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### **Assurances and Certifications for 2015 Grant Award**

All State Library Administrative Agencies receiving Library Services and Technology assistance under 20 U.S.C. § 9121 et seq., as amended, must comply with applicable statutes and regulations including but not limited to those cited below. To receive Federal assistance, all applicants must provide this signed Statement of Program Assurances and Certifications.

The undersigned, on behalf of the State Library Administrative Agency (SLAA), agrees that the SLAA will comply with the following:

(a) Legal Authority and Capability

Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. § 9122(5), the SLAA provides assurance that it has the fiscal and legal authority and capability to administer all aspects of the LSTA, that it will establish the State's policies, priorities, criteria, and procedures necessary to the implementation of all programs under this Act (including the development of a State Plan), and that it will submit copies of these materials for approval as required by regulations promulgated by the Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

(b) Internet Safety

Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. § 9134(b)(7), the State Library Administrative Agency provides assurance that it will comply with 20 U.S.C. § 9134(f), which sets out standards relating to Internet Safety for public libraries and public elementary school and secondary school libraries that do not receive services at discount rates under § 254(h)(6) of the Communications Act of 1934, and for which IMLS State Program funds are used to purchase computers used to access the Internet or to pay for direct costs associated with accessing the Internet.

(c) State Plan

Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 9134(b)(8), the SLAA provides assurance that it shall make reports, in such form and containing such information, as the Director may require reasonably to carry out the State Plan and to determine the extent to which funds provided under this Act have been effective in carrying out the purposes of the LSTA.

(d) Compliance with IMLS Regulations

The SLAA agrees that it will comply with all applicable IMLS regulations, including those in 2 C.F.R. §3187.12 – Federal statutes and regulations on nondiscrimination; 45 C.F.R. part 1110 – Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs; and 2 C.F.R. Chapter XXXI, including 2 C.F.R. part 3185 – Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension, 2 C.F.R. part 3186 – Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Financial Assistance), and 2 C.F.R. part 3187 (Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards).

(e) Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act

The SLAA agrees that it will comply with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA or Transparency Act – P.L. 109-282, as amended by § 6202(a) of P.L. 110-252) subaward and executive compensation reporting requirements. The SLAA further provides assurance that it will comply with all other applicable Federal statutes and regulations and OMB circulars in effect with respect to the periods for which it receives grant funding.

(f) Trafficking in Persons

The SLAA agrees that it will comply with the Trafficking in Persons requirement set forth in Appendix A hereto.

(g) Nondiscrimination

The authorized representative, on behalf of the SLAA, certifies that the SLAA will comply with the following nondiscrimination statutes and their implementing regulations:

- (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 2000 *et seq.*), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin (note: as clarified by Executive Order 13166, reasonable steps must be taken to ensure that limited English proficient (LEP) persons have meaningful access to the programs (see IMLS guidance at 68 Federal Register 17679, April 10, 2003));
- (b) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 701 *et seq.* including §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability (note: IMLS applies the regulations in 45 C.F.R part 1170 in determining compliance with § 504 as it applies to recipients of Federal assistance);
- (c) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§ 1681–83, 1685–86), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs; and
- (d) the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 6101 *et seq.*), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age.
- (e) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply.

(h) Debarment and Suspension

The SLAA shall comply with 2 C.F.R. part 3185 and 2 C.F.R. part 180, as applicable. The authorized representative, on behalf of the SLAA, certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that neither the SLAA nor any of its principals for the Five Year Plan:

- (a) Are presently excluded or disqualified;
- (b) Have been convicted within the preceding three years of any of the offenses listed in 2 C.F.R. §180.800(a) or had a civil judgment rendered against it or them for one of those offenses within that time period;
- (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 listed in 2 C.F.R. §180.800(a); or
- (d) Have had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated within the preceding three years for cause or default.

Where the SLAA is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, the authorized representative shall attach an explanation to this form.

The SLAA, as a primary tier participant, is required to comply with 2 C.F.R. part 180 subpart C (Responsibilities of Participants Regarding Transactions Doing Business with Other Persons) as a condition of participation in the award. The SLAA is also required to communicate the requirement to comply with 2 C.F.R. part 180 subpart C (Responsibilities of Participants Regarding Transactions Doing Business with Other Persons) to persons at the next lower tier with whom the SLAA enters into covered transactions.

As noted in the preceding paragraph, SLAAs who plan to use IMLS awards to fund contracts should be aware that they must comply with the communication and verification requirements in the above Debarment and Suspension provisions.

(i) Drug-Free Workplace

The authorized representative, on behalf of the SLAA, certifies, as a condition of the award, that the SLAA will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by complying with the requirements in 2 C.F.R. part 3186 (Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Financial Assistance)). In particular, the SLAA as the recipient must comply with drug-free workplace requirements in subpart B of 2 C.F.R. part 3186, which adopts the Government-wide implementation (2 C.F.R. part 182) of sections 5152-5158 of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (P. L. 100-690, Title V, Subtitle D; 41 U.S.C. §§ 701-707).

This includes, but is not limited to: making a good faith effort, on a continuing basis, to maintain a drug-free workplace; publishing a drug-free workplace statement;

establishing a drug-free awareness program for the SLAA's employees; taking actions concerning employees who are convicted of violating drug statutes in the workplace; and identifying (either at the time of application or upon award, or in documents that the SLAA keeps on file in its offices) all known workplaces under its Federal awards.

(j) Federal Debt Status

The authorized representative, on behalf of the SLAA, certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that the SLAA is not delinquent in the repayment of any Federal debt.

(k) Certification Regarding Lobbying Activities (Applies to Applicants Requesting Funds in Excess of \$100,000)(31 U.S.C. §1352)

The authorized representative certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- (a) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the authorized representative, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an 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.
- (b) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person (other than a regularly employed officer or employee of the applicant, as provided in 31 U.S.C. § 1352) 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 authorized representative shall complete and submit Standard Form LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions.
- (c) The authorized representative 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 and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the transaction is made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite

for making or entering into the transaction imposed by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. 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, or as otherwise required by law.

In addition, in accordance with Federal appropriations law, no IMLS funds may be used for publicity or propaganda purposes for the preparation, distribution, or use of any kit, pamphlet, booklet, publication, electronic communication, radio, television, or video presentation designed to support or defeat the enactment of legislation before the Congress or any State or local legislature or legislative body or designed to support or defeat any proposed or pending regulation, administrative action, or order issued by the executive branch of any State or local government. No IMLS funds may be used to pay the salary or expenses of any grant or contract recipient, or agent acting for such recipient, related to any activity designed to influence the enactment of legislation, appropriations, regulation, administrative action or Executive order proposed or pending before the Congress or any State government, State legislature or local legislature or legislative body.

(l) General Certification

The authorized representative, on behalf of the SLAA, certifies that the SLAA will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing the program.

(m) Certifications Required of Some Applicants

The following certifications are required if applicable to the project for which an application is being submitted. Applicants should be aware that additional federal certifications, not listed below, might apply to a particular project.

Native American Human Remains and Associated Funerary Objects:

The authorized representative, on behalf of the applicant, certifies that the applicant will comply with the provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (25 U.S.C. §3001 *et seq.*), which applies to any organization that controls or possesses Native American human remains and associated funerary objects, and which receives federal funding, even for a purpose unrelated to the Act.

Historic Properties:

The authorized representative, on behalf of the applicant, certifies that the applicant will assist the awarding agency in ensuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470f), Executive Order

(E.O.) 11593, and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §469 *et seq.*).

Environmental Protections:

The authorized representative, on behalf of the applicant, certifies that the project will comply with environmental standards, including the following:

- (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. §4321 *et seq.*) and E.O. 11514;
- (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to E.O. 11738;
- (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to E.O. 11990, as amended by E.O. 12608;
- (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with E.O. 11988, as amended;
- (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. §1451 *et seq.*);
- (f) conformity of federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §7401 *et seq.*);
- (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C. §300f *et seq.*); and
- (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. §1531–1543).

The authorized representative, on behalf of the applicant, certifies that the project will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, as amended (16 U.S.C. §1271 *et seq.*), related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.

The authorized representative, on behalf of the applicant, certifies that the applicant will comply with the flood insurance purchase requirements of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended (42 U.S.C. §4001 *et seq.*), which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.

Research on Human Subjects:

The authorized representative, on behalf of the applicant, certifies that the project will comply with 45 C.F.R. Part 46 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.

Research on Animal Subjects:

The authorized representative, on behalf of the applicant, certifies that the project will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966, as amended (7 U.S.C. §2131 *et seq.*) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm-blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.

These assurances and certifications are provided in connection with any and all financial assistance from the Institute of Museum and Library Services after the date this form is signed. This includes payments after such date for financial assistance approved before such date. The SLAA recognizes and agrees that any such assistance will be extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in this assurance, and that the U.S. shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of this Statement of Program Assurances and Certifications. These assurances and certifications are binding on the SLAA, its successors, transferees, and assignees, and on the Authorized Certifying Official whose signature appears below.

The undersigned further provides assurances that it will include, as applicable, the language of the assurances and certifications in all subawards and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above assurances and certifications.

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Signature of Authorized Certifying Official

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Date

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Authorized Certifying Official  
Print Name and Title

For additional information on this Statement of Program Assurances, contact the IMLS State Programs Office at 1800 M Street NW, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20036-5802.

## APPENDIX A

### Trafficking in Persons

The SLAA must comply with Federal law pertaining to trafficking in persons. Under 22 U.S.C. § 7104(g), any grant, contract, or cooperative agreement entered into by a Federal agency and a private entity shall include a condition that authorizes the Federal agency (IMLS) to terminate the grant, contract, or cooperative agreement, if the grantee, subgrantee, contractor, or subcontractor engages in trafficking in persons, procures a commercial sex act, or uses forced labor. 2 C.F.R. part 175 requires IMLS to include the following award term:

a. *Provisions applicable to a recipient that is a private entity.*

1. You as the recipient, your employees, subrecipients under this award, and subrecipients' employees may not –

i. Engage in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect;

ii. Procure a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect; or

iii. Use forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

2. We as the Federal awarding agency may unilaterally terminate this award, without penalty, if you or a subrecipient that is a private entity –

i. Is determined to have violated a prohibition in paragraph a.1 of this award term; or

ii. Has an employee who is determined by the agency official authorized to terminate the award to have violated a prohibition in paragraph a.1 of this award term through conduct that is either –



- A. Associated with performance under this award; or
- B. Imputed to you or the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 2 C.F.R. part 180, “OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement),” as implemented by our agency at 2 C.F.R. part 3185.
  - b. *Provision applicable to a recipient other than a private entity.* We as the Federal awarding agency may unilaterally terminate this award, without penalty, if a subrecipient that is a private entity –
    - 1. Is determined to have violated an applicable prohibition in paragraph a.1 of this award term; or
    - 2. Has an employee who is determined by the agency official authorized to terminate the award to have violated an applicable prohibition in paragraph a.1 of this award term through conduct that is either –
      - i. Associated with performance under this award; or
      - ii. Imputed to the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 2 C.F.R. part 180, “OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement),” as implemented by our agency at 2 C.F.R. part 3185.
  - c. *Provisions applicable to any recipient.*
    - 1. You must inform us immediately of any information you receive from any source alleging a violation of a prohibition in paragraph a.1 of this award term.
    - 2. Our right to terminate unilaterally that is described in paragraph a.2 or b of this section:
      - i. Implements section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended (22 U.S.C. § 7104(g)), and
      - ii. Is in addition to all other remedies for noncompliance that are available to us under this award.
    - 3. You must include the requirements of paragraph a.1 of this award term in any subaward you make to a private entity.
  - d. *Definitions.* For purposes of this award term:
    - 1. “Employee” means either:

i. An individual employed by you or a subrecipient who is engaged in the performance of the project or program under this award; or

ii. Another person engaged in the performance of the project or program under this award and not compensated by you including, but not limited to, a volunteer or individual whose services are contributed by a third party as an in-kind contribution toward cost sharing or matching requirements.

2. "Forced labor" means labor obtained by any of the following methods: the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

3. "Private entity":

i. Means any entity other than a State, local government, Indian tribe, or foreign public entity, as those terms are defined in 2 C.F.R. part 175.25.

ii. Includes:

A. A nonprofit organization, including any nonprofit institution of higher education, hospital, or tribal organization other than one included in the definition of Indian tribe at 2 C.F.R part 175.25(b).

B. A for-profit organization.

4. "Severe forms of trafficking in persons," "commercial sex act," and "coercion" have the meanings given at section 103 of the TVPA, as amended (22 U.S.C. § 7102).

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