

The laws of the State of Georgia govern this Amended Grant Agreement and all disputes arising out of or relating to this Amended Grant Agreement, without regard to any otherwise applicable conflict of law rules or requirements. Venue for any action, suit, litigation, or other proceeding arising out of or in any way relating to this Amended Grant Agreement shall be commenced exclusively in the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia.

The Grantee hereby irrevocably and unconditionally consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of the court referenced above for the purpose of prosecuting and/or defending such litigation. The Grantee hereby waives and agrees not to assert by way of motion, as a defense, or otherwise, in any suit, action or proceeding, any claim that the Grantee is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of the above-named courts; the suit, action or proceeding is brought in an inconvenient forum; and/or the venue is improper.

2.15 Liability for Taxes

The Grantee agrees and acknowledges that Grantee is entirely responsible for the liability and payment of Grantee and Grantee's employees' wages, insurance, and taxes of whatever kind, arising out of or related to the performances in this Amended Grant Agreement. The Grantee agrees to comply with all state and federal laws applicable to any such persons, including laws regarding wages, taxes, insurance and workers' compensation. Neither OPB nor the State shall be liable to the Grantee, its employees, its agents or others for the payment of taxes or the provision of unemployment insurance or workers' compensation or any benefit available to a State employee or employee of OPB.

2.16 Required Assurances

The Grantee must comply with the applicable Grantee Assurances, which are attached hereto and incorporated for all purposes as Exhibit A.

2.17 System for Award Management (SAM) Requirements

To the extent applicable under this Grant, the Grantee agrees to comply with applicable requirements regarding registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) or with a successor government-wide system officially designated by OMB and, if applicable, the federal funding agency. These requirements include maintaining current registrations and the currency of the information in SAM. The Grantee will review and update information at least annually until submission of the final financial report required under the award or receipt of final payment, whichever is later, as required by 2 C.F.R. § 25.

The Grantee will comply with all applicable State and federal laws, rules, and regulations to include applicable policy requirements placed on the program by the Federal Awarding Agency as well as with 2 C.F.R. § 180 (2005) implementing Exec. Order 12549, 3 C.F.R. § 189 (1986) and Exec. Order 12689, 3 C.F.R. 235 (1989) that require "a contract award (see 2 C.F.R. § 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the government-wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM)", in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 C.F.R. Part 180 (2005) implementing Exec. Order 12549, 3 C.F.R. § 189 (1986) and Exec. Order 12689, 3 C.F.R. § 235