

GRANT AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

NORTHERN PLAINS RESOURCE COUNCIL, INC.

220 S. 27th Street, Suite A
Billings, Montana, 59101-4106

AND

THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, E22-229
Washington, D.C. 20590-0001

CONCERNING

"Technical Assistance Grants Program"

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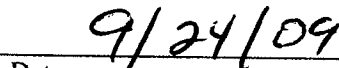
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NORTHERN PLAINS RESOURCE COUNCIL, INC.


Signature


Name and Title


Date

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (PHMSA)


Signature
Warren D. Osterberg
Contracting Officer

SEP 18 2009

Date

SEP 28 2009

Effective Date

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Article I. Award Information

Section 1.01 Grantee Information

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Billings, Montana, 59101-4106
DUNS: 884150855
EIN/TIN: 81-0367205

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Section 1.02 Awarding Agency Information

U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT)
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)
Office of Contracts and Procurement (PHA-30)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Room E22-305
Washington, D.C. 20590

Primary Contact: Maria Munoz, maria.munoz@dot.gov, (202) 366-5513

Section 1.03 Basic Award Information

Funding Opportunity Title: "Technical Assistance Grants (TAG) to Communities Program"
Funding Opportunity Number: DTPH56-09-SN-0003
CFDA Number: 20.721
Award Type: Grant Agreement
Award Number: DTPH56-09-G-PHPT11
Project Title: Montana Dakota Pipeline Safety Landowner Exchange Project.
Project Period: Five months from the effective date of award.
Grant Amount: \$36,103.00

Article II. Background

Section 2.01 Background

Experience shows that informed communities play a vital role in the safety and reliability of pipeline operations. The Technical Assistance Grants (TAG) program, first authorized in the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-355, codified at 49 U.S.C. 60130), offers new opportunities to strengthen the depth and quality of public participation in pipeline safety matters. Section 9 of the Act, titled: "Pipeline Safety Information Grants to Communities" authorized the Secretary of Transportation to make grants to local communities and organizations for technical assistance relating to pipeline safety issues. The TAG program was then amended by Section 5 of the Pipeline Inspection, Protection, Enforcement, and Safety Act of 2006. However, FY 2009 is the first year in which PHMSA has received appropriations to fund the grant program.

These grants will provide funding to communities and groups of individuals for technical assistance in the form of engineering or other scientific analysis of pipeline safety issues and to help promote public participation in official proceedings. For purposes of grants eligibility, communities are defined as cities, towns, villages, counties, parishes, townships, and similar governmental subdivisions, or consortiums of such subdivisions. A nongovernmental group of individuals is eligible for a grant under the TAG program if its members are affected or potentially affected

individuals who are, or are willing to become, incorporated as a non-profit organization in the state where they are located.

Section 2.02 Statement of Purpose

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), through the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), award grants to obtain funding for technical assistance in the form of engineering or other scientific analysis of pipeline safety issues affecting the local community.

Section 2.03 Specific Objective(s) of the Agreement

Disseminate information regarding pipeline construction and safety to affected landowners and county officials by Montana Dakota Pipeline Safety Landowner Exchange Project.

Article III. Expected Program Outputs

Under the terms of this agreement, the Grantee must demonstrate completion of the work through the actions it has specified in its Application.

- Organize a field tour for the planned pipeline construction at North Dakota (Keystone pipeline) and bring five (5) members from Montana and five (5) members from Dakota that have been affected by the planned pipeline construction at North Dakota (Keystone pipeline). These members will include county commissioners, fire fighters, legislators, and landowners.
- Produce a written report that summarizes the information gathered, and all the recommendations for safety practices and procedures from this field tour.
- Disseminate the information gathered in the written report to all affected parties.

Article IV. Deliverables

The Northern Plains Resource Council, Montana must submit the following reports:

- Final Report; and
- Federal Financial Report.

Additional information about the reporting requirements is in Article X, Reports.

Article V. Dissemination of Technical Findings

The Grantee must make available any technical findings to the relevant operators in the Grantee's area and have open communication with local operators, local communities and other interested parties.

Article VI. Delineation of Tasks/Deliverables

Section 6.01 Incorporation of Grantee Application

The Grantee's application and Project Plan dated **May 29, 2009** is incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

The Grantee is responsible for accomplishing the objectives, tasks and deliverables of this Grant Agreement, and performing the tasks and the deliverables outlined in the Grantee's Project Plan.

Article VII. Agreement Officials

Refer to the Award Terms and Conditions (Attachment 1), Section 1, for a detailed description of each official's responsibilities below.

Agreement Officer (AO)

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E-mail: teresa@northernplains.org

Article VIII. Terms and Conditions

The Grantee must comply with and spend funds consistent with all the terms and conditions of this award, including the Award Terms and Conditions in **Attachment 1** and any other terms and conditions spelled out in this document. Attachment 1, Award Terms and Conditions is incorporated into this Agreement.

Article IX. Special Terms and Conditions

Section 9.01 Modifications

Modifications to this Grant Agreement may be made only in writing, signed by both the Grantee and the Agreement Officer, and specifically referred to as a modification to this Grant Agreement.

Section 9.02 Travel

Any travel necessary to carry out the objectives of this agreement must use the most economical form of transportation available. All travel is to be scheduled sufficiently in advance, to the extent practicable, to take advantage of offered discount rates. Travel and Per Diem authorized under this agreement must be incurred in accordance with the Government Travel Regulations currently in effect. Current per diem rates are listed at: <http://www.gsa.gov/perdiem>.

Article X. Reports

Section 10.01 Final Report

At the end of the grant period, the Grantee must deliver a letter-type final report to the AOTR and the AA that describes the results of all activities undertaken as a result of this grant. The report to PHMSA must demonstrate completion of the work as outlined in the grant agreement.

This report must be submitted to the AOTR and the AA in electronic form via e-mail no later than 90 calendar days after the end of the period of performance.

Section 10.02 Federal Financial Report

At the end of the grant period, the Grantee must submit a Federal Financial Report, Standard Form 425 (SF-425), to report the status of all funds. In addition to the SF-425, the Grantee should provide the break down of costs for each object class category (Personnel, Fringe Benefits, Travel, Equipment, Supplies, Contractual, Other, and Indirect Charges).

This report must be submitted to the AA in electronic form via e-mail no later than 90 calendar days after the end of the period of performance.

Article XI. Consideration and Payment

Section 11.01 Request for Advance/Reimbursement

Subject to the requirements in 49 CFR 19 being met (refer to Award Terms and Conditions, Section 14, "Payments") payments will be made after receipt of "Request for Advance or Reimbursement," SF-270. Each request must be submitted in an original to the AA, one copy to the AOTR and one copy to the Payment Office listed below:

U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Aviation Administration, MMAC
Financial Operations, AMZ-160
P.O. Box 269039
Oklahoma City, OK 73126-9039
Attn: Ms. Margaret Gorman
(405) 954-7468

Section 11.02 Approved Project Proposal/Budget

The Grantee's application dated **May 29, 2009** and subsequent response providing additional information dated, **July 15, 2009** are incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

Section 11.03 Payment of Advance/Reimbursement

All Grantees must be registered in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) to receive payments on their invoices. For information on how to register, visit www.ccr.gov.

See Attachment 1 "Award Terms and Conditions" for additional payment requirements.

Article XII. Attachments

Attachment 1 - DTPH56-09-G-PHPT11 - Award Terms and Conditions

**Department of Transportation
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)**

**Financial Assistance Awards to Non-Profit Organizations
Award Terms and Conditions**

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1. Definitions

- a) **Recipient** – An organization receiving financial assistance directly from Federal awarding agencies to carry out a project or program.
- b) **Agreement Officer (AO)** – The AO has full authority to negotiate, administer, and execute all business matters of the award. Further, should any changes to the scope, budget, schedule, or any other terms of the agreement become necessary, only the AO has the authority to amend the award.
- c) **Agreement Administrator (AA)** – The AA is responsible for the daily administration of the award. The AA is NOT AUTHORIZED to change the scope, budget, specifications, and terms and conditions as stated in the award, to make any commitments that otherwise obligates the Government or authorize changes which affect the award budget, delivery schedule, period of performance, or other terms and conditions.
- d) **Agreement Officer's Technical Representative (AOTR)** – The AOTR assists in monitoring the work under the award. The AOTR will oversee the technical administration of the award and will act as a technical liaison with the performing organization. The AOTR is NOT AUTHORIZED to change the scope, budget, specifications, and terms and conditions as stated in the award, to make any commitments that otherwise obligate the Government or authorize changes which affect the award budget, delivery schedule, period of performance, or other terms and conditions.
- e) **Principal Investigator (PI)** – The PI is the individual designated by the Recipient and approved by PHMSA who is responsible for the technical direction of the project. The PI cannot be changed or become someone substantially less involved than was indicated in the Recipient's proposal, without prior written approval of the Agreement Officer.

2. Recipient Responsibilities

In accepting a PHMSA financial assistance award (grant or cooperative agreement), the Recipient assumes legal, financial, administrative, and programmatic responsibility for administering the award in accordance with the laws, rules, regulations, and Executive Orders governing grants and cooperative agreements, and these Award Terms and Conditions, including responsibility for complying with any provisions included in the award.

Failure to comply with these requirements may result in suspension or termination of the award and PHMSA recovery of funds.

3. Compliance with Award Terms and Conditions

Submission of a signed Request for Advance or Reimbursement (payment request) form constitutes the Recipient's agreement to comply with and spend funds consistent with all the terms and conditions of this award.

4. Order of Precedence

Any inconsistency or conflict in the terms and conditions specified in this Grant shall be resolved according to the following order of precedence:

- a) The Federal statute authorizing this award or any other Federal statutes, laws, regulations or directives directly affecting performance of this Grant.
- b) Terms and Conditions of this Grant.

NOTE: OMB Circulars are available at: www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars.

5. Uniform Administrative Requirements

49 CFR 19, “Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations” establishes administrative standards to ensure consistency among recipients of Federal awards. These include financial and program management, property and procurement standards, cost-sharing or matching, and reporting and record retention.

OMB Circular A-110, “Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Other Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals and Other Non-Profit Organizations”, as adopted by DOT in 49 CFR Part 19, is incorporated by reference into this award.

49 CFR Part 19 is available at: <http://www.dot.gov/ost/m60/grant/49cfr19.htm>.

6. Federal Cost Principles

PHMSA will determine if costs incurred by a Recipient are allowable in accordance with the applicable statutory limitations, Federal cost principles and terms and conditions of the award.

Nonprofit organizations are subject to the provisions of OMB Circular A-122, “Cost Principles for Nonprofit Organizations,” codified in 2 CFR Part 230.

OMB Circular A-122, codified in 2 CFR Part 230, is incorporated by reference into this award.

2 CFR Part 230 is available at:
http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/assets/omb/fedreg/2005/083105_a122.pdf.

7. Audit Requirements

OMB Circular A-133, “Audits of States, Local Governments, and Nonprofit Organizations,” includes specific guidance for conducting financial and compliance audits. The threshold for requiring an A-133 audit is \$500,000 in yearly expenditures of Federal funds. This amount is the aggregate of funds from all Federal sources.

OMB Circular A-133 is incorporated by reference into this award.

OMB Circular A-133 is available at:
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/assets/omb/circulars/a133/a133.pdf>.

8. Restrictions on Use of Funds for Lobbying or in Support of Litigation

The Recipient may not conduct political lobbying, as defined in the statutes, regulations, and 2 CFR Part 225– “Lobbying”, within the Federally-supported project. The Recipient may not use Federal funds for lobbying specifically to obtain grants and cooperative agreements. The Recipient must comply with 49 CFR Part 20, U.S. Department of Transportation “New Restrictions on Lobbying.”

49 CFR Part 20 is incorporated by reference into this award.

49 CFR Part 20 is available at: <http://www.dot.gov/ost/m60/grant/regs.htm>.

9. Nondiscrimination

The Recipient must comply with Title VI of the Civil Right Act of 1964, which provides that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, be subject to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance. The Recipient must comply with 49 CFR Part 21, “Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation—Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964”

49 CFR Part 21 is incorporated by reference into this award.

49 CFR Part 21 is available at: <http://www.dot.gov/ost/m60/grant/regs.htm>.

10. Department of Transportation Non-procurement Debarment and Suspension

The Recipient must comply with the provisions of EO 12549, “Debarment and Suspension,” which generally prohibits entities that have been debarred, suspended, or voluntarily excluded from participating in Federal non-procurement transactions either through primary or lower-tier covered transactions. The Recipient must comply with 2 CFR Part 1200, “Department of Transportation Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment.”

Recipients are encouraged to subscribe to and utilize the Monthly Lists of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement or Nonprocurement Programs published by GSA and found at: www.epls.gov.

2 CFR Part 1200 is incorporated by reference into this award.

2 CFR Part 1200 is available at www.gpoaccess.gov by clicking on: [2 CFR Part 1200](#).

11. Drug-Free Workplace

The Recipient must comply with the provisions of Public Law 100-690, Title V, Subtitle D, “Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988,” which require the Recipient to take steps to provide a drug-free workplace. The Recipient must comply with 49 CFR Part 32, “Governmentwide Requirements for Drug Free Workplace (Financial Assistance).”

49 CFR Part 32 is incorporated by reference into this award.

49 CFR Part 32 is available at www.gpoaccess.gov by clicking on: [49 CFR Part 32](#).

12. DOT Order 4600.17A, “Financial Assistance Management Requirements”

DOT Order 4600.17A is incorporated by reference into this award.

DOT Order 4600.17A is available at: <http://www.dot.gov/ost/m60/grant/ord4600.htm>.

13. Treasury Circular No. 1075, “Regulations Governing Withdrawal of Cash From the Treasury for Advances Under Federal Grant and Other Programs (31 CFR 205)”

Treasury Circular No. 1075 is incorporated by reference into this award. This Circular can be found in Appendix 1 of Volume 1, Part 6, Chapter 2000 of the Treasury Financial Manual at: <http://fms.treas.gov/tfm/vol1/v1p6c200.txt>.

14. Payments

Payment to a Recipient will be made in advance, provided the Recipient maintains or demonstrates the willingness to maintain the following in accordance with 49 CFR Part 19.22: (1) written procedures that minimize the time elapsing between the transfer of funds and disbursement by the Recipient, and (2) financial management systems that meet the standards for fund control and accountability. If these items are not met, payment will be made by reimbursement.

Subject to the requirements in 49 CFR Part 19 being met, a payment for 100% of the award amount will be made shortly after the effective date of award, subsequent to receipt of the completed Standard Form SF-270.

To receive payment a Recipient must submit a "Request for Advance or Reimbursement," Standard Form SF-270.

The completed SF 270 must be submitted in an original to the AA, one copy to the AOTR and one copy to the Payment Office listed below:

U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Aviation Administration, MMAC
Financial Operations, AMZ-160
P.O. Box 269039
Oklahoma City, OK 73126-9039
Attn: Ms. Margaret Gorman
(405) 954-7468

- a) Method of payment.
 - i) The Government will make all payments under this agreement by electronic funds transfer (EFT), except as provided by paragraph (a)(ii) of this clause. As used in this clause, the term "EFT" refers to the funds transfer and may also include the payment information transfer.
 - ii) If the Government is unable to release one or more payments by EFT, the Recipient agrees either to –
 - (a) Accept payment by check or some other mutually agreeable method of payment; or
 - (b) Request the Government to extend the payment due date until such time as the Government can make payment by EFT (but see paragraph d. of this clause).
- b) Recipient's EFT information. The Government will make payment to the Recipient using the EFT information contained in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database. If the EFT information changes, the Recipient is responsible for providing the updated information to the CCR database.
- c) Mechanisms for EFT payment. The Government may make payment by EFT through either the Automated Clearing House (ACH) network, subject to the rules of the National Automated Clearing House Association, or the Fedwire Transfer System. The rules governing Federal payments through the ACH are contained in 31 CFR Part 210.
- d) Suspension of payment. If the Recipient's EFT information in the CCR database is incorrect, the Government is not obligated to make payment to the Recipient under this agreement until the correct EFT information is entered into the CCR database.

An invoice or agreement-financing request is not a proper invoice for the purpose of prompt payment under this agreement.

- e) Recipient EFT arrangements. If the Recipient has identified multiple payment receiving points (i.e., more than one remittance address and/or EFT information set) in the CCR database, and the Recipient has not notified the Government of the payment receiving point applicable to this agreement, the Government will make payment to the first payment receiving point (EFT information set or remittance address as applicable) listed in the CCR database.
- f) Liability for uncompleted or erroneous transfers.
 - i) If an uncompleted or erroneous transfer occurs because the Government used the Recipient's EFT information incorrectly, the Government remains responsible for –
 - (a) Making a correct payment;
 - (b) Paying any prompt payment penalty due; and
 - (c) Recovering any erroneously directed funds.
 - ii) If an uncompleted or erroneous transfer occurs because the Recipient's EFT information was incorrect, or was revised within 30 days of Government release of the EFT payment transaction instruction to the Federal Reserve System, and –
 - (a) If the funds are no longer under the control of the payment office, the Government is deemed to have made payment and the Recipient is responsible for recovery of any erroneously directed funds; or
 - (b) If the funds remain under the control of the payment office, the Government will not make payment, and the provisions of paragraph d. of this clause apply.
- g) EFT and prompt payment. A payment will have been made in a timely manner in accordance with the prompt payment terms of this agreement if, in the EFT payment transaction instruction released to the Federal Reserve System, the date specified for settlement of the payment is on or before the prompt payment due date, provided the specified payment date is a valid date under the rules of the Federal Reserve System.
- h) EFT and assignment of claims. If the Recipient assigns the proceeds of this agreement, the Recipient must require, as a condition of any such assignment, that the assignee register in the CCR database and be paid by EFT in accordance with the terms of this clause. In all respects, the requirements of this clause will apply to the assignee as if it were the Recipient. EFT information that shows the ultimate recipient of the transfer to be other than the Recipient, in the absence of a proper assignment of claims acceptable to the Government, is incorrect EFT information within the meaning of paragraph d. of this clause.
- i) Liability for change of EFT information by financial agent. The Government is not liable for errors resulting from changes to EFT information made by the Recipient's financial agent.
- j) Payment information. The payment or disbursing office will forward to the Recipient available payment information that is suitable for transmission as of the date of release of the EFT instruction to the Federal Reserve System. The Government may request the Recipient to designate a desired format and method(s) for delivery of payment information from a list of formats and methods the payment office is capable of executing. However, the Government does not guarantee that any particular format or method of delivery is available at any particular payment office and retains the latitude to use the format and delivery method most convenient to the Government. If the Government makes payment by check in accordance with

paragraph a. of this clause, the Government will mail the payment information to the remittance address contained in the CCR database.

15. Adherence to Original Project Objectives and Budget Estimates

- a) The Recipient is responsible for any commitments or expenditures it incurs in excess of the funds provided by an award. Expenditures incurred prior to the effective date of an award cannot be charged against an award unless provided for in the award.
- b) The Recipient must submit any proposed change that requires PHMSA's written approval 30 days prior to the requested effective date of the proposed change. PHMSA will not approve any change to the award during the last 30 days of the award period.

16. Prior Approvals

- a) The following require the AO's advance written approval:
 - i) Changes in the scope, objective, or key personnel referenced in the Recipient's proposal.
 - ii) Change in the project period. PHMSA must receive this request no later than 30 calendar days prior to the end of the project period. The Recipient must submit a revised budget indicating the planned use of all unexpended funds during the extension period.
- b) The Recipient must submit a revised financial estimate and plan for i) and ii) above.
- c) The AA will notify the Recipient in writing within 30 calendar days after receipt of the request for revision or adjustment whether the request has been approved.

17. Contracting with Small and Minority Firms, Women's Business Enterprises, Veteran-Owned, and HubZone Area Firms

- a) It is the Department of Transportation (DOT) policy to award a fair share of contracts to small minority business, women-owned and HubZone firms. DOT is strongly committed to the objectives of this policy and encourages all Recipients of its Grants and Cooperative Agreements to take affirmative steps to ensure such fairness on the awarding of any subcontracts.
- b) The Recipient and any Sub-recipients are encouraged to take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that small, women-owned, minority disadvantaged businesses, veteran, and HUBZone business firms are used when possible.
- c) Affirmative steps include:
 - i) Placing qualified small and minority-disadvantaged businesses, women owned business enterprises, veteran-owned and HUBZone business firms on solicitation lists;
 - ii) Assuring that small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, veteran-owned and HUBZone business firms are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
 - iii) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into small tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, veteran-owned, and HUBZone business firms;
 - iv) Establishing delivery schedules, when economically feasible, into small tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority business, women's business enterprises, veteran-owned, and HUBZone business firms; and

- v) Using the services and assistance of the Small Business Administration and the Office of the Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization of the Department of Transportation, as appropriate.

18. Seat Belt Use Policies and Programs

In accordance with Executive Order 13043, the Recipient is encouraged to adopt on-the-job seat belt use policies and programs for its employees when operating company-owned, rented, or personally-owned vehicles. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is responsible for providing leadership and guidance in support of this presidential initiative. For information on how to implement such a program or for statistics on the potential benefits and cost-savings to your company or organization, please visit the Buckle Up America section on NHTSA's website at www.nhtsa.dot.gov. Additional resources are available from the Network of Employers for Traffic Safety (NETS), a public-private partnership headquartered in Washington, D.C. dedicated to improving the traffic safety practices of employers and employees. NETS is prepared to help with technical assistance, a simple, user-friendly program kit, and an award for achieving the President's goal of 85 percent seat belt use. NETS can be contacted at 1-888-221-0045 or visit its website at www.trafficsafety.org.

19. Rights in Technical Data

Rights to intangible property under this agreement are governed in accordance with 49 CFR 19, Sec. 19.36, "Intangible Property."

20. Notice of News Releases, Public Announcements, and Presentations

The Recipient must have the AO's prior approval of all press releases, formal announcements, or other planned written issuance containing news or information concerning this Grant Agreement before issuance. The Recipient must provide two (2) copies of the document to the AO and AOTR for review prior to release. Also, the AO must approve any planned presentations/briefings related to this Grant Agreement, as well as the actual presentation (e.g. slides/vu-graphs) to be used.

21. Violation of Award Terms

If the Recipient has materially failed to comply with any term of the award, the Agreement Officer may suspend, terminate, or take other remedies as may be legally available and appropriate in the circumstances.

22. Fraud, Waste, or Abuse

The DOT Inspector General maintains a toll-free hotline for receiving information concerning fraud, waste, or abuse under grants and cooperative agreements. Such reports are kept confidential and callers may decline to give their names if they choose to remain anonymous. The number is: (800) 424-9071.

The mailing address is:

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P.O. Box 708
Fredericksburg, VA 22404
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