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AUDIT CLAUSE A – SUBRECIPIENT Local Governments and Nonprofit Organizations

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Human Services (DHS), distributes federal and state funds to local governments, non-profit, and for-profit organizations. Federal expenditures are subject to federal audit requirements, and federal and state funding passed through DHS are subject to DHS audit requirements. If any federal statute specifically prescribes policies or specific requirements that differ from the standards provided herein, the provisions of the subsequent statute shall govern. The DHS provides the following audit requirements in accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Governor's Office, Management Directive 325.9, as amended December 23, 2014.

Subrecipient means a non-federal entity that expends federal awards received from a pass-through entity to carry out a federal program, but does not include an individual that is a beneficiary of such a program. A subrecipient may also be a recipient of other federal awards received directly from a federal awarding agency. For purposes of this audit clause, a subrecipient **is not** a contractor that receives a procurement contract to provide goods or services that are required to provide the administrative support to carry out a federal program.

A. Federal Audit Requirements – Local Governments and Nonprofit Organizations

A local government and nonprofit organization must comply with all federal audit requirements, including: The Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996; 2 CFR Part 200 as amended; and any other applicable law or regulation, as well as any other applicable law or regulation that may be enacted or promulgated by the federal government.

For years beginning on or after December 26, 2014, a local government or nonprofit organization that expends federal awards of \$750,000 or more during its fiscal year, received either directly from the federal government, indirectly from a pass-through entity, or a combination of both, to carry out a federal program, **is required** to have an audit made in accordance with the provisions outlined in 2 CFR Part 200.501. Please note that for periods prior to this, the threshold is still \$500,000.

If a local government or nonprofit organization expends **total federal awards of less than \$750,000** during its fiscal year, it is exempt from these **federal** audit requirements, but is required to maintain auditable records of federal or state funds that supplement such awards. Records must be available for review by appropriate officials. **Although an audit may not be necessary under the federal requirements, DHS audit requirements may be applicable.**

B. Department of Human Services Audit Requirements

A local government or nonprofit provider must meet the DHS audit requirements.

Where a Single Audit or program-specific audit is conducted in accordance with the federal audit requirements detailed above, such an audit will be accepted by the DHS provided that:

1. A full copy of the audit report is submitted as detailed below; **and**
2. The subrecipient shall ensure that the audit requirements are met for the terms of this contract; i.e., the prescribed Agreed-Upon Procedures (AUP) Report(s) and applicable schedule requirement(s). The incremental cost for preparation of the AUP Report(s) and the schedule cannot be charged to the federal funding stream.

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The local government or nonprofit organization must comply with all federal and state audit requirements including: the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards contained at 2 CFR 200 and any other applicable law or regulation and any amendment to such other applicable law or regulation which may be enacted or promulgated by the federal government. **In the absence of a federally required audit**, the entity is responsible for the following annual audit requirements, which are based upon the program year specified in this agreement.

Organizations that **expend \$750,000 or more in combined state and federal funds, but less than \$750,000 in federal funds**, during the program year are required to have an audit of those funds made in accordance with generally accepted *Government Auditing Standards* (The Yellow Book), revised, as published by the Comptroller General of the United States. Where such an audit is not required to meet the federal requirements, the costs related to DHS audit requirements may not be charged to federal funding streams.

If in connection with the agreement, a local government or nonprofit organization **expends \$500,000 or more in combined state and federal funds, but less than \$750,000 in combined state and federal funds**, during the program year, the subrecipient shall ensure that, for the term of the contract, an independent auditor conducts annual examinations of its compliance with the terms and conditions of this contract. These examinations shall be conducted in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements, No. 10, Compliance Attestation (SSAE 10), and shall be of a scope acceptable to the DHS. The initial compliance attestation shall be completed for the program year specified in the contract and conducted annually thereafter. The incremental cost for preparation of the SSAE 10 report cannot be charged to federal funding streams.

The subrecipient shall submit the compliance attestation reports (if applicable) to the DHS within 90 days after the program year has been completed. When the compliance attestation reports are other than unqualified, the subrecipient shall submit to the DHS, in addition to the compliance attestation reports, a plan describing what actions the subrecipient will implement to correct the situation that caused the auditor to issue other than an unqualified report, a timetable for implementing the planned corrective actions, and a process for monitoring compliance with the timetable and a contact person who is responsible for the resolution of the situation

If the subrecipient enters into an agreement with a subcontractor(s) for the performance of any primary contractual duties, the audit requirements are applicable to the subcontractor(s) with whom the subrecipient has entered into an agreement. Consequently, the audit requirements should be incorporated into the sub-contractual document as entered by the subrecipient.

A local government or nonprofit entity that **expends less than \$500,000 combined state and federal funds** during the program year is exempt from DHS audit requirements, but is required to maintain auditable records for each contract year. Records must be available for review by appropriate officials of the DHS or a pass-through entity.

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GENERAL AUDIT PROVISIONS

A local government or nonprofit organization is responsible for obtaining the necessary audit and securing the services of an independent, licensed certified public accountant or other independent governmental auditor. Federal regulations preclude public accountants licensed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from performing audits of federal awards.

The Commonwealth reserves the right for federal and state agencies, or their authorized representatives, to perform additional audits of a financial and/or performance nature, if deemed necessary by Commonwealth or federal agencies. Any such additional audit work may rely on the work already performed by the subrecipient's auditor, and the costs for any additional work performed by the federal or state agency will be borne by those agencies at no additional expense to the subrecipient.

If it is decided that an audit of this contract will be performed, the subrecipient will be given advance notice. The subrecipient shall maintain books, records, and documents that support the services provided, that the fees earned are in accordance with the contract, and that the subrecipient has complied with the contract terms and conditions. The subrecipient agrees to make available, upon reasonable notice, at the office of the subrecipient, during normal business hours, for the term of this contract and the retention period set forth in this Audit Clause, any of the books, records, and documents for inspection, audit, or reproduction by any state or federal agency or its authorized representative.

The subrecipient shall preserve all books, records, and documents related to this contract for a period of time that is the greater of five years from the contract expiration date, until all questioned costs or activities have been resolved to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth, or as required by applicable federal laws and regulations, whichever is longer. If this contract is completely or partially terminated, the records relating to the work terminated shall be preserved and made available for a period of five years from the date of any resulting final settlement.

Audit documentation and audit reports must be retained by the subrecipient's independent auditor for a minimum of five years from the date of issuance of the audit report, unless the subrecipient's auditor is notified in writing by the Commonwealth or the cognizant or oversight federal agency to extend the retention period. Audit documentation must be made available upon request to authorized representatives of the Commonwealth, the cognizant or oversight agency, the federal funding agency, or the Government Accountability Office.

Records that relate to litigation of the settlement of claims arising out of performance or expenditures under this contract to which exception has been taken by the auditors shall be retained by the subrecipient or provided to the Commonwealth at the DHS' option until such litigation, claim, or exceptions have reached final disposition.

Except for documentary evidence delivered pursuant to litigation or the settlement of claims arising out of the performance of the contract, the subrecipient may, in fulfillment of its obligation to retain records as required by this Audit Clause, substitute photographs, microphotographs, or other authentic reproductions of such records after the expiration of two years following the last day of the month of reimbursement to the contractor of the invoice or voucher to which such records relate, unless a shorter period is authorized by the Commonwealth.

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SUBMISSION OF AUDIT REPORTS TO THE COMMONWEALTH

A. Federally Required Audit Reports

For years beginning prior to December 26, 2014: submit an electronic copy of federally required audit reports to the Commonwealth, which shall include:

1. Auditor's reports
 - a. Independent auditor's report on the financial statements, which expresses an opinion on whether the financial statements are presented fairly in all material respects in conformity with the stated basis of accounting.
 - b. Independent auditor's report on the supplementary Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA), which should express an opinion on whether the SEFA is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the subrecipient's basic financial statements taken as a whole. This report can be combined with the independent auditor's report on the basic financial statements or may appear separately in the auditor-submitted document.
 - c. Report on internal control over financial reporting and compliance and other matters based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.
 - d. Report on compliance and internal control over compliance applicable to each major program in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.
 - e. Schedule of findings and questioned costs.
2. Financial statements and notes thereto
3. SEFA and notes thereto
4. Summary schedule of prior audit findings
5. Corrective action plan (if applicable)
6. Data collection form
7. Management letter (if applicable)

In instances where a federal program-specific audit guide is available, the audit report package for a program-specific audit may be different and should be prepared in accordance with the audit guide and OMB Circular A-133.

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Instructions and information regarding submission of the single audit/program-specific audit reporting package are available to the public on the Single Audit Submissions page of the Office of the Budget website (<http://www.budget.state.pa.us>). The reporting package must be submitted electronically in single Portable Document Format (PDF) file to RA-BOASingleAudit@pa.gov.

Steps for submission:

1. Complete the Single Audit/Program Specific Audit Reporting Package Checklist available on the Single Audit Submissions page of the Office of the Budget website (<http://www.budget.state.pa.us>). The Single Audit/Program Specific Audit Reporting Package Checklist ensures the subrecipient's reporting package contains all required elements.
2. Upload the completed Single Audit/Program-Specific Audit Reporting Package along with the Single Audit/Program Specific Audit Reporting Package Checklist in a single PDF file in an e-mail addressed to RA-BOASingleAudit@pa.gov. In the subject line of the e-mail the subrecipient must identify the exact name on the Single Audit/Program-Specific Audit Reporting Package and the period end date to which the reporting package applies.

The subrecipient will receive an email to confirm the receipt of the Single Audit/Program-Specific Audit Reporting Package, including the completed Single Audit/Program Specific Audit Reporting Package Checklist.

For years beginning on or after December 26, 2014: submit an electronic copy of the audit report package to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse, which shall include the elements outlined in 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F – Audit Requirements (Subpart F).

In addition, the subrecipient must send a copy of the confirmation from the Federal Audit Clearinghouse to the resource account RA-BOASingleAudit@pa.gov.

B. DHS Required Audit Reports and Additional Submission by Subrecipients

1. Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures – which consist of the following procedures for the funding provided by this agreement for the contract year ending within the entity's fiscal year end under audit:
 - (a) Verify by comparison of the amounts and classifications that the supplemental financial schedules listed below, which summarize amounts reported to DHS for fiscal year ended {CONTRACT YEAR END}, have been accurately compiled and reflect the audited books and records of (Auditee). Also verify by comparison to the example schedules that these schedules are presented, at a minimum, at the level of detail that directly mirrors the budget page (Rider 3) of the contract. The Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures should mirror the line items on the budget pages of the contract and include a budget and an actual expenditure column pertaining to this period.

Program Name/ Contract Number Referenced Schedule/Exhibit

(List each individual schedule for all contracts in which the auditee participated.)

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- (b) Inquire of management regarding adjustments to reported revenues or expenditures, which were not reflected on the reports submitted to DHS for the period in question.
- (c) Based on the procedures detailed in paragraphs (a) and (b) above, disclose any adjustments and/or findings and identify which have (have not) been reflected on the corresponding schedules.

(List each separately. Indicate whether it has/has not been reflected on the schedule.)

2. Independent Accountant’s Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures – which consist of the following procedures for the entity’s fiscal year end under audit. All Local Governments and Nonprofit Organizations who are submitting a single audit in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F are also required to include in their single audit reporting package a supplemental schedule, which is to be subjected to an Agreed-Upon Procedures engagement. The schedule, for which an example is included in this audit clause as Enclosure I, is a reconciliation of the expenditures listed on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) to the Federal award income received from the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS), as noted in the revenue audit confirmation received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The procedures to be performed on the reconciliation schedule are as follows:

- (a) Agree the expenditure amounts listed on the reconciliation schedule under the “Federal Expenditures per the SEFA” column to the audited Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA).
- (b) Agree the receipt amounts listed on the reconciliation schedule under the “Federal Awards Received per the audit confirmation reply from Pennsylvania” column to the subrecipient Federal amounts that were reflected in the audit confirmation reply from the Office of Budget, Comptroller Operations.
- (c) Recalculate the amounts listed under the “Difference” column.
- (d) Agree the amounts listed under the “Difference” column to the audited books and records of the Provider.
- (e) Agree the “Detailed Explanation of the Differences” to the audited books and records of the Provider.
- (f) Based on the procedures detailed in paragraphs (a) through (e) above, disclose any adjustments and/or findings which have not been reflected on the corresponding schedules (List each separately.).

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PERIOD SUBJECT TO AUDIT

A federally required audit, conducted in accordance with Subpart F, encompasses the fiscal period of the provider. **Therefore, the period of the federally required audit may differ from the official reporting period as specified in this agreement.** Where these periods differ, the required supplemental schedule(s) of Revenues and Expenditures and the related Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures must be completed for the official annual reporting period of this agreement that ended during the period under audit and shall accompany the federally required audit.

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

The provider shall prepare a corrective action plan (CAP) to address all findings of noncompliance, internal control weaknesses, and/or reportable conditions disclosed in the audit report. For each finding noted, the CAP should include: (1) a brief description identifying the findings; (2) whether the provider agrees with the finding; (3) the specific steps taken or to be taken to correct the deficiency or specific reasons why corrective action is not necessary; (4) a timetable for completion of the corrective action steps; (5) a description of monitoring to be performed to ensure that the steps are taken; and (6) the responsible party for the CAP.

REMEDIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE

The provider's failure to provide an acceptable audit, in accordance with the requirements of the Audit Clause Requirements, may result in the DHS' not accepting the report and initiating sanctions against the provider that may include the following:

- Disallowing the cost of the audit.
- Withholding a percentage of the contract funding pending compliance.
- Withholding or disallowing administrative costs.
- Suspending subsequent contract funding pending compliance.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Technical assistance on the DHS' audit requirements and the integration of those requirements with the federal Single Audit requirements will be provided by:

Department of Human Services
Bureau of Financial Operations
Division of Audit and Review
Audit Resolution Section
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