

Los Angeles Administrative Code, Division 10, Chapter 1, Article 1, Sections 10.8-10.13

Sec. 10.8. Mandatory Provisions Pertaining to Non-discrimination in Employment in the Performance of City Contracts.

The City of Los Angeles, in letting and awarding contracts for the provision to it or on its behalf of goods or services of any kind or nature, intends to deal only with those contractors that comply with the non-discrimination and Affirmative Action provisions of the laws of the United States of America, the State of California and the City of Los Angeles. The City and each of its awarding authorities, shall therefore require that any person, firm, corporation, partnership or combination thereof, that contracts with the City for services, materials or supplies, shall not discriminate in any of its hiring or employment practices, shall comply with all provisions pertaining to nondiscrimination in hiring and employment, and shall require Affirmative Action Programs in contracts in accordance with the provisions of this Code. The awarding authority and/or Office of Contract Compliance of the Department of Public Works shall monitor and inspect the activities of each such contractor to determine that they are in compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

Although in accordance with Section 22.359 of this Code, the Board of Public Works, Office of Contract Compliance, is responsible for the administration of the City's Contract Compliance Program, accomplishing the intent of the City in contract compliance and achieving nondiscrimination in contractor employment shall be the continuing responsibility of each awarding authority. Each awarding authority shall use only the rules, regulations and forms provided by the Office of Contract Compliance to monitor, inspect or investigate contractor compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

Each awarding authority shall provide immediate notification upon award of each contract by that awarding authority to the Office of Contract Compliance. Each awarding authority shall call upon the Office of Contract Compliance to review, evaluate and recommend on any contractual dispute or issue of noncompliance under the provisions of this chapter. The Office of Contract Compliance shall be notified by each awarding authority of any imminent announcement to bid, to allow the Office of Contract Compliance the opportunity to participate with the awarding authority in the monitoring, review, evaluation, investigation, audit and enforcement of the provisions of this chapter in accordance with the rules, regulations and forms promulgated to implement the City's Contract Compliance, Equal Employment Opportunity Program.

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Sec. 10.8.1. Definitions.

The following definitions shall apply to the following terms used in this article:

"Awarding Authority" means any Board or Commission of the City of Los Angeles, or any authorized employee or officer of the City of Los Angeles, including the Purchasing Agent of the City of Los Angeles, who makes or enters into any contract or agreement for the provision of any goods or services of any kind or nature whatsoever for or on behalf of the City of Los Angeles.

"Contract" means any agreement, franchise, lease, or concession, including agreements for any occasional professional or technical personal services, for the performance of any work or service, the provision of any materials or supplies, or the rendition of any service to the City of Los Angeles or to the public, which is let, awarded or entered into with, or on behalf of, the City of Los Angeles or any awarding authority thereof.

"Contractor" means any person, firm, corporation, partnership, or any combination thereof, who submits a bid or proposal or enters into a contract with any awarding authority of the City of Los Angeles.

"Domestic partners" means, for purposes of this Article, any two adults, of the same or different sex, who have registered with a governmental entity pursuant to state or local law authorizing this registration or with a internal registry maintained by an employer of at least one of the domestic partners.

"Employment Practices" means any solicitation of, or advertisement for, employees, employment, change in grade or work assignment, assignment or change in place or location of work, layoff, suspension, or termination of employees, rate of pay or other form of compensation including vacation, sick and compensatory time, selection for training, including apprenticeship programs, any and all employee benefits and activities, promotion and upgrading, and any and all actions taken to discipline employees for infractions of work rules or employer requirements.

"Office of Contract Compliance" is that office of the Department of Public Works of the City of Los Angeles created by [Article X of Chapter 13 of Division 22](#) of the Los Angeles Administrative Code.

"Subcontractor" means any person, firm or corporation or partnership, or any combination thereof who enters into a contract with a contractor to perform or provide a portion or part of any contract with the City.

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Sec. 10.8.1.1. Summary of Thresholds.

The following thresholds will be used to determine the non-discrimination and affirmative action requirements set forth in this chapter for each type of contract.

Non-discrimination Practices as outlined in Section 10.8.2 of this Code, apply to all contracts.

Equal Employment Practices as outlined in Section 10.8.3 of this Code, apply to all construction contracts of \$1,000 or more and all non-construction contracts of \$1,000 or more.

Affirmative Action Program as outlined in Sections 10.8.4 and 10.13 of this Code, applies to all Construction Contracts of \$5,000 or more and all non-Construction Contracts of \$100,000 or more.

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Sec. 10.8.2. All Contracts: Non-discrimination Clause.

Notwithstanding any other provision of any ordinance of the City of Los Angeles to the contrary, every contract which is let, awarded or entered into with or on behalf of the City of Los

Angeles, shall contain by insertion therein a provision obligating the contractor in the performance of such contract not to discriminate in his or her employment practices against any employee or applicant for employment because of the applicant's race, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, marital status, domestic partner status, or medical condition. All contractors who enter into such contracts with the City shall include a like provision in all subcontracts awarded for work to be performed under the contract with the City. Failure of the contractor to comply with this requirement or to obtain the compliance of its subcontractors with 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.

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Sec. 10.8.3. Equal Employment Practices Provisions.

Every non-construction contract with or on behalf of the City of Los Angeles for which the consideration is \$1,000 or more, and every construction contract for which the consideration is \$1,000 or more, shall contain the following provisions, which shall be designated as the **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES** provision of such contract:

A. During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees and represents that it will provide equal employment practices and the contractor and each subcontractor hereunder will ensure that in his or her 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 or medical condition.

1. This provision applies to work or service 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 agrees to post a copy of Paragraph A hereof in conspicuous places at its place of business available to employees and applicants for employment.

B. 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 or medical condition.

C. As part of the City's supplier registration process, and/or at the request of the awarding authority, or the Board of Public Works, Office of Contract Compliance, the contractor shall certify in the specified format that he or she has not discriminated in the performance of City contracts against any employee or applicant for employment on the basis or because of race, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, marital status or medical condition.

D. The contractor shall permit access to and may be required to provide certified copies of all of his or her records

pertaining to employment and to employment practices by the awarding authority or the Office of Contract Compliance for the purpose of investigation to ascertain compliance with the Equal Employment Practices provisions of City contracts. On their or either of their request the contractor shall provide evidence that he or she has or will comply therewith.

E. The failure of any contractor to comply with the Equal Employment Practices provisions of this contract may be deemed to be a material breach of City contracts. 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 or penalties assessed except upon a full and fair hearing after notice and an opportunity to be heard has been given to the contractor.

F. Upon a finding duly made that the contractor has failed to comply with the Equal Employment Practices 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 failure to comply 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 Charter of the City of Los Angeles. In the event of such a 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 the contractor shall establish and carry out a program in conformance with the provisions hereof.

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

H. The Board of Public Works shall promulgate rules and regulations through the Office of Contract Compliance, and provide necessary forms and required language to the awarding authorities to be included in City Request for Bids or Request for Proposal packages or in supplier registration requirements for the implementation of the Equal Employment Practices provisions of this contract, and such 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 the contract compliance program.

I. Nothing contained in this contract shall be construed in any manner so as to require or permit any act which is prohibited by law.

J. At the time a supplier registers to do business with the City, or when an individual bid or proposal is submitted, the contractor shall agree to adhere to the Equal Employment Practices specified herein during the performance or conduct of City Contracts.

K. Equal Employment Practices shall, without limitation as to the subject or nature of employment activity, be concerned with such employment practices as:

1. Hiring practices;
2. Apprenticeships where such approved programs are functioning, and other on-the-job training for non-apprenticeable occupations;
3. Training and promotional opportunities; and

4. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities.

L. 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.

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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:

A. 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 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.

B. 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 or medical condition.

C. 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 or medical condition.

D. 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.

E. 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.

F. Upon a finding duly made that the contractor has breached the Affirmative Action Program provisions of a City contract, the contract may be forthwith cancelled, 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.

G. 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.

H. 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.

I. 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.

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

K. 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.

L. 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.

M. 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.

N. 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.

O. 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.

P. 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.

Q. 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.

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