

**Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-
Lower Tier Covered Transactions**

U.S Department of Agriculture

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 7 CFR Part 3017, Section 3017.510, Participants' responsibilities. The regulations were published as Part IV of the January 30, 1989, *Federal Register* (pages 4722-4733). Copies of the regulations may be obtained by contacting the Department of Agriculture agency with which this transaction originated.

(Before completing certification, read the instructions below.)

Please check one choice below:

- D** The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

- D** When the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Organization Name

Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Signature

Date

Instructions For Suspension/Debarment Certification Statement

- 1. By signing and dating the certification statement, the bidder certifies that neither it nor any of its principals (e.g., key employees) has been proposed for debarment, debarred or suspended by a federal agency on the date signed.*

- 2. The prospective bidder shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective bidder learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.*

- 3. Federal and State penalties exist for vendors and districts that knowingly enter into contracts with suspended/debarred persons.*