



## **Attachment E**

### **Small Hydropower Initiative Hydropower Project Assistance (Solicitation No. 2008-SHI-02)**

#### **Grant Agreement**

*Note: If Applicant is a municipality, please contact MTC's legal department.*

- The Grant Agreement is designed to be executed once by an awardee and will govern any grant award received by the awardee from *any division of MTC* (i.e., Renewable Energy Trust, John Adams Innovation Institute, eHealth Initiative, Life Sciences Collaborative).
- It consists of three parts, the General Terms and Conditions which are the legal terms that will govern the award, MTC's Sensitive Information Policy which sets forth the procedures by which awardees can submit sensitive information under the Public Records Law; and a Task Order Template which contains language an awardee may see depending on the division providing the award.
- This document is not intended to be specific to an award made under this solicitation.
- Upon MTC authorization to proceed with the project, MTC and the selected applicant will execute a task order which will set forth the respective roles and responsibilities of parties specifically as they relate to the project receiving the award under this solicitation.
- Applicants are required to review the Grant Agreement and identify any exceptions to its terms in Section 7 of the Application Form (Attachment B).
- If the applicant has no exceptions to the Grant Agreement, applicant may complete and submit the Grant Agreement as part of its Application.

**MASSACHUSETTS TECHNOLOGY COLLABORATIVE**  
**General Terms and Conditions**

The following General Terms and Conditions are issued by the Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation, an independent public instrumentality of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts doing business as the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative ("MTC"). ***Any changes or electronic alterations to the official version of this form shall be void.*** Participants shall be bound by these General Terms and Conditions upon execution and submission to MTC. These General Terms and Conditions will be incorporated by reference into any Task Order for any financial assistance award executed by the Participant and MTC.

**1. Definitions**

"Agreement" means these General Terms and Conditions and all Task Orders entered into hereunder and all other referenced attachments hereto and thereto, as the same may be amended from time to time in accordance with the terms of these General Terms and Conditions.

"Commonwealth" means the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (and its political subdivisions or agents where the context so requires).

"Deliverable" means any tangible product to be delivered as an element of performance under a Task Order.

"Grant" means the funding awarded by MTC's Board of Directors as set forth in the applicable Task Order.

"General Counsel" means MTC's General Counsel, or, in the event that no Person holds such title at the time in question, such other legal counsel to MTC as MTC's Executive Director may designate.

"Governmental Authority" means any national or federal government, any state or other political subdivision thereof, and any other Person exercising executive, legislative, judicial, regulatory or administrative functions of or pertaining to government.

"JAIL" means the John Adams Innovation Institute created by the Economic Stimulus Bill of 2004.

"MTC" means the Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation d/b/a Massachusetts Technology Collaborative and any of its subsidiaries, subdivisions or affiliates, and the successors or assigns thereof.

"Participant" means any Person who has sought funding or other financial support from, or has submitted one or more proposals for projects to, MTC and has been awarded such financial support or funding under any of MTC's programs or initiatives as in effect from time to time.

"Project" means services rendered, obligations due, costs incurred, commodities and deliverables provided and accepted by the MTC, programs provided or other commitments authorized under a Task Order.

"Project Administrator" means the individual, set forth in the applicable Task Order, employed by MTC who shall have secondary responsibility for managing the Project for MTC.

"Project Manager" means the individual, set forth in the applicable Task Order, employed by MTC and by Participant, respectively who shall have primary responsibility for managing the Project.

"Project Budget" means the costs associated with the tasks set forth in the Project Plan which shall be reimbursed by MTC pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the applicable Task Order.

"Project Plan" means the set of tasks required to complete the Project as set forth in the applicable Task Order.

"Public Records Act" means the Massachusetts Public Records Act, M.G.L. Chapter 66, and any successor thereto.

"RET" or the "Trust" means the Commonwealth's Renewable Energy Trust Fund created by the Electric Utility Restructuring Act of 1997.

“Task Order” means the documentation that sets forth the Grant awarded, the specifics of the Project for which the Grant was awarded and all terms and conditions for the application and use of such Grant funds, including the Project Plan and Budget.

## 2. Term and Termination

- a) The effective start date of performance under a Task Order shall be the date such Task Order has been executed by an authorized signatory of the Participant and MTC.
- b) This Agreement may be terminated by either MTC or Participant at any time for a material breach of any term of the Agreement. In the event of such termination, compensation shall be paid to the Participant for the actual costs of allowable expenses incurred for work performed and the reasonable and necessary actual direct costs incurred in the performance of the work pursuant to the applicable Task Order prior to the effective date of the termination.
- c) MTC may terminate this Agreement in the event of loss of availability of sufficient funds for the purposes of this Agreement or in the event of an unforeseen public emergency or other change of law mandating immediate MTC action inconsistent with performing its obligations under this Agreement.

## 3. Payments and Compensation

The Participant shall only be compensated for performance delivered and accepted by the MTC in accordance with the specific terms and conditions of the applicable Task Order. Acceptance by the Participant of any payment or partial payment, without any written objection by the Participant, shall in each instance operate as a release and discharge of MTC from all claims, liabilities or other obligations relating to the performance of a Task Order.

## 4. Insurance

Specific requirements for insurance shall be set forth in the applicable Task Order.

## 5. Access and Use

Participant agrees to license or otherwise make available to MTC in perpetuity, without charge, all materials prepared and produced for the Project, including, without limitation, all plans, specifications and analyses developed in connection with the Project for MTC’s use and dissemination.

## 6. Publicity

- a) The Participant shall collaborate with MTC on any press releases, events, signs and to plan for any news conference concerning the Project. In any media produced by Participant, Participant will not represent that positions taken or advanced by it represent the opinion or position of MTC.
- b) The Participant agrees that MTC shall have the right to make use of and disseminate, in whole or in part, all work products, reports, and other information produced in the course of the Project, and to use the information therein contained to produce summaries, case studies or similar information resources.

## 7. Assignment and Subcontracting

- a) The Participant shall not assign or in any way transfer any interest in this Grant or the Agreement without the prior written consent of MTC, including subcontracting any services except as otherwise included in the Participant’s Project Plan and Project Budget.
- b) The Participant will procure services from subcontractors using commercially responsible procurement mechanisms, and to the greatest extent practicable, using competitive procurement procedures. Furthermore, the Participant is required to notify MTC in the event that it intends to or has entered into an agreement for goods or services with a related entity. For purposes of this agreement, a related entity is an entity that can control or significantly influence the management or operating policies of another entity to the extent one of the entities may be prevented from pursuing its own interests. To the extent such services are properly identified in the Project Budget and specifically approved in writing by MTC, Participant may use the Grant to pay for such goods or services.

## 8. Nondiscrimination

The Participant agrees to comply with all applicable Federal and State statutes, rules and regulations promoting fair employment practices or prohibiting employment discrimination and unfair labor practices and shall not discriminate in the hiring of any applicant for employment nor shall any qualified employee be demoted, discharged or otherwise subject to discrimination in the tenure, position, promotional opportunities, wages benefits or terms and conditions of their employment because of race, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, religion, disability, handicap, sexual orientation, or for exercising any rights afforded by law.

## 9. Indemnification

- a) To the fullest extent permitted by law, Participant shall indemnify and hold harmless the Commonwealth, MTC, and each of their respective agents, officers, directors and employees (together with the Commonwealth and MTC, the "Covered Persons") from and against any and all liability, loss, claims, damages, fines, penalties, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees), judgments and awards (collectively, "Damages") sustained, incurred or suffered by or imposed upon any Covered Person resulting from (i) any breach of this Agreement or false representation of Participant under this Agreement, or (ii) any negligent acts or omissions or reckless misconduct of Participant. Without limiting the foregoing, Participant shall indemnify and hold harmless each Covered Person against any and all Damages that may arise out of or are imposed because of the failure to comply with the provisions of applicable law by Participant or any of its agents, officers, directors, employees or subcontractors. The foregoing notwithstanding, Participant shall not be liable for (i) any Damages sustained, incurred or suffered by or imposed upon any Covered Person resulting from any negligent acts or omissions or reckless misconduct of MTC, and (ii) except for liability for death or personal injury caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the Participant or for claims of infringement of a third party's intellectual property by Participant, the aggregate liability of Participant under this Agreement shall not exceed the greater of the amount of the Grant or the amount recovered under any applicable insurance coverage.
- b) In no event shall either party be liable for any indirect, incidental, special or consequential damages whatsoever (including but not limited to lost profits or interruption of business) arising out of or related to Participant's performance of the Project under this Agreement.

## 10. Public Records

As a public entity, MTC is subject to the Massachusetts Public Records Law (set forth at Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 66) and thus documents and other materials made or received by MTC and/or its employees are subject to public disclosure. All information received by MTC shall be deemed to be subject to public disclosure, except as otherwise provided in the procedures set forth in Attachment A hereto. By signing this Agreement, Participant acknowledges, understands and agrees that the procedures set forth in Attachment A are applicable to any documents submitted by Participant to MTC, including but not limited to any acknowledgements set forth therein, and that Participant shall be bound by these procedures.

## 11. Audit

MTC will have the right to audit Participant's or its other agents' records to confirm the use of the Grant proceeds at any time from the Effective Date of the applicable Task Order through the end of the Retention Period, as defined herein. If such audit reveals that any portion of the Grant was utilized for purposes not permitted under the applicable Task Order, then Participant shall refund to MTC the amount determined by such audit within thirty (30) days of Participant's receipt of such audit and demand. Participant shall maintain books, records, and other compilations of data pertaining to the Grant payments made under an applicable Task Order to the extent and in such detail as shall properly substantiate use of such payments. All such records shall be kept for a period of seven (7) years, starting on the first day after final payment under an applicable Task Order (the "Retention Period"). If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit or other action involving the records is commenced prior to the expiration of the Retention Period, all records shall be retained until completion of the audit or other action and resolution of all issues resulting therefrom, or until the end of the Retention Period, whichever is later. MTC or the Commonwealth or any of their duly authorized representatives shall have the right at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice, to

examine and copy at reasonable expense, the books, records, and other compilations of data of the Participant which pertain to the provisions and requirements of this Grant. Such access may include on-site audits, review and copying of records.

**12. Conflict of Interest**

Participant acknowledges that all MTC employees are subject to the Massachusetts Conflict of Interest statute, located at Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A.

**13. Lobbying**

No Grant funds may be used to pay for or otherwise support any activities intended to influence any matter pending before the Massachusetts General Court or for activities covered by the law and regulations governing "legislative agents" or "executive agents" set forth in the Massachusetts Lobbying Law, M.G.L. c.3, §39.

**14. Choice of Law**

This Agreement shall be construed under, and governed by, the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, without giving effect to its conflict of laws principles. The Participant agrees to bring any Federal or State legal proceedings arising under this Grant in which the Commonwealth or MTC is a party in a court of competent jurisdiction within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This Section shall not be construed to limit any other legal rights of the parties.

**15. Force Majeure**

Neither party shall be liable to the other, or be deemed to be in breach of this Agreement for any failure or delay in rendering performance arising out of causes beyond its reasonable control and without its fault or negligence. Such causes may include, but are not limited to, acts of God or of a public enemy, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, or unusually severe weather. Dates or times of performance including the Term of this Agreement may be extended to account for delays excused by this Section, provided that the party whose performance is affected notifies the other promptly of the existence and nature of such delay.

**16. Waivers**

Conditions, covenants, duties and obligations contained in this Agreement may be waived only by written agreement between the parties. Forbearance or indulgence in any form or manner by a party shall not be construed as a waiver, nor in any way limit the remedies available to that party.

**17. Notice**

All communications to MTC regarding legal issues shall be mailed or delivered to the following address, or sent by facsimile to the following number.

Massachusetts Technology Collaborative  
75 North Drive  
Westborough, MA 01581  
508/870-0312 (phone)  
508/898-2275 (fax)  
Attn: Matthew L. Schemmel, Senior Counsel

All communications to Participant shall be mailed or delivered to the address, or sent by facsimile to the number set forth in Section 18.

Any notice shall be deemed delivered and received when submitted in writing in person or when delivered by any other appropriate method evidencing actual receipt by MTC.

**18. Amendments, Entire Agreement and Attachments**

All conditions, covenants, duties and obligations contained in the Agreement may be amended only through a written amendment signed by the Participant and MTC unless otherwise specified in this Agreement. The parties understand and agree that this Agreement supersedes all other verbal and written agreements and negotiations by the parties regarding the matters contained herein. The following are attached and incorporated into this Agreement:

- i. Attachment A – MTC’s Sensitive Information Policy and Procedures
- ii. Attachment B – Form of Task Order; and all Task Orders entered into in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and attached hereto

PARTICIPANT’S AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY: \_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

(Check One):  Organization  Individual

Full Legal Organization or Individual Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Doing Business As Name (If Different): \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ URL: \_\_\_\_\_

Attachment A

**THE MASSACHUSETTS TECHNOLOGY COLLABORATIVE  
POLICY AND PROCEDURES REGARDING SUBMISSION OF "SENSITIVE INFORMATION"**

The Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Trust which it administers, and John Adams Innovation Institute (collectively referred to herein as "MTC") are subject to the requirements concerning disclosure of public records under the Massachusetts Public Records Act, M.G.L. c. 66 (the "Public Records Act"), which governs the retention, disposition and archiving of public records. For purposes of the Public Records Act, "public records" include all books, papers, maps, photographs, recorded tapes, financial statements, statistical tabulations, or other documentary materials or data, regardless of physical form or characteristics, made or received by MTC. As a result, any information submitted to MTC by a grant applicant, recipient grantee, respondent to a request for response (including, but not limited to an RFQ, RFP and RFI), contractor, or any other party (collectively the "Submitting Party") is subject to public disclosure as set forth in the Public Records Act.

The foregoing notwithstanding, "public records" do not include certain materials or data which fall within one of the specifically enumerated exemptions set forth in the Public Records Act or in other statutes, including MTC's enabling act, M.G.L. Chapter 40J. One such exemption that may be applicable to documents submitted by a Submitting Party is for any documentary materials or data made or received by MTC that consists of trade secrets or commercial or financial information regarding the operation of any business conducted by the Submitting Party, or regarding the competitive position of such Submitting Party in a particular field of endeavor (the "Trade Secrets Exemption").

***It is MTC's expectation and belief that the overwhelming percentage of documents it receives from a Submitting Party does not contain any information that would warrant an assertion by MTC of an exemption from the Public Records Act. Submitting Parties should therefore take care in determining which documents they submit to MTC, and should assume that all documents submitted to MTC are subject to public disclosure without any prior notice to the Submitting Party and without resort to any formal public records request.***

In the event that a Submitting Party wishes to submit certain documents to MTC and believes such a document or documents may be proprietary in nature and may fall within the parameters of the Trade Secrets Exemption and/or some other applicable exemption, the following procedures shall apply:

1. At the time of the Submitting Party's initial submission of documents to MTC, the Submitting Party must provide a cover letter, addressed to MTC's General Counsel, indicating that it is submitting documents which it believes are exempt from public disclosure, including a description of the specific exemption(s) that the Submitting Party contends is/are applicable to the submitted materials, a precise description of the type and magnitude of harm that would result in the event of the documents' disclosure, and a specific start date and end date within which the claimed exemption applies. If different exemptions, harms and/or dates apply to different documents, it is the Submitting Party's responsibility and obligation to provide detailed explanations for each such document.
2. At the time of the Submitting Party's initial submission of documents to MTC, the Submitting Party must also clearly and unambiguously identify each and every such document that it contends is subject to an exemption from public disclosure as "Sensitive Information." It is the Submitting Party's responsibility and obligation to ensure that all such documents are sufficiently identified as "Sensitive Information," and Submitting Party's designation must be placed in a prominent location on the face of each and every document that it contends is exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act.

***Information submitted to MTC in any form other than a hard copy document will not be subject to the procedures set forth in this Attachment. For example, information submitted by e-mail, facsimile and/or verbally will not be subject to these procedures and may be disclosed at any time without notice to the Submitting Party.***

3. Documents that are not accompanied by the written notification to MTC's General Counsel or are

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not properly identified by the Submitting Party as "Sensitive Information" at the time of their initial submission to MTC are presumptively subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act, and the procedures for providing the Submitting Party with notice of any formal public records request for documents, as set forth below, shall be inapplicable.

4. At the time MTC receives documents from the Submitting Party, any such documents designated by Submitting Party as "Sensitive Information" shall be segregated and stored in a secure filing area when not being utilized by appropriate MTC staff. By submitting a grant application, request for response, or any other act that involves the submission of information to MTC, the Submitting Party certifies, acknowledges and agrees that (a) MTC's receipt, segregation and storage of documents designated by Submitting Party as "Sensitive Information" does not represent a finding by MTC that such documents fall within the Trade Secrets Exemption or any other exemption to the Public Records Act, or that the documents are otherwise exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act, and (b) MTC is not liable under any circumstances for the subsequent disclosure of any information submitted to MTC by the Submitting Party, whether or not such documents are designated as "Sensitive Information" or MTC was negligent in disclosing such documents.
5. In the event that MTC receives an inquiry or request for information submitted by a Submitting Party, MTC shall produce all responsive information without notice to the Submitting Party. In the event that the inquiry or request entails documents that the Submitting Party has previously designated as "Sensitive Information" in strict accordance with this Policy, the inquiring party shall be notified in writing that one or more of the documents it has requested has been designated by the Submitting Party as "Sensitive Information", and, if not already submitted, that a formal, written public records request must be submitted by the requesting party to MTC's General Counsel for a determination of whether the subject documents are exempt from disclosure.
6. Upon the General Counsel's receipt of a formal, written public records request for information that encompass documents previously designated by Submitting Party as "Sensitive Information", the Submitting Party shall be notified in writing of MTC's receipt of the public records request, and MTC may, but shall not be required to provide Submitting Party an opportunity to present MTC with information and/or legal arguments concerning the applicability of the Trade Secrets Exemption or some other exemption to the subject documents.
7. The General Counsel shall review the subject documents, the Public Records Act and the exemption(s) claimed by the Submitting Party in making a determination concerning their potential disclosure.

***The General Counsel is the sole authority within MTC for making determinations on the applicability and/or assertion of an exemption to the Public Records Act. No employee of MTC other than the General Counsel has any authority to address issues concerning the status of "Sensitive Information" or to bind MTC in any manner concerning MTC's treatment and disclosure of such documents.***

***Furthermore, the potential applicability of an exemption to the disclosure of documents designated by the Submitting Party as "Sensitive Information" shall not require MTC to assert such an exemption. MTC's General Counsel retains the sole discretion and authority to assert an exemption, and he may decline to exert such an exemption if, within his discretion, the public interest is served by the disclosure of any documents submitted by the Submitting Party.***

8. MTC shall provide the requesting party and Submitting Party with written notice of its determination that the subject documents are either exempt or not exempt from disclosure.
9. In the event that MTC determines that the subject documents are exempt from disclosure, the requesting party may seek review of MTC's determination before the Supervisor of Public Records, and MTC shall notify the Submitting Party in writing in the event that the requesting party pursues a review of MTC's determination.

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10. In the event the requesting party pursues a review of MTC's determination that the documents are exempt from disclosure and the Supervisor of Public Records concludes that the subject documents are not exempt from disclosure and orders MTC to disclose such documents to the requester, MTC shall notify the Submitting Party in writing prior to the disclosure of any such documents, and Submitting Party may pursue injunctive relief or any other course of action in its discretion.
11. In the event that MTC determines that the subject documents are not exempt from disclosure or the General Counsel determines that, under the circumstances and in his discretion, MTC shall not assert an exemption, MTC shall notify the Submitting Party in writing prior to the disclosure of any such documents, and Submitting Party may pursue injunctive relief or any other course of action in its discretion.

***The Submitting Party's submission of documentation to MTC shall require a signed certification that Submitting Party acknowledges, understands and agrees with the applicability of the foregoing procedures to any documents submitted to MTC by Submitting Party at any time, including but not limited to the acknowledgements set forth herein, and that Submitting Party shall be bound by these procedures.***

All documents submitted by Submitting Party, whether designated as "Sensitive Information" or not, are not returnable to Submitting Party.

**Attachment B**

**Task Order Template**

Task Order [FY]-[No.]

Between \_\_\_\_\_

And the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative

This Task Order **<Insert No.>** dated **<Insert Date>** between Massachusetts Technology Collaborative (“MTC”) and **<Insert Name of Grantee>** (“Grantee”) incorporates by reference the General Terms and Conditions (the “Agreement”) agreed to by Grantee as part of its application for funding. Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined in this Task Order **<Insert No.>** shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the General Term and Conditions. In the event of any conflict between this Task Order **<Insert No.>** and the General Terms and Conditions, this Task Order **<Insert No.>** shall govern.

**[FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY TRUST AWARDS]**

**Whereas**, MTC as administrator of the Renewable Energy Trust (the “Trust”) is offering financial assistance in the form of grants to entities which have submitted a request for funding consistent with the statutory goals set forth in M.G.L. c.40J, and the Trust’s Direction Statement and Operating Plan;

**Whereas**, Grantee, a **<Insert type of entity>**, with a **<principal place of business OR residing>** at **<Insert Address>**, has submitted an application for funding to **<Insert project description>** (the “Project”); and

**Whereas**, MTC’s **<Executive OR Board of>** Director(s) approved the release of funds to Grantee for the Project on **<Insert Date>**.

**[FOR INNOVATION INSTITUTE AWARDS]**

**Whereas**, MTC as administrator of the John Adams Innovation Institute (the “Innovation Institute”) is offering financial assistance in the form of grants to entities which have submitted a request for funding consistent with the goals of the Innovation Institute’s Initiatives;

**Whereas**, Grantee, a **<Insert type of entity>**, with a **<principal place of business OR residing>** at **<Insert Address>**, has submitted an application for funding to **<Insert project description>** (the “Project”); and

**Whereas**, MTC’s Executive Director **<OR>** the Governing Board of the Innovation Institute approved the release of funds to Grantee for the Project on **<Insert Date>**.

**Now therefore**, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Agreement and this Task Order **<Insert No.>**, MTC and Grantee agree as follows:

**1. Term**

The term of this Task Order **<Insert No.>** shall commence **<Insert Date>**, and shall expire on **<Insert Date>**.

**2. Performance of the Work**

The Grantee shall perform the work in accordance with the Project Plan in Attachment 1 (“Project Plan”) and the Project Budget in Attachment 2 (“Project Budget”). The Grantee is solely responsible for all Project decisions, the preparation of all plans and specifications, and for developing the Project in accordance with the Project Plan.

3. **Project Personnel.**

- a) Both MTC and Grantee have designated the following Persons to serve as Project Manager to support effective communication between MTC and the Grantee and to report on the Project's progress. Each party will endeavor to maintain the continuity of its respective Project personnel.

For MTC: \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_@masstech.org) (508-870-0312 ext. \_\_\_\_)

For Grantee: \_\_\_\_\_ (<email address>) (<telephone no.>)

- b) Any notice hereunder shall be in writing and shall be sent either (i) by facsimile, (ii) by courier, or (iii) by first class mail, postage, prepaid, addressed to the Project Personnel listed in Section 3(a) at the addresses of such Persons indicated in the preamble of this Task Order <Insert No.> (or to such other address as a party may provide by notice to the party pursuant to this Section 3(b)), and shall be effective (i) if dispatched by facsimile and delivery is electronically confirmed by said media, the day such electronic confirmation is received, (ii) if sent by courier, one business day after dispatch, (iii) if sent by first class mail, five business days after its date of posting.

4. **Deliverables**

Grantee shall provide MTC with the following Deliverables as set forth in the schedule in the Project Plan. The parties acknowledge that the dates listed in the schedule in the Project Plan are estimates and subject to change. Any changes to the schedule must be approved by the MTC Project Manager in writing in advance, and shall be accepted without need for a formal amendment to this Task Order <Insert No.> provided that such changes shall not exceed the Term of this Task Order <Insert No.> as set forth in Section 2 hereof.

- a) *Quarterly Progress Reports.* Grantee shall provide MTC with quarterly progress reports which highlight project activities, accomplished milestones and preliminary results of task items to reflect the stage of the progress on the Project.
- b) *Comprehensive Final Project Report.* Upon conclusion of the Project, Grantee shall provide MTC with a final report that includes an analysis of the results, findings and recommendations of Project efforts, including technical difficulties, errors, recommendations for modifications and next steps. Descriptions of the particular methodologies used should be included in technical appendices at a level of detail sufficient to permit project replication. Such report shall also include the invoice for final payment.

5. **Other Requirements <Adjust as applicable>**

- a) *Program Evaluation.* The Grantee agrees to support MTC's program evaluation activities, and MTC's goal to disseminate information regarding Grantee's experiences. To this end, the Grantee agrees that its key personnel and contractors working on the Project will be available at reasonable times with advance notice to be interviewed by MTC or its authorized representatives for purposes of program evaluation or case study development.
- b) *Cost Reimbursement and Cost Sharing.* The Grantee shall be compensated on a cost-reimbursement basis for actual direct costs incurred in the performance of the Project Plan. As a condition of the Grant, Grantee shall share the costs for performance of the Project Plan in an amount that is equal to the lesser of \_\_\_\_\_ percent (\_\_\_%) of the actual costs incurred or \$\_\_\_\_\_ (the "Cost Share"). The sources and amount of Grantee's Cost Share are set forth in the Project Budget.
- c) *Prevailing Wage Requirement.* Grantee acknowledges that it is required to pay prevailing wages to the individuals and/or entities performing the installation part of the Project where such installation is paid for with Grant funds.
- d) *Massachusetts RET Ratepayer Benefit Requirement.*
- i. The RET Ratepayer Benefit Requirement means the (i) sale of Renewable Energy Certificates or other forms of generation attributes ("RECs") from the Project to MTC; (ii) sale or use of the RECs for ultimate sale to or use by Massachusetts Retail Electricity Suppliers, as defined in 225 CMR 14.02, to meet the requirements of the Massachusetts RPS; and/or (iii) sale of RECs, directly or indirectly, to end-use customers attributable to facilities owned or

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- leased by such customers that are located in areas where retail electric customers are required to pay the charge mandated by M.G.L. c.25, §20 to fund the RET. Grantee hereby covenants and agrees that it shall sell \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_%) percent of all RECs sold or otherwise transferred to third parties that the Project may generate during the ten-year period following the date such Project commences commercial operations (*i.e.*, first sells power to an unaffiliated third party), in compliance with the RET Ratepayer Benefit Requirement.
- ii. MTC may elect, in the sole exercise of its discretion, to waive the RET Ratepayer Benefit Requirement if Grantee demonstrate, to MTC's satisfaction and in the sole exercise of its discretion, that the requirement will have a catastrophic impact on the economic viability of the Project. Grantee's obligations to fulfill the requirement shall be suspended, and Grantee shall not be required to make such sales in compliance with it, during any period in which Grantee demonstrates to MTC's satisfaction and in the sole exercise of its discretion, that there are no potential purchasers for RECs produced during such ten-year period.
- e) *Production Tracking System (PTS)*. Grantee will register the renewable energy system on MTC's Production Tracking System (PTS). Note: The renewable energy system must have a dedicated meter that records only the AC output from the renewable energy system. This meter is separate from the utility billing meter and should not interfere with utility billing or net-metering. The renewable energy system meter must be a standard utility revenue quality meter that conforms to applicable American National Standards Institute (ANSI) C-12 standards and should be installed on the output side of the renewable energy system's isolation transformer. The meter must have a visible display of cumulative energy produced by the renewable energy system and be available for periodic testing and/or re-calibration, if necessary. MTC has developed a mechanism for automatic monthly reporting to the PTS. Grantee will participate in the automatic reporting system.
  - f) *Required Match*. As a condition of the Grant, Grantee is required to provide matching funds for the costs incurred in the performance of the Project (the "Required Match").
    - i. *Match Ratio*: For the first year, Grantee will provide matching funds equal to the funds requested from MTC (*i.e.*, a 1:1 match). In subsequent years, Grantee must match MTC funds at a 2:1 ratio.
    - ii. *Acceptable Forms of Match*: The required match may include membership fees, which shall be recognized when payment is received; sponsored research grants which shall be recognized when expenses for the grant are incurred; and other third-party sources, which shall be recognized in conformance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in effect at the time.
    - iii. *Carry Forward*: Unmatched revenue and expenses shall be carried forward to future periods. Any unmatched expenses shall be subject to the Match Ratio in the year in which the expenses were incurred.
    - iv. *Match Documentation*: Grantee shall document the Required Match on each invoice submitted to MTC as set forth in Section \_\_\_\_ below. Payment is specifically contingent on MTC's approval of the form and mount of the Required Match.

## 6. The Grant

In consideration of this Task Order \_\_\_\_\_ and the Agreement, and as full compensation for MTC's share of the costs for the performance of all work and in respect of all other direct and indirect costs, charges or expenses incurred in connection therewith, MTC shall pay to the Grantee a maximum amount of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$) for the cost elements identified in the Project Budget to be funded with MTC funds, subject to the provisions and restrictions contained herein. In executing this Task Order, Grantee acknowledges and agrees that its receipt of the Grant does not create any rights of preferences for Grantee to receive subsequent funding from MTC for design and/or construction or otherwise.

## 7. Payments and Invoices

The Grantee shall follow Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") as well as any applicable accounting standards related to the Grantee's receipt of other federal or state funds. If

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there is not an applicable standard for Grantee, Grantee shall follow Part 31 of the Federal Acquisition Regulations.

a) *Allowable Charges.*

- i. Direct Costs. The Grantee shall be reimbursed for direct costs incurred in the performance of the Project Plan and as specified on a line item of the Project Budget, as follows:
  1. Direct Labor: services performed by Grantee's employees under the terms of this Agreement at the actual labor rate per hour for each employee or the rate set forth in the Project Budget for the employee, whichever is less;
  2. Subcontractors/Consultants: services provided by Grantee's subcontractors/ consultants at the actual cost paid for Project services which shall not exceed the amount set forth in the Project Budget;
  3. Direct Materials: the cost of direct materials purchased which shall not exceed the amount set forth in the Project Budget;
  4. Other Direct Costs: the cost of other direct materials purchased or costs incurred which shall not exceed the amount set forth in the Project Budget. (e.g., postage, telephone, publications, graphics, etc.); and
  5. Travel: the reasonable and necessary costs incurred for travel, lodging, meals and incidental expenses, as set forth in the Project Budget. Reimbursement for the use of personal vehicles shall be limited to the Internal Revenue Service business standard mileage rate.
- ii. Indirect Costs. The Grantee shall be reimbursed for such indirect costs (e.g., General & Administrative Overhead) at their government-approved rate or at the Grantee's actual indirect cost rate calculated in accordance with Part 31 of the Federal Acquisition Regulations which shall not to exceed the rate set forth in the Project Budget.

b) *Budget Adjustments.* The foregoing notwithstanding, the parties acknowledge that the costs listed in the Project Budget are estimated. Therefore, Grantee may shift funds between the line items associated with each task [or category] provided that the totals for each task [or category] as set forth in the Project Budget are not exceeded. Additionally, Grantee may, with the prior written permission of the MTC PM, shift funds between each task [or category]. Grantee may not, however, increase the hourly rates as listed in the Project Budget.

c) *Payment Terms.* MTC shall pay the Grantee within forty-five (45) days after receipt of a properly documented invoice, unless MTC should determine that any such payment or any part thereof is otherwise not properly payable pursuant to the terms of this Agreement or the Project Budget.

d) *Invoices/Payment Schedule*

- i. Invoices shall be addressed to the MTC Project Administrator set forth in Section 3(a) above.
- ii. Grantee may submit invoices for payment quarterly **<(OR upon completion of each milestone and submission of each milestone briefing)>** using the template provided by MTC. Such invoices shall make reference to the Task Order Number set forth above. The invoice shall set forth total Project costs incurred. These shall be broken down into MTC's funding share and, if applicable, Grantee's cost-share or other co-funding share. They shall be in a format consistent with the cost categories set forth in the Project Budget. Invoices shall provide reasonable documentation to provide evidence of costs incurred, including:
  - i. *Direct Labor:* for each employee, the name, title, and number of hours worked or, if supported by an appropriate allocation methodology, the percentage of effort expended;
  - ii. *Subcontractors/Consultants:* copies of invoices for such subcontractors/consultants which have been reviewed and approved by Grantee prior to submission to MTC; and
  - iii. *Direct Costs/Travel:* all direct costs and travel expenses shall be itemized on the invoice and supported by documentation such as vendor invoices, travel vouchers, expense receipts or other documentation as required by MTC.

8. Insurance

**Insurance Requirements for Public Agencies.** In the event Grantee is a public agency (as defined in Chapter 7, Section 39A of the Massachusetts General Laws), then MTC agrees that Grantee may self insure to the extent permitted by law as though Grantee were the insurer under all insurance required for its activities under this Task Order **<Insert No.>**. Grantee hereby waives all offsets and defenses that it may otherwise have with respect to the insurance required to be maintained hereunder. The grant of the right to self insure is subject to the requirements that (i) Grantee's contractors and subcontractors carry insurance of the types and levels required for their activities under this Task Order **<Insert No.>**; (ii) that such insurance shall name MTC, and such other entities as MTC may request, as additional insureds, and (iii) no settlement or payment, for any claim or loss, injury or damage or other matter as to which MTC may be charged with an obligation to make any payment or reimbursement, shall be made by Grantee without the written approval of MTC.

**For Feasibility Studies; Public Awareness Grants & Other non-construction related activities:** Grantee shall obtain and maintain in effect through the term of this Task Order **<Insert No.>** appropriate insurance coverage for its activities under this Task Order **<Insert No.>**, including, but not limited to, comprehensive general liability insurance (bodily injury and property damage). At MTC's request, Grantee will provide MTC with copies of the certificates of insurance evidencing such coverage. Each policy of insurance required by this Task Order **<Insert No.>** shall contain a provision endorsed to MTC that the insurance provided therein may not be canceled or materially modified (e.g., non-renewed or reduced) without thirty (30) days prior written notice to MTC. MTC shall be an additional insured on such policy or policies. The carrying of any of the insurance required hereunder shall not be interpreted as relieving the Grantee of any responsibility to MTC. The Grantee shall assist and cooperate with any insurance company in the adjustment or litigation of all claims arising under this Task Order **<Insert No.>**.

**For Design Grants:** The Grantee shall maintain the following levels and types of insurance.

a) *General.*

- i. Each policy of insurance required by this Task Order **<Insert No.>** shall contain a provision endorsed to MTC that the insurance provided therein may not be canceled or materially modified (e.g., non-renewed or reduced) without thirty (30) days prior written notice to MTC.
- ii. Each requirement for the Grantee's insurance contained in this Section shall also be required by the Grantee of every subcontractor, unless the Grantee's insurance provides such coverage for subcontractors. Additionally, the Grantee shall require its design team to maintain either professional liability insurance or comprehensive general liability insurance including errors and omissions coverage, in the minimum required amount of \$1,000,000 per claim.
- iii. The Grantee shall provide MTC, upon request, with certificates satisfactory to MTC concerning the effectiveness and the terms of the insurance required by this Task Order **<Insert No.>**. MTC shall be an additional named insured on such policy or policies. MTC may also request the Grantee to provide it with copies of the actual policies for its review. Failure to provide and continue in force any insurance required by this Task Order **<Insert No.>** shall be deemed a material breach of this Task Order **<Insert No.>** for which MTC, at its sole discretion, may terminate this Task Order **<Insert No.>** immediately or on such other terms as it sees fit.

b) *Particular Insurance Requirements.* During the term of this Task Order **<Insert No.>**, the Grantee shall procure and maintain at its expense the following forms of insurance protecting the Grantee and MTC against all claims, losses or expenses resulting from alleged, adjudicated or statutory liability for injury to persons or damage to property arising out of or in connection with the Grantee's performance hereunder:

- i. Commercial general liability insurance in a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage, \$1,000,000 per occurrence for personal injury, \$2,000,000 general aggregate and \$2,000,000 completed operations aggregate written on an occurrence basis. The above requirements can be satisfied by an umbrella excess form of liability insurance written to provide coverage in excess of the underlying commercial general

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liability insurance policy; provided, that the umbrella terms and conditions are at least as broad as the underlying liability policies and for concurrent terms with the underlying commercial general liability insurance. Such insurance shall include:

1. Contractual liability insurance covering all liability assumed under this Task Order **<Insert No.>**;
2. Personal injury; and
3. Motor vehicle liability insurance covering use of any motor vehicle in connection with operations under this Task Order **<Insert No.>** with a combined single limit of \$1,000,000.

### c) *Miscellaneous Insurance Requirements*

- i. Any increase in limit of liability, or any type of insurance not described above, which the Grantee requires for its own protection or to comply with any statute, shall be its own responsibility and at its own expense. Should the Grantee obtain any increase in limits of liability or any type of insurance not described herein, except where MTC specifically agrees in writing in advance to pay the premiums, the cost shall be met by the Grantee. It shall be the responsibility of the Grantee to obtain any additional insurance required.
- ii. The Grantee shall give prompt notice to MTC of all losses, damages, or injuries to any person or third persons of which the Grantee has notice which may in any way be related to the work or for which a claim might be made against Grantee or MTC. The Grantee shall promptly report to MTC all such claims of which the Grantee has notice, whether related to matters insured or uninsured. No settlement or payment, for any claim or loss, injury or damage or other matter as to which MTC may be charged with an obligation to make any payment or reimbursement, shall be made by the Grantee without the written approval of MTC.
- iii. The carrying of any of the insurance required hereunder shall not be interpreted as relieving the Grantee of any responsibility to MTC. The Grantee shall assist and cooperate with any insurance company in the adjustment or litigation of all claims arising under this Task Order **<Insert No.>**.

**For Construction/Installation Grants:** Grantee shall obtain and maintain in effect for the term of this Task Order **<Insert No.>**

### a) *General.*

- i. Each policy of insurance required by this Task Order **<Insert No.>** shall contain a provision endorsed to MTC that the insurance provided therein may not be canceled or materially modified (e.g., non-renewed or reduced) without thirty (30) days prior written notice to MTC.
- ii. Each requirement for the Grantee's insurance contained in this Section shall also be required by the Grantee of every subcontractor unless the Grantee's insurance provides such coverage for subcontractors. Amounts of coverage for subcontractors may, however, with MTC's prior written approval, be less than the amount of coverage for the Grantee. Grantee shall require subcontractors to maintain sudden and accidental pollution coverage, CGL coverage for themselves and all additional insureds for the duration of the project and Completed Operations coverage for itself and each additional insured for a period of at least three (3) years after completion of the work.
- iii. The Grantee shall provide MTC, upon request, with certificates satisfactory to MTC concerning the effectiveness and the terms of the insurance required by this Task Order **<Insert No.>**. MTC shall be an additional insured on such policy or policies and shall be provided coverage at least as broad as the coverage provided to the named insured. MTC may also request the Grantee to provide it with copies of the actual policies for its review. Failure to provide and continue in force any insurance required by this Task Order **<Insert No.>** shall be deemed a material breach of this Task Order **<Insert No.>** for which MTC, at its sole discretion, may terminate this Task Order **<Insert No.>** immediately or on such other terms as it sees fit.

### b) *Particular Insurance Requirements.* During the Term of this Task Order **<Insert No.>** the

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Grantee shall procure and maintain at its expense the following forms of insurance protecting the Grantee and MTC against all claims, losses or expenses resulting from alleged, adjudicated or statutory liability for injury to persons or damage to property arising out of or in connection with the Grantee's performance hereunder:

- a. Commercial general liability insurance in a limit of not less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage, \$2,000,000 per occurrence for personal injury, \$4,000,000 general aggregate and \$4,000,000 completed operations aggregate written on an occurrence basis. The foregoing policy shall be primary and non-contributing with respect to any insurance carried by MTC and any other additional insured. The above requirements can be satisfied by an umbrella excess form of liability insurance written to provide coverage in excess of the underlying commercial general liability insurance policy; provided, that the umbrella terms and conditions are at least as broad as the underlying liability policies and for concurrent terms with the underlying commercial general liability insurance. Such insurance shall include:
  - i. Contractual liability insurance covering all liability assumed under this Task Order **<Insert No.>**;
  - ii. Personal injury coverage;
  - iii. Sudden and accidental pollution and contamination coverage; and
  - iv. Motor vehicle liability insurance covering use of any motor vehicle in connection with operations under this Task Order **<Insert No.>** with a combined single limit of \$2,000,000.
- c) *Miscellaneous Insurance Requirements*
  - i. Any increase in limit of liability, or any type of insurance not described above, which the Grantee requires for its own protection or to comply with any statute, shall be its own responsibility and at its own expense. Should the Grantee obtain any increase in limits of liability or any type of insurance not described herein, except where MTC specifically agrees in writing in advance to pay the premiums, the cost shall be met by the Grantee. It shall be the responsibility of the Grantee to obtain any additional insurance required.
  - ii. The Grantee shall give prompt notice to MTC of all losses, damages, or injuries to any person or third persons of which the Grantee has notice which may in any way be related to the work or for which a claim might be made against Grantee or MTC. The Grantee shall promptly report to MTC all such claims of which the Grantee has notice, whether related to matters insured or uninsured. No settlement or payment, for any claim or loss, injury or damage or other matter as to which MTC may be charged with an obligation to make any payment or reimbursement, shall be made by the Grantee without the written approval of MTC.
  - iii. The carrying of any of the insurance required hereunder shall not be interpreted as relieving the Grantee of any responsibility to MTC. The Grantee shall assist and cooperate with any insurance company in the adjustment or litigation of all claims arising under this Task Order **<Insert No.>**.
  - iv. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is understood and agreed that the insurance requirements imposed on the Grantee regarding sudden and accidental pollution and contamination coverage, if any, shall be temporarily waived by MTC until, and only until, such time as the Grantee is able to purchase such insurance, at which time said temporary waiver shall cease automatically. Such insurance must be purchased prior to the commencement of any construction related to the Project.

## 9. Affirmation of Warranties and Certifications

Grantee hereby represents and warrants that, as of the date of this Task Order **<Insert No.>**, all of the representations, warranties and certifications of Grantee set forth in the General Terms and Conditions are true and correct and Grantee is in compliance with all of Grantee's obligations under the General Terms and Conditions and each other Task Order between MTC and Grantee.

## 10. Amendments, Entire Agreement and Attachments

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All conditions, covenants, duties and obligations contained in this Task Order **<Insert No.>** may be amended only through a written amendment signed by the Grantee and MTC. Except for the General Terms and Conditions incorporated herein by reference, the parties understand and agree that this Task Order **<Insert No.>** supersedes all other verbal and written agreements and negotiations by the parties regarding the Project set forth herein. The following are attached and incorporated into this Task Order **<Insert No.>**:

- i. Attachment 1 – Project Plan, Deliverables and Schedule
- ii. Attachment 2 – Budget