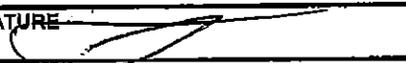


	U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Cooperative Agreement	GRANT NUMBER (FAIN): 96159401 MODIFICATION NUMBER: 0 PROGRAM CODE: DS	DATE OF AWARD 08/23/2012
		TYPE OF ACTION New	MAILING DATE 08/30/2012
		PAYMENT METHOD: ASAP	ACH# 10109
		RECIPIENT TYPE: State	
RECIPIENT: Connecticut DEEP 79 Elm Street Hartford, CT 06106-5127 EIN: 86-1154163		PAYEE: Connecticut DEEP 79 Elm Street Hartford, CT 06106-5127	
PROJECT MANAGER Anne Gobin 79 Elm Street Hartford, CT 06106-5127 E-Mail: anne.gobin@ct.gov Phone: 860-424-3026	EPA PROJECT OFFICER John Rogan 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3912 E-Mail: Rogan.John@epamail.epa.gov Phone: 617-918-1645	EPA GRANT SPECIALIST MaryEllen Stanis Grants Management Office, OARM16-2 E-Mail: Stanis.MaryEllen@epamail.epa.gov Phone: 617-918-1173	
PROJECT TITLE AND DESCRIPTION FY12 DERA State Clean Diesel Program Connecticut's priorities for FY-2012 State Diesel Emissions Reduction Act 2 funds would be for grants or rebates to municipalities for early replacement, repowering or retrofitting of diesel vehicles or equipment in their fleets. An additional priority would be for Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to help fund early replacement, repower or retrofits of agricultural equipment in the state. Grant funds could also be used: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for replacement, repower or retrofit of construction equipment; for a port equipment, shore-power or marine engine diesel project at Connecticut ports; for idle reduction technologies, including auxiliary power units; for replacements, repowers or retrofits of other diesel vehicles or equipment; for replacement or repowering of transport refrigeration units; or for other diesel projects consistent with agency needs and requirements. 			
BUDGET PERIOD 10/01/2012 - 09/30/2013	PROJECT PERIOD 10/01/2012 - 09/30/2013	TOTAL BUDGET PERIOD COST \$130,892.00	TOTAL PROJECT PERIOD COST \$130,892.00
NOTICE OF AWARD			
Based on your application dated 05/29/2012, including all modifications and amendments, the United States acting by and through the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), hereby awards \$130,892. EPA agrees to cost-share 100.00% of all approved budget period costs incurred, up to and not exceeding total federal funding of \$130,892. Such award may be terminated by EPA without further cause if the recipient fails to provide timely affirmation of the award by signing under the Affirmation of Award section and returning all pages of this agreement to the Grants Management Office listed below within 21 days after receipt, or any extension of time, as may be granted by EPA. This agreement is subject to applicable EPA statutory provisions. The applicable regulatory provisions are 40 CFR Chapter 1, Subchapter B, and all terms and conditions of this agreement and any attachments.			
ISSUING OFFICE (GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICE)		AWARD APPROVAL OFFICE	
ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS EPA New England 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3912		ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS U.S. EPA, Region 1 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3912	
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY			
Digital signature applied by EPA Award Official for Michael Kenyon - Director Office of Administration & Resource Management Fred Weeks - Award Official delegate			DATE 08/23/2012
AFFIRMATION OF AWARD			
BY AND ON BEHALF OF THE DESIGNATED RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION			
SIGNATURE 	TYPED NAME AND TITLE Macky McCleary, Deputy Commissioner		DATE 9/24/12

Macky McCleary, Deputy Commissioner

EPA Funding Information

FUNDS	FORMER AWARD	THIS ACTION	AMENDED TOTAL
EPA Amount This Action	\$	\$ 130,892	\$ 130,892
EPA In-Kind Amount	\$	\$	\$ 0
Unexpended Prior Year Balance	\$	\$	\$ 0
Other Federal Funds	\$	\$	\$ 0
Recipient Contribution	\$	\$	\$ 0
State Contribution	\$	\$	\$ 0
Local Contribution	\$	\$	\$ 0
Other Contribution	\$	\$	\$ 0
Allowable Project Cost	\$ 0	\$ 130,892	\$ 130,892

Assistance Program (CFDA)	Statutory Authority	Regulatory Authority
66.040 - State Clean Diesel Grant Program (B)	Diesel Emissions Reduction Act of 2010 codified at 42 U.S.C. 16131 et seq	40 CFR PART 31

Fiscal									
Site Name	Req No	FY	Approp. Code	Budget Organization	PRC	Object Class	Site/Project	Cost Organization	Obligation / Deobligation
	12010CG021	12	E4	011	102AH4	4123			130,892
									130,892

Table A - Object Class Category (Non-construction)	Total Approved Allowable Budget Period Cost
1. Personnel	\$0
2. Fringe Benefits	\$0
3. Travel	\$0
4. Equipment	\$0
5. Supplies	\$0
6. Contractual	\$0
7. Construction	\$0
8. Other	\$130,892
9. Total Direct Charges	\$130,892
10. Indirect Costs: % Base	\$0
11. Total (Share: Recipient 0.00 % Federal 100.00 %)	\$130,892
12. Total Approved Assistance Amount	\$130,892
13. Program Income	\$0
14. Total EPA Amount Awarded This Action	\$130,892
15. Total EPA Amount Awarded To Date	\$130,892

Administrative Conditions

1. UTILIZATION OF SMALL, MINORITY AND WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

GENERAL COMPLIANCE, 40 CFR, Part 33

The recipient agrees to comply with the requirements of EPA's Program for Utilization of Small, Minority and Women's Business Enterprises in procurement under assistance agreements, contained in 40 CFR, Part 33.

FAIR SHARE OBJECTIVES, 40 CFR, Part 33, Subpart D

Current Fair Share Objective/Goal

This assistance agreement is a Technical Assistance Grant (TAG); or the award amount is \$250,000 or less; or the total dollar amount of all of the recipient's financial assistance agreements from EPA in the current Federal fiscal year is \$250,000 or less. Therefore, the recipient of this assistance agreement is exempt from the fair share objective requirements of 40 CFR, Part 33, Subpart D, and is not required to negotiate a fair share objective/goal for the utilization of MBE/WBEs in its procurements.

SIX GOOD FAITH EFFORTS, 40 CFR, Part 33, Subpart C

Pursuant to 40 CFR, Section 33.301, the recipient agrees to make the following good faith efforts whenever procuring construction, equipment, services and supplies under an EPA financial assistance agreement, and to require that sub-recipients, loan recipients, and prime contractors also comply. Records documenting compliance with the six good faith efforts shall be retained:

(a) Require DBEs are made aware of contracting opportunities to the fullest extent practicable through outreach and recruitment activities. For Indian Tribal, State and Local and Government recipients, this will include placing DBEs on solicitation lists and soliciting them whenever they are potential sources.

(b) Make information on forthcoming opportunities available to DBEs and arrange time frames for contracts and establish delivery schedules, where the requirements permit, in a way that encourages and facilitates participation by DBEs in the competitive process. This includes, whenever possible, posting solicitations for bids or proposals for a minimum of 30 calendar days before the bid or proposal closing date.

(c) Consider in the contracting process whether firms competing for large contracts could subcontract with DBEs. For Indian Tribal, State and local Government recipients, this will include dividing total requirements when economically feasible into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by DBEs in the competitive process.

(d) Encourage contracting with a consortium of DBEs when a contract is too large for one of these firms to handle individually.

(e) Use the services and assistance of the SBA and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.

(f) If the prime contractor awards subcontracts, require the prime contractor to take the steps in paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section.

MBE/WBE REPORTING, 40 CFR, Part 33, Sections 33.502 and 33.503

The recipient agrees to complete and submit EPA Form 5700-52A, "MBE/WBE Utilization Under Federal Grants, Cooperative Agreements and Interagency Agreements" beginning with the Federal fiscal year reporting period the recipient receives the award, and continuing until the project is completed. Only procurements with certified MBE/WBEs are counted toward a recipient's MBE/WBE accomplishments. The reports must be submitted annually for the period ending

September 30th for:

40 CFR Part 30 Recipients (Non-profits and Institutions of Higher Education); and
40 CFR Part 35, Subpart A and Subpart B Recipients.

The reports are due within 30 days of the end of the annual reporting period (October 30th). Reports should be sent to Larry Wells, USEPA, 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 OARM 16-2, Boston, MA 02109. Final MBE/WBE reports must be submitted within 90 days after the project period of the grant ends. Your grant cannot be officially closed without all MBE/WBE reports.

EPA Form 5700-52A may be obtained from the EPA Office of Small Business Program's Home Page on the Internet at www.epa.gov/osbp.

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION PROVISIONS, 40 CFR, Section 33.302

The recipient agrees to comply with the contract administration provisions of 40 CFR, Section 33.302.

BIDDERS LIST, 40 CFR, Section 33.501(b) and (c)

Recipients of a Continuing Environmental Program Grant or other annual reporting grant, agree to create and maintain a bidders list. Recipients of an EPA financial assistance agreement to capitalize a revolving loan fund also agree to require entities receiving identified loans to create and maintain a bidders list if the recipient of the loan is subject to, or chooses to follow, competitive bidding requirements. Please see 40 CFR, Section 33.501 (b) and (c) for specific requirements and exemptions.

2. Central Contractor Registration/System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements.

A. Requirement for Central Contractor Registration (CCR)/System for Award Management (SAM). Unless you are exempted from this requirement under 2 CFR 25.110, you as the recipient must maintain the currency of your information in the SAM until you submit the final financial report required under this award or receive the final payment, whichever is later. This requires that you review and update the information at least annually after the initial registration, and more frequently if required by changes in your information or another award term.

B. Requirement for Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) numbers. If you are authorized to make subawards under this award, you:

1. Must notify potential subrecipients that no entity (see definition in paragraph C of this award term) may receive a subaward from you unless the entity has provided its DUNS number to you.

2. May not make a subaward to an entity unless the entity has provided its DUNS number to you.

C. Definitions. For purposes of this award term:

1. Central Contractor Registration (CCR)/System for Award Management (SAM) means the Federal repository into which an entity must provide information required for the conduct of business as a recipient. Additional information about registration procedures may be found at the System for Award Management (SAM) Internet site <http://www.sam.gov>.

2. Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number means the nine-digit number established and assigned by Dun and Bradstreet, Inc. (D&B) to uniquely

Identify business entities- A DUNS number may be obtained from D&B by telephone (currently 866-705-5711) or the Internet (currently at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>).

3. Entity, as it is used in this award term, means all of the following, as defined at 2 CFR part 25, subpart C:

- a. A Governmental organization, which is a State, local government, or Indian tribe;
- b. A foreign public entity;
- c. A domestic or foreign nonprofit organization;
- d. A domestic or foreign for-profit organization; and
- e. A Federal agency, but only as a subrecipient under an award or subaward to a non-Federal entity.

4. Subaward:

- a. This term means a legal instrument to provide support for the performance of any portion of the substantive project or program for which you received this award and that you as the recipient award to an eligible subrecipient.
- b. The term does not include your procurement of property and services needed to carry out the project or program (for further explanation, see Sec. --.210 of the attachment to OMB Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations").
- c. A subaward may be provided through any legal agreement, including an agreement that you consider a contract.

5. Subrecipient means an entity that:

- a. Receives a subaward from you under this award; and
- b. Is accountable to you for the use of the Federal funds provided by the subaward.

3. FY12 Unpaid Federal Tax Liabilities and Felony Convictions

This award is subject to the provisions contained in the Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012, HR 2055, Division E, Sections 433 and 434 (sections 433 and 434) regarding unpaid federal tax liabilities and federal felony convictions. Accordingly, by accepting this award the recipient acknowledges that it: (1) is not subject to any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, and (2) has not been convicted (or had an officer or agent acting on its behalf convicted) of a felony criminal conviction under any Federal law within 24 months preceding the award, unless EPA has considered suspension or debarment of the corporation, or such officer or agent, based on these tax liabilities or convictions and determined that such action is not necessary to protect the Government's interests. If the recipient fails to comply with these provisions, EPA will annul this agreement and may recover any funds the recipient has expended in violation of sections 433 and 434.

4. HOTEL-MOTEL FIRE SAFETY

Pursuant to 40 CFR 30.18, if applicable, and 15 USC 2225a, the recipient agrees to ensure that all space for conferences, meetings, conventions, or training seminars funded in whole or in part with federal funds complies with the protection and control guidelines of the Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act (PL 101-391, as amended). Recipients may search the Hotel-Motel National Master List at <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/applications/hotel/> to see if a property is in compliance (FEMA ID is currently not required), or to find other information about the Act.

5. **LOBBYING AND LITIGATION - ALL RECIPIENTS** - supplements the Lobbying condition.

The chief executive officer of this recipient agency shall ensure that no grant funds awarded under this assistance agreement are used to engage in lobbying of the Federal Government or in litigation against the United States unless authorized under existing law. The recipient shall abide by its respective OMB Circular (A-21, A-87, or A-122), which prohibits the use of federal grant funds for litigation against the United States or for lobbying or other political activities.

6. **LOBBYING - ALL RECIPIENTS**

The recipient agrees to comply with Title 40 CFR Part 34, *New Restrictions on Lobbying*. The recipient shall include the language of this provision in award documents for all subawards exceeding \$100,000, and require that subrecipients submit certification and disclosure forms accordingly.

In accordance with the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, any recipient who makes a prohibited expenditure under Title 40 CFR Part 34 or fails to file the required certification or lobbying forms shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such expenditure.

7. **Management Fees**

Management fees or similar charges in excess of the direct costs and approved indirect rates are not allowable. The term "management fees or similar charges" refers to expenses added to the direct costs in order to accumulate and reserve funds for ongoing business expenses, unforeseen liabilities, or for other similar costs which are not allowable under this assistance agreement. Management fees or similar charges may not be used to improve or expand the project funded under this agreement, except to the extent authorized as a direct cost of carrying out the scope of work.

8. **Recycle**

In accordance with Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) (42 U.S.C. 6962) any State agency or agency of a political subdivision of a State which is using appropriated Federal funds shall comply with the requirements set forth. Regulations issued under RCRA Section 6002 apply to any acquisition of an item where the purchase price exceeds \$10,000 or where the quantity of such items acquired in the course of the preceding fiscal year was \$10,000 or more. RCRA Section 6002 requires that preference be given in procurement programs to the purchase of specific products containing recycled materials identified in guidelines developed by EPA. These guidelines are listed in 40 CFR 247.

9. **Recycle**

In accordance with the policies set forth in EPA Order 1000.25 and Executive Order 13423, Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy and Transportation Management (January 24, 2007), the recipient agrees to use recycled paper and double sided printing for all reports which are prepared as a part of this agreement and delivered to EPA. This requirement does not apply to reports prepared on forms supplied by EPA, or to Standard Forms, which are printed on recycled paper and are available through the General Services Administration.

10. **Reimbursement Limitation**

EPA's financial obligations to the recipient are limited by the amount of federal funding awarded to date as shown on line 15 in its EPA approved budget. If the recipient incurs costs in anticipation of receiving additional funds from EPA, it does so at its own risk.

11. Single Audit Submission Requirements

In accordance with OMB Circular A-133, which implements the Single Audit Act, the recipient hereby agrees to obtain a single audit from an independent auditor, if it expends \$500,000 or more in total Federal funds in any fiscal year. Within nine months after the end of a recipient's fiscal year or 30 days after receiving the report from the auditor, the recipient shall submit the SF-SAC and a Single Audit Report Package. The recipient MUST submit the SF-SAC and a Single Audit Report Package, using the Federal Audit Clearinghouse's Internet Data Entry System. For complete information on how to accomplish the single audit submissions, you will need to visit the Federal Audit Clearinghouse Web site: <http://harvester.census.gov/fac/>

12. Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation.

a. Reporting of first-tier subawards.

1. Applicability. Unless you are exempt as provided in paragraph d. of this award term, you must report each action that obligates \$25,000 or more in Federal funds that does not include Recovery funds (as defined in section 1512(a)(2) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. 111-5) for a subaward to an entity (see definitions in paragraph e of this award term).

2. Where and when to report.

i. You must report each obligating action described in paragraph a.1. of this award term to www.fsrs.gov.

ii. For subaward information, report no later than the end of the month following the month in which the obligation was made. (For example, if the obligation was made on November 7, 2010, the obligation must be reported by no later than December 31, 2010.)

3. What to report. You must report the information about each obligating action that the submission instructions posted at www.fsrs.gov specify.

b. Reporting Total Compensation of Recipient Executives.

1. Applicability and what to report. You must report total compensation for each of your five most highly compensated executives for the preceding completed fiscal year, if --

i. the total Federal funding authorized to date under this award is \$25,000 or more;

ii. in the preceding fiscal year, you received--

(A) 80 percent or more of your annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR 170.320 (and subawards); and

(B) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR 170.320 (and subawards); and

iii. The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, see the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at <http://www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm>.)

2. Where and when to report. You must report executive total compensation described in paragraph b.1. of this award term:

i. As part of your registration Central Contractor Registration/System for Award Management profile available at www.sam.gov.

ii. By the end of the month following the month in which this award is made, and annually thereafter.

c. Reporting of Total Compensation of Subrecipient Executives.

1. Applicability and what to report. Unless you are exempt as provided in paragraph d. of this award term, for each first-tier subrecipient under this award, you shall report the names and total compensation of each of the subrecipient's five most highly compensated executives for the subrecipient's preceding completed fiscal year, if --

I. In the subrecipient's preceding fiscal year, the subrecipient received--

(A) 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR 170.320 (and subawards); and

(B) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts), and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act (and subawards); and

II. The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, see the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at <http://www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm>.)

2. Where and when to report. You must report subrecipient executive total compensation described in paragraph c.1. of this award term:

i. To the recipient.

ii. By the end of the month following the month during which you make the subaward. For example, if a subaward is obligated on any date during the month of October of a given year (i.e., between October 1 and 31), you must report any required compensation information of the subrecipient by November 30 of that year.

d. Exemptions

If, in the previous tax year, you had gross income, from all sources, under \$300,000, you are exempt from the requirements to report:

i. subawards,
and

ii. the total compensation of the five most highly compensated executives of any subrecipient.

e. Definitions. For purposes of this award term:

1. Entity means all of the following, as defined in 2 CFR part 25:

i. A Governmental organization, which is a State, local government, or Indian tribe;

ii. A foreign public entity;

iii. A domestic or foreign nonprofit organization;

iv. A domestic or foreign for-profit organization;

v. A Federal agency, but only as a subrecipient under an award or subaward to a non-Federal entity.

2. Executive means officers, managing partners, or any other employees in management positions.

3. Subaward:

i. This term means a legal instrument to provide support for the performance of any portion of the substantive project or program for which you received this award and that you as the recipient award to an eligible subrecipient.

ii. The term does not include your procurement of property and services needed to carry out the project or program (for further explanation, see Sec.

--.210 of the attachment to OMB Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations").

iii. A subaward may be provided through any legal agreement, including an agreement that you or a subrecipient considers a contract.

4. Subrecipient means an entity that:

- i. Receives a subaward from you (the recipient) under this award; and
- ii. Is accountable to you for the use of the Federal funds provided by the subaward.

5. Total compensation means the cash and noncash dollar value earned by the executive during the recipient's or subrecipient's preceding fiscal year and includes the following (for more information see 17 CFR 229.402(c)(2)):

i. *Salary and bonus.*

ii. *Awards of stock, stock options, and stock appreciation rights.* Use the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes with respect to the fiscal year in accordance with the Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (Revised 2004) (FAS 123R), Shared Based Payments.

iii. *Earnings for services under non-equity incentive plans.* This does not include group life, health, hospitalization or medical reimbursement plans that do not discriminate in favor of executives, and are available generally to all salaried employees.

iv. *Change in pension value:* This is the change in present value of defined benefit and actuarial pension plans.

v. *Above-market earnings on deferred compensation which is not tax-qualified.*

vi. Other compensation, if the aggregate value of all such other compensation (e.g. severance, termination payments, value of life insurance paid on behalf of the employee, perquisites or property) for the executive exceeds \$10,000.

13. National Term and Condition for Subawards

a. The recipient agrees to:

- (1) Establish all subaward agreements in writing;
 - (2) Maintain primary responsibility for ensuring successful completion of the EPA-approved project (this responsibility cannot be delegated or transferred to a subrecipient);
 - (3) Ensure that any subawards comply with the standards in Section 210(a)-(d) of OMB Circular A-133 and are not used to acquire commercial goods or services for the recipient;
 - (4) Ensure that any subawards are awarded to eligible subrecipients and that proposed subaward costs are necessary, reasonable, and allocable;
 - (5) Ensure that any subawards to 501(c)(4) organizations do not involve lobbying activities;
 - (6) Monitor the performance of their recipients and ensure that they comply with all applicable regulations, statutes, and terms and conditions which flow down in the subaward;
 - (7) Obtain EPA's consent before making a subaward to a foreign or international organization, or a subaward to be performed in a foreign country; and
 - (8) Obtain approval from EPA for any new subaward work that is not outlined in the approved work plan in accordance with 40 CFR Parts 30.25 and 31.30, as applicable.
- b. Any questions about subrecipient eligibility or other issues pertaining to subawards should be addressed to the recipient's EPA Project Officer. Additional information regarding subawards may be found at <http://www.epa.gov/ogd/guide/subaward-policy-part-2.pdf>.

Guidance for distinguishing between vendor and subrecipient relationships and ensuring compliance with Section 210(a)-(d) of OMB Circular A-133 can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/ogd/guide/subawards-appendix-b.pdf> and <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/a133/a133.html>.

- c. The recipient is responsible for selecting its subrecipients and, if applicable, for conducting subaward competitions.

14. Suspension & Debarment

Recipients shall fully comply with Subpart C of 2 CFR Part 180 entitled, "Responsibilities of Participants Regarding Transactions Doing Business With Other Persons," as implemented and supplemented by 2 CFR Part 1532. Recipient is responsible for ensuring that any lower tier covered transaction, as described in Subpart B of 2 CFR Part 180, entitled "Covered Transactions," includes a term or condition requiring compliance with Subpart C. Recipient is responsible for further requiring the inclusion of a similar term or condition in any subsequent lower tier covered transactions. Recipient acknowledges that failing to disclose the information required under 2 CFR 180.335 may result in the delay or negation of this assistance agreement, or pursuance of legal remedies, including suspension and debarment.

Recipients may access suspension and debarment information at <http://www.sam.gov>. This system allows recipients to perform searches determining whether an entity or individual is excluded from receiving Federal assistance. This term and condition supersedes EPA Form 5700-49, "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters."

15. Trafficking in Persons.

a. *Provisions applicable to a recipient that is a private entity.*

1. You as the recipient, your employees, subrecipients under this award, and subrecipients' employees may not—
 - i. Engage in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect;
 - ii. Procure a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect; or
 - iii. Use forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.
2. We as the Federal awarding agency may unilaterally terminate this award, without penalty, if you or a subrecipient that is a private entity—
 - i. Is determined to have violated a prohibition in paragraph a.1 of this award term; or
 - ii. Has an employee who is determined by the agency official authorized to terminate the award to have violated a prohibition in paragraph a.1 of this award term through conduct that is either—
 - A. Associated with performance under this award; or
 - B. Imputed to you or the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 2 CFR part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," as implemented by our Agency at 2 CFR 1532.

b. *Provision applicable to a recipient other than a private entity.* We as the Federal awarding agency may unilaterally terminate this award, without penalty, if a subrecipient that is a private entity—

1. Is determined to have violated an applicable prohibition in paragraph a.1 of this award term; or
2. Has an employee who is determined by the agency official authorized to terminate the award to have violated an applicable prohibition in paragraph a.1 of this award term through conduct that is either—
 - i. Associated with performance under this award; or

ii. Imputed to the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 2 CFR part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," as implemented by our agency at 2 CFR 1532

c. *Provisions applicable to any recipient.*

1. You must inform us immediately of any information you receive from any source alleging a violation of a prohibition in paragraph a.1 of this award term.
2. Our right to terminate unilaterally that is described in paragraph a.2 or b of this section:
 - i. Implements section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)), and
 - ii. Is in addition to all other remedies for noncompliance that are available to us under this award.
3. You must include the requirements of paragraph a.1 of this award term in any subaward you make to a private entity.

d. *Definitions.* For purposes of this award term:

1. "Employee" means either:
 - i. An individual employed by you or a subrecipient who is engaged in the performance of the project or program under this award; or
 - ii. Another person engaged in the performance of the project or program under this award and not compensated by you including, but not limited to, a volunteer or individual whose services are contributed by a third party as an in-kind contribution toward cost sharing or matching requirements.
2. "Forced labor" means labor obtained by any of the following methods: the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subsection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.
3. "Private entity":
 - i. Means any entity other than a State, local government, Indian tribe, or foreign public entity, as those terms are defined in 2 CFR 175.25.
 - ii. Includes:
 - A. A nonprofit organization, including any nonprofit institution of higher education, hospital, or tribal organization other than one included in the definition of Indian tribe at 2 CFR 175.25(b).
 - B. A for-profit organization.
4. "Severe forms of trafficking in persons," "commercial sex act," and "coercion" have the meanings given at section 103 of the TVPA, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7102).

16. To implement requirements of Section 106 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, as amended, the following provisions apply to this award:

a. We, as the Federal awarding agency may unilaterally terminate this award, without penalty, if a subrecipient that is a private entity: (1) is determined to have violated an applicable prohibition in the Prohibition Statement below; or (2) has an employee who is determined by the agency official authorized to terminate the award to have violated an applicable prohibition in the Prohibition Statement below through conduct that is either: (a) associated with performance under this award; or (b) imputed to the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 2 CFR part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," as implemented by our agency at 2 CFR part 1532. You must inform us immediately of any information you receive from any source alleging a violation of a prohibition in the Prohibition Statement below.

b. Our right to terminate unilaterally that is described in paragraph a of this award term: (1) implements section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)), and (2) is in addition to all other remedies for noncompliance that are available to us under this award.

c. You must include the requirements of the Prohibition Statement below in any subaward you make to a private entity,

Prohibition Statement. You as the recipient, your employees, subrecipients under this award, and subrecipients' employees may not engage in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect; procure a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect; or use forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

17. Unliquidated Obligations Part 31 FFR

Pursuant to 40 CFR 31.41(b) and 31.50(b), EPA recipients shall submit a final Federal Financial Report (SF-425) to EPA no later than 90 calendar days after the end of the project period. The form is available on the Internet at: <http://www.epa.gov/ocfo/finservices/forms.htm>. All FFRs must be submitted to the Las Vegas Finance Center: US EPA, LVFC, PO Box 98515, Las Vegas, NV 89193, or by Fax to: 702-798-2423.

The LVFC will make adjustments, as necessary, to obligated funds after reviewing and accepting a final Federal Financial Report. Recipients will be notified and instructed by EPA if they must complete any additional forms for the closeout of the assistance agreement.

EPA may take enforcement actions in accordance with 40 CFR 31.43 if the recipient does not comply with this term and condition.

18. METHOD OF PAYMENT

No payment will be made to the recipient until the executed assistance agreement is returned to the Grants Management Office.

The recipient enrolled in the Automated Standard Application for Payment (ASAP) System should request cash drawdowns based on the recipient's projected cash requirements, not to exceed those amounts necessary for immediate disbursement needs, typically 3 to 5 days.

If the recipient fails to comply with the above conditions the recipient's payment method may be changed to reimbursement.

19. National Term and Condition:

Drug-Free Workplace Certification for all EPA recipients

The recipient organization of this EPA assistance agreement must make an ongoing, good faith effort to maintain a drug-free workplace pursuant to the specific requirements set forth in Title 40 CFR 36.200 - 36.230. Additionally, in accordance with these regulations, the recipient organization must identify all known workplaces under its federal awards, and keep this information on file during the performance of the award.

Those recipients who are individuals must comply with the drug-free provisions set forth in Title 40 CFR 36.300.

The consequences for violating this condition are detailed under Title 40 CFR 36.510. Recipients can access the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 40 Part 36 at: http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_06/40cfr36_06.html.

20. SUBAWARD POLICY

Recipient agrees to follow applicable sub-grant procedures in accordance with 40 CFR Part 30, or Part 31, as appropriate. Subgrants/subawards do not have to be competed; however, successful applicants cannot use subgrants/subawards to avoid requirements in EPA regulations for competitive procurement by using subgrants/subawards to acquire commercial services or products from for-profit organizations.

Recipient agrees to comply with the following when selecting sub-recipients and establishing sub-awards:

- a) to establish all sub-award agreements in writing;
- b) to maintain primary responsibility for ensuring successful completion of the EPA-approved project (this responsibility cannot be delegated or transferred to a sub-recipient);
- c) to ensure that any sub-award(s) comply with the standards in Section 210(a)-(d) of OMB Circular A-133 and will not be used to acquire commercial goods or services for the recipient;
- d) to ensure that any sub-award(s) are awarded to eligible sub-recipient(s) and that proposed sub-award costs are necessary, reasonable, and allocable;
- e) to ensure that any sub-award(s) to 501(c)(4) organizations do not involve lobbying activities;
- f) to monitor the performance of the sub-recipient(s) and ensure that they comply with all applicable regulations, statutes, and terms and conditions which flow down in the sub-award;
- g) to obtain the appropriate consent from the EPA Project Officer prior to making a sub-award to a foreign or international organization, or a sub-award to be performed in a foreign country; and
- h) to obtain prior approval from the EPA Project Officer for any new sub-award work that is not outlined in the approved work plan in accordance with 40 CFR Parts 30.25 and 31.30, as applicable.

Recipient agrees that any questions about the eligibility of a sub-recipient or other issues pertaining to the sub-award(s) will be addressed to the recipient's EPA Project Officer listed on the first page of your assistance award or assistance amendment document.

Recipient agrees to be responsible for selection of any sub-recipient(s) and, if applicable, for conducting sub-award competitions.

Additional information regarding sub-awards may be found at:
<http://www.epa.gov/ogd/guide/subaward-policy-part-2.pdf>.

Guidance for distinguishing between vendor and sub-recipient relationships and ensuring compliance with Section 210(a)-(d) of OMB Circular A-133 may be found at:
<http://www.epa.gov/ogd/guide/subawards-appendix-b.pdf> and
http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/assets/a133/a133_revised_2007.pdf

Non-profit Subrecipients:

Subrecipients that are non-profit organizations are subject to the provisions of regulations in 40 CFR Part 30, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-profit Organizations."

State and Local Government Subrecipients:

State and local government sub-recipients are subject to the provisions of regulations in 40 CFR Part 31, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments."

For-profit Subrecipients:

Recipient shall utilize terms and conditions in all subgrants to for-profit sub-recipients that apply the following regulations to for-profit sub-recipients: 40 CFR Sections 30.2, 30.13, 30.14, 30.16, 30.17, 30.18, 30.20, 30.23, 30.25, 30.26(d), 30.28, 30.31, 30.34, 30.35, 30.36, 30.37, 30.40-47, 30.51, 30.53, 30.61, 30.62. For the purposes of applying the listed regulations to for-profit sub-recipients, the Recipient shall perform the functions that the regulations provide will be performed by EPA.

Recipient shall establish a procedure for resolving disputes with for-profit sub-recipients.

Recipient shall not reimburse a for-profit sub-recipient until receipt of documentation that the subrecipient has incurred eligible and allowable costs. Per 40 CFR 30.27, the allowability of costs incurred by for-profit organizations is determined in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) at 48 CFR part 31.

Recipient shall obtain a final report detailing how the subrecipient expended funds in a format prescribed by the Recipient.

Recipient shall ensure that every subgrant includes any clauses required by Federal statute and executive orders and their implementing regulations.

Recipient shall ensure that subrecipients are aware of requirements imposed upon them by applicable Federal statutes, regulations, and these terms and conditions.

Programmatic Conditions

1. Uniform Administrative Requirements

Recipient agrees to comply with the requirements established by 40 CFR Part 31, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to States and Local Governments.

Work under this agreement must be completed in accordance with the final approved work plan. Recipient agrees to obtain the prior approval of EPA for any revision of the scope or objectives of the project or the need to extend the period of availability of funds, in accordance with 40 CFR Section Part 31.30.

Recipient shall consult the EPA Project Officer regarding whether a budget or work plan revision constitutes a change in the scope or the objective of the project or program.

2. Substantial Federal Involvement for Cooperative Agreements

EPA will provide substantial involvement in the form of technical assistance, development of outputs, and oversight. Specifically, substantial federal involvement will take the form of monitoring the project by EPA; participation and collaboration between EPA and the recipient in program content; review of project progress, and quantification and reporting of results.

3. Emissions Control Technologies

Emissions Control Projects funded by the recipient pursuant to this assistance agreement must use verified technologies and/or must engines and engine configurations certified by EPA and, if applicable, CARB. Technologies are verified under EPA or California's Retrofit Verification Program. See <http://epa.gov/cleandiesel/verification/verif-list.htm> for an updated list of EPA's verified technologies and <http://www.arb.ca.gov/diesel/verdev/vt/cvt.htm> for a list of CARB's verified technologies. Any question as to the eligibility or preference of a retrofit technology, including vehicle/equipment replacement and repowers, should be directed to the EPA Project Officer.

4. **Quarterly Reporting and Environmental Results**

Quarterly progress reports will be required. Quarterly reports are considered project status reports and will address the progress made achieving the work plan goals. In general, quarterly reports will include summary information on technical progress and expenditures, and planned activities for next quarter. A template for the quarterly report is available at <http://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/grant-reporting.htm>.

Quarterly reports are due according to the following schedule:

January 1 - March 31 Reporting Period: report due date April 30
April 1 - June 30 Reporting Period: report due date July 30
July 1 - September 30 Reporting Period: report due date October 30
October 1 - December 31 Reporting Period: report due date January 30

If a project start date falls within a defined Reporting Period the recipient must report for that period by the given due date. This quarterly reporting schedule shall be repeated for the duration of the award agreement.

5. **Final Report:**

The final project report will include all categories of information required for quarterly reporting, including a final, detailed fleet description. The final project report will also include a narrative summary of the project or activity, actual project results (outputs and outcomes) including actual emissions benefit calculations, and the successes and lessons learned for the entire project. For projects involving vehicle/equipment replacement and repowers the recipient must provide in the final report: 1) Evidence that the replacement activity is an "early replacement," and would not have occurred during the through normal attrition/fleet turnover (i.e. without the financial assistance provided by EPA) within three years of the project period start date. Supporting evidence can include verification that the vehicles or equipment being replaced have useful life left and fleet characterization showing fleet age ranges and average turnover rates per the vehicle or fleet owner's budget plan, operating plan, standard procedures, or retirement schedule; 2) Evidence of appropriate scrappage or remanufacture, including the engine serial number and/or the vehicle identification number (VIN); and 3) Specification of the model years and the emission standard levels for PM and NOx, for both the engine being replaced and the new engine.

For projects that take place in an area affected by, or includes vehicles, engines or equipment affected by federal law mandating emissions reductions, the recipient must provide in the final report evidence that emission reductions funded with EPA funds were implemented prior to the effective date of the mandate and/or are in excess of (above and beyond) those required by the applicable mandate. The final report shall be submitted to the EPA Project Officer within 90 days after the project period end date or termination of the assistance agreement. A template for the final report is available at <http://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/grant-reporting.htm>. [In order to facilitate awarding funds from a new fiscal year allocation, it is recommended that the report be completed well before 90 days.]

6. **Use of Funds Restriction:**

a. **Direct Implementation:** The recipient must use funds to develop and administer a subgrant, rebate, and/or loan program(s) as appropriate to meet the recipient's State Air Program needs and goals relating to the reduction of diesel emissions. The recipient cannot use DERA State Program funds to directly implement diesel emissions reduction projects; however, the recipient may use DERA State Program funds to award subgrants, rebates, and/or loans to other entities to carry out diesel emission reduction projects.

i. **State Fleets:** Recipients may use funds to provide subgrants, rebates, and/or loans for the benefit of State fleets and State projects. The recipient may transfer funds to

- another State entity as a subgrantee as allowable under State law.
- ii. **In-Kind Assistance:** The recipient may purchase equipment through blanket purchase agreements or some other mechanism that ensures a low price for the item. The recipient may then provide the equipment in lieu of money as in-kind assistance through a subgrant. In general, except where providing goods and/or services in lieu of money under a subgrant agreement, the recipient cannot directly contract or procure goods and/or services with their DERA State Program funds.
 - iii. **Expense Cap:** No more than 15 percent of the recipient's total project costs may be used to cover administrative type costs (e.g. personnel, benefits, travel, and supplies). Total project costs include the federal share as well as any cost-share provided by the recipient. The recipient's indirect costs are not considered as administrative type costs and do not count towards the 15 percent maximum.
- b. **Mandated Measures:** Recipient agrees that funds under this award cannot be used for emissions reductions that are mandated under federal law. This refers to specific compliance dates within the mandate, not when the mandate is passed. Voluntary or elective emissions reduction measures shall not be considered "mandated," regardless of whether the reductions are included in the State Implementation Plan of a State.
 - c. **Normal Attrition:** Recipient agrees that funds under this award cannot be used for emission reductions that result from vehicle/equipment replacements or repowers that would have occurred through normal attrition/fleet turnover within three years of the project start date. Any question as to eligibility of a vehicle/equipment replacement or repower should be directed to the EPA Project Officer.
 - d. **Fleet Expansion:** Recipient agrees that funds under this award, including subawards/subgrants, cannot be used for the purchase of vehicles or equipment to expand a fleet. The recipient agrees that:
 - i. The replacement vehicle, engine, or equipment will perform the same function and operation as the vehicle, engine, or equipment that is being replaced (e.g., an excavator used to dig pipelines would be replaced by an excavator that continues to dig pipelines);
 - ii. The replacement vehicle, engine, or equipment will be of the same type and similar gross vehicle weight rating or horsepower as the vehicle, engine, or equipment being replaced (e.g., a 300 horsepower bulldozer is replaced by a bulldozer of similar horsepower);
 - iii. The engine being replaced will be scrapped or rendered permanently disabled within ninety (90) days of the replacement, or returned to the original engine manufacturer for remanufacturing to a certified cleaner emission standard. Remanufacturing must be completed during the project period. Permanently disabling the engine while retaining possession of the engine is an acceptable scrapping method. Disabling the engine may be completed by drilling a hole in the engine block (the part of the engine containing the cylinders). Alternatively, disabling the engine may be completed by removing the engine oil from the crankcase, replacing it with a 40 percent solution of sodium silicate and running the engine for a short period of time at low speeds, thus rendering the engine inoperable. Remanufacturing of non-road engines requires that the engine be returned to the original engine manufacturer for remanufacturing to a certified cleaner emission standard. Remanufacturing of highway engines requires that the engine be returned to the original engine manufacturer for remanufacturing to MY 2007 or newer certified emission standards. Other acceptable scrapping methods may be considered and will require prior EPA approval. If scrapped or remanufactured engines are to be sold, program income requirements apply.
 - iv. The vehicle/equipment being replaced will be scrapped or rendered permanently disabled within ninety (90) days of the replacement, or returned to the original engine manufacturer for remanufacturing to a certified cleaner emission standard. Remanufacturing must be completed during the project period. Permanently disabling the chassis and the engine (see iii above) while retaining possession of the vehicle/equipment is an acceptable scrapping method. Disabling the chassis may be completed by cutting the chassis in half. Remanufacturing of non-road

vehicles/equipment requires that the vehicle/equipment be returned to the original engine manufacturer for remanufacturing to a certified cleaner emission standard. Remanufacturing of highway vehicles/equipment requires that the vehicle/equipment be returned to the original engine manufacturer for remanufacturing to MY 2007 or newer certified emission standards. Other acceptable scrappage methods may be considered and will require prior EPA approval. Vehicle/equipment components that are not part of the engine or chassis may be salvaged from the unit being replaced (e.g. plow blades, shovels, seats, etc.). If scrapped or remanufactured vehicles/equipment or salvaged vehicle/equipment chassis or components are to be sold, program income requirements apply.

- v. For tire replacement projects, the original tires should be scrapped according to local or state requirements, or the tires can be salvaged for reuse or retreading. If salvaged tires are sold, program income requirements apply.
- e. **Matching Funds:** Recipient agrees that funds under this award cannot be used for matching funds for other federal grants, lobbying, or intervention in federal regulatory or adjudicatory proceedings, and cannot be used to sue the Federal Government or any other government entity. Likewise, recipient may not use federal funds as cost-share funds for the State Clean Diesel Grant Program, including funds received under the National Diesel Emissions Reduction Program and federal Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) funds.
- 7. Delays or Favorable Developments:**
The recipient agrees that it will promptly notify the EPA Project Officer of any problems, delays, or adverse conditions which may materially impair its ability to deliver on the outputs/outcomes specified in the work plan. This disclosure must include a statement of the action taken, or contemplated, and any assistance needed to resolve the situation. The recipient agrees that it will also notify the EPA Project Officer of any favorable developments which may enable meeting time schedules and objectives sooner or at less cost than anticipated or producing more beneficial results than originally planned.
- 8. Sufficient Progress:**
EPA may terminate the assistance agreement for failure of the recipient to make sufficient progress so as to reasonably ensure completion of the project within the project period, including any extensions. EPA will measure sufficient progress by examining the performance required under the workplan in conjunction with the milestone schedule, the time remaining for performance within the project period, and/or the availability of funds necessary to complete the project.
- 9. Procurement and Sub-grant Procedures:**
The recipient must follow applicable procurement and sub-grant procedures. EPA will not be a party to these transactions. If EPA funds are used to purchase goods or services, recipient agrees to compete the contracts for those goods and services and conduct cost and price analyses to the extent required by the fair and open competition for procurement provisions of 40 CFR Part 31, as appropriate. Approval of a funding proposal does not relieve recipients of their obligations to compete service contracts, conduct cost and price analyses, and use sub-grants only for financial assistance purposes, in accordance with Subpart B Section .210 of OMB Circular A-133.
- 10. Employee and/or Contractor Selection:**
EPA will not help select employees or contractors hired by the recipient.
- 11. Public Notification:**
Not later than 60 days after the date of the award of a subgrant, rebate, or loan by a State, the State shall publish on the Web site of the State:
- for subgrants, rebates, and loans provided to the owner of a diesel vehicle or fleet, the total number and dollar amount of subgrants, rebates, or loans provided, as well as a breakdown of the technologies funded through the subgrants, rebates, or loans; and
 - for other subgrants, rebates, and loans, a description of each application for which the

subgrant, rebate, or loan is provided.

12. Program Income:

If program income is generated during the course of the project, program income requirements apply. Program income is defined as gross income received by the grantee or subgrantee directly generated by a grant supported activity, or earned only as a result of the grant agreement during the grant period. "During the grant period" is the time between the effective date of the award and the ending date of the award reflected in the Award Document. Program income earned during the project period shall be retained by the recipient and, in accordance with 40 CFR Part 31.25, recipient is authorized to use program income as follows:

- a. Program income may be added to funds committed to the project by EPA and recipient and used to further eligible project or program objectives. The program income shall be used for the purposes and under the conditions of the grant agreement.
- b. Program income may be used to finance the non-federal share of the project or program, including any mandatory or voluntary cost-share. The amount of the federal grant award remains the same.
- c. Deducted from the total project or program allowable cost in determining the net allowable costs on which the federal share of costs is based. This means that the recipient shall spend program income on project activities before spending/requesting federal funds for project activities. This may result in unspent federal funds at the end of the project period.

The recipient will maintain records adequate to document the extent to which transactions generate program income and the disposition of program income.

13. Equipment Use, Management, and Disposition

These equipment use, management, and disposition instructions are applicable to assistance agreement recipients and subrecipients acquiring equipment under this award. State agencies may use, manage and dispose of equipment acquired under assistance agreements by the State in accordance with State laws and procedures.

Recipient agrees the equipment acquired under this assistance agreement will be subject to the use and management and disposition regulations at 40 CFR Parts 30.34 and 31.32, as applicable. Equipment is defined as tangible non-expendable personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost and/or current market value of \$5,000 or more per unit. Certified or verified technologies, vehicles, engines and non-road equipment are considered to be equipment to the extent they fall within this definition.

Recipient agrees that at the end of the project period the recipient will continue to use the equipment purchased under this assistance agreement in the project or program for which it was acquired as long as needed, whether or not the project or program continues to be supported by federal funds. 1. Unless the event(s) and all of its components (i.e., receptions, banquets and other activities that take place after normal business hours) are described in the approved workplan, the recipient agrees to obtain prior approval from EPA for the use of grant funds for light refreshments and/or meals served at meetings, conferences, training workshops, and outreach activities (events). The recipient must send requests for approval to the EPA Project Officer and include:

- (1) An estimated budget and description for the light refreshments, meals, and/or beverages to be served at the event(s);
- (2) A description of the purpose, agenda, location, length and timing for the event.
- (3) An estimated number of participants in the event and a description of their roles.

14. Food and Refreshments:

Recipients may address questions about whether costs for light refreshments, and meals for events are allowable to the recipient's EPA Project Officer. However, the Agency Award

Official or Grant Management Officer will make final determinations on allowability. Agency policy prohibits the use of EPA funds for receptions, banquets and similar activities that take place after normal business hours unless the recipient has provided a justification that has been expressly approved by EPA's Award Official or Grants Management Officer.

Note: U.S. General Services Administration regulations define light refreshments for morning, afternoon or evening breaks to include, but not be limited to, coffee, tea, milk, juice, soft drinks, donuts, bagels, fruit, pretzels, cookies, chips, or muffins. (41 CFR 301-74.11)