### STATE OF VERMONT STANDARD GRANT AGREEMENT

#### Part 2 – Grant Agreement

- Parties: This is a Grant Agreement for the advancement of a transportation project between the State of Vermont, Agency of Transportation (hereinafter called "State"), and Town of Richmond, a US Local Government, with its principal place of business at P.O. Box 285, Richmond, Vermont 05477, (hereinafter called "Subrecipient"). It is the Subrecipient's responsibility to contact the Vermont Department of Taxes to determine if, by law, the Subrecipient is required to have a Vermont Department of Taxes Business Account Number.
- 2. <u>Subject Matter:</u> The subject matter of this Grant is a project under the Federal Highway Emergency Relief Program authorized by 23 U.S.C. § 125 (Emergency relief).
- 3. <u>Award Details:</u> Amounts, dates and other award details are as shown in the attached Grant Agreement Part 1 Grant Award Detail. A detailed scope of worked covered by this award is described in Attachment A.
- 4. <u>Amendment:</u> No changes, modifications, or amendments in the terms and conditions of this Grant shall be effective unless reduced to writing, numbered, and signed by the duly authorized representative of the State and Subrecipient.
- 5. <u>Cancellation:</u> This Grant may be cancelled by either party by giving written notice at least thirty (30) days in advance.
- 6. <u>Attachments:</u> This Grant Agreement consists of <u>24</u> pages including the following attachments which are incorporated herein:

Grant Agreement Part 1 – Grant Award Detail

Attachment A - Scope of Work (Detailed Damage Inspection Report(s) - DDIR)

Attachment B - Payment Provisions

Attachment C - Standard State Provisions for Contracts and Grants Revised October 1, 2024

Attachment D - Other Grant Provisions

Attachment E - Applicable Standards and Design Criteria

Attachment F - Personnel Requirements and Conditions

Attachment G - Required Submittals, State Liaison, Waiver of Standards and Modifications of Design Steps, Plans, Documents and Estimates

Attachment H - DOT Standard Title VI Assurances and Non-Discrimination Provisions

(DOT 1050.2A) - Assurance Appendix A and Assurance Appendix E

\* \* \* [Signature page follows] \* \* \*

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED PARTIES, AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THIS GRANT AGREEMENT.

I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information provided herein is true, complete, and accurate. I am aware that the provision of false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative consequences including, but not limited to violations of U.S. Code Title 18, Sections 2, 1001, 1343 and Title 31, Sections 3729-3730 and 3801-3812. This certification applies to all tiers of subrecipients.

STATE OF VERMONT
AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Joe Flynn

Title: Secretary of Transportation

SUBRECIPIENT:
TOWN OF RICHMOND

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_

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# ATTACHMENT A SCOPE OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED

- 1. Information on Disaster. The work described below is required because of a disaster which occurred starting July 7, 2023, and for which Emergency Relief (ER) Funding under 23 USC Section 125 was authorized by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on August 7, 2023.
- **2.** Subrecipient Assumption of Full Responsibility for the Project. The Subrecipient assumes full and complete responsibility for any and all aspects relative to the development of the project except for those items defined in this Grant Agreement for which the State retains responsibility.
- **3. Federal Environmental Documentation:** As appropriate, the Subrecipient will review the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental document (Categorical Exclusion [CE], Environmental Assessment [EA], or Environmental Impact Statement [EIS]) prepared for/by the Subrecipient, and after ensuring that it is in order, will forward the environmental document to the State for processing through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).
- **4. Regulatory Requirements:** For emergency repairs the following requirements must be complied with but can be done after emergency repairs are completed. For any permanent repairs or emergency repairs being advertised for construction after April 28, 2020 the following requirements must be complied with prior to advertising for construction:
  - (a) Should construction of the project require the acquisition of lands or rights outside of the existing State or municipal rights-of-way, the Subrecipient shall acquire such lands or rights either by agreement or through exercise of its eminent domain powers, when applicable, in conformance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Policies Act of 1970, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §4601 et seq. (the Uniform Act) and its implementing regulations, 49 C.F.R. Part 24. Subrecipient shall forward the right-of-way certification to the State for review and acceptance.
  - (b) Review the utility and/or railroad issues for the project and ensure compliance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. Subrecipient agrees that any utility or railroad relocation costs deemed participating project costs shall meet all applicable eligibility and financial requirements as stated in federal and state laws, regulations, and policies.
  - (c) Review the project for compliance with all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, regulations, and permit requirements.
  - (d) Ensure that the design meets all applicable standards, codes, and requirements for design and public safety standards.
  - **5. Project Construction.** For permanent repairs, unless otherwise approved by the State, the Subrecipient will advertise the project for receipt of bids in conformance with federal and state laws and regulations. The Subrecipient will award the construction contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and will be fully responsible for administration of the contract through completion and acceptance of the project.

- **6. Construction Engineering.** Subrecipient shall provide for construction inspection and materials sampling/testing work for the project for conformance with the construction contract requirements.
- 7. **Project Accounting.** Subrecipient will establish and maintain a separate accounting for project funds, payments, and receipts for the duration of this Grant Agreement.
- **8.** Compliance with FHWA/USDOT Regulations. Subrecipient agrees that it will manage the project to comply with all applicable provisions of Titles 23 (Highways) and 49 (Transportation) of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.).
- **9. Hazardous Material Contamination. Hazardous Material Contamination.** Responsibility for any contaminated materials within the project area shall remain unaffected by this Grant Agreement as they are generally non-participating. The Subrecipient shall notify the State of the presence of and design alternatives for potential contaminated and/or hazardous waste sites located during the development or construction stage. Once the Subrecipient determines that contamination exists, whether obvious or established through testing, the Subrecipient shall notify the appropriate regulatory agency
- 10. Maintenance of the Completed Project. If the project is constructed, the Subrecipient will maintain the completed project in a manner satisfactory to the State or its authorized representative(s) at no cost to the State and will make ample provisions each year for such maintenance.
- 11. Personnel Requirements. The Subrecipient will comply with the personnel requirements contained in Attachment G (Personnel Requirements and Conditions).
- 12. Assignment of State Representative. The State will assign a representative to act as its project liaison with the Subrecipient.
- 13. Reviews by the State. The parties agree that the State may inspect or review any work or aspect of the project for any reason during the development of the project.

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# ATTACHMENT B PAYMENT PROVISIONS

In consideration of the services to be performed by Subrecipient, the State agrees to pay Subrecipient, in accordance with the payment provisions specified in Attachment B, a sum not to exceed the amount for which the project qualifies for participation of federal-aid funds under the 23 U.S.C. § 125 Emergency Relief Program. For any portion of the work qualifying for an 81.08% federal share rather than a 100% federal share, the State share will be 8.92% of eligible costs, and the Subrecipient will be responsible for payment of a 10% match.

See the Detailed Damage Inspection Report (DDIR) in Attachment A, Scope of Work.

Subrecipient shall keep the State informed of any delays or progress related to this project not less than monthly until after completion of the project.

Subrecipient must request payment using a written Request for Payment documenting items due and payable to the Subrecipient, accompanied by all supporting documentation.

Upon presentation of properly authorized invoices from the Subrecipient, the State shall pay to the Subrecipient payment or progress payments equal to 100% of approved invoices less the Subrecipient's share. The State's payment, utilizing State and federal funds, will be as follows: Eligible emergency work performed must be complete within 270 days of the event start date and shall be reimbursed at 100% federal share. During this 270-day period, permanent repair work is reimbursed at 81.08% federal and 8.92% State share, leaving the Subrecipient responsible for a 10% local match. After the 270-day period (and any extension of that period that may be authorized by Congress) all eligible work shall be reimbursed at 81.08% federal share and 8.92% State share, leaving the Subrecipient responsible for a 10% local match. After federal funds have been exhausted, the Subrecipient will be responsible for 100% of remaining costs. The State may retain up to 10% of the total Grant amount prior to final payment. Final payment, including any amount retained, shall be due and payable upon the State's receipt and acceptance of the final completion and acceptance of accounting, which shall be submitted to the State within 45 days of the end date of the Grant.

All completed forms should be submitted to:

Name: Peter Pochop Title: Project Manager

Division: Highway Municipal Assistance Bureau (MAB)

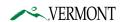
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Barre City Place 219 North Main Street Barre, VT 05641

The State shall not be responsible for expenses incurred by the Subrecipient except as specified in this Agreement.

- 1. Non-Participating Costs. Work accomplished by the Subrecipient, and/or its consultant or contractor, which has been designated by the State as non-participating for purpose of financial reimbursement, shall be the sole responsibility of the Subrecipient. Examples of non-participating costs include elements outside the scope of work, utility work not related to the project scope, any work outside of the Project limits and approaches and that portion of right-of-way settlements which exceed "Fair Market Value", as determined by reviewing appraiser in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 24.104 (Review of appraisals). Due to federal regulations that require all project costs to be reported within the federal financial system, the Subrecipient shall document and supply a summary of all non-participating costs. This shall include costs incurred by the Subrecipient above the maximum limiting amount of this Agreement.
- **2.** Compliance with Vermont Prompt Payment Act. To the extent it is applicable, Subrecipient, with respect to work performed pursuant to this Grant Agreement, agrees to comply with the provisions of the Vermont Prompt Payment Act (9 V.S.A. Chapter 102).
- 3. Reimbursement if Project Not Constructed due to Subrecipient. If at any time the Subrecipient no longer desires the improvements as specified for the Project, or if the Subrecipient fails to meet its obligation to construct the Project, then the Subrecipient shall promptly notify the State. As provided by 19 V.S.A. § 309c(a), the State shall consult with the Subrecipient about the Subrecipient's obligation to repay project costs. The Secretary of Transportation shall then make the final determination of the amount and schedule for the repayment that shall be made to the State by the Subrecipient, considering applicable laws and regulations. Pursuant to 19 V.S.A. §§ 5(d)(13) and 309c(b), within 15 days of the Secretary's determination, the Subrecipient may petition the Vermont Transportation Board for a hearing to determine whether the amount of the Subrecipient's repayment obligation as determined by the Secretary may be reduced.
- **4. Payment of Amounts Found Due by Audit.** In the event an audit or inspection by a certified or registered public accountant or an authorized agent of the State reveals that monies are due and owing to the State from the Subrecipient, for whatever reasons, then the Subrecipient shall pay such sums to the State within thirty (30) days of written notification of the findings of such audit or inspection.

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# ATTACHMENT C: STANDARD STATE PROVISIONS FOR CONTRACTS AND GRANTS REVISED OCTOBER 1, 2024

- 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. Where an authorized individual is either required to click-through or otherwise accept, or made subject to, any electronic terms and conditions to use or access any product or service provided hereunder, such terms and conditions are not binding and shall have no force or effect. Further, any terms and conditions of Party's invoice, acknowledgment, confirmation, or similar document, shall not apply, and any such terms and conditions on any such document are objected to without need of further notice or objection.
- 3. Governing Law, Jurisdiction and Venue; No Waiver of Jury Trial: This Agreement will be governed by the laws of the State of Vermont without resort to conflict of laws principles. 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 regarding 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:

- A. 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.
- **B.** 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.
- **C.** 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.
- D. 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 PRO203 any third party, or (2) otherwise be liable where the Richards or reimbursement, including a Ragge yel to example 10 of the results of the results and the results of the results



costs or other costs of the Party or any third party.

- **8. Insurance:** During the term of this Agreement, Party, at its expense, shall maintain in full force and effect the insurance coverages set forth in the Vermont State Insurance Specification in effect at the time of incorporation of this Attachment C into this Agreement. The terms of the Vermont State Insurance Specification are hereby incorporated by reference into this Attachment C as if fully set forth herein. A copy of the Vermont State Insurance Specification is available at: <a href="https://aoa.vermont.gov/Risk-Claims-COI">https://aoa.vermont.gov/Risk-Claims-COI</a>.
- **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: Any liability to the State under the Vermont False Claims Act (32 V.S.A. § 630 et seq.) 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. Use and Protection of State Information:

- A. As between the State and Party, "State Data" includes all data received, obtained, or generated by the Party in connection with performance under this Agreement. Party acknowledges that certain State Data to which the Party may have access may contain information that is deemed confidential by the State, or which is otherwise confidential by law, rule, or practice, or otherwise exempt from disclosure under the State of Vermont Access to Public Records Act, 1 V.S.A. § 315 et seq. ("Confidential State Data").
- **B.** With respect to State Data, Party shall:
  - i. take reasonable precautions for its protection;
  - ii. not rent, sell, publish, share, or otherwise appropriate it; and
  - iii. upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, Party shall dispose of or retain State Data if and to the extent required by this Agreement, law, or regulation, or otherwise requested in writing by the State.
- C. With respect to Confidential State Data, Party shall:
  - i. strictly maintain its confidentiality;
  - ii. not collect, access, use, or disclose it except as necessary to provide services to the State under this Agreement;
  - **iii.** provide at a minimum the same care to avoid disclosure or unauthorized use as it provides to protect its own similar confidential and proprietary information;
  - iv. implement and maintain administrative, technical, and physical safeguards and controls to protect against any anticipated threats or hazards or unauthorized access or use;
  - v. promptly notify the State of any request or demand by any court, governmental agency or other person asserting a demand or request for Confidential State Data so that the State may seek an appropriate protective order; and
  - vi. upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, and except as necessary to comply with subsection B.iii above in this section, return or destroy all Confidential State Data remaining in its possession or control.
- **D.** If Party is provided or accesses, creates, collects, processes, receives, stores, or transmits Confidential State Data in any electronic form or media, Party shall utilize:
  - i. industry-standard firewall protection;
  - ii. multi-factor authentication controls;
  - iii. encryption of electronic Confidential State Data while in transit and at rest;
  - iv. measures to ensure that the State Data shall not be altered without the prior written consent of the State;

v. measures to protect against destruction, loss, or damage of State Data due to potential environmental hazards, such as FRO203 Fire and water damage;



- vi. training to implement the information security measures; and
- vii. monitoring of the security of any portions of the Party's systems that are used in the provision of the services against intrusion.
- **E.** No Confidential 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 United States, except with the express written permission of the State.
- **F.** Party shall notify the State within twenty-four hours after becoming aware of any unauthorized destruction, loss, alteration, disclosure of, or access to, any State Data.
- **G.** State of Vermont Cybersecurity Standard Update: Party confirms that all products and services provided to or for the use of the State under this Agreement shall be in compliance with State of Vermont Cybersecurity Standard Update in effect at the time of incorporation of this Attachment C into this Agreement. The State of Vermont Cybersecurity Standard Update prohibits the use of certain branded products in State information systems or any vendor system, and a copy is available at: https://digitalservices.vermont.gov/cybersecurity/cybersecurity-standards-and-directives
- **H.** In addition to the requirements of this Section 12, Party shall comply with any additional requirements regarding the protection of data that may be included in this Agreement or required by law or regulation.
- 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 this 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, and shall include this provision in all subcontracts for work performed in Vermont. 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. Offset:** The State may offset any sums which the Party owes the State against any sums due the Party under this Agreement; provided, however, that any offset of amounts due the State of Vermont as taxes shall be in accordance with the procedures more specifically provided in 32 V.S.A. § 3113.
- **16.** Taxes Due to the State: 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.
- 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, Party is not under an obligation to pay child support or is in good standing with respect to or in full compliance with a plan to pay any and all child support payable under a support order. 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 VEROLOR Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Act Richard Amended by Section 17 of Act age 142 of 2016) and by



Section 6 of Act No. 50 (2011).

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 ("Confidentiality and Protection of State Information"); 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. Regulation of Hydrofluorocarbons:** Party confirms that all products provided to or for the use of the State under this Agreement shall not contain hydrofluorocarbons, as prohibited under 10 V.S.A. § 586.
- **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: https://bgs.vermont.gov/purchasing-contracting/debarment.
- 23. Conflict of Interest: Party shall fully disclose, in writing, any conflicts of interest or potential conflicts of interest.
- **24. Vermont Public Records Act:** Party acknowledges and agrees that this Agreement, any and all information obtained by the State from the Party in connection with this Agreement, and any obligations of the State to maintain the confidentiality of information 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 lockouts) ("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 use the State's logo or otherwise 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 this Agreement at the end of the fiscal year, or otherwise upon the expiration of existing appropriation authority. In the case that this Agreement 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 Agreement immediately, and the State shall have no obligation to pay Party 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.

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- 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 Federal Audit Clearinghouse within nine months. If a single audit is not required, only the Subrecipient Annual Report is required. A Single Audit is required if the subrecipient expends \$1,000,000 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.
  - 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 \$1,000, 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)

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# ATTACHMENT D OTHER GRANT AGREEMENT PROVISIONS

- 1. Cost of Materials: Subrecipient will not buy materials and resell to the State at a profit.
- 2. Availability of Federal Funds: This contract is funded in whole or in part by federal funds. In the event the federal funds supporting this contract become unavailable or are reduced, the State may cancel this contract immediately, and the State shall have no obligation to pay Subrecipient from State revenues.
- **3.** Subrecipient's Liens: Subrecipient will discharge any and all contractors' or mechanics' liens imposed on property of the State through the actions of subcontractors.
- **4. Federal-Aid Construction Work:** The subrecipient will comply with the provisions of the **Davis-Bacon Act** (40 U.S.C. §§ 276a to 276a 7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. § 276c and 18 U.S.C. § 874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 327-333), regarding labor standards for federally assisted construction sub agreements.
- **5. Equal Opportunity Plan:** If they are required by the Federal Office of Civil Rights to have a plan, the subrecipient must provide a copy of the approval of their Equal Opportunity Plan.
- **6. Supplanting:** If required, the subrecipient will submit a Certification that funds will not be used to supplant local or other funding.
- 7. **Grant Term:** The Grant term is the period during which grant funds may be expended. Expiration of the Grant Term does not relieve the subrecipient from the duty to fulfill long term grant requirements, some of which may extend indefinitely. Such long-term requirements may include but are not limited to, maintenance of the completed project, applicable reporting requirements, and obtaining the State's approval before selling or transferring equipment or property acquired with grant proceeds.
- 8. Responsibility for Project Costs determined Ineligible for Reimbursement by FHWA: In the event that Project costs incurred are not reimbursed by the Federal Highway Administration due to the Subrecipient's failure to follow proper federal guidelines and/or the expenditures are found by the State or FHWA to be federally non-participating items, the Subrecipient shall be responsible for 100% of such Project costs.
- 9. Limits on Reimbursement: The State will not reimburse the Subrecipient for premium rate overtime unless the State has given its prior written approval for such overtime. The State will reimburse the Subrecipient for reasonable and necessary expenses actually incurred in the performance of this Grant subject, however, to the reimbursement limitations for state employees. The State will not reimburse the Subrecipient for meals taken during travel not requiring an overnight stay away from home.

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- **10. Uniform Guidance:** 2 CFR Chapter I, Chapter II, Part 200-Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance).
- 11. Resolution of Grant Disputes: The parties shall attempt to resolve any disputes that may arise under this Grant by negotiation. Any dispute not resolved by negotiation shall be referred to the State's appropriate Director for determination. If the Grantee is aggrieved by the decision of the Director, the Grantee may appeal in writing to the Transportation Board, through the Director, within 30 calendar days of the Director's decision, but not thereafter. The notice of appeal shall completely outline the nature and extent of the issue(s) appealed and shall include copies of any and all supporting documentation. The decision of the Transportation Board may be appealed to Vermont Superior Court by either party as provided in 19 V.S.A. 5(d)(4).
- **12. Interpretation of Grant:** If an ambiguity or question of intent arises with respect to any provision of this Grant, the Grant will be construed as if drafted jointly between the parties and no presumption or burden of proof will arise favoring or disfavoring either party by virtue of authorship of any of the provisions of this Grant.
- 13. Cargo preference act compliance (if applicable). The contractor/recipient/subrecipient is hereby notified that the Contractor and Subcontractor(s)/recipients and subrecipients are required to follow the requirements of 46 CFR 381.7 (a)-(b), if applicable. For guidance on requirements of Part 381 Cargo Preference U.S. Flag Vessels please go to the following web link: <a href="https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/cqit/cargo.cfm">https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/cqit/cargo.cfm</a>.

# ATTACHMENT E APPLICABLE STANDARDS & DESIGN CRITERIA

- A. Vermont State Standards for Design
- B. Latest Edition of the Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)
- C. The most recent appropriate version of the VTrans Standard Specifications for Construction, as amended with its most recent General Special Provisions and Supplemental Specifications, but only to the extent not inconsistent with this Grant Agreement.
- D. VTrans Utilities Manual
- E. Vermont Pedestrian and Bicycle Facility Planning and Design Manual
- F. American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Roadside Design Guide
- G. AASHTO Guide for Design of Pavement Structures
- H. The most recent version of the Highway Capacity Manual
- I. VTrans Hydraulics Manual
- J. The Approved Project Environmental Document
- K. VTrans Structures Manual
- L. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Titles 23 (Highways), 48 (Federal Acquisition Regulations System) (FARS), and 49 (Transportation)
- M. VTrans Procedures for Selecting Contractors and Specifications for Contractor Services, Including Customary State Contract Provisions, but only to the extent not inconsistent with this Grant Agreement.
- N. AASHTO Specifications for Highway Bridges
- O. VTrans Design Exception Procedure
- P. VTrans Right-of-Way Manual
- Q. VTrans Policy for CADD standards
- R. U.S. Department of Justice rules implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), 28 CFR Part 36)

If the Grantee believes that there is a discrepancy in the information contained herein or in the above- listed requirements, the Grantee shall notify the State. The State, after consultation with the Grantee, will, in its sole discretion, determine which requirement takes precedence.

# ATTACHMENT F PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS

#### A. Standards of Conduct

- 1) No employee, officer or agent of the Subrecipient shall participate in the selection, award or administration of a contract supported by state or federal funds if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved. Such a conflict would arise when:
  - the employee, officer or agent, or
  - any member of his or her immediate family, or
  - his or her partner, or
  - an organization which employs, or is about to employ, any of the above,

has a financial or other interest in the consultant or contractor selected for award. Subrecipient's officers, employees or agents will neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors or any gift of any kind or value from consultants, potential consultants, contractors, potential contractors, or parties to sub-agreements. Violation of this standard will result in penalties, sanctions, or other disciplinary actions to the extent permitted by State, Federal or local law.

- 2) Except where it conflicts with fairness toward competitors, Subrecipient shall avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest in the award of a contract. If there is such an appearance of a conflict of interest wherein a reasonable person might conclude that the contractor was selected for improper reasons, the Subrecipient shall disclose that fact and, regardless, should document its reasons for selection all contractors.
- B. The Subrecipient shall employ only qualified personnel in responsible charge of the supervision of work.
- C. Except with the approval of the State, during the life of this Agreement, the Subrecipient will not employ:
- 1) Personnel on the payroll of the State who are directly involved with the awarding, administration, monitoring, or performance of the contract or the Project(s) which are the subject(s) of this Grant Agreement, or
  - 2) Any person so involved within one (1) year of termination of employment with the State.

# ATTACHMENT F PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS (CONTINUED)

- D. The Subrecipient warrants that no company or person has been employed or retained other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Subrecipient to solicit or secure this Agreement and that no company or person has been paid or has an agreement with the Subrecipient to be paid other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Subrecipient any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. For breach or violation of the warranty, the State shall have the right to annul this Agreement without liability to the State and to regain all costs incurred by the State in the performance of the Agreement.
- E. The State reserves the right to require the removal from the Project any person employed by the Subrecipient for misconduct, incompetence or negligence, as determined by the Secretary of the Vermont Agency of Transportation, in the due and proper performance of his/her duties or who neglects or refuses to comply with the requirements of this Agreement.

# ATTACHMENT G REQUIRED SUBMITTALS, STATE LIAISON, WAIVER OF STANDARDS AND MODIFICATIONS OF DESIGN STEPS, PLANS, DOCUMENTS AND ESTIMATES

Required Submittals: NEPA documentation, ROW Certification, Contract Plans, Specifications and Estimates

### **ATTACHMENT H**

# DOT Standard Title VI Assurances and Non-Discrimination Provisions (DOT 1050.2A) - Assurance Appendix A and Assurance Appendix E

### Assurance Appendix A

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees as follows:

- Compliance with Regulations: The contractor (hereinafter includes consultants) will
  comply with the Acts and the Regulations relative to Nondiscrimination in Federallyassisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway
  Administration (FHWA), as they may be amended from time to time, which are herein
  incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.
- 2. Nondiscrimination: The contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, income-level, or LEP in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor will not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Acts and the Regulations as set forth in Appendix E, including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of 49 CFR Part 21.
- 3. Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment: In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding, or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials, or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier will be notified by the contractor of the contractor's obligations under this contract and the Acts and the Regulations relative to Non-discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, income-level, or LEP.
- 4. Information and Reports: The contractor will provide all information and reports required by the Acts, the Regulations and directives issued pursuant thereto and will permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the Recipient or the FHWA to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Acts, Regulations, and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish the information, the contractor will so certify to the Recipient or the FHWA, as appropriate, and will set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
- 5. **Sanctions for Noncompliance:** In the event of a contractor's noncompliance with the Non-discrimination provisions of this contract, the Recipient will impose such contract sanctions as it or the FHWA may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
  - a. withholding payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies; and/or
  - b. cancelling, terminating, or suspending a contract, in whole or in part.
- **6. Incorporation of Provisions:** The contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs one through six in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Acts, the Regulations and directives issued pursuant thereto. The contractor will take action with respect to any subcontract or procurement

as the Recipient or the FHWA may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, that if the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation by a subcontractor, or supplier because of such direction, the contractor may request the Recipient to enter into any litigation to protect the interests of the Recipient. In addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into the litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

### Assurance Appendix E

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees to comply with the following non-discrimination statutes and authorities; including but not limited to:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin), as implemented by 49 C.F.R. § 21.1 et seq. and 49 C.F.R. § 303;
- The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
- Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C. § 324 *et seq.*), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex);
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 *et seq.*), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR Part 27;
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 *et seq.*), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49 USC § 471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex);
- The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (102 Stat. 28.), ("....which restore[d] the broad scope of coverage and to clarify the application of title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.");
- Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131 -- 12189) as implemented by Department of Justice regulations at 28 C.F.R. parts 35 and 36, and Department of Transportation regulations at 49 C.F.R. parts 37 and 38;
- The Federal Aviation Administration's Non-discrimination statute (49 U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex);
- Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures non-discrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations;
- Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100);
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq), as implemented by 49 C.F.R. § 25.1 et seq.



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#### CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE

#### **Named Member**

Town of Richmond Attn: Joshua Arneson PO Box 285 Richmond, VT 05477 **Company Affording Coverage** 

VLCT Property & Casualty Intermunicipal Fund, Inc.

89 Main Street Suite 4 Montpeilier, VT 05602

This is to certify that the policies of coverage listed below have been issued to the named member listed above for the policy period indicated. Notwithstanding any requirement, term, or condition of any contract or other document with respect to which this certificate may be issued or may pertain, the coverage afforded by the policies described herein is subject to all the terms, definitions, exclusions, and conditions of such policies. Note that limits shown may have been reduced by paid claims.

Type of Coverage	Term	Limits of L	iability.				
Commercial General Liability	01/01/2025 - 01/01/2026	\$10,000,000	Per Occurrence				
Coverage Includes:							
Premises/Operations							
Products/Completed Operations							
Personal Injury							
Contractual							
Independent Contractors							
Broad Form Property Damage							
Automobile Liability	01/01/2025 - 01/01/2026	\$10,000,000	Per Occurrence				
Any Auto							
Hired Autos							
Non-Owned Autos							
Comprehensive/Collision		ACV					
Workers Compensation	01/01/2025 - 01/01/2026	Statutory					
And							
Employers Liability		\$5,000,000	Per Occurrence and in the Aggregate				
Property	01/01/2025 - 01/01/2026	As Per Policy Declarations					
insured) for Automobile Liability,	ncies, departments, officers and employe General Liability and Property Damage, b coverage shall be primary and noncontribu	ut only in respect to operations b	y or on beha <b>l</b> f of the Named				
Certificate Holder: State of Vermont Agency of Transportation-Contract Administ	Holder This Contificate dose n	matter of information only and confe oot amend, extend or alter the covera					
219 North Main Street, Suite 105 Barre, VT 05641	Should any of the above desi issuing insurer will endeavor the left, but failure to do so s	Should any of the above described policies be cancelled before the expiration date thereous issuing insurer will endeavor to mail 30 days written notice to the Certificate Holder name the left, but failure to do so shall impose no obligation or liability of any kind upon the insits agents, or representatives.					

Authorized Representative: