

CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS; DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS; LOBBYING; FEDERAL DEBT STATUS; AND NONDISCRIMINATION

Signature of this form provides for compliance with the statutes and regulations cited below. The certifications shall be treated as material representations of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the Georgia Public Library Services, of the Board of Regents, a Unit of the University System of Georgia determines to award funds to Georgia Regional and County Public Library Systems.

1. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

As required by Executive Order 12549 and implemented at 45 C.F.R. Part 1185, the undersigned, on behalf of the applicant, certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that neither the applicant, nor its principals:

- a) are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
- b) have within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, state or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction, or in connection with a violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- c) are presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, state or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (b) of this certification;
- d) have within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, state or local) terminated for cause or default.

Where the applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, he or she shall attach an explanation to this application.

2. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 and implemented at 45 C.F.R. Part 1185, the undersigned, on behalf of the applicant, certifies that the applicant will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

- a) publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the action that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
- b) establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about:
 - 1) the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - 2) the grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - 3) any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - 4) the penalties that may be imposed on employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;

- c) making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);
- d) notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will
 - 1) abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - 2) notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace not later than five calendar days after such conviction;
- e) notifying the agency in writing within ten (10) calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notices shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;
- f) taking one of the following actions within thirty (30) days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2) with respect to any employee who is so convicted:
 - 1) taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 701 *et seq.*); or
 - 2) requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, state, or local health law or other appropriate agency;
- g) making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).

The applicant either shall identify the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the project in the application material or shall keep this information on file in its office so that it is available for Federal or State inspection. The street address, city, county, state, and zip code should be provided whenever possible.

3. LOBBYING

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the United States Code, and implemented for persons entering into a grant or cooperative agreement over \$100,000, the applicant certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that:

- a) No appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of a Federal contract, the making of a Federal grant, the making of a Federal loan, the entering into of a cooperative agreement, or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- b) If any funds other than appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person (other than a regularly employed officer or employee of the applicant) for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall request, complete, and submit Standard Form LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions.
- c) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

4. FEDERAL DEBT STATUS

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

5. NONDISCRIMINATION

As required by the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Education Amendments of 1972, and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1975, as implemented at 45 C.F.R. Part 1180.44, the undersigned, on behalf of the applicant, certifies that the applicant will comply with the following nondiscrimination statutes and their implementing regulations:

- a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 2000 *et seq.*), which provides that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subject to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance;
- b) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 701 *et seq.*), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in Federally-assisted programs;
- c) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-83, 1685- 86), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
- d) The Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 6101 *et seq.*), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in Federally-assisted programs;

The undersigned further provides assurance that it will include the language of these certifications in all subawards and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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

Signature of Authorized Certifying Official

Print Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official

Date