

**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
GRANT CONTRACT  
LW27-**

This grant contract is between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Natural Resources ("STATE") and the <Grantee name and address> ("GRANTEE").

**Recitals**

1. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 84.0264, the state is empowered to receive and administer grants under the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant program authorized by Congress in the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended, and the Local Grants program authorized by the State of Minnesota. Fifty percent of the funds granted under subdivision 1 shall be distributed for projects to be acquired, developed, and maintained by local units of government, providing that any project approved is consistent with a statewide or a county or regional recreational plan and compatible with the statewide recreational plan. All money received by the commissioner for local units of government is appropriated annually to carry out the purposes for which the funds are received.
2. The Grantee has made application to the State for a portion of the allocation for the purpose of conducting the project entitled <Park Name>.
3. The Grantee represents that it is duly qualified and agrees to perform all services described in this grant contract to the satisfaction of the State.

**Grant Contract**

**1 Term of Grant Contract**

- 1.1 **Effective date:** <Federal Start Date>. Per MN Statute 16B.98, Subd. 5 and Subd. 7, this contract is not valid and no payments will be made to the Grantee until this grant contract is fully executed, however, eligible expenses may be incurred as of <Federal Start Date>, the approved federal start date.
- 1.2 **Expiration date:** December 31, 2017, or until all obligations have been satisfactorily fulfilled, whichever occurs first.
- 1.3 **Survival of Terms.** The following clauses survive the expiration or cancellation of this grant contract: 8. Liability; 9. State Audits; 10. Government Data Practices and Intellectual Property; 12. Publicity and Endorsement; 13. Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue, 15 Data Disclosure, 21 Land Retention and Deed Restriction and 22 Program Requirements.

**2 Grantee's Duties**

The Grantee, who is not a state employee, will:

Comply with required grants management policies and procedures set forth through § 16B.97 subd. 4 (a) (1).

Comply with Attachment A, Project Budget, which is incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.

The Grantee agrees to complete the project in accordance with the approved budget to the extent practicable and within the project period specified in the grant contract. Any material change in the scope of the project, budget or completion date shall require prior written approval by the STATE.

**3 Time**

The Grantee must comply with all the time requirements described in this grant contract. In the performance of this grant contract, time is of the essence.

#### 4 Consideration and Payment

4.1. **Consideration** . The State will pay for all services performed by the Grantee under this grant contract as follows:

- a. **Compensation:** The Grantee will be paid for all services performed pursuant to this grant contract not to exceed \$<Grant Amount>.
- b. **Matching Requirement:** Grantee certifies that the following matching requirement for the Grant will be met by GRANTEE. The total project cost is \$ <Total>. The Grantee agrees to provide matching funds of at least fifty percent of this total project cost.
- c. The total state obligation for all compensation to grantee shall not exceed: <Spell Out>

Funds made available pursuant to this Contract shall be used only for expenses incurred in performing and accomplishing the purposes and activities specified herein. Notwithstanding all other provisions of this Contract, it is understood that any reduction or termination of funds allocated to the State may result in a like reduction to the Grantee.

#### 4.2. Payment

(a) **Invoices.** The State shall disburse funds to the Grantee pursuant to this Contract on a reimbursement basis, based upon a payment request and required expenditure documentation submitted by the Grantee and reviewed and approved by the State. The Grantee shall be limited to no more than four payment requests during the period covered by this Contract. The Grantee shall submit a final billing within 30 days of the end of the project period.

(b) **Federal funds.** Payments under this grant contract will be made from federal funds obtained by the State through the National Park Service of the United States Department of Interior, Land and Water Conservation Fund, Act of 1965 as amended thereto. If at any time such funds become unavailable, this Grant Contract shall be terminated immediately upon written notice of such fact by the State to the Grantee. In the event of such termination, Grantee shall be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for services satisfactorily performed. The Grantee is responsible for compliance with all federal requirements imposed on these funds and accepts full financial responsibility for any requirements imposed by the Grantee's failure to comply with federal requirements.

4.3 **Contracting and Bidding Requirements** Per [Minn. Stat.§471.345](#), grantees that are municipalities as defined in Subd. 1 must do the following if contracting funds from this grant contract agreement for any supplies, materials, equipment or the rental thereof, or the construction, alteration, repair or maintenance of real or personal property

(a) If the amount of the contract is estimated to exceed \$100,000, a formal notice and bidding process must be conducted in which sealed bids shall be solicited by public notice. Municipalities may, as a best value alternative, award a contract for construction, alteration, repair, or maintenance work to the vendor or contractor offering the best value under a request for proposals as described in [Minn. Stat.§16C.28](#), Subd. 1, paragraph (a), clause (2)

(b) If the amount of the contract is estimated to exceed \$25,000 but not \$100,000, the contract may be made either upon sealed bids or by direct negotiation, by obtaining two or more quotations for the purchase or sale when possible, and without advertising for bids or otherwise complying with the requirements of competitive bidding. All quotations obtained shall be kept on file for a period of at least one year after receipt thereof. Municipalities may, as a best value alternative, award a contract for construction, alteration, repair, or maintenance work to the vendor or contractor

offering the best value under a request for proposals as described in [Minn. Stat. §16C.28](#), Subd. 1, paragraph (a), clause (2) and paragraph (c).

- (c) If the amount of the contract is estimated to be \$25,000 or less, the contract may be made either upon quotation or in the open market, in the discretion of the governing body. If the contract is made upon quotation it shall be based, so far as practicable, on at least two quotations which shall be kept on file for a period of at least one year after their receipt. Alternatively, municipalities may award a contract for construction, alteration, repair, or maintenance work to the vendor or contractor offering the best value under a request for proposals as described in [Minn. Stat. §16C.28](#), Subd. 1, paragraph (a), clause (2)
- (d) Support documentation of the bidding process utilized to contract services must be included in the grantee's financial records, including support documentation justifying a single/sole source bid, if applicable.
- (e) For projects that include construction work of \$25,000 or more, prevailing wage rules apply per; [Minn. Stat. §§177.41](#) through [177.44](#) consequently, the bid request must state the project is subject to *prevailing wage*. These rules require that the wages of laborers and workers should be comparable to wages paid for similar work in the community as a whole. A prevailing wage form should accompany these bid submittals.

## 5 Conditions of Payment

All services provided by the Grantee under this grant contract must be performed to the State's satisfaction, as determined at the sole discretion of the State's Authorized Representative and in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations. The Grantee will not receive payment for work found by the State to be unsatisfactory or performed in violation of federal, state, or local law.

## 6 Authorized Representative

The State's Authorized Representative is **Audrey Mularie, Park Grant Coordinator, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155-4039, 651-259-5549, [audrey.mularie@state.mn.us](mailto:audrey.mularie@state.mn.us)**, or his/her successor, and has the responsibility to monitor the Grantee's performance and the authority to accept the services provided under this grant contract. If the services are satisfactory, the State's Authorized Representative will certify acceptance on each invoice submitted for payment.

The Grantee's Authorized Representative is <**Name, Title, Address, email and phone**> If the Grantee's Authorized Representative changes at any time during this grant contract, the Grantee must immediately notify the State.

## 7 Assignment, Amendments, Waiver, and Grant Contract Complete

- 7.1 **Assignment.** The Grantee shall neither assign nor transfer any rights or obligations under this grant contract without the prior written consent of the State, approved by the same parties who executed and approved this grant contract, or their successors in office.
- 7.2 **Amendments.** Any amendments to this grant contract must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved the original grant contract, or their successors in office.
- 7.3 **Waiver.** If the State fails to enforce any provision of this grant contract, that failure does not waive the provision or the State's right to enforce it.
- 7.4 **Grant Contract Complete.** This grant contract contains all negotiations and agreements between the State and the Grantee. No other understanding regarding this grant contract, whether written or oral,

may be used to bind either party.

## 8 **Liability**

The Grantee must indemnify, save, and hold the State, its agents, and employees harmless from any claims or causes of action, including attorney's fees incurred by the State, arising from the performance of this grant contract by the Grantee or the Grantee's agents or employees. This clause will not be construed to bar any legal remedies the Grantee may have for the State's failure to fulfill its obligations under this grant contract.

## 9 **State Audits**

Under [Minn. Stat. § 16B.98](#), Subd.8, the Grantee's books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices of the Grantee or other party relevant to this grant contract or transaction are subject to examination by the State and/or the State Auditor or Legislative Auditor, as appropriate, for a minimum of six years from the end of this grant contract, receipt and approval of all final reports, or the required period of time to satisfy all state and program retention requirements, whichever is later.

## 10 **Government Data Practices and Intellectual Property**

10.1. ***Government Data Practices.*** The Grantee and State must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. Ch. 13, as it applies to all data provided by the State under this grant contract, and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by the Grantee under this grant contract. The civil remedies of Minn. Stat. § 13.08 apply to the release of the data referred to in this clause by either the Grantee or the State.

If the Grantee receives a request to release the data referred to in this Clause, the Grantee must immediately notify the State. The State will give the Grantee instructions concerning the release of the data to the requesting party before the data is released.

### 10.2. ***Intellectual Property Rights (if applicable)***

(A) ***Intellectual Property Rights.*** The State owns all rights, title, and interest in all of the intellectual property rights, including copyrights, patents, trade secrets, trademarks, and service marks in the Works and Documents *created and paid for under this contract*. Works means all inventions, improvements, discoveries (whether or not patentable), databases, computer programs, reports, notes, studies, photographs, negatives, designs, drawings, specifications, materials, tapes, and disks conceived, reduced to practice, created or originated by the Grantee, its employees, agents, and subcontractors, either individually or jointly with others in the performance of this contract. Works includes "Documents." Documents are the originals of any databases, computer programs, reports, notes, studies, photographs, negatives, designs, drawings, specifications, materials, tapes, disks, or other materials, whether in tangible or electronic forms, prepared by the Grantee, its employees, agents, or subcontractors, in the performance of this contract. The Documents will be the exclusive property of the State and all such Documents must be immediately returned to the State by the Grantee upon completion or cancellation of this contract. To the extent possible, those Works eligible for copyright protection under the United States Copyright Act will be deemed to be "works made for hire." The Grantee assigns all right, title, and interest it may have in the Works and the Documents to the State. The Grantee must, at the request of the State, execute all papers and perform all other acts necessary to transfer or record the State's ownership interest in the Works and Documents.

### (B) ***Obligations***

1. ***Notification.*** Whenever any invention, improvement, or discovery (whether or not patentable) is made or conceived for the first time or actually or constructively reduced to practice

by the Grantee, including its employees and subcontractors, in the performance of this contract, the Grantee will immediately give the State's Authorized Representative written notice thereof, and must promptly furnish the Authorized Representative with complete information and/or disclosure thereon.

2. *Representation.* The Grantee must perform all acts, and take all steps necessary to ensure that all intellectual property rights in the Works and Documents are the sole property of the State, and that neither Grantee nor its employees, agents, or subcontractors retain any interest in and to the Works and Documents. The Grantee represents and warrants that the Works and Documents do not and will not infringe upon any intellectual property rights of other persons or entities. Notwithstanding Clause 8, the Grantee will indemnify; defend, to the extent permitted by the Attorney General; and hold harmless the State, at the Grantee's expense, from any action or claim brought against the State to the extent that it is based on a claim that all or part of the Works or Documents infringe upon the intellectual property rights of others. The Grantee will be responsible for payment of any and all such claims, demands, obligations, liabilities, costs, and damages, including but not limited to, attorney fees. If such a claim or action arises, or in the Grantee's or the State's opinion is likely to arise, the Grantee must, at the State's discretion, either procure for the State the right or license to use the intellectual property rights at issue or replace or modify the allegedly infringing Works or Documents as necessary and appropriate to obviate the infringement claim. This remedy of the State will be in addition to and not exclusive of other remedies provided by law.

## 11 **Workers' Compensation**

The Grantee certifies that it is in compliance with [Minn. Stat. §176.181](#), Subd. 2, pertaining to workers' compensation insurance coverage. The Grantee's employees and agents will not be considered State employees. Any claims that may arise under the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Act on behalf of these employees and any claims made by any third party as a consequence of any act or omission on the part of these employees are in no way the State's obligation or responsibility.

## 12 **Publicity and Endorsement**

12.1 *Signage* Any site developed or improved by this grant contract shall display a sign at a prominent location and in a form approved by the State

12.2 *Publicity.* Any publicity regarding the subject matter of this grant contract must not be released without prior written approval from the State's Authorized Representative. For purposes of this provision, publicity includes notices, informational pamphlets, press releases, research, reports, signs, and similar public notices prepared by or for the Grantee individually or jointly with others, or any subcontractors, with respect to the program, publications, or services provided resulting from this grant contract.

12.3 *Endorsement.* The Grantee must not claim that the State endorses its products or services.

## 13 **Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue**

Minnesota law, without regard to its choice-of-law provisions, governs this grant contract. Venue for all legal proceedings out of this grant contract, or its breach, must be in the appropriate state or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

## 14 **Termination**

14.1 *Termination by the State.* The State may immediately terminate this grant contract with or without cause, upon 30 days' written notice to the Grantee. Upon termination, the Grantee will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for services satisfactorily performed.

14.2 **Termination for Cause.** The State may immediately terminate this grant contract if the State finds that there has been a failure to comply with the provisions of this grant contract, that reasonable progress has not been made or that the purposes for which the funds were granted have not been or will not be fulfilled. The State may take action to protect the interests of the State of Minnesota, including the refusal to disburse additional funds and requiring the return of all or part of the funds already disbursed.

## **15 Data Disclosure**

Under [Minn. Stat. § 270C.65](#), Subd. 3, and other applicable law, the Grantee consents to disclosure of its social security number, federal employer tax identification number, and/or Minnesota tax identification number, already provided to the State, to federal and state tax agencies and state personnel involved in the payment of state obligations. These identification numbers may be used in the enforcement of federal and state tax laws which could result in action requiring the Grantee to file state tax returns and pay delinquent state tax liabilities, if any.

## **16 Americans with Disabilities Act**

The Grantee shall construct, operate, and maintain all facilities and programs in compliance with all state and federal accessibility laws, regulations, and guidelines. Information on compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act is available at <http://www.access-board.gov>.

## **17 Reporting Requirements**

The Grantee shall submit a progress report, in a form prescribed by the State, by January 1 of each year during the term of this grant contract. A final report must be submitted with the request for final reimbursement. Forms will be provided by the state.

## **18 Inspections**

The State's authorized representatives shall be allowed at any time to conduct periodic site visits and inspections to ensure work progress in accordance with this grant contract, including a final inspection upon project completion. Following closure of the project, the State's authorized representatives shall be allowed to conduct post-completion inspections of the site to ensure that the site is being properly operated and maintained and that no conversion of use has occurred.

## **19 Resource Management and Protection**

The Grantee shall protect, manage and maintain, or cause to maintain, the property acquired and/or developed pursuant to this grant contract. Properties shall be kept reasonably safe for public use, if applicable. All state and federal accessibility laws, regulations and standards shall be adhered to. Vegetation management and similar safeguards and supervision shall be provided to the extent feasible. Buildings, roads, trails and other structures and improvements, if any, shall be kept in reasonable repair throughout their estimated lifetime to prevent undue deterioration.

The Grantee shall keep the facility open to the general public at reasonable hours and at times of the year consistent with the purpose and type of use of the property and appropriate management and protection of natural resources.

## **20 Invasive Species Prevention**

The Grantee shall comply with all provisions of state laws, rules, and permits regarding control of invasive species.

The DNR requires active steps to prevent or limit the introduction, establishment, and spread of invasive species during contracted work. The Grantee and/or contractor shall prevent invasive species from



entering into or spreading within a project site by cleaning equipment prior to arriving at the project site. If the equipment, vehicles, gear, or clothing arrives at the project site with soil, aggregate material, mulch, vegetation (including seeds) or animals, it shall be cleaned by contractor furnished tool or equipment (brush/broom, compressed air or pressure washer) at the staging area. The Grantee and/or contractor shall dispose of material cleaned from equipment and clothing at a location determined by the Grantee. If the material cannot be disposed of onsite, secure material prior to transport (sealed container, covered truck, or wrap with tarp) and legally dispose of offsite.

The Grantee shall ensure that all equipment and clothing used for work in infested waters has been adequately decontaminated for invasive species (ex. zebra mussels) prior to being used in non-infested waters. All equipment and clothing including but not limited to waders, tracked vehicles, barges, boats, turbidity curtain, sheet pile, and pumps that comes in contact with any infested waters must be thoroughly decontaminated.

## **21 Land Retention and Deed Restriction**

### **21.1 Land Retention**

Any lands acquired or developed with assistance from the Outdoor Recreation grant program must be retained solely for public outdoor recreation use. The lands subject to this contract are shown in Attachment C – Boundary Map which is attached and made part of this contract. No other use can be made of these lands without prior written approval of the State and the National Park Service. The State will consider requests to convert these lands to other uses only if all practical alternatives have been evaluated and rejected on a sound basis and replacement lands of equal or greater fair market value and reasonably equivalent usefulness are acquired and dedicated to public outdoor recreation use.

### **21.2 Deed Restriction**

The Grantee shall have the following condition recorded with the deed to all lands within the park as described in Attachment C – Boundary Map and submit an attested copy of the deed and the condition to the State:

In order to comply with the Department of Natural Resources Outdoor Recreation Project Contract \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ does hereby impose the following restrictions on the property described in Attachment C to that contract:

1. The property shall be permanently managed and maintained for public outdoor recreation use.
2. The Grantee shall not at any time convert any portion of the park area to uses other than public outdoor recreation use without the prior written approval of the State acting through its commissioner of natural resources.

## **22 Program Requirements**

The grantee will comply with the provisions of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (78 Stat. 897), and Attachment B, Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund General Provisions. The Grantee assumes all of the State's responsibilities as detailed in Attachment B, General Provisions.

**1. STATE ENCUMBRANCE VERIFICATION**

*Individual certifies that funds have been encumbered as required by Minn. Stat. §§ 16A.15 and 16C.05*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

SWIFT Contract/PO No(s). \_\_\_\_\_

**2. GRANTEE**

The Grantee certifies that the appropriate person(s) have executed the grant contract on behalf of the Grantee as required by applicable articles, bylaws, resolutions, or ordinances.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. STATE AGENCY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

(with delegated authority)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Distribution:

Agency

Grantee

State's Authorized Representative - Photo Copy



**LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND  
PROJECT AGREEMENT GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Part I - Definitions**

- A. The term "NPS" or "Service" as used herein means the National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior.
- B. The term "Director" as used herein means the Director of the National Park Service, or any representative lawfully delegated the authority to act for such Director.
- C. The term "Manual" as used herein means the Land and Water Conservation Fund State Assistance Program Manual.
- D. The term "project" as used herein means a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant which is subject to the project agreement and/or its subsequent amendments.
- E. The term "State" as used herein means the State or Territory which is a party to the project agreement, and, where applicable, the political subdivision or public agency to which funds are to be transferred pursuant to this agreement. Wherever a term, condition, obligation, or requirement refers to the State, such term, condition, obligation, or requirement shall also apply to the recipient political subdivision or public agency, except where it is clear from the nature of the term, condition, obligation, or requirement that it is to apply solely to the State. For purposes of these provisions, the terms "State," "grantee," and "recipient" are deemed synonymous.
- F. The term "Secretary" as used herein means the Secretary of the Interior, or any representative lawfully delegated the authority to act for such Secretary.

**Part II - Continuing Assurances**

The parties to the project agreement specifically recognize that the Land and Water Conservation Fund project creates an obligation to maintain the property described in the project agreement and supporting application documentation consistent with the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act and the following requirements.

Further, it is the acknowledged intent of the parties hereto that recipients of assistance will use monies granted hereunder for the purposes of this program, and that assistance granted from the Fund will result in a net increase, commensurate at least with the Federal cost-share, in a participant's outdoor recreation.

It is intended by both parties hereto that assistance from the Fund will be added to, rather than replace or be substituted for, State and local outdoor recreation funds.

- A. The State agrees, as recipient of this assistance, that it will meet the following specific requirements and that it will further impose these requirements, and the terms of the project agreement, upon any political subdivision or public agency to which funds are transferred pursuant to the project agreement. The State also agrees that it shall be responsible for compliance with the terms of the project agreement by such a political subdivision or public agency and that failure by such political subdivision or public agency to so comply shall be deemed a failure by the State to comply with the terms of this agreement.
- B. The State agrees that the property described in the project agreement and the signed and dated project boundary map made part of that agreement is being acquired or developed with Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance, or is integral to such acquisition or development, and that, without the approval of the Secretary, it shall not be converted to other than public outdoor recreation use but shall be maintained in public outdoor recreation in perpetuity or for the term of the lease in the case of leased property. The Secretary shall approve such conversion only if it is found to be in accord with the then existing comprehensive statewide outdoor recreation plan and only upon such conditions deemed necessary to assure the substitution of other recreation properties of at least equal fair market value and of reasonably equivalent usefulness and location pursuant to Title 36 Part 59.3 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*. This replacement land becomes subject to Section 6(f)(3) protection. The approval of a conversion shall be at the sole discretion of the Secretary, or his designee.

Prior to the completion of this project, the State and the Director may mutually alter the area described in the project agreement and the signed and dated project boundary map to provide the most satisfactory public outdoor recreation unit, except that acquired parcels are afforded Section 6(f)(3) protection as Fund reimbursement is provided.

In the event the NPS provides Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance for the acquisition and/or development of property with full knowledge that the project is subject to reversionary rights and outstanding interests, conversion of said property to other than public outdoor recreation uses as a result of such right or interest being exercised will occur. In receipt of this approval, the State agrees to notify the Service of the potential conversion as soon as possible and to seek approval of replacement property in accord with the conditions set forth in these provisions and program regulations. The provisions of this paragraph are also applicable to: leased properties acquired and/or developed with Fund assistance where such lease is terminated prior to its full term due to the existence of provisions in such lease known and agreed to by the Service; and properties subject to other outstanding rights and interests that may result in a conversion when known and agreed to by the Service.

- C. The State agrees that the benefit to be derived by the United States from the full compliance by the State with the terms of this agreement is the preservation, protection, and the net increase in the quality of public outdoor recreation facilities and resources which are available to the people of the State and of the United States, and such benefit exceeds to an immeasurable and unascertainable extent the amount of money furnished by the United States by way of assistance under the terms of this agreement. The State agrees that payment by the State to the United States of an amount equal to the amount of assistance extended under this agreement by the United States would be inadequate compensation to the United States for any breach by the State of this agreement.

The State further agrees, therefore, that the appropriate remedy in the event of a breach by the State of this agreement shall be the specific performance of this agreement or the submission and approval of a conversion-of-use request as described in Section II.B above.

- D. The State agrees to comply with the policies and procedures set forth in Manual. Provisions of said Manual are incorporated into and made a part of the project agreement.
- E. The State agrees that the property and facilities described in the project agreement shall be operated and maintained as prescribed by Manual requirements and published post-completion compliance regulations (Title 36 Part 59 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*).
- F. The State agrees that a permanent record shall be kept in the participant's public property records and available for public inspection to the effect that the property described in the scope of the project agreement, and the signed and dated project boundary map made part of that agreement, has been acquired or developed with Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance and that it cannot be converted to other than public outdoor recreation use without the written approval of the Secretary of the Interior.
- G. Nondiscrimination
1. By signing the LWCF agreement, the State certifies that it will comply with all Federal laws relating to nondiscrimination as outlined in the Civil Rights Assurance appearing at Part III-I herein.
  2. The State shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of residence, except to the extent that reasonable differences in admission or other fees may be maintained on the basis of residence as set forth in the Manual.

### **Part III - Project Assurances**

- A. Applicable Federal Circulars

The State shall comply with applicable regulations, policies, guidelines and requirements as they relate to the application, acceptance and use of Federal funds for this federally assisted project, including:

- OMB Circular A-102, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements

with State and Local Governments;

- 43 CFR Part 12, Administrative and Audit Requirements and Cost Principles for Assistance Programs, Department of the Interior;
- A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments; and
- A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.

B. Project Application

1. The Application for Federal Assistance bearing the same project number as the agreement and associated documents is by this reference made a part of the agreement.
2. The State possesses legal authority to apply for the grant, and to finance and construct the proposed facilities. A resolution, motion or similar action has been duly adopted or passed authorizing the filing of the application, including all understandings and assurances contained herein, and directing and authorizing the person identified as the official representative of the State to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.
3. The State has the capability to finance the non-Federal share of the costs for the project. Sufficient funds will be available to assure effective operation and maintenance of the facilities acquired or developed by the project.

C. Project Execution

1. The project period shall begin with the date of approval of the project agreement or the effective date of a waiver of retroactivity and shall terminate at the end of the stated or amended project period unless the project is completed or terminated sooner in which event the project shall end on the date of completion or termination.
2. The State shall transfer to the project sponsor identified in the Application for Federal Assistance or the Description and Notification Form all funds granted hereunder except those reimbursed to the State to cover eligible administrative expenses.
3. The State will cause work on the project to be commenced within a reasonable time after receipt of notification that funds have been approved and assure that the project will be prosecuted to completion with reasonable diligence.
4. The State will require the facility to be designed to comply with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (Public Law 90-480) and DOI Section 504 Regulations (43 CFR Part 17). The State will be responsible for conducting inspections to insure compliance with these specifications by the contractor.
5. The State shall secure completion of the work in accordance with approved construction plans and specifications, and shall secure compliance with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations.
6. In the event the project covered by the project agreement, cannot be completed in accordance with the plans and specifications for the project; the State shall bring the project to a point of recreational usefulness agreed upon by the State and the Director or his designee.
7. The State will provide for and maintain competent and adequate architectural/engineering supervision and inspection at the construction site to insure that the completed work conforms with the approved plans and specifications; that it will furnish progress reports and such other information as the NPS may require.
8. The State will comply with the terms of Title II and Title III, the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646), 94 Stat. 1894 (1970), and the applicable regulations and procedures implementing such Act for all real property acquisitions and where applicable shall assure that the Act has been complied with for property to be developed with assistance under the project agreement.

9. The State will comply with the provisions of: Executive Order 11988, relating to evaluation of flood hazards; Executive Order 11288, relating to the prevention, control, and abatement of water pollution, and Executive Order 11990 relating to the protection of wetlands.
10. The State will comply with the flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, Public Law 93-234, 87 Stat. 975, approved December 31, 1976. Section 102(a) requires the purchase of flood insurance in communities where such insurance is available, as a condition for the receipt of any Federal financial assistance for construction or acquisition purposes, for use in any area that has been identified as an area having special flood hazards by the Flood Insurance Administration of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The phrase "Federal financial assistance" includes any form of loan, grant, guaranty, insurance payment, rebate, subsidy, disaster assistance loan or grant, or any other form of direct or indirect Federal assistance.
11. The State will assist the NPS in its compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended (16 U.S.C. 470), Executive Order 11593, and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 469a-1 et seq.) by (a) consulting with the State Historic Preservation Officer on the conduct of investigations, as necessary, to identify properties listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places that are subject to effects (see CFR Part 800.8) by the activity, and notifying the Federal grantor agency of the existence of any such properties, and by (b) complying with all requirements established by the Federal grantor agency to avoid or mitigate adverse effects upon such properties.
12. The State will comply with "Minority Business Enterprises" and "Women's Business Enterprises" pursuant to Executive Orders 11625 and 12138 as follows:
  - (1) Place minority and women business firms on bidder's mailing lists.
  - (2) Solicit these firms whenever they are potential sources of supplies, equipment, construction, or services.
  - (3) Where feasible, divide total requirements into smaller needs, and set delivery schedules that will encourage participation by these firms.
  - (4) The Department of the Interior is committed to the objectives of this policy and encourages all recipients of its grants and cooperative agreements to take affirmative steps to ensure such fairness.

The National Park Service Regional Offices will work closely with the States to ensure full compliance and that grant recipients take affirmative action in placing a fair share of purchases with minority business firms.
13. The State will comply with the intergovernmental review requirements of Executive Order 12372.

D. Construction Contracted for by the State Shall Meet the Following Requirements:

1. Contracts for construction shall comply with the provisions of 43 CFR Part 12 (Administrative and Audit Requirements and Cost Principles for Assistance Programs, Department of the Interior).
2. No grant or contract may be awarded by any grantee, subgrantee or contractor of any grantee or subgrantee to any party which has been debarred or suspended under Executive Order 12549. By signing the LWCF agreement, the State certifies that it will comply with debarment and suspension provisions appearing at Part III-J herein.

E. Retention and Custodial Requirements for Records

1. Financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and all other records pertinent to this grant shall be retained in accordance with 43 CFR Part 12 for a period of three years; except the records shall be retained beyond the three-year period if audit findings have not been resolved.

2. The retention period starts from the date of the final expenditure report for the project.
3. State and local governments are authorized to substitute copies in lieu of original records.
4. The Secretary of the Interior and the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives, shall have access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the State and local governments and their subgrantees which are pertinent to a specific project for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts and transcripts.

F. Project Termination

1. The Director may temporarily suspend Federal assistance under the project pending corrective action by the State or pending a decision to terminate the grant by the Service.
2. The State may unilaterally terminate the project at any time prior to the first payment on the project. After the initial payment, the project may be terminated, modified, or amended by the State only by mutual agreement.
3. The Director may terminate the project in whole, or in part, at any time before the date of completion, whenever it is determined that the grantee has failed to comply with the conditions of the grant. The Director will promptly notify the State in writing of the determination and the reasons for the termination, together with the effective date. Payments made to States or recoveries by the Service under projects terminated for cause shall be in accord with the legal rights and liabilities of the parties.
4. The Director or State may terminate grants in whole, or in part at any time before the date of completion, when both parties agree that the continuation of the project would not produce beneficial results commensurate with the further expenditure of funds. The two parties shall agree upon the termination conditions, including the effective date and, in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated. The grantee shall not incur new obligations for the terminated portion after the effective date, and shall cancel as many outstanding obligations as possible. The NPS may allow full credit to the State for the Federal share of the noncancelable obligations, properly incurred by the grantee prior to termination.
5. Termination either for cause or for convenience requires that the project in question be brought to a state of recreational usefulness agreed upon by the State and the Director or that all funds provided by the National Park Service be returned.

G. Lobbying with Appropriated Funds

The State must certify, for the award of grants exceeding \$100,000 in Federal assistance, that no Federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the State, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding, extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of this grant. In compliance with Section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code, the State certifies, as follows:

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

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

*(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement,*

*the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.*

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

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

#### H. Provision of a Drug-Free Workplace

In compliance with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (43 CFR Part 12, Subpart D), the State certifies, as follows:

*The grantee certifies that it will or 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 ongoing 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 a 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 conviction;*

*(e) Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;*

*(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).*

The State must include with its application for assistance a specification of the site(s) for the performance of work to be done in connection with the grant.

I. Civil Rights Assurance

*The State certifies that, as a condition to receiving any Federal assistance from the Department of the Interior, it will comply with all Federal laws relating to nondiscrimination. These laws include, but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin; (b) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap; (c) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101 et. seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; and applicable regulatory requirements to the end that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, handicap or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity conducted by the applicant. THE APPLICANT HEREBY GIVES ASSURANCE THAT it will immediately take any measures necessary to effectuate this agreement.*

*THIS ASSURANCE shall apply to all aspects of the applicant's operations including those parts that have not received or benefited from Federal financial assistance.*

*If any real property or structure thereon is provided or improved with the aid of Federal financial assistance extended to the Applicant by the Department, this assurance shall obligate the Applicant, or in the case of any transfer of such property, any transferee, for the period during which it retains ownership or possession of the property. In all other cases, this assurance shall obligate the Applicant for the period during which the Federal financial assistance is extended to it by the Department.*

*THIS ASSURANCE is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all Federal grants, loans, contracts, property, discounts or other Federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the Applicant by the Department, including installment payments after such date on account of applications for Federal financial assistance which were approved before such date.*

*The Applicant recognizes and agrees that such Federal financial assistance will be extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in this assurance, and that the United State shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of this assurance. This assurance is binding on the Applicant, its successors, transferees, assignees, and subrecipients and the person whose signature appears on the grant agreement and who is authorized to sign on behalf of the Applicant.*

J. Debarment and Suspension

**Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters - Primary Covered Transactions**

*(1) The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:*

*(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;*

*(b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal 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 or embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statement, or receiving stolen property;*

*(c) 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 (1)(b) of this certification; and*



*(d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.*

*(2) Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.*

The State further agrees that it will include the clause "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions" appearing below in any agreement entered into with lower tier participants in the implementation of this grant. Department of Interior Form 1954 (DI-1954) may be used for this purpose.

**Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions**

*(1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this application 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.*

*(2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this application.*