

business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that “funding agreement,” the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, “Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements,” and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

13. Davis-Bacon Act, as amended. In accordance with Appendix II to 2 CFR Part 200 ¶ (D), all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144 and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, “labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction”) In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The school district must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The school district must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, “Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work financed in Whole or Part by Loans or Grants from the United States”). The act provides that each contractor or sub recipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The school district must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

14. Small/Minority/Women’s/Labor Surplus Area Businesses. In accordance with 2 CFR § 200.321, the Awarded Distributor must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women’s businesses enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible. Affirmative steps must include: (a) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women’s business enterprises on solicitation lists; (b) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women’s business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources; (c) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women’s business enterprises; (d) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women’s business enterprises; and (e) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.

g. **Nondiscrimination.** The Awarded Distributor must not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment relating to the Master Group Agreement or any Individual Member/Participant Agreement with respect to the hire, tenure, terms, conditions or privileges of employment or any matter directly or indirectly related to employment, because of the employee’s or applicant’s race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability, ancestry, status as a veteran, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state, or local law (“**Protected Characteristics**”). The Awarded Distributor certifies compliance with applicable federal laws, regulations, and executive orders prohibiting discrimination based on the