

**STATE ENERGY PLAN GRANT AGREEMENT
OHIO K-12 SCHOOLS AND NON-PROFIT HOSPITALS ENERGY EFFICIENCY
PROGRAM**

Grantee: Buckeye Local Schools			Grant Control No.: DEV-GR-2022-191398		
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Program Activity:	Schools	Effective Date:	March 31, 2022		
Project Site:	N/A	Project Completion Date:	June 30, 2022		
Advanced Energy Commitment					
Technology or Materials:	LED Lighting Upgrades				
Energy Commitment:	N/A	Measurement Period:	N/A		
Grant Funds					
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This Grant Agreement (the “**Agreement**”) is entered into by and between the **State of Ohio, Department of Development (“Grantor”)**, located at 77 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, and **Grantee** identified above for the purpose of participating in the **State Energy Program Ohio K-12 Schools and Non-profit Hospitals Energy Efficiency Program** (the “**Program**”) with funds awarded by the U.S. Department of Energy (“**USDOE**”). This Agreement incorporates the attached Exhibit I, Scope of Work and Project Budget, Exhibit II, Financial Reports and Request For Payment Information, Exhibit III, Special Terms and Conditions, Exhibit IV, Monthly Progress Reporting Guidelines and Exhibit V, Contract Provisions (to the extent applicable). In the event there is a conflict between this Agreement and the Exhibits, the Exhibits control.

1. **Grantor’s Authority.** Grantor is authorized by Ohio Revised Code (“**Revised Code**”) Section 1551.11 to grant funds appropriated by the General Assembly and any assistance provided by any governmental agency for new concepts, programs, or technology for the conservation of energy, for the efficient and environmentally acceptable utilization of present, new, or alternative energy sources, or which develop resources of the state. Under Revised Code Section 1551.12(F), Grantor may grant funds for the furnishing of goods or performance of services. Grantor has been awarded funding by USDOE under Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number referenced in the table above to develop and implement a comprehensive Program. The Program will promote energy conservation and efficiency, reduce energy demand and develop and deploy renewable energy sources.

2. **Project.** Grantee shall use the financial assistance to be provided by Grantor pursuant to this Agreement to undertake the energy project further described in the Program application or proposal (the “**Application**”) submitted by Grantee and summarized in the Scope of Work (the “**Project**”). The Scope of Work and Project Budget are attached to this Agreement as Exhibit I and incorporated by this reference. The Application is not attached but is also incorporated by this reference into the Agreement.

3. **Grant of Funds.**

(a) **Funds.** Grantor hereby awards and grants to Grantee funds in the aggregate amount of Two Hundred Thousand (**\$200,000.00**) (the “**Grant Funds**”) to be used for the sole and express purpose of undertaking and completing the Project substantially as described in the Application. Grantee may not use

the Grant Funds for any purpose other than completion of the Project. Grantee may not pledge the Grant Funds as security for any loan or other obligation or indebtedness.

(b) **Availability of Funds to Complete the Project.** It is a condition to the award of Grant Funds that Grantee provides funds from other sources to pay Project costs in excess of the Grant Funds. Grantee represents and warrants to Grantor that Grantee has obtained such additional funds or that Grantee has a binding commitment for such additional funds and, with the exercise of reasonable diligence, will have obtained such additional funds no later than the time such funds will be required to pay Project costs as and when such costs are incurred and payable.

4. **Payment of Grant Funds.**

(a) **Invoices.** Grantor shall disburse the Grant Funds on a reimbursement basis for eligible costs of the Project incurred on or after the Effective Date. Grantee shall require delivery before payment is made for purchased goods, equipment, and services unless Grantee obtains satisfactory security from the vendor for the payment and performance of the underlying purchase agreement. Grantee shall submit to Grantor for review and approval requests for reimbursement detailing expenditures which have then been incurred by Grantee in accordance with the Project budget included in the Application, subject to the allowance for budget alterations provided in paragraph (b) of this Section 4. Grantee shall submit reimbursement request on the form provided by Grantor from time to time. All expenses to be reimbursed with Grant Funds shall be supported by contracts, invoices, vouchers, paid receipts and other documentation as appropriate to evidence the costs incurred by Grantee to perform the work described in the Application. Grantor shall be the sole judge of the adequacy of reimbursement requests. Grantee shall submit to Grantor such documentation necessary or useful to substantiate a reimbursement request. **The final reimbursement request shall be received by Grantor no later than October 20, 2022.**

(b) **Budget Alterations.**

(i) Subject to paragraph (ii) below, Grantee shall have discretion to reallocate an amount not greater than ten percent (10%) of the Grant Funds, in the aggregate, among budget line items otherwise funded in whole or in part with Grant Funds, and any such reallocation shall be considered by Grantor to be consistent with the Project budget. In the event Grantee makes a budget alteration as permitted by this paragraph, Grantee shall submit with its request for reimbursement a revised Project budget reflecting the alteration. Any changes to the Project budget beyond the scope of this paragraph, including, without limitation, alterations that add budget line items or total, cumulatively with prior alterations, more than ten percent (10%) of the Grant Funds may be affected only by amendment of this Agreement as provided in Section 16(e).

(ii) If at the completion of the Project the Grantee's share of total allowable costs, is less than the total costs reimbursed, Grantee must refund the difference.

(c) **Permissible Expenses.** If "travel expenses," as defined in Ohio Administrative Code Section 126-1-02, are a cost of the Project eligible for reimbursements with Grant Funds in accordance with the Project Budget included in Exhibit I, Grantee shall be reimbursed for those permissible travel expenses in amounts in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code Section 126-1-02, as updated from time to time (the "Expense Rule") and Grantee agrees that it shall not be reimbursed and Grantor shall not pay any items that are deemed to be "non-reimbursable travel expenses" under the Expense Rule, whether purchased by the Grantee or Grantor or their respective employees or agents.

(d) **Retainage.** Grantor may withhold payment of an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the Grant Funds until Grantor receives and approves Grantee's Project Completion Report.

(e) **Decontamination and/or Decommissioning Costs.** Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, neither the federal government nor the State of Ohio shall be responsible for, or have any obligation to, Grantee for (i) Decontamination and/or Decommissioning (D&D) of any of Grantee's

facilities, or (ii) any costs which may be incurred by Grantee in connection with the D&D of any of its facilities due to the performance of the work under this Agreement, whether the D&D work was performed prior to or subsequent to the effective date of this Agreement.

5. **Grant Funds Not Expended.** If the Grant Funds are not expended by Grantee in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement or within the time period set forth in this Agreement, the award of the Grant Funds shall cease and Grantor shall have no further obligation to disburse the Grant Funds. Grantor shall also have no obligation to disburse any amount of the Grant Funds that exceeds the eligible costs of the Project actually incurred by Grantee. If Grant Funds have been paid to Grantee and Grantor determines that Grantee has not performed in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Grantee shall return such improperly expended Grant Funds within thirty (30) days after demand by Grantor. In the event that the Project does not become operational by the Project Completion Date (as such date may be extended as provided in Section 6(a)) and/or is affirmatively abandoned by Grantee, all Grant Funds paid by Grantor to Grantee under this Agreement shall be refunded to Grantor by Grantee within thirty (30) days after the Project Completion Date or abandonment has occurred.

6. **Agreement Deadlines and Term.**

(a) **Project Completion.** Grantee shall complete the Project not later than the Project Completion Date set forth on the first page of this Agreement. If Grantee anticipates that the Project will not be completed by the Project Completion Date, Grantee must request an extension of time to complete the Project at least sixty (60) days before the scheduled Project Completion Date. It will be within the sole discretion of Grantor to grant or deny such extension of time.

(b) **Term of Agreement.** This Agreement shall be in effect from the Effective Date set forth on the first page of this Agreement through the date which is three (3) years after the Project Completion Date (the “**Expiration Date**”), unless it is terminated earlier as provided in Section 12 (the “**Term**”). Grantee acknowledges that the Term extends beyond the Project Completion Date for purposes of reporting by Grantee and monitoring by Grantor of the results of the award of Grant Funds, and that Grantee’s obligation to file any delinquent reports survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

7. **Project Performance.**

(a) **Completion According to Application and Scope of Work.** Grantor has approved an award of financial assistance to Grantee to induce Grantee to undertake and complete the Project with the goal of achieving the Program objectives described by Grantor in its State Energy Program application submitted to USDOE. Therefore, Grantee’s completion of the Project and performance of other obligations as set forth in the Application and the Scope of Work are essential terms of this Agreement. (While the Scope of Work is intended to be consistent with the Application, in the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the Scope of Work and the Application, the terms of the Scope of Work will prevail over the conflicting or inconsistent terms of the Application.)

(b) **Performance Metrics.** The Project will be subject to assessment by Grantor according to the performance metrics applied by USDOE to the Program. The Program metrics may include (i) renewable energy capacity and generation, (ii) jobs created and/or retained, (iii) emissions reductions, (iv) infrastructure investment, (v) accomplishments, publicity, good news, (vi) industrial process efficiency, (vii) workshops, trainings and education, (viii) energy savings (kwh/therms/gallons/BTUs/etc.), (ix) energy cost savings, and any and all other relevant material related to this Agreement. Grantee shall timely and accurately report to Grantor from time to time at Grantor’s request information relevant to assessment of the Project against the Program performance metrics.

(c) **Compliance with Federal Requirements.** Grantee shall comply with all USDOE requirements for the Program, as USDOE may clarify or change those requirements from time to time. Without limiting the foregoing, Grantee shall submit the Project for review under the National Environmental Policy Act (“NEPA”) of 1969 unless a categorical exclusion applies, comply with Section 106 of the National Historic

Preservation Act of 1966 and implementing regulations prior to receiving any Grant Funds, comply with federal prevailing wage laws (Davis-Bacon and related acts) with respect to any construction activities on the Project, review and adhere to all applicable National Policy Assurances and Certifications applicable to the Grant Funds (copies of which are attached as Exhibit III to this Agreement), and comply with the USDOE Financial Assistance Rules, 10 C.F.R. part 600, as applicable to recipients of subgrants or subawards.

8. **Reporting.** The federal award providing funds for this Agreement imposes certain reporting requirements on Grantor. Grantee must provide information necessary and sufficient for Grantor to comply with such reporting requirements. Failure to comply with the reporting requirements concerning the Grant Funds and the Project is considered a material noncompliance with the terms of the award. Noncompliance may result in withholding of future payments, suspension, or termination of the current award, and withholding of future awards. A willful failure to perform, a history of failure to perform, or unsatisfactory performance of this and/or other financial assistance awards, may also result in a debarment action to preclude future awards by federal agencies.

(a) **Monthly Progress Reports.** Grantee shall deliver to Grantor by the tenth (10th) day of each month during the Term of this Agreement a monthly progress report covering Grantee's activities on the Project, including the goals accomplished, milestones met and any performance deficiencies or delays. Exhibit IV contains guidelines for formatting monthly reports.

(b) **Project Completion Report.** Grantee shall notify Grantor promptly in writing when the Project is completed (the "**Project Completion Report**"). In no event shall the Project Completion Report be submitted later than thirty (30) days after the Project is completed in accordance with the Application and Scope of Work. The Project completion report may be submitted in substantially the same format as a monthly progress report unless otherwise directed by Grantor. Following receipt of the Project Completion Report, Grantor will review the completed Project. Notice of Project completion and Grantor review shall be conditions to final disbursement of the Grant Funds.

(c) **Emission Allowances.** Energy projects may be eligible to receive energy efficiency or renewable energy emission allowances or other allowances or credits based on the energy attributes of the project (an "**Allowance or Credit**"). If Grantee is entitled to claim an Allowance or Credit as a result of the Project, Grantee must affirmatively claim such Allowance or Credit or forfeit such Allowance or Credit to Grantor for the benefit of the public as provided in Section 4928.62(C) of the Ohio Revised Code. Grantee is hereby deemed to forfeit any Allowance or Credit related to the Project unless Grantee notifies Grantor in writing of its intention to claim the Allowance or Credit at least 120 days prior to the scheduled deadline for claiming the Allowance or Credit. Grantee may also waive to Grantor for the benefit of the public any Allowance or Credit related to the Project. Grantor hereby exercises its right to claim ownership of any such Allowance or Credit that Grantee affirmatively waives or is deemed to have forfeited under this paragraph.

(d) **Signature and Costs.** Grantee (if Grantee is an individual) or the chief executive officer, chief financial officer, or other officer of Grantee authorized to sign tax returns on behalf of Grantee (if Grantee is an entity) shall certify by his or her signature of each report required by this Section 8 that the information reported by Grantee is true, complete and correct. All costs incurred by Grantee to comply with the reporting requirements of this Agreement shall be borne by Grantee and shall not be an allowable expense reimbursable from Grant Funds.

(e) **Additional Information.** Grantor reserves the right to require any other documentation that may report Grantee's activities related to the Project and the expenditure of Grant Funds as may be required to satisfy any federal reporting requirement. Grantee shall respond within a reasonable time to any such supplemental request.

(f) **Remedy.** Reporting is essential for Grantor's effective administration of this grant and its financial incentive programs, generally. If Grantee fails to submit any required performance report or additional information and such breach continues uncured for more than thirty (30) days, Grantor may recover, and

Grantee shall pay, as liquidated damages for the breach, an amount equal to \$500 for each month or part of a month the performance report is past due.

(g) **Dissemination of Scientific and Technical Reports.** If this Agreement requires submission of scientific and technical reports, such reports will be disseminated on the Internet via the USDOE Information Bridge (www.osti.gov/bridge), unless the report contains patentable material, protected data, or SBIR/STTR data. Citations for journal articles produced under the award will appear on the USDOE Energy Citations Database (www.osti.gov/energycitations). Reports submitted to the USDOE Information Bridge must not contain any Protected Personal Identifiable Information (PII), limited rights data (proprietary data), classified information, information subject to export control classification, or other information not subject to release.

9. **Audit Standards; Records Maintenance and Access.**

(a) **Audit Standards.** Grantee acknowledges that this Agreement involves the use of federal funds and as such is subject to audit by the agency of the United States government granting funds to Grantor for purposes of performing the Project. As directed by Grantor, the Project will be subject to fiscal and compliance audits in accordance with 2 CFR 200 and United States Government Accountability Office Guidelines for Financial and Compliance Audits of Federally Assisted Programs.

(b) **Maintenance of Records.** Grantee shall establish and maintain for at least three (3) years after the Expiration Date or any earlier termination date its records regarding this Agreement, the Grant Funds and the Project, including, but not limited to, financial reports, documentation of expenditures of Grant Funds, job creation and retention statistics, and all other information pertaining to Grantee's performance of its obligations under this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following record types shall be subject to the retention periods indicated for each: (i) real property and equipment records shall be retained for three (3) years from the date of the disposition or replacement or transfer of the real property or equipment; (ii) if Grantee is required to report program income after the period of grant support, records concerning such income shall be retained for three (3) years after the end of Grantee's fiscal year in which the income is earned; and (iii) indirect cost rate computations or proposals, cost allocation plans, and any similar accounting computations of the rate at which a particular group of costs is chargeable shall be retained for three (3) years after (A) the date of submission to the federal government for negotiation if the computation or proposal is negotiated or (B) the end of the fiscal year (or other accounting period) covered by the computation or proposal if not submitted to the federal government for negotiation. If any audit, dispute, litigation, or negotiation is pending when the applicable retention period would otherwise expire, Grantee shall maintain such records as may be relevant to such matter until it is finally resolved.

(c) **Inspection and Copying.** At any time during normal business hours and upon not less than seventy-two (72) hours prior written notice, Grantee shall make available to Grantor, its agents and other appropriate State and federal agencies or officials (including, without limitation, the Comptroller General of the United States, USDOE, or any of their authorized representatives) all books and records containing information regarding this Agreement, the Grant Funds and the Project which are in the possession or control of Grantee. Grantor, its agents and other appropriate State and federal agencies and officials may review, audit and make excerpts, copies, or transcripts of such books and records. Grantee shall also make available for interview by Grantor, its agents and other appropriate State and federal agencies or officials those directors, officers, employees and agents of Grantee who may have information regarding the Grant Funds and any transaction involving the Grant Funds. Grantor shall use reasonable efforts to conduct any such inspection of books and records in such a manner as not to interfere unreasonably with the normal business operations of Grantee. Grantee shall, at its own cost and expense, segregate records to be made available for inspection pursuant to this Section 9(c) from Grantee's other records of operation. Grantee shall also cause each of its contractors paid with Grant Funds to make its books and records available for inspection and copying to the same extent and in the same manner as described in this paragraph for Grantee. The obligations of Grantee and rights of Grantor and other state and federal officials to access records shall continue as long as pertinent records are retained.

(d) **Site Visits.** Authorized representatives of Grantor and USDOE have the right to make site visits

at reasonable times to review Project accomplishments and management control systems and to provide technical assistance, if required. Grantee shall provide reasonable access to facilities, office space, resources, and assistance for the safety and convenience of government representatives in the performance of their duties. All site visits and evaluations shall be performed in a manner that does not unduly interfere with or delay Project work or evaluation.

(e) **Federal Stewardship.** USDOE will exercise normal federal stewardship in overseeing the project activities performed under the award that provides funding for this grant. Stewardship activities include, but are not limited to, conducting site visits; reviewing performance and financial reports; providing technical assistance and/or temporary intervention in unusual circumstances to correct deficiencies which develop during the Project; assuring compliance with terms and conditions of the federal award (which, in turn, includes compliance by Grantee with the terms and conditions of this Agreement); and reviewing technical performance after Project completion to ensure that the federal award objectives have been accomplished.

10. **Property Rights; Publications.**

(a) **Intellectual Property.** Nonprofit organizations are subject to the intellectual property requirements at 10 C.F.R. 600.136(a), (c) and (d). All other organizations are subject to the intellectual property requirements at 10 C.F.R. 600.136(a) and (c).

(b) **Property and Equipment Purchases.** This Agreement is subject to any applicable property recapture requirement that may be imposed by federal law, regulation or program guideline. If Grantee defaults in the performance of the terms and conditions of this Agreement and/or this Agreement is terminated for default or non-performance, property and equipment acquired with Grant Funds may be subject to recapture and Grantee may be required to transfer all Grantee's right, title and interest in such property and equipment to Grantor. Grantee shall provide for the security and safekeeping of all property and equipment obtained with Grant Funds (directly or by reimbursement of costs).

(c) **Publications.** Grantees of USDOE funding are encouraged to publish or otherwise make publicly available the results of the work conducted under the award. An acknowledgment of federal support and a disclaimer must appear in the publication of any material, whether copyrighted or not, based on or developed under this Project, as follows:

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11. **Adherence to State and Federal Laws and Regulations.**

(a) **General.** Grantee shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws in the performance of Grantee's obligations under this Agreement, the completion of the Project and the operation of the Project as long as Grantee has any obligation to Grantor under this Agreement. Without limiting the generality of such obligation, Grantee shall pay or cause to be paid all unemployment compensation, insurance premiums, workers' compensation premiums, income tax withholding, social security withhold, and any and all other taxes or payroll deductions required for all employees engaged by Grantee in connection with

the Project, and Grantee shall comply with all applicable environmental, zoning, planning and building laws, and regulations, and all permit requirements applicable to the Project. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between federal statutes and regulations and the terms and conditions of this Agreement or the underlying federal award to Grantor, Grantor will seek guidance from USDOE.

(b) **Ethics.** In accordance with Executive Order 2019-11D, Grantee, by its signature on this document, certifies: (1) it has reviewed and understands the Ohio ethics and conflict of interest laws including, without limitation, Ohio Revised Code §§ 102.01 *et seq.*, §§ 2921.01, 2921.42, 2921.421 and 2921.43, and §§ 3517.13(I) and (J), and (2) will take no action inconsistent with those laws and the order, as any of them may be amended or supplemented from time to time. Grantee understands that failure to comply with the Ohio ethics and conflict of interest laws, is in itself, grounds for termination of this Agreement and the grant funds made pursuant to this Agreement and may result in the loss of other contracts or grants with the State of Ohio.

(c) **Conflict of Interest.** No personnel of Grantee, contractor of Grantee or personnel of any such contractor, and no public official who exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with the review or approval of any work completed under this Agreement, shall, prior to the completion of such work, voluntarily or involuntarily acquire any personal interest, direct or indirect, which is incompatible or in conflict with the discharge or fulfillment of his or her functions or responsibilities with respect to the completion of work contemplated under this Agreement. Grantee shall immediately disclose in writing to Grantor any such person who, prior to or after the execution of this Agreement, acquires any personal interest, voluntarily or involuntarily. Grantee shall cause any such person who, prior to or after the execution of this Agreement, acquires any personal interest, voluntarily or involuntarily, to immediately disclose such interest to Grantor in writing. Thereafter, such person shall not participate in any action affecting the work under this Agreement unless Grantor determines that, in light of the personal interest disclosed, his or her participation in any such action would not be contrary to the public interest.

(d) **No Contingency Fees.** Grantee represents and warrants to Grantor that Grantee has not employed or retained any person or entity to solicit or secure this Agreement upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee. If such representation proves to be false, Grantor shall have the right to rescind this Agreement without liability or, in its discretion, to deduct from the Grant Funds or otherwise recover the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, or to seek such other remedies as may be legally available for the breach.

(e) **Outstanding Liabilities.** Grantee represents and warrants to Grantor that Grantee does not owe: (1) any delinquent taxes to the State of Ohio or a political subdivision of the State of Ohio; (2) any moneys to the State of Ohio or a state agency for the administration or enforcement of any environmental laws of the State of Ohio; and (3) any other moneys to the State of Ohio, a state agency or a political subdivision of the State of Ohio that are past due, whether or not the amounts owed are being contested in a court of law.

(f) **Falsification of Information.** Grantee represents and warrants to Grantor that Grantee has made no knowingly false statements to Grantor or any of its employees or agents in the process of obtaining the award of Grant Funds. Grantee acknowledges that any person who knowingly makes a false statement to obtain an award of financial assistance may be required under Ohio Revised Code § 9.66(C) to repay such financial assistance and shall be ineligible for any future economic development assistance from the State of Ohio, any state agency or a political subdivision. In addition, any person who provides a false statement to secure economic development assistance may be guilty of falsification, a misdemeanor of the first degree, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 2921.13(F)(1).

(g) **Equal Employment Opportunity.** Grantee shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability, age, military status or ancestry. Grantee shall ensure that applicants for employment are considered for employment, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability, age, military status or ancestry. Grantee shall incorporate the requirements of this paragraph in all of its contracts for any work to be performed as part of the Project (other than subcontracts for standard

commercial supplies or raw materials), and Grantee shall require all of its contractors to incorporate such requirements in all subcontracts for such work. Grantee agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this non-discrimination provision. Grantee will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employment positions, expressly indicate that applications placed for consideration of employment will be reviewed without regard to the race, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability, age, military status or ancestry of the applicant. Any prohibition against discrimination on the basis of age under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 or with respect to an otherwise qualified disabled individual as provided in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 shall also apply to any program or activity funded in whole or in part with the Grant Funds.

(h) **Prevailing Wage and Labor Standards.** All laborers and mechanics employed by Grantee, its contractors or subcontractors on any such construction work (as defined in 29 C.F.R. part 5) that is part of the Project shall be paid in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act and related laws, 40 U.S.C. 276a to 276a-5, as amended, the wages that have been determined by the U.S. Secretary of Labor to be the wages prevailing for the corresponding classes of laborers and mechanics employed on project(s) of a character similar to the contract work in the civil subdivision of the state wherein the work is to be performed. In addition, all laborers and mechanics employed by Grantee, its contractors or subcontractors on such construction work shall be paid overtime compensation in accordance with the provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, 40 U.S.C. 327 to 333. Grantee shall require that all of its contractors and their respective subcontractors shall comply with all regulations issued pursuant to these acts and with other applicable federal and state laws and regulations. In the event that construction work to be undertaken on the Project is not subject to the application of the Davis-Bacon Act and related laws, and neither the federal government nor any of its agencies prescribes predetermined minimum wages to be paid to mechanics and laborers to be employed in such construction work, Grantee shall comply with the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Sections 4115.03 to 4115.16, inclusive, as applicable, with respect to the payment of all mechanics and laborers employed in such construction work.

(i) **Procurement.** When procuring property and services to be paid for in whole or part with Grant Funds, Grantee shall comply with the procurement standards and other requirements for procurement set forth in 10 C.F.R. § 600.236(b) through (i). Without limiting the foregoing, Grantee acknowledges all of its contracts for the procurement of property and services will contain contract provisions as described in 10 C.F.R. § 600.236(i). It is the sense of the Congress that, to the greatest extent practicable, all equipment and products purchased with funds made available under this Agreement should be American-made.

(j) **Historic Preservation.** (i) Prior to the expenditure of federal funds to alter any structure or site, Grantee shall comply with the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), consistent with USDOE's 2009 letter of delegation of authority regarding the NHPA. Section 106 applies to historic properties that are listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places. In order to fulfill the requirements of Section 106, Grantee must cooperate with Grantor in contacting the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to coordinate the Section 106 review outlined in 36 C.F.R. part 800. SHPO contact information is available at the following link: <http://www.ncshpo.org/find/index.htm>. (ii) Section 110(k) of the NHPA applies to USDOE-funded activities. Grantee shall avoid taking any action that results in an adverse effect to historic properties pending compliance with Section 106. (iii) Grantee should be aware that the USDOE Contracting Officer will consider Grantor to be in compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA only after Grantor has submitted adequate background documentation to the SHPO for its review, and the SHPO has provided written concurrence to Grantor that the SHPO does not object to Grantor's Section 106 finding or determination. Grantee shall provide promptly to Grantor and/or to the SHPO such information concerning the Project and any properties that may be affected by the Project as may be necessary or useful for Grantor to make its Section 106 finding or determination and for the SHPO to evaluate a request for concurrence in the Section 106 finding or determination. Grantor shall provide a copy of the SHPO concurrence to the Contracting Officer.

(k) **Public Records.** Grantee acknowledges that this Agreement and other records in the possession or control of Grantee regarding the Project are public records under Ohio Revised Code § 149.43 and are open to public inspection unless a legal exemption applies.

(l) **Lobbying Restriction.** Grantee shall not expend any Grant Funds, directly or indirectly, to influence congressional action on any legislation or appropriation matters before Congress other than to communicate to Members of Congress as described in 18 U.S.C. § 1913. This restriction is in addition to those prescribed elsewhere in statute and regulation.

12. **Termination.**

(a) **Reasons for Termination.** Grantor may withhold payment under this Agreement or terminate this Agreement in whole or in part under any of the following circumstances: (i) Grantee fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, including any Program rules and requirements incorporated into this Agreement; (ii) Grantor determines that Grantee cannot or will not take the necessary action to bring Grantee into compliance with applicable requirements of 10 C.F.R. part 600, with the requirements of any applicable program statute or rule, or with any other term or condition of this Agreement within the time allowed by this Agreement or otherwise approved by Grantor; (iii) Grantee ceases to exist or becomes legally incapable of performing its responsibilities under this Agreement; or (iv) Grantee fails to comply with any reporting requirements including, but not limited to, submission of reports provision of this Agreement. Grantor may also terminate this Agreement in the event USDOE cancels its grant of funds to Grantor.

(b) **Procedure.** If Grantor has a basis to terminate the Agreement or to withhold Grant Funds as provided in paragraph (a) of this Section 12, Grantor shall notify Grantee in writing (the “**Notice**”) sent by certified mail or commercial delivery. The Notice shall state in reasonable detail the basis for the action and sections of the statutes, rules, regulations or contractual obligations that Grantee is charged with violating.

(c) **Effect of Early Termination.** Within sixty (60) days after early termination of this Agreement, Grantee shall provide Grantor with a Closeout Report setting forth the total expenditure of the Grant Funds by Grantee and the status of the Project at the time of termination. In addition, Grantee shall surrender all reports, documents, and other materials assembled and prepared pursuant to this Agreement, which shall become the property of Grantor. Grantee shall have the right to use of the data for Grantee’s own internal, non-commercial educational, training or research purposes. Upon review of the Closeout Report, Grantor shall determine whether or not Grantee shall be required to refund any portion of the Grant Funds. The refund decision will be within the sole discretion of Grantor, on behalf of the State of Ohio (the “**State**”). In no event shall Grantee be required to refund an amount in excess of the total Grant Funds awarded under this Agreement. Grantee shall be entitled to compensation for any un-reimbursed expenses reasonably and necessarily incurred in the satisfactory performance of this Agreement. Grantee shall incur no new obligations after the date of receipt of the Notice, and shall cancel as many outstanding obligations as possible. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this Section 12, Grantee shall not be relieved of its responsibility for damages sustained by Grantor by virtue of any breach of contract by Grantee, and Grantor may withhold any reimbursement to Grantee for the purpose of set-off until such time as the exact amount of damages due Grantor from Grantee is agreed upon or otherwise determined.

(d) **Termination Requested by Grantee.** Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this Section 12, if Grantee is unable or unwilling to comply with such additional conditions as may be lawfully applied by Grantor, Grantee may request to terminate this Agreement by giving reasonable written notice to Grantor, indicating the effective date of termination, the reasons for requesting the termination, and an appropriate budget revision. In such event, Grantor shall terminate the Agreement only if both parties agree to the termination and to the conditions under which it shall occur.

13. **Indemnification.** The Grantee agrees to indemnify and to hold the Grantor and State of Ohio harmless and immune from any and all claims for injury or damages arising from this Agreement and Grantee’s performance of the obligations or activities in furtherance of the Project which are attributable to the Grantee’s own actions or omissions or those of its trustees, officers, employees, subcontractors, suppliers, third parties utilized by the Grantee, or joint ventures while acting under this Agreement. Such claims shall include, but are not limited to, any claims made under the Fair Labor Standards Act or under any other federal or state law involving wages, overtime, or employment matters and any claims involving

patents, copyrights, and trademarks. The Grantee shall bear all costs associated with defending the Grantor and the State of Ohio against any claims.

14. **Certification of Funds.** None of the rights, duties and obligations of the parties under this Agreement shall be binding on either party until all statutory provisions of the Ohio Revised Code including, without limitation, Section 126.07, have been complied with, and until such time as all funds have been made available and are forthcoming from the appropriate state agencies.

15. **Notice.** Any notice or report required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given for all purposes if mailed by first class certified or registered mail or sent by commercial delivery to the following addresses of the parties or to such other address as either party may hereafter furnish by written notice to the other party.

If to Grantor:

Ohio Department of Development
77 South High Street
P.O. Box 1001
Columbus, Ohio 43216-1001
ATTN: Deputy Chief, Office of Community Assistance

If to Grantee:

To the attention of the Contact identified
on the first page of this Agreement.

16. **Miscellaneous.**

(a) **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Ohio as to all matters including, but not limited to, its validity, construction, effect and performance.

(b) **Forum and Venue.** Grantee irrevocably submits to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of any federal or state court sitting in Columbus, Ohio, in any action or proceeding arising out of or related to this Agreement, Grantee agrees that all claims in respect of such action or proceeding may be heard and determined in any such court, and Grantee irrevocably waives any objection it may now or hereafter have as to the venue of any such action or proceeding brought in such court or that such court is an inconvenient forum. Nothing in this Agreement shall limit the right of Grantor to bring any action or proceedings against Grantee in the courts of any other jurisdiction. Any actions or proceedings by Grantee against Grantor or the State of Ohio involving, directly or indirectly, any matter in any way arising out of or related to this Agreement shall be brought only in a court in Columbus, Ohio.

(c) **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement, including its exhibits and documents incorporated into it by reference, constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the parties with respect to its subject matter. Any prior written or verbal agreement, understanding or representation between the parties or any of their respective officers, agents, or employees is superseded and no such prior agreement, understanding or representation shall be deemed to affect or modify any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement.

(d) **Severability.** Whenever possible, each provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of this Agreement is held to be prohibited by or invalid under applicable law, such provision shall be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity, without invalidating the remainder of such provisions of this Agreement.

(e) **Amendments.** This Agreement may not be amended or modified except upon such terms as both parties may agree in a writing executed by authorized representatives of each party.

(f) **Forbearance Not a Waiver.** No act of forbearance or failure to insist on the prompt performance by Grantee of its obligations under this Agreement, either express or implied, shall be construed as a waiver by Grantor of any of its rights under this Agreement or applicable law.

(g) **Pronouns.** The use of any gender pronoun shall be deemed to include the other gender, and the use of any singular noun or verb shall be deemed to include the plural, and vice versa, whenever the context so requires.

(h) **Headings.** Section headings contained in this Agreement are inserted for convenience only and shall not be used in construing this Agreement.

(i) **Assignment.** Neither this Agreement nor any rights, duties, or obligations of Grantee pursuant to this Agreement shall be assigned by Grantee without the prior express written consent of Grantor, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. Any purported assignment not made in accordance with this paragraph shall be void.

(j) **Binding Effect.** Each and all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall extend to and bind and inure to the benefit of Grantee, its successors and permitted assigns.

(k) **Survival.** Any provision of this Agreement which, by its nature, is intended to survive the expiration or other termination of this Agreement, including, without limitation, any indemnification obligation, record retention and inspection rights shall so survive and shall benefit the parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

(l) **Counterparts; PDF Accepted.** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement. Copies of signatures sent by facsimile transmission or provided electronically in portable document format (“PDF”) shall be deemed to be originals for purposes of execution and proof of this Agreement.

Signature: Each of the parties has caused this Grant Agreement to be executed by its authorized representatives as of the dates set forth below their respective signatures effective as of the Effective Date.

GRANTEE:

Buckeye Local Schools

GRANTOR:

**State of Ohio
Department of Development**

**Lydia Mihalik
Director**

By: _____

By: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

Attachments:

Exhibit I	Scope of Work and Project Budget
Exhibit II	Financial Reports and Request for Payment
Exhibit III	Special Terms and Conditions
Exhibit IV	Monthly Progress Reporting Guidelines
Exhibit V	Contract Provisions

EXHIBIT I

SCOPE OF WORK AND PROJECT BUDGET

Grantee's Ohio K-12 Schools and Non-Profit Hospitals Energy Efficiency Grant application is located within Salesforce, Program Name: DEV-GR-2022-191398

EXHIBIT II

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND REQUEST FOR PAYMENT

1. Grantee shall provide the above information along with the Financial Reimbursement Request Form available in Salesforce by the 10th of each month. If the 10th falls on a weekend or holiday, the request is due the following Monday.
2. Financial reports for each month of the Term are to be submitted electronically using the Grantor's online system whether or not costs are incurred. Upon review and approval by Grantor, reimbursement payments will be transmitted to Grantee within three to four weeks from the date of receipt by Grantor of Grantee's financial report.
3. Financial reports are to reflect and be in accordance with the accounting records (books, journals, ledgers, etc.) of Grantee.
4. A final financial report of expenditures for the Term is to be received by Grantor no later than 20 business days after the Term ends. The report should be Submitted **electronically using the Grantor's online system**
5. Upon completion of the Term, the remaining balance of Grant Funds, if any, is to be remitted along with a copy of the final financial report. Make the check payable to the Treasurer of the State of Ohio and submit it to the Office of Budget and Finance, Ohio Department of Development, P.O. Box 16565, Columbus, Ohio 43216.
6. Grantee shall return to the federal government on an annual basis beginning June 30, 2014 and every year thereafter, all interest income generated from the deposit of Grant Funds received under this Agreement, except that the Grantee may retain the first \$500.00 to pay administrative expenses. Interest income over the \$500.00 allowance should be remitted to the Department of Health and Human Services, Payment Management System, Rockville, Maryland 20852.
7. For Grantees not subject to the provisions of 2 CFR 200, Subpart F, a financial statement audit must be conducted on an annual basis. It must be completed by an independent certified public accountant or firm in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards (GAGAS). A copy of the audit report must be submitted within nine months following the end of the grantee's fiscal year or within thirty days following the release of the audit report, whichever occurs first. The report may be electronically sent to singleaudit@development.ohio.gov
8. Unless Grantee is exempt, for single audits of fiscal years 2015 and after, Grantee must notify the Grantor when their audit reporting package is submitted to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse. Notification should be sent to singleaudit@development.ohio.gov and must take place within seven (7) days following submission of the reporting package to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse. In lieu of or in addition to the notification, Grantee may electronically submit their single audit report to singleaudit@development.ohio.gov

EXHIBIT III

SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following are incorporated into this Award by reference:

- Applicable program regulations, including 10 CFR Part 420 – State Energy Program at <http://eCFR.gov>.
- DOE Assistance Regulations, 2 CFR part 200 as amended by 2 CFR part 910 at <http://www.eCFR.gov>.
- National Policy Assurances to be incorporated as Award Terms in effect on date of award at <http://www.nsf.gov/awards/managing/rtc.jsp>.

EXHIBIT IV

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORTING GUIDELINES

The following guidelines are to be followed when preparing monthly progress reports.

Monthly progress reports should contain five separately labeled sections consisting of: progress chart, narrative, significant accomplishments, problems/issues encountered.

The Progress Chart: List each major milestone of the Project, progress during the reporting period (expressed in a percentage), and overall progress of the Project to date (also expressed in a percentage). *See example chart below.*

The Narrative: Provide a brief (1-2-page) description of the Project progress reported in the progress chart, and digital photos if appropriate. Technical and scientific data should be limited to information that is essential to report on the Project progress. If you have additional technical or scientific data you would like to submit, please do so in the form of an attachment.

Significant Accomplishments: Report the following information, as applicable –

For Deploying Renewable Energy in Ohio Program Activity:

- number of systems installed (Solar electric)
- size of systems installed (Solar electric)
- number of systems installed (Wind energy)
- size of system installed (Wind energy)
- number of systems installed (Solar thermal)
- capacity of systems installed (Solar thermal)

For Making Building Energy Efficiency Work Program Activity:

- number of buildings retrofitted
- square footage retrofitted

For Banking on New Energy Financing Program Activity:

- number of loans made
- value of loans made

For Targeting Industry Efficiency Program Activity:

- reduction in natural gas consumption
- reduction in electricity consumption

For all Program Activities:

- awards received
- total outlays
- recognition received
- measurable economic impact
- new funds received in support this Project or objectives achieved significantly under budget

Problems/Issues: List any obstacles encountered that could potentially hinder the progress of the Project and plans proposed for mitigating the impact.

SAMPLE PROGRESS CHART

MILESTONES	PROGRESS THIS MONTH (Expressed in %)	OVERALL PROGRESS TO DATE (Expressed in %)
TASK 1	25%	100%
TASK 2	15%	35%
TASK 3	45%	100%
TASK 4	0%	0%
TASK 5	15%	25%

EXHIBIT V

Contract Provisions

Appendix II to Part 200—Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards

In addition to other provisions required by the Federal agency or non-Federal entity, all contracts made by the non-Federal entity under the Federal award must contain provisions covering the following, as applicable.

(A) Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$150,000, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

(B) All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement.

(C) Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of “federally assisted construction contract” in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, “Equal Employment Opportunity” (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, “Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,” and implementing regulations at 41 CFR part 60, “Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor.”

(D) Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148). When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, “Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction”). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, “Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States”). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

(E) Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a

standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

(F) Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement. If the Federal award meets the definition of “funding agreement” under 37 CFR §401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that “funding agreement,” the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, “Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements,” and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

(G) Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as amended—Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

(H) Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)—A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the governmentwide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), “Debarment and Suspension.” SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

(I) Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)—Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.

(J) See §200.322 Procurement of recovered materials.