**CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION AND POSSESSION ("CIP")**

**Agency Tract No. or other Property Identifier: \_**

I hereby certify that:

* I personally inspected the real property identified in Part A, below, on ----------

(DATE).

* I spoke with the owner(s) identified below on (DATE).
* If additional occupants of the land are identified below, I spoke with them as follows:

(NAMES AND DATES OF INTERVIEWS)

On the basis of my inspection and inquiry, I certify that the pre-printed statements in Part B of this CIP are accurate \_\_, not accurate . Ifnot accurate I have explained my findings on this form on an attached sheet •

Date Signature

Printed name

1. **Identification of the real property and project:**
	1. The acquiring federal agency is:

Professional title and telephone number

1. The contact information for the landowner(s) is:
2. The property is identified as follows:
3. The estate(s) to be acquired by the United States is/are: (e.g., fee simple, lease, easement, *etc.)*

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1. **Certification:**
	1. I am aware of the legal boundaries of the real property identified above.
2. I spoke with the landowner(s) and adult occupant(s) of this property and obtained no evidence or information tending to show that any person or business entity other than the landowner(s) may have or claim rights that would conflict with the interest to be acquired by the United States. These include but are not limited to rights of possession arising from unrecorded leases, easements or rights-of-way obtained by continued usage, agricultural crops, or cemeteries.
3. I neither found, nor became aware of, any work or labor having been performed or materials having been furnished in connection with repairs or improvements on the property within the past \_

months. (Must equal or exceed number of months within which a mechanics or materials lien may be filed under applicable state law.)

1. The property to be acquired by the United States is unimproved, unoccupied, and vacant unless indicated below or on an attachment. Ifthere are occupants I have identified them and obtained disclaimers of interest unless indicated below. All such disclaimers are attached.

(Identify all buildings, roads, paths, cemeteries, fences, or other improvements observed and describe all land uses. Identify and provide contact information for all persons using the land. Determine what rights, if any, they claim to continue use or occupancy. Request disclaimers where appropriate. Seek guidance from agency counsel where uncertainty exists regarding the need for disclaimers.]

1. I neither found, nor am aware of any rights in, or claimed by, parties other than the owner(s) in any of the following:

+ water rights for mining, agricultural, manufacturing, or other purposes

+ ditches or canals constructed by or being used under authority of the United States

+ exploration for or removal of coal, oil, gas, sand, gravel, timber, or any other substance

+ possessory rights claimed or being exercised under any reservation contained in a patent previously issued by the United States

**DATE SIGNATURE**