

HIDTA STATE AND LOCAL TASK FORCE AGREEMENT

This agreement is made this 1st day of October 2022, between the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (hereinafter "DEA"), and the Webb and Zapata District Attorney's Office (herein "parent agency", ORI Number TX240015A. DEA is authorized to enter into this cooperative agreement concerning the use and abuse of controlled substances under the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 873.

Whereas there is evidence that trafficking in narcotics and dangerous drugs exists in the Laredo, Texas area and that such illegal activity has a substantial and detrimental effect on the health and general welfare of the people of Texas, the parties hereto agree to the following:

1. The Laredo Task Force will perform the activities and duties described below:
 - a. disrupt the illicit drug traffic in the Laredo, Texas area by immobilizing targeted violators and trafficking organizations;
 - b. gather and report intelligence data relating to trafficking in narcotics and dangerous drugs; and
 - c. conduct undercover operations where appropriate and engage in other traditional methods of investigation in order that the Task Force's activities will result in effective prosecution before the courts of the United States and the State of Texas.
2. To accomplish the objectives of the Laredo Task Force, the parent agency agrees to detail seven experienced officer(s) to the Laredo Task Force for a period of not less than two years. During this period of assignment, the assigned parent agency officer(s) will be under the direct supervision and control of DEA supervisory personnel assigned to the Task Force.
3. The parent agency officer(s) assigned to the Task Force shall adhere to all DEA policies and procedures. Failure to adhere to DEA policies and procedures shall be grounds for dismissal from the Task Force.
4. The parent agency officer(s) assigned to the Task Force shall be deputized as Task Force Officer(s) of DEA pursuant to 21 USC 878.
5. To accomplish the objectives of the Laredo Task Force, DEA will assign 42 Special Agents to the Task Force. The parties to this agreement understand that financial reimbursement to participating organizations is subject to the budgeting, administrative and managerial decisions of the HIDTA Executive Board as well as the availability of HIDTA funding (from whatever source). Subject to this planning and budgeting guidance, HIDTA will provide funding to support the activities of DEA Special Agents, parent agency officer(s), and other specified employees (if any). This support will include: office space, office supplies, travel funds, funds for the purchase of evidence and information, investigative equipment, training and other support items.

6. During the period of assignment to the Laredo Task Force, the parent agency will remain responsible for establishing the salary and benefits, including overtime, of the officers assigned to the Task Force, and for making all payments due them. HIDTA will, subject to availability of annually appropriated funds, reimburse the parent agency for overtime payments. Annual overtime for each parent agency officer is capped at the equivalent to 25% of the salary of a GS-12, step 1, of the general pay scale for the rest of the United States. Reimbursement for all types of qualified expenses shall be contingent upon availability of funds and submission of a proper request for reimbursement which shall be submitted monthly or quarterly on a fiscal year basis, and which provides the names of the parent agency officer(s) who incurred overtime for DEA during invoiced period, the number of overtime hours incurred, the hourly regular and overtime rates in effect for each parent agency officer(s), and the total cost for the invoiced period. The parent agency will bill overtime as it is performed and no later than 60 days after the end of each quarter in which the overtime is performed. ***Note: Task Force Officer's overtime "shall not include any costs for benefits, such as retirement, FICA, and other expenses."***

7. In no event will the parent agency charge any indirect cost rate to DEA for the administration or implementation of this agreement.

8. The parent agency shall maintain on a current basis complete and accurate records and accounts of all obligations and expenditures of funds under this agreement in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and instructions provided by DEA to facilitate on-site inspection and auditing of such records and accounts.

9. The parent agency shall permit and have readily available for examination and auditing by DEA, the United States Department of Justice, the Comptroller General of the United States and any of their duly authorized agents and representatives, any and all records, documents, accounts, invoices, receipts or expenditures relating to this agreement. The parent agency shall maintain all such reports and records until all litigation, claim, audits and examinations are completed and resolved or for a period of six (6) years after termination of this agreement, whichever is later.

10. The parent agency shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the regulations of the United States Department of Justice implementing those laws, 28 C.F.R. Part 42, Subparts C, F, G, H and I.

11. The parent agency agrees that an authorized officer(s) or employee will execute and return to DEA the attached OJP Form 4061/6, Certification Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements. The parent agency acknowledges that this agreement will not take effect and no federal funds will be awarded to the parent agency by DEA until the completed certification is received.

12. When issuing statements, press releases requests for proposals, bid solicitations and other documents describing programs or projects funded in whole or part with federal money, the parent agency shall clearly state: (1) percentage of the total cost of the program or project which will be financed with federal money and (2) the dollar amount of federal funds for the program or project.

13. The parent agency agrees that HIDTA will not provide funding to the parent agency for the acquisition of a vehicle for use for each of its assigned Task Force Officer(s). The parent agency agrees to provide and maintain a vehicle for use for each of its assigned Task Force Officer(s). DEA will only be responsible for the fuel costs and will not be responsible for routine maintenance or repairs of the parent agency vehicle. Accidents involving all vehicles while in use for Task Force purposes shall be reported and investigated in accordance with the procedures of DEA and the parent agency.

14. While on duty and acting on task force business, the parent agency officers assigned to the HIDTA Task Force shall be subject to all DEA and federal government rules, regulations and procedures governing the use of OGV's for home to work transportation and for personal business. The parties acknowledge and understand that the United States of America is liable for the wrongful actions or inactions of Federal employees, including those Federal deputized as Task Force Officers, who are acting within the scope of their employment under the Federal Torts Claim Act (28 U.S.C §§ 2671 – 2680). This may extend to representation of the covered employee if in the best interests of the United States (28 C.F.R. § 50.15(a)(2)). A state or local employee participating in the Task Force may concurrently or separately be covered for the purposes of liability by their employer.

15. The term of this agreement shall be effective from the date in paragraph number one until September 30, 2026. This agreement may be terminated by either party on 30 days advance written notice. DEA's support to the Task force, including reimbursement of overtime, is subject to the availability of funds on a fiscal year basis (October 1 through September 30 of the next year). Billing for all outstanding obligations must be received by DEA within 60 days of the end of the fiscal year or within 60 days of the date of termination of this agreement. DEA will be responsible only for obligations incurred by parent agency during the term of this agreement on a fiscal year basis, subject to the availability of funds.

For the Drug Enforcement Administration:

Daniel C. Comeaux
Special Agent in Charge

Date: _____

For the Webb and Zapata District Attorney's Office:

Isidro Alaniz
District Attorney

Date: _____



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS
OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER

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

Applicants should refer to the regulations cited below to determine the certification to which they are required to attest. Applicants should also review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before completing this form. Signature of this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 28 CFR Part 69, "New Restrictions on Lobbying" and 28 CFR Part 67, "Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)." The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the Department of Justice determines to award the covered transaction, grant, or cooperative agreement.

1. LOBBYING

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented at 28 CFR Part 69, for persons entering into a grant or cooperative agreement over \$100,000, as defined at 28 CFR Part 69, the applicant certifies that:

(a) No Federal 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 making of any Federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal grant or cooperative agreement;

(b) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid 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 this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall 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 subgrants, contracts under grants and cooperative agreements, and subcontracts) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

2. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (DIRECT RECIPIENT)

As required by Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, and implemented at 28 CFR Part 67, for prospective participants in primary covered transactions, as defined at 28 CFR Part 67, Section 67.510—

A. The applicant certifies that it and its principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of Federal benefits by a State or Federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

(b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a

public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

(c) Are not 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 (1)(b) of this certification; and

(d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default; and

B. 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.

3. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE (GRANTEES OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS)

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 28 CFR Part 67, Subpart F, for grantees, as defined at 28 CFR Part 67 Sections 67.615 and 67.620—

A. The applicant certifies that it 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 actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;

(b) Establishing an on-going 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 upon 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 no later than five calendar days after such conviction;

(e) Notifying the agency, in writing, within 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: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, ATTN: Control Desk, 633 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20531. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

(f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar 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; 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 enforcement, 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).

B. The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code)

Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

Section 67, 630 of the regulations provides that a grantee that is a State may elect to make one certification in each Federal fiscal year. A copy of which should be included with each application for Department of Justice funding. States and State agencies may elect to use OJP Form 4061/7.

Check if the State has elected to complete OJP Form 4061/7.

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A. As a condition of the grant, I certify that I will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with the grant; and

B. If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any grant activity, I will report the conviction, in writing, within 10 calendar days of the conviction, to: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, ATTN: Control Desk, 810 Seventh Street NW., Washington, DC 20531.

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

1. Grantee Name and Address: (State and Local Agency Name and Address)

2. Application Number and/or Project Name

N/A

3. Grantee IRS/Vendor Number

N/A

4. Typed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

5. Signature

6. Date
