

Attachment C: Suspension and Debarment Certification

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 13 CFR Part 145. The regulations were published as Part VII of the May 26, 1988 Federal Register (pages 19160-19211). Copies of the regulations are available from local offices of the U.S. Small Business Administration.

1. The proposer certifies to the best of its knowledge and believe that it and its principals:
 - 1.1. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for disbarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
 - 1.2. Have not within a three-year period preceding this application 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 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;
 - 1.3. Are not presently indicted of 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. 1.2 of this certification; and
 - 1.4. Have not within a three-year period preceding this response had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.
2. Where the proposer is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, proposers shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Business Name: _____

Date: _____

By: _____
Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Signature of Authorized Representative

Instructions for Certification

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the proposer is providing the certification set out below.
2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this procurement solicitation. The proposer shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the overall scoring of the proposal of bid. However, failure of the proposer to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from this response for proposal, or invitation to bid.
3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when OETC scores and awards proposals. If it is later determined that the proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to OETC and its membership, OETC may terminate this transaction for cause or default.
4. The proposer shall provide immediate written notice to OETC to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the proposer learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
5. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549.
6. The proposer 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 OETC.
7. The proposer further agrees by submitting this proposal that it may be required to include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion--Lower Tier Covered Transactions," provided by OETC entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
8. A participant in a covered transaction 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. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the ineligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List.
9. 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.
10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction 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, OETC may terminate this transaction for cause or default.