

1. DATE ISSUED MM/DD/YYYY 02/26/2021		1a. SUPERSEDES AWARD NOTICE dated except that any additions or restrictions previously imposed remain in effect unless specifically rescinded	
2. CFDA NO. 97.062 - Project Grants			
3. ASSISTANCE TYPE Cooperative Agreement			
4. GRANT NO. 21STSLA00011-01-00 Formerly		5. TYPE OF AWARD Other	
4a. FAIN 21STSLA00011		5a. ACTION TYPE New	
6. PROJECT PERIOD MM/DD/YYYY From 03/01/2021		Through 09/30/2023	
7. BUDGET PERIOD MM/DD/YYYY From 03/01/2021		Through 09/30/2023	
8. TITLE OF PROJECT (OR PROGRAM) Building Cyber Intelligence Workforce through AI-Based Cybersecurity Education and Training			

Department of Homeland Security

DHS Grants and Financial Assistance Division (GFAD)

245 Murray Lane, SW  
Mail Stop 0115  
Washington, DC 20528

NOTICE OF AWARD

AUTHORIZATION (Legislation/Regulations)  
Homeland Security Act of 2002, Section 308, as amended, P.L. 107-296  
codified at 6 U.S.C. 188

9a. GRANTEE NAME AND ADDRESS Texas A & M University Kingsville 700 University Blvd Academic Affairs Kingsville, TX 78363-8202		9b. GRANTEE PROJECT DIRECTOR 700 University Blvd. Academic Affairs Kingsville, TX 78363-8202	
10a. GRANTEE AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL 700 University Blvd Kingsville, TX 78363-8202		10b. FEDERAL PROJECT OFFICER 7th And D Street SW Washington, DC 20407-0001	

ALL AMOUNTS ARE SHOWN IN USD

11. APPROVED BUDGET (Excludes Direct Assistance)		12. AWARD COMPUTATION	
I Financial Assistance from the Federal Awarding Agency Only		a. Amount of Federal Financial Assistance (from item 11m) 466,324.00	
II Total project costs including grant funds and all other financial participation		b. Less Unobligated Balance From Prior Budget Periods 0.00	
a. Salaries and Wages 153,714.00		c. Less Cumulative Prior Award(s) This Budget Period 0.00	
b. Fringe Benefits 13,236.00		d. AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THIS ACTION 466,324.00	
c. Total Personnel Costs 166,950.00		13. Total Federal Funds Awarded to Date for Project Period 466,324.00	
d. Equipment 0.00		14. RECOMMENDED FUTURE SUPPORT	
e. Supplies 4,000.00		(Subject to the availability of funds and satisfactory progress of the project):	
f. Travel 6,826.00		YEAR TOTAL DIRECT COSTS YEAR TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	
g. Construction 0.00		a. 2 d. 5	
h. Other 167,174.00		b. 3 e. 6	
i. Contractual 39,000.00		c. 4 f. 7	
j. TOTAL DIRECT COSTS 383,950.00		15. PROGRAM INCOME SHALL BE USED IN ACCORD WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES:	
k. INDIRECT COSTS 82,374.00		a. DEDUCTION	
l. TOTAL APPROVED BUDGET 466,324.00		b. ADDITIONAL COSTS	
m. Federal Share 466,324.00		c. MATCHING	
n. Non-Federal Share 0.00		d. OTHER RESEARCH (Add / Deduct Option)	
		e. OTHER (See REMARKS)	
		16. THIS AWARD IS BASED ON AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO, AND AS APPROVED BY, THE FEDERAL AWARDING AGENCY ON THE ABOVE TITLED PROJECT AND IS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS INCORPORATED EITHER DIRECTLY OR BY REFERENCE IN THE FOLLOWING:	
		a. The grant program legislation	
		b. The grant program regulations.	
		c. This award notice including terms and conditions, if any, noted below under REMARKS.	
		d. Federal administrative requirements, cost principles and audit requirements applicable to this grant.	
		In the event there are conflicting or otherwise inconsistent policies applicable to the grant, the above order of precedence shall prevail. Acceptance of the grant terms and conditions is acknowledged by the grantee when funds are drawn or otherwise obtained from the grant payment system.	

REMARKS (Other Terms and Conditions Attached - ☒ Yes ☐ No)  
This award has been fully funded in the amount of \$466,324.00 for the entire Project Period. Terms and Conditions are included for your information.

GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL:

7th and D Street, SW  
Washington DC , DC 20407

17.OBJ CLASS	4102	18a. VENDOR CODE	1746001530A1	18b. EIN	746001530	19. DUNS	868154089	20. CONG. DIST.	34
FY-ACCOUNT NO.		DOCUMENT NO.		ADMINISTRATIVE CODE		AMT ACTION FIN ASST		APPROPRIATION	
21. a.	U91P70910803	b.	STSLA00011A	c.	SLA1	d.	\$466,324.00	e.	
22. a.		b.		c.		d.		e.	
23. a.		b.		c.		d.		e.	

## AWARD ATTACHMENTS

Texas A & M University Kingsville

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1. WELCOME LETTER
2. AWARD LETTER
3. FY21 TERMS AND CONDITIONS



# Homeland Security

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

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Dear Awardee:

Congratulations on being selected as a recipient of the S&T 2020 DHS SLA for MinorityServing Institutions: Award Number: 21STSLA00011-01.

The Department of Homeland Security's Grants and Financial Assistance Division utilizes the GrantSolutions grants management system to manage all financial assistance awards. Please see below for important information regarding account establishment and navigating the system.

## **GrantSolutions.gov**

GrantSolutions is an online Federal grant management system. It provides a venue for the Department of Homeland Security (OPO/GFAD) to work with you, the grantee, to manage your grant. GrantSolutions is a web-based system, therefore you can access information about your grant anywhere you have Internet access. The benefits of this system are:

- Better services to grantees through improved internal coordination of activities;
- Grantees will be better able to manage projects because they will have more access to information held by the Federal government; and
- A more uniform way of processing grants for both grantors and grantees. Please note, that if your organization has grants with other Federal Departments or Agencies that use GrantSolutions, then you may also have access to these grants within your grant portfolio when you login to GrantSolutions.

All grantees will be able to access their grant portfolio, submit continuation applications, submit semi-annual financial status reports, access grant related correspondence, and request amendments through GrantSolutions.

## **Grantee User Accounts**

All users within the GrantSolutions system must have an account established. Please see the following link to access the Grantee User Account form:  
<https://www.grantsolutions.gov/support/registration.html> Accounts should be established for the Program Director and Authorizing Official at your organization as well as any other users who require access and notifications of award activity. All Grantee User Account forms should be submitted directly to the GrantSolutions Help Desk at [help@grantsolutions.gov](mailto:help@grantsolutions.gov)

### **GrantSolutions System Navigation**

To help your organization become familiar with the GrantSolutions system, please share the following training link and attached Grantee User Guide with all relevant staff at your organization:

GranteeRecorded Webinar Link = <http://hhs.adobeconnect.com/pr6yl3dk8fqu/>



Homeland  
Security

U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Washington, DC 20528

March 1, 2021

[REDACTED]  
Director, Contracts & Grants  
Texas A&M University-Kingsville  
700 University Blvd.  
MSC 201  
Kingsville, TX 78363-8202

RE: Application Number: SLA2021000015;  
DHS S&T 2020 DHS SLA for Minority Serving Institutions  
Award Number: 21STSLA00011-01

Dear [REDACTED]

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has approved your application entitled: Building Cyber Intelligence Workforce through AI-Based Cybersecurity Education and Training. Your application was approved in the amount of \$466,324.00 for budget period 03/01/2021 – 09/30/2023.

The Grants and Financial Assistance Division is now utilizing GrantSolutions, an online grants management tool. Please find attached a GrantSolutions Welcome Letter with pertinent information on how to access your award and communicate with federal staff. We are requiring that relevant staff accounts be established no later than Monday, March 15, 2021.

Payment of funds for this award will be made through the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Payment Management System (PMS). PMS is a full-service central payment and cash management system. I encourage immediate completion of the required PMS forms. You will not receive payment for any work performed on this grant until these forms are properly submitted to PMS and an account has been established. **If your organization has never received grant funds from my office**, you must complete the New User and Account Establishment process directly on the PMS site. Additional information may be found at: <https://pms.psc.gov/grant-recipients/access-newuser.html>. When completing the SF1199A form, Section 2 should contain the following information: Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane, SW, Washington, DC 20528-0115. **If you have received grant funds through my office in the past**, you will not be required to submit these forms. However, do contact me to verify your account information prior to accessing funds. If you have questions concerning this award, please contact me at (202) 447-0495 or [Stephanie.Dawkins@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:Stephanie.Dawkins@hq.dhs.gov).

All financial and performance reporting requirements outlined in the Terms and Conditions of award will be submitted in the GrantSolutions system. Both reports shall be submitted under the Manage Reports feature on or before the dates listed in the Award Terms & Conditions. The

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submission guidance found here: <https://www.grantsolutions.gov/support/granteeUsers.html>.  
Please review this guidance carefully and contact the GrantSolutions Help Desk if you  
experience any technical difficulties: [help@grantsolutions.gov](mailto:help@grantsolutions.gov).

**System for Award Management (SAM) Registration:** Under the terms and conditions of this  
award, your organization must keep up an active SAM registration at  
<https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/> until you send the final financial report or you receive  
the final payment, whichever is later. If your organization's SAM registration expires during the  
required period, the Service will suspend payment under this and all other Service awards to your  
organization until you update your organization's SAM registration.

If you have questions concerning this award, please contact the appropriate DHS official listed  
below.

Program/Technical matters -



Grant/Fiscal related matters -



Sincerely,



Grants Officer  
Grants and Financial Assistance Division  
Office of Procurement Operations  
Office of the Chief Procurement Officer  
Department of Homeland Security

Attachments:

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Terms and Conditions

Email:





**GRANT TERMS AND CONDITIONS**  
**GRANTS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DIVISION (GFAD)**

In addition to the **DHS Standard Terms and Conditions** as outlined here: <http://www.dhs.gov/publication/fy15-dhs-standard-terms-and-conditions> , the following Terms and Conditions apply specifically to this award as administered by the Grants and Financial Assistance Division (GFAD):

**ARTICLE I. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**A. AWARD SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND/OR RESTRICTIONS**

1. Performance Progress Reporting - The Recipient must submit performance reports every six months to the DHS Grants Officer for review and acceptance by DHS, as a condition for receiving further annual funding increments. The first Performance report is due six months after the start of each budget year [or on 10/30] and every six months following the first report [or on 4/30]. Performance Reports must provide a summary of the activities conducted during the budget period.

Performance reports must provide information on the overall progress of the program based on the activities discussed in the approved workplan. These reports should map workplan activities to those activities performed during the year to include:

- Summary reports on the Program's strategic vision and support justification
- Summary of Program's communication and outreach activities
- Summary of Program's management efforts including decision making apparatus

Reports on each Program project, which should include:

- Explanation of any changes from the initially approved workplan
- Objective/Purpose
- Baseline
- Methodology
- Project milestones
- Performance metrics used to evaluate progress & assessments of current concept of operations and baseline/state of the art in use
- Transition plans to include development steps, intellectual property management plans, & market specific considerations;
- Stakeholder engagement
- Potential programmatic risk to completion
- Progress against each milestone outcomes and outputs and explanation of why any items were not reached
- Unanticipated problems and plans for addressing them; and
- Information supported by data on how project outcomes will advance or impact current capabilities

## **B. AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS**

### **1. Budget Revisions**

- a. The Recipient shall obtain prior written approval from the DHS Grants Officer for transfers of funds between direct cost categories in the approved budget when such cumulative transfers among those direct cost categories exceed ten percent of the total approved budget.
- b. The Recipient shall obtain prior written approval from the DHS Grants Officer for any budget revision that would result in the need for additional resources/funds.
- c. The Recipient shall obtain prior written approval from the DHS Grants Officer to transfer amounts budgeted for direct costs to the indirect costs line item or vice versa.

### **2. Extension Request**

- a. Extensions to the Period of Performance can only be authorized in writing by the DHS Grants Officer.
- b. The extension request shall be submitted to the DHS Grants Officer sixty (60) days prior to the expiration date of the performance period.
- c. Requests for time extensions to the Period of Performance will be considered, but will not be granted automatically, and must be supported by adequate justification in order to be processed. The justification is a written explanation of the reason(s) for the delay; an outline of remaining resources/funds available to support the extended Period of Performance; and a description of performance measures necessary to complete the project. Extension requests shall not be processed without up-to-date performance and financial status reports and adequate justification.
- d. DHS has no obligation to provide additional resources/funding as a result of an extension.

## **C. EQUIPMENT**

1. Title to equipment acquired by the Recipient with Federal funds provided under this Award shall vest in the Recipient, subject to the conditions pertaining to equipment in the 2 CFR Part 200.
2. Prior to the purchase of Equipment in the amount of \$5,000 or more per unit cost, the recipient must obtain the written approval from DHS.
3. For equipment purchased with Award funds having a \$5,000 or more per unit cost, the Recipient shall submit an inventory that will include a description of the property; manufacturer model number, serial number or other identification number; the source of property; name on title; acquisition date; and cost of the unit; the address of use; operational condition of the property; and, disposition data, if applicable. This report will be due with the Final Progress Report ninety (90) days after the expiration of the Project Period, and shall be submitted via GrantSolutions using the help/Support guidance entitled, "Quicksheet: Add a Grant Note" guidance found here: <https://www.grantsolutions.gov/support/granteeUsers.html>



## **D. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

1. Annual Financial Reports – The Recipient shall submit a Federal Financial Report (SF-425) into the GrantSolutions system no later than thirty (30) days after the end of the budget period end date. Reports are due on 4/30 of each year. The report shall be submitted electronically via [www.GrantSolutions.gov](http://www.GrantSolutions.gov) using the submission guidance entitled, "Grantee Reporting Process: Federal Financial Report" found here: <https://www.Grantsolutions.gov/support/granteeUsers.html>

2. Final Federal Financial Report – the Recipient shall submit the final Federal Financial Report (SF-425) into the GrantSolutions system no later than 120 days after the end of the Project Period end date. The report shall be submitted electronically using the submission guidance entitled, "Grantee Reporting Process: Federal Financial Report" found here: <https://www.Grantsolutions.gov/support/granteeUsers.html>

3. Quarterly Federal Financial Reports (Cash Transaction) – the Recipient shall submit the Federal Financial Report (SF-425) Cash Transaction Report to the Department of Health and Human Services, Payment Management System. Quarterly Cash Transaction reports shall be submitted no later than 1/30, 4/30, 7/30, and 10/30.

## **DI. PAYMENT**

The Recipient shall be paid in advance using the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services/Payment Management System, provided it maintains or demonstrates the willingness and ability to maintain procedures to minimize the time elapsing between the transfer of the funds from the DHS and expenditure disbursement by the Recipient. When these requirements are not met, the Recipient will be required to be on a reimbursement for costs incurred method.

Any overpayment of funds must be coordinated with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services/Payment Management System.

## **DII. PERFORMANCE REPORTS**

1. Performance Reports – The Recipient shall submit performance reports into the GrantSolutions system. The report shall be submitted via [www.GrantSolutions.gov](http://www.GrantSolutions.gov) using the help/Support guidance entitled, "Grant Recipient Process: Performance Progress Report" found here: <https://www.grantsolutions.gov/support/granteeUsers.html>.

Please view Article I, A above for specific Performance report information. In addition, Performance reports must provide information on the overall progress and shall include:

- \* A comparison of actual accomplishments with the goals and objectives established for the period.
- \* Reasons why established objectives were not met, if applicable.
- \* Other pertinent information including, when appropriate, analysis and explanation of cost overruns.

2. Final Performance Report – The Recipient shall submit the Final Performance Report into the GrantSolutions system no later than 120 days after the expiration of the Project Period. The Final Performance Report shall be submitted via [www.GrantSolutions.gov](http://www.GrantSolutions.gov) using the help/Support guidance

NOTE:

If the performance report contains any information that is deemed proprietary, the Recipient will denote the beginning and ending of such information with asterisks (\*\*\*\*\*)

## **G. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE**

The approved Project and Budget Periods for the supported activity is contingent upon the following:

1. Acceptable performance of the project as determined by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS);
2. If applicable, acceptance and approval of each non-competing continuation application by the DHS;
3. Subject to the availability of annual DHS appropriated funds.

## **H. PRIOR APPROVAL REQUIRED**

The Recipient shall not, without the prior written approval of the DHS, request reimbursement, incur costs or obligate funds for any purpose pertaining to the operation of the project, program, or activities prior to the approved Budget Period.

## **ARTICLE II. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **A. ACCESS TO RECORDS.**

The Recipient shall retain financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and all other records pertinent to this Award for a period of three years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report. The only exceptions to the aforementioned record retention requirements are the following:

1. If any litigation, dispute, or audit is started before the expiration of the 3-year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, dispute or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

2. Records for real property and equipment acquired with Federal funds shall be retained for three (3) years after final disposition.

3. The DHS Grants Officer may direct the Recipient to transfer certain records to DHS custody when he or she determines that the records possess long term retention value. However, in order to avoid duplicate recordkeeping, the DHS Grants Officer may make arrangements for the Recipient to retain any records that are continuously needed for joint use.

DHS, the Inspector General, Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives, have the right of timely and unrestricted access to any books, documents, papers, or other records of the Recipient that are pertinent to this Award, in order to make audits, examinations, excerpts, transcripts and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to Recipient's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. The rights of access in this award term are not limited to the required retention period, but shall last as long as records are retained.

With respect to sub-recipients, DHS shall retain the right to conduct a financial review, require an audit, or otherwise ensure adequate accountability of organizations expending DHS funds. Recipient agrees to include in any sub-award made under this Agreement the requirements of this award term (Access to Records).

## **B. COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE PROGRAM OFFICE TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The Compliance Assurance Program Office (CAPO) is comprised of the DHS Treaty Compliance Office (TCO), Export Control Group (ECG), and the DHS Regulatory Compliance Office (RCO). The Compliance Assurance Program Manager (CAPM) is the DHS official responsible for overseeing CAPO and implementing procedures to ensure that the Recipient and any Recipient institutions/collaborators under this Award comply with international treaties, federal regulations, and DHS policies for Arms Control Agreements, Biosafety, Select Agent and Toxin Security, Animal Care and Use, the Protection of Human Subjects, Life Sciences Dual Use Research of Concern, and Export Controls.

CAPO collects and reviews relevant documentation pertaining to this Award on behalf of the Compliance Assurance Program Manager. Additional guidance regarding the review process is provided in the following sections, along with contact information for the TCO, RCO, and ECG. This guidance applies to the Recipient and any/all Recipient institutions involved in the performance of work under this Award. The Recipient is responsible for ensuring that any/all Recipient institutions and collaborators comply with all requirements and submit relevant documentation, as outlined in sections C – G below, for work being performed under this Award.

## **C. TREATY COMPLIANCE FOR BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL DEFENSE EFFORTS**

The Recipient and any Recipient institution shall conduct all biological and chemical defense research, development, and acquisition projects in compliance with all arms control agreements of the U.S., including the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) and the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC). DHS Directive 041-

01, Compliance With, and Implementation of, Arms Control Agreements, requires all such projects to be systematically evaluated for compliance at inception, prior to funding approval, whenever there is significant project change, and whenever in the course of project execution an issue potentially raises a compliance concern.



1. Requirements for Initial Treaty Compliance Review. To ensure compliance with DHS Directive 041-01, for each new biological and/or chemical defense-related effort (including non-laboratory activities related to biological and/or chemical agents) to be conducted under this Award, **the Recipient must submit the following documentation for compliance review and certification prior to funding approval:** a completed Treaty Compliance Form (TCF), which includes a Project Summary; a BWC Checklist; and/or a CWC Checklist.

2. Requirements for Ongoing Treaty Compliance Review. To ensure ongoing treaty compliance for approved biological and/or chemical defense-related efforts funded through this Award, **the Recipient must submit the following documentation for review and approval prior to any significant project change and/or whenever in the course of project execution an issue potentially raises a compliance concern:** an updated Treaty Compliance Form and an updated Statement of Work detailing the proposed modification. The proposed project modification must receive written approval from CAPO prior to initiation. Examples of project modifications include – but are not limited to—the addition of agents, a change in performer, modifications to the scope of work, and changes to the technical approach.

The Recipient should contact the Treaty Compliance Office (TCO) at [treatycompliance@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:treatycompliance@hq.dhs.gov) to obtain the TCF template, submit the completed Form, or request additional guidance regarding TCO documentation and review requirements, as applicable to (1) new biological and/or chemical defense-related efforts, or (2) modifications to previously approved efforts. The TCO will review all submitted materials and provide written confirmation of approval to initiate work to the Recipient once the treaty compliance certification process is complete. **The Recipient and any Recipient institution shall not initiate any new activities, or execute modifications to approved activities, until receipt of this written confirmation.**

#### **D. REGULATORY COMPLIANCE FOR BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY WORK**

The Recipient and any Recipient institution shall conduct all biological laboratory work in compliance with applicable federal regulations; the latest edition of the CDC/NIH *Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories* ; DHS Directive 066-02, Biosafety; and any local institutional policies that may apply for Recipient institution facilities performing work under this Award. The CAPO will review the submitted Treaty Compliance Form (TCF) for planned work under this Award to determine the applicability of the requirements outlined in this section. **The Recipient must contact the RCO at [STregulatorycompliance@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:STregulatorycompliance@hq.dhs.gov) for guidance on the requirements, and then submit all required documentation based on CAPO guidance, prior to the initiation of any biological laboratory work under this Award.**

1. Requirements for All Biological Laboratory Work. Biological laboratory work includes laboratory activities involving: (1) recombinant or synthetic nucleic acid molecules; (2) Biological Select Agents and Toxins or 'BSAT'; or (3) biological agents, toxins, or other biological materials that are not recombinant, synthetic, or BSAT. Each Recipient and any Recipient institution to be conducting biological laboratory work under this Award must submit copies of the following documentation, as required by the CAPO after review of the TCF(s), for review prior to the initiation of such work:

- a. Research protocol(s), research or project plan(s), or other detailed description of the biological laboratory work to be conducted;
- b. Documentation of project-specific biosafety review for biological laboratory work subject to such review in accordance with institutional policy;
- c. Institutional or laboratory biosafety manual (may be a related plan or program manual) for each facility/laboratory to be involved in the biological laboratory work;
- d. Biosafety training program description (should be provided as available in existing policies, plans, and/or manuals for all relevant facilities/laboratories where work is conducted;
- e. Documentation of the most recent safety/biosafety inspection(s) for each facility/laboratory where the biological laboratory work will be conducted;
- f. Exposure Control Plan, as applicable;
- g. Documentation from the most recent Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) or State Occupational Safety and Health Agency inspection report; a copy of the OSHA Form 300 *Summary of Work Related Injuries and Illnesses* or equivalent, for the most recent calendar year; and documentation of any OSHA citations or notices of violation received in the past five years; and
- h. Documentation from the most recent U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) inspection report; and documentation of any DOT citations or notices of violation received in the past five years.

2. Requirements for Research Involving Recombinant or Synthetic Nucleic Acid Molecules. Laboratory activities involving recombinant or synthetic nucleic acid molecules research are defined by the *NIH Guidelines for Research Involving Recombinant DNA Molecules*, "NIH Guidelines". Each Recipient and any Recipient institution shall conduct all rDNA work in compliance with the NIH Guidelines. In addition to the documentation referenced in Section B.1 above, **each facility conducting research activities involving rDNA under this Award must submit copies of the following documentation to the RCO for review prior to the initiation of such activities:**

- a. Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) Charter, and/or other available documentation of IBC policies and procedures;
- b. Most recent Office of Biotechnology Activities (OBA) acknowledgement letter of the annual IBC Report;
- c. IBC-approved rDNA research protocol(s); and
- d. Documentation of final IBC approval for each rDNA research protocol and all subsequent renewals and amendments as they occur.

3. Requirements for Activities Involving Biological Select Agents and Toxins (BSAT). Planned activities involving the possession transfer, and/or use of BSAT must be reviewed by the CAPO prior to initiation. This requirement also applies to activities involving select toxins that fall below the Permissible Toxin Limits, both at facilities registered with the National Select Agent Program and at unregistered facilities. Each Recipient and any Recipient institution shall conduct all BSAT work in compliance with all applicable regulations, including 42 C.F.R. § 73, 7 C.F.R. § 331, and 9 C.F.R. § 121, related entity- and laboratory-specific policies and procedures, and DHS Directive 026-03, Select Agent and Toxin Security. In addition to the documentation referenced in Section B.1 above, each facility conducting activities involving BSAT under this Award must submit copies of the following documentation to the CAPO for review prior to the initiation of such activities:

- a. Current APHIS/CDC Certificate of Registration;
- b. Most recent APHIS/CDC inspection report(s), response(s), and attachment(s);
- c. Current versions of the Biosafety, Security, and Incident Response Plans required and reviewed under the Select Agent Regulations; and
- d. Documentation of the most recent annual BSAT facility inspection, as required of the Responsible Official under the Select Agent Regulations.

The Recipient should contact the CAPO at [STregulatorycompliance@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:STregulatorycompliance@hq.dhs.gov) to obtain the CAPO Documentation Request Checklist, submit documentation, or request more information regarding the DHS CAPO documentation and compliance review requirements. The CAPO will provide written confirmation of receipt of all required documentation to the designated Point(s) of Contact. The CAPO will evaluate the submitted materials, along with available documentation from any previous reviews for related work at the Recipient and Recipient institution. Additional documentation may be required in some cases and must be submitted upon request. The CAPO will review all submitted materials and provide written confirmation to the Recipient once all requirements have been met.

CAPO review of submitted materials may determine the need for further compliance review requirements, which may include documentation-based and on-site components. The Recipient, and any Recipient institutions conducting biological laboratory work under this Award, must also comply with ongoing CAPO compliance assurance and review requirements, which may include but are not limited to initial and periodic documentation requests, program reviews, site visits, and facility inspections.

The Recipient must promptly report the following to the CAPO, along with any corrective actions taken: (1) any serious or continuing biosafety or BSAT program issues as identified by the APHIS/CDC National Select Agent Program, other compliance oversight authorities, or institutional-level reviews (e.g., IBC or equivalent, laboratory safety/biosafety inspections); (2) any suspension or revocation of the APHIS/CDC Certificate of Registration; and (3) any for-cause suspension or termination of biological, rDNA, or BSAT activities at the laboratories/facilities where DHS-sponsored work is conducted.



Foreign Contractors/Collaborators and U.S. Institutions with Foreign Subcomponents. Foreign organizations (including direct Contractors, Subcontractors, Grant Recipients, Sub-recipients, and subcomponents or collaborating partners to U.S. Recipients) are subject to applicable DHS requirements for biological laboratory activities. All entities involved in activities under this Award must comply with applicable national and regional/local regulations, and standards and guidelines equivalent to those described for U.S. institutions (e.g., BMBL and NIH Guidelines). The Recipient must provide CAPO documentation sufficient to illustrate this compliance. The CAPO will evaluate compliance measures for these institutions on a case-by-case basis. The Recipient must not initiate work nor provide funds for the conduct of biological laboratory work under this Award without CAPO's formal written approval.

## **E. RESEARCH INVOLVING ANIMALS**

The Recipient and any Recipient institution shall conduct all research involving animals under this Award in compliance with the requirements set forth in the Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544), as amended, and the associated regulations in 9 C.F.R., Chapter 1, Subchapter A; the Public Health Service (PHS) Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (which adopts the "U.S. Government Principles for the Utilization and Care of Vertebrate Animals used in Testing, Research, and Training", 50 FR 20864, May 20, 1985); the National Research Council (NRC) Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals; the Federation of Animal Science Societies (FASS) Guide for the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Agricultural Research and Teaching; and any additional requirements set forth in the DHS Directive for the Care and Use of Animals in Research (026-01). Each Recipient and any Recipient institution planning to perform research involving animals under this Award must comply with the requirements and submit the documentation outlined in this section.

1. Requirements for Initial Review of Research Involving Animals. Research Involving Animals includes any research, experimentation, biological testing, and other related activities involving live, vertebrate animals, including any training for such activities. Each facility conducting research involving animals under this Award must submit copies of the following documentation to the CAPO for review prior to the initiation of such research:

- a. Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)-approved animal research protocol(s), including documentation of IACUC approval, any protocol amendments, and related approval notifications;
- b. Public Health Service (PHS) Animal Welfare Assurance, including any programmatic amendments, and the most recent NIH Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) approval letter for each Recipient and Recipient institution; OR DHS Animal Welfare Assurance, if the Recipient is not funded by the PHS and does not have a PHS Assurance on file with OLAW. Any affiliated IACUCs must be established under the same requirements as set forth in the PHS Policy;
- c. Most recent IACUC semiannual program review and facility inspection reports covering all relevant facilities/laboratories involved in DHS-funded work; and
- d. Most recent Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC) inspection report(s) for AAALAC-accredited institution(s) housing and/or performing work involving animals under this Award.

All documentation, as well as any questions or concerns regarding the requirements referenced above, should be submitted to the CAPO at [STregulatorycompliance@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:STregulatorycompliance@hq.dhs.gov). Additional documentation may be required in some cases and must be submitted upon request. The CAPO will review all submitted materials and provide written confirmation to the Recipient once all documentation requirements have been met. Upon receipt of this written confirmation, the Recipient may initiate approved animal research projects under this Award, but must address any potential compliance issues or concerns identified by the CAPO. Research involving the use of nonhuman primates or international collaborations involving animal research will require more extensive review prior to approval, and must not begin under this Award without first obtaining a formal certification letter from the CAPO.

The Recipient, as well as any Recipient institution and partner institutions conducting animal research under this Award, shall also comply with ongoing CAPO compliance assurance functions, which may include but are not limited to periodic site visits, program reviews, and facility inspections.

2. Requirements for Ongoing Review of Research Involving Animals. For ongoing animal research activities, each Recipient and any Recipient institutions must submit updates to the CAPO regarding any amendments or changes to (including expiration, renewal, or completion of) ongoing animal protocols as they occur, and may be required to submit annual updates regarding the ACU program at Recipient and Recipient institutions. Annual updates may include, but are not limited to, the IACUC semiannual (program review and facility inspection) reports, the USDA inspection report, and the most recent AAALAC inspection report, as applicable.

The Recipient must promptly report the following to the CAPO, along with any corrective actions taken: (1) any serious or continuing noncompliance with animal care and use regulations and policies adopted by DHS (as referenced above); (2) any change in AAALAC accreditation status; (3) any USDA Notice of Violation; and (4) IACUC suspension of any animal research activity conducted under this Award.

Foreign Contractors/Collaborators and U.S. Institutions with Foreign Subcomponents. Foreign organizations (including direct Contractors, Subcontractors, Grant Recipients, Sub-recipients, and subcomponents or collaborating partners to U.S. Recipients) are subject to all DHS requirements for work involving animals. All entities involved in activities under this Award must comply with applicable national and regional/local regulations, and standards and guidelines equivalent to those described for U.S. institutions (e.g., Title 9, C.F.R, Chapter 1, Subchapter A; Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals; the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals; and the Guide for the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Agricultural Research and Teaching). The Recipient must provide CAPO documentation sufficient to illustrate this compliance. The CAPO will evaluate compliance measures for these institutions on a case-by-case basis to determine their sufficiency. The Recipient must not initiate nor provide funds for the conduct of work involving animals at foreign institutions under this Award without formal written approval from the CAPO.

## **F. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR LIFE SCIENCES DUAL USE RESEARCH OF CONCERN (DURC)**

The Recipient and any Recipient institutions shall conduct all research involving agents and toxins identified in sections III.1 and 6.2.1 of the USG Policy for Oversight of Dual Use Research of Concern and USG Policy for the Institutional Oversight of Dual Use Research of Concern, respectively, in accordance with both policies referenced above and in accordance with any additional requirements set forth in related DHS policies and instructions. Each Recipient and any Recipient institutions planning to perform research involving agents and toxins identified in sections III.1 and 6.2.1 of the USG DURC policies under this award must submit the following documentation outlined in this section for CAPO review. Institutions were required to implement the policy on or by September 24, 2015.

1. Requirements for Research Using DURC Agents and Toxins. To ensure compliance with the USG DURC Policies, each facility conducting research involving the agents and toxins identified in sections III.1 and 6.2.1 of the USG DURC Policies under this Award must submit the following documentation for compliance review by CAPO prior to the initiation of such activities.

- a. Institutional Review Entity (IRE) charter, and/or other available documentation of IRE policies and procedures, to include the contact information for the Institutional Contact for DURC (ICDUR);
- b. Institution's project-specific risk mitigation plan, as applicable;
- c. DURC training or education program description;
- d. Formal annual assurance of compliance with the USG Policy for Institutional Oversight of Life Sciences Dual Use Research of Concern;
- e. A completed iDURC form and a Statement of Work.

2. Required Notifications to DHS:

- a. Within thirty (30) calendar days of initial and periodic reviews of institutional review of research with DURC potential, notify CAPO of the results, including whether the research does or does not meet the DURC definition.
- b. Report, in writing, any instances of noncompliance and mitigation measures to correct and prevent future instances of noncompliance within 30 calendar days to CAPO.

3. Flowdown Requirements: The Recipient shall include the substance of this section in all sub-awards/contracts at any tier where the sub-Recipient is performing work with agents or toxins identified in sections III.1 of the USG Policy for Oversight of Dual Use Research of Concern and 6.2.1 of the USG Policy for the Institutional Oversight of Dual Use Research of Concern.

The Recipient should contact CAPO at [STregulatorycompliance@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:STregulatorycompliance@hq.dhs.gov) to submit documentation or to request more information regarding the DHS regulatory documentation and compliance review requirements. CAPO will provide written confirmation of receipt of all required documentation to the designated Points of Contact. CAPO will evaluate the submitted materials. Additional documentation may be required in some cases and must be submitted upon request. CAPO will review all submitted materials and provide written confirmation to the Recipient once all requirements have been met. Upon receipt of this written confirmation, the Recipient may initiate approved projects under this award.



In order to meet the reporting requirements set forth in section IV.2 of the 2012 USG Policy for Oversight of Life Sciences Dual Use Research of Concern (the biannual DURC Data Call), the Recipient and any Recipient institution shall submit documentation regarding all active, planned or recently completed (within twelve months of the submission) unclassified intramural or extramural activities on Federally-funded or conducted life science research projects biannually on the first Monday in May and November. The Recipient should contact CAPO at STregulatorycompliance@hq.dhs.gov to submit documentation.

Documentation should include an update on all listed activities, including status, all agents or toxins incorporated by strain or surrogate name, performers, contract information, and sites of activities. Documentation should also include any changes to existing or completed projects since the most recent submission, including—but not limited to—the addition of agents, a change in performer, modifications to the scope of work, and/or changes to the technical approach. A supplemental report detailing all work involving low pathogenic avian influenza virus H7N9 (LPAI H7N9) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV).

Foreign Contractors/Collaborators and U.S. Institutions with Foreign Subcomponents. Foreign organizations (including direct Contractors, Subcontractors, Grant Recipients, Sub-recipients, and subcomponents or collaborating partners to U.S. Recipients) are subject to the iDURC policy. The Recipient must provide CAPO documentation sufficient to illustrate this compliance. CAPO will evaluate compliance measures for these institutions on a case-by-case basis. The Recipient must not initiate work nor provide funds for the conduct of biological laboratory work under this Award without CAPO's formal written approval.

## **G. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR RESEARCH INVOLVING HUMAN SUBJECTS**

The Recipient and any Recipient institutions shall conduct all Research Involving Human Subjects in compliance with the requirements set forth in 45 CFR § 46, Subparts A-D, DHS Directive 026-04, *Protection of Human Subjects*, and any related DHS policies and instructions prior to initiating any work with human subjects under this Award. Each Recipient and any Recipient institutions planning to perform research involving human subjects under this Award must submit the documentation outlined in this section for CAPO review.

1. Requirements for Research Involving Human Subjects. Each facility conducting work involving human subjects under this Award is required to have a project-specific Certification of Compliance letter issued by the CAPO. Each Recipient must submit the following documentation to the CAPO for compliance review and certification prior to initiating research involving human subjects under this Award:

- a. Research protocol, as approved by an Institutional Review Board (IRB), for any human subjects research work to be conducted under this Award;
- b. IRB approval letter or notification of exemption (see additional information below on exemption determinations), for any human subjects research work to be conducted under this Award;
- c. IRB-approved informed consent document(s) (templates) or IRB waiver of informed consent for projects involving human subjects research under this Award; and

d. Federal-wide Assurance (FWA) number from the HHS Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP), or documentation of other relevant assurance, for all Recipient institutions (including Sub-recipients) involved in human subjects research under this Award.

2. Exemptions for Research Involving Human Subjects. Exemption determinations for human subject research to be conducted under this Award should only be made by authorized representatives of (1) an OHRP-registered IRB, or equivalent, or (2) the CAPO. Exemption determinations made by an OHRP-registered IRB, or equivalent, should be submitted to the CAPO for review and record-keeping. Program managers, principal investigators, research staff, and other DHS or institutional personnel should not independently make exemption determinations in the absence of an IRB or CAPO review. DHS program managers (or institutions conducting human subjects' research under this Award) seeking an exemption determination from the CAPO should submit a request to [STregulatorycompliance@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:STregulatorycompliance@hq.dhs.gov) that includes the following:

- a. Research protocol or detailed description of planned activities to be conducted under this Award.
- b. Identification of the exemption category that applies to the project(s) to be conducted under this Award and explanation of why the proposed research meets the requirements for that category of exemption.

All documentation, as well as any questions or concerns regarding the requirements referenced above, should be submitted to the CAPO at [STregulatorycompliance@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:STregulatorycompliance@hq.dhs.gov). The submitted documentation will be retained by the CAPO and used to conduct a regulatory compliance assessment. Additional documentation may be required in some cases to complete this assessment. The Recipient must provide this documentation upon request, and address in writing any compliance issues or concerns raised by the CAPO before a certification letter is issued and participant enrollment can begin under this Award. The CAPO will review all submitted materials and provide written confirmation to the Recipient once all documentation requirements have been met.

The Recipient and any Recipient institution shall submit updated documentation regarding ongoing research involving human subjects, as available and **prior to the expiration of previous approvals**. Such documentation includes protocol modifications, IRB renewals for ongoing research protocols ("Continuing Reviews"), and notifications of study completion.

The Recipient must promptly report the following to the CAPO, along with any corrective actions taken: (1) any serious or continuing noncompliance with human subjects research regulations and policies adopted by DHS (as referenced above); and (2) suspension, termination, or revocation of IRB approval of any human subjects research activities conducted under this Award.

Foreign Contractors/Collaborators and U.S. Institutions with Foreign Subcomponents. Foreign organizations (including direct Contractors, Subcontractors, Grant Recipients, Sub-recipients, and subcomponents or collaborating partners to U.S. Recipients) are subject to all DHS and CAPO requirements for research involving human subjects. All entities involved in activities under this Award must comply with applicable national and regional/local regulations, and standards and guidelines equivalent to those described for U.S. institutions (e.g., 45 C.F.R. § 46, including all Subparts, as relevant). The CAPO will evaluate compliance measures for these institutions on a case-by-case basis to determine their sufficiency. The Recipient must not initiate nor provide funds for the conduct of work involving human subjects at foreign institutions under this Contract without formal written approval from the CAPO.

## **H. COMPLIANCE WITH U.S. EXPORT CONTROLS**

Activities performed by the Recipient and any Recipient institution under this Award may or may not be subject to U.S. export control regulations. The Recipient and any Recipient institution shall conduct all such activities, to include any and all DHS-funded research and development, acquisitions, and collaborations in full compliance with U.S. export controls—to include the Export Administration Regulations (EAR), the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), and the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) Regulations. The Recipient and any Recipient institution will ensure that all legal requirements for compliance with U.S. export controls are met prior to transferring commodities, technologies, technical data, or other controlled information to a non-U.S. person or entity. Upon DHS request, the Recipient and any Recipient institution must provide to CAPO documentation and any other information necessary to determine satisfaction of this requirement.

All documentation, as well as any questions or concerns regarding export controls, should be submitted to the CAPO at [exportcontrols@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:exportcontrols@hq.dhs.gov).

## **I. CONTROLLED UNCLASSIFIED INFORMATION**

The parties understand that information and materials provided pursuant to or resulting from this Award may be export controlled, sensitive, for official use only, or otherwise protected by law, executive order or regulation. The Recipient is responsible for compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. Nothing in this Award shall be construed to permit any disclosure in violation of those restrictions.

## **J. PATENT RIGHTS AND DATA RIGHTS**

### Patent rights.

The Recipient is subject to applicable regulations governing patents and inventions, including government-wide regulations issued by the Department of Commerce at 37 CFR Part 401, “Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements.” The clause at 37 CFR 401.14 is incorporated by reference herein. All reports of subject inventions made under this Award should be submitted to DHS using the Interagency Edison system website at <http://www.iedison.gov>.



## Data rights.

1. General Requirements. The Recipient grants the Government a royalty free, nonexclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, display, distribute copies, perform, disseminate, or prepare derivative works, and to authorize others to do so, for Government purposes in:

- a. Any data that is first produced under this Award and provided to the Government;
- b. Any data owned by third parties that is incorporated in data provided to the Government under this Award; or
- c. Any data requested in paragraph 2 below, if incorporated in the Award.

“Data” means recorded information, regardless of form or the media on which it may be recorded.

2. Additional requirements for this Award.

a. Requirement: If the Government believes that it needs additional research data that was produced under this Award, the Government may request the research data and the Recipient agrees to provide the research data within a reasonable time.

b. Applicability: The requirement in paragraph 2.a of this section applies to any research data that are:

- i. Produced under this Award, either as a Recipient or sub-recipient;
- ii. Used by the Government in developing an agency action that has the force and effect of law; and
- iii. Published, which occurs either when:
  - 1) The research data is published in a peer-reviewed scientific or technical journal; or
  - 2) DHS publicly and officially cites the research data in support of an agency action that has the force and effect of law

c. Definition of “research data:” For the purposes of this section, “research data:”

i. Means the recorded factual material (excluding physical objects, such as laboratory samples) commonly accepted in the scientific community as necessary to validate research findings.

ii. Excludes:

- 1) Preliminary analyses;
- 2) Drafts of scientific papers;
- 3) Plans for future research;
- 4) Peer reviews;
- 5) Communications with colleagues;
- 6) Trade secrets;
- 7) Commercial information;
- 8) Materials necessary that a researcher must hold confidential until they are published, or similar information which is protected under law; and
- 9) Personnel and medical information and similar information the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, such as information that could be used to identify a particular person in a research study.

d. Requirements for sub-awards: The Recipient agrees to include in any sub-award made under this Agreement the requirements of this award term (Patent Rights and Data Rights) and the **DHS Standard Terms and Conditions** award term (Copyright).

## K. PROGRAM INCOME.

### Post-award program income:

In the event program income becomes available to the recipient post-award, it is the recipient's responsibility to notify the DHS Grants Officer to explain how that development occurred, as part of their request for guidance and/or approval. The Grants Officer will review approval requests for program income on a case-by-case basis; approval is not automatic. Consistent with the policy and processes outlined in 2 CFR Part 200.307, pertinent guidance and options, as determined by the type of recipient and circumstances involved, may be approved by the Grant Officer.

If approval is granted, an award modification will be issued with an explanatory note in the remarks section of the face page, concerning guidance and/or options pertaining to the recipient's approved request. All instances of program income shall be listed in the progress and financial reports.

## L. PUBLICATIONS

1. All publications produced as a result of this funding which are submitted for publication in any magazine, journal, or trade paper shall carry the following:
  - a. Acknowledgement. "This material is based upon work supported by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security under Grant Award Number, {Insert Award Number as outlined in Item #4 on Notice of Award}."
  - b. Disclaimer. "The views and conclusions contained in this document are those of the authors and should not be interpreted as necessarily representing the official policies, either expressed or implied, of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security."Recipient agrees to include in any sub-award made under this Agreement the requirements of this award term (Publications).

2. Enhancing Public Access to Publications. "DHS Policy explicitly recognizes and upholds the principles of copyright. Authors and journals can continue to assert copyright in DHS-funded scientific publications, in accordance with current practice. The policy encourages authors to exercise their right to give DHS a copy of their final manuscript or software before publication. While individual copyright arrangements can take many forms, DHS encourages investigators to sign agreements that specifically allow the manuscript or software to be deposited with DHS for public posting or use after journal publication. Institutions and investigators may wish to develop particular contract terms in consultation with their own legal counsel, as appropriate. But, as an example, the kind of language that an author or institution might add to a copyright agreement includes the following: "Journal (or Software recipient) acknowledges that the Author retains the right to provide a final copy of the final manuscript or software application to DHS upon acceptance for Journal publication or thereafter, for public access purposes through DHS's websites or for public archiving purposes."

## M. SITE VISITS

The DHS, through authorized representatives, has the right, at all reasonable times, to make site visits to review project accomplishments and management control systems and to provide such technical assistance as may be required. If any site visit is made by the DHS on the premises of the Recipient, or a contractor under this Award, the Recipient shall provide and shall require its contractors to provide all reasonable facilities and assistance for the safety and convenience of the Government representatives in the performance of their duties. All site visits and evaluations shall be performed in such a manner that will not unduly delay the work.

## N. TERMINATION

Either the Recipient or the DHS may terminate this Award by giving written notice to the other party at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the effective date of the termination. All notices are to be transmitted to the DHS Grants Officer via registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. The Recipient's authority to incur new costs will be terminated upon arrival of the date of receipt of the letter or the date set forth in the notice. Any costs incurred up to the earlier of the date of the receipt of the notice or the date of termination set forth in the notice will be negotiated for final payment. Closeout of this Award will be commenced and processed pursuant to 2 CFR §200.339.

## O. TRAVEL

Travel required in the performance of the duties approved in this Award must comply with 2 CFR § 200.474.

***Foreign travel must be approved by DHS in advance and in writing*** . Requests for foreign travel identifying the traveler, the purpose, the destination, and the estimated travel costs must be submitted to the DHS Grants Officer Sixty (60) days prior to the commencement of travel.

## P. CLASSIFIED SECURITY CONDITION

1. "Classified national security information," as defined in Executive Order (EO) 12958, as amended, means information that has been determined pursuant to EO 12958 or any predecessor order to require protection against unauthorized disclosure and is marked to indicate its classified status when in documentary form.
2. No funding under this award shall be used to support a contract, sub-award, or other agreement for goods or services that will include access to classified national security information if the award recipient itself has not been approved for and has access to such information.
3. Where an award recipient has been approved for and has access to classified national security information, no funding under this award shall be used to support a contract, sub-award, or other agreement for goods or services that will include access to classified national security information by the contractor, sub-awardee or other entity without prior written approval from the DBS Office of Security, Industrial Security Program Branch (ISPB), or, an appropriate official within the Federal department or agency with whom the classified effort will be performed.

4. Such contracts, sub-awards, or other agreements shall be processed and administered in accordance with the DHS "*Standard Operating Procedures, Classified Contracting by State and Local Entities*," dated July 7, 2008; EOs 12829, 12958, 12968, as amended; the *National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual* (NISPOM); and/or other applicable implementing directives or instructions. All security requirement documents are located at: <http://www.dhs.gov/xopnbiz/grants/index.shtm>

5. Immediately upon determination by the award recipient that funding under this award will be used to support such a contract, sub-award, or other agreement, and prior to execution of any actions to facilitate the acquisition of such a contract, sub-award, or other agreement, the award recipient shall contact ISPB, or the applicable Federal department or agency, for approval and processing instructions.

DHS Office of Security ISPB contact information:

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Mail: Department of Homeland Security  
Office of the Chief Security Officer  
ATTN: ASD/Industrial Security Program Branch  
Washington, D.C. 20528

## **Q. GOVERNING PROVISIONS**

The following are incorporated into this Award by this reference:

31 CFR 205	Rules and Procedures for Funds Transfers
2 CFR 200	Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards
Application	Grant Application and Assurances dated October 2020

## **R. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE**

1. 2 CFR Part 200, "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards."
2. The terms and conditions of this Award
3. The Funding Opportunity, DHS-20-ST-062-001, 2020 SLA for Minority Serving Institutions.
4. Application and Assurances dated October 2020.