CERTIFIED ASSURANCES

1. The applicant assures that federal funds made available under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program will not be used to supplant state and local funds, but will be used to increase the amount of funds that would, in the absence of federal funds, be made available for the activities of this project.

2. The applicant assures that fund accounting, auditing, monitoring, and such evaluation procedures as may be necessary to keep such records as the National Institute of Justice and the Department of Finance and Administration shall be provided to assure fiscal control, proper management, and effective disbursement of funds received under this subaward;

3. The applicant assures that it will maintain an appropriate grant administration system to ensure that all terms, conditions and specifications of the grant, including these assurances, are met.

4. The applicant assures that it will comply with the OJP Financial Guide in its administration of the grant. The OJP Financial Guide can be accessed online at http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/financialguide/.

5. The applicant assures that it shall maintain such data and information and submit such reports in such form, at such times, and containing such data and information as the as the National Institute of Justice and the Department of Finance and Administration may require;

6. The applicant agrees to use the grant and matching funds only for the purposes stated in this application. Additionally, the applicant agrees that any grant and matching funds approved for personnel for this project will be based on the percent of time the personnel actually devote to the project.

7. The applicant assures that at the end of each federal fiscal year that the project is in force, and at the end of the project period, it will submit a performance report to the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner to be prescribed;

8. The applicant certifies that the program contained in this application meets all the requirements, and that all the information is correct, and that the applicant will comply with all provisions of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended and all other applicable federal and state laws;

9. The applicant assures that before any budgetary or programmatic amendment is made to an approved program, it will submit such an amendment to the Department of Finance and Administration for review;

10. The applicant assures that in the event a federal or state court or federal or state administrative agency makes a finding of discrimination after a due process hearing on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin or sex against a recipient of funds, the recipient will forward a copy of the finding to the Office of Justice Programs, Office of Civil Rights Compliance (OCRC) and the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Intergovernmental Services;

11. The applicant assures that if it is required to formulate an Equal Employment Opportunity Program (EEOC) in accordance with 28 CFR 42.301, et. seq., it should submit a certification to the state that it has a current EEOC on file which meets the requirements therein;

12. The applicant assures that it will comply with the provisions of the Department of Finance and Administration’s “Drug Law Enforcement Subgrant Procedures and Financial Management Guidelines”;

13. The applicant assures that it will comply with the provisions of 28 CFR applicable to grants and cooperative agreements including Part II, Applicability of Office of Management and Budget Circulars; Part 18, Administrative Review Procedure; Part 20, Criminal Justice Information Systems; Part 22, Confidentiality of Identifiable Research and Statistical Information; Part 23, Criminal Intelligence Systems Operating Policies; Part 30, Intergovernmental Review of Department of Justice Programs and Activities; Part 42, Nondiscrimination Equal Employment Opportunity Policies and Procedures; Part 61, Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act; and Part 63, Floodplain Management and Wetland Protection Procedures;
14. The applicant assures that in addition to all other audit requirements, it will allow the Division of Legislative Audit or any other independent or internal auditors of the Department of Finance and Administration to have access to the applicant's records and financial statements;

(A) as may be necessary for the Department of Finance and Administration to comply with the 1996 Single Audit Act Amendments and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, and other rules and/or regulations governing financial accounting and auditing guidelines, principles, and procedures; and

(B) as may be requested by the Department of Finance and Administration to comply with any State or local government rules and/or regulations;

15. The applicant assures that it will fully participate in the compilation of statistical information as required by state agencies, i.e., providing complete fingerprint arrest information;

16. The applicant assures that both federal and matching funds used for this project will be used exclusively to support defined Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program activities, and will not be used to support any general purpose law enforcement or other activity maintained by the applicant;

17. The applicant assures that if the grant funds are used to support a Task Force, the Task Force Board of Directors or 'Control Group' will hold regularly scheduled meetings at least monthly, and will provide the State Drug Director with copies of the agenda and minutes of each meeting;

18. The applicant assures that if grant funds are used to support a Task Force, the Task Force Administrator and the Board of Directors will develop and/or maintain a detailed policy and procedures manual for the guidance of task force operations.

19. The applicant assures that all proposals for out of state travel for conference and training will be submitted to the Arkansas Law Enforcement Committee for approval prior to any expense being incurred.

20. The applicant agrees to comply with the minimum wage and maximum hours provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act if applicable. The applicant also agrees to accept full responsibility for any compensatory time allowance or overtime pay obligations for persons employed within the project not funded by the grant.

21. The applicant agrees that no officer or employee of its agency shall be involved in a decision that affects the applicant during the time of employment with the knowledge that there is an opportunity to further their interest as set forth in the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs Financial Guide.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above certifications and certify that the program proposed in this application meets all the requirements of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended; that all the information presented is correct; and the application will comply with the provisions of the Act and all other federal laws, regulations, and guidelines and applicable state laws and regulations.

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