



the denial of the request. Any request for an amendment to this agreement must be made in writing at least 30 days prior to the end date of this agreement or the request may be denied.

- 10. **Cancellation:** This Grant Agreement may be cancelled by either party by giving written notice at least days in advance.
- 11. **Fiscal Year:** The Subrecipient’s fiscal year starts and ends .
- 12. **Work product ownership:** Upon full payment by the State, all products of the Subrecipient’s work, including outlines, reports, charts, sketches, drawings, art work, plans, photographs, specifications, estimates, computer programs, or similar documents, become the sole property of the State of Vermont and may not be copyrighted or resold by Subrecipient.
- 13. **Attachments:** This Grant consists the following attachments that are incorporated herein:
  - Attachment A - Scope of Work to be Performed
  - Attachment B – Budget and Payment Provisions
  - Attachment C - Customary State Grant Provisions
  - Attachment D – Other Provisions
  - Request for Approval to Subgrant/Subcontract

Legal Name and D-U-N-S® Number on File with the [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov) (1):

\_\_\_\_\_   
 Print Legal Name

\_\_\_\_\_   
 D-U-N-S® Number (2)

Did this business or organization (the legal entity to which the DUNS number it provided belongs) receive (1) 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues in U.S. federal contracts, subcontracts, loans, grants, subgrants, and/or cooperative agreements; and (2) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from U.S. federal contracts, subcontracts, loans, grants, subgrants, and/or cooperative agreements?\*

Yes       No

If yes, please list the top five highest paid senior executive salaries that are not available to the public:

<b>WE, THE UNDERSIGNED PARTIES, AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THIS GRANT.</b>	
<p><b>STATE OF VERMONT</b></p> <p><b>By:</b></p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>Commissioner</b></p> <p><b>Dept of Environmental Conservation</b></p> <p><b>Date:</b> _____</p>	<p><b>SUBRECIPIENT</b></p> <p><b>By:</b></p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>Name: (Print)</b> _____</p> <p><b>Title:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Date:</b> _____</p>

## **Attachment A**

### **Scope of Work to be Performed**

**Part or All of the Scope May be Subcontracted with Written Prior Approval from the State**

Attachment A of a Standard State Grant Agreement describes the nature and extent of the Subrecipient's obligations. This is the most important part of the agreement. To avoid problems later, you should make the description clear, unambiguous and complete. Specify all performances and products to be delivered. Avoid "legalese"; plain English is sufficient and preferred.

The following checklist should be helpful in writing specifications:

1. Does the work statement let the Subrecipient know what is ahead? Is it specific enough to allow the Subrecipient to make a list of human resources and, if necessary, special facilities, equipment, subcontracts and/or consultants needed to accomplish the work?
2. Is general and background information separated from directions to the Subrecipient and required performance? The minimum that the Subrecipient is expected to do should be clearly described.
3. Have the granting agency's responsibilities to the Subrecipient been clearly identified? If not, the state could find it more difficult to enforce its rights under the grant agreement.
4. Will it be possible to measure performance? Are the end results and specific duties of the Subrecipient stated in such a way that he/she/it knows what is required and the grantor official who orders payment can tell whether payment is due? Have the type and quantity of reports required of the Subrecipient (technical, financial, progress, etc.) been described and specified? Is there a date for each task or outcome the Subrecipient must deliver? These measures and details are crucial so that both programmatic and financial site audits - if required- are performed and that there are specific items/tasks set forth in the grant agreement to verify and hold accountable for.

## Attachment B

### Payment Provisions

See Payment Schedule in Attachment A

This grant is a performance based grant. Payments made to the Subrecipient by the State are based on the successful completion of performance measures. Successful completion of each measure is clearly outlined in the scope of work. If the Subrecipient is unable to obtain successful completion of a performance measure within the terms and conditions of the grant agreement, the Subrecipient may only receive a portion of the payment for that measure if partially completed or will not receive payment at all if substantial performance of that measure is not demonstrated.

The State will measure sufficient progress by examining the performance required under the workplan in conjunction with the milestone schedule, the time remaining for performance within the project period and/or the availability of funds necessary to complete the project. The State may terminate the assistance agreement for failure to ensure reasonable completion of the project within the project period.

#### Risk-Based Assessment:

Risk Level:

<b>Risk Level</b>	<b>Monitoring Requirements</b>
Low	- Final performance report required.
Moderate	- Grantee is required to submit biannual progress report. Progress report must include: summary of progress made on deliverables within reporting timeframe, milestone status updates, technical/cost/schedule issues encountered, and work planned for next period.
High	- Grantee is required to submit quarterly progress reports (see above). - Grantee must document a course of corrective actions in order to maintain future eligibility for Vermont DEC funds. Grantees have a period of three years to complete corrective actions. If after three years no corrective actions have been taken, VDEC will no longer provide funds to the organization.

- These monitoring requirements are required deliverables even when not listed explicitly in the deliverables table in Attachment A.
- If you are required to have an A-133 audit, you are to report to Vermont DEC the audit, findings, Management Response Letter including corrective actions within 6 months after the end of your fiscal year.

The Subrecipient shall:

- Maintain a copy of all receipts on file for review upon request by the State,
- Include a copy of all receipts for costs requested for reimbursement.
- Other:

#### Other Provisions

Up to 90 days of pre-award costs are allowable under this agreement as determined by the Grant Manager and as related to scope of work in Attachment A.

Address All completed forms should be submitted to:

Name:

Department:

Address:

Final Payment: Final payment will be paid upon receipt and satisfactory review of all deliverables, as described in the scope of work, a final financial report documenting expenditure of 100% of grant funds, and where appropriate, documentation of required match.

## Form 430 Request for Funds

*Form must be filled out entirely before payment is released*

**Subrecipient Name:**
**Grant #:                      Purchase Order #:                      Payment#:                      Amount Requested:**
**Performance Measures and Deliverables:**

Performance Measure and Submitted Deliverable	Budget Amount	Amount Requested	Remaining Amount
1 -	\$		
2 -	\$		
3 -	\$		
4 -	\$		
5. – Final Report	\$		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>		

**Approvals for Payment**
**Signed by:**

Subrecipient: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

*The Subrecipient certifies that deliverables being billed on this invoice have been completed as outlined in the grant agreement.*

State's Project Manager: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*The Grant Manager has verified that deliverables being billed on this invoice have been completed as outlined in the grant agreement.*

DEC Financial Operations Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*The DEC Financial Operations Office processed the current invoice for payment on signed date.*

**ATTACHMENT C: STANDARD STATE PROVISIONS  
FOR CONTRACTS AND GRANTS  
REVISED DECEMBER 15, 2017**

**1. Definitions:** For purposes of this Attachment, “Party” shall mean the Contractor, Grantee or Subrecipient, with whom the State of Vermont is executing this Agreement and consistent with the form of the Agreement. “Agreement” shall mean the specific contract or grant to which this form is attached.

**2. Entire Agreement:** This Agreement, whether in the form of a contract, State-funded grant, or Federally-funded grant, represents the entire agreement between the parties on the subject matter. All prior agreements, representations, statements, negotiations, and understandings shall have no effect.

**3. Governing Law, Jurisdiction and Venue; No Waiver of Jury Trial:** This Agreement will be governed by the laws of the State of Vermont. Any action or proceeding brought by either the State or the Party in connection with this Agreement shall be brought and enforced in the Superior Court of the State of Vermont, Civil Division, Washington Unit. The Party irrevocably submits to the jurisdiction of this court for any action or proceeding regarding this Agreement. The Party agrees that it must first exhaust any applicable administrative remedies with respect to any cause of action that it may have against the State with regard to its performance under this Agreement. Party agrees that the State shall not be required to submit to binding arbitration or waive its right to a jury trial.

**4. Sovereign Immunity:** The State reserves all immunities, defenses, rights or actions arising out of the State’s sovereign status or under the Eleventh Amendment to the United States Constitution. No waiver of the State’s immunities, defenses, rights or actions shall be implied or otherwise deemed to exist by reason of the State’s entry into this Agreement.

**5. No Employee Benefits For Party:** The Party understands that the State will not provide any individual retirement benefits, group life insurance, group health and dental insurance, vacation or sick leave, workers compensation or other benefits or services available to State employees, nor will the State withhold any state or Federal taxes except as required under applicable tax laws, which shall be determined in advance of execution of the Agreement. The Party understands that all tax returns required by the Internal Revenue Code and the State of Vermont, including but not limited to income, withholding, sales and use, and rooms and meals, must be filed by the Party, and information as to Agreement income will be provided by the State of Vermont to the Internal Revenue Service and the Vermont Department of Taxes.

**6. Independence:** The Party will act in an independent capacity and not as officers or employees of the State.

**7. Defense and Indemnity:** The Party shall defend the State and its officers and employees against all third party claims or suits arising in whole or in part from any act or omission of the Party or of any agent of the Party in connection with the performance of this Agreement. The State shall notify the Party in the event of any such claim or suit, and the Party shall immediately retain counsel and otherwise provide a complete defense against the entire claim or suit. The State retains the right to participate at its own expense in the defense of any claim. The State shall have the right to approve all proposed settlements of such claims or suits.

After a final judgment or settlement, the Party may request recoupment of specific defense costs and may file suit in Washington Superior Court requesting recoupment. The Party shall be entitled to recoup costs only upon a showing that such costs were entirely unrelated to the defense of any claim arising from an act or omission of the Party in connection with the performance of this Agreement.

The Party shall indemnify the State and its officers and employees if the State, its officers or employees become legally obligated to pay any damages or losses arising from any act or omission of the Party or an agent of the Party in connection with the performance of this Agreement.

Notwithstanding any contrary language anywhere, in no event shall the terms of this Agreement or any document furnished by the Party in connection with its performance under this Agreement obligate the State to (1) defend or indemnify the Party or any third party, or (2) otherwise be liable for the expenses or reimbursement, including attorneys’ fees, collection costs or other costs of the Party or any third party.

**8. Insurance:** Before commencing work on this Agreement the Party must provide certificates of insurance to show that the following minimum coverages are in effect. It is the responsibility of the Party to maintain current certificates of insurance on file with the State through the term of this Agreement. No warranty is made that the coverages and limits listed herein are adequate to cover and protect the interests of the Party for the Party's operations. These are solely minimums that have been established to protect the interests of the State.

*Workers Compensation:* With respect to all operations performed, the Party shall carry workers' compensation insurance in accordance with the laws of the State of Vermont. Vermont will accept an out-of-state employer's workers' compensation coverage while operating in Vermont provided that the insurance carrier is licensed to write insurance in Vermont and an amendatory endorsement is added to the policy adding Vermont for coverage purposes. Otherwise, the party shall secure a Vermont workers' compensation policy, if necessary to comply with Vermont law.

*General Liability and Property Damage:* With respect to all operations performed under this Agreement, the Party shall carry general liability insurance having all major divisions of coverage including, but not limited to:

Premises - Operations

Products and Completed Operations

Personal Injury Liability

Contractual Liability

The policy shall be on an occurrence form and limits shall not be less than:

\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence

\$2,000,000 General Aggregate

\$1,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate

\$1,000,000 Personal & Advertising Injury

*Automotive Liability:* The Party shall carry automotive liability insurance covering all motor vehicles, including hired and non-owned coverage, used in connection with the Agreement. Limits of coverage shall not be less than \$500,000 combined single limit. If performance of this Agreement involves construction, or the transport of persons or hazardous materials, limits of coverage shall not be less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit.

*Additional Insured.* The General Liability and Property Damage coverages required for performance of this Agreement shall include the State of Vermont and its agencies, departments, officers and employees as Additional Insureds. If performance of this Agreement involves construction, or the transport of persons or hazardous materials, then the required Automotive Liability coverage shall include the State of Vermont and its agencies, departments, officers and employees as Additional Insureds. Coverage shall be primary and non-contributory with any other insurance and self-insurance.

*Notice of Cancellation or Change.* There shall be no cancellation, change, potential exhaustion of aggregate limits or non-renewal of insurance coverage(s) without thirty (30) days written prior written notice to the State.

**9. Reliance by the State on Representations:** All payments by the State under this Agreement will be made in reliance upon the accuracy of all representations made by the Party in accordance with this Agreement, including but not limited to bills, invoices, progress reports and other proofs of work.

**10. False Claims Act:** The Party acknowledges that it is subject to the Vermont False Claims Act as set forth in 32 V.S.A. § 630 *et seq.* If the Party violates the Vermont False Claims Act it shall be liable to the State for civil penalties, treble damages and the costs of the investigation and prosecution of such violation, including attorney's fees, except as the same may be reduced by a court of competent jurisdiction. The Party's liability to the State under the False Claims Act shall not be limited notwithstanding any agreement of the State to otherwise limit Party's liability.

**11. Whistleblower Protections:** The Party shall not discriminate or retaliate against one of its employees or agents for disclosing information concerning a violation of law, fraud, waste, abuse of authority or acts threatening health or safety, including but not limited to allegations concerning the False Claims Act. Further, the Party shall not require such employees or agents to forego monetary awards as a result of such disclosures, nor should they be



required to report misconduct to the Party or its agents prior to reporting to any governmental entity and/or the public.

**12. Location of State Data:** No State data received, obtained, or generated by the Party in connection with performance under this Agreement shall be processed, transmitted, stored, or transferred by any means outside the continental United States, except with the express written permission of the State.

**13. Records Available for Audit:** The Party shall maintain all records pertaining to performance under this agreement. "Records" means any written or recorded information, regardless of physical form or characteristics, which is produced or acquired by the Party in the performance of this agreement. Records produced or acquired in a machine readable electronic format shall be maintained in that format. The records described shall be made available at reasonable times during the period of the Agreement and for three years thereafter or for any period required by law for inspection by any authorized representatives of the State or Federal Government. If any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the three-year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims or audit findings involving the records have been resolved.

**14. Fair Employment Practices and Americans with Disabilities Act:** Party agrees to comply with the requirement of 21 V.S.A. Chapter 5, Subchapter 6, relating to fair employment practices, to the full extent applicable. Party shall also ensure, to the full extent required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, that qualified individuals with disabilities receive equitable access to the services, programs, and activities provided by the Party under this Agreement.

**15. Set Off:** The State may set off any sums which the Party owes the State against any sums due the Party under this Agreement; provided, however, that any set off of amounts due the State of Vermont as taxes shall be in accordance with the procedures more specifically provided hereinafter.

**16. Taxes Due to the State:**

- A. Party understands and acknowledges responsibility, if applicable, for compliance with State tax laws, including income tax withholding for employees performing services within the State, payment of use tax on property used within the State, corporate and/or personal income tax on income earned within the State.
- B. Party certifies under the pains and penalties of perjury that, as of the date this Agreement is signed, the Party is in good standing with respect to, or in full compliance with, a plan to pay any and all taxes due the State of Vermont.
- C. Party understands that final payment under this Agreement may be withheld if the Commissioner of Taxes determines that the Party is not in good standing with respect to or in full compliance with a plan to pay any and all taxes due to the State of Vermont.
- D. Party also understands the State may set off taxes (and related penalties, interest and fees) due to the State of Vermont, but only if the Party has failed to make an appeal within the time allowed by law, or an appeal has been taken and finally determined and the Party has no further legal recourse to contest the amounts due.

**17. Taxation of Purchases:** All State purchases must be invoiced tax free. An exemption certificate will be furnished upon request with respect to otherwise taxable items.

**18. Child Support:** (Only applicable if the Party is a natural person, not a corporation or partnership.) Party states that, as of the date this Agreement is signed, he/she:

- A. is not under any obligation to pay child support; or
- B. is under such an obligation and is in good standing with respect to that obligation; or
- C. has agreed to a payment plan with the Vermont Office of Child Support Services and is in full compliance with that plan.

Party makes this statement with regard to support owed to any and all children residing in Vermont. In addition, if the Party is a resident of Vermont, Party makes this statement with regard to support owed to any and all children residing in any other state or territory of the United States.

**19. Sub-Agreements:** Party shall not assign, subcontract or subgrant the performance of this Agreement or any portion thereof to any other Party without the prior written approval of the State. Party shall be responsible and liable to the State for all acts or omissions of subcontractors and any other person performing work under this Agreement pursuant to an agreement with Party or any subcontractor.

In the case this Agreement is a contract with a total cost in excess of \$250,000, the Party shall provide to the State a list of all proposed subcontractors and subcontractors' subcontractors, together with the identity of those subcontractors' workers compensation insurance providers, and additional required or requested information, as applicable, in accordance with Section 32 of The Vermont Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Act No. 54).

Party shall include the following provisions of this Attachment C in all subcontracts for work performed solely for the State of Vermont and subcontracts for work performed in the State of Vermont: Section 10 ("False Claims Act"); Section 11 ("Whistleblower Protections"); Section 12 ("Location of State Data"); Section 14 ("Fair Employment Practices and Americans with Disabilities Act"); Section 16 ("Taxes Due the State"); Section 18 ("Child Support"); Section 20 ("No Gifts or Gratuities"); Section 22 ("Certification Regarding Debarment"); Section 30 ("State Facilities"); and Section 32.A ("Certification Regarding Use of State Funds").

**20. No Gifts or Gratuities:** Party shall not give title or possession of anything of substantial value (including property, currency, travel and/or education programs) to any officer or employee of the State during the term of this Agreement.

**21. Copies:** Party shall use reasonable best efforts to ensure that all written reports prepared under this Agreement are printed using both sides of the paper.

**22. Certification Regarding Debarment:** Party certifies under pains and penalties of perjury that, as of the date that this Agreement is signed, neither Party nor Party's principals (officers, directors, owners, or partners) are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or excluded from participation in Federal programs, or programs supported in whole or in part by Federal funds.

Party further certifies under pains and penalties of perjury that, as of the date that this Agreement is signed, Party is not presently debarred, suspended, nor named on the State's debarment list at: <http://bgs.vermont.gov/purchasing/debarment>

**23. Conflict of Interest:** Party shall fully disclose, in writing, any conflicts of interest or potential conflicts of interest.

**24. Confidentiality:** Party acknowledges and agrees that this Agreement and any and all information obtained by the State from the Party in connection with this Agreement are subject to the State of Vermont Access to Public Records Act, 1 V.S.A. § 315 et seq.

**25. Force Majeure:** Neither the State nor the Party shall be liable to the other for any failure or delay of performance of any obligations under this Agreement to the extent such failure or delay shall have been wholly or principally caused by acts or events beyond its reasonable control rendering performance illegal or impossible (excluding strikes or lock-outs) ("Force Majeure"). Where Force Majeure is asserted, the nonperforming party must prove that it made all reasonable efforts to remove, eliminate or minimize such cause of delay or damages, diligently pursued performance of its obligations under this Agreement, substantially fulfilled all non-excused obligations, and timely notified the other party of the likelihood or actual occurrence of an event described in this paragraph.

**26. Marketing:** Party shall not refer to the State in any publicity materials, information pamphlets, press releases, research reports, advertising, sales promotions, trade shows, or marketing materials or similar communications to third parties except with the prior written consent of the State.

**27. Termination:**

**A. Non-Appropriation:** If this Agreement extends into more than one fiscal year of the State (July 1 to June 30), and if appropriations are insufficient to support this Agreement, the State may cancel at the end of the fiscal year, or otherwise

upon the expiration of existing appropriation authority. In the case that this Agreement is a Grant that is funded in whole or in part by Federal funds, and in the event Federal funds become unavailable or reduced, the State may suspend or cancel this Grant immediately, and the State shall have no obligation to pay Subrecipient from State revenues.

**B. Termination for Cause:** Either party may terminate this Agreement if a party materially breaches its obligations under this Agreement, and such breach is not cured within thirty (30) days after delivery of the non-breaching party's notice or such longer time as the non-breaching party may specify in the notice.

**C. Termination Assistance:** Upon nearing the end of the final term or termination of this Agreement, without respect to cause, the Party shall take all reasonable and prudent measures to facilitate any transition required by the State. All State property, tangible and intangible, shall be returned to the State upon demand at no additional cost to the State in a format acceptable to the State.

**28. Continuity of Performance:** In the event of a dispute between the Party and the State, each party will continue to perform its obligations under this Agreement during the resolution of the dispute until this Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms.

**29. No Implied Waiver of Remedies:** Either party's delay or failure to exercise any right, power or remedy under this Agreement shall not impair any such right, power or remedy, or be construed as a waiver of any such right, power or remedy. All waivers must be in writing.

**30. State Facilities:** If the State makes space available to the Party in any State facility during the term of this Agreement for purposes of the Party's performance under this Agreement, the Party shall only use the space in accordance with all policies and procedures governing access to and use of State facilities which shall be made available upon request. State facilities will be made available to Party on an "AS IS, WHERE IS" basis, with no warranties whatsoever.

**31. Requirements Pertaining Only to Federal Grants and Subrecipient Agreements:** If this Agreement is a grant that is funded in whole or in part by Federal funds:

**A. Requirement to Have a Single Audit:** The Subrecipient will complete the Subrecipient Annual Report annually within 45 days after its fiscal year end, informing the State of Vermont whether or not a Single Audit is required for the prior fiscal year. If a Single Audit is required, the Subrecipient will submit a copy of the audit report to the granting Party within 9 months. If a single audit is not required, only the Subrecipient Annual Report is required.

For fiscal years ending before December 25, 2015, a Single Audit is required if the subrecipient expends \$500,000 or more in Federal assistance during its fiscal year and must be conducted in accordance with OMB Circular A-133. For fiscal years ending on or after December 25, 2015, a Single Audit is required if the subrecipient expends \$750,000 or more in Federal assistance during its fiscal year and must be conducted in accordance with 2 CFR Chapter I, Chapter II, Part 200, Subpart F. The Subrecipient Annual Report is required to be submitted within 45 days, whether or not a Single Audit is required.

**B. Internal Controls:** In accordance with 2 CFR Part II, §200.303, the Party must establish and maintain effective internal control over the Federal award to provide reasonable assurance that the Party is managing the Federal award in compliance with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the award. These internal controls should be in compliance with guidance in "Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government" issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the "Internal Control Integrated Framework", issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

**C. Mandatory Disclosures:** In accordance with 2 CFR Part II, §200.113, Party must disclose, in a timely manner, in writing to the State, all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the Federal award. Failure to make required disclosures may result in the imposition of sanctions which may include disallowance of costs incurred, withholding of payments, termination of the Agreement, suspension/debarment, etc.

**32. Requirements Pertaining Only to State-Funded Grants:**

- A. Certification Regarding Use of State Funds:** If Party is an employer and this Agreement is a State-funded grant in excess of \$1,001, Party certifies that none of these State funds will be used to interfere with or restrain the exercise of Party's employee's rights with respect to unionization.
- B. Good Standing Certification (Act 154 of 2016):** If this Agreement is a State-funded grant, Party hereby represents: (i) that it has signed and provided to the State the form prescribed by the Secretary of Administration for purposes of certifying that it is in good standing (as provided in Section 13(a)(2) of Act 154) with the Agency of Natural Resources and the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, or otherwise explaining the circumstances surrounding the inability to so certify, and (ii) that it will comply with the requirements stated therein.

(End of Standard Provisions)

## ATTACHMENT D: OTHER CONTRACT PROVISIONS

Many contracts can be fully described using the materials described in the preceding attachments. In some cases, however, agencies will want to add specially tailored provisions not available on preprinted forms or in the main contract itself. In addition, when contracting for professional services, agencies will be required (absent an appropriate waiver) to include a professional liability insurance provision.

Attachment D of the contract "Other Provisions" should be used for this purpose as suggested below:

- 1. Audit of federal sub-recipient:** Under current interpretations of federal law, contractor will be considered a "sub-recipient" subject to the federal single audit act. Contractor will comply with audit requirements contained in Circular A-128/ Circular A110 and/or other applicable circulars of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget. The cost of such an audit will be borne by the contractor/is included in the payment provisions of this contract. **Comment:** Current federal law defines a "sub-recipient" of federal money as an organization that receives federal assistance from a recipient (the agency) to carry out a program. Such sub-recipients are subject to federal audit requirements. However, if a contract is a "procurement contract to buy goods or services," then the contractor is not a sub-recipient and is not subject to federal audit requirements. Most services contracts should be exempt from federal audit requirements for this reason. Agency officials should consult federal officials about whether the language above should be included in a particular contract.
- 2. Compliance with other laws:** The Contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of [list specific applicable federal or state statutory or regulatory provisions], and agrees further to include a similar provision in any and all subcontracts. **Comment:** Use this clause to refer to any statutory or regulatory provisions that must by law, Contract condition or otherwise, be included in the wording of the contract. This may include in particular cases the provisions of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Sec. 504), as amended; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; and the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- 3. Confidentiality:** Sometimes agencies have legitimate needs to protect confidential information. The RFP can require contractors to maintain confidentiality, although the contract ultimately should duplicate this requirement. Conversely, bidders sometimes want to know how the State will treat the bidder's proprietary information. The RFP should state whether such information will be returned or retained by the agency.
- 4. Contractors' liens:** Contractor will discharge any and all contractors' or mechanics' liens imposed on property of the State through the actions of subcontractors. **Comment:** On occasion a subcontractor may do some work to State property that could be construed by the subcontractor to give rise to a lien against the property. While artisans' (mechanics') liens cannot be enforced against State property (See 12 V.S.A. § 5601(a)), it is nevertheless best practice to require the contractor to correct the matter and thereby avoid litigation.
- 5. Cost of materials:** Contractor will not buy materials and resell to the State at a profit.
- 6. Identity of workers:** The Contractor will assign the following individuals [list individuals] to the services to be performed under the provisions of this contract, and these individuals shall be considered essential to performance. Should any of the individuals become unavailable during the period of performance, the State shall have the right to approve any proposed successors, or, at its option, to cancel the remainder of the contract.
- 7. Individually identifying information:** Contractor must not use or disclose any individually identifying information that pursuant to this contract is disclosed by the State to the contractor, created by the

contractor on behalf of the State, or used by the contractor for any purpose other than to complete the work specifications of this Contract unless such use or disclosure is required by law, or when contractor obtains permission in writing from the State to use or disclose the information and this written permission is in accordance with federal and state law.

- 8. Legal services:** Contractor will be providing legal services under this contract. Contractor agrees that during the term of the contract he or she will not represent anyone in a matter, proceeding, or lawsuit against the State of Vermont or any of its agencies or instrumentalities. After termination of this contract, contractor also agrees that he or she will not represent anyone in a matter, proceeding, or lawsuit substantially related to this contract.
- 9. Owner's protective liability insurance:** The contractor shall carry liability insurance protecting the State and the contractor from all claims because of bodily injury or death and property damage, arising out of the work performed under the contract. The liability insurance shall be in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 and a certificate of insurance shall be furnished to the State before commencement of work. **Comment:** Owners Protective Liability Insurance should be utilized when a contractor's business involves work at multiple job sites (not necessarily all for the State) and it is unclear whether the contractor would have adequate insurance coverage in the event of multiple occurrences at different sites. For example, contracts with large construction companies should include such a clause.
- 10. Ownership of equipment:** Any equipment purchased by or furnished to the contractor by the State under this contract is provided on a loan basis only and remains the property of the State.
- 11. Performance bond:** The contractor shall, prior to commencing work under this contract, furnish to the State a payment and performance bond from a reputable insurance company licensed to do business in the State of Vermont, guaranteeing the satisfactory completion of the contract by the contractor and payment of all subcontractors, suppliers and employees. **Comment:** Performance Bonds have limited application in contracts for services. This clause provides protection against failure of the contractor to perform adequately under the contract or distribute funds to subcontractors or suppliers. Since the cost of the bond will increase the State's cost, the clause should only be used on larger contracts or where there are significant concerns about a contractor's financial or other abilities. If a contractor is expected to handle large sums of money as agent for the State, the term "surety bond" should be substituted for "payment and performance bond."
- 12. Prior approval/review of releases:** Any notices, information pamphlets, press releases, research reports, or similar other publications prepared and released in written or oral form by the contractor under this contract shall be approved/reviewed by the State prior to release. **Comment:** All material published in connection with activities performed under State contract should be reviewed and approved by the appropriate official before release. When academic freedom becomes an issue, agency review but not agency approval may be appropriate.
- 13. Professional liability insurance:** Before commencing work on this contract and throughout the term of this contract, contractor shall procure and maintain professional liability insurance for any and all services performed under this contract, with minimum coverage of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per occurrence. **Comment:** Professionals with whom the State contracts, such as lawyers, architects, engineers, and health care providers, must be required to maintain professional liability insurance in sufficient amounts to protect the State's interest from the consequences of negligence. The Director of Risk Management will determine the minimum amount appropriate for different classes of professionals.
- 14. Progress reports:** The contractor shall submit progress reports to the State according to the following schedule. [insert schedule] Each report shall describe the status of the contractor's performance since the preceding report and the progress expected to be made in the next successive period. Each report shall

describe contractor activities by reference to the work specifications contained in Attachment A of this contract and shall include a statement of work hours expended, expenses incurred, bills submitted, and payments made. **Comment:** This clause may be used either in Attachment A (Specifications of Work to be Performed) or here. It provides information for interim evaluation of the contractor's work and assists in detecting difficulties that may lead to necessary modification or cancellation of the contract. If payments are to be conditioned on receipt of progress reports, this should be clearly set forth in Attachment B: Payment Provisions.

**Department of Environmental Conservation  
Request for Approval to Subgrant/Subcontract**

Date of Request:	
Original Grantee/Contractor:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
Agreement #:	

Subcontractor Name:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
Contact Person:	
Scope of Services:	
Maximum Amount::	\$

<b>Original Grantee/Contractor Signature:</b>	
By signing above, the Grantee/Contractor certifies that the subcontractor has been selected using their procurement policy, as required by the original agreement, and certifies that any conflict of interest has been disclosed in writing as required by the original agreement (Attachment C, Section 23).	

DEC Business Office Review

**Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

***On the reverse side of this form there is guidance about language that must be included by the contractor in subcontracting agreements.***



***Per Attachment C, subcontractors must include standard language from Attachment C in all subcontracts for work performed solely for the State of Vermont and subcontracts for work performed in the State of Vermont***

**1. Sub-Agreements:** Party shall not assign, subcontract or subgrant the performance of this Agreement or any portion thereof to any other Party without the prior written approval of the State. Party shall be responsible and liable to the State for all acts or omissions of subcontractors and any other person performing work under this Agreement pursuant to an agreement with Party or any subcontractor.

In the case this Agreement is a contract with a total cost in excess of \$250,000, the Party shall provide to the State a list of all proposed subcontractors and subcontractors' subcontractors, together with the identity of those subcontractors' workers compensation insurance providers, and additional required or requested information, as applicable, in accordance with Section 32 of The Vermont Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Act No. 54).

Party shall include the following provisions of this Attachment C in all subcontracts for work performed solely for the State of Vermont and subcontracts for work performed in the State of Vermont: Section 10 ("False Claims Act"); Section 11 ("Whistleblower Protections"); Section 12 ("Location of State Data"); Section 14 ("Fair Employment Practices and Americans with Disabilities Act"); Section 16 ("Taxes Due the State"); Section 18 ("Child Support"); Section 20 ("No Gifts or Gratuities"); Section 22 ("Certification Regarding Debarment"); Section 30 ("State Facilities"); and Section 32.A ("Certification Regarding Use of State Funds").