

*Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion -
Lower Tier Covered Transactions (To Be Supplied to Lower Tier Participants-
Subcontractors)*

By signing and submitting this lower tier proposal, the prospective lower tier participant, as described and required in 2 CFR Part 180 and 2 CFR Part 376, certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals:

- (a) are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency.

- (b) where the prospective lower participant is unable to certify to any of the above, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause entitled Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions without modification in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

Authorized Signature

Date

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF THE
CERTIFICATION FOR CONTRACTS, GRANTS, LOANS
AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

The attached form must be completed by all Providers/Contractors who receive \$100,000 or more in federal funds through a contractual agreement with the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS). The purpose of the attached form is to certify that none of the federal funds received through the contractual agreement will be used for any lobbying activities. This form is required by the Federal Government as a result of 31 U.S.C. 1352. A copy of this form must be completed and returned with all signed contractual agreements exceeding \$100,000.

Additionally, should the Provider/Contractor enter into any subcontracts in coordination with the contractual agreement with SCDHHS, the Provider/Contractor is required to have on file a signed copy of this form for any and all subcontracts which exceed the \$100,000 level. This requirement extends to all levels of subcontracting and sub-subcontracting.

Should the Provider/Contractor (or any of its Subcontractors/ Sub-subcontractors) use any funds for lobbying activities, an additional form (Standard Form - LLL) will be required. (See #2 on the attached form). It shall be the responsibility of the Provider/Contractor to notify SCDHHS of this activity and to request from SCDHHS a copy of this form for completion and proper filing.

Should there be any questions concerning this form or the Standard Form - LLL, contact should be made with the Division of Contracts at SCDHHS.

**CERTIFICATION FOR CONTRACTS, GRANTS, LOANS,
AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS**

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that

1. 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 awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement
2. 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 contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying" in accordance with its instructions.
3. 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.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed under Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000.00 for such failure.

SIGNATURE: _____

TITLE: _____

DATE: _____