

Title VI / Non-Discrimination Policy Statement

The _____ assures the Florida Department of Transportation that no person shall on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, family or religious status, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 and the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992 be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination or retaliation under any program or activity.

The _____ further agrees to the following responsibilities with respect to its programs and activities:

1. Designate a Title VI Liaison that has a responsible position within the organization and access to the subrecipient's Chief Executive Officer.
2. Issue a policy statement signed by the Chief Executive Officer, which expresses its commitment to the nondiscrimination provisions of Title VI. The policy statement shall be circulated throughout the subrecipient's organization and to the general public. Such information shall be published where appropriate in languages other than English.
3. Insert the clauses of Appendix A of this agreement in every contract subject to the Acts and Regulations.
4. Develop a complaint process and attempt to resolve complaints of discrimination against subrecipients. Complaints against the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) shall immediately be forward to the FDOT District Title VI Coordinator.
5. Participate in training offered on Title VI and other nondiscrimination requirements.
6. If reviewed by FDOT or the United States Department of Transportation, take affirmative action to correct any deficiencies found within a reasonable time period, not to exceed ninety (90) calendar days.
7. Have a process to collect racial and ethnic data on persons impacted by the subrecipient's programs.

This assurance is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all federal funds, grants, loans, contracts, properties, discounts or other federal financial assistance under all programs and activities and is binding. The person whose signature appears below is authorized to sign this assurance on behalf of the subrecipient.

Signature of Presiding Officer for the MPO/TPO **Date of Signature**

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Utilization

It is the policy of the _____ that disadvantaged businesses, as defined by 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26, shall have an opportunity to participate in the performance of _____ contracts in a nondiscriminatory environment. The objects of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program are to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of contracts, ensure firms fully meet eligibility standards, help remove barrier to participation, create a level playing field, assist in development of a firm so it can compete successfully outside of the program, provide flexibility, and ensure narrow tailoring of the program. The _____, and its consultants shall take all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that disadvantaged businesses have an opportunity to compete for and perform the work of the _____ in a non-discriminatory environment. The _____ shall require its consultants to not discriminate on the bases of race, color, national origin, sex, age handicap/disability, or income status in the award and performance of its contracts. This policy covers in part the applicable federal regulations and the applicable statutory references contained therein for the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Plan, Chapters 337 and 339, Florida Statutes, and Rule Chapter 14-78, Florida Administrative Code.

Signature of Presiding Officer for the MPO/TPO

Date of Signature