U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Grant Agreement

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TYPE OF ACTION New	MAILING DATE 09/30/2008
PAYMENT METHOD: ASAP	ACH# 60632

RECIPIENT TYPE: Indian Tribe	**Send Payment Request to:** Las Vegas Finance Center
RECIPIENT:	**PAYEE:**
Inter-Tribal Env Council - Cherokee Nation PO Box 948 Tahlequah, OK 74465 **EIN:** 73-0757033	Inter-Tribal Env Council - Cherokee Nation PO Box 948 Tahlequah, OK 74465

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PROJECT TITLE AND DESCRIPTION

Cherokee Nation and Inter-Tribal Environmental Council (ITEC) Ambient Air Monitoring Program
Funding will support ambient air monitoring program initiatives to support program activities for criteria pullutant, meteorological monitoring and participation in national monitoring activities. There will be five locations included in the data monitoring: (1) Tahlequah, (2) Newkirk, (3) Stilwell, (4) Pryor, and (5) Marble cities.

BUDGET PERIOD	PROJECT PERIOD	TOTAL BUDGET PERIOD COST	TOTAL PROJECT PERIOD COST
10/01/2008 - 09/30/2009	10/01/2008 - 09/30/2009	$418,000.00	$418,000.00

NOTICE OF AWARD

Based on your application dated 05/28/2008, including all modifications and amendments, the United States acting by and through the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), hereby awards $418,000. EPA agrees to cost-share 100.00% of all approved budget period costs incurred, up to and not exceeding total federal funding of $418,000. Such award may be terminated by EPA without further cause if the recipient fails to provide timely affirmation of the award by signing under the Affirmation of Award section and returning all pages of this agreement to the Grants Management Office listed below within 21 days after receipt, or any extension of time, as may be granted by EPA. This agreement is subject to applicable EPA statutory provisions. The applicable regulatory provisions are 40 CFR Chapter 1, Subchapter B, and all terms and conditions of this agreement and any attachments.

ISSUING OFFICE (GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICE)	AWARD APPROVAL OFFICE
ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS	ORGANIZATION / ADDRESS
Grant Programs Section, 6MD-CG 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200 Dallas, TX 75202-2733	U.S. EPA, Region 6 Multimedia Planning and Permitting 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200 Dallas, TX 75202-2733

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Digital signature applied by EPA Award Official Hattie Brown - Chief, Grant Programs Section	DATE 09/23/2008

AFFIRMATION OF AWARD

BY AND ON BEHALF OF THE DESIGNATED RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION

SIGNATURE	TYPED NAME AND TITLE	DATE
	Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief	10/03/2008

EPA Funding Information

FUNDS	FORMER AWARD	THIS ACTION	AMENDED TOTAL
EPA Amount This Action	$	$ 418,000	$ 418,000
EPA In-Kind Amount	$	$	$ 0
Unexpended Prior Year Balance	$	$	$ 0
Other Federal Funds	$	$	$ 0
Recipient Contribution	$	$	$ 0
State Contribution	$	$	$ 0
Local Contribution	$	$	$ 0
Other Contribution	$	$	$ 0
Allowable Project Cost	$ 0	$ 418,000	$ 418,000

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 of 1963: Sec. 103 as amended (PL 95-95)	40 CFR PART 31

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Site Name	Req No	FY	Approp. Code	Budget Organization	PRC	Object Class	Site/Project	Cost Organization	Obligation / Deobligation
-	0806JSR032	08	E1	06JT	101A17E	4183	-	-	418,000
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Budget Summary Page

Table A - Object Class Category (Non-construction)	Total Approved Allowable Budget Period Cost
1. Personnel	$160,848
2. Fringe Benefits	$55,976
3. Travel	$18,751
4. Equipment	$16,214
5. Supplies	$22,385
6. Contractual	$53,077
7. Construction	$0
8. Other	$42,384
9. Total Direct Charges	$369,635
10. Indirect Costs: % Base	$48,365
11. Total (Share: Recipient 0.00 % Federal 100.00 %.)	$418,000
12. Total Approved Assistance Amount	$418,000
13. Program Income	$0
14. Total EPA Amount Awarded This Action	$418,000
15. Total EPA Amount Awarded To Date	$418,000

Administrative Conditions

This Assistance Agreement is awarded in accordance with the **Federal Grants and Cooperative Agreement Act of 1977.** Areas of substantial EPA involvement, beyond the normal exercise of performance evaluation and program review, have been detailed in specific output objectives which resulted from negotiation between EPA and the recipient. These areas are included in the application for this award and have become a part of this Agreement.

1. The recipient covenants and agrees that it will expeditiously initiate and timely complete the project work for which assistance has been awarded under this Agreement, in accordance with all applicable provisions of **40 CFR Chapter 1, Subchapter B.** The recipient warrants, represents, and agrees that it and all its contractors, employees and representatives, will comply with all APPLICABLE provisions of **40 CFR Chapter 1, Subchapter B, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO** the provisions of **40 CFR Parts 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35.** This award may be reduced or terminated at such time the recipient fails to comply with the program objectives, grant award conditions, or Federal reporting requirements.

2. Recipient standards of administration, property management, procurement and financial management, as well as records and facilities of recipients, their contractors and subcontractors are subject to audit and inspection by the Comptroller General of the United States and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in accordance with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars A-87, A-102, or A-110, as appropriate, A-133 and 40 CFR Part 31. The recipient's standards governing procurement will be in accordance with 40 CFR, Part 31.36, Part 33 and OMB Circular A-102. The recipient shall maintain a financial management system which meets the requirements of 40 CFR Part 31.20.

3. The Federal share of allowable expenditures chargeable to this assistance project will be financed by the EPA AUTOMATED CLEARING HOUSE (EPA-ACH) PAYMENT SYSTEM or U.S. TREASURY AUTOMATED STANDARD APPLICATION FOR PAYMENTS (ASAP) SYSTEM.

   The recipient will strictly adhere to the accounting and reporting procedures described in the EPA-ACH Recipient's Manual for the duration of the project. Four conditions should receive special attention:

   a. Cash drawdowns will be made only as actually needed for disbursements.

   b. The recipient will provide timely reporting of cash disbursements and balances through annual submission (within fifteen (15) working following the end of each calendar year) of the Federal Cash Transactions Report (SF-272) to:

      U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
      Las Vegas Finance Center
      P.O. Box 98515
      Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-8515

Website: www.epa.gov/ocfo/finservices/payinfo.htm

c. The recipient will impose the same standards of timing and reporting on secondary recipients, if any.

SPECIAL NOTE: When a drawdown under the EPA-ACH Payment System occurs, the recipient must show the Assistance Agreement Number(s) under "Financial Data" on the EPA-ACH Payment Request Form. Requests for payment should be faxed to:

(702) 798-2423
Las Vegas Finance Center
Attention: Region 6 Financial Specialist

4. **QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN (QMP)** - The recipient will submit an update or revision of the Quality Management Plan annually to the Region Quality Assurance Manager (6MD) for approval, or a certification that the plan is current, and include a copy of the recipient's new approval pages for the QMP.

5. **QUALITY ASSURANCE PROJECT PLAN (QAPP) - Sixty days prior to the initiation of any environmental measurements or data generation,** the recipient shall submit to the EPA Project Officer, for review and approval, a written Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for this grant project. The QAPP shall comply with the guidelines specified in the document entitled "EPA Requirements for Quality Assurance Project Plans for Environmental Data Operations", EPA QA/R5. If any change is required after EPA approval, the recipient must notify the Project Officer **immediately** and request approval for the change **prior to implementation.** At the end of each Federal Fiscal Year, September 30, the grantee shall certify in writing to the EPA Project Officer that the QAPP is current, and include a copy of the recipient's new approval pages for the QAPP.

   Any costs for environmental measurements or data generation incurred prior to approval of the Quality Assurance Project Plan by the EPA Project Officer will be ineligible for reimbursement.

6. EPA's financial obligations to the recipient are limited by the amount of federal funding awarded to date as shown on line 15 in its EPA approved budget. If the recipient incurs costs in anticipation of receiving additional funds from EPA, it does so at its own risk.

7. Payment to consultants. EPA participation in the salary rate (excluding overhead) paid to individual consultants retained by recipients or by a recipient's contractors or subcontractors shall be limited to the maximum daily rate for a Level IV of the Executive Schedule (formerly GS-18), to be adjusted annually. This limit applies to consultation services of designated individuals with specialized skills who are paid at a daily or hourly rate. As of January 1, 2008, the limit is $571.12 per day and $71.39 per hour. This rate does not include transportation and subsistence costs for travel performed (the recipient will pay these in accordance with their normal travel reimbursement practices).

   Subagreements with firms for services which are awarded using the procurement requirements in 40 CFR 30 or 31, as applicable, are not affected by this limitation unless the terms of the contract provide the recipient with responsibility for the selection, direction, and control of the individuals who will be

providing services under the contract at an hourly or daily rate of compensation. See 40 CFR 31.36(j) or 30.27(b).

8. UTILIZATION OF SMALL, MINORITY AND WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

GENERAL COMPLIANCE, 40 CFR, Part 33

The recipient agrees to comply with the requirements of EPA's Program for Utilization of Small, Minority and Women's Business Enterprises in procurement under assistance agreements, contained in 40 CFR, Part 33.

FAIR SHARE OBJECTIVES, 40 CFR, Part 33, Subpart D

Pursuant to 40 CFR, Section 33.412, Tribal and Insular Area recipients are not required to negotiate a fair share goal until 3 years from the effective date of the DBE Rule. After that 3-year phase-in period has expired, Tribal and Insular Area recipients are required to adhere to the full requirements of 40 CFR, Part 33, Subpart D, as applicable.

SIX GOOD FAITH EFFORTS, 40 CFR, Part 33, Subpart C

Pursuant to 40 CFR, Section 33.301, the recipient agrees to make the following good faith efforts whenever procuring construction, equipment, services and supplies under an EPA financial assistance agreement, and to require that sub-recipients, loan recipients, and prime contractors also comply. Records documenting compliance with the six good faith efforts shall be retained.

(a) Require DBEs are made aware of contracting opportunities to the fullest extent practicable through outreach and recruitment activities. For Indian Tribal, State and Local and Government recipients, this will include placing DBEs on solicitation lists and soliciting them whenever they are potential sources.

(b) Make information on forthcoming opportunities available to DBEs and arrange time frames for contracts and establish delivery schedules, where the requirements permit, in a way that encourages and facilitates participation by DBEs in the competitive process. This includes, whenever possible, posting solicitations for bids or proposals for a minimum of 30 calendar days before the bid or proposal closing date.

(c) Consider in the contracting process whether firms competing for large contracts could subcontract with DBEs. For Indian Tribal, State and local Government recipients, this will include dividing total requirements when economically feasible into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by DBEs in the competitive process.

(d) Encourage contracting with a consortium of DBEs when a contract is too large for one of these firms to handle individually.

(e) Use the services and assistance of the SBA and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.

(f) If the prime contractor awards subcontracts, require the prime contractor to take the steps in paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section.

MBE/WBE REPORTING, 40 CFR, Part 33, Sections 33.502 and 33.503

The recipient agrees to complete and submit EPA Form 5700-52A, "MBE/WBE Utilization Under Federal Grants, Cooperative Agreements and Interagency Agreements" beginning with the Federal fiscal year reporting period the recipient receives the award, and continuing until the project is completed. **Only procurements with certified MBE/WBEs are counted toward a recipient's MBE/WBE accomplishments.** The reports must be submitted **semiannually** for the periods ending March 31st and September 30th for:

Recipients of financial assistance agreements that capitalize revolving loan programs (CWSRF, DWSRF, Brownfields); and

All other recipients not identified as annual reporters (40 CFR Part 30 and 40 CFR Part 35, Subpart A and Subpart B recipients are annual reporters).

The reports are due within 30 days of the end of the semiannual reporting periods (April 30th and October 30th). Reports should be sent to the attention of the Regional MBE/WBE Coordinator (www.epa.gov/osbp). Final MBE/WBE reports must be submitted within 90 days after the project period of the grant ends. Your grant cannot be officially closed without all MBE/WBE reports.

EPA Form 5700-52A may be obtained from the EPA Office of Small Business Program's Home Page on the Internet at www.epa.gov/osbp .

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION PROVISIONS, 40 CFR, Section 33.302

The recipient agrees to comply with the contract administration provisions of 40 CFR, Section 33.302.

BIDDERS LIST, 40 CFR, Section 33.501(b) and (c)

Recipients of a Continuing Environmental Program Grant or other annual reporting grant, agree to create and maintain a bidders list. Recipients of an EPA financial assistance agreement to capitalize a revolving loan fund also agree to require entities receiving identified loans to create and maintain a bidders list if the recipient of the loan is subject to, or chooses to follow, competitive bidding requirements. Please see 40 CFR, Section 33.501 (b) and (c) for specific requirements and exemptions.

9. The recipient organization of this EPA assistance agreement must make an ongoing, good faith effort to maintain a drug-free workplace pursuant to the specific requirements set forth in Title 40 CFR 36.200 - 36.230. Additionally, in accordance with these regulations, the recipient organization must identify all known workplaces under its federal awards, and keep this information on file during the performance of the award.

   Those recipients who are individuals must comply with the drug-free provisions set forth in Title 40 CFR 36.300.

The consequences for violating this condition are detailed under Title 40 CFR 36.510. Recipients can access the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 40 Part 36 at http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_06/40cfr36_06.html.

10. Pursuant to 40 CFR 30.18, if applicable, and 15 USC 2225a, the recipient agrees to ensure that all space for conferences, meetings, conventions, or training seminars funded in whole or in part with federal funds complies with the protection and control guidelines of the Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act (PL 101-391, as amended). Recipients may search the Hotel-Motel National Master List at http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/applications/hotel/ to see if a property is in compliance (FEMA ID is currently not required), or to find other information about the Act.

11. Pursuant to OMB Circular A-87, "Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments," Indian tribal government recipients that do not have a previously established indirect cost rate must submit their indirect cost rate proposals to:

    National Business Center
    Indirect Cost Services
    U.S. Department of the Interior
    2180 Harvard Street, Suite 430
    Sacramento, CA 95815-3317

    Recipients are entitled to reimbursement of indirect costs, subject to any statutory or regulatory administrative cost limitations, if they have a current rate agreement or have submitted an indirect cost rate proposal to their cognizant federal agency for review and approval. Recipients are responsible for maintaining an approved indirect cost rate. Recipients with differences between their provisional rates and final rates are not entitled to more than the award amount, without EPA approval.

12. The chief executive officer of this recipient agency shall ensure that no grant funds awarded under this assistance agreement are used to engage in lobbying of the Federal Government or in litigation against the United States unless authorized under existing law. The recipient shall abide by its respective OMB Circular (A-21, A-87, or A-122), which prohibits the use of federal grant funds for litigation against the United States or for lobbying or other political activities.

13. The recipient agrees to comply with Title 40 CFR Part 34, *New Restrictions on Lobbying* . The recipient shall include the language of this provision in award documents for all subawards exceeding $100,000, and require that subrecipients submit certification and disclosure forms accordingly.

    In accordance with the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, any recipient who makes a prohibited expenditure under Title 40 CFR Part 34 or fails to file the required certification or lobbying forms shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $10,000 and not more than $100,000 for each such expenditure.

14. Management fees or similar charges in excess of the direct costs and approved indirect rates are not allowable. The term "management fees or similar charges" refers to expenses added to the direct costs in order to accumulate and reserve funds for ongoing business expenses, unforeseen liabilities, or for other similar costs which are not allowable under this assistance agreement. Management fees or similar charges may not be used to improve or expand the project funded under this agreement, except to the extent authorized as a direct cost of carrying out the scope of work.

15. In accordance with OMB Circular A-133, which implements the single Audit Act, the recipient hereby agrees to obtain a single audit from an independent auditor if it expends $500,000 or more in total Federal funds in any fiscal year. Within nine months after the end of a recipient's fiscal year or 30 days after receiving the report from the auditor, the recipient shall submit a copy of the SF-SAC and a Single Audit Report Package. **For fiscal periods 2002 to 2007 recipients are to submit hardcopy to the following address:**

Federal Audit Clearinghouse
1201 East 10th Street
Jeffersonville, IN 47132

For fiscal periods 2008 and beyond the recipient MUST submit a copy of the SF-SAC and a Single Audit Report Package, using the Federal Audit Clearinghouse's Internet Data Entry System. Complete information on how to accomplish the 2008 and beyond Single Audit Submissions you will need to visit the Federal Audit Clearinghouse Web site: http://harvester.census.gov/fac/

16. In accordance with the polices set forth in EPA Order 1000.25 and Executive Order 13423, Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy and Transportation Management (January 24, 2007), the recipient agrees to use recycled paper and double sided printing for all reports which are prepared as a part of this agreement and delivered to EPA. This requirement does not apply to reports prepared on forms supplied by EPA, or to Standard Forms, which are printed on recycled paper and are available through the General Services Administration.

17. Recipient shall fully comply with Subpart C of 2 CFR Part 180 and 2 CFR Part 1532, entitled "Responsibilities of Participants Regarding Transactions (Doing Business with Other Persons)." Recipient is responsible for ensuring that any lower tier covered transaction as described in Subpart B of 2 CFR Part 180 and 2 CFR Part 1532, entitled "Covered Transactions," includes a term or condition requiring compliance with Subpart C. Recipient is responsible for further requiring the inclusion of a similar term or condition in any subsequent lower tier covered transactions. Recipient acknowledges that failing to disclose the information as required at 2 CFR 180.335 may result in the delay or negation of this assistance agreement, or pursuance of legal remedies, including suspension and debarment.

Recipient may access the Excluded Parties List System at www.epls.gov. This term and condition supersedes EPA Form 5700-49, "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters."

18. To implement requirements of Section 106 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, as amended, the following provisions apply to this award:

a. We, as the Federal awarding agency may unilaterally terminate this award, without penalty, if a subrecipient that is a private entity: (1) is determined to have violated an applicable prohibition in the Prohibition Statement below; or (2) has an employee who is determined by the agency official authorized to terminate the award to have violated an applicable prohibition in the Prohibition Statement below through conduct that is either: (a) associated with performance under this award; or (b) imputed to the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an

individual to an organization that are provided in 2 CFR part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," as implemented by our agency at 2 CFR part 1532. You must inform us immediately of any information you receive from any source alleging a violation of a prohibition in the Prohibition Statement below.

b. Our right to terminate unilaterally that is described in paragraph a of this award term: (1) implements section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)), and (2) is in addition to all other remedies for noncompliance that are available to us under this award.

c. You must include the requirements of the Prohibition Statement below in any subaward you make to a private entity.

Prohibition Statement - You as the recipient, your employees, subrecipients under this award, and subrecipients' employees may not engage in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect; procure a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect; or use forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

19. Pursuant to 40 CFR 31.41(b) and 31.50(b), EPA recipients shall submit a final Financial Status Report - also called the SF269 - to EPA's Las Vegas Finance Center (LVFC), within ninety (90) days after the expiration of the budget period end date. Completed SF269s must be faxed to 702-798-2423 or mailed to the following address: USEPA LVFC, P.O. Box 98515, Las Vegas, NV 89193-8515. The LVFC will make adjustments, as necessary, to obligated funds after reviewing and accepting a final Financial Status Report. Recipients will be notified and instructed by EPA if they must complete any additional forms for the closeout of the assistance agreement.

EPA may take enforcement actions in accordance with 40 CFR 31.43 if the recipient does not comply with this term and condition.