

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 3(B)(1)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 3, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution ratifying the acceptance of the Environmental Protection Agency's Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring for Communities Grant Award, in the amount of \$499,988.00 and authorizing and delegating authority to the County Mayor to enter into whatever agreements are necessary to effectuate the purpose and the terms of the grant, upon review and approval for legal sufficiency by the County Attorney's Office, including but not limited to, an Interlocal Agreement with Florida International University, as identified in the grant agreement and grant award

Resolution No. R-515-25

The accompanying resolution was prepared Regulatory and Economic Resources Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Micky Steinberg.


Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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Memorandum



Date: June 3, 2025

To: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*
Mayor

Subject: Resolution ratifying acceptance of the US EPA's Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring Grant Award and authorizing the Mayor or Mayor's designee to enter into agreements necessary to effectuate the purpose and terms of the grant, including an Interlocal Agreement between the County and Florida International University

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) ratify the County's acceptance of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring Grant EPA-OAR-OAQPS-22-01 and authorize the Mayor or Mayor's designee to enter into whatever agreements are necessary to effectuate the purpose of the terms of the grant, upon review and approval for legal sufficiency by the County Attorney's Office, including but not limited to an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between Miami-Dade County, through its Office of Environmental Risk and Resilience (OERR), and Florida International University (FIU).

The grant award supports implementation of activities under the EPA's Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring for Communities Grant EPA-OAR-OAQPS-22-01, titled "*What's Your 305 Air Quality?*", awarded in the amount of \$499,988. The grant supports a multi-sensor air quality monitoring network as well as related community engagement strategies.

Scope

The initiative will establish the "*What's Your 305 Air Quality? Miami-Dade Clean Air Community Partnership Program*" and deploy a network of ozone, PM_{2.5} (particulate matter, particles 2.5 micrometers or less in diameter), and temperature/humidity monitors co-located with County regulatory stations and extended to underserved areas with known cumulative exposure risks. FIU will serve as the lead research institution for this air quality monitoring network implementation and evaluation. The ILA additionally authorizes FIU to contract with University of Miami (UM) and Catalyst Miami (CM) as sub-awardees to carry out work as contemplated in the grant agreement.

Delegation of Authority

This item authorizes the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to execute an ILA with FIU to effectuate the requirements of the EPA Grant, alongside any associated documents, amendments, or extensions required by the EPA, provided such changes do not increase the County's fiscal obligation. All legal documents are subject to review and approval by the County Attorney's Office.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The total project cost is \$499,988, fully funded by the EPA under Grant EPA-OAR-OAQPS-22-01. No County matching funds are required. FIU will serve as the sub-awardee under this

grant to carry out research, sensor deployment, and data analysis activities. A portion of the grant award, \$72,523, will cover County staff time in OERR for project management and \$427,465 will be distributed to FIU as a sub-awardee through an ILA.

Track Record/Monitor

The Office of Environmental Risk and Resilience (OERR), within the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER), will administer the grant. Oversight and monitoring will be provided by the Chief Resilience Officer, Loren Parra.

Background

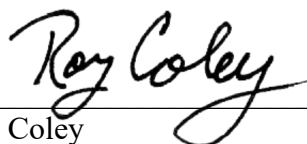
The grant will provide for implementation of the following activities, which will be conducted in partnership with the project partners (FIU, UM and CM): 1) establishing the “*What’s your 305 Air Quality? Miami Dade Clean Air Community Partnership Program*,” 2) deploying instruments in a multi-sensor network (Ozone, PM2.5, temperature and humidity) focusing on monitoring gaps and cumulative stressors; 3) evaluating air quality data at stations co-located with regulatory grade instruments managed by the Miami-Dade County Air Quality Management Division for comparability and appropriate use of these data; and 4) developing and launching the *What’s your 305 Air Quality?* community activities, policy actions and communication strategies that integrate additional air quality data and account for potential disproportionate and adverse impacts of pollutants and cumulative multiple stressors at the census block group level.

The Miami-Dade County, Air Quality Management (AQM) of the Division of Environmental Resources Management (DERM), maintains the EPA credited ambient air monitoring network, which provides the federal regulatory data reported in the daily Air Quality Index. While the data collected by the proposed air quality sensors does not currently qualify to be used for regulatory purposes or to report EPA’s daily Air Quality Index, the research will allow for additional information and studies regarding the atmospheric drivers and air pollutants that affect communities across the County.

The proposed research will benefit communities in need, resulting in short-term as well as long-term positive impacts. Short-term outcomes include problem identification (highlighting the spatial attributes of air pollution) and increased community awareness (through the development of workshops and community engagement activities that educate the public of the health impacts of air pollution). Long-term outcomes include the reduction of contaminants and human exposure to contaminants through directed policies and programs aimed at limiting and reducing particulate air pollution and regulating point source emitting facilities, particularly facilities located near communities in need. Project performance will be assessed through monthly meetings among project partners with adjustments made to ensure program effectiveness and success. The intended beneficiaries are the residents of Miami-Dade County.

Attachment

Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners
Page No. 3

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Roy Coley
Chief Utilities and Regulatory Services Officer



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
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DATE: June 3, 2025

FROM: 
Gen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 3(B)(1)

Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☒ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☐ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3) (h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c) (2) ____) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 3(B)(1)
6-3-25

RESOLUTION NO. R-515-25

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S ENHANCED AIR QUALITY MONITORING FOR COMMUNITIES GRANT AWARD, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$499,988.00 AND AUTHORIZING AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO WHATEVER AGREEMENTS ARE NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE AND THE TERMS OF THE GRANT, UPON REVIEW AND APPROVAL FOR LEGAL SUFFICIENCY BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, AS IDENTIFIED IN THE GRANT AGREEMENT AND GRANT AWARD

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County, through its Office of Environmental Risk and Resilience (OERR), was awarded an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring for Communities Grant, numbered EPA-OAR-OAQPS-22-01, in the amount of \$499,988.00 to implement a multi-sensor air quality monitoring initiative in communities in need; and

WHEREAS, \$72,523.00 of the grant award is allocated to cover County staff time in OERR related to project management; and

WHEREAS, an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between FIU and the County, for up to \$427,465.00, will serve to effectuate and implement the activities contemplated under the grant award; and

WHEREAS, Florida International University (FIU), through the ILA, will serve as a sub-awardee of the grant and carry out sensor deployment, data analysis, and technical support; and

WHEREAS, approval by the Board is necessary to ratify acceptance of the grant award and delegate authority the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to enter into the agreements necessary to execute the activities contemplated by the grant and to ensure compliance with EPA grant terms,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. The Board ratifies the County's acceptance of the EPA Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring for Communities Grant EPA-OAR-OAQPS-22-01 for the amount of \$499,988.00.

Section 2. This Board authorizes and delegates authority to the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to enter into agreements necessary to effectuate the purpose of the terms of the grant, upon review and approval for legal sufficiency by the County Attorney's Office, including but not limited to the execution of an ILA between the County, through OERR, and FIU to implement grant activities under the EPA Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring for Communities Program, in an amount up to \$427,465.00.

Section 3. The Board delegates authority to the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to enter into whatever agreements, and provide any modifications or amendments to grant agreements or documents necessary to effectuate the purpose and the terms of the grant, including but not limited an ILA with FIU, provided such modifications do not increase the County's financial obligation, and subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to legal sufficiency.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Raquel A. Regalado**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Oliver G. Gilbert, III** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman	aye		
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	aye		
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Sen. René García	aye	Oliver G. Gilbert, III	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins	aye
Natalie Milian Orbis	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of June, 2025. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: **Basia Pruna**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Laura A. Figueroa
Eduardo W. Gonzalez

	U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Grant Agreement	GRANT NUMBER (FAIN): 02D45523 MODIFICATION NUMBER: 0 PROGRAM CODE: 5X	DATE OF AWARD 08/09/2023
		TYPE OF ACTION New	MAILING DATE 08/14/2023
		PAYMENT METHOD: ASAP	ACH# 40990
		RECIPIENT TYPE: County	
RECIPIENT: Miami -Dade County/Solid Waste Mgmt 111 NW Fiurst Street Miami, FL 33128-1994 EIN: 59-6000573		Send Payment Request to: Contact EPA RTPFC at: rtpfc-grants@epa.gov PAYEE: Miami-Dade County Solid Waste Management 111 NW Fiurst Street Miami, FL 33128	
PROJECT MANAGER Karina Castillo Stephen P. Clark Center 111 NW 1st Street, 12th Floor Miami, FL 33128 Email: karina.castillo@miamidade.gov Phone: 305-375-4274	EPA PROJECT OFFICER Angela Stampley 61 Forsyth St., S.W. Atlanta, GA 30303 Email: stampley.angela@epa.gov Phone: 404-562-9092	EPA GRANT SPECIALIST Latoria Davis Grants Management Section 61 Forsyth Street SW Atlanta, GA 30303-8960 Email: Davis.Latoria@epa.gov Phone: 404-562-9782	
PROJECT TITLE AND DESCRIPTION Surveys-Studies-Investigations-Demonstrations and Special Purpose Activities relating to the Clean Air Act See Attachment 1 for project description.			
BUDGET PERIOD 06/01/2023 - 12/31/2026	PROJECT PERIOD 06/01/2023 - 12/31/2026	TOTAL BUDGET PERIOD COST \$499,988.00	TOTAL PROJECT PERIOD COST \$499,988.00
NOTICE OF AWARD Based on your Application dated 03/25/2022 including all modifications and amendments, the United States acting by and through the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby awards \$499,988.00. EPA agrees to cost-share 100.00% of all approved budget period costs incurred, up to and not exceeding total federal funding of \$499,988.00. Recipient's signature is not required on this agreement. The recipient demonstrates its commitment to carry out this award by either: 1) drawing down funds within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date; or 2) not filing a notice of disagreement with the award terms and conditions within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. If the recipient disagrees with the terms and conditions specified in this award, the authorized representative of the recipient must furnish a notice of disagreement to the EPA Award Official within 21 days after the EPA award or amendment mailing date. In case of disagreement, and until the disagreement is resolved, the recipient should not draw down on the funds provided by this award/amendment, and any costs incurred by the recipient are at its own risk. This agreement is subject to applicable EPA regulatory and statutory provisions, all terms and conditions of this agreement and any attachments.			
ISSUING OFFICE (GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICE)		AWARD APPROVAL OFFICE	
ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS U.S. EPA, Region 4 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, GA 30303-8960		ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS U.S. EPA, Region 4, Air and Radiation Division OAR - Office of Air and Radiation 61 Forsyth Street SW Atlanta, GA 30303-8960	
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY			
Digital signature applied by EPA Award Official Shantel Shelmon - Grants Management Officer			DATE 08/09/2023

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EPA Funding Information

FUNDS	FORMER AWARD	THIS ACTION	AMENDED TOTAL
EPA Amount This Action	\$0	\$499,988	\$499,988
EPA In-Kind Amount	\$0	\$0	\$0
Unexpended Prior Year Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Recipient Contribution	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Contribution	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Contribution	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Contribution	\$0	\$0	\$0
Allowable Project Cost	\$0	\$499,988	\$499,988

Assistance Program (CFDA)	Statutory Authority	Regulatory Authority
66.034 - Surveys-Studies-Investigations-Demonstrations and Special Purpose Activities relating to the Clean Air Act	Clean Air Act: Sec. 103	2 CFR 200, 2 CFR 1500 and 40 CFR 33

Fiscal									
Site Name	Req No	FY	Approp. Code	Budget Organization	PRC	Object Class	Site/Project	Cost Organization	Obligation / Deobligation
-	2304VW3038	2231	E1SFX	04V2	000AMTXM1	4112	-	-	\$499,988
									\$499,988

Budget Summary Page

Table A - Object Class Category (Non-Construction)	Total Approved Allowable Budget Period Cost
1. Personnel	\$49,095
2. Fringe Benefits	\$23,428
3. Travel	\$0
4. Equipment	\$0
5. Supplies	\$0
6. Contractual	\$0
7. Construction	\$0
8. Other	\$427,465
9. Total Direct Charges	\$499,988
10. Indirect Costs: 0.00 % Base N/A	\$0
11. Total (Share: Recipient <u>0.00</u> % Federal <u>100.00</u> %)	\$499,988
12. Total Approved Assistance Amount	\$499,988
13. Program Income	\$0
14. Total EPA Amount Awarded This Action	\$499,988
15. Total EPA Amount Awarded To Date	\$499,988

Attachment 1 - Project Description

The agreement provides funding under Inflation Reduction Act to conduct ambient air monitoring of pollutants of greatest concern in communities with environmental and health outcome disparities stemming from pollution and the COVID-19 pandemic. This action approves an award in the amount of \$499,988 to Miami-Dade County to expand and strengthen partnerships, engage community members in design and performance assessment of a new Miami-Dade County clean air community partnership program: What's your 305 Air Quality to ensure that environmental justice (EJ) communities are included as the central framework to help guide equitable and effective air quality mitigation actions throughout Miami-Dade County. The activities will be used to support community and local efforts to monitor their own air quality and to promote air quality monitoring partnerships between communities and tribal, state, and local governments that: leverage existing air quality expertise, expand use of community monitoring groups and other approaches that give the community a voice in the monitoring of the air quality, and build a foundation of trusting relationships and enhanced understanding from which sustainable solutions to community air pollution problems can be found. The recipient will implement activities within the scope of the Inflation Reduction Act, Community Scales Grant program including: 1) Establish the What's your 305 Air Quality? Miami Dade clean air community partnership program as part of Office of Resilience's Resilient305 program and heat health work 2) Deploy instruments in a multi-sensor network (Ozone, PM2.5, temperature and humidity) focusing on monitoring gaps and cumulative stressors. 3) Evaluate air quality data at stations co-located with regulatory grade instruments managed by the Miami-Dade County Air Quality Management Division for comparability and appropriate use of these data. 4) Co-develop and launch the What's your 305 Air Quality? community activities, policy actions and communication strategy that integrates additional air quality data and potential disproportionate and adverse impacts of pollutants and cumulative multiple stressors at the census block group level. The proposed research will benefit underserved communities, resulting in short-term as well as long term positive impacts. Short-term outcomes include problem identification (highlighting the spatial attributes of air pollution) and increased community awareness (through the development of workshops and community engagement activities that educate the public of the health impacts of air pollution). Long-term outcomes include the reduction of contaminants, and human exposure through directed policies and programs aimed at limiting and reducing particulate air pollution and regulating point source emitting facilities, particularly facilities located near underserved communities. Project performance will be assessed through monthly meetings among project partners with adjustments made to ensure program effectiveness and success. The intended beneficiaries are the residents of Miami-Dade county. Subaward grantees will work with Miami-Dade County staff to submit quarterly reports as required and on time. Activities will include leading field deployment and overseeing field management of the monitoring station network, mentoring a postdoctoral associate, who will co-lead product development and the What's your 305 Air Quality program development and support successful implementation of the project. A Project Partner Coordinator will prepare documentation and products to ensure timely delivery of products and reporting materials to support the Program Manager. A field manager will manage field maintenance and data management. Staff will develop

spatial products and analyses. There will also be a co-lead for product development and What's your 305 Air Quality program development and support successful implementation of the project. Air quality expertise contributions will be made towards product development and What's your 305 Air Quality program development, and co-mentoring of project staff. A second postdoctoral associate will support field management and product development. There will also be a lead for community engagement.

Administrative Conditions

General Terms and Conditions

The recipient agrees to comply with the current EPA general terms and conditions available at: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-general-terms-and-conditions-effective-october-1-2022-or-later>.

These terms and conditions are in addition to the assurances and certifications made as a part of the award and the terms, conditions, or restrictions cited throughout the award.

The EPA repository for the general terms and conditions by year can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/grant-terms-and-conditions#general>.

A. Correspondence Condition

The terms and conditions of this agreement require the submittal of reports, specific requests for approval, or notifications to EPA. Unless otherwise noted, all such correspondence should be sent to the following email addresses:

- Federal Financial Reports (SF-425): rtpfc-grants@epa.gov and Latoria Davis-Reed, Davis.Latoria@epa.gov, 404-562-9782
- MBE/WBE reports (EPA Form 5700-52A): Latoria Davis-Reed, Davis.Latoria@epa.gov, 404-562-9782
- All other forms/certifications/assurances, Indirect Cost Rate Agreements, Requests for Extensions of the Budget and Project Period, Amendment Requests, Requests for other Prior Approvals, updates to recipient information (including email addresses, changes in contact information or changes in authorized representatives) and other notifications: Angela Stampley, Stampley.Angela@epa.gov, 404-562-9092
- Payment requests (if applicable): Angela Stampley, Stampley.Angela@epa.gov, 404-562-9092
- Quality Assurance documents, workplan revisions, equipment lists, programmatic reports and deliverables: Angela Stampley, Stampley.Angela@epa.gov, 404-562-9092

Programmatic Conditions

A. PERFORMANCE REPORTING AND FINAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

Performance Reports – Content

In accordance with 2 CFR 200.329, the recipient agrees to submit performance reports that include brief information on each of the following areas: 1) A comparison of actual accomplishments to the outputs/outcomes established in the assistance agreement work plan for the period; 2) The reasons why established outputs/outcomes were not met; and 3) Additional pertinent information, including, when appropriate, analysis and explanation of cost overruns or high-unit costs.

Additionally, the recipient agrees to inform EPA as soon as problems, delays, or adverse conditions which will materially impair the ability to meet the outputs/outcomes specified in the assistance agreement work plan are known.

Performance Reports - Frequency

The recipient agrees to submit **quarterly** performance reports electronically to the EPA Project Officer within 30 days after the quarterly reporting period ends on **September 30, 2023**. The recipient must submit the final performance report no later than 120 calendar days after the end date of the period of performance.

B. Subaward Performance Reporting

The recipient must report on its subaward monitoring activities under 2 CFR 200.332(d). Examples of items that must be reported if the pass-through entity has the information available are:

1. Summaries of results of reviews of financial and programmatic reports.
2. Summaries of findings from site visits and/or desk reviews to ensure effective subrecipient performance.
3. Environmental results the subrecipient achieved.
4. Summaries of audit findings and related pass-through entity management decisions.
5. Actions the pass-through entity has taken to correct deficiencies such as those specified at 2 CFR 200.332(e), 2 CFR 200.208 and the 2 CFR Part 200.339 Remedies for Noncompliance.

Note: EPA Project Officers may customize this reporting requirement based on programmatic information needs.

C. Data Reporting-

Data and/or related observations must be shared publicly and in a practicable amount of time throughout the lifetime of the project and not only after the project is at or near completion.

D. Cybersecurity Condition

(2) The recipient agrees that any subawards it makes under this agreement will require the subrecipient to comply with the requirements in (b)(1) if the subrecipient's network or information system is connected to EPA networks to transfer data to the Agency using systems other than the Environmental Information Exchange Network or EPA's Central Data Exchange. The recipient will be in compliance with this condition: by including this requirement in subaward agreements; and during subrecipient monitoring deemed necessary by the recipient under 2 CFR 200.332(d), by inquiring whether the subrecipient has contacted the EPA Project Officer. Nothing in this condition requires the recipient to contact the EPA Project Officer on behalf of a subrecipient or to be involved in the negotiation of an Interconnection Service Agreement between the subrecipient and EPA.

E. Competency of Organizations Generating Environmental Measurement Data

In accordance with Agency Policy Directive Number FEM-2012-02, Policy to Assure the Competency of Organizations Generating Environmental Measurement Data under Agency-Funded Assistance Agreements, Recipient agrees, by entering into this agreement, that it has demonstrated competency prior to award, or alternatively, where a pre-award demonstration of competency is not practicable, Recipient agrees to demonstrate competency prior to carrying out any activities under the award involving the generation or use of environmental data. Recipient shall maintain competency for

the duration of the project period of this agreement and this will be documented during the annual reporting process. A copy of the Policy is available online at <https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-03/documents/competency-policy-aaia-new.pdf> or a copy may also be requested by contacting the EPA Project Officer for this award.

F. Quality Assurance

Quality Assurance

Authority: Quality Assurance applies to all assistance agreements involving environmental information as defined in [2 C.F.R. § 1500.12](#) Quality Assurance.

The recipient shall ensure that subawards involving environmental information issued under this agreement include appropriate quality requirements for the work. The recipient shall ensure sub-award recipients develop and implement [a/the] Quality Assurance (QA) planning document[s] in accordance with this term and condition; and/or ensure sub-award recipients implement all applicable approved QA planning documents.

Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP)

a. Prior to beginning environmental information operations, the recipient must:

- i. Submit a previously EPA-approved QAPP proposed to ensure the collected, produced, evaluated, or used environmental information is of known and documented quality for the intended use(s).
- ii. The EPA Quality Assurance Manager or designee (hereafter referred to as QAM) will notify the recipient and EPA Project Officer (PO) in writing if the previously EPA-approved QAPP is acceptable for this agreement.

For Reference:

[Quality Management Plan \(QMP\) Standard](#) and [EPA QA/R-5: EPA Requirements for Quality Assurance Project Plans](#); contain quality specifications for EPA and non-EPA organizations and definitions applicable to these terms and conditions. [EPA QA/G-5: Guidance for Quality Assurance Project Plans](#), Appendix C provides a QAPP Checklist. (QAM and/or PO may insert QA references that inform or assist the recipient here). [EPA's Quality Program](#) website has a [list of QA managers](#), and [Non-EPA Organizations Quality Specifications](#). The Office of Grants and Debarment [Implementation of Quality Assurance Requirements for Organizations Receiving EPA Financial Assistance](#). [Guide to Writing Quality Assurance Project Plans for Ambient Air Monitoring Networks](#)

G. Use of Logos

If the EPA logo is appearing along with logos from other participating entities on websites, outreach materials, or reports, it must **not** be prominently displayed to imply that any of the recipient or subrecipient's activities are being conducted by the EPA. Instead, the EPA logo should be accompanied with a statement indicating that the Miami-Dade Office of Resilience received financial support from the EPA under an Assistance Agreement. More information is available at: <https://www.epa.gov/stylebook/using-epa-seal-and-logo#policy>