**Certificate for Personnel Participating as a Judge for**

**America COMPETES Prize Competition:**

**The Automated Streams Analysis for Public Safety (ASAPS) Challenge**

**Nondisclosure, Conflicts of Interest & Rules of Conduct**

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Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1) I acknowledge that the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has selected me to participate as a judge in the challenge prize competition identified above. I understand that executing my duties in the challenge identified above will require that I participate in confidential deliberations leading to a decision to select one or more challenge winners.

2) I represent I will not knowingly disclose any information obtained during the judging process (including, but not limited to, Challenge entry submission components or test and evaluation results, not already in the public domain; comments and deliberations of the judging panel), directly or indirectly, to any person other than NIST’s Challenge Manager, or a person authorized by the NIST Challenge Manager to receive such information. I understand that under applicable laws and regulations, unauthorized disclosure of such information may result in administrative, civil and criminal penalties.

3) To the best of my knowledge, I represent that I do not have an actual or potential conflict of interest with any registered participant. This means that I do not have personal or financial interests in, and am not an employee, officer, director, or agent of, any entity that is a registered participant in the challenge identified above, and that I do not have a familial or financial relationship with any individual who is a registered participant. I have identified immediately below any exceptions (entities or individuals) of which I am aware:

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4) I represent that if, at any time during the judging process, I become aware that I have an actual, apparent or potential conflict of interest, I will immediately stop all work in the judging process and consult with the NIST Challenge Manager, who will determine whether such actual or potential conflict of interest may be addressed by recusal, or requires disqualification of the registered participant(s), or other appropriate action. I understand that any such determination shall be within the sole discretion of the NIST Challenge Manager.

5) I represent that I will operate in a transparent manner in accord with the following minimum standards of conduct:

A. I will base each prize Challenge entry evaluation on the published evaluation criteria;

B. I will remain free from bias in making selection decisions;

C. I will provide NIST’s Challenge Manager or his/her representative a score sheet or such other documentation as the Challenge Manager requires for each Challenge entry submission I review, describing the basis for my evaluation of the Challenge entry, abstract or proposal;

D. I will not discuss evaluations or matters related to competition entries or the judging thereof with any unauthorized individuals, including federal personnel, even after competition award, without specific prior approval from NIST’s Challenge Manager or his/her representative;

E. I will not disclose a registered participant's Challenge entry submission components information, materials or test and evaluation results to another registered participant or other individuals except for NIST’s Challenge Manager and his/her representative;

F. I will remain free from conflicts of interest with registered participants;

G. I will disclose to NIST any contact during a competition with a registered participant regarding prospective employment;

H. I will not ask for, demand, exact, solicit, seek, accept, receive, or agree to receive, directly or indirectly, any money, gratuity, or other thing of value from any registered participant or any officer, employee, representative, agent, or consultant of a registered participant. I will advise my family that the acceptance of any such money, gratuity, or other thing of value by them may be imputed to me as a violation and must therefore be avoided.

I. I will not solicit or accept any promise of future payment, employment or business opportunity from, or engage, directly or indirectly, in any discussion of future payment, employment or business opportunity with any registered participant or any officer, employee, representative, agent, or consultant of a registered participant.

J. I will not knowingly use my appointment or duties in this competition as a judge to ask for, demand, exact, solicit, seek, accept, receive, or agree to receive, directly or indirectly, any money, gratuity, or other thing of value from anyone where doing so could bias or appear to bias my selection decisions.

6) I understand that my obligations under this certificate are of a continuing nature. If at any time during the judging process I am contacted by a registered participant or a competitor to a registered participant concerning payment, employment or other business opportunity or the offer of a gift, or I otherwise encounter circumstances in which my participation as a judge might result in an actual, apparent, or potential conflict of interest, I will immediately seek the advice of NIST’s Challenge Manager or his/her representative.

7) These provisions are consistent with and do not supersede, conflict with, or otherwise alter the employee obligations, rights, or liabilities created by existing statute or Executive order relating to (a) classified information, (b) communications to Congress, (c) the reporting to an Inspector General of a violation of any law, rule, or regulation, or mismanagement, a gross waste of funds, an abuse of authority, or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or (d) any other whistleblower protection. The definitions, requirements, obligations, rights, sanctions, and liabilities created by controlling Executive orders and statutory provisions are incorporated into this agreement and are controlling.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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