

**THE CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**  
**ANTI-DISCRIMINATION AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM**

- I. The requirements hereinafter set forth apply to construction contracts which involve an expenditure by the City of \$50,000 or more.
- II. For purposes of this contract "minority" refers to Asian Americans, Black, Hispanics American Indians and Cape Verdeans. The City refers to the- City of Newton
- III. During the performance of this contract the Contractor and all of (his) Subcontractors (hereinafter collectively referred to as the Contractor) , for himself, his assignees, and successors in interest, agree as follows:

In connection with the performance of work under this contract, the Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religious creed, national origin, age or sex. The aforesaid provision shall include, but not be limited to, the following: layoff; termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; conditions or privileges of employment; and the selection of apprenticeship. The Contractor shall post hereafter in conspicuous places, available for employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the City setting forth the provisions of the Fair Employment Practices Law of the Commonwealth (MGL Chapter 151 B) . (See Attachment A)

2. In connection with the performance of work under this contract, the Contractor shall undertake in good faith, affirmative action measures designed to eliminate any discriminatory barriers in the terms and conditions of employment on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, national origin, age or sex, and to eliminate and remedy any effects of such discrimination -in the past. Such affirmative action shall. entail positive and aggressive measures to ensure equal employment: opportunity in the areas of hiring, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment, Layoff or termination, rate of compensation, and in-service or apprenticeship training programs. This affirmative action shall. include all action required to guarantee equal employment opportunity for all persons, regardless of race, color, religious creed, national origin, age or sex. A purpose of- this provision is to ensure to the fullest extent possible an adequate supply of skilled tradesmen for this and future City public construction projects
1. As part of this obligation of remedial action under the foregoing section, the contractor shall maintain on this project a not less than 5 percent ratio of minority employee man hours to total man hours in each job category, including, but not limited to, bricklayers, carpenters, cement masons, electricians, ironworkers, operating engineers, and those "classes of work" enumerated in Section 44C of Chapter 149 of the Massachusetts General Laws.
  2. In the hiring of minority journeymen, apprentices, trainees and advanced trainees, the Contractor shall rely on referrals, from the Contractor's affirmative action program approved by the City, traditional referral methods utilized by the construction industry, and referrals from agencies, not more than three in number at any one time, designated by the Liaison Committee or the City.

1. At the discretion of the City, there maybe established for the life of this contract a body to be known as the Liaison Committee, The Liaison Committee shall be composed of the Compliance Officer and one representative each from the Departments administering this project, hereinafter called the administering Departments, and such other representatives as may be designated by the City.
2. The Contractor (or, his/her agent, if any, designated by him/her as the onsite equal employment opportunity officer) shall recognize the Liaison Committee as the affirmative action body, and shall establish a continuing working relationship with the Liaison Committee on all matters related to minority recruitment, referral, employment and training.
3. The Contractor shall prepare manning tables on a quarterly basis.\* These shall be broken down into projections, by week, for workers required in each trade. Copies shall be furnished one week in advance of the initiation of work and quarterly thereafter to the City and to the Liaison Committee.
4. Records of employment referral orders, prepared by the Contractor, shall be made available to the City and to the Liaison Committee on request.
5. The contractor shall prepare weekly reports in a form approved by the City of hours worked in each trade by each employee, identified as minority or non-minority. Copies of these reports shall be provided at the end of each week to the City and to the Liaison Committee.

\* If job is less than three months, prepare for length of job.

- VI. If the Contractor shall use any sub contractor on any work performed under this contract, he/she shall take affirmative action to negotiate with qualified minority subcontractors. This affirmative action shall cover both pre-bid and post-bid periods. It shall include notification to the State Office of: *Minority Business Assistance* or As designee, while bids are in preparation, of all products, work or services for which the Contractor intends to negotiate bids.
  - VII. In the employment of journeyman, apprentices, trainees, and advanced trainees, the Contractor shall give preference to citizens of the Commonwealth who have served in the armed forces of the United States in time of war and have been honorably discharged there from or released from active duty therein, and who are qualified to perform the work to which the employment relates, and, secondly to citizens of the Commonwealth generally, and, if such cannot be obtained in sufficient numbers, then to citizens of the United States
  - VIII. A designee of the City and a designee of the Liaison Committee shall each have the right of access no the Construction site,
  - IX. **Compliance with Requirements**  
The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 151 B of the Massachusetts General Laws, which are herein incorporated by reference and made as amended by Executive Order 227, and of Chapter 151B as amended, of the Massachusetts General Laws, both of which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.
  - X. **Non-Discrimination**  
The Contractor, in the performance of all work after award, and prior to completion of the contract work, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, religious creed,
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national origin, age or sex in employment practices, in the selection or retention of sub-contractors, or in the procurement of materials and rentals of equipment.

XI. **Solicitations for sub-Contracts and for the Procurement of Materials and Equipment**

In all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by the Contractor either for work to be performed under a subcontract or for the procurement of materials or equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified in writing by the Contractor of the Contractor's obligations under his contract relative to non-discrimination and affirmative action.

XII. **Bidders Certification Requirement**

1. The following certification statement will be inserted in the bid document just above the bidder's signature.

"The bidder hereby certifies he shall comply with the minority manpower ratio and specific action steps contained in the City of Newton, Massachusetts Supplemental Equal Employment-- Opportunity Anti-Discrimination and Affirmative Action Program. The Contractor receiving the award of the contract shall be required to obtain from each of its subcontractors and submit to the contracting or, administering agency prior to the performance of any work under said contract a certification by said subcontractor, regardless of tier, that it will comply with the minority manpower ratio and specific affirmative action steps contained in the City of Newton Massachusetts Supplemental Equal Employment Opportunity Anti -Discrimination and Affirmative Action Program.

XIII. **Contractor's Certification**

A Contractor's certification form must be signed by all successful low bidders prior to award by the City. A Contractor shall not be eligible for award of a contract unless the contractor has executed and submitted the Contractor's Certification, which shall be deemed a part of the resulting contract. (See Attachment B)

XIV. **Subcontractor's Certification**

Prior to the award of any subcontract, regardless of tier, the prospective subcontractor must execute and submit: to the Prime Contractor a subcontractor's certification setting forth the subcontractor's compliance with this program, which shall be deemed a part of the resulting subcontract. (See Attachment C)

XV. **Compliance - Information, Reports and Sanctions**

1. The Contractor will provide all information and reports required by the administering department or, the City on instruction issued by either of them and will permit access to its facilities and any books, records, accounts and other sources of information which

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may be determined by the City to affect the employment of personnel. This provision shall apply only to information pertinent to the City's supplementary affirmative action contract requirements. Where information required is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, the Contractor shall so certify to the administering department or the City as appropriate and shall set forth what efforts he/she has made to obtain the information.

2. Whenever the administering department, the City, or the Liaison Committee believes the General Contractor or any Subcontractor may not-, be operating in compliance with the terms of this Section, the City directly, or through its designated agent, shall conduct: an appropriate investigation, and may confer with the parties, to determine if such Contractor is operating in compliance with the terms of this Section. If the City or its agent finds the General Contractor or any Subcontractor not in compliance, it shall make a preliminary report on non-compliance, and notify such Contractor in writing of such steps as will in the judgment of the City or its agent bring such Contractor into compliance. In the event, that such Contractor fails or refuses to fully perform such steps, the City shall make a final report of non-compliance, and recommend to the administering department the imposition of one or more of the sanctions listed below. If, however, the City believes the General Contractor or any Subcontractor has taken or is taking every possible measure to achieve compliance, it shall not make a final report of non-compliance, within fourteen days at the receipt of the recommendations of the City, the administering department shall move to impose one or more of the following sanctions, as it may deem appropriate to attain full and effective enforcement:

- (a) The recovery by the administering department from the General Contractor of 1/100 of!! of the contract award price or \$1000 whichever sum is greater, in the nature of liquidated damages or if a Subcontractor is in non-compliance, the recovery by the administering department from the General Contractor, to be assessed by the General Contractor as a back charge against the Subcontractor, of 1/10 of 1% of the sub-contract price, or \$400 whichever sum is greater, in the nature of liquidated damages, for each week that such party fails or refuses to comply
- (b) The suspension of *any* payment of part thereof due under the contract until such time as the General Contractor or any Subcontractor is able to demonstrate his compliance with the terms of the contract;
- (c) The termination, or cancellation, of the contract, in whole or in part, unless the General Contractor or any Subcontractor is able to demonstrate within a specified time his/her compliance with the terms of the City's affirmative action construction contract requirements; OR,
- (d) The denial to the General Contractor or any Subcontractor of the right to participate in any future contracts awarded by the administering department for a
- (e) Period of up to three years.

3. If at any time after the imposition of one or more of the above sanctions (unless the contract, has been terminated), a Contractor is able to demonstrate that he/she is in compliance with this section, he/she may request the City to suspend the sanctions conditionally pending a final determination by the City as to whether the Contractor is in
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compliance. Upon final determination of the City, the administrating department, based upon the recommendation of the City, shall either lift the sanctions or continue them.

4. Sanctions enumerated under Section XV shall not be imposed by the City except after the General Contractor or Subcontractor has had an opportunity for full and fair hearing with City. The non-compliance investigation shall be initiated without prior notice to the contractor. Any sanctions to be imposed shall be, set forth fully and completely in writing, and may then be appealed to t-he City in writing by the Contractor.

.XIV. **Severability**

The provisions of this section are severable, and if any of these provisions shall be held unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of such court. shall not, affect or impair any of the remaining provisions.

# FAIR EMPLOYMENT LAW

The Fair Employment Law declares that it is illegal to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, ancestry or disability

## IT IS UNLAWFUL:

- to print or circulate any advertisement or use any application form which directly or indirectly specifies any limitation on the basis of race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, ancestry or disability.
- to discharge or refuse to hire any individual on file basis of their race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, ancestry, or disability.
- to discriminate against any individual in matters relating to compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because of their race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, ancestry or disability.
- to require a woman to leave her job at some arbitrary stage in her pregnancy or to refuse to let her return to work until a specified time set by the employer.
- to grant a female employee at least eight weeks leave for purposes of childbirth or to treat her absence differently than any other absence due to disability.
- to require an employee to remain at work during any day or part thereof that s/he observes as a religious holiday provided that the employee gives a ten-day notice and the absence does not cause undue hardship to the employer.
- to discharge or refuse to hire any person because of their failure to furnish information concerning admission to a center for the treatment of mentally ill persons.
- to discriminate against a job applicant for failure to furnish information, written or oral, concerning- A) an arrest, detention or disposition regarding a violation of law in which no conviction resulted; B) a first conviction for any of the following misdemeanors: driving under the influence, simple assault, speeding, minor traffic violations, disturbance of the peace; or C) conviction for a misdemeanor where the date of the conviction or end of period of incarceration, if any, occurred more than five years prior to the employment application, and the applicant has not been convicted of any offense within the five years immediately before the date of application.

## RETALIATION

It is illegal to retaliate against any person because s/he has opposed any practices forbidden under this Chapter or because s/he has filed a complaint, testified, or assisted in any proceeding before the Commission. It is also illegal to aid, abet, incite, compel or coerce the doings of any of the acts forbidden under this Chapter or to attempt to do so.

## SEXUAL HARASSMENT

**151B:1,18** The term "sexual harassment" shall mean sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when (a) submission to or rejection of such advances, requests or conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of employment, or as a basis for employment decisions; (b) such advances, requests or conduct have the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance by creating an intimidating, hostile, humiliating or sexually offensive work environment.

## COMPLAINTS

All complaints must be filed in writing. Information on the filing of complaints can be obtained by contacting the MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION at the following locations:

Boston office:  
One Ashburton Place  
Room 601  
Boston, MA 02108  
(617) 727-3990

Springfield office:  
436 Dwight Street  
Suite 315  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413) 739-2145

**Attachment B**  
**CITY OF NEWTON**  
**Contractors Certification**

A Contractor will not be eligible for award of a contract, unless such contractor has submitted the following certification, which is deemed a part of the resulting contract.

CONTRACTOR'S CERTIFICATION

\_\_\_\_\_ Certifies that:

Contractor's Name

1. it tends to use the following listed construction trades in the work under the contract

\_\_\_\_\_ and

2. will comply with the minority manpower ration and specific affirmative action steps contained herein; and
3. will obtain from each of its subcontractors and submit to the contracting or administering agency prior to the award of any subcontract under this contract the subcontractor certification required by these bid conditions.

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(Signature of authorized representative of Contractor)

Any contract for the provision of goods or services to the City of Newton or any of its departments is subject to the ordinance creating the Human Rights Commission, as it may be amended from Time to Time. Any complaints within the purview shall be forwarded immediately to the contracting agency, and a copy shall be sent to the Human Rights Commission; any complaints received by the contracting agency shall be forwarded to the contractor, and a copy shall be sent to the Human Rights Commission.

**Attachment C**

**CITY OF NEWTON**

**Subcontractors Certification**

Prior to the award of any subcontract, regardless of tier, the prospective subcontractor must execute and submit to the Prime Contractor the following certification, which will be deemed a part of the resulting subcontractor.

SUBCONTRACTOR`S CERTIFICATION

\_\_\_\_\_ Certifies that:

Contractor's Name

1. it tends to use the following listed construction trades in the work under the contract

\_\_\_\_\_ and

2. will comply with the minority manpower ration and specific affirmative action steps contained herein; and
3. will obtain from each of its subcontractors and submit to the contracting or administering agency prior to the award of any subcontract under this contract the subcontractor certification required by these bid conditions.

Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 62C, Sec. 49A, I certify under the penalties of perjury that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, I am in compliance with all laws of the Commonwealth relating to taxes, reporting of employees and contractors, and withholding and remitting child support.

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(Signature of authorized representative of Contractor)

In order to ensure that the said subcontractor`s certification becomes part of all subcontracts under the prime contract, no subcontract shall be executed until an authorizee representative of the Administrative Agency administering this project has determined in writing, that the said certification has been incorporated in such subcontract, regardless of tier. Any subcontract executed without such written approval shall be void.

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