

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Section I. This EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CLAUSE is required by the Illinois Human Rights Act and the Rules and Regulations of the Illinois Department of Human Rights published at 44 Illinois Administrative Code Section 750, et seq.

Section II. In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with any provision of this Equal Employment Opportunity Clause, the Illinois Human Right Act, or the Rules and Regulations for Public Contracts of the Department of Human Rights (hereinafter referred to as the Department) the Contractor may be declared non-responsible and therefore ineligible for future contracts or subcontracts with the State of Illinois or any of its political subdivisions or municipal corporations, and this agreement may be canceled or avoided in whole or in part, and such other sanctions or penalties may be imposed or remedies involved as provided by statute or regulation.

During the performance of this Agreement, the Contractor agrees:

A. That it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin or ancestry; and further that it will examine all job classifications to determine if minority persons or women are underutilized and will take appropriate affirmative action to rectify any such underutilization.

B. That, if it hires additional employees in order to perform this Agreement, or any portion hereof, it will determine the availability (in accordance with the Department's Rules and Regulations for Public Contracts) of minorities and women in the area(s) from which it may reasonably recruit and it will hire for each job classification for which employees are hired in such a way that minorities and women are not underutilized.

C. That, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by it or on its behalf, it will state that all applicants will be afforded equal opportunity without discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, marital status, national origin or ancestry, age, or physical or mental handicap unrelated to ability, or an unfavorable discharge from military service.

D. That it will send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which it has or is bound by a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, a notice advising such labor organization or representative of the Contractor's obligations under the Illinois Human Rights Act and Department's Rules and Regulations for Public Contract.

E. That it will submit reports as required by the Department's Rules and Regulations for Public Contracts, furnish all relevant information as may from time to time be requested by the Department or the contracting agency, and in all respects comply with the Illinois Human Rights Act and Department's Rules and Regulations for Public Contracts.

F. That it will permit access to all relevant books, records, accounts and work sites by personnel of the contracting agency and Department for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with the Illinois Human Rights Act and Department's Rules and Regulations for Public Contracts.

G. That it will include verbatim or by reference the provisions of this Equal Employment Opportunity Clause in every subcontract it awards under which any portion of this Agreement obligations are undertaken or assumed, so that such provisions will be binding upon such subcontractor. In the same manner as the other provisions of this Agreement, the Contractor will be liable for compliance with applicable provisions of this clause by such subcontractors; and further it will promptly notify the contracting agency and the Department in the event any subcontractor fails or refuses to comply therewith. In addition, the Contractor will not utilize any subcontractor declared by the Illinois Human Rights Department to be ineligible for contracts or subcontracts with the State of Illinois or any of its political subdivisions or municipal corporations.

Section III. For the purposes of subsection G of Section II, "subcontract" means any agreement, arrangement or understanding, written or otherwise, between the Contractor and any person under which any portion of the Contractor's obligations under one or more public contracts is performed, undertaken or assumed; the term "subcontract", however, shall not include any agreement, arrangement or understanding in which the parties stand in the relationship of an employer and an employee, or between a Contractor or other organization and its customers.

ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED TO:

BY: _____

ATTEST: _____

DATE: _____