Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion

Grants may not be awarded to any recipient, nor shall any recipient or subrecipient make any award or permit (subgrant or contract) to any party, that is debarred or suspended or is otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, "Debarment and Suspension."

Lower Tier Covered Transactions

1. By signing this proposal, Applicant is providing the certification set out below.

2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the Applicant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

3. The Applicant shall provide immediate written notice to its assigned IDNR grants coordinator if at any time the Applicant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

4. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549.

5. The Applicant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the IDNR or National Park Service.

6. The Applicant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause entitled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

7. The Applicant may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. An Applicant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals.

8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings. 9. Except for

transactions authorized under paragraph 5 above, if an Applicant knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the DNR may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

I. The ______ (Applicant) certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither It nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

II. If the Applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

(Signature)

(Date)

(Typed Name and Title of Authorized Representative)

Non-Federal entities are subject to the non-procurement debarment and suspension regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, 2 CFR, § 200.214. To obtain a copy of the regulations, contact:

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