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GRANT AT A GLANCE

GRANT AWARD INFORMATION

1. County Grant ID (project #):	0733			
2. Title of Grant:	English Cafe			
3. Amount of Award:	\$42,049	\$42.049		
4. Amount of Match Required:	\$14,016	\$14,016		
5. Type of Match: (cash, in-kind etc)	cash, salaries	cash, salaries		
6. SOURCE OF GRANT FUND	S & CATALOG N	UMBER:		
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7. Agency Contract Number: 0.	3-LSTA-D-09			
8. Contract Period:	Begin Date: 10/1/	03 End	Date: 9/30/04	
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10. Business Unit(s):	12073314808			
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1.	Grantor Agency:	Florida Department of State
2.	Program Title/Divi	ision: Division of Library and Information Services
3.	Agency Contact:	Amy Johnson
4.	Phone Number:	850-245-6622
5.	Mailing Address:	RA Gray Building Tallahassec, FL 32399-0250
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LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT **NOTIFICATION OF GRANT AWARD**

Federal Fiscal Year 2003-2004

Recipient:

Project Start Date: Upon execution of

grant agreement

Lee County Library System

Project End Date:

September 30, 2004

2345 Union St.

Fort Myers, FL 33901 Cynthia N. Cobb, Director

PROJECT

PROJECT #

CFDA#

AWARD

English Cafe

03-LSTA-D-09

45.310

\$42,049

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

By October 1 complete and submit the following:

- Evaluation Plan that;
 - o Describes how data will be gathered and analyzed using the sources listed on the Outcomes Plan;
 - o Describes or provides samples of any questionnaires or instruments to be used;
 - o Describes how the instruments will gather data on each Output, Indicator, and Outcome:
 - o Describes how often data will be collected;
 - o Describes any reports to be produced (if applicable) other than the Mid-Year and Annual Reports: and
 - o Describes who will do the evaluation (i.e., who will collect data, who will analyze data, etc.).
- Complete the online Vendor Registration Form at https://vendor.myfloridamarketplace.com/;
- Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion Lower Tier Covered Transactions form; and
- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form (if applicable).

State Librarian

Florida Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services R.A. Gray Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250, (850) 245-6600, SUNCOM 205-6600

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CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 45 CFR 1183.35, Participants' responsibilities. The regulations were published as Part VII of the May 26, 1988 Federal Register (pages 19160-19211). Copies of the regulations may be obtained by contacting the person to which this proposal is submitted.

(BEFORE COMPLETING CERTIFICATION, READ INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE)

- (1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency.
- (2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Name and Title of Authorized Representative	е
Signature	Date

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION

- 1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
- 2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
- 3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- 4. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
- 5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
- 6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
- 7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List (Telephone Number).
- 8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- 9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntary excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.