

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM PROVISIONS

Construction Contracts of \$5,000 or more and Nonconstruction Contracts of \$100,000 or More

Sec. 10.8.4. Affirmative Action Program Provisions.

Every non-construction contract with or on behalf of the City of Los Angeles for which the consideration is \$100,000 or more and every construction contract with or on behalf of the City of Los Angeles for which the consideration is \$5,000 or more shall contain the following provisions which shall be designated as the AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM provisions of such contract:

1. During the performance of a City contract, the contractor certifies and represents that the contractor and each subcontractor hereunder will adhere to an affirmative action program to ensure that in its employment practices, persons are employed and employees are treated equally and without regard to or because of race, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, marital status, domestic partner status, or medical condition.

1. This provision applies to work or services performed or materials manufactured or assembled in the United States.
2. Nothing in this section shall require or prohibit the establishment of new classifications of employees in any given craft, work or service category.
3. The contractor shall post a copy of Paragraph A hereof in conspicuous places at its place of business available to employees and applicants for employment.

2. The contractor 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 their race, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, marital status, domestic partner status, or medical condition.

3. As part of the City's supplier registration process, and/or at the request of the awarding authority or the Office of Contract Compliance, the contractor shall certify on an electronic or hard copy form to be supplied, that the contractor has not discriminated in the performance of City contracts against any employee or applicant for employment on the basis or because of race, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, marital status, domestic partner status, or medical condition.

4. The contractor shall permit access to and may be required to provide certified copies of all of its records pertaining to employment and to its employment practices by the awarding authority or the Office of Contract Compliance, for the purpose of investigation to ascertain compliance with the Affirmative Action Program provisions of City contracts, and on their or either of their request to provide evidence that it has or will comply therewith.

5. The failure of any contractor to comply with the Affirmative Action program provisions of City contracts may be deemed to be a material breach of contract. Such failure shall only be established upon a finding to that effect by the awarding authority, on the basis of its own investigation or that of the Board of Public Works, Office of Contract Compliance. No such finding shall be made except upon a full and fair hearing after notice and an opportunity to be heard has been given to the contractor.

6. Upon a finding duly made that the contractor has breached the Affirmative Action Program provisions of a City contract, the contract may be forthwith canceled, terminated or suspended, in whole or in part, by the awarding authority, and all monies due or to become due hereunder may be forwarded to and retained by the City of Los Angeles. In addition thereto, such breach may be the basis for a determination by the awarding authority or the Board of Public Works that the said contractor is an irresponsible bidder or proposer pursuant to the provisions of Section 371 of the Los Angeles City Charter. In the event of such determination, such contractor shall be disqualified from being awarded a contract with the City of Los Angeles for a period of two years, or until he or she shall establish and carry out a program in conformance with the provisions hereof.

7. In the event of a finding by the Fair Employment and Housing Commission of the State of California, or the Board of Public Works of the City of Los Angeles, or any court of competent jurisdiction, that the contractor has been guilty of a willful violation of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, or the Affirmative Action Program provisions of a City contract, there may be deducted from the amount payable to the contractor by the City of Los Angeles under the contract, a penalty of TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) for each person for each calendar day on which such person was discriminated against in violation of the provisions of a City contract.

8. Notwithstanding any other provisions of a City contract, the City of Los Angeles shall have any and all other remedies at law or in equity for any breach hereof.

9. The public Works board of Commissioners shall promulgate rules and regulations through the Office of Contract Compliance and provide to the awarding authorities electronic and hard copy forms for the implementation of the Affirmative Action Program provisions of City contracts, and rules and regulations and forms shall, so far as practicable, be similar to those adopted in applicable Federal Executive Orders. No other rules, regulations or forms may be used by an awarding authority of the City to accomplish this contract compliance program.

10. Nothing contained in City contracts shall be construed in any manner so as to require or permit any act which is prohibited by law.

11. The contractor shall submit an Affirmative Action Plan which shall meet the requirements of this Chapter at the time it submits its bid or proposal or at the time it registers to do business with the City. The plan shall be subject to approval by the Office of Contract Compliance prior to award of the contract. The awarding authority may also require contractors and suppliers to take part in a pre-registration, pre-bid, pre-proposal, or pre-award conference in order to develop, improve or implement a qualifying Affirmative Action Plan. Affirmative Action Programs developed pursuant to this section shall be effective for a period of twelve months from the date of approval by the Office of Contract Compliance. In case of prior submission of a plan, the contractor may submit documentation that it has an Affirmative Action Plan approved by the Office of Contract Compliance within the previous twelve months. If the approval is 30 days or less from expiration, the contractor must submit a new Plan to the Office of Contract Compliance and that Plan must be approved before the contract is awarded.

- (1) Every contract of \$5,000 or more which may provide construction, demolition, renovation, conservation or major maintenance of any kind shall in addition comply with the requirements of Section 10.13 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code.
- (2) A contractor may establish and adopt as its own Affirmative Action Plan, by affixing his or her signature thereto, an Affirmative Action Plan prepared and furnished by the Office of Contract Compliance, or it may prepare and submit its own Plan for approval.

12. The Office of Contract Compliance shall annually supply the awarding authorities of the City with a list of contractors and suppliers who have developed Affirmative Action Programs. For each contractor and supplier the Office of Contract Compliance shall state the date the approval expires. The Office of Contract Compliance shall not withdraw its approval for any Affirmative Action Plan or change the Affirmative Action Plan after the date of contract award for the entire contract term without the mutual agreement of the awarding authority and the contractor.

13. The Affirmative Action Plan required to be submitted hereunder and the pre-registration, pre-bid, pre-proposal or pre-award conference which may be required by the Board of Public Works, Office of Contract Compliance or the awarding authority shall, without limitation as to the subject or nature of employment activity, be concerned with such employment practices as:

1. Apprenticeship where approved programs are functioning, and other on-the-job training for non-apprenticeable occupations;
2. Classroom preparation for the job when not apprenticeable;
3. Pre-apprenticeship education and preparation.
4. Upgrading training and opportunities;
5. Encouraging the use of contractors, subcontractors and suppliers of all racial and ethnic groups, provided, however, that any contract subject to this ordinance shall require the contractor, subcontractor or supplier to provide not less than the prevailing wage, working conditions and practices generally observed in private industries in the contractor's, subcontractor's or supplier's geographical area for such work;
6. The entry of qualified women, minority and all other journeymen into the industry; and
7. The provision of needed supplies or job conditions to permit persons with disabilities to be employed, and minimize the impact of any disability.

14. Any adjustments which may be made in the contractor's or supplier's work force to achieve the requirements of the city's Affirmative Action Contract Compliance Program in purchasing and construction shall be accomplished by either an increase in the size of the work force or replacement of those employees who leave the work force by reason of resignation, retirement or death and not by termination, layoff, demotion or change in grade.

15. Affirmative Action Agreements resulting from the proposed Affirmative Action Plan or the pre-registration, pre-bid, pre-proposal or pre-award conferences shall not be confidential and may be publicized by the contractor at his or her discretion. Approved Affirmative Action Agreements become the property of the City and may be used at the discretion of the City in its Contract Compliance Affirmative Action Program.

16. This ordinance shall not confer upon the City of Los Angeles or any Agency, Board or Commission thereof any power not otherwise provided by law to determine the legality of any existing collective bargaining agreement and shall have application only to discriminatory employment practices by contractors or suppliers engaged in the performance of City contracts.

17. All contractors subject to the provisions of this section shall include a like provision in all subcontracts awarded for work to be performed under the contract with the City and shall impose the same obligations, including but not limited to filing and reporting obligations, on the subcontractors as are applicable to the contractor. Failure of the contractor to comply with this requirement or to obtain the compliance of its subcontractors with all such obligations shall subject the contractor to the imposition of any and all sanctions allowed by law, including but not limited to termination of the contractor's contract with the City.

LOS ANGELES CITY AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN
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Notwithstanding any other provision of this Division to the contrary, every construction contract involving an expenditure of \$5,000 or more of City funds, except in cases of urgent necessity, as provided in Section 371 of the Charter of the city of Los Angeles and except as provided in Section 10.9 of this Code, shall contain as part of the contract an Affirmative Action Plan substantially as set forth in this section and which by the contractor's signature affixed thereto, shall constitute and be established as the contractor's Affirmative Action Plan. The Plan, which may be a plan proposed by the contractor or the City's proposed Plan prepared by the Office of Contract Compliance, shall be subject to the approval of the Office of Contract Compliance prior to award of the contract. The Plan may consist of a Plan approved by the Office of Contract Compliance within the previous twelve months. If the previously approved Plan is 30 days or less from expiration, the contractor must submit a new Plan to the Office of Contract Compliance which shall be subject to approval before the contract may be awarded.

Sec. 10.13. Mandatory Provisions Pertaining to Nondiscrimination in Employment and Affirmative Action in Hiring Employees in the Performance of Work on Certain City Construction Contracts.

1. Construction Contracts Included.

The contractor shall not be eligible for an award of a City Construction Contract in excess of \$5,000, unless the contractor has submitted as part of the bid a written Affirmative Action Plan embodying both (1) anticipated levels of minority*, women and all other staffing utilization, and (2) specific affirmative action steps directed at applying good faith efforts in a nondiscriminatory manner to recruit and employ minority, women and all other potential staff or is deemed to have submitted such a program pursuant to Subsection 3 of this section. Both the anticipated levels and the affirmative action steps must be taken and applied in good faith and in a nondiscriminatory manner to attempt to meet the requirements of this section for all trades which are to be utilized on the project, whether subcontracted or not.

*A Minority is defined as the term minority person is defined in subsection (f) of section 2000 of the California Public Contract Code.

2. Anticipated Utilization.

The plan must set forth anticipated minority, women, and all other staffing utilization by the contractor and all subcontractors on each project constructed by the City using those trades within the area of jurisdiction of the Los Angeles Building and Construction Trades Council within the City of Los Angeles in each work class and at all levels in terms of staff hours. The anticipated levels of minority, women and other staffing utilization shall be the levels at which each of those groups are represented in the relevant workforce in the Greater Los Angeles Area as determined by the U. S. Bureau of the Census and made available by the Office of Contract Compliance.

Attainment of the anticipated levels of utilization may only be used as an indicia of whether the contractor has complied with the requirements of this section and has applied its Affirmative Action Plan in good faith and in a nondiscriminatory manner. Failure to attain the anticipated levels of utilization shall not, by itself, disqualify the contractor for award of a contract or subject the contractor to any sanctions or penalties.

In no event may a contractor utilize the requirements of this section in such a manner as to cause or result in discrimination against any person on account of race, color, religion, ancestry, age, disability, medical condition, marital status, domestic partner status, sex, sexual orientation, or national origin.

3. An Affirmative Action Plan.

The contractor certifies and agrees to immediately implement good faith efforts measures to recruit and employ minority, women, and other potential staff in a nondiscriminatory manner including, but not limited to, the following actions. The contractor shall:

1. Recruit and make efforts to obtain such employees through:

- (1) Advertising employment opportunities in minority and other community news media. Notifying minority, women and other community organizations of employment opportunities.
- (2) Maintaining contact with schools with diverse populations of students to notify them of employment opportunities.
- (3) Encouraging present minority, women and other employees to refer their friends and relatives.
- (4) Promoting after school and vacation employment opportunities for minority, women and other youth.
- (5) Validating all job specifications, selection requirements, tests, etc.
- (6) Maintaining a file of names and addresses of each worker referred to the contractor and what action was taken concerning such worker.
- (7) Notifying the appropriate awarding authority of the City and the Office of Contract Compliance in writing when a union with whom the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement has failed to refer a minority, woman or other worker.

2. Continually evaluate personnel practices to assure that hiring, upgrading, promotions, transfers, demotions and layoffs are made in a nondiscriminatory manner so as to achieve and maintain a diverse work force.

3. Utilize training programs and assist minority, women and other employees in locating, qualifying for and engaging in such training programs to enhance their skills and advancement.

4. Secure cooperation or compliance from the labor referral agency to the contractor's contractual affirmative action obligations.

5. Establish a person at the management level of the contracting entity to be the Equal Employment Opportunity Office; such individual to have the authority to disseminate and enforce the company's Equal Employment and Affirmative Action Policies.

6. Maintain such records as are necessary to determine compliance with equal employment and affirmative action obligations, and making such records available to City, State and Federal authorities upon request.

4. The contractor shall make a good faith effort with respect to apprenticeship and training program to:

1. Recruit and refer minority, women and other employees to such programs;

2. Establish training programs within the company and/or its association that will prepare minority, women and other employees for advancement opportunities.

3. Abide by the requirements of the Labor Code of the State of California with respect to the provision of apprenticeship job opportunities.
4. The contractor shall establish written company policies, rules, and procedures which shall be encompassed in a company-wide Affirmative Action Plan for all its operations and contracts. Said policies shall be provided to all employees, subcontractors, vendors, unions and all others with whom the contractor may become involved in fulfilling any of its contracts. The company's Affirmative Action Plan shall encompass the requirements contained herein as a minimum and shall be submitted with its bid to the appropriate awarding authority of the City and to the Office of Contract Compliance of the City.
5. Where problems are experienced by the contractor in complying with its obligations pursuant to this section, the contractor shall document its good faith effort to comply with the requirements by the following procedure. The contractor shall state:
 - (1) What steps were taken, how and on what date.
 - (2) To whom those efforts were directed.
 - (3) The responses received, from whom and when.
 - (4) What other steps were taken or will be taken to comply and when.
 - (5) Why the contractor has been or will be unable to comply.
6. The contractor shall complete and file, and require each of its known subcontractors to complete and file with the contractor's bid for the subject project an acceptable Affirmative Action Plan.
7. The contractor shall submit and require each of its subcontractors to submit an Ethnic Composition of the Company's Total Work Force (by employees) prior to the date of award of the contract.
8. No contract shall be executed until the appropriate awarding authority of the City of Los Angeles, and the Federal funding agency (if Federal funds are involved), has determined in writing that such contractor has executed and filed with the awarding authority and the City Office of Contract Compliance the required Affirmative Action Plan.
9. It shall be no excuse that the union with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement providing for referral, exclusive or otherwise, failed to refer minority, women or other employees.
10. Subject to this subsection the contractor shall execute such further forms and documentation at such times and as may be required by the appropriate awarding authority of the City of Los Angeles.
11. Where the contractor has failed to comply with the requirements contained in this section, any and all sanctions allowed by law may be imposed upon the contractor.
12. The Office of Contract Compliance within the Department of Public Works shall be responsible for administering the City's Contract Compliance Program in the manner described in Sections 22.359 through 22.359.5 of this Code.
13. All contractors subject to the provisions of this section shall include a like provision in all subcontracts awarded for work to be performed under the contract with the City and shall impose the same obligations, including but not limited to filing and reporting obligations, on the subcontractors as are applicable to the contractor. Failure of the contractor to comply with this requirement or to obtain the compliance of its subcontractors with all such obligations shall subject the contractor to the imposition of any and all sanctions allowed by law, including but not limited to termination of the contractor's contract with the City.

By its execution hereof, the contractor accepts and submits the foregoing as its Affirmative Action Plan.

Officer's Signature

Date

Officer's Name and Title (Type or Print)

Firm Name