

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF STATE POLICE
FY23 PAUL COVERDELL FORENSIC SCIENCE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspensions and Other Responsibility Matters

Pursuant to Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, implemented at 2 CFR Part 2867, for prospective participants in primary covered transactions, the applicant certifies that it and its principals:

- A. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency;
- B. Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- C. Have not within a two-year period preceding this application been convicted of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law, unless such felony conviction has been disclosed in writing to the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) at ojpcompliance@usdoj.gov, and, after such disclosure, the applicant has received a specific written determination from OJP that neither suspension nor debarment of the applicant is necessary to protect the interests of the Government in this case.
- D. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (B) above; and
- E. Have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transaction (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

Where the applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, he or she shall attach an explanation to this application.

Certification Regarding Lobbying

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented at 28 CFR Part 69, for persons entering into a grant or cooperative agreement over \$100,000, the applicant certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that:

- A. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee or any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any Federal

- grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal grant or cooperative agreement;
- B. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard form - LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions;
 - C. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subawards, contracts under grants and cooperative agreements, and subcontracts) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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

Certification Regarding a Drug-Free Workplace (Grantees Other Than Individuals)

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (41 USC 8102 *et seq.*), and implemented at 28 CFR Part 83, Subpart F, the applicant certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

- A. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
- B. Establishing an on-going drug-free awareness program to inform employees about
 - 1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - 2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - 3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - 4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
- C. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (A);
- D. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (A) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will:
 - 1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and

- 2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such a conviction;
- E. Notifying the agency, in writing, within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (D) (2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers or convicted employees must provide notice, including position title.
- F. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (D) (2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted:
 - 1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
 - 2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency.
- G. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), and (F).

Place of Performance for the site(s) for the work done in connection with the specific grant.
(Street address, city, county, State, zip code).

Certification

As the duly authorized representative of the Applicant, I hereby certify that the Applicant will comply with the above-referenced requirements in accordance with the FY2023 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Program.

Applicant Agency

Subaward Number (if known)

Signature of Authorized Official

Title of Authorized Official

Printed Name of Authorized Official

Date