

The Department of Homeland Security Standard Terms and Conditions 2017

The FY 2017 DHS Standard Terms and Conditions apply to all new federal financial assistance awards funded in FY 2017. The terms and conditions of DHS financial assistance awards flow down to subrecipients, unless a particular award term or condition specifically indicates otherwise.

Assurances, Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements

DHS financial assistance recipients must complete either the OMB Standard Form [424B Assurances – Non-Construction Programs](#), or OMB Standard Form [424D Assurances – Construction Programs as applicable](#). Certain assurances in these documents may not be applicable to your program, and the DHS financial assistance office may require applicants to certify additional assurances. Applicants are required to fill out the assurances applicable to their program as instructed by the awarding agency. Please contact the financial assistance office if you have any questions.

DHS financial assistance recipients are required to follow the applicable provisions of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards located at [2 C.F.R. Part 200](#), and adopted by DHS at [2 C.F.R. Part 3002](#).

DHS Specific Acknowledgements and Assurances

All recipients, subrecipients, successors, transferees, and assignees must acknowledge and agree to comply with applicable provisions governing DHS access to records, accounts, documents, information, facilities, and staff.

1. Recipients must cooperate with any compliance reviews or compliance investigations conducted by DHS.
2. Recipients must give DHS access to, and the right to examine and copy, records, accounts, and other documents and sources of information related to the award and permit access to facilities, personnel, and other individuals and information as may be necessary, as required by DHS regulations *and* other applicable laws or program guidance.
3. Recipients must submit timely, complete, and accurate reports to the appropriate DHS officials and maintain appropriate backup documentation to support the reports.
4. Recipients must comply with all other special reporting, data collection, and evaluation requirements, as prescribed by law or detailed in program guidance.
5. If, during the past three years, recipients have been accused of discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency (LEP)), sex, age, disability, religion, or familial status, recipients must provide a list of all such proceedings, pending or completed, including outcome and copies of settlement agreements to the DHS financial assistance office and the [DHS Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties](#) (CRCL) by e-mail at crcl@hq.dhs.gov or by mail at U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Building 410, Mail Stop #0190 Washington, D.C. 20528.
6. In the event any court or administrative agency makes a finding of discrimination on grounds of race, color, national origin (including LEP), sex, age, disability, religion, or familial status against the recipient, or the recipient settles a case or matter alleging such discrimination, the recipient must forward a copy of the complaint and findings to the DHS financial assistance office and the CRCL office by e-mail or mail at the addresses listed above.

The United States has the right to seek judicial enforcement of these obligations.

Acknowledgment of Federal Funding from DHS

All recipients must acknowledge their use of federal funding when issuing statements, press releases, requests for proposals, bid invitations, and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or in part with federal funds.

Activities Conducted Abroad

All recipients must ensure that project activities carried on outside the United States are coordinated as necessary with appropriate government authorities and that appropriate licenses, permits, or approvals are obtained.

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Age Discrimination Act of 1975

All recipients must comply with the requirements of the *Age Discrimination Act of 1975* ([Title 42 U.S. Code, § 6101 et seq.](#)), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

All recipients must comply with the requirements of Titles I, II, and III of the *Americans with Disabilities Act*, which prohibits recipients from discriminating on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities. ([42 U.S.C. §§ 12101–12213](#)).

Best Practices for Collection and Use of Personally Identifiable Information (PII)

DHS defines personally identifiable information (PII) as any information that permits the identity of an individual to be directly or indirectly inferred, including any information that is linked or linkable to that individual. All recipients who collect PII are required to have a publically-available privacy policy that describes standards on the usage and maintenance of PII they collect. Recipients may also find the DHS Privacy Impact Assessments: [Privacy Guidance](#) and [Privacy template](#) as useful resources respectively.

Civil Rights Act of 1964 – Title VI

All recipients must comply with the requirements of Title VI of the *Civil Rights Act of 1964* ([42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.](#)), which provides that no person in the United States will, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. DHS implementing regulations for the Act are found at [6 C.F.R. Part 21](#) and [44 C.F.R. Part 7](#).

Civil Rights Act of 1968

All recipients must comply with [Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968](#), which prohibits recipients from discriminating in the sale, rental, financing, and advertising of dwellings, or in the provision of services in connection therewith, on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, familial status, and sex ([42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.](#)), as implemented by the Department of Housing and Urban Development at [24 C.F.R. Part 100](#). The prohibition on disability discrimination includes the requirement that new multifamily housing with four or more dwelling units—i.e., the public and common use areas and individual apartment units (all units in buildings with elevators and ground-floor units in buildings without elevators)—be designed and constructed with certain accessible features. (See [24 C.F.R. § 100.201](#).)

Copyright

All recipients must affix the applicable copyright notices of [17 U.S.C. §§ 401 or 402](#) and an acknowledgement of U.S. Government sponsorship (including award number) to any work first produced under federal financial assistance awards.

Debarment and Suspension

All recipients are subject to the non-procurement debarment and suspension regulations implementing Executive Orders (E.O.) [12549](#) and [12689](#), and [2 C.F.R. Part 180](#). These regulations restrict awards, subawards, and contracts with certain parties that are debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs or activities.

Drug-Free Workplace Regulations

All recipients must comply with the *Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988* ([41 U.S.C. § 701 et seq.](#)), which requires all organizations receiving grants from any federal agency agree to maintain a drug-free workplace. DHS has adopted the Act's implementing regulations at [2 C.F.R. Part 3001](#).

Duplication of Benefits

Any cost allocable to a particular federal award provided for in [2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E](#) may not be charged to other federal awards to overcome fund deficiencies, to avoid restrictions imposed by federal statutes, regulations, or

federal award terms and conditions, or for other reasons. However, these prohibitions would not preclude recipients from shifting costs that are allowable under two or more federal awards in accordance with existing federal statutes, regulations, or the federal award terms and conditions.

Education Amendments of 1972 (*Equal Opportunity in Education Act*) – Title IX

All recipients must comply with the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 ([20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.](#)), which provide that no person in the United States will, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. DHS implementing regulations are codified at [6 C.F.R. Part 17](#) and [44 C.F.R. Part 19](#)

Energy Policy and Conservation Act

All recipients must comply with the requirements of [42 U.S.C. § 6201](#) which contain policies relating to energy efficiency that are defined in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with this Act.

False Claims Act and Program Fraud Civil Remedies

All recipients must comply with the requirements of [31 U.S.C. § 3729](#)- 3733 which prohibits the submission of false or fraudulent claims for payment to the federal government. (See [31 U.S.C. § 3801-3812](#) which details the administrative remedies for false claims and statements made.)

Federal Debt Status

All recipients are required to be non-delinquent in their repayment of any federal debt. Examples of relevant debt include delinquent payroll and other taxes, audit disallowances, and benefit overpayments. (See [OMB Circular A-129](#).)

Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging while Driving

All recipients are encouraged to adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging while driving as described in [E.O. 13513](#), including conducting initiatives described in Section 3(a) of the Order when on official government business or when performing any work for or on behalf of the federal government.

Fly America Act of 1974

All recipients must comply with Preference for U.S. Flag Air Carriers (air carriers holding certificates under [49 U.S.C. § 41102](#)) for international air transportation of people and property to the extent that such service is available, in accordance with the *International Air Transportation Fair Competitive Practices Act of 1974* ([49 U.S.C. § 40118](#)) and the interpretative guidelines issued by the Comptroller General of the United States in the March 31, 1981 [amendment](#) to Comptroller General Decision B-138942.

Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990

In accordance with Section 6 of the *Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990*, [15 U.S.C. § 2225a](#), all recipients must ensure that all conference, meeting, convention, or training space funded in whole or in part with federal funds complies with the fire prevention and control guidelines of the *Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974*, as amended, [15 U.S.C. § 2225](#).

Limited English Proficiency (*Civil Rights Act of 1964*, Title VI)

All recipients must comply with the *Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964* (Title VI) prohibition against discrimination on the basis of national origin, which requires that recipients of federal financial assistance take reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to persons with limited English proficiency (LEP) to their programs and services. For additional assistance and information regarding language access obligations, please refer to the DHS Recipient Guidance <https://www.dhs.gov/guidance-published-help-department-supported-organizations-provide-meaningful-access-people-limited> and additional resources on <http://www.lep.gov>.

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Lobbying Prohibitions

All recipients must comply with [31 U.S.C. § 1352](#), which provides that none of the funds provided under an award may be expended by the recipient to pay any person to influence, or attempt 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 any federal action concerning the award or renewal.

National Environmental Policy Act

All recipients must comply with the requirements of the [National Environmental Policy Act](#) (NEPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA, which requires recipients to use all practicable means within their authority, and consistent with other essential considerations of national policy, to create and maintain conditions under which people and nature can exist in productive harmony and fulfill the social, economic, and other needs of present and future generations of Americans.

Nondiscrimination in Matters Pertaining to Faith-Based Organizations

It is DHS policy to ensure the equal treatment of faith-based organizations in social service programs administered or supported by DHS or its component agencies, enabling those organizations to participate in providing important social services to beneficiaries. All recipients must comply with the equal treatment policies and requirements contained in 6 C.F.R. Part 19 and other applicable statutes, regulations, and guidance governing the participations of faith-based organizations in individual DHS programs.

Non-supplanting Requirement

All recipients receiving awards made under programs that prohibit supplanting by law must ensure that federal funds do not replace (supplant) funds that have been budgeted for the same purpose through non-federal sources.

Notice of Funding Opportunity Requirements

All of the instructions, guidance, limitations, and other conditions set forth in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for this program are incorporated here by reference in your award terms and conditions. All recipients must comply with any such requirements set forth in the program NOFO.

Patents and Intellectual Property Rights

Unless otherwise provided by law, recipients are subject to the [Bayh-Dole Act, Pub. L. No. 96-517](#), as amended, and codified in [35 U.S.C. § 200](#) et seq. All recipients are subject to the specific requirements governing the development, reporting, and disposition of rights to inventions and patents resulting from financial assistance awards located at [37 C.F.R. Part 401](#) and the standard patent rights clause located at 37 C.F.R. § 401.14.

Procurement of Recovered Materials

All recipients must comply with Section 6002 of the [Solid Waste Disposal Act](#), as amended by the [Resource Conservation and Recovery Act](#). The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at [40 C.F.R. Part 247](#) that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition.

Rehabilitation Act of 1973

All recipients must comply with the requirements of Section 504 of the [Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. § 794](#), as amended, which provides that no otherwise qualified handicapped individuals in the United States will, solely by reason of the handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

Reporting of Matters Related to Recipient Integrity and Performance

If the total value of your currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts from all federal assistance office exceeds \$10,000,000 for any period of time during the period of performance of this federal award, you must comply with the requirements set forth in the government-wide Award Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters

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located at [2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix XII](#), the full text of which is incorporated here by reference in your award terms and conditions.

Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation

All recipients are required to comply with the requirements set forth in the government-wide Award Term on Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation located at [2 C.F.R. Part 170, Appendix A](#), the full text of which is incorporated here by reference in your award terms and conditions.

SAFECOM

All recipients who receive awards made under programs that provide emergency communication equipment and its related activities must comply with the [SAFECOM](#) Guidance for Emergency Communication Grants, including provisions on technical standards that ensure and enhance interoperable communications.

Terrorist Financing

All recipients must comply with [E.O. 13224](#) and U.S. law that prohibit transactions with, and the provisions of resources and support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism. It is the legal responsibility of recipients to ensure compliance with the Order and laws.

Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000

All recipients must comply with the requirements of the government-wide award term which implements Section 106(g) of the *Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000*, (TVPA) as amended ([22 U.S.C. § 7104](#)). The award term is located at [2 C.F.R. § 175.15](#), the full text of which is incorporated here by reference in your award terms and conditions.

Universal Identifier and System of Award Management (SAM)

All recipients are required to comply with the requirements set forth in the government-wide award term regarding the System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements located at [2 C.F.R. Part 25, Appendix A](#), the full text of which is incorporated here by reference in your terms and conditions.

USA Patriot Act of 2001

All recipients must comply with requirements of the [Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act \(USA PATRIOT Act\)](#), which amends [18 U.S.C. §§ 175–175c](#).

Use of DHS Seal, Logo and Flags

All recipients must obtain permission from their financial assistance office, prior to using the DHS seal(s), logos, crests or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials, including use of the United States Coast Guard seal, logo, crests or reproductions of flags or likenesses of Coast Guard officials.

Whistleblower Protection Act

All recipients must comply with the statutory requirements for whistleblower protections (if applicable) at [10 U.S.C § 2409](#), [41 U.S.C. 4712](#), and [10 U.S.C. § 2324](#), [41 U.S.C. §§ 4304](#) and [4310](#).

Research Terms and Conditions

Effective with publication of the notice in the Federal Register dated January 17, 2008, DHS research programs will utilize the updated Research Terms and Conditions (RTC) that will address and implement the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards ([2 C.F.R. Part 200](#)) issued by OMB.

While the Uniform Guidance outlines provisions that are specific to research, these terms and conditions:

- Incorporate the entire Uniform Guidance by reference, clarifying or supplementing select provisions where appropriate and consistent with government-wide research policy
- Incorporate the latest version of the Frequently Asked Questions for the Office of Management and Budget's Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards at 2 C.F.R. Part 200 (located at <https://cfo.gov/cofar-resources>), and
- Apply to an award when included as part of the award or when incorporated in the award by reference. Use of the RTCs is envisioned as a streamlined approach that supports the implementation of the Uniform Guidance by providing clarification, supplementary guidance, and, where appropriate, selected options, while meeting the spirit and intent of a uniform implementation.

To use the final Research Terms and Conditions and Appendices, see: <http://www.nsf.gov/awards/managing/rtc.jsp>.