

# Sample Attestation Form

This sample attestation form serves as a resource for providers of synthetic nucleic acids (Providers) and manufacturers of benchtop nucleic acid synthesis equipment (Manufacturers) that need to screen purchase orders to identify sequences of concern and assess customer legitimacy to comply with §4(b) of the [Executive Order on the Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence](#) (AI EO) and the resulting [US Framework for Nucleic Acid Synthesis Screening](#) (Framework). These documents established that federal funding agencies will, as appropriate and consistent with applicable law, require that procurement of synthetic nucleic acids and benchtop nucleic acid synthesis equipment using federal life sciences funding be conducted through Providers and Manufacturers that adhere to the Framework.

Part of adherence to the Framework involves Providers and Manufacturers self-attesting to the Framework by either:

- (1) Posting on a public webpage a statement that self-attests to adherence with the Framework; or
- (2) Providing such a statement to both the federally funded customer and the federal funding agency.

The below sample attestation form was developed by the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security and modeled after the University of California self-attestation form, adapted to the [US Framework for Nucleic Acid Synthesis Screening](#). **The White House is expected to develop its own sample attestation form but does not yet provide specific attestation language.** Language in this form could be adapted for the purposes of posting a self-attestation on a Provider or Manufacturer's website, per the Framework. That might look something like:

"[Company name] understands that United States federally funded life sciences entities and funding agencies are relying on this attestation prior to purchasing gene synthesis equipment or gene synthesis products. [Company name] self-attests to complying with the [US Framework for Nucleic Acid Synthesis Screening](#). Should this information change, [Company name] agrees that it will update this statement."

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My name is \_\_\_\_\_ on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_. I understand that the \_\_\_\_\_ are relying on this attestation prior to purchasing gene synthesis equipment or gene synthesis products.

My company self-attests to complying with the [US Framework for Nucleic Acid Synthesis Screening](#).

Should the information checked above change, \_\_\_\_\_ agrees that we will provide updated information to the \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name

Signed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
Date City and State