

Standard Assurances and Certifications

The Pee Dee Regional Council of Governments (PDRCOG), on behalf of the Pee Dee Workforce Development Board, will not award a grant where the applicant has failed to accept the assurances and certifications below.

As a duly authorized representative for _____ (“the Applicant”), I certify that:

1. The Applicant has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
2. The Applicant will give the United States Department of Labor, the Comptroller General of the United States, and the State of South Carolina, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. The Applicant will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest or personal gain.
4. The Applicant will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. The Applicant will comply, as applicable, with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
6. The Applicant will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.
7. The Applicant will comply with all other applicable requirements of Federal and State laws, executive orders, regulations and policies governing this program. The Applicant will also comply with all requirements of the grant, including requirements listed in the Notice of Funding Opportunity, Terms and Conditions, and Statement of Work. The Applicant understands that failure to comply may result in a delay of payment or forfeiture of funding.
8. The Applicant understands that, if working directly with individuals, all participants must be certified eligible for services under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (“WIOA”) eligibility requirements. The Applicant will comply with all WIOA reporting requirements, including the tracking of eligibility, enrollment and activities in the SC Works Online Services system. The Applicant understands that failure to comply may result in a delay of payment or forfeiture of funding.
9. The Applicant assures that it has the ability to comply with the nondiscrimination and equal opportunity provisions of the following laws and will remain in compliance for the duration of the award of federal financial assistance:
 - (A) Section 188 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), which prohibits discrimination against all individuals in the United States on the basis of race, color, religion,

- sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, and related medical conditions, transgender status, and gender identity), national origin (including limited English proficiency), age, disability, or political affiliation or belief, or against beneficiaries on the basis of either citizenship status or participation in any WIOA Title I-financially assisted program or activity;
- (B) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, which prohibits discrimination on the bases of race, color, and national origin;
- (C) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, which prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities;
- (D) The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age;
- (E) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs; and
- (F) The South Carolina Pregnancy Accommodations Act, which protects employees and applicants who have medical needs arising from pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions.

10. The Applicant also assures that, as a recipient of WIOA Title I financial assistance, it will comply with 29 CFR part 38 and all other regulations implementing the laws listed above in Section 9. This assurance applies to the Applicant’s operation of the WIOA Title I-financially assisted program or activity, and to all agreements the grant applicant makes to carry out the WIOA Title I-financially assisted program or activity. The Applicant understands that the United States has the right to seek judicial enforcement of this assurance.

I hereby certify that I am an authorized representative of the Applicant named above, with the authority to commit the Applicant to legally binding contracts and agreements. I further certify that the information given as part of and attached to this application is true and accurate. I am aware that any false information or intended omissions may subject me or the entity I represent to civil or criminal penalties for filing of false public records and/or forfeiture of any funds approved through this program.

This application does not constitute a contractual agreement. If any portion of the application is approved, a formal agreement between the parties will be executed and this signed document, along with the Notice of Funding Opportunity, Terms and Conditions, Statement of Work, and all other policies implemented by PDRCOG will govern the grant.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Phone Number

Title

Email Address