# STATE OF MINNESOTAGRANT CONTRACT

This grant contract agreement is between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of the Office of Higher Education ("State") and **<<GRANTEE NAME, ADDRESS & FEDERAL TAX ID>>** ("Grantee").

## Recitals

1. Under [Minn. Stat. §136A.246](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/136A.246)[[1]](#footnote-1) the State is empowered to enter into this grant.
2. The State is in need of training programs that train employees to achieve competency standards identified in [Minn. Stat. § 175.45](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=175.45)[[2]](#footnote-2) and [Minnesota Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 3, section 21](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/?id=312&doctype=Chapter&year=2014&type=0)[[3]](#footnote-3).
3. The Grantee represents that it is duly qualified and agrees to perform all services described in this grant contract agreement to the satisfaction of the State. Pursuant to [Minn.Stat.§16B.98](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=16B.98)[[4]](#footnote-4), Subd. 1, the Grantee agrees to minimize administrative costs as a condition of this grant contract agreement.

## Grant Contract AgreementTerm of Grant Contract Agreement

### ***Effective date:***

**<<START DATE MONTH, DAY, YEAR>>**, per Minn. Stat.§16B.98, Subd. 5, the Grantee must not begin work until this grant contract agreement is fully executed and the State's Authorized Representative has notified the Grantee that work may commence. Per Minn.Stat.§16B.98, Subd. 7, no payments will be made to the Grantee until this grant contract agreement is fully executed.

### ***Expiration date:***

**<<END DATE MONTH, DAY, YEAR>>**, or until all obligations have been satisfactorily fulfilled, whichever occurs first.

### ***Survival of Terms.***

The following clauses survive the expiration or cancellation of this grant contract: 8. Liability; 9. State Audits; 10. Government Data Practices and Intellectual Property; 12. Publicity and Endorsement; 13. Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue; and 15 Data Disclosure.

## Grantee’s Duties

The Grantee, who is not a state employee, will:

Comply with required grants management policies and procedures set forth through [Minn.Stat.§16B.97](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=16B.97)[[5]](#footnote-5), Subd. 4 (a) (1).

### Work Plan and Budget

The Grantee shall complete and execute a work plan and budget that includes data elements related to dual trainee population, related instruction, on-the-job training, budget, and annual report. If future data elements require modification, the Grantee must first seek authorization from the State. The State cannot enter into a contract with the Grantee until an initial work plan and budget is on file with the State.

### Dual Trainee Participation Agreement

The Grantee shall ensure that each dual trainee completes a Dual Trainee Participation Agreement prior to starting a dual-training program. The State cannot enter into a contract with the Grantee until initial participation agreements are on file with the State. The State cannot issue reimbursement to the Grantee until participation agreements are on file with the State.

### Financial Aid

If the related instruction program is eligible for federal and/or state financial aid, the Grantee shall ensure that each dual trainee completes the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or state financial aid application. In addition, the Grantee shall inform the related instruction training provider about how the Dual Training Grant will be applied in relation to financial aid. The State cannot issue reimbursement to the Grantee until financial aid applications are on file with the State.

### Dual Trainee Updates

The Grantee shall immediately notify the State if any of the following occur:

* Dual trainee ceases participation in dual-training program
* Dual trainee’s physical work location moves outside of Minnesota
* Dual trainee discontinues employment

If any of the above scenarios result in a refund for related instruction costs, the Grantee shall send the State any money due, up to the amount of the grant already reimbursed to the Grantee for that dual trainee. The Grantee is not eligible to receive grant funds for a dual trainee who ceases participation in dual-training program, moves to a work location outside of Minnesota, or discontinues employment.

### Reimbursement from Grant

The Grantee shall pay the related instruction training provider directly for all training costs limited to tuition, fees, required books, and required materials. Then, the Grantee shall invoice the State for reimbursement from the grant, minus any applicable 25% grantee match. The Grantee must provide the State with documentation reflecting cost of related instruction, coursework schedule, and proof of payment to the related instruction training provider. The State may request additional documentation to align with the work plan and budget.

### Reporting

The Grantee shall complete all monitoring and reporting requirements requested by the State. Monitoring will entail general feedback about the grant. Reporting will entail dual trainee level data related to grant progress.

### Grant Retention

All supporting grant documentation shall be maintained on file by the Grantee and be available upon request by the State, including but not limited to all dual trainees, dual-training program, and grant records.

## Time

The Grantee must comply with all the time requirements described in this grant contract agreement. In the performance of this grant contract agreement, time is of the essence.

## Consideration and Payment

### Consideration.

 The State will reimburse the Grantee for the cost of related instruction required by the related instruction training provider under this grant contract agreement as follows:

#### Compensation

The Grantee will be reimbursed for payment made to the related instruction training provider for the cost of related instruction limited to tuition, fees, required books, and required materials as outlined in the work plan and budget document. In the case that the dual trainee paid for required books and/or materials through a third party, the Grantee will be reimbursed for payment made to the dual trainee. The cost of on-the-job training and administration of the grant is not eligible for reimbursement and shall be at the expense of the Grantee.

The total amount paid at any one time shall not exceed the amount invoiced to the State for payment of the grant minus any applicable 25% grantee match, and not exceed the overall annual maximum of $6,000 per dual trainee.

#### Travel Expenses

Reimbursement for travel and subsistence expenses is not allowed.

####  Room and Board

Reimbursement for room and board expenses is not allowed.

#### Total Obligation.

The total obligation of the State for all compensation and reimbursements to the Grantee under this grant contract agreement will not exceed $**<<GRANT AMOUNT>>** in total and $6,000 per dual trainee.

### Payment

#### Invoices

The State will promptly pay the Grantee after the Grantee presents an itemized invoice for the services actually performed and the State's Authorized Representative accepts the invoiced services. Invoices must be submitted timely and according to the following schedule:

* The invoice must be submitted no later than 30 days after the end of the academic term or related instruction training course segment, whichever is later.
* The invoice must align with a prior approved work plan and budget.
* Proof of cost of related instruction, coursework schedule, and proof of payment to the related instruction training provider must accompany the invoice.
* If the Grantee is required to pay a 25% match of the cost of training, the Grantee may not submit for reimbursement of that portion of the cost of training.
* If the State requests additional invoice documentation, the Grantee has 45 days from the date of the first invoice to supply the documentation. Failure to submit documentation within the timeframe will result in a void invoice and the Grantee must submit an updated invoice.

#### Unexpended Funds

The Grantee must promptly return to the State any unexpended funds that have not been accounted for annually in a financial report to the State due at grant closeout.

## Conditions of Payment

All services provided by the Grantee under this grant contract agreement must be performed to the State’s satisfaction, as determined at the sole discretion of the State’s Authorized Representative and in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations. The Grantee will not receive payment for work found by the State to be unsatisfactory or performed in violation of federal, state, or local law.

## Authorized Representative

The State's Authorized Representative is Jacquelynn Mol Sletten, Financial Aid Administrator, 1450 Energy Park Drive, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55108, (651) 355-0609, jacquelynn.mol.sletten@state.mn.us or their successor, and has the responsibility to monitor the Grantee’s performance and the authority to accept the services provided under this grant contract agreement. If the services are satisfactory, the State's Authorized Representative will certify acceptance on each invoice submitted for payment.

The Grantee’s Authorized Representative is **<<NAME, TITLE, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, and EMAIL>>**. If the Grantee’s Authorized Representative changes at any time during this grant contract, the Grantee must immediately notify the State.

## Assignment Amendments, Waiver, and Grant Contract Agreement Complete

### Assignment

The Grantee shall neither assign nor transfer any rights or obligations under this grant contract without the prior written consent of the State, approved by the same parties who executed and approved this grant contract agreement, or their successors in office.

### Amendments

Any amendments to this grant contract agreement must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved the original grant contract, or their successors in office.

### Waiver

If the State fails to enforce any provision of this grant contract agreement, that failure does not waive the provision or the State’s right to enforce it.

### Grant Contract Agreement Complete

This grant contract agreement contains all negotiations and agreements between the State and the Grantee. No other understanding regarding this grant contract agreement, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either party.

## Liability

The Grantee must indemnify, save, and hold the State, its agents, and employees harmless from any claims or causes of action, including attorney’s fees incurred by the State, arising from the performance of this grant contract agreement by the Grantee or the Grantee’s agents or employees. This clause will not be construed to bar any legal remedies the Grantee may have for the State's failure to fulfill its obligations under this grant contract agreement.

## State Audits

Under Minn. Stat. § 16B.98, Subd.8, the Grantee’s books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices of the Grantee or other party relevant to this grant contract agreement or transaction are subject to examination by the State and/or the State Auditor or Legislative Auditor, as appropriate, for a minimum of six years from the end of this grant contract agreement, receipt and approval of all final reports, or the required period of time to satisfy all state and program retention requirements, whichever is later.

## Government Data Practices

The Grantee and State must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, [Minn. Stat. Ch. 13](https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/statutes/?id=13)[[6]](#footnote-6), as it applies to all data provided by the State under this grant contract agreement, and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by the Grantee under this grant contract agreement. The civil remedies of [Minn. Stat. §13.08](https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/statutes/?id=13.08)[[7]](#footnote-7) apply to the release of the data referred to in this clause by either the Grantee or the State. If the Grantee receives a request to release the data referred to in this Clause, the Grantee must immediately notify the State. The State will give the Grantee instructions concerning the release of the data to the requesting party before the data is released. The Grantee’s response to the request shall comply with applicable law.

## Workers Compensation

The Grantee certifies that it is in compliance with [Minn. Stat. §176.181](https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/statutes/?id=176.181)[[8]](#footnote-8), Subd. 2, pertaining to workers’ compensation insurance coverage. The Grantee’s employees and agents will not be considered State employees. Any claims that may arise under the Minnesota Workers’ Compensation Act on behalf of these employees and any claims made by any third party as a consequence of any act or omission on the part of these employees are in no way the State’s obligation or responsibility.

## Publicity and Endorsement

### Publicity

Any publicity regarding the subject matter of this grant contract agreement must identify the State as the sponsoring agency and must not be released without prior written approval from the State’s Authorized Representative. For purposes of this provision, publicity includes notices, informational pamphlets, press releases, research, reports, signs, and similar public notices prepared by or for the Grantee individually or jointly with others, or any subcontractors, with respect to the program, publications, or services provided resulting from this grant contract. All projects primarily funded by state grant appropriation must publicly credit the State of Minnesota, including on the grantee’s website when practicable.

### Endorsement

The Grantee must not claim that the State endorses its products or services.

## Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue

Minnesota law, without regard to its choice-of-law provisions, governs this grant contract agreement. Venue for all legal proceedings out of this grant contract agreement, or its breach, must be in the appropriate state or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

## Termination

### Termination by the State

The State may immediately terminate this grant contract agreement with or without cause, upon 30 days’ written notice to the Grantee. Upon termination, the Grantee will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for services satisfactorily performed.

### Termination for Cause

The State may immediately terminate this grant contract agreement if the State finds that there has been a failure to comply with the provisions of this grant contract agreement, that reasonable progress has not been made or that the purposes for which the funds were granted have not been or will not be fulfilled. The State may take action to protect the interests of the State of Minnesota, including the refusal to disburse additional funds and requiring the return of all or part of the funds already disbursed.

### Termination for Insufficient Funding

The State may immediately terminate this grant contract agreement if:

1. It does not obtain funding from the Minnesota Legislature
2. Or, if funding cannot be continued at a level sufficient to allow for the payment of the services covered here. Termination must be by written or fax notice to the Grantee. The State is not obligated to pay for any services that are provided after notice and effective date of termination. However, the Grantee will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for services satisfactorily performed to the extent that funds are available. The State will not be assessed any penalty if the contract agreement is terminated because of the decision of the Minnesota Legislature, or other funding source, not to appropriate funds. The State must provide the Grantee notice of the lack of funding within a reasonable time of the State’s receiving that notice.

***Additional alternate termination language may be negotiated on a case-by-case basis after the state agency has consulted with their legal and finance teams.***

## Data Disclosure

Under [Minn. Stat. § 270C.65](https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/statutes/?id=270C.65)[[9]](#footnote-9), Subd. 3, and other applicable law, the Grantee consents to disclosure of its social security number, federal employer tax identification number, and/or Minnesota tax identification number, already provided to the State, to federal and state tax agencies and state personnel involved in the payment of state obligations. These identification numbers may be used in the enforce­ment of federal and state tax laws which could result in action requiring the Grantee to file state tax returns and pay delinquent state tax liabilities, if any.

1. https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/136A.246 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=175.45 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/?id=312&doctype=Chapter&year=2014&type=0 [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=16B.98 [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=16B.97 [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/statutes/?id=13 [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/statutes/?id=13.08 [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/statutes/?id=176.181 [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/statutes/?id=270C.65 [↑](#footnote-ref-9)