

State of Vermont

Buildings and General Services
Office of Purchasing & Contracting
109 State St
Montpelier VT 05609-3001
USA

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Supplier 0000372923
Cousineau Forest Products
PO Box 2130
Henniker NH 03242
USA

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Description: Wood Chips Montp. Heat Plant	Contract Maximum \$1,424,400.00
Buyer Name Michael Carr	Buyer Phone Approved

Phone #:

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By the STATE of VERMONT

By the CONTRACTOR

Date: _____

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Signature: _____

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Name: Jennifer Fitch _____

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Name: Jennifer Fitch - Commissioner

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Name: Christopher Cole

Name: _____

Title: Commissioner - Buildings & General Services

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ATTACHMENT A – STATEMENT OF WORK

The Contractor shall provide:

1. Line Items 1 as identified on Page 1 of the Standard Contract Form.
2. The contractor shall deliver wood chips to the Montpelier Heat Plant at 122 State St, Montpelier, Vt., for two (2) 600 BHP wood chip boilers, with chip-handling equipment, and storage capacity between 12 & 13 truckloads of chips. The contractor shall be required to provide 8-10 loads per week during the peak heating season. Contractor shall provide chips from when plant starts burning typically the 2nd week of October to approximately mid-April.
3. The contractor shall provide an estimated annual tonnage for this contract of 5,531. Annual quantities are estimated based on usage; actual purchases may be higher or lower depending on the state's need.
4. The Montpelier Central Heat Plant has successfully been tested to reliable feed and burn: Bole Chips, Mixed Bole chips and Hardwood Whole Tree Chips. At the time of ordering the contact person shall request the desired grade of chip which the State would like delivered, understanding that due to unforeseen circumstances the desired load of chips may not be available and an alternate load may be proposed by the vendor. The invoice for the load shall reflect the grade of chips actually delivered.
 - 4.1.1. Materials: Chips shall be provided which conform to moisture content requirements and are free of dirt, rocks, twigs, sticks and sawdust. All chips shall fit through a 1-1/2 inch screen. Unacceptable chips shall be rejected by the state and replaced by the contractor at no cost to the state.
 - 4.1.2. Screened hardwood mill chips: Woodchips shall be selected hardwood species, no poplar, basswood, willow or softwood will be considered. Chips shall be chipped from bole logs, or slabs, with or without bark, with a rotary chipper, screened to 1-1/2", and oversized chips re-chipped. Chips shall not contain any tops, sticks, branches, or leaves.
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 - 4.1.4. Hardwood whole tree chips: Woodchips shall be selected hardwood species, no poplar, basswood, willow or softwood will be considered. Whole tree chips shall be chipped from the entire stem of the tree with a rotary chipper. Chips may contain some tops, sticks, branches and/or leaves.
 - 4.1.5. Mixed bole chips: Woodchips shall be selected hardwood species, no poplar, willow or basswood. Loads may contain up to 20% softwood chips from large diameter (>20") logs. Chips shall be chipped from bole logs with a rotary chipper, typically at the log landing, and are not screened. Chips may contain some larger pieces that may pass through the chipper but should not contain any tops, sticks, branches, or leaves.

4.1.6. Moisture Content: The price shall be based on net tons at 40% moisture content +/- 5%. The Vermont Department of Buildings and General Services personnel will also check the moisture content using the following procedure; samples shall be weighed before and after complete drying in a microwave oven. Shipments shall be subject to sampling by the State, at its discretion, to confirm conformance with moisture content requirements.”

4.1.7. The price shall include all transportation charges fully prepaid to the delivery location, and will be based upon the delivery slips, and adjusted for moisture content if the actual is less than 25% or more than 45%. For example, a 23 ton load at 55% moisture will be billed at 20.7 tons ($45\% - 55\% = 10\%$ $23 \times 10\% = 2.3$ $23 - 2.3 = 20.7$).

5. Chips are to be delivered to the designated area at the contractor's expense between the hours listed and will be unloaded by the contractor via self unloading live bottom trailer. Deliveries will be requested approximately one (1) week in advance of need. Delivery date and time should be cleared with the contacts listed. Deliveries will be made upon the request of our heating plan supervisor or his designee.

5.1.1. Delivery Hours: Monday through Friday 5:00 PM to 7:00 AM, Friday 5:00 PM to 7:00 AM Monday, and anytime on State Holidays.

5.1.2. Contacts: Dan Mcloughlin (802) 522-4503, David Latoundji (802) 828- 3308 or Jonathan Rutledge (802) 828-3312.

5.1.3. The delivery trailer used by the contractor shall be the size normally accepted in the wood chip transportation trade.

5.1.4. Chips are to be delivered via live bottom trailer to the end of a walking floor at the fuel receiving bay. The floor will be started by state personnel; the driver will then start the off-loading process. After off-loading the driver will pull ahead to clear the chips on the floor, but shall remain within the building to clean off the truck and wheels. Driver is responsible to clean up any chips that come off the truck outside the building.

5.1.5. Scale Slips: Scale slips shall be provided with each load, each slip shall show the gross weight of the truck, trailer and chips in addition to the tare weight of the empty truck and trailer. If scales are not available then the load will be estimated based on the previous 5 deliveries. In lieu of tare weights for each load the State will accept a schedule of trucks and trailer tare weights at the beginning of each heating season.

5.1.6. Weight: All loads shall be weighed in accordance with 9 VSA (Vermont Statutes Annotated) Chapter 73 and 2744. NO split weighing shall be allowed. Contractor must provide a truck weight slip for each truckload of wood chips delivered and the slip numbers must appear on the invoice. All weight tickets shall be mechanically or electronically printed. Hand written weight tickets will not be accepted, and loads with hand-written tickets shall be rejected. Payment shall not be made for that portion of any load exceeding the legal maximum registered gross weight of the delivering vehicle. All such material shall be deposited along with the balance of the load at the appropriate State facility under the terms of these specifications. Repeated violations can be the subject for disqualification of the supplier, hauler, or both.

6. **Availability:** The contractor shall make provisions to be able to deliver the specified wood chips at anytime during the heating season, and to that end shall have a source of wood available during times when the back roads are posted with weight restrictions.
7. **Alternate Sources:** If the contractor fails to deliver a load of chips within the time requested, for any reason (equipment malfunction, roads unsuitable for hauling) the State reserves the right to obtain chips from any supplier who can deliver. If the contractor is not going to be able to make a delivery, the contractor shall notify the contact person as soon as possible so other arrangement can be made.
8. **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:** Contractor shall be required to submit quarterly product sales report to the Purchasing Agent pursuant to the schedule below. Each report must contain the following information: Contract Number; Using Department's Address, Contact Name, and Telephone Number; Product Ordered; Quantity Ordered; Quantity Shipped; and Price Charged, with totals for each product for each reporting period. We reserve the right to request additional information or to modify the reporting periods. Reporting Periods: Quarterly Reports must be submitted in accordance with the following schedule:

Reporting Period: January 1 to March 31 - Report Due April 15
Reporting Period: April 1, to June 30 - Report Due July 15
Reporting Period: July 1 to September 30 - Report Due October 15
Reporting Period: October 1 to December 31 - Report Due January 15
9. **DELIVERY:** All pricing is to include F.O.B. delivery to the ordering facility. Responsibility for product delivery remains with the contractor until the product is properly delivered and signed for. Shipments shall be securely and properly packed, according to accepted commercial practices, without extra charge for packing cases or other containers. Upon delivery, all packaging and containers shall become the property of the State, unless otherwise stated. Delivered goods that do not conform to the specifications or are not in good condition upon receipt shall be replaced promptly by the contractor.
10. **QUALITY:** All products will be new and unused. All products provided by the contractor must meet all federal, state, and local standards for quality and safety requirements. Products not meeting the requirements of this section the will be deemed unacceptable and returned to the contractor for credit at no charge to the State.
11. **DEFAULT:** In case of default of the contractor, the State may procure the materials or supplies from other sources and hold the contractor responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby, provided, that if public necessity requires the use of materials or supplies not conforming to the specifications they may be accepted and payment therefore shall be made at a proper reduction in price.

ATTACHMENT B – PAYMENT PROVISIONS

The maximum dollar amount payable under this contract is not intended as any form of a guaranteed amount. The Contractor will be paid for products actually delivered or performed, as specified in Attachment A, up to the maximum allowable amount specified on page 1 of this contract.

1. Prior to commencement of work and release of any payments, Contractor shall submit to the State:
 - a. a certificate of insurance consistent with the requirements set forth in Attachment C, Section 8 (Insurance), and with any additional requirements for insurance as may be set forth elsewhere in this contract; and
2. Payment terms are **Net 30** days from the date the State receives an error-free invoice with all necessary and complete supporting documentation.
3. All invoices are to be rendered by the Contractor on the vendor's standard billhead and forwarded directly to the institution or agency ordering materials and shall specify the address to which payments will be sent. Percentage discounts may be offered for prompt payments of invoices; however, such discounts must be in effect for a period of 30 days or more in order to be considered in making awards.
4. **PRICING:** All pricing is to include F.O.B. delivery to the ordering facility. No request for extra delivery cost will be honored.
5. Contractor shall submit invoices to the State as identified on Page 1 of the Standard Contract Form.
6. Pricing: Cost per ton delivered: Hardwood Bole Chips \$58.00/per ton
Hardwood Whole Tree Chips \$48.00/per ton

**ATTACHMENT C: STANDARD STATE PROVISIONS
FOR CONTRACTS AND GRANTS
REVISED DECEMBER 15, 2017**

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.

3. Governing Law, Jurisdiction and Venue; No Waiver of Jury Trial: This Agreement will be governed by the laws of the State of Vermont. 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 with regard to 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: 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.

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.

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.

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 Party or any third party, or (2) otherwise be liable for the expenses or reimbursement, including attorneys’ fees, collection costs or other costs of the Party or any third party.

8. Insurance: Before commencing work on this Agreement the Party must provide certificates of insurance to show that the following minimum coverages are in effect. It is the responsibility of the Party to maintain current certificates of insurance on file with the State through the term of this Agreement. No warranty is made that the coverages and limits listed

herein are adequate to cover and protect the interests of the Party for the Party's operations. These are solely minimums that have been established to protect the interests of the State.

Workers Compensation: With respect to all operations performed, the Party shall carry workers' compensation insurance in accordance with the laws of the State of Vermont. Vermont will accept an out-of-state employer's workers' compensation coverage while operating in Vermont provided that the insurance carrier is licensed to write insurance in Vermont and an amendatory endorsement is added to the policy adding Vermont for coverage purposes. Otherwise, the party shall secure a Vermont workers' compensation policy, if necessary to comply with Vermont law.

General Liability and Property Damage: With respect to all operations performed under this Agreement, the Party shall carry general liability insurance having all major divisions of coverage including, but not limited to:

Premises - Operations

Products and Completed Operations

Personal Injury Liability

Contractual Liability

The policy shall be on an occurrence form and limits shall not be less than:

\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence

\$2,000,000 General Aggregate

\$1,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate

\$1,000,000 Personal & Advertising Injury

Automotive Liability: The Party shall carry automotive liability insurance covering all motor vehicles, including hired and non-owned coverage, used in connection with the Agreement. Limits of coverage shall not be less than \$500,000 combined single limit. If performance of this Agreement involves construction, or the transport of persons or hazardous materials, limits of coverage shall not be less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit.

Additional Insured. The General Liability and Property Damage coverages required for performance of this Agreement shall include the State of Vermont and its agencies, departments, officers and employees as Additional Insureds. If performance of this Agreement involves construction, or the transport of persons or hazardous materials, then the required Automotive Liability coverage shall include the State of Vermont and its agencies, departments, officers and employees as Additional Insureds. Coverage shall be primary and non-contributory with any other insurance and self-insurance.

Notice of Cancellation or Change. There shall be no cancellation, change, potential exhaustion of aggregate limits or non-renewal of insurance coverage(s) without thirty (30) days written prior written notice to the State.

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: The Party acknowledges that it is subject to the Vermont False Claims Act as set forth in 32 V.S.A. § 630 *et seq.* If the Party violates the Vermont False Claims Act it shall be liable to the State for civil penalties, treble damages and the costs of the investigation and prosecution of such violation, including attorney's fees, except as the same may be reduced by a court of competent jurisdiction. The Party's liability to the State under the False Claims Act 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. Location of State Data: No 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 continental United States, except with the express written permission of the State.

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 the 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. 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. Set Off: The State may set off any sums which the Party owes the State against any sums due the Party under this Agreement; provided, however, that any set off of amounts due the State of Vermont as taxes shall be in accordance with the procedures more specifically provided hereinafter.

16. Taxes Due to the State:

- A. Party understands and acknowledges responsibility, if applicable, for compliance with State tax laws, including income tax withholding for employees performing services within the State, payment of use tax on property used within the State, corporate and/or personal income tax on income earned within the State.
- B. 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.
- C. Party understands that final payment under this Agreement may be withheld if the Commissioner of Taxes determines that the Party is not in good standing with respect to or in full compliance with a plan to pay any and all taxes due to the State of Vermont.
- D. Party also understands the State may set off taxes (and related penalties, interest and fees) due to the State of Vermont, but only if the Party has failed to make an appeal within the time allowed by law, or an appeal has been taken and finally determined and the Party has no further legal recourse to contest the amounts due.

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, he/she:

- A. is not under any obligation to pay child support; or
- B. is under such an obligation and is in good standing with respect to that obligation; or
- C. has agreed to a payment plan with the Vermont Office of Child Support Services and is in full compliance with that plan.

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 Vermont Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Act No. 54).

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 ("Location of State Data"); 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. Copies: Party shall use reasonable best efforts to ensure that all written reports prepared under this Agreement are printed using both sides of the paper.

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: <http://bgs.vermont.gov/purchasing/debarment>

23. Conflict of Interest: Party shall fully disclose, in writing, any conflicts of interest or potential conflicts of interest.

24. Confidentiality: Party acknowledges and agrees that this Agreement and any and all information obtained by the State from the Party in connection with this Agreement 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 lock-outs) (“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 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 at the end of the fiscal year, or otherwise upon the expiration of existing appropriation authority. In the case that this Agreement is a Grant that 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 Grant immediately, and the State shall have no obligation to pay Subrecipient 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.

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 granting Party within 9 months. If a single audit is not required, only the Subrecipient Annual Report is required. For fiscal years ending before December 25, 2015, a Single Audit is required if the subrecipient expends \$500,000 or more in Federal assistance during its fiscal year and must be conducted in accordance with OMB Circular A-133. For fiscal years ending on or after December 25, 2015, a Single Audit is required if the subrecipient expends \$750,000 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 (COSO).
- 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 \$1,001, 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)