

**SCHEDULE H-4**  
**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS –**  
**PRIMARY COVERED TRANSACTIONS**

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**U.S. Department of Agriculture**  
**Rural Development, Telecommunications Programs**

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This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, *Debarment and Suspension*, 7 C.F.R. § 3017.510, *Participants' Responsibilities*.

- (1) We, \_\_\_\_\_ (the Applicant) (hereinafter the "Company") hereby certify to the best of our knowledge and belief that neither the Company, nor any of its principals:
- (a) are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for Debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
  - (b) have within a 3-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 of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
  - (c) are 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 within a 3-year period preceding this Application had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.
- (2) If we are unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, we shall attach an explanation hereto.

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(Date)

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(Authorized Representative's Signature)

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Name:

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Title: