



California  
DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY

## 2<sup>nd</sup> JOINT MEMO

April 22, 2022

**To: Executive Branch Departments and Agencies**

**Re: Executive Order [N-6-22](#) regarding Sanctions Against Russia (¶¶ 4-5)**

On March 4, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order [N-6-22](#) (the EO) regarding sanctions against Russia and Russian entities and individuals. The EO directs all agencies and departments (Agencies) that are subject to the Governor's authority to take certain steps described below. Constitutionally independent state entities are encouraged to take these steps as well.

On March 16, 2022, the Department of General Services (DGS) and the California Department of Technology (CDT) issued a Joint Memo offering guidance for compliance with EO Paragraphs #1, #2, and #3.

This Joint Memo provides guidance to assist state agencies with compliance concerning EO Paragraphs #4 and #5. Agencies should continue to involve their legal counsel in compliance efforts and decisions and to keep written records in each applicable contract or grant file demonstrating compliance efforts.

Agencies are recommended to comply with EO Paragraphs #4 and #5 within 45 days of the date of this Joint Memo.

### **Defined Terms:**

- "Contract" refers to *all* types of agreements and grants, regardless of form (e.g., Std 213, Std 65, Fi\$Cal PO, etc.).
- "Economic Sanctions" refers to sanctions imposed by the U.S. government in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine, as well as any sanctions imposed under state law.
- "Paragraphs" refers to the EO's operative paragraphs.

### **Compliance with Paragraphs #4 and #5:**

Paragraph #4 within the EO provides:

*All agencies and departments subject to my authority shall direct grantees, and contractors with agreements valued at \$5 million or more, to report to the agency or department regarding their compliance with economic sanctions.*

Please note that since the March 2022 joint guidance memo, the federal government has imposed new sanctions on Russia and Russian entities and individuals. Agencies are advised to regularly check the U.S. Department of the Treasury's list of sanctioned individuals and entities at the following sites:

- <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/financial-sanctions/sanctions-programs-and-country-information/ukraine-russia-related-sanctions>;
- <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy0608>; and
- <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/financial-sanctions/recent-actions>.

Agencies may wish to sign up for email updates from the U.S. Department of the Treasury as well.

Paragraph #5 within the EO provides:

*All agencies and departments subject to my authority shall direct all grantees, and contractors with agreements valued at \$5 million or more, to report on steps they have taken in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine, including, but not limited to, desisting from making new investments in, or engaging in financial transactions with, Russian entities, not transferring technology to Russia or Russian entities, and directly providing support to the government and people of Ukraine.*

In order to comply with Paragraphs #4 and #5 of the EO:

- Agencies should identify all current contracts and grants valued at \$5 million or more.
  - "Valued at \$5 million or more" includes contracts and grants with a *value to the contractor or grantee* of \$5 million or more, even if the amount paid by the Agency to the contractor or grantee is less than \$5 million or is zero. This includes, but is not limited to, revenue-generating agreements, in-kind agreements, concessions, and agreements where the contractor receives payments from the public or a third party.
  - For example, in some recycling contracts, the state does not make any payments to the contractor, but the value of the contract is based on the monetary value to the contractor of the recycled materials they collect from the state. See, e.g., State Contracting Manual volume 1, sections 3.16.B and 7.45.
- Agencies should determine the appropriate addressee names and addresses for notices and information related to such contracts and grants.
- Agencies must notify such contractors and grantees of the reports contemplated in EO Paragraphs #4 and #5 and how to they can submit them (see a template notice below). Agencies should recommend that contractors/grantees consult their own legal counsel as needed regarding compliance with sanctions and reporting to the state.

- While the EO is silent on a timeframe in which to notify such contractors and grantees about EO Paragraphs #4 and #5, it is recommended that Agencies do so within 45 days of the date of this Joint Memo.
- Attached is a template notice and contractor/grantee response form that Agencies should use for EO Paragraphs #4 and #5. These notices may be sent and responded to electronically.
- Agencies should ensure the notice clearly informs contractors/grantees where to send their reports.
- Agencies should keep track of contractor and grantee reports.
- Agencies that have more than one contract/grant valued at \$5 million or more with a single contractor/grantee may send and receive one EO Paragraph #4 and #5 notice and report for each such contractor/grantee; however, each applicable contract/grant file should include copies of the response form and report.
- **Please note that for contracts issued by DGS or CDT on behalf of an Agency, the Agency is responsible for sending the EO Paragraph #4 and #5 notices and receiving contractor reports.**
- **For Leveraged Purchase Agreements (LPAs), DGS will issue the EO Paragraph #4 and #5 notices for Contracts with statewide usage valued at or above \$5 million. DGS will then provide Agencies with the list of LPA contractors DGS contacted. If, after receiving that list, an Agency determines it has any LPA Contracts valued at or above \$5 million that are *not* on the DGS list, the Agency is responsible for issuing the EO Paragraph #4 and #5 notices for those.**

#### **Further Guidance and Contacts:**

DGS and CDT will issue further guidance shortly regarding EO Paragraph #6, including language for future contracts and solicitations.

For questions relating to CDT contracts, please contact:

Lisa Cooper  
Office of Legal Services  
lisa.cooper@state.ca.gov

For other questions regarding this Memo, please contact your DGS-OLS assigned attorney.

Attachment: Template Notice to Send to Contractors and Grantees of Agreements Valued at  $\geq$  \$5 Million (EO Paragraphs #4 and #5)

**Template Notice to Send to Contractors and Grantees of Agreements Valued at ≥ \$5 Million  
(EO Paragraphs #4 and #5)**

April XX, 2022

[Name Here]

[Title Here]

[Name of Business or Organization]

[Address line 1]

[Address line 2]

[email address]

**RE: Contractor and Grantee Report on Compliance with Economic Sanctions in Response to Russia's Actions in Ukraine**

Dear [Name Here]:

On March 4, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-6-22 (EO) regarding sanctions in response to Russian aggression in Ukraine. The EO is located at <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/3.4.22-Russia-Ukraine-Executive-Order.pdf>.

The EO directs all agencies and departments that are subject to the Governor's authority to take certain steps, including directing that all state contractors and grantees with agreements valued at \$5 million or more to report to the agency/department regarding their compliance with economic sanctions imposed by the U.S. government in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine, as well as sanctions imposed under state law, if any.

The EO also directs all agencies and departments that are subject to the Governor's authority to direct that their grantees and contractors with agreements valued at \$5 million or more to report on the steps they have taken in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine

Please review the economic sanctions imposed in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine, including, but not limited to, the federal executive orders identified in the EO, the sanctions identified on the U.S. Department of the Treasury website (<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/financial-sanctions/sanctions-programs-and-country-information/ukraine-russia-related-sanctions>), and sanctions imposed under state law, if any. Once complete, please report to the state regarding your compliance with the economic sanctions imposed by the U.S. government, as well as sanctions imposed under state law, if any, using the attached reporting form and return it **within 60 calendar days** to the individual listed below.

**Additionally, within 60 calendar days** of this letter, please provide a written report describing the steps, if any, you have taken in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine. An example can be found at this link:  
<https://www.calpers.ca.gov/page/newsroom/for-the-record/2022/calpers-responds-to-governor-gavin-newsom>.

**Note that responses may be subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act. Accordingly, it is within the discretion of the respondent to determine what information to provide.** Additionally, please do not include any confidential information or disclosures that could pose security risks.

Please attach the report to the notice form below and return it to the individual listed below.

Responsive notices and reports should be sent to:

[Agencies: INSERT CONTACT NAME, AGENCY NAME,  
AND RETURN EMAIL OR ADDRESS HERE]

Sincerely,

[Name]  
[Title]

## COMPLIANCE WITH ECONOMIC SANCTIONS IN RESPONSE TO RUSSIA'S ACTIONS IN UKRAINE

Contract Number(s) and/or Grant Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ (Attach additional page as needed)

Per Executive Order N-6-22, all contractors and grantees that have agreements valued at \$5 million or more with agencies/departments subject to the California Governor's authority are directed to report to their contracting or grantor agency or department regarding their compliance with economic sanctions imposed by the U.S. government in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine, as well as sanctions imposed under state law, if any.

Please insert the contractor/grantee name and Federal ID Number (if available) and complete the notice and attach a report as described below.

### **NOTICE**

Having conducted a good faith review, I attest that the contractor/grantee is in compliance with the economic sanctions imposed by the U.S. government in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine, as well as sanctions imposed under state law, if any.

<i>Contractor/Grantee Name (Printed)</i>		<i>Federal ID Number (or n/a)</i>	
<i>By (Authorized Signature)</i>			
<i>Printed Name and Title of Person Signing</i>			
<i>Date</i>			

**Please attach a report to this notice form and return it to the individual identified in the cover letter within 60 calendar days, describing the steps, if any, you have taken in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine.**

**Note that responses may be subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act. Accordingly, it is within the discretion of the respondent to determine what information to provide. Additionally, please do not include any confidential information or disclosures that could pose security risks.**