work for a common purpose and the following benefits:

Continued preservation, conservation and management of bats and bat habitat on public lands. Enhance the safety of public land users while preserving bat and other wildlife habitat. Assists the BLM to meet the following performance measures:

1.0 Resource Protection

1.2 End Outcome Goal: Sustain biological communities on DOI managed and influenced lands and water in manner consistent with obligations regarding the allocation and use of water.

1.2.02 Percent of populations of species of management concern that are managed to desired condition. (SP)

4.0 Serving Communities

4.1 Outcome Goal: Improve Protection of Lives, Resources, and Property

4.1.12 Percent of physical and chemical hazards mitigated within appropriate time to foster visitor or public safety. (SP)

SECTION II. Statement of Joint Objective/Project Management Plan:

- Nevada BLM and Nevada Department of Wildlife share a strong commitment to the preservation and conservation of bat habitat and the remediation of physical safety hazards on public lands in Nevada. A key element of this is the construction of bat gates that allow continued bat use of abandoned mines while reducing hazards to humans. The two agencies have long collaborated on research and on the development of an inventory of AML sites which require gating.
- The Nevada Department of Wildlife will initiate conference calls between the BLM Nevada State Offices, appropriate District Offices, and themselves on a monthly basis or more often as needed. Nevada Department of Wildlife shall submit an annual report of expenditures and accomplishments, with full written and photographic documentation of sites gated.
- The Nevada Department of Wildlife will ensure the temporary removal, exclusion, or transplanting of wildlife and plants likely to be impacted by construction.
- The Nevada Department of Wildlife will perform or coordinate the construction of wildlife compatible human enclosures, usually metal gates or cupolas, to Bat Conservation International approved designs, and at times and seasons which will minimize biological impacts.
- The Bureau of Land Management and the Nevada Department of Wildlife agree that human safety is a primary concern and that safety protocols will be adhered to during performance of this project.

Period of Project: June 1, 2010 to September 30, 2013

SECTION III. Award Information

A. Expected Number of Awards and length of Award(s): 1 award, 3 year timeframe

B. Estimated Total Program Funding: \$100,000

C. Award Ceiling: \$500,000

D. Assistance Instrument: Cooperative Agreement

SECTION IV. Eligibility Information

A. Eligible Applicants: Restricted, State of Nevada

B. Cost Sharing or Matching: This program has no matching requirements; however, applicants offering matching funds either for the project's internal expenses or for funding the

program are more likely to be funded. If cost sharing is from a third party, include a copy of the letter committing funds or interest in the project if possible.

SECTION V. Application and Submission Information

A. Address to Request Application Package: This announcement contains all information and electronic addresses necessary to submit an application through Grants.gov.

B. Content and Form of Application: The application package shall consist of all the required Standard Forms shown below, Attachment A, Certification For Federal Assistance, AND a project narrative and budget narrative that must include the following information:

1. Required Standard Forms:

SF Forms to Submit	SF Form Information
Application	Form SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance
Budget Information	Form SF-424A, Budget Information - Non-Construction Programs or SF-424C – Construction Programs
Assurances	Form SF-424B, Assurances - Non-Construction Programs or SF-424D– Construction Programs

2. Detailed Narrative Proposal

1. Indirect Charges. Most States, Universities and larger nonprofit organizations have a negotiated indirect cost rate agreement with the Federal Government. This agreement provides the rates approved for use on cooperative agreements, grants, contracts and other agreements with the Federal Government. A copy of a current rate agreement must be submitted with proposed projects. Smaller organizations may not have an agreement with the Federal Government. In these cases, the indirect costs requests must be accompanied by a determination from an independent auditing firm. This determination will include the indirect cost rate, the calculations of the indirect cost rate including the base and indirect costs pools and the associated dollar figures for both. Proposals that fail to document their indirect costs will be disallowed.

2. Proposal Submission Format (**Attachment B**) can be used as an example in submitting a proposal. The proposal technical text must be no longer than 10 pages, no smaller than font size 11, and have 1-inch margins. The 10-page limit includes *all* text, figures, references, and vitae. (The Budget, Attachment C, is *not* included in the 10-page limit.) The text should include the following:

a. Introduction, Purpose, Objectives, and Relevance – (a) Describe why the project is needed by the applicant; (b) Describe the applicant’s objectives; (c) Describe how the applicant’s objectives support their mission and how this project will provide a public benefit; (d) Describe how this project will preserve and create jobs to promote economic recovery, provide investments needed to increase economic efficiency by spurring technological advances in science and health, and will invest in transportation, environmental protections and other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits.

b. **Technical Approach** - Describe how the applicant proposes to conduct and achieve the project in accordance with the Statement of Joint Objectives in Section I.D. The project design must contain enough detail to show the development of the project and the relationship between the partners, tasks, milestones, and objectives. The work plan must be clear, suitable, and feasible with respect to the following; (a) Describe the techniques, procedures, and methodologies to be used; (b) Describe data collection, analysis, and means of relationship interpretation; (c) Describe expected results or outcomes; and (d) Describe the procedures for evaluating project efficacy, including fixed performance indices with probabilities for obtaining them. Explain how the applicant will meet the completion schedule identified in Section I.D.

c. **Qualifications, Experience, and Past Performance** - Describe who will carry out the project activities. List all project personnel, including consultants. Describe their responsibilities and the amount of time each will dedicate to the project. Briefly describe how their experience and qualifications are appropriate to successfully achieve the stated objectives.

3. **Budget (Attachment C)**. Include a description of the cost share (cash vs. in kind). The budget should contain the following:

a. **Salaries and Wages**. Include all employees and their titles working on the project.

b. **Fringe Benefits**. Proposed rates/amounts. If rates are audit approved, include a copy of the audit agreement and/or the name of the audit agency. If more than one rate is used, list each rate and the wage or salary base.

c. **Consultant/Contracting Fees**. Include payments for professional and technical consultants and contractors participating in the project.

d. **Travel and Per Diem**. For each trip, indicate the number of persons traveling, the total days they will be in travel status, and the total subsistence and transportation costs for that trip. Per diem rates shall not exceed maximum Federal rates. To view current Federal per diem rates, visit http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/contentView.do?contentId=17943&contentType=GSA_BASIC and follow the links to per diem information.

e. **Supplies and Materials**. Include consumable supplies and materials to be used in the project, listing each item and quantity individually. Include items of expendable equipment, i.e., equipment costing less than \$500 or with an estimated useful life of less than two years. Equipment costing more than that should be listed in the Other Costs category (Category G, below).

f. **Services**. This should include the cost of duplication and printing, long distance telephone calls, equipment rental, postage, and other services not previously listed.

g. **Other Costs**. List equipment items in excess of \$500 and other items not previously listed. Note that equipment items worth less than \$500 or that have a useful life of less than 2 years must be listed in the Supplies and Materials category.

h. **Indirect Charges**. If indirect costs will be charged to the grant/cooperative agreement, complete the table below with your current approved indirect cost rate and the direct costs it will be applied to. A copy of your most recent indirect cost rate must be attached if indirect costs are requested.

C. Submission Dates and Times:

The electronic submission into Grants.gov is due by **May 4, 2010 at 4:59 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time**. A proposal received after the closing date and time will not be considered. If it is determined that a proposal will not be considered due to lateness, the applicant will be notified immediately.

The preferred method for all proposals/applications is submittal electronically through Grants.gov. All of the required attached forms can be prepared online. Any form that is not available online may be submitted as attachments at the end of the proposal. If you have not registered in Grants.gov, visit the website www.grants.gov and get started in the registration process. **Application preparation time may take several weeks to get certified.** Once at the website, choose “Get Started” and work through the first 5 steps. If you have any questions or problems with the registration process, please contact the grants.gov help desk at 1-800-518-4726. In addition, Grants.gov has an “Applicant Users Guide” available at: http://www.grants.gov/help/user_guides.jsp that will answer most if not all your questions. The Nevada State office will accept original executed applications by the due date above, delivered to the Elko District Office, 3900 E Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801.

D. Submission Instructions and Information:

Applications/proposals must be submitted by the following methods only:

1. On-Line Submittal – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is participating in the Grants.gov Initiative that provides the grant community with a single site to find and apply for grant funding opportunities. BLM requires applicants to submit their applications/proposals electronically through: <http://www.grants.gov/Apply>.

YOU MUST REGISTER WITH GRANTS.GOV PRIOR TO SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION THROUGH THE GRANTS.GOV WEBSITE. THE REGISTRATION PROCESS MAY TAKE FROM 7 TO 21 DAYS.

2. **Electronic Signature.** Applications submitted through Grants.gov constitute submission as electronically signed applications. The registration and e-authentication process establishes the Authorized Organization Representative (AOR). When you submit the application through Grants.gov, the name of your authorized organization representative on file will be inserted into the signature line of the application. Applicants must register the individual who is able to make legally binding commitments for the applicant organization as the AOR.

3. **Late Submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawals of Application and/or Proposal**
Any application/proposal received after the exact time specified for receipt will not be considered in the original selection process unless the application is received before award is made and it is determined by BLM that the late receipt was due to mishandling by the Government. Any modification of an application is subject to the same conditions stated above.

4. **Electronic Application Submission and Receipt Procedures**

This provision provides information on the application submission and receipt instructions for applications submitted through Grants.gov. Please read the following instructions carefully and completely.

5. **Timely Receipt Requirements and Proof of Timely Submission.**

a. Electronic Submission. An electronic time stamp is generated within the system when the application is successfully received by Grants.gov. The applicant will receive an acknowledgement of receipt and a tracking number from Grants.gov with the successful transmission of their application. Applicants should print and save the receipt.

b. BLM suggests that applicants submit their applications during the operating hours of the Grants.gov Support Desk, so that if there are questions concerning transmission, operators will be available to walk you through the process. Submitting your application during the Support Desk hours will also ensure that you have sufficient time for the application to complete its transmission prior to the application deadline. Applicants using dial-up connections should be aware that transmission will take some time before Grants.gov receives it.

c. Grants.gov will provide either an error or a successfully received transmission message. The Grants.gov Support desk reports that some applicants abort the transmission because they think that nothing is occurring during the transmission process. Please be patient and give the system time to process the application. Uploading and transmitting many files, particularly electronic forms with associated XML schemas, will take some time to be processed.

d. The Nevada State office will accept original executed applications by the due date and time above, delivered to the Nevada State Office P.O. Box 12000, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, NV 89520.

6. Customer Support. The Grants.gov website provides customer support via (800) 518-GRANTS (this is a toll-free number) or through email at support@grants.gov. The customer support center is open from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, to address Grants.gov technology issues. For technical assistance on program related questions, contact the numbers listed in Section VII, Agency Contacts.

E. Intergovernmental Review: This funding opportunity is not subject to Executive Order (EO) 12372, “Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs”. Applicants subject to EO 12372 must contact their State’s Single Point of Contact (SPOC) and comply with the State’s process. The names and addresses of the SPOC’s are listed in the OMB’s home page at: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/spoc.html>

F. Funding Restrictions: Grant or a cooperative agreement issued by the BLM Nevada State Office, signed by the BLM GMO, obligates BLM funds. Notification of a successful proposal does not constitute authority to incur costs. Costs incurred prior to receipt of a signed cooperative agreement may not be reimbursed. Once the cooperative agreement for a successful proposal has been signed by the BLM GMO, the recipient may incur costs as specified in their proposed and approved budget submittal. Future year funding is based on availability of funds.

SECTION VI. Application Review Information Criteria (by order of importance)

A. Evaluation Criteria

1. Technical Approach

a. The project design must contain enough detail to show the development of the project and the relationship between the partners, milestones, and goals. The roles and responsibilities of each partner must be clearly articulated. The milestones should be clear, and supported by a well thought-out

schedule that supports the work to be accomplished for the duration of the project.

b. The proposed project's importance/relevance and applicability must be tied to the program goals. Is there value and importance to the program goals?

c. The work plan objectives must be clear, suitable, and feasible with respect to the following:

- (1) Techniques, procedures, and methodologies;
- (2) Data collection, analysis, and means of interpretation;
- (3) Expected results or outcomes; and
- (4) Procedures for evaluating project efficacy, including fixed performance indices with probabilities for obtaining them.

The project proposal work plan must be designed to produce the proposed outcomes and outputs. The outcomes must be clearly stated and tied to intermediate outcomes as stated in the announcement.

2. Qualifications, Experience, Past Performance

a. The qualifications and experience of the organization must be evident, and adequate to achieve project goals and objectives.

b. The qualifications and experience of the Project Director/Principal Investigator to be assigned for direct work on the project must be evident and adequate to achieve project goals and objectives and must be available to work on this project/agreement.

c. The applicants past and current grants/cooperative agreement awards must show they have completed project goals.

3. Purpose, Objectives, and Relevance

a. The proposal application must adequately describe why the project is needed by the recipient.

b. The objectives must be well defined, measurable, and realistic for the project's anticipated timeframe.

c. The benefits must support the mission of the recipient and can be tied to a BLM Performance Measure.

d. As applicable, describe how this project will preserve and create jobs to promote economic recovery, provide investments needed to increase economic efficiency by spurring technological advances in science and health, and will invest in transportation, environmental protections and other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits.

4. Budget

a. The budget line items are appropriate, reasonable, allowable, well justified and commensurate with the level of effort needed to accomplish the project objectives.

b. The budget breakdown or narrative must provide adequate justification for each budget

category. If equipment is requested by the applicant it must be fully justified and necessary for the performance and completion of the project?

c. The applicant and other counterparts' cash and in-kind matching funds or contributions are acceptable.

B. Review and Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by BLM Program Managers and Grants Management Officer. All applications for funding will be considered using the criteria outlined in this notice. Upon written request, a summary of the review panel comments will be provided to the applicant provided the request is no later than 5 business days after announcement of Agreement recipient.

SECTION VII. Award Administration Information

A. Award Notices:

If the applicant's application is selected for this opportunity, the BLM Assistance Agreement will be sent for signature. Work cannot begin before the recipient receives a fully executed copy of this award. Unsuccessful applicants will receive written notification regarding the results of this Notice of Intent.

SECTION VIII. Standard Award Terms and Conditions.

A. Administrative and National Policy Requirements:

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars

Upon accepting Federal assistance, recipients are bound to abide by the applicable OMB Circulars in the expenditure of Federal funds and performance under this program located at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/>

2 CFR Part 220 (OMB Circular A-21) - Cost Principles for Educational Institutions

2 CFR Part 225 (OMB Circular A-87) - Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments

2 CFR Part 230 (OMB Circular A-122) - Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations

2 CFR Part 215 (OMB Circular A-110) - Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Other Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals and Other Non-Profit Organizations

OMB Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."

This agreement incorporates the Standard Award Terms and Conditions found at the following Department of the Interior website as if they were given here:

<http://www.doi.gov/pam/TermsandConditions.html>. Upon request, the GMO will provide the recipient a copy.

Acceptance of a Federal Financial Assistance award from the Department of the Interior (DOI) carries with it the responsibility to be aware of and comply with the terms and conditions of award. Acceptance is defined as the start of work, drawing down funds, or accepting the fully executed award via electronic means. Awards are based on the application submitted to, and as approved by DOI and are subject to the terms and conditions incorporated either directly or by reference in the following:

- Program legislation/regulation.
- Special terms and conditions.
- Code of Federal Regulations/Regulatory Requirements, as applicable (Contact your program officer with any questions regarding the applicability of the following):

[2 CFR Part 175 Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000](#)

[43 CFR 12\(A\) Administrative and Audit Requirements and Cost Principles for Assistance Programs](#)

[43 CFR 12\(E\) Buy American Requirements for Assistance Programs](#)

[43 CFR 12\(C\) Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local](#)

[43 CFR 12\(F\) Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, other Non-Profit and Commercial Organizations](#)

[43 CFR 43 Government-Wide Requirements for a Drug-Free Workplace](#)

[2 CFR Part 1400 Government-Wide Debarment and Suspension \(Nonprocurement\)](#)

[43 CFR 18 New Restrictions on Lobbying](#)

B. Federal Financial and Performance Reporting

Federal Financial Reports: Reports of expenditures are required as documentation of the financial status of awards according to the official accounting records of the recipient's organization. The recipient shall submit a completed original and one copy of the quarterly FFR, the SF 425, Federal Financial Report (Short Form), (*Download the form at:* http://www.whitehouse.gov/OMB/grants/grants_forms.html) to report the status of funds for this agreement. In addition include separately, detailed information of costs, by budget categories that reflects the approved SF 424A, Budget Information. The quarterly report(s) shall be sent to the GMO and are due 30 calendar days after the end of the quarterly reporting period. The recipient will report program outlays and program income on a cash basis.

An original and one copy of the final FFR is due to the GMO no later than 90 calendar days after the expiration or termination of this agreement.

The GMO may review the report for patterns of cash expenditures, including accelerated or delayed draw downs, and to assess whether performance or financial management problems exist. Before submitting FFRs to the GMO, grantees must ensure that the information submitted is accurate, complete, and consistent with the grantee's accounting system. The recipient's Authorized Certifying Official's signature on the FFR certifies that the information in the FFR is correct and complete and that all outlays and obligations are for the purposes set forth in agreement documents, and represents a claim to the Federal government. Filing a false report may result in the imposition of civil or criminal penalties.

Performance Reports: The recipient will submit an annual performance report to the GMO within 30 days after the end of the annual reporting period. The performance report must be prepared in accordance with 43 CFR, Subpart C, Section 12.80 for State, local and Indian tribal governments or Subpart F, Section 12.951 for institutions of higher education, hospitals, other non-profit and all other organizations. The performance report shall include a narrative summary both of completed activities and activities in progress, a calculation of work completed, the explanation for any slippage if objectives or milestones not met, a prediction of future activities and how objectives will be accomplished, a discussion of issues and problems which may impact the ability to complete work on time, recommendations to overcome problems will also be provided, and favorable developments enabling meeting time schedules.

Failure to comply with the reporting requirements contained in this agreement may be considered a material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of the award.

Non-compliance may result in withholding of future payments, suspension or termination of the agreement, recovery of funds paid under the agreement, and withholding of future awards.

C. Financial Support.

1. **Funding.** Funds provided under this agreement are no year funds and aren't required to be expended within the same fiscal year appropriated. Therefore, the funds that aren't expended within the fiscal year can be carried forward and expended in the subsequent fiscal years during the term of this Agreement.

2. **Maximum Obligations.** The total obligations, including amendments, represent the amount for which the BLM will be responsible for under the terms of this agreement. The BLM shall not be responsible to pay for nor shall the recipient be responsible to perform any effort that will require the expenditure of Federal funds above the current obligated amount.

3. **Cost Sharing.** Cost sharing for this agreement shall be in accordance with 43 CFR, Subpart C, Section 12.64 for State, local and Indian tribal governments or Subpart F, Section 12.923 for institutions of higher education, hospitals, other non-profit and all other organizations.

4. **Program Income.** Program income generated by this agreement shall be in accordance with 43 CFR, Subpart C, Section 12.65 for State, local and Indian tribal governments or Subpart F, Section 12.924 for institutions of higher education, hospitals, other non-profit and all other organizations.

D. Payments

1. **Financial Management Service's (FMS), Automated Standard Application for Payment (ASAP) System.**

- Payments under this agreement will be made by the United States Department of Treasury, FMS, ASAP system. ASAP is a recipient-initiated, on-line payment and information system for Financial Assistance Agreements. The recipient must register and request federal funds that are due directly from the Federal Reserve Bank on a reimbursable basis.
- The ASAP Requestor ID, furnished by the Department of Treasury, must be used to access the account to request reimbursement payments. The first ten characters are the agreement number (reference Agreement cover page). The remaining characters identify BLM funding line items.

2. Advance Payments. Since payments under this agreement will be made by the United States Department of Treasury through the ASAP system within a 3 day period after request; there should be a minimal need for advance payments.

3. Drawdown. Treasury Circular 1075 (31 CFR 205) requires that draw downs to a recipient organization shall be limited to minimum amounts needed and must be timed to be in accordance with the actual, immediate cash requirements of the recipient organization in carrying out the purposes of the approved program or project. The timing and amount of cash advances must be as close as administratively feasible to the actual disbursements by the recipient organization for direct program or project costs and the proportionate share of any allowable indirect costs.

E. Property Management and Disposition.

Any BLM property used or other property acquired under this agreement, including intangible property such as copyrights and patents shall be governed by the provisions of 43 CFR, Subpart C, Section 12.71 through 12.73 for State, local and Indian tribal governments or Subpart F, Section 12.930 through 12.937 for institutions of higher education, hospitals, other non-profit and all other organizations.

F. Liability

The recipient will hold the Government harmless from any and all losses, damages, or claims for personal injury, death, or property damage of any nature whatsoever and by whosoever made, arising out of the activities of the Recipient, its employees, subcontractors, or agents under this agreement, to the extent the laws of the state where the recipient is located permit. The BLM assumes no liability for any actions or activities conducted under this agreement except to the extent that recourse or remedies are provided by Congress under the Federal Tort Claims Act [28 U.S.C. 1346(b), 2401(b), 2671 - 2680, as amended by P.L. 89-506, 80 Stat. 306]".

The recipient shall maintain comprehensive liability insurance for bodily injury and property damage subject to the usual and customary policy conditions. In addition, the recipient will maintain its current accidental health, dismemberment and injury insurance for all employees or volunteers within the provisions set forth in NRS 41.0305 through NRS 41.0339.

SECTION IX. Other Requirements

Prohibition on Text Messaging and Using Electronic Equipment Supplied by the Government while Driving. This executive order introduces a Federal Government-wide prohibition on the use of text messaging while driving on official business or while using Government-supplied equipment, driving company-owned or rented vehicles or GOV, or while driving POV when on official Government business or when performing any work for or on behalf of the Government.

Opposition to Any Legislation. In accordance with the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Act, 2006, Title IV, Section 402, No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be available for any activity or the publication or distribution of literature that in any way tends to promote public support or opposition to any legislative proposal on which Congressional action is not complete other than to communicate to Members of Congress as described in 18 U.S.C. 1913.

Endorsements. Recipient shall not publicize or otherwise circulate, promotional material (such as advertisements, sales brochures, press releases, speeches, still and motion pictures, articles, manuscripts or other publications) which states or implies governmental, Departmental, bureau, or government employee endorsement of a product, service, or position which the recipient represents. No release of information relating to this award may state or imply that the Government approves of the recipient's work products, or considers the recipient's work product to be superior to other products or services.

All information submitted for publication or other public releases of information regarding this project shall carry the following disclaimer:

The views and conclusions contained in this document are those of the authors and should not be interpreted as representing the opinions or policies of the U.S. Government. Mention of trade names or commercial products does not constitute their endorsement by the U.S. Government.

Recipient must obtain prior Government approval for any public information releases concerning this award which refer to the Department of the Interior or any bureau or employee (by name or title). The specific text, layout photographs, etc. of the proposed release must be submitted with the request for approval.

A recipient further agrees to include this provision in a subaward to and subrecipient, except for a subaward to a State government, a local government, or to a federally recognized Indian tribal government.

Retention and Access Requirements for Records. All recipient financial and programmatic records, supporting documents, statistical records, and other grants-related records shall be maintained and available for access in accordance with 43 CFR Subpart C, Section 12.82 for State, local and Indian tribal governments or Subpart F, Section 12.953 for institutions of higher education, hospitals, other non-profit and all other organizations.

IG's Office Access to Records - Recipients shall provide additional access for the Inspector General's office to examine recipient's records and to interview officers/employees of recipient.

Increasing Seat Belt Use. Recipients of grants/cooperative agreements and/or sub-awards are encouraged to adopt and enforce on-the-job seat belt use policies and programs for their employees when operating company-owned, rented, or personally owned vehicles. These measures include, but are not limited to, conducting education, awareness, and other appropriate programs for their employees about the importance of wearing seat belts and the consequences of not wearing them.

Order of Precedence. Any inconsistency in the agreement shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order: (a) Any national policy requirements and administrative management standards; (b) 43 CFR Part 12; (c) requirements of the applicable OMB Circulars and Treasury regulations; (d) special terms and conditions; and (e) all agreement sections, documents, exhibits, and attachments; (f) and the recipient's project proposal.

Amendments. The agreement may be amended by written agreement signed by both the recipient's Authorized Representative and the GMO. Administrative changes (i.e. GMO name change, etc.) which do not change the project management plan, NTE amount, etc. or otherwise affect the recipient may be signed unilaterally by the GMO. Additionally, a unilateral amendment may be utilized if it should become necessary to suspend or terminate the agreement in accordance with 43 CFR, Subpart C, Section 12.83 for State, local and Indian tribal governments or Subpart F, Section 12.961 for institutions of higher education, hospitals, other non-profit and all other organizations.

All other changes shall be made by means of a bilateral amendment to the agreement. No oral statement made by any person, or written statement by any person other than the GMO, shall be allowed in any manner or degree to amend or otherwise effect the terms of the agreement.

All requests for amendment of the agreement shall be made in writing, provide a full description of the reason for the request, and be sent to the attention of the GMO. Any request for project extension shall be made at least 30 days prior to the expiration date of the agreement or the expiration date of any extension period that may have been previously granted. Any determination to extend the period of performance or to provide follow-on funding for continuation of a project is solely at the discretion of the BLM.

Budget and Program Plan Revision. The budget plan is the financial expression of the project or program as approved during the award process. Recipients are required to report deviations from budget and program plans and request prior approval for budget and program plan revisions. Recipients are not required to request prior approval for deviations among approved direct cost categories when the cumulative amount of the transfer is less than 10 percent of that cost category. However, the recipient must report any deviation to the GMO and Program Officer (PO).

Audit Requirements. Non-Federal entities that expend \$500,000 or more during a year in Federal awards shall have a single or program-specific audit conducted for that year in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 (31 U.S.C. 7501-7507) and revised OMB Circular A-133, which is available at http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/grants_circulars.html.

Federal awards are defined as Federal financial assistance and Federal cost-reimbursement contracts that non-Federal entities receive directly from Federal awarding agencies or indirectly from pass-through entities. They do not include procurement contracts, under grants or contracts, used to buy goods or services from vendors. Non-Federal entities that expend less than \$500,000 for a fiscal year in Federal awards are exempt from Federal audit requirements for that year, except as noted in A-133, §_215(a), but records must be available for review or audit by appropriate officials of the Federal agency, pass-through entity, and General Accounting Office (GAO).

Audits shall be made by an independent auditor in accordance with generally accepted

government auditing standards covering financial audits. Additional audit requirements applicable to this agreement are found at 43 CFR 12.66 or 43 CFR 12.926, as applicable. General guidance on the single audit process is included in a pamphlet titled, "Highlights of the Single Audit Process" which is available on the internet at <http://www.dot.gov/ost/m60/grant/sincontact.html>. Additional information on single audits is available from the Federal Audit Clearinghouse at <http://harvester.census.gov/sac/>.

Metric Conversion. All performance and final reports, other reports, or publications, produced under this agreement, shall employ the metric system of measurements to the maximum extent practicable. Both metric and inch-pound units (dual units) may be used if necessary during and transition period(s). However, the recipient may use non-metric measurements to the extent the recipient has supporting documentation that the use of metric measurements is impracticable or is likely to cause significant inefficiencies or loss of markets to the recipient, such as when foreign competitors are producing competing products in non-metric units.

Officials Not to Benefit. No member of or delegate to Congress, or resident commissioner, shall be admitted to any share of this agreement, or to any benefit arising from it. However, this clause does not apply to this agreement to the extent that this agreement is made with a corporation's general benefit.

Deposit of Publications. In addition to any requirements listed in the Project Management Plan, two (2) copies of each applicable publication produced under this agreement shall be sent to the Natural Resources Library with a transmittal that identifies the sender and the publication, and states that the publication is intended for deposit in the Natural Resources Library. Publications shall be sent to the following address:

U.S. Department of the Interior
Natural Resources Library
Interior Service Center
Gifts and Exchanges Section
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Reimbursable Costs and Limitations.

The recipient shall not incur costs or obligate funds for any purpose pertaining to operation of the program or activities beyond the expiration date stated in the agreement. The only costs which are authorized for a period of up to 90 days following the award expiration date are those strictly associated with closeout activities for preparation of the final report.

The BLM's financial participation is limited. The BLM will only fund up to its share of those amounts requested in the project proposal and as are subsequently approved and funded in the agreement. The recipient shall not be obligated to continue performance under the agreement or to incur costs in excess of the costs set forth in the proposal and subsequent agreement. However, if the recipient chooses to expend funds in excess of the approved project budget, the recipient will be responsible to fund the excess without funding participation by the Bureau.

Inspection. The BLM has the right to inspect and evaluate the work performed or being performed under this agreement, and the premises where the work is being performed, at all reasonable times and in a manner that will not unduly delay the work. If BLM performs

inspection or evaluation on the premises of the recipient or a sub-recipient, the recipient shall furnish and shall require sub-recipients to furnish all reasonable facilities and assistance for the safe and convenient performance of these duties.

Copyrights.

1. For recipients subject to the administrative standards set forth in OMB Circular A-110, the following copyright provision, as implemented by 43 CFR 12.936(a), shall apply:

“The recipient may copyright any work that is subject to copyright and was developed, or for which ownership was purchased, under an award. The Federal awarding agency(ies) reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the work for Federal purposes, and to authorize others to do so.”

2. For recipients subject to the administrative standards set forth in OMB Circular A-102 and the Grants Management Common Rule, the following copyright provision, as implemented by 43 CFR 12.74, shall apply:

“The Federal awarding agency reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use, for Federal Government purposes:

(a) The copyright in any work developed under a grant, subgrant, or contract under a grant or subgrant; and

(b) Any rights of copyright to which a grantee, subgrantee or a contractor purchases ownership with grant support.”

Rights to Data. For recipients subject to the administrative standards set forth in OMB Circular A-110, the following provision, as implemented by 43 CFR 12.936(c), shall apply:

"The Federal Government has the right to:

- (1) Obtain, reproduce, publish or otherwise use the data first produced under an award; and
- (2) Authorize others to receive, reproduce, publish, or otherwise use such data for Federal purposes.”

Procurement Procedures

It is a national policy to place a fair share of purchases with minority business firms. The Department of the Interior is strongly committed to the objectives of this policy and encourages all recipients of its grants and cooperative agreements to take affirmative steps to ensure such fairness. Positive efforts shall be made by recipients to utilize small businesses, minority-owned firms, and women's business enterprises, whenever possible. Recipients of Federal awards shall take all of the following steps to further this goal:

1. Ensure that small businesses, minority-owned firms, and women's business enterprises are used to the fullest extent practicable.
2. Make information on forthcoming opportunities available and

arrange time frames for purchases and contracts to encourage and facilitate participation by small businesses, minority-owned firms, and women's business enterprises.

3. Consider in the contract process whether firms competing for larger contracts intend to subcontract with small businesses, minority-owned firms, and women's business enterprises.

4. Encourage contracting with consortiums of small businesses, minority-owned firms and women's business enterprises when a contract is too large for one of these firms to handle individually.

5. Use the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Development Agency in the solicitation and utilization of small business, minority-owned firms and women's business enterprises.

Central Contractor Registration (CCR).

Prior to award the Recipient shall register and thereafter maintain their own information with Dun & Bradstreet and the Central Contractor Registration System.

Obtain a valid Dun & Bradstreet Number (D&B) from Dun & Bradstreet @ <http://www.dnb.com>/or by calling them at 800-333-0505.

Register on the Central Contractor Registration System (CCR) @ <http://www.ccr.gov>

Monitoring. The BLM may make site visits as warranted by program needs. In addition, the BLM has the right of timely and unrestricted access to any books, documents, papers, or other records of the Recipient's that are pertinent to the award, in order to make audits, examinations, excerpts, transcripts and copies of such document. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to Recipient personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents.

SECTION X. Term of Agreement. An agreement shall become effective on the date of signature of the BLM GMO and shall remain in effect 3 years unless terminated in accordance with the provisions of 43 CFR, Subpart F, Section 12.961 and 43 CFR, Subpart C, Section 12.83 and 12.84.

A request to extend the project and/or budget period shall be requested by the recipient and submitted to the GMO at least 30 days prior to the expiration date of the project and/or budget period. The recipient shall include in the request the cause of the needed extension, a description of the remaining work to be completed, the proposed date of completion, the amount of funds remaining and a revised budget for the remaining funds. If all funds have been disbursed to the recipient, this must be indicated in the request.

A request for an extension that is received by the GMO after the expiration date will not be honored.

This agreement may be terminated in accordance with the provisions of 43 CFR, Subpart C, Section 12.84 for State, local and Indian tribal governments or Subpart F, Section 12.961 for institutions of higher education, hospitals, other non-profit and all other organizations.

SECTION XI. Definitions.

1. Agreement: This Cooperative or Grant Agreement. The term grant is defined as all federal financial assistance that provides support or stimulation to accomplish a public purpose.
2. Authorized Representative: The Authorized Representative is the recipient's individual who is authorized to act for the applicant and to assume the obligations imposed by the federal laws, regulations, requirements, and conditions that apply to grant applications for grant awards.
3. Bureau of Land Management (BLM): May also be referred to as Bureau.
4. The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR): A governmental codification of the permanent rules published in the Federal Register. The CFR is on-line at <http://gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.htm>. 43 CFR Part 12, Subpart C, referred to in this agreement, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments.
5. Federal Financial Report: The required reporting of all funds for all non-construction projects.
6. Fiscal Year (FY): The federal fiscal year begins on October 1 and extends through September 30 of the following year.
7. Grants Management Officer (GMO): The BLM's Grants Management Officer. The GMO is the only individual authorized to obligate funds, award, modify or terminate an agreement.
8. Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS): On-line at <http://leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-041.html#NRS041Sec010>.
9. Not-to-Exceed (NTE) Amount: The maximum Federal funding amount.
10. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB).
11. Program Officer (PO): The Program Officer. The PO is the BLM representative designated to administer the technical aspect of this Agreement. The PO works closely with the Project Director/Principal Investigator (PD/PI) to clarify technical requirements, and provide assistance with questions with project work within the scope of this Agreement. The PO is NOT authorized to issue changes, modification or obligate funds on behalf of the BLM in any other way. These actions can only be issued by the GMO with a written modification
12. Project Director/Principal Investigator: The recipient's Project Manager/Principal Investigator.
13. Quarter or Quarterly: this refers to a three (3) month period of time coinciding with the federal fiscal year which begins Oct 1 of each year.
14. Implementation Agreement (IA): The SNPLMA Implementation Agreement (June

7, 2006, as amended), developed by Federal agencies, in coordination with State and local governments, and interested parties, provides specific guidelines for implementing SNPLMA. The SNPLMA IA is on-line at <http://www.blm.gov/snplma.html>.

15. Nevada State Lands: The entity in receipt of the Federal Assistance. May also be referred to as the recipient.

16. United States Code (U.S.C.): A consolidated codification of all general and permanent laws of the United States. On-line U.S.C. is at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/index.html>.

SECTION XII. Agency Contacts

For administrative questions contact: Bureau of Land Management, Tanya Arnberger, Grants and Agreements Specialist, 3900 E. Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801, Phone: (775) 753-0379, Fax: (775) 753-0246, email: Tanya_Arnberger@blm.gov

Alternate: Bureau of Land Management, Susan Kaller, Grants Management Officer (GMO), 1340 Financial Blvd, P.O. 12000, Reno, NV 89520-0006, Phone: (775) 861-6559, Fax: (775) 861-6624, email: Susan_Kaller@blm.gov

For programmatic questions: Bureau of Land Management, Chris Ross, Abandoned Mine Land Program Lead, Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd, P.O. 12000, Reno, NV 89520-0006, Phone: (775) 861-6571, Fax: (775) 861-6711, email: c1ross@blm.gov

ATTACHMENT A

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

Certification Regarding Lobbying - Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements.
Applies to recipients of awards exceeding \$100,000.

This certification is required by Section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code, entitled "Limitation on use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracting and financial transactions."

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

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form (SF LLL)

"DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES" as an attachment on Grants.gov. This form is available at: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/sflll.pdf>.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify 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.

As the authorized certifying official, I hereby certify that the above specified certifications are true.

Signature & Date _____

Typed name and title _____

Applicant/Recipient _____

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORMAT

Please read the announcement carefully before completing this information.

SECTION 1. PURPOSE, OBJECTIVES, AND RELEVANCE

- A. Describe why the project is needed by the applicant.**
- B. Describe the applicant's objectives.**
- C. Describe how the applicant's objectives support their mission and how this project will achieve economic stability to Northern Nevada mining dependent communities through the development of secondary industrial uses of disturbed mine sites being utilized for renewable energy development.**
- D. As applicable, describe how this project will preserve and create jobs to promote economic recovery, provide investments needed to increase economic efficiency by spurring technological advances in science and health, and will invest in transportation, environmental protections and other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits.**

SECTION II. TECHNICAL APPROACH

Describe how the applicant proposes to conduct and achieve the project in accordance with the Statement of Joint Objectives in Section I. The project design must contain enough detail to show the development of the project and the relationship between the partners, milestones, and objectives. The work plan must be clear, suitable, and feasible with respect to the following; (a) Describe the techniques, procedures, and methodologies to be used; (b) Describe data collection, analysis, and means of interpretation; (c) Describe expected results or outcomes; and (d) Describe the procedures for evaluating project effectiveness, including fixed performance indices with probabilities for obtaining them.

SECTION III. QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE, PAST PERFORMANCE

Describe who will carry out the project activities. List all project personnel, including consultants. Describe their responsibilities and the amount of time each will dedicate to the project. Briefly describe how their experience and qualifications are appropriate to successfully achieve the stated objectives.

SECTION IV – ATTACHMENT C: BUDGET

This is a suggested format for the applicant to use for the detailed budget/costs breakdown. Each cost item should clearly show how the total charge for that item was determined. All major costs should be listed in budget categories similar to those listed below, and all cost items should be explained in the Budget Summary and Justification (Section 4).

I. ATTACHMENT C. BUDGET

This is a suggested format for the applicant to use for the detailed budget/costs breakdown. Each cost item should clearly show how the total charge for that item was determined. All major costs should be listed in budget categories similar to those listed below, and all cost items should be explained in the Budget Summary and Justification (Section 4).

A. SALARIES AND WAGES. Provide the names and/or titles of key project personnel.							
Name/Title of Position	Full Time Monthly Salary	% FTE	No. of Months	Grant Funds	Match / Cost Share (if any)	Third Party Share (if any)	Total
	\$			\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$			\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$			\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$			\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$			\$	\$	\$	\$
Subtotal				\$	\$	\$	\$

B. FRINGE BENEFITS. If more than one rate is used, list each rate and the wage or salary base.					
Rate	Salary or Wage Base	Grant Funds	Match / Cost Share (if any)	Third Party Share (if any)	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Subtotal		\$	\$	\$	\$

C. CONSULTANT/CONTRACTING FEES. This should include payments for professional and technical consultants participating in the project.						
Name and type of Consultant	# of Days	Daily Rate of Compensation	Grant Funds	Match / Cost Share (if any)	Third Party Share (if any)	Total
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Subtotal			\$	\$	\$	\$

D. TRAVEL AND PER DIEM. For each trip, indicate the number of persons traveling, the total days they will be in travel status, and the total subsistence and transportation costs for that trip. Per diem rates shall not exceed maximum Federal rates. To view current Federal per diem rates, visit <http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/channelView.do?pageTypeld=8203&channelId=-15943> and follow the links to per diem information.

From/To	No. of People	No. of Travel Days	Per diem (lodging and meals) per person per day	Total per diem (lodging and meals) for this trip	Transportation costs (airfare and mileage) per person	Total transportation costs (airfare and mileage) for this trip	Grant Funds	Match / Cost Share (if any)	Third Party Share (if any)	Total
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
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			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Subtotal							\$	\$	\$	\$

E. SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS. Include consumable supplies and materials to be used in the project, listing each item and quantity individually. Include items of expendable equipment, i.e., equipment costing less than \$500 or with an estimated useful life of less than two years. Equipment costing more than that should be listed in the Other Costs category (Category G, below).

Item	# of items	Cost	Grant Funds	Match / Cost Share (if any)	Third Party Share (if any)	Total
			\$	\$	\$	\$
			\$	\$	\$	\$
			\$	\$	\$	\$
			\$	\$	\$	\$
			\$	\$	\$	\$
			\$	\$	\$	\$
Subtotal			\$	\$	\$	\$

F. SERVICES. This should include the cost of duplication and printing, long distance telephone calls, equipment rental, postage, and other services not previously listed.

Item	Method of Computation	Grant Funds	Match / Cost Share (if any)	Third Party Share (if any)	Total
		\$	\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Subtotal		\$	\$	\$	\$

G. OTHER COSTS. List equipment items in excess of \$500, and other items not previously listed. Note that equipment items worth less than \$500 or that have a useful life of less than 2 years must be listed in the Supplies and Materials category.

Item	Cost	Grant Funds	Match / Cost Share (if any)	Third Party Share (if any)	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Subtotal		\$	\$	\$	\$

H. INDIRECT COSTS. If indirect costs will be charged to the grant, complete the table below with your current approved indirect cost rate and the direct costs it will be applied to. A copy of your most recent indirect cost rate must be attached if indirect costs will be requested.

* The Direct Costs from items 1 -- 6 to which the indirect cost rate applies	Current Approved Indirect Cost Rate Percentage (%)	Indirect Cost Rate Amount
\$	%	\$

Budget Justification. Provide a brief narrative justification of all cost items, including matching funds, listed in the budget. Be specific and explain why these items are necessary to accomplish the grant objectives. If the project involves travel costs, include a brief summary of each trip (for example, Project Director and two students will fly from Hometown to Someplace and stay three days to examine Someplace Museum’s collection). **Note: Travel is limited to this project only. If purchasing or renting computer equipment or other large budget items follow the procedures in 43CFR, Subpart C, Section 12.76 for State, local and Indian tribal governments or Subpart F, Section 12.940 through 12.948 for institutions of higher education, hospitals, other non-profit and all other organizations, as applicable.**