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**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE SYSTEM**

SUBJECT: Compliance with Equal Opportunity Obligations in Contracts

ORIGINATING AGENCY: Office of the Mayor

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the District of Columbia by Section 422 of the District of Columbia self-government and Government Reorganization Act of 1973 as amended, D.C. Code section 1-242 (1981-Ed.), it is hereby ORDERED that Commissioner's Order No. 73-51, dated February 28, 1973, is hereby rescinded and reissued in its entirety to read as follows:

1. Establishment of Policy: There is established a policy of the District of Columbia Government to:
  - (a) provide equal opportunity in employment for all persons with respect to any contract by and with the Government of the District of Columbia.
  - (b) prohibit discrimination in employment because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, personal appearance, sexual orientation, family responsibilities, matriculation, political affiliation, or physical handicap;
  - (c) provide equal opportunity to all persons for participation in all District of Columbia Government contracts, including but not limited to lease agreements, Industrial Revenue Bond financing, and Urban Development Action grants;
  - (d) provide equal opportunity to minority business enterprises in the performance of District of Columbia Government contracts in accordance with Mayor's Orders, District of Columbia laws, and rules and regulations promulgated by the Minority Business Opportunity Commission; and
  - (e) promote the full realization of equal employment through affirmative, continuing programs by contractors and subcontractors in the performance of contracts with the District of Columbia Government.
2. Delegation of Authority: The Director of the Office of Human Rights (hereinafter "Director") is delegated the authority vested in the Mayor to implement the provisions of this order as set forth herein, and any rules, regulations, guidelines, and procedures adopted pursuant thereto.
3. Responsibilities: The Director of the Office of Human Rights shall be responsible for establishing and ensuring agency compliance with the policy set forth in this Order, any rules, regulations, and procedures that may be adopted by the Office of Human Rights pursuant to this Order, and any other equal opportunity provisions as may be added as a part of any contract.
4. Powers and Duties: The Director of the Office of Human Rights shall have the following powers and duties:
  - (a) to establish standards and procedures by which contractors and subcontractors who perform under District of Columbia Government contracts shall comply with the equal opportunity provisions of their contracts; to issue all orders, rules, regulations, guidelines, and procedures the Director may deem necessary and proper for carrying out and implementing the purposes of this Order;
  - (b) to assume equal opportunity compliance jurisdiction over any matter pending before a contracting agency where the Director considers it necessary or appropriate for the achievement of the purposes of

this Order, keep the contracting agency informed of all actions taken, and act through the contracting agency to the extent appropriate and practicable;

- (c) to examine the employment practices of any District of Columbia Government contractor or subcontractor, or initiate the examination by the appropriate contracting agency to determine whether or not the contractual provisions specified in any rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this Order have been violated, and notify the contracting agency of any action taken or recommended;
- (d) to monitor and evaluate all District of Columbia Government agencies, including those independent agencies and commissions not required to submit the Affirmative Action Programs of their contractors to the Office of Human Rights for approval, to ensure compliance with the equal opportunity obligations in contracts;
- (e) to use his or her best efforts to cause any labor union engaged in work under District of Columbia Government contracts, any referral, recruiting or training agency, or any other representative of workers who are or may be engaged in work under contracts and subcontracts to cooperate in and to comply with the implementation of the purposes of this Order;
- (f) to notify, when appropriate, the concerned contracting agencies, the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, the U.S. Department of Justice, or other appropriate Federal, State, and District agencies, whenever the Director has reason to believe that practices of any contractor, labor organization, lending institution, insurance firm, or agency violate provisions of Federal, State, or District, laws;
- (g) to enter, where the determinations are made by Federal, State, or District agencies, into reciprocal agreements with those agencies to receive the appropriate information;
- (h) to hold hearings, public or private, as necessary to obtain compliance with any rules, regulations, and procedures promulgated pursuant to this Order, and to issue orders relating thereto. No order to terminate or cancel a contract, or to withhold from any contractor further District of Columbia Government contractors shall be issued without affording the contractor an opportunity for a hearing. Any order to terminate or cancel a contract or to withhold from any contractor further District of Columbia Government contracts shall be issued in accordance with rules, and regulations pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, as amended and;
- (i) to grant waivers from the minimum standards for the employment of minorities and women in Affirmative Action Programs in exceptional cases, as circumstances may warrant.

5. Duties of Contracting Agencies: Each contracting agency shall have the following duties:

- (a) the initial responsibility for ensuring that contractors and subcontractors are in compliance with any rules, regulations, and procedures promulgated pursuant to this Order;
- (b) to examine the employment practices of contractors and subcontractors in accordance with procedures established by the Office of Human Rights, and report any compliance action to the Director of the Office of Human Rights;
- (c) to comply with the terms of this Order and of the orders, rules, regulations, guidelines, and procedures of the Office of Human Rights issued pursuant thereto in discharging their responsibility for securing contract compliance; and
- (d) to secure compliance with any rules, regulations, and procedures promulgated pursuant to this Order before or after the execution of a contract by methods, of conference, conciliation and persuasion. No enforcement proceedings shall be initiated, nor shall a contract be cancelled or terminated in whole or in part, unless such methods have first been attempted.

6. Procedures: The procedures to be followed in implementing this Order shall be those set forth in

Orders, rules, regulations, and guidelines as may be promulgated by the Office of Human Rights.

7. Severability: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of the provisions in this Order is for any reason declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this order.
8. Effective Date: This Order shall become effective immediately.

Signed by Marion Barry, Jr.  
Mayor

ATTEST: Signed by Clifton B. Smith  
Secretary of the District of Columbia

**OFFICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

**NOTICE OF FINAL RULEMAKING**

The Director of the Office of Human Rights hereby gives notice of the adoption of the following final rules governing standards and procedures for equal employment opportunity applicable to contractors and subcontractors under District of Columbia Government Contracts. Notice of Proposed Rulemaking was published for public comment in the D.C. Register on April 11, 1986 at 33 DCR 2243. Based on some the comments received and upon further review by the Office of Human Rights, minor revisions were made in the rules at the following subsections: 1104.1, 1104.2, 1104.4, 1104.13, 1104.17(e) (5), 1104.28, 1107.1, 1199.1, and at page 15 the definition of minority was written out in addition to citing its D.C. Code. None of the revisions change the intent of the proposed final rules. Final action to adopt these final rules was taken on August 4, 1986, and will be effective upon publication of this notice in the Register.

**CHAPTER 11 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY REQUIREMENTS IN CONTRACTS**

1100. PURPOSE

1100.1 These rules shall govern standards and procedures to be followed by contractors and subcontractors performing under District of Columbia Government contracts for goods and services, including construction contracts, for the purpose of assuring equal employment opportunity for minorities and women.

1100.2 These rules establish requirements for contractors and subcontractors regarding their commitment to observe specific standards for the employment of minorities and women and to achieve affirmative action obligations under District of Columbia contracts. These rules are not intended nor shall be used to discriminate against any qualified applicant for employment or employee.

1101. SCOPE

1101.1 Except as hereinafter exempted, the provisions of this chapter shall apply to all District of Columbia Government contracts subject to Mayor's Order No. 85-85, and any rules, regulations, and procedures promulgated pursuant to that Mayor's Order.

1102. COVERAGE

1102.1 The provisions of this chapter shall govern the processing of any matter before the Office Human Rights involving the following:

- (a) Discrimination in employment on grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, personal appearance, sexual orientation, family responsibilities, matriculation, political affiliation, or physical handicap by any District of Columbia Government contractor; and
- (b) Achievement of affirmative action obligations under District of Columbia contracts.

1103. CONTRACT PROVISIONS

1103.1 Each contract for goods and services, including construction contracts, except construction subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials, shall include as express contractual provisions the language contained in subsections 1103.2 through 1103.10.

1103.2 The contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, personal appearance, sexual orientation, family responsibilities, matriculation, political affiliation, or physical handicap.

- 1103.3 The contractor agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, personal appearance, sexual orientation, family responsibilities, matriculation, political affiliation, or physical handicap. The affirmative action shall include, but not be limited to the following:
- (a) Employment, upgrading, or transfer;
  - (b) Recruitment or recruitment advertising;
  - (c) Demotion, layoff, or termination;
  - (d) Rates of pay, or other forms of compensation; and
  - (e) Selection for training and apprenticeship.
- 1103.4 The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Contracting Agency, setting forth the provisions in subsections 1103.2 and 1103.3 concerning non-discrimination and affirmative action.
- 1103.5 The contractor shall, 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 pursuant to the non-discrimination requirements set forth in subsection 1103.2
- 1103.6 The contractor agrees to 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 Contracting Agency, advising each labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this chapter, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- 1103.7 The contractor agrees to permit access to all books, records, and accounts, pertaining to its employment practices, by the Director and the Contracting Agency for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with this chapter, and to require under terms of any subcontractor agreement each subcontractor to permit access of such subcontractors, books, records, and accounts for such purposes.
- 1103.8 The contractor agrees to comply with the provisions of this chapter and with all guidelines for equal employment opportunity applicable in the District of Columbia adopted by the Director, or any authorized official.
- 1103.9 The prime contractor shall include in every subcontract the equal opportunity clauses, subsections 1103.2 through 1103.10 of this section, so that such provisions shall be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.
- 1103.10 The prime contractor shall take such action with respect to any subcontractor as the Contracting Officer may direct as a means of enforcing these provisions, including sanctions for non-compliance; provided, however, that in the event the prime contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the contracting agency, the prime contractor may request the District to enter into such litigation to protect the interest of the District.
- 1104 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM
- 1104.1 Each apparent low bidder for a construction contract shall complete and submit to the Contracting Agency, prior to the execution of any contract in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or more, and each contractor covered under subsection 1105.1, an Affirmative Action Program to ensure equal opportunity which shall include specific standards for the utilization of minorities and women in the trades, crafts and skills to be used by the contractor in the performance of the contract.

- 1104.2 Each apparent low bidder or offeror for a non-construction contract shall complete and submit to the Contracting Agency, prior to the execution of any contract in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or more, and each contractor covered under subsection 1105.2, an Affirmative Action Program to ensure equal opportunity which shall include specific standards for the utilization of minorities in the job categories specified in subsection 1108.4.
- 1104.3 To ensure equal opportunity each Affirmative Action Program shall include the following commitments:
- (a) With respect to construction contracts, each contractor shall certify that it will comply with the provisions of this chapter, and submit a personnel utilization schedule for all the trades the contractor is to utilize, indicating the actual numbers of minority and female workers that are expected to be a part of the workforce performing under the contract; and
  - (b) With respect to non-construction contracts, each contractor shall certify that it will comply with the provisions of this chapter, and shall submit a personnel utilization schedule indicating by craft and skill, the minority composition of the workforce related to the performance of the work under the contract. The schedule shall include all workers located in the facility from which the goods and services are produced and shall include the same information for other facilities which have a significant relationship to the performance of work under the contract.
- 1104.4 If the experience of the contractor with any local union from which it will secure employees indicates that the union will not refer sufficient minorities or women to meet minority or female employment commitments, the contractor shall, not less than ten (10) days prior to the employment of any person on the project subject to the jurisdiction of that local union, do the following:
- (a) Notify the District of Columbia Department of Employment Services and at least two (2) minority and two (2) female referral organizations of the contractor's personnel needs, and request referral of minority and female workers; and
  - (b) Notify any minority and female workers who have been listed with the contractors as awaiting vacancies.
- 1104.5 If, within five (5) working days prior to commencement of work, the contractor determines that the Department of Employment Services or the minority or female referral organizations are unable to refer sufficient minorities or women to meet its commitments, the contractor may take steps to hire, by referral or otherwise, from the local union membership to fill the remaining job openings, provided that it notifies the local union of its personnel needs and of its employment commitments. Evidence of the notification shall be provided to the Contracting Agency.
- 1104.6 The contractor shall have standing requests for additional referrals of minority and female workers with the local union, the Department of Employment Services, and the other referral sources, until such time as the contractor has met its minority and female employment commitments.
- 1104.7 If the contractor desires to lay off some of its employees in a given trade on a construction site, it shall ensure that the required number of minority and female employees remain on the site to meet the minority and female commitments.
- 1104.8 No contractor shall refuse employment to any individual who has minimal facility to speak English except where the contractor can demonstrate that the facility to speak English is necessary for the performance of the job.

- 1104.9 No union with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement shall refuse to refer minority and female employees to such contractor.
- 1104.10 To the extent that contractors have delegated the responsibility for some of their employment practices to some other organization or agency which prevents them from meeting their equal opportunity obligations, those contractors shall not be considered to be in compliance with this chapter.
- 1104.11 The obligations of the contractor shall not be reduced, modified, or subject to any provision in any collective bargaining agreement with labor organization which provides that the labor organizations shall have the exclusive or primary opportunity to refer employees.
- 1104.12 When any contractor employs a minority person or woman in order to comply with this chapter, those persons shall be advised of their right to seek union membership, the contractor shall provide whatever assistance may be appropriate to enable that person to obtain membership, and the contractor shall notify the appropriate union of that person's employment.
- 1104.13 The contractor shall not discharge, refuse to employ, or otherwise adversely affect any minority person or woman because of any provision in any collective bargaining agreement, or any understanding, written or oral that the contractor may have with any labor organization.
- 1104.14 If at any time, because of lack of cooperation or overt conduct, a labor organization impedes or interferes with the contractor's Affirmative Action Program, the contractor shall notify the Contracting Agency and the Director immediately, setting forth the relevant circumstances.
- 1104.15 In any proceeding involving a disagreement between a labor organization and the contractor over the implementation of the contractor's Affirmative Action Program, the Contracting Agency and the Office of Human Rights may become a party to the proceeding.
- 1104.16 In determining whether or not a contractor is utilizing minorities and females pursuant to Section 1108, consideration shall be given to the following factors:
- (a) The proportion of minorities and women employed in the trades and as laborers in the construction industry within the District of Columbia;
  - (b) The proportion of minorities and women employed in the crafts or as operatives in non-construction industries within the District of Columbia;
  - (c) The number and ratio of unemployed minorities and women to total unemployment in the District of Columbia;
  - (d) The availability of qualified and qualifiable minorities and women for employment in any comparable line of work, including where they are now working and how they may be brought into the contractor's workforce;
  - (e) The effectiveness of existing training programs in the area, including the number who complete training, the length and extent of training, employer experience with trainees, and the need for additional or expanded training programs; and
  - (f) The number of additional workers that could be absorbed into each trade or line of work without displacing present employees, including consideration of present employee shortages, projected growth of the trade or line of work, and projected employee turnover.
- 1104.17 The contractor's commitment to specific standards for the utilization of minorities and females as required under this chapter shall include a commitment to make every good faith effort to meet

those standards. If the contractor has failed to meet the standards, a determination of “good faith” shall be based upon the contractor’s documented equal opportunity efforts to broaden its equal employment program which shall include, but may not necessarily be limited to, the following requirements:

- (a) The contractor shall notify the community organizations that the contractor has employment opportunities available and shall maintain records of the organizations’ responses;
- (b) The contractor shall maintain a file of the names and addresses of each minority and female worker referred to it and what action was taken with respect to each referred worker. If that worker was not sent to the union hiring hall for referral or if the worker was not employed by the contractor, the contractor’s file shall be documented and the reasons therefore;
- (c) The contractor shall notify the Contracting Agency and the Director when the union or unions with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement has not referred to the contractor a minority or female worker originally sent to the union by the contractor for union registration, or the contractor has other information that the union referral process has impeded the contractor’s efforts to meet its goals;
- (d) The contractor shall participate in training programs related to its personnel needs;
- (e) The contractor shall disseminate its EEO policy internally by doing the following:
  - (1) Including it in any organizational manual;
  - (2) Publicizing it in company newspapers, annual report, etc.;
  - (3) Conducting staff, employee, and union representatives meetings to explain and discuss the policy;
  - (4) Posting; and
  - (5) Reviewing the policy with minority and female employees.
- (f) The contractor shall disseminate its EEO policy externally by doing the following:
  - (1) Informing and discussing it with all recruitment sources;
  - (2) Advertising in news media, specifically including news media directed to minorities and women;
  - (3) Notifying and discussing it with all known minority and women’s organizations; and
  - (4) Notifying and discussing it with all subcontractors and suppliers.

1104.18 The contractor shall make specific recruitment efforts, both written and oral, directed at all minority and women’s training organizations within the contractor’s recruitment area.

1104.19 The contractor shall encourage present employees to assist in the recruitment of minorities and women for employment.

1104.20 The contractor shall validate all qualifications, selection requirements, and tests in accordance with the guidelines of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.



- 1104.21 The contractor shall make good faith efforts to provide after school, summer and vacation employment to minority youths and young women.
- 1104.22 The contractor shall develop on-the-job training opportunities, and participate and assist in any association or employer group training programs relevant to the contractor's employee needs.
- 1104.23 The contractor shall continually inventory and evaluate all minority and female personnel for promotion opportunities.
- 1104.24 The contractor shall make sure that seniority practices, job classifications, qualifications, etc. do not have a discriminatory effect on minorities and women.
- 1104.25 The contractor shall make certain that all facilities and company activities are nonsegregated.
- 1104.26 The contractor shall continually monitor all personnel activities to ensure that its EEO policy is being carried out.
- 1104.27 The contractor may utilize minority banking facilities as depositories for funds which may be involved, directly or indirectly, in the performance of the contract.
- 1104.28 The contractor shall employ minority and female workers without respect to union membership in sufficient numbers to meet the minority and female employment standards, if the experience of the contractor with any labor union from which it will secure employees does not indicate that it will refer sufficient minorities and females to meet its minority and female employment standards.
- 1104.29 The contractor shall ensure that all of its employees as well as those of its subcontractors are made knowledgeable about the contractor's equal opportunity policy.
- 1104.30 [Reserved]
- 1104.31 Each contractor shall include in all bid invitations or other pre-bid communications, written or otherwise, with respect to prospective subcontractors, the standards, as applicable, which are required under this chapter.
- 1104.32 Whenever a contractor subcontracts a portion of the work in any trade, craft or skill it shall include in the subcontract, its commitment made under this chapter, as applicable, which shall be adopted by its subcontractors who shall be bound thereby and by the regulations of this chapter to the full extent as if it were the prime contractor.
- 1104.33 The prime contractor shall give notice to the Director and the Contracting Agency of any refusal or failure of any subcontractor to fulfill its obligations under this chapter.
- 1104.34 Failure of compliance by any subcontractor shall be treated in the same manner as a failure by the prime contractor.
- 1105 EXEMPTIONS
- 1105.1 Prospective construction contractors shall be exempt from submitting Affirmative Action Programs for contracts amounting to less than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000); provided, that when a construction contractor accumulates contracts amounting to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or more within a period of twelve (12) months that contractor shall be required to submit an Affirmative Action Program for each contract executed thereafter.
- 1105.2 Prospective non-construction contractors shall be exempt from submitting Affirmative Action Programs for contracts amounting to less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000); provided, that when

a non-construction contractor accumulates contracts amounting to ten thousand dollars (\$10,00) or more during a period of twelve (12) months that contractor shall be required to submit an Affirmative Action Program for each contract executed thereafter.

1106 NONRESPONSIBLE CONTRACTORS

1106.1 If a bidder or offeror fails either to submit a complete and satisfactory Affirmative Action Program or to submit a revised Affirmative Action Program that meets the approval of the Director, as required pursuant to this chapter, the Director may direct the Contracting Officer to declare the bidder or offeror to be nonresponsible and ineligible for award of the contract.

1106.2 Any untimely submission of an Affirmative Action Program may, upon order of the Director, be rejected by the Contracting Officer.

1106.3 In no case shall there be any negotiation over the provision of specific utilization standards submitted by the bidder or offeror after the opening of bids or receipt of offer and prior to award.

1106.4 If any directive or order relating to nonresponsibility is issued under this section, the Director shall afford the bidder or offeror a reasonable opportunity to be heard in opposition to such action in accordance with subsection 1118.1, or in support of a request for waiver under section 1109.

1107 NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE

1107.1 Each Contracting Agency shall include, or require the contract bidder or offeror to include, in the invitation for bids or other solicitation used for a D.C. Government-involved contract, a notice stating that to be eligible for consideration, each bidder or offeror shall be required to comply with the provisions of this chapter for the trades, crafts and skills to be used during the term of the performance of the contract whether or not the work is subcontracted.

1108 MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR MINORITY AND FEMALE EMPLOYMENT

1108.1 The minimum standards for the utilization of minorities in the District of Columbia Government construction contracts shall be forty-two percent (42%) in each trade for each project, and an aggregate workforce standard of six and nine-tenths percent (6.9%) for females in each project. Any changes in Federal standards pertaining to minority group and female employment in Federally-involved construction contracts shall be taken into consideration in any review of these requirements.

1108.2 The construction contractor's standards established in accordance with subsection 1108.1 shall express the contractor's commitment of the forty-two percent (42%) of minority personnel who will be working in each specified trade on each of the contractor's District of Columbia Government projects, and the aggregate standard of six and nine-tenths percent (6.9%) for the employment of females in each District of Columbia Government contract.

1108.3 The hours for minority and female workers shall be substantially uniform throughout the entire length of the construction contract for each trade used, to the effect that the same percentage of minority workers in the trades used shall be working throughout the length of work in each trade on each project, and the aggregate percentage in each project for females.

1108.4 The minimum standard for the utilization of minorities in non-construction contracts shall be twenty-five percent (25%) in each of the following nine (9) job categories:

- (a) Officials and managers;
- (b) Professionals;

- (c) Technicians;
- (d) Sales workers;
- (e) Office and clerical workers;
- (f) Craftpersons (Skilled);
- (g) Operative (Semi-skilled);
- (h) Laborers (Unskilled); and
- (i) Service workers.

1108.5 With respect to non-construction contracts the contractor's standards established in accordance with subsection 1108.4 shall express the contractor's commitment of the twenty-five percent (25%) of minority personnel who will be working in each specified craft or skill in each contract.

1109 WAIVERS

1109.1 The Director may grant a waiver to a prospective contractor from the requirement to submit a set of minimum standards for the employment of minorities and women in a particular contract, if before the execution of the contract and approval of the Affirmative Action Program, the contractor can document and otherwise prove it is unable to meet the standards in the performance of the contract.

1110 SOLICITATION OF CONTRACT

1110.1 Each solicitation for contract covered by section 1104 shall contain a statement that contractors shall comply with the minimum standards established pursuant to these rules for ensuring equal opportunity.

1110.2 The contract solicitation shall require that each bidder or offeror certify that it intends to meet the applicable minimum standards in section 1108 in order to be considered for the contract.

1111 PRIOR TO EXECUTION OF CONTRACT

1111.1 Upon being designated the apparent low bidder or offeror, that contractor shall submit a detailed Affirmative Action Program that sets forth the following:

- (1) The composition of its current total workforce; and
- (2) The composition of the workforce by race, color, national origin, and sex to be used in the performance of the contract and that of all known subcontractors that will be utilized to perform the contract.

1111.2 The apparent low bidder or offeror shall submit an Affirmative Action Program in accordance with section 1104 describing the actions it will take to ensure compliance with this chapter which shall be subject, prior to the execution of any contract, to the approval of the Director.

1111.3 If the Office of Human Rights does not act within ten (10) working days after the receipt of the Affirmative Action Program sent for approval, the Contracting Agency may proceed on its own determination to execute the contract.

- 1111.4 The apparent low bidder or offeror shall submit an Affirmative Action Program within a period of time to specified by each Contracting Agency, but which shall not exceed ten (10) working days after becoming the apparent contractor.
- 1111.5 The apparent low bidder or offeror shall furnish all information and reports to the Contracting Agency as required by this chapter, and shall permit access to all books or records pertaining to its employment practices or worksites.
- 1111.6 No contract subject to section 1104 shall be executed by the Contracting Agency, if the apparent low bidder or offeror does not submit an Affirmative Action Program, or if the Program has been disapproved in writing by the Director.
- 1111.7 If there is disagreement between the contractor and the Contracting Officer as to the adequacy of the Affirmative Action Program, the matter shall be referred to the Director for a decision.
- 1112 AFTER EXECUTION OF CONTRACT
- 1112.1 Each contractor shall maintain throughout the term of the contract the minimum standards for the employment of minorities and women, as set forth in the approved Affirmative Action Program.
- 1112.2 Each contractor shall require that each subcontractor, or vendor under the contract comply with the provision of the contract and the Affirmative Action Program.
- 1112.3 Each contractor shall furnish all information as required by this chapter, and permit access to all books and records pertaining to the contractor's employment practices and work sites by the Director and the Contracting Agency for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with this chapter.
- 1113 MONITORING AND EVALUATION
- 1113.1 The Director shall, from time to time, monitor and evaluate all District of Columbia Government agencies, including those independent agencies and commissions not required to submit the Affirmative Action Program of their contractors, to ensure compliance with the equal opportunity obligations in contracts, as provided for in this chapter.
- 1114 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TRAINING PROGRAM
- 1114.1 Each contractor, in fulfilling its affirmative action responsibilities under a contract with the District of Columbia Government, shall be required to have, as part of its Affirmative Action Program, an existing training program for the purpose of training, upgrading, and promotion of minority and female employees or to utilize existing programs. Those programs shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
- (a) To be consistent with its personnel requirements, the contractor shall make full use of the applicable training programs, including apprenticeship, on-the job training, and skill refinement training for journeymen. Recruitment for the program shall be designed to provide for appropriate participation by minority group members and women;
  - (b) The contractor may utilize a company-operated skill refinement training program. This program shall be formal and shall be responsive to the work to be performed under the contract;
  - (c) The contractor may utilize formal private training institutions that have as their objective training and skill refinement appropriate to the classification of the workers employed. When training is provided by a private organization the following information shall be supplied:

- (1) The name of the organization;
- (2) The name, address, social security number, and classification of the initial employees and any subsequent employees chosen during the course of the contract; and
- (3) The identity of the trades, and crafts or skills involved in the training.

1114.2 If the contractor relies, in whole or in part, upon unions as a source of its workforce, the contractor shall use its best efforts, in cooperation with unions, to develop joint training programs aimed toward qualifying more minorities and females for membership in the union, and increasing the skills of minority and female employees so that they may qualify for higher paying employment.

1114.3 Approval of training programs by the Contracting Agency shall be predicated, among other things, upon the quality of training, numbers of trainees and trades, crafts or skills involved, and whether the training is responsive to the policies of the District of Columbia and the needs of the minority and female community. Minority and female applicants for apprenticeship or training should be selected in sufficient numbers as to ensure an acceptable level of participation sufficient to overcome the effects of past discrimination.

#### 1115 COMPLIANCE REVIEW

1115.1 The Director and the Contracting Agency shall review the contractor's employment practices during the performance of the Contract. Routine or special reviews of contractors shall be conducted by the Contracting Agency or the Director in order to ascertain the extent to which the policy of Mayor's Order No. 85-85, and the requirements in this chapter are being implemented and to furnish information that may be useful to the Director and the Contracting Agency in carrying out their functions under this chapter.

1115.2 A routine compliance review shall consist of a general review of the practices of the contractor to ascertain compliance with the requirements of this chapter, and shall be considered a normal part of contract administration.

1115.3 A special compliance review shall consist of a comprehensive review of the employment practices of the contractor with respect to the requirements of this chapter, and shall be conducted when warranted.

#### 1116 ENFORCEMENT

1116.1 If the contractor does not comply with the equal opportunity clauses in a particular contract, including subsections 1103.2 through 1103.10 of this chapter, that contract may be cancelled in whole or in part, and the contractor may be declared by the Director or the Contracting Officer to be ineligible for further District of Columbia Government Contracts subject to applicable laws and regulations governing debarment.

1116.2 If the contractor meets its goals or if the contractor can demonstrate that it has made every good faith effort to meet those goals, the contractor will be presumed to be in compliance with this chapter, and no formal sanction shall be instituted unless the Director otherwise determines that the contractor is not providing equal employment opportunity.

1116.3 When the Director proceeds with a formal hearing she or he has the burden of proving that the contractor has not met the requirements of this chapter, but the contractor's failure to meet its goals shall shift to it the requirement to come forward with evidence to show that it has met the good faith requirements of this chapter.

1117 COMPLAINTS

1117.1 The Director may initiate investigations of individual instances and patterns of discriminatory conduct, initiate complaints thereupon and keep the Contracting Agency informed of those actions.

1117.2 If the investigation indicates the existence of an apparent violation of the non-discrimination provisions of the contract required under section 1103 of this chapter the matter may be resolved by the methods of conference, conciliation, mediation, or persuasion.

1117.3 If an apparent violation of the non-discrimination provisions of the contract required under section 1103 of this chapter is not resolved by methods of conference, conciliation, mediation, or persuasion, the Director of the Contracting Officer may issue a notice requiring the contractor in question to show cause, within thirty (30) days, why enforcement proceedings or other appropriate action should not be initiated.

1117.4 Any employee of any District of Columbia Government contractor or applicant for employment who believes himself or herself to be aggrieved may, in person or by an authorized representative, file in writing, a complaint of alleged discrimination with the Director.

1118 HEARINGS

1118.1 In the event that a dispute arises between a bidder, offeror or prospective contractor and the Director or the Contracting Officer as to whether the proposed program of affirmative action for providing equal employment opportunity submitted by such bidder, offeror or prospective contractor complies with the requirements of this chapter and cannot be resolved by the methods of conference, conciliation, mediation, or persuasion, the bidder, offeror or prospective contractor in question shall be afforded the opportunity for a hearing before the Director.

1118.2 If a case in which an investigation by the Director or the Contracting Agency has shown the existence of an apparent violation of the non-discrimination provisions of the contract required under section 1103 is not resolved by the methods specified in subsection 1117.2, the Director may issue a notice requiring the contractor in question to show cause, within thirty (30) days, why enforcement proceedings or other appropriate action should not be initiated. The contractor in question shall also be afforded the opportunity for a hearing before the Director.

1118.3 The Director may hold a hearing on any complaint or violation under this chapter, and make determinations based on the facts brought before the hearing.

1118.4 Whenever the Director holds a hearing it is to be held pursuant to the Human Rights Act of 1977, a notice of thirty (30) working days for the hearing shall be given by registered mail, return receipt requested, to the contractor in question. The notice shall include the following:

- (a) A convenient time and place of hearing;
- (b) A statement of the provisions in this chapter or any other laws or regulations pursuant to which the hearing is to be held; and
- (c) A concise statement of the matters to be brought before the hearing.

1118.5 All hearings shall be open to the public and shall be conducted in accordance with rules, regulations, and procedures promulgated pursuant to the Human Rights Act of 1977.

1119 SANCTIONS

- 1119.1 The Director, upon finding that a contractor has failed to comply with the non-discrimination provisions of the contract required under section 1103, or has failed to make a good faith effort to achieve the utilization standards under an approved Affirmative Action Program, may impose sanctions contained in this section in addition to any sanction or remedies as may be imposed or invoked under the Human Rights Act of 1977.
- 1119.2 Sanctions imposed by the Director may include the following:
- (a) Order that the contractor be declared ineligible from consideration for award of District of Columbia Government contracts or subcontracts until such time as the Director may be satisfied that the contractor has established and will maintain equal opportunity policies in compliance with this chapter; and
  - (b) Direct each Contracting Officer administering any existing contract to cancel, terminate, or suspend the contract or any portion thereof, and to deny any extension, modification, or change, unless the contractor provides a program of future compliance satisfactory to the Director.
- 1119.3 Any sanction imposed under this chapter may be rescinded or modified upon reconsideration by the Director.
- 1119.4 An appeal of any sanction imposed by order of the Director under this chapter may be taken pursuant to applicable clauses of the affected contract or provisions of law and regulations governing District of Columbia Government contracts.
- 1120 NOTIFICATIONS
- 1120.1 The Director shall forward in writing notice of his or her findings of any violations of this chapter to the Contracting Officer for appropriate action under the contract.
- 1120.2 Whenever it appears that the holder of or an applicant for a permit, license or franchise issued by any agency or authority of the Government of the District of Columbia is a person determined to be in violation of this chapter the Director may, at any time he or she deems that action the Director may take or may have taken under the authority of this chapter, refer to the proper licensing agency or authority the facts and identities of all persons involved in the violation for such action as the agency or authority, in its judgement, considers appropriate based upon the facts thus disclosed to it.
- 1120.3 The Director may publish, or cause to be published, the names of contractors or unions which have been determined to have complied or have failed to comply with the provisions of the rules in this chapter.
- 1121 DISTRICT ASSISTED PROGRAMS
- 1121.1 Each agency which administers a program involving leasing of District of Columbia Government owned or controlled real property, or the financing of construction under industrial revenue bonds or urban development action grants, shall require as a condition for the approval of any agreement for leasing, bond issuance, or development action grant, that the applicant undertake and agree to incorporate, or cause to be incorporated into all construction contracts relating to or assisted by such agreements, the contract provisions prescribed for District of Columbia Government contracts by section 1103, preserving in substance the contractor's obligation under those provision.
- 1199 DEFINITIONS

1199.1

The following words and phrases set forth in this section, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings ascribed:

**Contract** – any binding legal relationship between the District of Columbia and a contractor for supplies or services, including but not limited to any District of Columbia Government or District of Columbia Government assisted construction or project, lease agreements, Industrial Revenue Bond financing, and Urban Development Action grant, or for the lease of District of Columbia property in which the parties, respectively, do not stand in the relationship of employer and employee.

**Contracting Agency** – any department, agency, or establishment of the District of Columbia which is authorized to enter into contracts.

**Contracting Officer** – any official of a contracting agency who is vested with the authority to execute contracts on behalf of said agency.

**Contractor** – any prime contractor holding a contract with the District of Columbia Government. The term shall also refer to subcontractors when the context so indicates.

**Director** – the Director of the Office of Human Rights, or his or her designee.

**Dispute** – any protest received from a bidder or prospective contractor relating to the effectiveness of his or her proposed program of affirmative action for providing equal opportunity.

**Minority** – Black Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans, Pacific Islander Americans, and Hispanic Americans. In accordance with D.C. Code, Section 1-1142(1) (Supp. 1985).

**Subcontract** – any agreement made or executed by a prime contractor or a subcontractor where a material part of the supplies or services, including construction, covered by an agreement is being obtained for us in the performance of a contract subject to Mayor's Order No. 85-85, and any rules, regulations, and procedures issued pursuant thereto.

**Subcontractor** – any contractor holding a contract with a District prime contractor calling for supplies or services, including construction, required for the performance of a contract subject to Mayor's Order No. 85-85, and any rules, regulations, and procedures promulgated pursuant thereto.