Exhibit A
State of Minnesota Grant Contract Agreement Template
State Competitiveness Fund (SCF) Matching Funds Program – Rounds 5+

Below are two versions of the contract template for the SCF Matching Funds program. The template used will be based on the awardee type: municipal or non-municipal. The variance in the two templates is only in section 4.3

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TEMPLATE FOR MUNICIPALITIES

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Recitals

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1. **STATE ENCUMBRANCE VERIFICATION**

Individual certifies that funds have been encumbered as required by Minn. Stat. §§ 16A.15 and 16C.05

Signed:

Date:

Grant Contract / PO:

3. **MN DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

(with delegated authority)

By:

Title:

Date:

2. **GRANTEE**

The Grantee certifies that the appropriate person(s) have executed the grant contract on behalf of the Grantee as required by applicable articles, bylaws, resolutions, or ordinances.

By:

Title:

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Distribution:

MN Dept. of Commerce, Accounting Dept.
Grantee
State's Authorized Representative (copy)

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4.3.4.2 Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business Program: MCUB: Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business Program

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Under Minn. Stat. § 270C.65, 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. **STATE ENCUMBRANCE VERIFICATION**

Individual certifies that funds have been encumbered as required by Minn. Stat. §§ 16A.15 and 16C.05

Signed:

Date:

Grant Contract / PO:

3. **MN DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

(with delegated authority)

By:

Title:

Date:

2. **GRANTEE**

The Grantee certifies that the appropriate person(s) have executed the grant contract on behalf of the Grantee as required by applicable articles, bylaws, resolutions, or ordinances.

By:

Title:

Date:

Distribution:
MN Dept. of Commerce, Accounting Dept.
Grantee
State's Authorized Representative (copy)