

# The Department of Homeland Security Standard Terms and Conditions 2018

The FY 2018 DHS Standard Terms and Conditions apply to all new federal financial assistance awards funded in FY 2018. The DHS financial assistance awards terms and conditions 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) [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 (DHS FAO) 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 DHS FAO 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 [Title 2, Code of Federal Regulations, 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 federal financial assistance 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. Recipients of federal financial assistance from DHS must complete the *DHS Civil Rights Evaluation Tool* within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Notice of Award or, for State Administering Agencies, thirty (30) days from receipt of the DHS Civil Rights Evaluation Tool from DHS or its awarding component agency. Recipients are required to provide this information once every two (2) years, not every time an award is made. After the initial submission, recipients are only required to submit updates. Recipients should submit the completed tool, including supporting materials to [CivilRightsEvaluation@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:CivilRightsEvaluation@hq.dhs.gov). This tool clarifies the civil rights obligations and related reporting requirements contained in the DHS Standard Terms and Conditions. Subrecipients are not required to complete and submit this tool to DHS. The evaluation tool can be found at <https://www.dhs.gov/publication/dhs-civil-rights-evaluation-tool>.

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

### **Acknowledgment of Federal Funding from DHS**

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**

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***

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***

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)**

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. 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. 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***

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***

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 (See [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**

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

## **Debarment and Suspension**

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 federal financial assistance 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**

Recipients must comply with drug-free workplace requirements in Subpart B (or Subpart C, if the recipient is an individual) of [2 C.F.R. Part 3001](#), which adopts the Government-wide implementation ([2 C.F.R. Part 182](#)) of sec. 5152-5158 of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-690, Title V, Subtitle D; [41 U.S.C. 8101](#)).

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## **Duplication of Benefits**

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

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

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**

Recipients must comply with the requirements of The Energy Policy and Conservation Act ([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**

Recipients must comply with the requirements of The False Claims Act ([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**

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**

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**

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](#)), 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](#)).

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

Recipients must comply with the *Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964* ([42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.](#)) 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>.

## Lobbying Prohibitions

Recipients must comply with [31 U.S.C. § 1352](#), which provides that none of the funds provided under an federal financial assistance 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 related to a federal award or contract, including any extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification.

## National Environmental Policy Act

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. 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

Recipients receiving federal financial assistance 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 the award terms and conditions. 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 federal 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

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.

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## ***Rehabilitation Act of 1973***

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 the recipient's currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts from all federal assistance offices exceeds \$10,000,000 for any period of time during the period of performance of this federal financial assistance award, the recipient must comply with the requirements set forth in the government-wide Award Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters located at [2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix XII](#), the full text of which is incorporated here by reference in the award terms and conditions.

## **Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation**

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 the award terms and conditions.

## **SAFECOM**

Recipients receiving federal financial assistance 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**

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. Recipients are legally responsible to ensure compliance with the Order and laws.

## ***Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000***

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 by [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.

## **Universal Identifier and System of Award Management (SAM)**

Recipients are required to comply with the requirements set forth in the government-wide financial assistance award term regarding the System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements located at [2 C.F.R. Part 25, Appendix A](#).

## ***USA Patriot Act of 2001***

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**

Recipients must obtain permission from their DHS FAO, 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***

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](#).