

**EXHIBIT B**

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH  
EXECUTIVE ORDER 12549 AND FAR 521.209-5**

***FOR ANY AGREEMENT INVOLVING ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH A FEDERAL AGENCY***

This executive order calls for the creation of a government wide debarment and suspension system in connection with all transactions with federal agencies. Debarment and suspension are actions taken by the federal government against organizations or individuals who have committed fraud or a criminal offense in violation of federal law (see item 2 below). The regulations require that Western Michigan University, as the formal applicant for grant and contract funds from the federal government, certify that neither the University itself nor its officers (members of the Board of Trustees and senior administrative staff) or researchers (faculty and professional colleagues who undertake research):

- 1 . Are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency.
2. Have, within a 3-year period preceding an application, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain or performing a public transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion [(3/26/96 for procurement) -1/26/96 Fed. Reg] or receiving stolen property.
3. Are presently indicted or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in (2) above.
4. Have, within a 3-year period preceding this application, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default. In this case, the applicant is the institution, the principals are members of the Board of Trustees or senior administrative staff, and researchers are the faculty and their professional colleagues who undertake such research activities.
5. Western Michigan University treats this requirement as a "negative certification", i.e., that no principals or researchers at the institution are debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment or suspension.

**Any individual who meets any of the conditions in 1-4 above must immediately notify the Office of the Vice President for Research and are precluded from receiving federally funded grant or contract awards or from being paid with federal funds.**

I hereby certify that NONE of the above conditions or circumstances apply to me, my company (if applicable) and/or anyone working for me under this Agreement. I understand WMU may immediately terminate my Agreement if it finds noncompliance with any of the above at any time.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Company: \_\_\_\_\_