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§ 550.18 Assurances/certifications.
(a) Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non procurement)—7 CFR 3017;
(b) Governmentwide requirements for Drug-Free Workplace—7 CFR 3021;
(c) Non-discrimination. The Cooperator assures compliance with the following requirement: No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, political beliefs, or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any project or activity under a non-assistance cooperative agreement.

(d) Protection of human subjects requirements. The Cooperator assures compliance with the following provisions regarding the rights and welfare of human subjects:
(1) The Cooperator is responsible for safeguarding the rights and welfare of any human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this Agreement. The Cooperator may conduct research involving human subjects only as prescribed in the statement of work and as approved by the Cooperator’s Cognizant Institutional Review Board. Prior to conducting such research, the Cooperator shall obtain and document a legally sufficient informed consent from each human subject involved. No such informed consent shall include any exculpatory language through which the subject is made to waive, or to appear to waive, any of his or her legal rights, including any release of the Cooperator or its agents from liability for negligence.
(2) The Cooperator agrees to comply with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ regulations regarding human subjects, appearing in 45 CFR part 46 (as amended).
(3) It will comply with REE policy, which is to assure that the risks do not outweigh either potential benefits to the subjects or the expected value of the knowledge sought.
(4) Selection of subject or groups of subjects shall be made without regard to sex, race, color, religion, or national origin unless these characteristics are factors to be studied.