EXHIBIT C

STANDARD GRANT CONDITIONS

1. **APPROVAL:** This Grant is of no force or effect until signed by both parties and approved by the Department of General Services, if required. The Grantee may not commence performance until such approval has been obtained

2. **AMENDMENT:** No amendment or variation of the terms of this Grant shall be valid unless made in writing, signed by the parties, and approved as required. No oral understanding or Agreement not incorporated in the Grant is binding on any of the parties. In no case shall the Department materially alter the scope of the Project set forth in Exhibit A.

3. **ASSIGNMENT:** This Grant is not assignable by the Grantee, either in whole or in part, without the written consent of the Grant Manager in the form of a written amendment to the Grant.

4. **AUDIT:** Grantee agrees that the Department, the Bureau of State Audits, or their designated representative shall have the right to review and to copy any records and supporting documentation pertaining to this Grant. Grantee agrees to maintain such records for a possible audit for a minimum of three (3) years after final payment or completion of the project funded with this Grant, unless a longer period of records retention is stipulated. Grantee agrees to allow the auditor(s) access to such records during normal business hours and to allow interviews of any employees who might reasonably have information related to such records. Further, Grantee agrees to include a similar right of the State to audit records and interview staff in any subcontract related to the project.

5. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Grantee certifies that it is in compliance with all applicable state and/or federal conflict of interest laws.

6. **INDEMNIFICATION**: Grantee agrees to indemnify, defend and save harmless the State, its officers, agents and employees from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any and all contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, laborers, and any other person, firm or corporation furnishing or supplying work services, materials, or supplies in connection with the project, and from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any person, firm or corporation who may be injured or damaged by Grantee in the performance of any activities related to the Project.

7. **FISCAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS AND ACCOUNTING STANDARDS:** Grantee agrees that, at a minimum, its fiscal control and accounting procedures will be sufficient to permit tracing of all grant funds to a level of expenditure adequate to establish that such funds have not been used in violation of any applicable state or federal law, or the provisions of this Grant. Grantee further agrees that it will maintain separate Project accounts in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

8. **GOVERNING LAW:** This Grant is governed by and shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

9. **INCOME RESTRICTIONS:** Grantee agrees that any refunds, rebates, credits, or other amounts (including any interest thereon) accruing to or received by the Grantee under this Grant shall be paid by the Grantee to the Department, to the extent that they are properly allocable to costs for which the Grantee has been reimbursed by the Department under this Grant.

10. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:** Grantee, and its agents and employees of Grantee, in the performance of the Project, shall act in an independent capacity and not as officers, employees or agents of the Department.

11. **MEDIA EVENTS:** Grantee shall notify the Department's Grant Manager in writing at least twenty (20) working days before any public or media event publicizing the accomplishments and/or results of the Project and provide the opportunity for attendance and participation by Department's representatives.

12. **NO THIRD-PARTY RIGHTS:** The Department and Grantee do not intend to create any rights or remedies for any third- party as a beneficiary of this Grant or the project.

13. **NOTICE:** Grantee shall promptly notify the Department's Grant Manager in writing of any events, developments or changes that could affect the completion of the project or the budget approved for this Grant.

14. **PROFESSIONALS:** Grantee agrees that only licensed professionals will be used to perform services under this Grant where such services are called for.

15. **RECORDS:** Grantee certifies that it will maintain Project accounts in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Grantee further certifies that it will comply with the following conditions for a grant award as set forth in the Request for Applications (Exhibit D) and the Grant Application (Exhibit A).

    A. Establish an official file for the Project which shall adequately document all significant actions relative to the Project;
    B. Establish separate accounts which will adequately and accurately depict all amounts received and expended on this Project, including all grant funds received under this Grant;
    C. Establish separate accounts which will adequately depict all income received which is attributable to the Project, especially including any income attributable to grant funds disbursed under this Grant;
    D. Establish an accounting system which will adequately depict final total costs of the Project, including both direct and indirect costs; and,
    E. Establish such accounts and maintain such records as may be necessary for the state to fulfill federal reporting requirements, including any and all reporting requirements under federal tax statutes or regulations.

16. **RELATED LITIGATION:** Under no circumstances may Grantee use funds from any disbursement under this Grant to pay for costs associated with any litigation between the Grantee and the Department.

17. RIGHTS IN DATA: Grantee and the Department agree that all data, plans, drawings, specifications, reports, computer programs, operating manuals, notes, and other written or graphic work submitted under Exhibit A in the performance of the Project funded by this Grant shall be in the public domain. Grantee may disclose, disseminate and use in whole or in part, any final form data and information received, collected, and developed under this Project, subject to appropriate acknowledgment of credit to the Department for financial support. Grantee shall not utilize the materials submitted to the Department (except data) for any profit making venture or sell or grant rights to a third-party who intends to do so. The Department has the right to use submitted data for all governmental purposes.

18. VENUE: (This provision does not apply to Local Governmental Entities)

The Department and Grantee agree that any action arising out of this Grant shall be filed and maintained in the Superior Court, California. Grantee waives any existing sovereign immunity for the purposes of this Grant, if applicable.

19. STATE-FUNDED RESEARCH GRANTS:

A. Grantee shall provide for free public access to any publication of a department-funded invention or department-funded technology. Grantee further agrees to all terms and conditions required by the California Taxpayer Access to Publicly Funded Research Act (Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 13989) of Part 4.5 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code).

B. As a condition of receiving the research grant, Grantee agrees to the following terms and conditions which are set forth in Government Code section 13989.6 ("Section 13989.6"):

1) Grantee is responsible for ensuring that any publishing or copyright agreements concerning submitted manuscripts fully comply with Section 13989.6.

2) Grantees shall report to the Department the final disposition of the research grant, including, but not limited to, if it was published, when it was published, where it was published, when the 12-month time period expires, and where the manuscript will be available for open access.

3) For a manuscript that is accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal, the Grantee shall ensure that an electronic version of the peer-reviewed manuscript is available to the department and on an appropriate publicly accessible database approved by the Department, including, but not limited to, the University of California's eScholarship Repository at the California Digital Library, PubMed Central, or the California Digital Open Source Library, to be made publicly available not later than 12 months after the official date of publication. Manuscripts submitted to the California Digital Open Source Library shall be exempt from the requirements in subdivision (b) of Section 66408 of the Education Code. Grantee shall make reasonable efforts to comply with this requirement by ensuring that their manuscript is accessible on an approved publicly accessible database, and notifying the Department that the manuscript is available on a department-approved database. If Grantee is unable to ensure that their manuscript is accessible on an approved publicly accessible database, Grantee may comply by providing the manuscript to the Department not later than 12 months after the official date of publication.

4) For publications other than those described inparagraph B.3 above,, including meeting abstracts, Grantee shall comply by providing the manuscript to the Department not later than 12 months after the official date of publication.

5) Grantee is authorized to use grant money for publication costs, including fees charged by a publisher for color and page charges, or fees for digital distribution.