Washington Military Department Contract Number:_____

Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility or Voluntary Exclusion Certification Form

NAME Lewis, County of		Doing business as (DBA)	
ADDRESS 351 NW North Street Chehalis, WA 98532	**Applicable Procurement or Solicitation #, if any:**	WA Uniform Business Identifier (UBI) 214-000-323	Federal Employer Tax Identification #: 91-6001351
This certification is submitted as part of a request to contract.			

Instructions For Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion--Lower Tier Covered Transactions

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING THE CERTIFICATION. Federal regulations require contractors and bidders to sign and abide by the terms of this certification, without modification, in order to participate in certain transactions directly or indirectly involving federal funds.

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department, institution or office to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or had become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meaning set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under the applicable CFR, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled ``Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under applicable CFR, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Non-procurement Programs.
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business activity.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under applicable CFR, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion--Lower Tier Covered Transactions

The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal or contract, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this form.

Bidder or Contractor Signature: _____ Date: 12-21-15

Print Name and Title: Steve Mansfield, Manager

FEDERAL DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION INELIGIBILITY and VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION

(FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS)

What is "Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion"?
These terms refer to the status of a person or company that cannot contract with or receive grants from a federal agency.

In order to be debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded, you must have:

- had a contract or grant with a federal agency, and
- gone through some process where the federal agency notified or attempted to notify you that you could not contract with the federal agency.
- Generally, this process occurs where you, the contractor, are not qualified or are not adequately performing under a contract, or have violated a regulation or law pertaining to the contract.

Why am I required to sign this certification?
You are requesting a contract or grant with the Washington Military Department. Federal law (Executive Order 12549) requires Washington Military Department ensure that persons or companies that contract with Washington Military Department are not prohibited from having federal contracts.

What is Executive Order 12549?
Executive Order 12549 refers to Federal Executive Order Number 12549. The executive order was signed by the President and directed federal agencies to ensure that federal agencies, and any state or other agency receiving federal funds were not contracting or awarding grants to persons, organizations, or companies who have been excluded from participating in federal contracts or grants. Federal agencies have codified this requirement in their individual agency Code of Federal Regulations (CFRs).

What is the purpose of this certification?
The purpose of the certification is for you to tell Washington Military Department in writing that you have not been prohibited by federal agencies from entering into a federal contract.

What does the word "proposal" mean when referred to in this certification?
Proposal means a solicited or unsolicited bid, application, request, invitation to consider or similar communication from you to Washington Military Department.

What or who is a "lower tier participant"?
Lower tier participants means a person or organization that submits a proposal, enters into contracts with, or receives a grant from Washington Military Department, OR any subcontractor of a contract with Washington Military Department. If you hire subcontractors, you should require them to sign a certification and keep it with your subcontract.

What is a covered transaction when referred to in this certification?
Covered Transaction means a contract, oral or written agreement, grant, or any other arrangement where you contract with or receive money from Washington Military Department. Covered Transaction does not include mandatory entitlements and individual benefits.

Sample Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, Voluntary Exclusion Contract Provision

Debarment Certification. The Contractor certifies that the Contractor is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in this Contract by any Federal department or agency. If requested by Washington Military Department, the Contractor shall complete a Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion form. Any such form completed by the Contractor for this Contract shall be incorporated into this Contract by reference.