

## NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY



### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

#### Defense Innovation OnRamp

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**Assistance Listing:** 12.599 Congressionally Directed Assistance

**Authority:** 2022 NDAA Section 231, Pilot Program on the Use of Private Sector Partnerships to Promote Technology Transition

**Anticipated Funding Purpose:** The recipient(s) will design, develop and manage a network of physical and digital offices, hubs, and other collaborative partnerships and projects designed to lower the barriers for entry for commercial and dual-use technology into the DoD. This will involve collaboration between a diverse set of stakeholders including private industry, private capital, research organizations, government stakeholders, academia, regional economic development organizations, DoD mission partners, other government entities, and others, with the intent of sourcing, developing, and executing viable solutions that lower barriers to entry and ultimately attracting and helping scale new commercial technology and talent into the national security innovation base.

**Key Dates:** See grants.gov dates

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## **I. Program Description**

### **A. Short Description of Funding Opportunity**

The Defense Innovation Unit (DIU), Office of the Secretary of Defense, is interested in receiving proposals for its Defense Innovation OnRamp. DIU is building a unified Defense Innovation OnRamp, which will include Flagship DIU offices, physical presence via a distributed team, physical and digital OnRamp Hubs, and other relationships with the academic, startup, and commercial sectors to enable non-traditional, dual-use, and/or commercial technology companies to work with the Department of Defense to rapidly support warfighter needs.

### **B. Background**

The Defense Innovation Unit is focused on strengthening the national security innovation base by lowering the barriers to entry for talent and non-traditional companies to work with DoD. The Defense Innovation OnRamp is a core part of DIU's strategy to develop a robust regional presence in order to tap into the extant commercial technology ecosystems and innovation base. This strategy includes distributed DIU offices, a regional team, OnRamp Hubs, and other relationships with the academic, startup and commercial sectors. At present, DIU operates out of 5 regional offices, has approximately 30 regionally focused representatives, and partners with over 100 universities. In the last year, DIU, with extensive support from Congress, established five OnRamp Hubs in Phoenix, Arizona; Dayton, Ohio; Honolulu, Hawaii; Seattle, Washington, and Wichita, Kansas.

### **C. Program Description/Objective:**

The recipient(s) will design, develop and manage a network of offices, physical and digital hubs, and other collaborative partnerships and projects designed to lower the barriers for entry for commercial and dual-use technology into the DoD. This will involve collaboration between a diverse set of stakeholders including private industry, private capital, research organizations, government stakeholders, academia, regional economic development organizations, DoD mission partners, other government entities, and others, with the intent of sourcing, developing, and executing viable solutions that lower entry barriers while attracting and helping scale new commercial technology and talent into the national security innovation base. The recipient(s) sought for this NFO will provide direction to improve the ways in which non-traditional companies and talent can work with the Department of Defense and grow regional defense innovation ecosystems, and oversee the execution. These efforts should be aligned with the types of commercial and dual-use technology that DIU is bringing into the Department with the speed and scale required for strategic effect. DIU will expect recipient(s) of this award to provide infrastructure for the Defense Innovation OnRamp. This could include areas such as coordination, knowledge sharing, resource management, ensuring standardization of tools and governance, and conducting regular performance management for work through this effort. The recipient(s) will also oversee and/or coordinate projects led by other organizations that address barriers for working with DoD, and through that, enhance the national security innovation base through regionally-driven efforts. These will include the ability to oversee collaborative

initiatives and teams from DoD, industry, academia, government, and other key stakeholders; development of regional ecosystems; expertise in obtaining the necessary resources from DoD and industry resource sponsors; and public-private partnerships.

**History of the Program.** The Defense Innovation OnRamp is derived from Line of Effort (LOE) 4 of DIU's eight mutually reinforcing LOEs from the DIU 3.0 strategy, released in 2024 ([https://assets.ctfassets.net/3nanhbfr0pc/256qmF1Vel2LnqvBQWrIgW/870427e52a4e072a5eb0c4c79923016/DIU\\_CNAS\\_3.0\\_Article\\_020724.pdf](https://assets.ctfassets.net/3nanhbfr0pc/256qmF1Vel2LnqvBQWrIgW/870427e52a4e072a5eb0c4c79923016/DIU_CNAS_3.0_Article_020724.pdf)). The strategy combined disparate elements of DIU's regional presence, to include its budding OnRamp Hub program, the regional presence of its legacy National Security Innovation Network activity, and other components of DIU's presence across the country. The strategy also builds upon guidance from the Deputy Secretary of Defense to bolster the Department's regional presence in order to tap into technology ecosystems and identify ways to better connect developers from across the country. With congressional support, DIU launched 5 OnRamp Hubs in 2023 in Arizona, Hawaii, Kansas, Ohio and Washington State.

The Defense Innovation OnRamp is focused on building a robust presence across the US, to include Flagship DIU offices, a physical presence via a distributed team, OnRamp Hubs, and other relationships with the academic, startup and commercial sectors. This could include public-private partnerships. Currently, DIU has five offices and eight geographic regions, with a commensurately distributed team. Additionally, in the last year, DIU established five OnRamp Hubs in Phoenix, Arizona; Dayton, Ohio; Honolulu, Hawaii; Seattle, Washington, and Wichita, Kansas. DIU is planning to stand up additional Hubs in the next year, and to grow the types of activities and impact at these Hubs, as well as continue to optimize other regionally-driven efforts. The objective of the Defense Innovation OnRamp is to design, develop, and manage this network, while bringing in new, non-traditional solution providers to the Department of Defense. It does this by addressing barriers to entry, executing programming and challenges, and ultimately helping attract and scale companies and their technologies.

**Past Project Examples.** Samples of past Defense Innovation OnRamp activities and projects conducted include the following:

- Education for industry on DoD acquisition / procurement
- Facilitation of DoD industry engagement - industry interactions, to include by hosting convening events, technology showcases, and match making opportunities
- Host for execution of strategic projects and programming
- Operation of collaboration spaces
- Exposure to funders (investment & educational)
- Mentoring for industry
- Evaluation of solution TRL/MRL
- Tech/IP protection training
- Deployment / access to cloud-based tools
- Advertising talent opportunities within DoD

- Linking university innovation efforts (to include but not limited to those run by DIU Talent Programming) to DoD efforts
- Advancing the maturation of regional innovation ecosystems

#### D. Authorization

2022 NDAA Section 231, Pilot Program on the Use of Private Sector Partnerships to Promote Technology Transition

The authorization to make awards under this funding opportunity may be found via the Assistance Listing Number 12.599 on [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov).

#### E. Legal Requirements

The cooperative agreement awarded under this announcement will be governed by the general terms and conditions in effect at the time of the award that conform to DoD's implementation of OMB guidance applicable to financial assistance in 2 CFR 200, "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards," as implemented by 2 CFR 1100. Additionally, the requirements of the DoD Grant and Agreement Regulations at 32 CFR Subchapter C are applicable to this grant. These terms and conditions are incorporated by reference in this announcement.

## II. Federal Award Information

The following information applies to awards issued under this announcement:

Single Award Anticipated: At present, it is anticipated only one award will be made as a result of this announcement, however, this could change to meet DoD priorities.

Anticipated Range of Individual Award Amounts: The Government anticipates making an initial estimated award of at least \$30-40M for the first year, with the possibility of additional funding in later years.

Anticipated Period of Performance: The anticipated period of performance is five years.

#### Instrument Type:

The type of funding instrument selected by the government is planned to be a cooperative agreement. Award type and funding arrangements are at the discretion of the government. Collaborations or sub-awards with different entities are allowable. The government reserves the right to accept only portions of an application and to negotiate potential awards.

## III. Eligibility Information

#### A. Eligible Applicants

1. For the anticipated cooperative agreement, only U.S. organizations are eligible.

The applicant must be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) before submission of applications. Information on SAM registration is available at <https://sam.gov/content/entity-registration>. The applicant must provide a valid unique entity identifier on their application. The applicant must continue to maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which it has an active Federal award or an application or plan under consideration by a federal awarding agency. Washington Headquarters Services (WHS) may not make a federal award to the applicant until the applicant has complied with all applicable unique entity identifier and SAM requirements.

Disclosures of current and pending support made in this application may render an applicant ineligible for funding. Prior to award and throughout the period of performance, DoD may continue to request updated continuing and pending support information, which will be reviewed and may result in discontinuation of funding.

## B. Cost Sharing or Matching

Cost Sharing is not required.

## C. Conflict of Interest

The organization must disclose any potential or actual scientific or nonscientific conflicts of interest and must also disclose any potential or actual conflict(s) of interest for any identified sub recipient included in the application. These conflicts could arise based on current and previous partnerships and programs that the applicant may be or have been a part of that conflict with DoD partnerships and programs. These can be addressed on a case by case basis and the Government may follow-up with questions to make a determination.

Depending on the circumstances, the Government may request a conflict of interest mitigation plan. The plan must be approved by the Government. Conflicts of interest which are unable to be mitigated will result in an applicant being deemed ineligible for award.

## D. Other

### a) Licensure or Certification

~~The proposal must include the Acknowledgment of Support and Disclaimer on all materials created or produced under the awards. This language may be found in the Terms and Conditions included in the award documents.~~

#### i. Certifications, representations, and assurances

1. To apply for grants and other funding opportunities the applicant entity must have an active registration in the System for Award Management (SAM). Registration in SAM now includes the acceptance of Certifications and Assurances. See <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/grantors/grantor-standard-language.html> for details on how to register in SAM, and Grants.gov

2. The Federal Assistance Certifications Report is an attestation that the entity will abide by the requirements of the various laws and regulations; therefore, as applicable, you are still required to submit any documentation, including the SF-LLL Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (if applicable), and informing DoD of unpaid delinquent tax liability or a felony conviction under any Federal law.

*Any attachment containing additional certifications should be prefaced by the following statement:*

“By checking “I Agree” on the SF-424 Block 21 you agree to abide by the following statement: “By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)”

A list of required certifications and representations not found in SAM are available at Attachment B.

## **IV. Application and Submission Information**

### **A. Submission Date and Time:**

See grants.gov for applicable dates. The application must be submitted via grants.gov. Read the instructions in <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/grantors/grantor-standard-language.html> about registering to apply for DoD funds. If the applicant experiences difficulties with their submission, Grants.gov provides support via the toll-free number 1-800-518-4726 and email at [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov). This ticket number will allow the DoD to verify the issue if it cannot be resolved by the application date.

### **B. Application Procedures and Requirements**

Organizations must have a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), active System for Award Management (SAM) registration, and Grants.gov account to apply for grants. Please see <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/grantors/grantor-standard-language.html> for details on how to go through this process.

### **C. Application Withdrawal:**

An applicant may withdraw an application at any time before award by written notice or by email. Notice of withdrawal shall be sent to the grants officer identified in this announcement. Withdrawals are effective upon receipt of notice by the grants officer.

### **D. Intergovernmental Review**

Not Applicable.

#### E. Content and Form of Submission:

See <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/grantors/grantor-standard-language.html> for information on how to complete the application using Workspace on Grants.gov.

Common formatting requirements across all submitted documents

- Font shall be: Times New Roman, 12 point
- Margins shall be 1 inch on all sides
- Paper size shall be 8 ½ by 11. Documentation submitted under this NFO are expected to be unclassified; classified applications are not permitted.
- All documents must be submitted in PDF format.
- All submissions will be protected from unauthorized disclosure in accordance with applicable law and DoD regulations. The applicant must appropriately mark each page of their submission that contains proprietary information.

#### F. Component-specific requirements.

a) Application Requirements:

- Mark your application with the announcement number;
- Provide the following:

#### **Attachments to Required forms (See Attachment A1 for detailed instructions on filling out the SF-424 Forms for DoD grants)**

The below chart specifies which forms and attachments are required and specifies the maximum page lengths for attachments to be submitted along with the completed form.

Required Forms
SF424 Mandatory Form (V3.0)
Assurances for Non-construction Programs (SF-424B) (V1.1)
Budget Information for Non-construction Programs (SF-424A) (V1.0)
Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL) (V2.0) (Optional)
Project Abstract Summary (V2.0) (length no more than two pages)
Project Narrative Attachment Form (V1.2) (Project Narrative length: no more than ten pages)

#### Additional content requirements

- The Project Narrative Attachment Form should include: A description of the personnel, processes, and experience of the recipient and how the recipient will undertake the effort. Additionally, a concise summary of the schedule of activities and milestones in table or bullet-list form. Because the date of award may change at time of application, we recommend a “month 1,” “month 2,” format, as opposed to



- naming specific months and dates.
- Anticipated sub-awards and contracts.
- Complete the OnRamp application template (length no more than five pages).

*Applicants should use the "Add Mandatory Project Narrative File" function of the Project Narrative Attachment Form in their Grants.gov Workspace to upload their project narrative file. Additionally, applicants should use the "Add Optional Project Narrative File" function of the Project Narrative Attachment Form in their Grants.gov Workspace to upload their completed OnRamp Application Template.*

## G. Funding Restrictions

Per 2 CFR § 200.216, funds may not be used to procure telecommunications equipment or video surveillance services or equipment produced by:

- Huawei Technologies Company,
- ZTE Corporation Hytera Communications Corporation,
- Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company,
- Dahua Technology Company
- any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities

Funding Restrictions: ~~DoD will only fund salary, fringe benefits and indirect costs on awards under the announcement.~~ Funds from an award may not be used to attain fee or profit.

## V. Application Review Information

### A. Selection Criteria

Technical merit and relevance to the DoD mission will be used to evaluate applications. The standards identified in 32 CFR 22.415 will be used to assess the recipient's qualifications. The government may engage with offerors individually to ask technical questions and negotiate changes to the applications.

### B. Review and Selection Process:

Employees of commercial firms under contract to the Government may be used to administratively process applications. By submitting an application, the applicant consents to allowing access to its application(s) by support contractors. These support contracts include nondisclosure agreements prohibiting their contractor employees from disclosing any information submitted by applicants.

The government will conduct reviews of the technical proposal as well as conduct a budget review and a risk review as directed by 2 CFR 200.206. This will include a review of the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS). The applicant may review information in FAPIIS and comment on any information entered into that system. Comments made by applicants will be taken into account in addition to other information in considering applicants' integrity, business ethics, and record of performance.



At the time of application, there is no additional material to be submitted for this review. However, there may be additional requests for clarification as these reviews progress.

The government will not conduct debriefs for unsuccessful applicants.

**C. Anticipated Announcement and Federal Award Dates:**

Decisions are expected to be announced via email.

## **VI. Federal Award Administration Information**

### **A. FEDERAL AWARD NOTICES**

The government will notify the recipient of the award via email. The notification e-mail regarding a selection is not authorization to commit or expend DoD funds. A DoD grants officer is the only person authorized to obligate and approve the use of Federal funds. This authorization is in the form of a signed Notice of Award. After selection but prior to award, the government may request additional information. This may include representations and certifications, revised budgets or budget explanations, or other information as applicable to the proposed award. The award start date will be determined after successfully coordinating all pre-award requirements.

### **B. NATIONAL POLICY REQUIREMENTS (NP)**

NP Article I. Nondiscrimination national policy requirements. (December 2014)

***Section A. Cross-cutting nondiscrimination requirements.*** By signing this award or accepting funds under this award, you assure that you will comply with applicable provisions of the national policies prohibiting discrimination:

1. On the basis of race, color, or national origin, in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.), as implemented by Department of Defense (DoD) regulations at 32 CFR part 195.
2. On the basis of gender, blindness, or visual impairment, in Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.), as implemented by DoD regulations at 32 CFR part 196.
3. On the basis of age, in the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.), as implemented by Department of Health and Human Services regulations at 45 CFR part 90.
4. On the basis of disability, in the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), as implemented by Department of Justice regulations at 28 CFR part 41 and DoD regulations at 32 CFR part 56.
5. On the basis of disability in the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4151 et seq.) related to physically handicapped persons' ready access to, and use of, buildings and facilities for which Federal funds are used in design, construction, or alteration.

***Section B.*** [Reserved]

## **National Policy Requirements**

NP Article II. Environmental national policy requirements. (December 2014)

### ***Section A. Cross-cutting environmental requirements.*** You must:

1. You must comply with all applicable Federal environmental laws and regulations. The laws and regulations identified in this section are not intended to be a complete list.
2. Comply with applicable provisions of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401, *et seq.*) and Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251, *et seq.*).
3. Comply with applicable provisions of the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. 4821–4846), as implemented by the Department of Housing and Urban Development at 24 CFR part 35. The requirements concern lead-based paint in buildings owned by the Federal Government or housing receiving Federal assistance.
  - a. Immediately identify to us, as the Federal awarding agency, any potential impact that you find this award may have on: The quality of the “human environment”, as defined in 40 CFR 1508.14, including wetlands; and provide any help we may need to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA, at 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the regulations at 40 CFR 1500–1508, and E.O. 12114, if applicable; and assist us to prepare Environmental Impact Statements or other environmental documentation. In such cases, you may take no action that will have an environmental impact (*e.g.*, physical disturbance of a site such as breaking of ground) or limit the choice of reasonable alternatives to the proposed action until we provide written notification of Federal compliance with NEPA or E.O. 12114.
  - b. Flood-prone areas and provide any help we may need to comply with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended by the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.*), which require flood insurance, when available, for federally assisted construction or acquisition in flood-prone areas.
  - c. A land or water use or natural resource of a coastal zone that is part of a federally approved State coastal zone management plan and provide any help we may need to comply with the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1451, *et seq.*) including preparation of a Federal agency Coastal Consistency Determination.
  - d. Coastal barriers along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts and Great Lakes' shores and provide help we may need to comply with the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (16 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), concerning preservation of barrier resources.
  - e. Any existing or proposed component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers system and provide any help we may need to comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. 1271 *et seq.*).

f. Underground sources of drinking water in areas that have an aquifer that is the sole or principal drinking water source and in wellhead protection areas, and provide any help we may need to comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.).

4. You must comply fully with the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA, at 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), and implementing regulations of the Departments of the Interior (50 CFR parts 10–24) and Commerce (50 CFR parts 217–227). You also must provide any help we may need in complying with the consultation requirements of ESA section 7 (16 U.S.C. 1536) applicable to Federal agencies or any regulatory authorization we may need based on the award of this grant. This is not in lieu of responsibilities you have to comply with provisions of the Act that apply directly to you as a U.S. entity, independent of receiving this award.

5. You must fully comply with the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA, at 16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.) and provide any assistance we may need in obtaining any required MMPA permit based on an award of this grant.

**Section B.** [Reserved]

**Appendix C to Part 1122—Terms and Conditions for NP Article III, “National Policy**

## **Requirements Concerning Live Organisms**

NP Article III. National policy requirements concerning live organisms. (December 2014)

### ***Section A. Cross-cutting requirements concerning live organisms.***

#### ***1. Human subjects.***

- a. You must protect the rights and welfare of individuals who participate as human subjects in research under this award and comply with the requirements at 32 CFR part 219, DoD Instruction (DoDI) 3216.02, 10 U.S.C. 980, and when applicable, Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations.
- b. You must not begin performance of research involving human subjects, also known as human subjects research (HSR), that is covered under 32 CFR part 219, or that meets exemption criteria under 32 CFR 219.101(b), until you receive a formal notification of approval from a DoD Human Research Protection Official (HRPO). Approval to perform HSR under this award is received after the HRPO has performed a review of your documentation of planned HSR activities and has officially furnished a concurrence with your determination as presented in the documentation.
- c. In order for the HRPO to accomplish this concurrence review, you must provide sufficient documentation to enable his or her assessment as follows:
  - i. If the HSR meets an exemption criterion under 32 CFR 219.101(b), the documentation must include a citation of the exemption category under 32 CFR 219.101(b) and a rationale statement.
  - ii. If your activity is determined as “non-exempt research involving human subjects”, the documentation must include:
    - (A) Assurance of Compliance (*i.e.*, Department of Health and Human Services Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) Federal wide Assurance (FWA)) appropriate for the scope of work or program plan; and
    - (B) Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval, as well as all documentation reviewed by the IRB to make their determination.
- d. The HRPO retains final judgment on what activities constitute HSR, whether an exempt category applies, whether the risk determination is appropriate, and whether the planned HSR activities comply with the requirements in paragraph 1.a of this section.
- e. You must notify the HRPO immediately of any suspensions or terminations of the Assurance of Compliance.
- f. DoD staff, consultants, and advisory groups may independently review and inspect your research and research procedures involving human subjects and, based on such

findings,

DoD may prohibit research that presents unacceptable hazards or otherwise fails to comply with DoD requirements.

g. Definitions for terms used in paragraph 1 of this article are found in DoDI 3216.02.

## **2. *Animals.***

a. Prior to initiating any animal work under the award, you must:

i. Register your research, development, test, and evaluation or training facility with the Secretary of Agriculture in accordance with 7 U.S.C. 2136 and 9 CFR 2.30, unless otherwise exempt from this requirement by meeting the conditions in 7 U.S.C. 2136 and 9 CFR parts 1–4 for the duration of the activity.

ii. Have your proposed animal use approved in accordance with Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 3216.01, Use of Animals in DoD Programs by a DoD Component Headquarters Oversight Office.

iii. Furnish evidence of such registration and approval to the grants officer.

b. You must make the animals on which the research is being conducted, and all premises, facilities, vehicles, equipment, and records that support animal care and use available during business hours and at other times mutually agreeable to you, the United States Department of Agriculture Office of Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA/APHIS) representative, personnel representing the DoD component oversight offices, as well as the grants officer, to ascertain that you are compliant with 7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq., 9 CFR parts 1–4, and DoDI 3216.01.

c. Your care and use of animals must conform with the pertinent laws of the United States, regulations of the Department of Agriculture, and regulations, policies, and procedures of the Department of Defense (see 7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq., 9 CFR parts 1–4, and DoDI 3216.01).

d. You must acquire animals in accordance with DoDI 3216.01.

## **3. *Use of Remedies.***

Failure to comply with the applicable requirements in paragraphs 1–2 of this section may result in the DoD Component's use of remedies, *e.g.*, wholly or partially terminating or suspending the award, temporarily withholding payment under the award pending correction of the deficiency, or disallowing all or part of the cost of the activity or action (including the federal share and any required cost sharing or matching) that is not in compliance. See OAR Article III.

**Section B.** [Reserved]

## **Policy Requirements”**

NP Article IV. Other National Policy Requirements. (December 2014)

### ***Section A. Cross-cutting requirements.***

1. ***Debarment and suspension.*** You must comply with requirements regarding debarment and suspension in Subpart C of 2 CFR part 180, as adopted by DoD at 2 CFR part 1125. This includes requirements concerning your principals under this award, as well as requirements concerning your procurement transactions and subawards that are implemented in PROC Articles I through III and SUB Article II.

2. ***Drug-free workplace.*** You must comply with drug-free workplace requirements in Subpart B of 2 CFR part 26, which is the DoD implementation of 41 U.S.C. chapter 81, “Drug-Free Workplace.”

### ***3. Lobbying.***

a. You must comply with the restrictions on lobbying in 31 U.S.C. 1352, as implemented by DoD at 32 CFR part 28, and submit all disclosures required by that statute and regulation.

b. You must comply with the prohibition in 18 U.S.C. 1913 on the use of Federal funds, absent express Congressional authorization, to pay directly or indirectly for any service, advertisement or other written matter, telephone communication, or other device intended to influence at any time a Member of Congress or official of any government concerning any legislation, law, policy, appropriation, or ratification.

c. If you are a nonprofit organization described in section 501(c)(4) of title 26, United States Code (the Internal Revenue Code of 1968), you may not engage in lobbying activities as defined in the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C., chapter 26). If we determine that you have engaged in lobbying activities, we will cease all payments to you under this and other awards and terminate the awards unilaterally for material failure to comply with the award terms and conditions.

4. ***Officials not to benefit.*** You must comply with the requirement that no member of Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of this award, or to any benefit arising from it, in accordance with 41 U.S.C. 6306.

5. ***Hatch Act.*** If applicable, you must comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. 1501–1508) concerning political activities of certain State and local government employees, as implemented by the Office of Personnel Management at 5 CFR part 151, which limits political activity of employees or officers of State or local governments whose employment is connected to an activity financed in whole or part with Federal funds.

6. ***Native American graves protection and repatriation.*** If you control or possess Native American remains and associated funerary objects, you must comply with the



requirements

of 43 CFR part 10, the Department of the Interior implementation of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (25 U.S.C., chapter 32).

7. ***Fly America Act.*** You must comply with the International Air Transportation Fair Competitive Practices Act of 1974 (49 U.S.C. 40118), commonly referred to as the “Fly America Act,” and implementing regulations at 41 CFR 301–10.131 through 301–10.143. The law and regulations require that U.S. Government financed international air travel of passengers and transportation of personal effects or property must use a U.S. Flag air carrier or be performed under a cost sharing arrangement with a U.S. carrier, if such service is available.

8. ***Use of United States-flag vessels.*** You must comply with the following requirements of the Department of Transportation at 46 CFR 381.7, in regulations implementing the Cargo Preference Act of 1954:

a. Pursuant to Public Law 83–664 (46 U.S.C. 55305), at least 50 percent of any equipment, materials or commodities procured, contracted for or otherwise obtained with funds under this award, and which may be transported by ocean vessel, must be transported on privately owned United States-flag commercial vessels, if available.

b. Within 20 days following the date of loading for shipments originating within the United States or within 30 working days following the date of loading for shipments originating outside the United States, a legible copy of a rated, “on-board” commercial ocean bill-of-lading in English for each shipment of cargo described in paragraph 8.a of this section must be furnished to both our award administrator (through you in the case of your contractor's bill-of-lading) and to the Division of National Cargo, Office of Market Development, Maritime Administration, Washington, DC 20590.

9. ***Research misconduct.*** You must comply with requirements concerning research misconduct in Enclosure 4 to DoD Instruction 3210.7, “Research Integrity and Misconduct.” The Instruction implements the Governmentwide research misconduct policy that the Office of Science and Technology Policy published in the Federal Register (65 FR 76260, December 6, 2000, available through the U.S. Government Printing Office website: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2000/12/06/00-30852/executive-office-of-the-president-federal-policy-on-research-misconduct-preamble-for-research>).

10. ***Requirements for an Institution of Higher Education Concerning Military Recruiters and Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC).***

a. As a condition for receiving funds available to the DoD under this award, you agree that you are not an institution of higher education (as defined in 32 CFR part 216) that has a policy or practice that either prohibits, or in effect prevents:

i. The Secretary of a Military Department from maintaining, establishing, or operating a unit of the Senior Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC)—in accordance with 10 U.S.C. 654 and other applicable Federal laws—at that institution (or any subelement of that institution);

ii. Any student at that institution (or any subelement of that institution) from enrolling in a unit of the Senior ROTC at another institution of higher education.

iii. The Secretary of a Military Department or Secretary of Homeland Security from gaining access to campuses, or access to students (who are 17 years of age or older) on campuses, for purposes of military recruiting in a manner that is at least equal in quality and scope to the access to campuses and to students that is provided to any other employer; or

iv. Access by military recruiters for purposes of military recruiting to the names of students (who are 17 years of age or older and enrolled at that institution or any subelement of that institution); their addresses, telephone listings, dates and places of birth, levels of education, academic majors, and degrees received; and the most recent educational institutions in which they were enrolled.

b. If you are determined, using the procedures in 32 CFR part 216, to be such an institution of higher education during the period of performance of this award, we:

i. Will cease all payments to you of DoD funds under this award and all other DoD grants and cooperative agreements; and

ii. May suspend or terminate those awards unilaterally for material failure to comply with the award terms and conditions.

11. ***Historic preservation.*** You must identify to us any:

a. Property listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places that will be affected by this award, and provide any help we may need, with respect to this award, to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (54 U.S.C. 306108), as implemented by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation regulations at 36 CFR part 800 and Executive Order 11593, "Identification and Protection of Historic Properties," [3 CFR, 1971–1975 Comp., p. 559]. Impacts to historical properties are included in the definition of "human environment" that require impact assessment under NEPA (See NP Article II, Section A).

b. Potential under this award for irreparable loss or destruction of significant scientific, prehistorical, historical, or archeological data, and provide any help we may need, with respect to this award, to comply with the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (54 U.S.C. chapter 3125).

12. ***Relocation and real property acquisition.*** You must comply with applicable provisions of 49 CFR part 24, which implements the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4601, *et seq.*) and provides for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced by federally assisted programs or persons whose property is acquired as a result of such programs.

13. ***Confidentiality of patient records.*** You must keep confidential any records that you

maintain of the identity, diagnosis, prognosis, or treatment of any patient in connection with any program or activity relating to substance abuse education, prevention, training, treatment, or rehabilitation that is assisted directly or indirectly under this award, in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 290dd-2.

#### 14. *Pro-Children Act*.

You must comply with applicable restrictions in the Pro-Children Act of 1994 (Title 20, Chapter 68, subchapter X, Part B of the U.S. Code) on smoking in any indoor facility:

- a. Constructed, operated, or maintained under this award and used for routine or regular provision of kindergarten, elementary, or secondary education or library services to children under the age of 18.
- b. Owned, leased, or contracted for and used under this award for the routine provision of federally funded health care, day care, or early childhood development (Head Start) services to children under the age of 18.

15. *Constitution Day*. You must comply with Public Law 108-447, Div. J, Title I, Sec. 111 (36 U.S.C. 106 note), which requires each educational institution receiving Federal funds in a Federal fiscal year to hold an educational program on the United States Constitution on September 17th during that year for the students served by the educational institution.

16. *Trafficking in persons*. You must comply with requirements concerning trafficking in persons specified in the award term at 2 CFR 175.15(b), as applicable.

17. *Whistleblower protections*. You must comply with 10 U.S.C. 2409, including the:

- a. Prohibition on reprisals against employees disclosing certain types of information to specified persons or bodies; and
- b. Requirement to notify your employees in writing, in the predominant native language of the workforce, of their rights and protections under that statute.

## VII. Reporting Requirements

1. Performance Reporting: quarterly reports, required within 30 calendar days after the end of reported quarter period: 3/31, 6/30, 9/30, and 12/31. See 2 CFR 200.329 for report content.
2. Financial Reporting
  - a) Interim Federal Financial Report (SF 425). A quarterly Federal Financial Report (SF 425) is required within 30 calendar days after the end of reported quarter period: 3/31, 6/30, 9/30, and 12/31 and must include in the remarks the location of financial records and a point of contact for the Government to obtain access to the financial records associated with this agreement.
  - b) Final Federal Financial Report (SF 425) is required within 90 calendar days of the completion date for the term of this Grant and must include in the remarks the location of financial records and a point of contact for the Government to obtain

access to the  
financial records associated with this agreement.

- c) Federal Financial Report (SF 425) is required if receiving advance payments; the awardee shall submit a Report of Federal Cash Transactions (SF 425) within 15 calendar days following the end of each quarter. The Grantee shall provide forecasts of Federal cash requirements in the "Remarks" section of the report.
- d) Audit Reports. The Grantee shall ensure that if an independent auditor is used for this award, copies of any audits conducted shall be provided to the Government. At a minimum, the following should be provided a certified statement from the independent auditor evidencing that Grantee has complied with all requirements of this agreement. Upon completion or termination of this Grant, the Grantee shall provide a list of all audits conducted which reviewed expenditures under this Grant.

4. Property Reports

The recipient shall submit an annual inventory listing to all equipment in excess of \$5,000 acquired under this grant.

5. Document submission:

All reporting requirements above shall be sent via email to the Government Technical Program Point of Contact.

6. Other Points of Contact:

Grants Officer: Michael J. Fanizzo [michael.j.fanizzo.civ@mail.mil](mailto:michael.j.fanizzo.civ@mail.mil)

Contract Specialist: Kimberly.s.hernandez.civ@mail.mil

The terms and conditions of the award will provide the specifics on how to submit the reports and any required sections for those reports.

Additional mandatory reporting requirements include the following:

**2 CFR 180.335** - What information must I provide before entering into a covered transaction with a Federal agency?

**2 CFR 180.350** - What must I do if I learn of information required under § 180.335 after entering into a covered transaction with a Federal agency?

**2 CFR Part 170** - Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information; and,

**2 CFR Appendix XII to Part 200** - Award Terms and Conditions for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters.

Awardees will need to comply with the reporting requirements in 2 CFR 170: Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information

## VIII. Other Administrative Requirements

Not Applicable.

## IX. Federal Contacts

See above.

## **X. Other Information**

None.