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(a) *Act* means the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976 (Pub. L. No. 94-210).

(b) *Administrator* means the Federal Railroad Administrator or his delegate.

(c) *Affirmative action program* means the program described in § 265.9 through § 265.15 of this part.

(d) *Agency* means the Federal Railroad Administration.

(e) *Applicant* means persons applying for financial assistance under any of the Rail Acts.

(f) *Contractor* means a prime contractor or a subcontractor who will be paid in whole or in part directly or indirectly from financial assistance provided under the Rail Acts.

(g) [Reserved]

(h) *Includes* means includes but not limited to.

(i) *Minority* means women, Blacks, Hispanic Americans, American Indians, American Eskimos, American Orientals and American Aleuts.

(j) *MBE* means a business concern which is owned and controlled by a minority. For the purpose of this part, *owned and controlled* means a business:

(1) Which is at least 51 per centum owned by one or more minority individuals; or, in the case of a publicly owned business, at least 51 per centum of the stock of which is owned by one or more minority individuals; and

(2) Whose management and daily operations are controlled by one or more such individuals.

(k) *MBE Resource Center* means the Minority Resource Center established in the Department of Transportation pursuant to section 906 of the Act.

(l) *Rail Acts* means the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976, the Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973, as amended (45 U.S.C. 701 *et seq.*) and the Rail Passenger Service Act, as amended (45 U.S.C. 501 *et seq.*).

(m) *Recipient* means a person who receives financial assistance under any of the Rail Acts except under section 602 of the Rail Passenger Service Act, as amended (45 U.S.C. 501 *et seq.*).

(n) *Underutilization* means the condition of having fewer minority employees in a particular job group or fewer awards of contracts to MBEs than

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would reasonably be expected by their availability for such jobs or awards.

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Subpart B—Requirements

§ 265.7 Nondiscrimination clauses.

(a) Each agreement for financial assistance made under any provision of the Rail Acts shall include, or in the case of agreements made prior to the effective date of this part, shall be amended to include, the following clauses:

(1) As a condition to receiving Federal financial assistance under the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976 (“Act”), or the provisions of the Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973, as amended (45 U.S.C. 701 *et seq.*), or the Rail Passenger Service Act of 1970, as amended (45 U.S.C. 501 *et seq.*) amended by the Act (collectively called, together with the Act, the “Rail Acts”), the recipient hereby agrees to observe and comply with the following:

(i) No person in the United States shall on the ground of race, color, national origin or sex be excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under, any project, program, or activity funded in whole or in part through such assistance.

(2) The following specific discriminatory actions are prohibited:

(i) A recipient under any project, program or activity to which these clauses apply shall not, directly or through contractual or other arrangements, on the ground of race, color, national origin, or sex:

(A) Deny a person any service, financial aid, or other benefit provided under such project, program or activity;

(B) Provide any service, financial aid, or other benefit to a person which is different, or is provided in a different manner, from that provided to others under such project, program or activity;

(C) Subject a person to segregation or separate treatment in any matter related to his receipt of any service, financial aid or other benefit under such project, program or activity;

(D) Restrict a person in any way in the enjoyment of any advantage or privilege enjoyed by others receiving any service, financial aid or other benefit under such project, program or activity; or

(E) Deny a person an opportunity to participate in such project, program or activity through the provision of services or otherwise or afford him an opportunity to do so which is different from that afforded others under such project, program or activity.

(ii) A recipient, in determining the types of services, financial aid, or other benefits, or facilities which will be provided under any such project, program or activity or the class of persons to whom, or the situations in which such services, financial aid, other benefits, or facilities will be provided under any such project, program or activity, or the class of persons to be afforded an opportunity to participate in any such project, program or activity shall not, directly or through contractual or other arrangements, utilize criteria or methods of administration which have the effect of subjecting persons to discrimination because of their race, color, national origin, or sex, or have the effect of defeating or substantially impairing accomplishment of the objectives of the project, program or activity, with respect to individuals of a particular race, color, national origin or sex.

(iii) In determining the site or location of facilities, a recipient shall not make selections with the purpose or effect of excluding persons from, denying them the benefits of, or subjecting them to discrimination under any project, program or activity to which these clauses apply on the grounds of race, color, national origin or sex, or with the purpose or effect of defeating or substantially impairing the accomplishment of the objectives of these clauses.

(iv) The recipient shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, national origin or sex. Except as otherwise required by the regulations or orders of the Administrator, the recipient shall take affirmative action to insure that applicants for employment are employed, and that employees are

treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, national origin or sex. Such action shall include but not be limited to the following: Employment, promotion, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The recipient agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the agency's representative setting forth the provisions of these non-discrimination clauses. The recipient understands and agrees that it shall not be an excuse for the recipient's failure to provide affirmative action that the labor organizations with which the recipient has a collective bargaining agreement failed or refused to admit or qualify minorities for admission to the union, or that the provisions of such agreements otherwise prevent recipient from implementing its affirmative action program.

(v) The recipient shall not discriminate against any business organization in the award of any contract because of race, color, national origin or sex of its employees, managers or owners. Except as otherwise required by the regulations or orders of the Administrator, the recipient shall take affirmative action to insure that business organizations are permitted to compete and are considered for awards of contracts without regard to race, color, national origin or sex.

(3) As used in these clauses, the services, financial aid, or other benefits provided under a project, program, or activity receiving financial assistance under the Rail Acts include any service, financial aid, or other benefit provided in or through a facility funded through financial assistance provided under the Rail Acts.

(4) The enumeration of specific forms of prohibited discrimination does not limit the generality of the prohibition in paragraph (a)(1)(i) of this section.

(5) These clauses do not prohibit the consideration of race, color, national origin or sex if the purpose and effect are to remove or overcome the consequences of practices or impediments

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which have restricted the availability of, or participation in, recipient's operations or activities on the grounds of race, color, national origin or sex. Where prior discriminatory or other practice or usage tends, on the grounds of race, color, national origin or sex, to exclude individuals or businesses from participation in, to deny them the benefits of, or to subject them to discrimination under any project, program or activity to which these clauses apply, the recipient must take affirmative action to remove or overcome the effects of the prior discriminatory practice or usage. Even in the absence of prior discriminatory practice or usage to which this part applies, the recipient is expected to take affirmative action to insure that no person is excluded from participation in or denied the benefits of the project, program or activity on the grounds of race, color, national origin or sex, and that minorities and MBEs are afforded a reasonable opportunity to participate in employment and procurement opportunities that will result from financial assistance provided under the Rail Acts.

(6) The recipient agrees to take such actions as are necessary to monitor its activities and those of its contractors who will be paid in whole or in part with funds provided by the Rail Acts, or from obligations guaranteed by the Administrator pursuant to the Rail Acts, except obligations guaranteed under section 602 of the Rail Passenger Service Act, in order to carry out affirmatively the purposes of paragraph (a)(1) of this section, and to implement the affirmative action program developed and implemented pursuant to 49 CFR part 265.

(7) The recipient shall, in all advertisements for employees, or solicitations for services or materials from business organizations placed by or on behalf of the recipient, in connection with any project, program or activity funded in whole or in part with financial assistance under the Rail Acts, state that all applicants for employment will receive consideration for employment, and all business organizations will receive consideration for an award of a contract, without regard to race, color, national origin or sex.

(8) The recipient shall send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding a notice to be provided by the agency's representative, advising the labor organization or workers' representative of the recipient's commitments under section 905 of the Act, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(9) The recipient shall comply with all provisions of section 905 of the Act, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, any other Federal civil rights act, and with the rules, regulations, and orders issued under such acts.

(10) The recipient shall furnish all information and reports required by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Administrator, and will permit access to its books, records, and accounts by the Administrator for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with rules, regulations, and orders referred to in paragraph (a)(9) of this section.

(11) Recipient shall furnish such relevant procurement information, not included in its affirmative action program as may be requested by the MBE Resource Center. Upon the request of the recipient, the Center shall keep such information confidential to the extent necessary to protect commercial or financial information or trade secrets to the extent permitted by law.

(12) In the event of the recipient's noncompliance with the non-discrimination clauses of this agreement, or with the provisions of section 905 of the Act, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, or with any other Federal civil rights act, or with any rules, regulations, or orders issued under such acts, this contract will, after notice of such noncompliance, and after affording a reasonable opportunity for compliance, be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the recipient may be declared ineligible for further Federal financial assistance in accordance with procedures authorized in section 905 of the Act, or as otherwise provided by law.

(13) The recipient shall not enter into any contract or contract modification

whether for the furnishing of supplies or services or for the use of real or personal property, including lease arrangements, or for construction, in connection with a project, program or activity which receives financial assistance under the Rail Acts with a contractor debarred from or who has not demonstrated eligibility for Federal or federally assisted contracts, and will carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of this part as may be imposed upon contractors and subcontractors by the Administrator or any other authorized Federal official. The recipient shall insure that the clauses required by 41 CFR 60-1.46 implementing Executive Order 11246 will be placed in each non-exempt federally assisted construction contract.

(14) The recipient agrees to comply with and implement the written affirmative action program as approved by the Administrator pursuant to § 265.17 of title 49 CFR.

(15) The recipient agrees to notify the Administrator promptly of any law suit or complaint filed against the recipient alleging discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex.

(16) The recipient shall include the preceding provisions of paragraphs (a) (1) through (15) of this section in every contract or purchase order, whether for the furnishing of supplies or services or for the use of real or personal property, including lease arrangements, or for construction relating to projects, programs or activities financed in whole or in part under the Rail Acts. The recipient shall cause each such contractor or vendor to include the provisions of paragraphs (a) (1) through (15) of this section in every subcontract. The recipient will take such action with respect to any such contract or purchase order as the Administrator may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance; provided, however, that in the event the recipient becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a contractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the Administrator, the recipient may request the United States to enter into such litigation.

§ 265.9 Affirmative action program—General.

Recipients of financial assistance under the Rail Acts and their contractors, as specified herein, shall develop and maintain an affirmative action program to insure that persons and businesses are not discriminated against because of race, color, national origin or sex in programs, projects and activities financed in whole or in part through financial assistance provided under the Rail Acts, and that minorities and MBEs receive a fair proportion of employment and contractual opportunities which will result from such programs, projects and activities.

§ 265.11 Submission of affirmative action program.

(a) Each application for financial assistance under any of the Rail Acts shall, as a condition to its approval and the extension of any financial assistance pursuant to the application, contain or be accompanied by two copies of a written affirmative action program for review by and approval of the Administrator. Recipients that have already entered into an agreement or other arrangement providing for such assistance shall, within 60 days after the effective date of this part, develop and submit to the Administrator two copies of a written affirmative action program for review by and approval of the Administrator and thereafter maintain such program.

(b)(1) Beginning 30 days after the effective date of this part, and until 120 days after such date, each recipient shall require any contractor, as a condition to an award of a contract, for \$50,000 or more for services or products on a project receiving federal financial assistance under a program covered by section 905 of the Act:

(i) To furnish to the recipient a written assurance that it will, within 90 days after the date of the award, develop and maintain a written affirmative action program meeting the requirements of this part for the project, program or activity covered by the contract,

(ii) To require each of its subcontractors receiving an award of a subcontract for \$50,000 or more within 120 days after the effective date of this