

NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES

YOUR RIGHTS UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS

State of Hawaii Employment Laws

DISABILITY COMPENSATION LAW

Workers' Compensation - You have the right to receive workers' compensation benefits and medical care if you suffer a work related injury. You must report the date, time and circumstance of your injury immediately to your employer or supervisor. Give the name of the insurer to your doctor so that your doctor will know where to send the physician's report. If your employer does not file a report of injury, you may file a written claim with the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations ("Department") Disability Compensation Division. You do not pay for the premium cost; your employer pays the entire amount.

You are entitled to all required medical, surgical and hospital services and supplies including medication; weekly benefits from the fourth day of disability to replace wage loss, representing 66 2/3% of your average weekly wage but not more than the maximum weekly benefit amount annually set by the Department; additional benefits if the injury results in permanent disability or disfigurement; vocational rehabilitation, if appropriate; funeral and burial expenses if the work injury results in death; and additional weekly benefits to the surviving spouse and other dependents.

Temporary Disability Insurance - You have the right to file a claim for temporary disability insurance benefits within 90 days from the date of disability if you suffer a disabling non-work-related injury/illness, organ donation, or inability to work because of your pregnancy. Your employer or insurance carrier should furnish you with a TDI-45 claim form or some other authorized claim form. You may receive TDI benefits if your inability to work is properly certified by a physician. Generally, you must have worked for an employer in Hawaii at least two weeks prior to your disability. During the last 52 weeks, you must have worked for at least 14 weeks; been paid for at least 20 hours per week; and earned at least \$400.

After a 7 consecutive day waiting period, you will be paid 58% of your average weekly wage, not to exceed the maximum in the TDI law. Your employer may have an "equivalent" plan approved by the Department, which may provide different benefits. You should ask your employer for details if they have an "equivalent" plan.

You may be required by your employer to share in the premium cost. Your share cannot be more than one-half of the cost and should not exceed 5% of your weekly wages. Your employer pays the remaining portion exceeding the prescribed limitation. If you are not eligible for benefits (see second paragraph above), your employer cannot deduct any contributions from you to share in the premium cost.

Prepaid Health Care - You have the right to enroll in your employer's prepaid health care insurance plan during 4 consecutive weeks of employment where you have worked at least 20 hours each week. The health care plan must be approved by the Department and include insurance coverage for hospital, surgical, medical, diagnostic and maternity medical care. You should claim benefits under this program if a non work-related injury or illness requires medical care. Give your doctor or hospital the name of your employer's health care contractor and the plan name.

If you are required to share in the premium cost for your coverage, your share cannot be more than 1.5% of your monthly wages or one-half the premium cost (whichever is less). Your employer pays the balance.

WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION LAW

You have the right to blow the whistle on any adverse employment action, such as termination or discrimination, regarding your employment conditions because you reported or were about to report to a government agency or your employer, verbally or in writing, a violation or a suspected violation of a law or a contract executed by the government.

You have the right to not suffer from any adverse employment action because you participated in an investigation, hearing or inquiry conducted by a government agency or court of law. If you believe your employer has violated this law, you may file a lawsuit in state court within 2 years after the occurrence of the alleged violation.

WAGE AND HOUR LAWS

Minimum Wage - As of October 1, 2022, you have the right to receive a minimum wage of at least \$12 an hour. Under certain conditions, "tipped employees" may be paid less per hour.

Overtime - You have the right to be paid overtime at least one and one-half times your regular rate for all hours worked in excess of 40 in a workweek. The law also requires employers to maintain payroll records for at least 6 years

The Hawaii Wage and Hour Law exempts certain types of employment from minimum wage and overtime, such as outside salespersons and employees in an executive, administrative, supervisory, or professional capacity.

Payment of Wages - You have the right to be paid at least twice monthly on regular paydays designated in advance in cash, by checks convertible into cash, or within certain requirements, by direct deposit into the employee's account at a federally insured depository institution or pay card; within 7 days after the end of each pay period, paid wages in full at the time of discharge or no later than the next working day; or paid no later than the next regular payday if you quit or resign. However, if you give your employer one pay period's notice of your intention to quit, you must be paid on your last day of employment.

Notification Requirements - You have the right to be notified in writing at the time of hire of your rate of pay and the paydays. Any changes in pay arrangements prior to the time of such changes, and of any policies with regard to vacation, sick, or holiday pay must be made in writing or through a posted notice. You must also be furnished with a pay statement on payday showing gross wages, amount and purpose of each deduction, net pay, date of payment and pay period covered. If your employer requires that you give advance notice of quitting and you are terminated after giving that notice, your employer is liable for the wages you would have earned up to the last day you intended to work, unless you were terminated for cause.

Withholding of Wages - You have the right to ensure that there are no wrongful withholdings of your wages. Your employer may not collect, deduct or obtain authorization to deduct for:

- Fines (For example - an amount you must pay to your employer for being tardy)
- Cash shortages in a common cash register or cash box used by two or more people, or in a cash register or cash box under your sole control unless given an opportunity to account for all monies received at the start of a shift and all monies turned in at the end of a shift.
- Penalties or replacement costs for breakage
- Losses due to your acceptance of checks which are later dishonored if the employer has authorized you to accept checks.
- Losses due to faulty workmanship, lost or stolen property, damage to property, or default of customer credit or nonpayment for goods or services received by customers, as long as those losses are not due to your willful or intentional disregard of the employer's interest. Your employer may not require you to pay a job application processing fee. Your employer may deduct state and federal withholding taxes, amounts specified by court orders and amounts you authorized in writing.

Collection of Unpaid Wages - You have the right to file a complaint for unpaid wages with the Department's Wage Standards Division within one year from the time the wages became due. Certain executives, administrators, professionals and outside salespersons may need to file a claim in a court of competent jurisdiction.

Hawaii Family Leave Law - You have the right to receive up to 4 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave for the birth or adoption of your child, or to care for your child, parent, sibling, spouse or reciprocal beneficiary with a serious health condition. You are eligible only if you have at least 6 consecutive months of service, and your employer has 100 or more employees. Accrued paid leaves may be substituted for any part of the 4-week period. If your employer provides for paid sick leave, you may use 10 days of your accrued and available sick leave per year unless a collective bargaining agreement provides for more than 10 days.

Prevailing Wages and Overtime on State and County Government Construction Projects - You have the right to be paid the prevailing wages on government construction projects.

Lie Detector Tests - You have the right to refuse a lie detector test.

Work Injury - You have the right to file a complaint if you feel that you have been suspended, discharged, or discriminated against solely because of a work injury that is compensable under the Workers' Compensation Laws, except under certain circumstances.

Organ, Bone Marrow, or Peripheral Blood Stem Cell Donation - You have the right to receive up to seven (7) days for bone marrow or peripheral blood stem cell donation, and up to thirty (30) days for organ donation, during each calendar year. You are eligible only if you have at least 50 consecutive days of service, and your employer has 50 or more employees. An employer may require that the employee take up to three (3) days of earned but unused sick leave, vacation, PTO, or unpaid time off as a condition of the employee's initial receipt of leave provided. Any leave provided under this section shall not be taken concurrently with any leave taken under FMLA or HFLL.

REQUIRED NOTICE TO DISLOCATED WORKERS/PLANT CLOSINGS

You have the right to be notified in writing at least 60 days in advance of possible layoffs or terminations due to certain business transactions taken by your employer. Your employer must also notify the Department in the same manner according to the Dislocated Workers Act (DWA). The DWA applies to businesses which have at least 50 persons employed in the state at any time during the 12 months preceding the event, and are a party to a sale, transfer, merger, business takeover, bankruptcy, or business transaction, which will result in the relocation outside the state or the shutting down of all or a portion of operations.

You have the right to payment of a dislocated worker allowance if you are laid off or terminated due to these transactions and are eligible for unemployment compensation benefits. These payments supplement unemployment benefits for a maximum 4 week period.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE LAW

You have the right to unemployment benefits if you lose your job or your work hours are substantially reduced through no fault of your own. You may file your claim for Unemployment Insurance Benefits online or in-person at a local claims office. Go to uiclaims.hawaii.gov to file online between 6:30am to 11pm on Mondays through Fridays and between 9:00am to 11:00pm on weekends & holidays. You will need a valid email address to create an online account.

The Hawaii Tale-Cclaim hours of operation are: Sunday 9am to 11pm, Monday through Thursday: 6:30a.m. – 11pm, and Friday: 6:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (if Friday is a state holiday, then Thursday's hours will be 6:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

Important Information:

- When you file, you must provide your social security number.
- If you are not a U.S. citizen, you should have your alien registration number available.
- You will need to provide information for all of your employers in the past 18 months, such as the employer's name, address, zip code, phone number, dates of employment, and reason for separation. Ex-military service persons should have their DD 214 (member 4) available. Former federal employees should have their Standard Form 8, Standard Form 50, or pay stubs available.
- File your claim promptly. Your claim will begin only from the week that you file with the Unemployment Insurance offices.
- If benefits are payable, you must receive your payments by direct deposit. You must provide your account type (savings or checking), financial institution routing number, and your account number.

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH LAWS

You have the right to a safe and healthful workplace. The State of Hawaii ("State") has developed a federally approved Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) program and the State is solely responsible for enforcing its own occupational safety and health regulations, which are applicable to most employers in the State, except those hired for domestic service in or about a private home, maritime or shipbuilding employees, employees covered by a federal agency and employees working on military installations.

You have the right to notify your employer or the Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Division (HOSH) about workplace hazards or report a work-related injury or illness, without being retaliated against. HOSH will keep your name and identity confidential.

You have the right to request a HOSH inspection if you believe that there are unsafe and/or unhealthful conditions at your workplace. You or your representative may participate in the inspection.

You have the right to see OSH citations issued to your employer. Your employer must post the citations at or near the place of the alleged violation. Your employer must correct workplace hazards by the date indicated on the citation and must certify that these hazards have been reduced or eliminated.

You have the right to copies of your medical records or records of your exposure to toxic and harmful substances or conditions.

You have the right to file a safety and health complaint. Your employer may not discriminate against you for making a complaint or for exercising your rights under the law, some of which are detailed above. You can file a discrimination complaint with the HOSH within 60 days of the discriminatory act.

You have the right to report to OSHA all work-related fatalities within 8 hours, and all inpatient hospitalizations, amputations, and losses of an eye within 24 hours.

Your employer will provide required training to all workers in a language and vocabulary they can understand.

LAWS PROHIBITING EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION

You have the right to be free from unlawful discrimination in your employment. All applicants and employees of private and public employers (except the government) are protected by the EEOC. Union members, and job seekers in employment agencies are protected by Hawaii law against employment discrimination.

You cannot be denied a job, fired, or subjected to unequal terms and conditions of employment because of your race, sex, including gender identity or expression, reproductive choices, refusing to enter into a nondisclosure agreement that prevents you from discussing workplace sexual harassment or assault sexual orientation, age, religion, color, ancestry/national origin, disability, marital status, civil union status, arrest and court record (except in limited circumstances), credit report, credit history, or domestic / sexual violence victim status. Sexual

harassment by a supervisor or co-worker is a form of sex discrimination. Employers are prohibited from retaliating against you for disclosing sexual harassment or sexual assault.

Examples of Unlawful Employment Discrimination:

- If you are a pregnant employee and are denied leave recommended by a doctor, or are denied reinstatement to the same or comparable position after giving birth.
- If you are subjected to unwanted sexual advances or demands, offered benefits in exchange for sexual favors, threatened with demotion, firing, or loss of benefits for refusing sexual advances, or subjected to unwelcome sexual conduct.
- If you are denied a job or a promotion because of your race, sex, including gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age, religion, color, ancestry, disability, marital status, civil union status, arrest and court record (except in limited circumstances), credit report, credit history, or domestic/sexual violence victim status.

Filing a Complaint: You have the right to file a complaint if you have been subjected to discrimination because of your race, sex, including gender identity or expression, reproductive choices, refusing to enter into a nondisclosure agreement that prevents you from discussing workplace sexual harassment or assault, sexual orientation, age, religion, color, ancestry, disability, marital status, arrest and court record, credit report/history or domestic or sexual violence victim status. You can file a complaint by calling the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission. Under state law, you must file your complaint within 180 days of the act of discrimination.

You have the right to be free from discriminatory or retaliatory action from your employer for filing a complaint, participating in an investigation, or opposing a discriminatory practice.

MILITARY LEAVE

You have the right to be free from discrimination and retaliation if you leave your job to perform military service, when seeking initial employment, reemployment, and retention in employment, promotion or any benefit of employment.

You have the right, if you leave your job to perform military service, to elect to continue your existing employer-based health plan coverage for you and your dependents for up to 24 months while in the military.

You have the right, even if you don't elect to continue coverage during your military service, to be reinstated in your employer's health plan when you are reemployed, generally without any waiting period or exclusions (e.g., pre-existing condition exclusion) except for service connected illnesses or injuries.

BREASTFEEDING IN THE WORKPLACE

You have the right to reasonable break time to express milk for your nursing child at the workplace in a location, other than the restroom, that is shielded from view and free from intrusion from coworkers and the public for one year after your child's birth.

Employers with fewer than twenty employees who can show that providing the time and place to express breast milk as required under Act 249 would impose an undue hardship by causing the employer to significant difficulty or expense in relation to the size, financial resources, nature, or structure of the employer's business shall not be subject to the time and place requirements of Act 249.

Employers who fail to comply with the requirements of Act 249 shall be fined \$500 per violation and may be liable for damages suffered by the employee.

ENFORCEMENT: If you believe your employer has violated this law you may file a lawsuit in state court for appropriate injunctive relief, actual damages, or both, within two years after the occurrence of the alleged violation. Damages may include reasonable attorneys' fees.

This notice provides general background information on Hawaii Employment Practices Law and is not intended to serve as a substitute for legal counsel. For specific legal advice on individual situations, please consult your attorney.

The law requires employers to post a notice in a conspicuous place accessible to employees providing information regarding this employment practice.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AT 808-586-8842.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING LAW

If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in any activity and cannot leave – whether it is commercial sex, housework, farm work, or any other similar activity – call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline at: 1-888-373-7888 to access help and services. Victims of human trafficking are protected under United States and Hawaii law.

The hotline is: 1) available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; 2) toll free; 3) operated by a non-profit, non-governmental organization; 4) anonymous and confidential; 5) accessible in 170 languages; and 6) able to provide help, refer to services, training, and general information.

PAYDAY NOTICE

Regular paydays for employees of: _____	(FIRM NAME)
Shall be as follows: _____	
By: _____	
Title: _____	

EMERGENCY NOTICE

Ambulance: _____	Fire-Rescue: _____
Hospital: _____	Physician: _____
Alternate: _____	Police: _____
OSHA: _____	Hazardous Material: _____

Federal Employment Laws

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

Basic Leave Entitlement: FMLA requires covered employees (as discussed below) to provide up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave in a 12-month period to eligible employees for the following reasons:

- The birth of a child or placement of a child for adoption or foster care.
- To bond with a child (leave must be taken within 1 year of the child's birth or placement).
- To care for the employee's spouse, child, or parent, who has a qualifying serious health condition;
- For the employee's own qualifying serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform the employee's job
- For qualifying exigencies related to the foreign deployment of a military member who is the employee's spouse, child, or parent.

An eligible employee who is a covered servicemember's spouse, child, parent, or next of kin may also take up to 26 weeks of FMLA leave in a single 12-month period to care for the servicemember with a serious injury or illness.

An employee does not need to use leave in one block. When it is medically necessary or otherwise permitted, employees may take leave intermittently or on a reduced schedule.

Employees may choose, or an employer may require, use of accrued paid leave while taking FMLA leave. If an employee substitutes accrued paid leave for FMLA leave, the employee must comply with the employer's normal paid leave policies. While employees are on FMLA leave, employers must continue health insurance coverage as if the employees were not on leave.

Upon return from FMLA leave, most employees must be restored to the same job or one nearly identical to it with equivalent pay, benefits, and other employment terms and conditions. An employer may not interfere with an individual's FMLA rights or retaliate against someone for using or trying to use FMLA leave, opposing any practice made unlawful by the FMLA, or being involved in any proceeding under or related to the FMLA. An employee who works for a covered employer must meet three criteria in order to be eligible for FMLA leave. The employee must:

- Have worked for the employer for at least 12 months;
- Have at least 1,250 hours of service in the 12 months before taking leave;" and
- Work at a location where the employer has at least 50 employees within 75 miles of the employee's worksite.

*Special "hours of service" requirements apply to airline flight crew employees.

Generally, employers must give 30-days' advance notice of the need for FMLA leave. If it is not possible to give 30-days' notice, an employee must notify the employer as soon as possible and, generally, follow the employer's usual procedures. Employees do not have to share a medical diagnosis with their employer. An employer may require an employee to obtain a written certification from a health care provider. Sufficient information could include informing an employer that the employee is or will be unable to perform his or her job functions, that a family member cannot perform daily activities, or that hospitalization or continuing medical treatment is necessary. Employees must inform the employer if the need for leave is for a reason for which FMLA leave was previously taken or certified.

Employers can require a certification or periodic recertification supporting the need for leave. If the employer determines that the certification is incomplete, it must provide a written notice indicating what additional information is required. Once an employer becomes aware that an employee's need for leave is for a reason that may qualify under the FMLA, the employer must notify the employee if he or she is eligible for FMLA leave and, if eligible, must also provide a notice of rights and responsibilities under the FMLA. If the employee is not eligible, the employer must provide a reason for ineligibility.

Employers must notify its employees if leave will be designated as FMLA leave, and if so, how much leave will be designated as FMLA leave. Employees may be compliant with the U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, or may bring a private lawsuit against an employer. The FMLA does not affect any federal or state law prohibiting discrimination or supersede any state or local law or collective bargaining agreement that provides greater family or medical leave rights.

UNIFORMED SERVICES EMPLOYMENT AND REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ACT (USERRA)

Reemployment Rights - You have the right to be reemployed in your civilian job if you leave that job to perform service in the uniformed service and:

- You ensure that your employer receives advance written or verbal notice of your service;
- You have five years or less of cumulative service in the uniformed services while with that particular employer;
- You return to work or apply for reemployment in a timely manner after conclusion of service; and
- You have not been separated from service with a disqualifying discharge or under other than honorable conditions. If you are eligible to be reemployed, you must be restored to the job and benefits you would have attained if you had not been absent due to military service or, in some cases, a comparable job.

Right To Be Free From Discrimination and Retaliation If you:

- Are a past or present member of the uniformed service;
- Have applied for membership in the uniformed service; or
- Are obligated to serve in the uniformed service;

Then an employer may not deny you:

- Initial employment;
- Reemployment;
- Retention in employment;
- Promotion; or
- Any benefit of employment because of this status.

In addition, an employer may not retaliate against anyone assisting in the enforcement of USERRA rights, including testifying or making a statement in connection with a proceeding under USERRA, even if that person has no service connection.

Health Insurance Protection - If you leave your job to perform military service, you have the right to elect to continue your existing employer-based health plan coverage for you and your dependents for up to 24 months while in the military. Even if you don't elect to continue coverage during your military service, you have the right to be reinstated in your employer's health plan when you are reemployed, generally without any waiting periods or exclusions (e.g., pre-existing condition exclusions) except for service-connected illnesses or injuries.

Enforcement - The U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS) is authorized to investigate and resolve complaints of USERRA violations.

For assistance in filing a complaint, or for any other information on USERRA, contact VETS at 1-866-4-USA-DOL or visit its website at <http://www.dol.gov/vets>. An interactive online USERRA Advisor can be viewed at <http://www.dol.gov/elaws/userra.htm>.

If you file a complaint with VETS and VETS is unable to resolve it, you may request that your case be referred to the Department of Justice or the Office of Special Counsel, as applicable, for representation.

You may also bypass the VETS process and bring a civil action against an employer for violations of USERRA.

EMPLOYEE POLYGRAPH PROTECTION ACT

The Employee Polygraph Protection Act prohibits most private employers from using lie detector tests either for pre-employment screening or during the course of employment.

Prohibitions - Employers are generally prohibited from requiring or requesting any employee or job applicant to take a lie detector test, and from discharging, disciplining, or discriminating against an employee or prospective employee for refusing to take a test or for exercising other rights under the Act.

Exceptions - Federal, State and local governments are not affected by the law. Also, the law does not apply to tests given by the Federal Government to certain private individuals engaged in national security-related activities.

The Act permits polygraph (a kind of lie detector) tests to be administered in the private sector, subject to restrictions, to certain prospective employees of security service firms (armored car, alarm, and guard), and of pharmaceutical manufacturers, distributors and dispensers.

The Act also permits polygraph testing, subject to restrictions, of certain employees of private firms who are reasonably suspected of involvement in a workplace incident (theft, embezzlement, etc.) that resulted in economic loss to the employer.

The law does not preempt any provision of any State or local law or any collective bargaining agreement with is more restrictive with respect to lie detector tests.

Examinees Rights - Where polygraph tests are permitted, they are subject to numerous strict standards concerning the conduct and length of the test. Examinees have a number of specific rights, including the right to a written notice before testing, the right to refuse or discontinue a test, and the right not to have test results disclosed to unauthorized persons.

Enforcement - The Secretary of Labor may bring court actions to restrain violations and assess civil penalties against violators. Employers or job applicants may also bring their own court actions.

Additional Information - For additional information: 1-866-4-USAWE (1-866-487-9243) TTY: 8-777-889-5627 or www.dol.gov/vhd.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: WORKPLACE DISCRIMINATION IS ILLEGAL

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) enforces Federal laws that protect you from discrimination in employment. If you believe you've been discriminated against at work or in applying for a job, the EEOC may be able to help.

Who is Protected?

- Employees (current and former), including managers and temporary employees
- Job applicants
- Union members and applicants for membership in a union

What Organizations are Covered?

- Most private employers
- State and local governments (as employers)
- Educational institutions (as employers)
- Unions
- Staffing agencies

What Types of Employment Discrimination are Illegal?

Under the EEOC's laws, an employer may not discriminate against you, regardless of your immigration status, on the bases of:

- Race
- Color
- Religion
- National origin
- Sex (including pregnancy and related conditions, sexual orientation, or gender identity)
- Age (40 and older)
- Disability
- Genetic information (including employer requests for, or purchase, use, or disclosure of genetic tests, genetic services, or family medical history)
- Retaliation for filing a charge, reasonably opposing discrimination, or participating in a discrimination lawsuit, investigation, or proceeding.

What Employment Practices can be Challenged as Discriminatory?

- All aspects of employment, including:
 - Discharge, firing, or lay-off
 - Harassment (including unwelcome verbal or physical conduct)
 - Hiring or promotion
 - Assignment
 - Pay (unequal wages or compensation)
 - Failure to provide reasonable accommodation for a disability or sincerely held religious belief, observance or practice
 - Benefits
- Job training
- Classification
- Referral
- Obtaining or disclosing genetic information of employees
- Requesting or disclosing medical information of employees
- Conduct that might reasonably discourage someone from opposing discrimination, filing a charge, or participating in an investigation or proceeding.

What can You Do if You Believe Discrimination has Occurred?

Contact the EEOC promptly if you suspect discrimination. Do not delay, because there are strict time limits for filing a charge of discrimination (180 or 300 days, depending on where you live/work). You can reach the EEOC in any of the following ways:

- Submit an inquiry through the EEOC's public portal: <https://publicportal.eeoc.gov/Portal/Login.aspx>
- Call 1-800-669-4000 (toll free) 1-800-669-6820 (TTY) 1-844-234-5122 (ASL video phone)
- Visit an EEOC field office (information at www.eeoc.gov/field-office)
- E-Mail info@eeoc.gov

Additional information about the EEOC, including information about filing a charge of discrimination, is available at www.eeoc.gov.

EMPLOYERS HOLDING FEDERAL CONTRACTS OR SUBCONTRACTS

The Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) enforces the nondiscrimination and affirmative action commitments of companies doing business with the Federal Government. If you are applying for a job with, or are an employee of, a company with a Federal contract or subcontract, you are protected under Federal law from discrimination on the following bases:

Race, Color, Religion, Sex, Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, National Origin - Executive Order 11246, as amended, prohibits employment discrimination against and requires affirmative action to recruit, employ and advance in employment, disabled veterans, and requires affirmative action to ensure equality of opportunity in all aspects of employment.

Age - Executive Order 11246, as amended, protects applicants and employees of Federal contractors from discrimination based on inquiring about, disclosing, or discussing their compensation or the compensation of other applicants or employees.

Disability - Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, protects qualified individuals with disabilities from discrimination in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment by Federal contractors. Disability discrimination includes not making reasonable accommodation to the known physical or mental limitations of an otherwise qualified individual with a disability who is an applicant or employee, barring undue hardship to the employer. Section 503 also requires that Federal contractors take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with disabilities at all levels of employment, including the executive level.

Protected Veteran Status - The Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended, 38 U.S.C. 4212, prohibits employment discrimination against and requires affirmative action to recruit, employ and advance in employment, disabled veterans, recently separated veterans (i.e., within three years of discharge or release from active duty), active duty wartime or campaign badge veterans, or Armed Forces service medal veterans.

Retaliation - Retaliation is prohibited against a person who files a complaint of discrimination, participates in an OFCCP proceeding, or otherwise opposes discrimination by Federal contractors under these Federal laws. Any person who believes a contractor has violated its nondiscrimination or affirmative action obligations under OFCCP's authorities should contact immediately.

The Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20210 1-800-397-6251 (toll-free)

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services. OFCCP may also be contacted by submitting a question online to OFCCP's Help Desk at <https://ofccphelpdesk.dol.gov/s/>, or by calling an OFCCP regional or district office, listed in most telephone directories under U.S. Government, Department of Labor and on OFCCP's "Contact Us" webpage at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/ofccp/contact>.

PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES RECEIVING FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Race, Color, National Origin, Sex - In addition to the protections of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance. Employment discrimination is covered by Title VI if the primary objective of the financial assistance is provision of employment, or where employment discrimination causes or may cause discrimination in providing services under such programs. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs or activities which receive Federal financial assistance.

Individuals with Disabilities - Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of disability in any program or activity which receives Federal financial assistance. Discrimination is prohibited in all aspects of employment against persons with disabilities who, with or without reasonable accommodation, can perform the essential functions of the job.

If you believe you have been discriminated against in a program of any institution which