

APPA Non-Disclosure Agreement

Cooperative Agreements

APPA Confidentiality and Nondisclosure Agreement

This Agreement is made and entered into as of _____, by and between the American Public Power Association ("APPA") and _____ ("Participant")

Confidentiality: Except as otherwise set forth herein, you agree that any American Public Power Association ("APPA") software, services, and/or hardware (including related documentation and materials) provided to you under this Agreement, and any information disclosed by APPA to you in connection with this Agreement will be considered and referred to as "APPA Confidential Information."

Notwithstanding the foregoing, APPA Confidential Information will not include: (a) information that is generally and legitimately available to the public through no fault or breach of yours; (b) information that is generally made available to the public by APPA; (c) information that is independently developed by you without the use of any APPA Confidential Information; (d) information that was rightfully obtained from a third party who had the right to transfer or disclose it to you without limitation; or (e) any third-party software and/or documentation provided to you by APPA and accompanied by licensing terms that do not impose confidentiality obligations on the use or disclosure of such software and/or documentation.

Sharing APPA Confidential Information: APPA wishes to share APPA Confidential Information under Cooperative Agreement Award Numbers: DE-CR0000007, DE-CR0000015, and DE-CR0000026 (hereafter "CA") including all related materials with the Participant for the purpose of meeting the objectives of the CA and to review and assist with other work products specific to CA tasks for submission to the Department of Energy.

Nondisclosure and Nonuse of APPA Confidential Information: Unless otherwise expressly agreed or permitted in writing by APPA, you agree not to disclose, publish, or disseminate any APPA Confidential Information to anyone other than to employees and contractors working for the same entity as you and then only to the extent that APPA does not otherwise prohibit such disclosure. You further agree to take reasonable precautions to prevent any unauthorized use, disclosure, publication, or dissemination of APPA Confidential Information. You acknowledge that unauthorized disclosure or use of APPA Confidential Information could cause irreparable harm and significant injury to APPA that may be difficult to ascertain. Accordingly, you agree that APPA will have the right to seek immediate injunctive relief to enforce your obligations under this Agreement in addition to any other rights and remedies it may have. If you are

required by law, regulation, or pursuant to the valid binding order of a court of competent jurisdiction to disclose APPA Confidential Information, you may make such disclosure notwithstanding anything else in this agreement, but only if you have notified APPA before making such disclosure and have used commercially reasonable efforts, to the extent permissible by governing law applicable to Participant to limit the disclosure and to seek confidential, protective treatment of such information. A disclosure pursuant to the previous sentence will not relieve you of your obligations to hold such information as APPA Confidential Information.

Removal of Participants: APPA, at its discretion, will remove any Participant from the CA program if the Participant willfully violates this Agreement.

Return or Destruction of Confidential Information

Promptly upon written request of APPA, the Receiving Party shall, and shall cause its Representatives to return to the Disclosing Party or destroy all Confidential Information in tangible form (whether in written form, electronically stored or otherwise), and neither the Receiving Party nor any of its Representatives shall retain any copies or extracts thereof.

Information Security:

Without limiting Participant's obligation of confidentiality as further described in the Agreement and herein, Participant will be responsible for establishing and maintaining an information security program that is designed to: (i) ensure the security and confidentiality of APPA Data; (ii) protect against any anticipated threats or hazards to the security or integrity of the APPA Data; (iii) protect against unauthorized access to or use of the APPA Data; (iv) ensure the proper disposal of APPA Data; and (v) ensure that all subcontractors of Contractor, if any, comply with all of the foregoing.

Participant will designate an individual to be responsible for the information security program. Such individual will respond to APPA inquiries regarding computer security and to be responsible for notifying APPA-designated contact(s) if a breach occurs.

Upon becoming aware of a breach affecting APPA Data, Participant will immediately commence all reasonable efforts to investigate and correct the causes and remediate the results thereof. Participant shall without undue delay (and in no event later than 72 hours of becoming aware of such breach) inform APPA and provide written details of the breach, including the type of data and systems affected, the likely consequences of the breach, any other relevant information for APPA to understand the nature of the breach, and the measures taken or proposed to be taken to address it, as soon as such information becomes known or available to Participant.

Participant agrees that any and all transmission or exchange of system application data with APPA and other parties shall take place via secure means, e.g., HTTPS, FTPS, SFTP, or equivalent means.

DOE Required Assurances:

a. These provisions are consistent with and do not supersede, conflict with, or otherwise alter the employee obligations, rights, or liabilities created by existing statute or Executive order relating to (1) classified information, (2) communications to Congress, (3) the reporting to an Inspector General of a violation of any law, rule, or regulation, or mismanagement, a gross waste of funds, an abuse of authority, or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or (4) any other whistleblower protection. The definitions, requirements, obligations, rights, sanctions, and liabilities created by controlling Executive orders and statutory provisions are incorporated into this agreement and are controlling.”

b. The limitation above shall not contravene requirements applicable to Standard Form 312, Form 4414, or any other form issued by a Federal department or agency governing the nondisclosure of classified information.

c. Notwithstanding provision listed in paragraph (a), a nondisclosure or confidentiality policy form or agreement that is to be executed by a person connected with the conduct of an intelligence or intelligence related activity, other than an employee or officer of the United States Government, may contain provisions appropriate to the particular activity for which such document is to be used. Such form or agreement shall, at a minimum, require that the person will not disclose any classified information received in the course of such activity unless specifically authorized to do so by the United States Government. Such nondisclosure or confidentiality forms shall also make it clear that they do not bar disclosures to Congress, or to an authorized official of an executive agency or the Department of Justice, that are essential to reporting a substantial violation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first above written.

APPA

Organization: [Name]

By: _____

By: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____