

Exhibit C
Western Michigan University
Independent Contractor Verification of Compliance with NSF Training requirements pursuant to
§7009 of the America COMPETES Act
FOR CONTRACTS FUNDED THROUGH NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRANTS

All independent contractors (IC) funded through NSF grants shall ensure that all undergraduate students, graduate students, and postdoctoral appointees performing any work or services under this contract will receive training on the responsible conduct of research (RCR) within 30 calendar days of their paid appointment or unpaid assignment. This training must comply with the National Science Foundation's (NSF) implementation of §7009 of the America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science (COMPETES) Act (42 U.S.C. 1862o-1).

IC represents and verifies that it (check appropriate response)

_____ does have a plan in place to meet NSF RCR training requirements

_____ does not have a plan in place to meet NSF RCR training requirements

_____ is exempt from NSF RCR training requirements (NOTE: check this option ONLY if no undergraduate students, graduate students, or postdoctoral appointees will perform any work or services under the service agreement).

If no plan is in place, and IC is not exempt from NSF RCR training requirements, IC agrees that it will provide training which meets the terms of WMU's training plan to timely comply with the NSF requirements. WMU's plan is available upon request. IC shall provide WMU written documentation that such training has occurred upon request by WMU. IC understands that WMU may immediately terminate the agreement for services immediately for any or no reason including non-compliance with NSF-RCR requirements.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Company: _____