

## STATE ATTACHMENT NO.1

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### STATE OF NEW JERSEY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS FUNDED BY WHOLLY OR PARTIALLY STATE FUNDS

#### I. GENERAL

It is the policy of the New Jersey Department of Transportation (hereafter "NJDOT") that its contracts should create a workforce that reflects the diversity of the State of New Jersey. Therefore, contractors engaged by the NJDOT to perform under a construction contract shall put forth a good faith effort to engage in recruitment and employment practices that further the goal of fostering equal opportunities to minorities and women.

The contractor must demonstrate to the NJDOT's satisfaction that a good faith effort was made to ensure that minorities and women have been afforded equal opportunity to gain employment under the NJDOT's contract with the contractor. Payment may be withheld from a contractor's contract for failure to comply with these provisions.

Evidence of a "good faith effort" includes, but is not limited to:

1. The Contractor shall recruit prospective employees through the State Job bank website, managed by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, available online at <http://NJ.gov/jobCentralNJ>;

Note: Posting shall not be required where the employer intends to fill the job opening with a present employee, a laid-off former employee, or a job candidate from a previous recruitment, where pre-existing legally binding collective bargaining agreements provide otherwise, or where an exception has been granted to the NJDOT by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

2. The Contractor shall keep specific records of its efforts, including records of all individuals interviewed and hired, including the specific numbers of minorities and women;
3. The Contractor shall actively solicit and shall provide the NJDOT with proof of solicitation for employment, including but not limited to advertisements in general circulation media, professional service publications and electronic media; and
4. The Contractor shall provide evidence of efforts described at 2 above to the NJDOT no less frequently than once every 12 months.
5. The Contractor shall comply with the requirements set forth at N.J.A.C. 17:27.

The Contractor is required to implement and maintain a specific Affirmative Action Compliance Program of Equal Employment Opportunity in support of the New Jersey "*Law Against Discrimination*", N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., and according to the Affirmative Action Regulations set forth at N.J.A.C. 17:27-1.1 et seq.

The provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:2-1 through 10:2-4 and N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., as amended and supplemented) dealing with discrimination in employment on public contracts, and the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereunto, are hereby made a part of this contract and are binding upon the Contractor.

Noncompliance by the Contractor with the requirements of the Affirmative Action program for Equal Employment Opportunity may be cause for delaying or withholding monthly and final payments pending corrective and appropriate measures by the Contractor to the satisfaction of the Department.

The Contractor will cooperate with the state agencies in carrying out its Equal Employment Opportunity obligations and in their review of its activities under the contract.

The Contractor and all its subcontractors, not including material suppliers, holding subcontracts of \$2,500 or more, will comply with the following minimum specific requirement activities of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action set forth in these special provisions. The Contractor will include these requirements in every subcontract of \$2,500 or more with such modification of language in the provisions of such contracts as is necessary to make them binding on the subcontractor.

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

1. The Contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Except with respect to affectional or sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, the Contractor will ensure that equal employment opportunity is afforded to such applicants in recruitment and employment, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Such equal employment opportunity shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting forth provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
2. The Contractor or subcontractor, where applicable will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex.
3. The Contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer advising the labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this act and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
4. The Contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, agrees to comply with any regulations promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., as amended and supplemented from time to time and the Americans with Disabilities Act.
5. When hiring or scheduling workers in each construction trade, the Contractor or subcontractor agrees to make good faith efforts to employ minority and women workers in each construction trade consistent with the targeted employment goal prescribed by N.J.A.C. 17:27-7.2; provided, however, that the The Division of Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance (hereafter "Division") may, in its discretion, exempt a Contractor or subcontractor from compliance with the good faith procedures prescribed by the following provisions, a, b, and c, as long as the Division is satisfied that the Contractor or subcontractor is employing workers provided by a union which provides evidence, in accordance with standards prescribed by the Division, that its percentage of active "card carrying" members who are minority and women workers is equal to or greater than the targeted employment goal established in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-7.2. The Contractor or subcontractor agrees that a good faith effort shall include compliance with the following procedures:

- a. If the Contractor or subcontractor has a referral agreement or arrangement with a union for a construction trade, the Contractor or subcontractor shall, within three business days of the contract award, seek assurances from the union that it will cooperate with the Contractor or subcontractor as it fulfills its affirmative action obligations under this contract and in accordance with the rules promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et. seq., as supplemented and amended from time to time and the Americans with Disabilities Act. If the Contractor or subcontractor is unable to obtain said assurances from the construction trade union at least five business days prior to the commencement of construction work, the Contractor or subcontractor agrees to afford equal employment opportunities to minority and women workers directly, consistent with this chapter. If the Contractor's or subcontractor's prior experience with a construction trade union, regardless of whether the union has provided said assurances, indicates a significant possibility that the trade union will not refer sufficient minority and women workers consistent with affording equal employment opportunities as specified in this chapter, the Contractor or subcontractor agrees to be prepared to provide such opportunities to minority and women workers directly, consistent with this chapter, by complying with the hiring or scheduling procedures prescribed under (b) below; and the Contractor or subcontractor further agrees to take said action immediately if it determines or is so notified by the Division that the union is not referring minority and women workers consistent with the equal employment opportunity goals set forth in this chapter.
- b. If good faith efforts to meet targeted employment goals have not or cannot be met for each construction trade by adhering to the procedures of (a) above, or if the Contractor does not have a referral agreement or arrangement with a union for a construction trade, the Contractor or subcontractor agrees to take the following actions:
  - (1) To notify the Public Agency Compliance Officer, the Division, and minority and women referral organizations listed by the Division pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.3, of its workforceneeds, and request referral of minority and women workers;
  - (2) To notify any minority and women workers who have been listed with it as awaiting available vacancies;
  - (3) Prior to commencement of work, to request that the local construction trade union refer minority and women workers to fill job openings, provided the Contractor or subcontractor has a referral agreement or arrangement with a union for the construction trade;
  - (4) To leave standing requests for additional referral to minority and women workers with the local construction trade union, provided the Contractor or subcontractor has a referral agreement or arrangement with a union for the construction trade, the State Training and Employment Service and other approved referral sources in the area;
  - (5) If it is necessary to lay off some of the workers in a given trade on the construction site, layoffs shall be conducted in compliance with the equal employment opportunity and non-discrimination standards set forth in this regulation, as well as with applicable State and Federal court decisions;
  - (6) To adhere to the following procedure when minority and women workers apply or are referred to the Contractor or subcontractor:
    - (i) The contractor or subcontractor shall interview the referred minority or women worker.
    - (ii) If said individuals have never previously received any document or certification signifying a level of qualification lower than that required in order to perform the work of the construction trade, the Contractor or subcontractor shall in good faith determine the qualifications of such individuals. The Contractor or subcontractor shall hire or schedule those individuals who satisfy appropriate qualification standards in conformity with the equal employment opportunity and non-discrimination principles set forth in this chapter. However a Contractor or subcontractor shall determine that the individual at least possesses the requisite skills and experience recognized by a union, apprentice program or a referral agency, provided the referral agency is acceptable to the Division. If necessary, the Contractor or subcontractor shall hire or schedule minority and women workers who qualify as trainees pursuant to these rules. All of the requirements, however, are limited by the provisions of (c) below.

- (iii) The name of any interested women or minority individual shall be maintained on a waiting list, and shall be considered for employment as described in paragraph (i) above whenever vacancies occur. At the request of the Division, the Contractor or subcontractor shall provide evidence of its good faith efforts to employ women and minorities from the list to fill vacancies.
- (iv) If, for any reason, said Contractor or subcontractor determines that a minority individual or a woman is not qualified or if the individual qualifies as an advanced trainee or apprentice, the Contractor or subcontractor shall inform the individual in writing of the reasons for the determination, maintain a copy of the determination in its files, and send a copy to the Public Agency Compliance Officer and to the Division.
- (7) To keep a complete and accurate record of all requests made for the referral of workers in any trade covered by the contract, and on forms made available by the Division and submitted promptly to the Division upon request.
- c. The Contractor or subcontractor agrees that nothing contained in (b) above shall preclude the Contractor or subcontractor from complying with the hiring hall or apprenticeship policies in any applicable collective bargaining agreement or union hiring hall arrangement, and, where required by custom or agreement, it shall send journeymen and trainees to the union for referral, or to the apprenticeship program for admission, pursuant to such agreement or arrangement. However, where practices of a union or apprenticeship program will result in the exclusion of minorities and women or the failure to refer minorities and women consistent with the targeted county employment goal, the contractor or subcontractor shall consider for employment persons referred pursuant to (b) above without regard to such agreement or arrangement; provided further, however, that the Contractor or subcontractor shall not be required to employ women and minority advanced trainees and trainees in numbers which result in the employment of advanced trainees and trainees as a percentage of the total workforce for the construction trade, which percentage significantly exceeds the apprentice to journey worker ratio specified in the applicable collective bargaining agreement, or in the absence of a collective bargaining agreement, exceeds the ratio established by practice in the area for said construction trade. Also, the Contractor or subcontractor agrees that, in implementing the procedures of (b) above, it shall, where applicable, employ minority and women workers residing within the geographical jurisdiction of the union.

After notification of award, but prior to signing a construction contract, the Contractor shall submit to the Public Agency Compliance Officer and the Division an initial project workforce report (Form AA 201) provided to the public agency by the Division for distribution to and completion by the contractor, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-7.

The Contractor and each subcontractor must submit monthly employment and wage data to the Department via a web based application using electronic Form CC-257R. Instructions for registering and receiving the authentication code to access the web based application can be found at:

[http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/business/procurement/ConstrServ/documents/NJ\\_StimulusReportingNotification-Contractor.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/business/procurement/ConstrServ/documents/NJ_StimulusReportingNotification-Contractor.pdf)

Instructions on how to complete Form CC-257R are provided in the web application. Submit Form CC-257R through the web based application within 10 days following the end of the reporting month.

All employment and wage data must be accurate and consistent with the certified payroll records. The Contractor is responsible for ensuring that their subcontractors comply with these reporting requirements. Failure by the Contractor to submit Monthly Employment Utilization Reports may impact the contractor's prequalification rating with the Department.

- d. The Contractor and its subcontractors shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Division of Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance as may be requested by the Division from time to time in order to carry out the purposes of these regulations, and public agencies shall furnish such information as may be requested by the Division of Public

Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance for conducting a compliance investigation pursuant to **Subchapter 10 of the Administrative Code (NJAC 17:27)**.

- e. The Contractor agrees to cooperate with the public agency in the payment of budgeted funds, as is necessary, for on-the-job and off-the-job programs for outreach and training of minority and female trainees employed on the construction projects.

## **II. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POLICY**

The Contractor agrees that it will accept and implement during the performance of this contract as its operating policy the following statement which is designed to further the provision of Equal Employment Opportunity to all persons without regard to their age, race, color, religion, creed, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex and to promote the full realization of Equal Employment Opportunity through a positive continuing program:

“It is the policy of this company that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex and that it will take Affirmative Action to ensure that applicants are recruited and employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship.”

## **III. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY OFFICER**

The Contractor will designate and make known to the Department contracting officers an Equal Employment Opportunity Officer (hereafter “EEO Officer”) who will have the responsibility for and must be capable of effectively administering and promoting an active Equal Employment Opportunity program and be assigned adequate authority and responsibility to do so.

## **IV. DISSEMINATION OF POLICY**

- A. All members of the Contractor’s staff who are authorized to hire, supervise, promote, and discharge employees, or who recommend such action, will be made fully cognizant of, and will implement, the Contractor’s Equal Employment Opportunity Policy and contractual responsibilities to provide Equal Employment Opportunity in each grade and classification of employment. To ensure that the above agreement will be met, the following actions will be taken as a minimum:
  - 1. Periodic meetings of supervisory and personnel office employees will be conducted before the start of work and then not less often than once every 6 months, at which time the Contractor’s Equal Employment Opportunity Policy and its implementation will be reviewed and explained. The EEO Officer or other knowledgeable company official will conduct the meetings.
  - 2. All new supervisory or personnel office employees will be given a thorough indoctrination by the EEO Officer or other knowledgeable company official covering all major aspects of the Contractor’s Equal Employment Opportunity obligations within 30 days following their reporting for duty with the Contractor.
  - 3. All personnel who are engaged in direct recruitment for the project will be instructed by the EEO Officer or appropriate company official in the Contractor’s Procedures for locating and hiring minority and women workers.
- B. In order to make the Contractor’s Equal Employment Opportunity Policy known to all employees, prospective employees and potential sources of employees, i.e., schools, employment agencies, labor unions (where appropriate), college placement officers, etc., the Contractor will take the following actions:

1. Notices and posters setting forth in the Contractor's Equal Employment Opportunity policy, as set forth in Section 2 of these Equal Employment Opportunity Special Provisions will be placed in conspicuous places readily accessible to employees, applicants for employment and potential employees.
2. The Contractor's Equal Employment Opportunity Policy and the procedures to implement such policy will be brought to the attention of employees by means of meetings, employee handbooks, or other appropriate channels.

**V. RECRUITMENT**

- A. In all solicitations and advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, the Contractor will state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. All such advertisements will be published in newspapers or other publications having a large circulation among minorities and women in the area from which the project workforce would normally be derived.
- B. The Contractor will, unless precluded by a valid bargaining agreement, conduct systematic and direct recruitment through public and private employee referral sources likely to yield qualified minority and women applicants, including, but not limited to state employment agencies, schools, colleges and minority and women organizations. To meet this requirement, the Contractor will, through his/her EEO Officer, identify sources of potential minority and women employees, and establish with such identified sources procedures whereby minority and women applicants may be referred to the Contractor for employment consideration.
- C. In the event the Contractor has a valid bargaining agreement providing for exclusive hiring hall referrals, he is expected to observe the provisions of that agreement to the extent that the system permits the Contractor's compliance with Equal Employment Opportunity contract provisions. (The US Department of Labor has held that where implementations of such agreements have the effect of discriminating against minorities or women, or obligates the Contractor to do the same; such implementation violates Executive Order 11246, as amended).
- D. In the event that the process of referrals established by such a bargaining agreement fails to provide the Contractor with a sufficient number of minority and women referrals within the time period set forth in such an agreement, the Contractor shall comply with the provisions of "Section IX Unions" of the EEO Special Provisions.

**VI. ESTABLISHMENT OF GOALS FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS**

- A. The New Jersey Department of Transportation has established, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:27-7.2, the minority and women goals for each construction contractor and subcontractor based on availability statistics as reported by the New Jersey Department of Labor, Division of Planning and Research, in its report, "EEO Tabulation - Detailed Occupations by Race/Hispanic Groups" as follows:

**MINORITY AND WOMEN EMPLOYMENT GOAL OBLIGATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS**

COUNTY	MINORITY % PERCENTAGE	WOMEN % PERCENTAGE
Atlantic	18	6.9
Bergen	22	6.9
Burlington	15	6.9
Camden	19	6.9
Cape May	5	6.9
Cumberland	27	6.9
Essex	53	6.9

Gloucester	9	6.9
Hudson	60	6.9
Hunterdon	3	6.9
Mercer	30	6.9
Middlesex	24	6.9
Monmouth	15	6.9
Morris	16	6.9
Ocean	7	6.9
Passaic	36	6.9
Salem	10	6.9
Somerset	20	6.9
Sussex	4	6.9
Union	45	6.9
Warren	5	6.9

The Division of Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance has interpreted Section 7.2 of the State of New Jersey Affirmative Action Regulations as applicable to work hour goals for minority and women participation.

If a project is located in more than one county, the minority work hour goal will be determined by the county which serves as the primary source of hiring or, if workers are obtained equally from one or more counties, the single minority goal shall be the average of the individual goal for the affected counties.

- B. The State Division of Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance may designate a regional goal for minority membership for a union that has regional jurisdiction. No regional goals shall apply to this project unless specifically designated elsewhere herein.
- C. When hiring workers in the construction trade, the Contractor and/or subcontractor agree to attempt, in good faith, to employ minority and women workers in each construction trade, consistent with the applicable county or, in special cases, regional goals.
- D. It is understood that the goals are not quotas. If the Contractor or subcontractor has attempted, in good faith, to satisfy the applicable goals, he will have complied with his obligations under these EEO Special Provisions. It is further understood that if the Contractor shall fail to attain the goals applicable to this project, it will be the Contractor's obligation to establish to the satisfaction of the Department of Transportation that it has made a good faith effort to satisfy such goals. The Contractor or subcontractor agrees that a good faith effort to achieve the goals set forth in these special provisions shall include compliance with the following procedures:
  - 1. Requests shall be made by the Contractor or subcontractor to each union or collective bargaining unit with which the Contractor or subcontractor has a referral agreement or arrangement for the referral of minority and women workers to fill job openings. Requests shall also be made for assurances for the referral of minority and women workers to fill job openings. Requests shall also be made for assurances from such unions or collective bargaining units that they will cooperate with the Contractor or subcontractor in fulfilling the Affirmative Action obligations of the Contractor or subcontractor under this contract. Such requests shall be made prior to the commencement of construction under the contract.
  - 2. The Contractor and its subcontractors shall comply with Section IX, Unions of these EEO Special Provisions and, in particular, with Section IX, Paragraph D, if the referral process established in any collective bargaining arrangement is failing to provide the Contractor or subcontractor with a sufficient number of minority and women referrals.

3. The Contractor and its subcontractors shall notify the Department's Compliance Officer, the Division of Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance of the Department of Treasury and at least one approved minority referral organization of the Contractor's or subcontractors work force needs and of the Contractor's or subcontractor's desire for assistance in attaining the goals set forth herein. The notifications should include a request for referral of minority and women workers.
4. The Contractor and its subcontractors shall notify the Department's Compliance Officer and the Division of Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance of the Department of Treasury in the event that a union or collective bargaining unit is not making sufficient minority and women referrals to enable the Contractor or subcontractor to attain the workforce goals for the Project.
5. The Contractor and its subcontractors shall make standing requests to all local construction unions, the state training and employment service and other approved referral sources for additional referrals of minority and women workers until such time as the project workforce is consistent with the work hour goals for the project.
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7. In the event that it is necessary to lay off some of the workers in a given trade on the construction site, the Contractor and its subcontractors shall ensure that fair layoff practices are followed regarding minority, women and other workers.
8. The Contractor and its subcontractors shall comply with the other requirements of these EEO Special Provisions.

## **VII. PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

Wages, working conditions, and employee benefits shall be established and administered, and personnel actions of every type, including hiring, upgrading, promotion, transfer, demotion, layoff, and termination, shall be taken without regard to age, race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. The following procedures shall be followed:

- A. The Contractor will conduct periodic inspections of project sites to ensure that working conditions and employee facilities do not indicate discriminatory treatment of project site personnel.
- B. The Contractor will periodically evaluate the spread of wages paid within each classification to determine any evidence of discriminatory wage practices.
- C. The Contractor will periodically review selected personnel actions in-depth to determine whether there is evidence of discrimination. Where evidence is found, the Contractor will promptly take corrective action. If the review indicates that the discrimination may extend beyond the actions reviewed, such corrective action shall include all affected persons.
- D. The Contractor will promptly investigate all complaints of alleged discrimination made to the Contractor in connection with his/her obligations under this contract, will attempt to resolve such complaints, and will take appropriate corrective action within a reasonable time. If the investigation indicates that the discrimination may affect persons other than the complainant, such corrective action shall include such other persons. Upon completion of each investigation, the Contractor will inform every complainant of all of his/her avenues of appeal.

## **VIII. TRAINING AND PROMOTION**

The Contractor will assist in locating, qualifying, and increasing the skills of minority group and women workers, and applicants for employment.

Consistent with the Contractor's workforce requirements and as permissible under State regulations, the Contractor shall make full use of training programs, i.e., apprenticeship, and on-the-job training



programs, for the geographical area of contract performance. Where feasible, 25 percent of apprentices or trainees in each occupation shall be in their first year of apprenticeship or training.

The Contractor will advise employees and applicants for employment of available training programs and entrance requirements for each.

The Contractor will periodically review the training and promotion potential of minority group and women workers and will encourage eligible employees to apply for such training and promotion.

## **IX. UNIONS**

If the Contractor relies in whole or in part upon unions as a source of employees, the Contractor will use his/her best efforts to obtain the cooperation of such unions to increase opportunities for minority groups and women within the unions, and to effect referrals by such unions of minority and women workers. Actions by the Contractor either directly or through a Contractor's association acting, as agent will include the procedures set forth below:

- A. The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract of understanding, a notice advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under both the law against discrimination and this contract and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places readily accessible to employees and applicants for employment. Further, the notice will request assurance from the union or worker's representative that such union or worker's representative will cooperate with the Contractor in complying with the Contractor's Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action obligations.
- B. The Contractor will use their best efforts to develop, in cooperation with the unions, joint training programs aimed toward qualifying more minority group members and women for membership in the unions and increasing the skills of minority group employees and women so that they may qualify for higher paying employment.
- C. The Contractor will use their best efforts to incorporate an Equal Employment Opportunity clause into each union agreement to the end that such union will be contractually bound to refer applicants without regard to their age, race, color, creed, sex, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, or nationality.
- D. The Contractor is to obtain information as to the referral practices and policies of the labor union except to the extent that such information is within the exclusive possession of the labor union and such labor union refuses to furnish such information to the Contractor, the Contractor shall so certify to the NJDOT and shall set forth what efforts have been made to obtain such information.
- E. In the event the union is unable to provide the Contractor with a reasonable flow of minority and women referrals within the time limit set forth in the collective bargaining agreement, the Contractor will, through independent recruitment efforts, fill the employment vacancies without regard to age, race, color, creed, sex, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, or nationality making full efforts to obtain qualified and/or qualifiable minority group persons and women. (The US Department of Labor has held that it shall be no excuse that the union with which the Contractor has a collective bargaining agreement providing for exclusive referral failed to refer minority employees). In the event the union referral practice prevents the Contractor from meeting the obligations pursuant to Executive Order 11246, as amended, and these Special Provisions, such Contractor shall immediately notify the NJDOT.

## **X. SUBCONTRACTING**

- A. The Contractor will use his best efforts to solicit bids from and to utilize minority group and women subcontractors or subcontractors with meaningful minority group and women representation among their employees. Contractors may use lists of minority owned and women owned construction firms as issued by the NJDOT and/or the New Jersey Unified Certification Program (NJUCP).
- B. The Contractor will use his best efforts to ensure subcontractor compliance with their Equal Employment Opportunity obligations.

## **XI. RECORDS AND REPORTS**

- A. The Contractor will keep such records as are necessary to determine compliance with the Contractor's Equal Employment Opportunity obligations. The records kept by the Contractor will be designed to indicate:
1. The work hours of minority and non-minority group members and women employed in each work classification on the project;
  2. The progress and efforts being made in cooperation with unions to increase employment opportunities for minorities and women (applicable only to Contractors who rely in whole or in part on unions as a source of their workforce);
  3. The progress and efforts being made in locating, hiring, training, qualifying, and upgrading minority and women workers; and
  4. The progress and efforts being made in securing the services of minority group and women subcontractors or subcontractors with meaningful minority and women representation among their employees.
- B. All such records must be retained for a period of 3 years following completion of the contract work and shall be available at reasonable times and places for inspection by authorized representatives of the NJDOT.
- C. The Contractor shall submit monthly reports to the NJDOT after construction begins for the duration of the project, indicating the work hours of minority, women, and non minority group employees currently engaged in each work classification required by the contract work. This information is to be reported on a form supplied by the NJDOT.

## **XII SPECIAL CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR INVESTIGATING, REPORTING AND RESOLVING EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT COMPLAINTS**

The Contractor hereby agrees to the following requirements in order to implement fully the nondiscrimination provisions of the Supplemental Specifications:

The Contractor agrees that in instances when it receives from any person working on the project site a verbal or written complaint of employment discrimination, prohibited under N.J.S.A. 10:5-1 et seq. 10:2-1 et seq., 42 U.S.C. 2000 (d) et seq., 42 U.S.C. 2000(e) et seq. And Executive Order 11246, it shall take the following actions:

1. Within one (1) working day commence an investigation of the complaint, which will include but not be limited to interviewing the complainant, the respondent, and all possible witnesses to the alleged act or acts of discrimination or sexual harassment.
2. Prepare and keep for its use and file a detailed written investigation report which includes the following information:
  - a) Investigatory activities and findings.
  - b) Dates and parties involved and activities involved in resolving the complaint.
  - c) Resolution and corrective action taken if discrimination or sexual harassment is found to have taken place.
  - d) A signed copy of resolution of complaint by complainant and Contractor.

(In addition to keeping in its files the above-noted detailed written investigative report, the Contractor shall keep for possible future review by the NJDOT all other records, including, but not limited to, interview memos and statements.)
3. Upon the request of the NJDOT provides to the NJDOT within ten (10) calendar days a copy of its detailed written investigative report and all other records on the complaint investigation and resolution.

4. Take appropriate disciplinary actions against any Contractor employee, official or agent who has committed acts of discrimination or sexual harassment against any Contractor employee or person working on the project. If the person committing the discrimination is a subcontractor employee, then the Contractor is required to attempt to effectuate corrective and/or disciplinary action by the subcontractor in order to establish compliance with project's contract requirements.
5. Take appropriate disciplinary action against any Contractor employee, official or agent who retaliates, coerces or intimidates any complainant and/or person who provides information or assistance to any investigation of complaints of discrimination or sexual harassment. If the person retaliating, coercing or intimidating a complainant or other person assisting in an investigation is a subcontractor's employee, then the Contractor is required to attempt to effectuate corrective and/or disciplinary action taken by the subcontractor in order to establish compliance with the project's contract requirements.
6. Ensure to the maximum extent possible that the privacy interests of all persons who give confidential information in aid of the Contractor's employment discrimination investigation are protected.
7. In conjunction with the above requirements, the Contractor herein agrees to develop and post a written sexual harassment policy for its workforce.
8. The Contractor also agrees that its failure to comply with the above requirements may be cause for the New Jersey Department of Transportation to institute against the Contractor any and all enforcement proceedings and/or sanctions authorized by the contract or by state and/or federal law.

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