**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**Operating Assistance Grant Program**

**DEBARMENT AFFIDAVIT**

1. **Authorized Representative**

**I HEREBY AFFRIM THAT:**

I am the duly authorized representative of **[TYPE: Organization’s Legal Name]** (the "Awardee"), and that I possess the legal authority to make this Affidavit on behalf of the Awardee for which I am acting.

1. **Certification of Corporation Registration and Tax Payment**

**I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:**

1. The Awardee named above is a domestic corporation registered in accordance with the Corporations and Associations Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and that it is in good standing and has filed all of its annual reports, together with filing fees, with the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation, and that the name and address of its resident agent filed with the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation is:

Awardee’s Legal Name: **[TYPE: Organization’s Legal Name]**

Resident Agent’s Address on File: **[TYPE: Address of Resident Agent]**

Except as validly contested, the Awardee has paid, or has arranged for payment of, all taxes due the State of Maryland and has filed all required returns and reports with the Comptroller of the Treasury, the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation, and the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), as applicable, and will have paid **a**ll withholding taxes due to the State of Maryland prior to final settlement.

1. **Affirmation Regarding Bribery Convictions**

**I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:**

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business (as defined in §16-101(b) of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland), or any of its officers, directors, partners, members, or any of its employees directly involved in obtaining or performing contracts with the public bodies (as defined in §16-101(f) of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland), has been convicted of, or has had probation before judgment imposed pursuant to §6-220 of the Criminal Procedure Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, or has pleaded nolo contendere to a charge of bribery, attempted bribery, or conspiracy to bribe in violation of Maryland law, or of the law of any other state or federal law, except as follows [indicate the reasons why the affirmation cannot be given and list any conviction, plea, or imposition of probation before judgment with the date, court, official or administrative body, the sentence or disposition, the name(s) of person(s) involved, and their current positions and responsibilities with the business]:

1. **Affirmation Regarding Other Convictions**

**I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:**

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business, or any of its officers, directors, partners, members, or any of its employees directly involved in obtaining or performing contracts with public bodies, has:

1. Been convicted under the state or federal statute of a criminal offense incident to obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public or private contract, fraud, embezzlement,
2. Been convicted of any criminal violation of a state or federal antitrust statute;
3. Been convicted under the provisions of Title 18 of the United States Code for violation of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act. 18 U.S.C. §§1341, et seq., for acts arising out of the submission of bids or proposals for a public or private contract;
4. Been convicted of a violation of the State Minority Business Enterprise Law, Section 14-308 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland;
5. Been convicted of conspiracy to commit any act or omission that would constitute grounds for conviction or liability under any law or statute described in subsection (1), (2), (3), or (4) above;
6. Been found civilly liable under a state or federal antitrust statute for acts or omissions in connection with the submission of bids or proposals for a public or private contract;
7. Admitted in writing or under oath, during the course of an official investigation or other proceeding, acts or omissions that would constitute grounds for conviction or liability under any law or statute described above, except as follows [indicate reasons why the affirmations cannot be given, and list any conviction, plea, or imposition of probation before judgment with the date, court, official or administrative body, the sentence or disposition, the name(s) of the person(s) involved and their current positions and responsibilities with the business, and the status of any debarment]:
8. **Affirmation Regarding Debarment**

**I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:**

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business, or any of its officers, directors, partners, members, or any of its employees directly involved in obtaining or performing contracts with public bodies, has ever been suspended or debarred (including being issued a limited denial of participation) by any public entity, except as follows [list each debarment or suspension providing the dates of the suspension or debarment, the name of the public entity and the status of the proceedings, the name(s) of the person(s) involved and their current positions and responsibilities with the business, the grounds for the debarment or suspension]:

1. **Affirmation Regarding Debarment of Related Entities**

**I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:**

1. The Awardee was not established and it does not operate in a manner designed to evade the application of or defeat the purpose of debarment pursuant to §§16-101, et seq., of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and
2. The Awardee is not a successor, assignee, subsidiary, or affiliate of a suspended or debarred business, except as follows [indicate the reasons(s) why the affirmations cannot be given without qualification]:
3. **Sub-Contract Affirmation**

**I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:**

 Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business, has knowingly entered into a contract with a public body under which a person debarred or suspended under Title 16 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland will provide, directly or indirectly, supplies, services, architectural services, construction related services, leases of real property, or construction.

1. **Acknowledgment**

**I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT** this Affidavit is to be furnished to DHCD and may be distributed to units of: 1. the State of Maryland; 2. counties or other subdivisions of the State of Maryland; 3. other states; and 4. the federal government.

**I FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE THAT** this Affidavit is subject to applicable laws of the United States and the State of Maryland, both criminal and civil, and that nothingin this Affidavit or any agreement resulting from the submission of this Affidavit shall be construed to supersede, amend, modify, or waive, on behalf of the State of Maryland, or any unit of the State of Maryland having jurisdiction, the exercise of any statutory right or remedy conferred by the Constitution and thelaws of Maryland with respect to any misrepresentation made or any violation of the obligations, terms and covenants undertaken by the above Awardee with respect to: 1. this Affidavit, 2. the Agreement, and 3. other Affidavits comprising part of the Agreement.

**I FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE THAT** any inability to make the above affirmations without qualification may affect the ability of DHCD to engage in, or continue to engage in any Agreement with the Awardee.

**I DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND BELIEF.**

 **WITNESS/ATTEST**: **[TYPE: LEGAL NAME OF ORGANIZATION]**

By: (SEAL)

Print Name:

Title:

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