

**Appendix M**  
**SMITHSONIAN STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL STATUS**

*The following paragraphs should be included in all proposals submitted by the Smithsonian:*

**“ The Smithsonian Institution, an independent trust establishment, was created by an act of the Congress in 1846 to carry out the terms of the will of James Smithson of England, who had bequeathed his entire estate to the United States of America “to found in Washington, under the name of the Smithsonian Institution, an establishment for the increase and diffusion of knowledge.” After accepting the trust property for the United States, Congress vested responsibility for administering the trust in a Smithsonian Board of Regents.**

**The Smithsonian performs research, educational and other special projects supported by grants and contracts awarded under the cost principles of the OMB Circular A-122, which pertain to educational institutions. It is audited by the Defense Contract Audit Agency. This project is being proposed by the Smithsonian in its capacity as an educational institution.**

**The Smithsonian receives funds from the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies bill. Public Law 100-202 guidelines require agencies funded by the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies bill to obtain Congressional approval for grants made to another organization that also receives funding from the Department of Interior and Related Agencies bill.**

**Because the Charter of the Smithsonian Institution carries a mandate for the “increase and diffusion of knowledge,” any grant or contract that may be awarded as a result of this proposal must be unclassified, in order not to abridge the Smithsonian’s right to publish without restriction, findings that result from the project.”**

*In the event the proposal is being submitted to a federal agency, the following sentence should precede these paragraphs:*

**“This proposal is not being submitted to any other government agency.”**