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REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S ORDER NO. 11

Subject: Delegation of Authority – Assistance Agreements (Grants and Cooperative Agreements) processed by Contracting and General Services (CGS)

Sec. 1. What is the purpose of this Order? This Order delegates authority to the Division of CGS to execute Assistance Agreements as defined in the Service Manual Part 301 FW 5.12. (Note: This authority excludes Federal Assistance Agreements executed by Migratory Birds and State Programs, Division of Federal Assistance, and Annual Funding Agreements executed under the Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.)

Sec. 2. What are the authorities for taking this action? Service Manual Part 033 FW 11.

Sec. 3. Does this Order supersede or amend other Regional Director (RD) Orders? This Order does not supersede or amend any other RD Orders.

Sec. 4. What is signature authority on Financial Assistance? Signature authority is authority to obligate Government funds through the use of a Grant or Cooperative Agreement.

Sec. 5. To whom does this Order apply? This Order applies to the Division of Contracting and General Services.

Sec. 6. What has changed? Previously, signatory authority was delegated to Level III and IV Warranted Contracting Officers (CO) through the Contracting Officer Warrant (COW) System. Under the new CO warrant system, Certificate of Appointment (COA), which replaced the COW System, the COA System is not applicable to Grants and Cooperative Agreements.

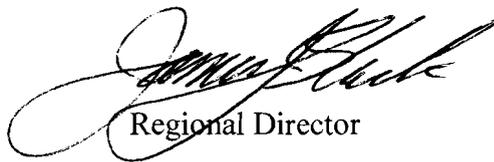
In accordance with Part 033 FW 11 of the Service Manual, the Regional Director has authority to execute grants, cooperative agreements, and other assistance awards that involve the obligation of funds, the transfer of Federal property, or the receipt of technical assistance services with charges by the provider pursuant to the Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act, 31 U.S.C. 6301. This authority may be delegated down.

With the delegation of this authority, the Division of CGS will establish training requirements which must be completed prior to receiving Grant Officer signatory authority.

Sec. 7. Who do I contact for additional information? The Region 6 Chief, Contracting and General Services.

Sec. 8. When is this Order effective? This Order is effective immediately.

Sec. 9. When does this Order expire? Upon implementation of a DOI or Service-wide Grant Officer Authority System.



Regional Director