

STATE OF CONNECTICUT - AGENCY VENDOR FORM

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IMPORTANT: ALL parts of this form must be completed, signed and returned by the vendor.

READ & COMPLETE CAREFULLY

COMPLETE VENDOR LEGAL BUSINESS NAME		Taxpayer ID # (TIN): <input type="checkbox"/> SSN <input type="checkbox"/> FEIN	
<small>WRITE/TYPE SSN/FEIN NUMBER ABOVE</small>			
BUSINESS NAME , TRADE NAME, DOING BUSINESS AS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)			
BUSINESS ENTITY: <input type="checkbox"/> CORPORATION <input type="checkbox"/> LLC CORPORATION <input type="checkbox"/> LLC PARTNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> LLC SINGLE MEMBER ENTITY <input type="checkbox"/> NON-PROFIT <input type="checkbox"/> PARTNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL/SOLE PROPRIETOR			
NOTE: IF INDIVIDUAL/SOLE PROPRIETOR, INDIVIDUAL'S NAME (AS OWNER) MUST APPEAR IN THE LEGAL BUSINESS NAME BLOCK ABOVE.			
BUSINESS TYPE: A. SALE OF COMMODITIES B. MEDICAL SERVICES C. ATTORNEY FEES D. RENTAL OF PROPERTY <small>(REAL ESTATE & EQUIPMENT)</small>			
E. OTHER (DESCRIBE IN DETAIL)			
UNDER THIS TIN, WHAT IS THE PRIMARY TYPE OF BUSINESS YOU PROVIDE TO THE STATE? (ENTER LETTER FROM ABOVE) →			
UNDER THIS TIN, WHAT OTHER TYPES OF BUSINESS MIGHT YOU PROVIDE TO THE STATE? (ENTER LETTER FROM ABOVE) →			
NOTE: IF YOUR BUSINESS IS A <i>PARTNERSHIP</i> , YOU MUST ATTACH THE NAMES AND TITLES OF ALL PARTNERS TO YOUR BID SUBMISSION.			
NOTE: IF YOUR BUSINESS IS A <i>CORPORATION</i> , IN WHICH STATE ARE YOU INCORPORATED?			
VENDOR ADDRESS	STREET	CITY	STATE ZIP CODE
<small>Add Additional Business Address & Contact information on back of this form.</small>			
VENDOR E-MAIL ADDRESS		VENDOR WEB SITE	
REMITTANCE INFORMATION: INDICATE BELOW THE REMITTANCE ADDRESS OF YOUR BUSINESS. <input type="checkbox"/> SAME AS VENDOR ADDRESS ABOVE.			
REMIT ADDRESS	STREET	CITY	STATE ZIP CODE
CONTACT INFORMATION: NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)			
1 ST BUSINESS PHONE:	Ext. #	HOME PHONE:	
2 ND BUSINESS PHONE:	Ext. #	1 ST PAGER:	
CELLULAR:		2 ND PAGER:	
1 ST FAX NUMBER:		TOLL FREE PHONE:	
2 ND FAX NUMBER:		TELEX:	
WRITTEN SIGNATURE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN PROPOSALS ON BEHALF OF THE ABOVE NAMED VENDOR			DATE EXECUTED
← SIGN HERE			
TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF AUTHORIZED PERSON		TITLE OF AUTHORIZED PERSON	
IS YOUR BUSINESS CURRENTLY A DAS <i>CERTIFIED</i> SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES (<i>ATTACH COPY OF CERTIFICATE</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
IF YOU ARE A <i>STATE EMPLOYEE</i> , INDICATE YOUR POSITION, AGENCY & AGENCY ADDRESS			
FOR PURCHASE ORDER DISTRIBUTION: 1) CHECK ONLY ONE BOX BELOW 2) INPUT E-MAIL ADDRESS OR FAX # (IF CHECKED)			
<input type="checkbox"/> E-MAIL		<input type="checkbox"/> FAX	<input type="checkbox"/> USPS MAIL <input type="checkbox"/> EDI
If EDI was selected, give us a person to contact in your company to set up EDI:			
NAME:			
E-MAIL ADDRESS:			
TELEPHONE NUMBER:			
FOR REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ) DISTRIBUTION: 1) CHECK ONLY ONE BOX BELOW 2) INPUT E-MAIL ADDRESS OR FAX # (IF CHECKED)			
<input type="checkbox"/> E-MAIL		<input type="checkbox"/> FAX	<input type="checkbox"/> USPS MAIL

ADD FURTHER BUSINESS ADDRESS, E-MAIL & CONTACT INFORMATION ON SEPARATE SHEET IF REQUIRED

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give form to the
 requester. Do not
 send to the IRS.**

Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2	Name (as shown on your income tax return)	
	Business name, if different from above	
	Check appropriate box: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/Sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from backup withholding	
	Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)	Requester's name and address (optional)
	City, state, and ZIP code	
List account number(s) here (optional)		

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on Line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Social security number								

or

Employer identification number								

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien).

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the Certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. (See the instructions on page 4.)

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS, must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

U.S. person. Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee.

Note. If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

For federal tax purposes you are considered a person if you are:

- An individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States, or

- Any estate (other than a foreign estate) or trust. See Regulations sections 301.7701-6(a) and 7(a) for additional information.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 (see Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien.

Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the recipient has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items:

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.

4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.

5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

Example. Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity not subject to backup withholding, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8.

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 28% of such payments (after December 31, 2002). This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester, or
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 4 for details), or
3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN, or
4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or
5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See the instructions below and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9.

Penalties

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

Misuse of TINs. If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

Specific Instructions

Name

If you are an individual, you must generally enter the name shown on your social security card. However, if you have changed your last name, for instance, due to marriage without informing the Social Security Administration of the name change, enter your first name, the last name shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

If the account is in joint names, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of the form.

Sole proprietor. Enter your individual name as shown on your social security card on the "Name" line. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA)" name on the "Business name" line.

Limited liability company (LLC). If you are a single-member LLC (including a foreign LLC with a domestic owner) that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Treasury regulations section 301.7701-3, enter the owner's name on the "Name" line. Enter the LLC's name on the "Business name" line. Check the appropriate box for your filing status (sole proprietor, corporation, etc.), then check the box for "Other" and enter "LLC" in the space provided.

Other entities. Enter your business name as shown on required Federal tax documents on the "Name" line. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on the "Business name" line.

Note. You are requested to check the appropriate box for your status (individual/sole proprietor, corporation, etc.).

Exempt From Backup Withholding

If you are exempt, enter your name as described above and check the appropriate box for your status, then check the "Exempt from backup withholding" box in the line following the business name, sign and date the form.

Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding. Corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, such as interest and dividends.

Note. If you are exempt from backup withholding, you should still complete this form to avoid possible erroneous backup withholding.

Exempt payees. Backup withholding is not required on any payments made to the following payees:

1. An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2),
2. The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities,
3. A state, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities,
4. A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities, or
5. An international organization or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.

Other payees that may be exempt from backup withholding include:

6. A corporation,

7. A foreign central bank of issue,
8. A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a possession of the United States,
9. A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission,
10. A real estate investment trust,
11. An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940,
12. A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a),
13. A financial institution,
14. A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian, or
15. A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947.

The chart below shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt recipients listed above, 1 through 15.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt recipients except for 9
Broker transactions	Exempt recipients 1 through 13. Also, a person registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 who regularly acts as a broker
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt recipients 1 through 5
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt recipients 1 through 7 ²

¹See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

²However, the following payments made to a corporation (including gross proceeds paid to an attorney under section 6045(f), even if the attorney is a corporation) and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees; and payments for services paid by a Federal executive agency.

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

If you are a single-owner LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited liability company (LLC)* on page 2), enter your SSN (or EIN, if you have one). If the LLC is a corporation, partnership, etc., enter the entity's EIN.

Note. See the chart on page 4 for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local Social Security Administration office or get this form online at www.socialsecurity.gov/online/ss-5.pdf. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/businesses/ and clicking on Employer ID Numbers under Related Topics. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting www.irs.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

Note. Writing "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

Caution: A disregarded domestic entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if items 1, 4, and 5 below indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). Exempt recipients, see *Exempt From Backup Withholding* on page 2.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in 1 through 5 below.

1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983. You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

3. Real estate transactions. You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

4. Other payments. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account)	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee ¹
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner ¹
5. Sole proprietorship or single-owner LLC	The owner ³
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
6. Sole proprietorship or single-owner LLC	The owner ³
7. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
8. Corporate or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832	The corporation
9. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
10. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
11. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
12. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity

¹ List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

² Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

³ You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or "DBA" name on the second name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one). If you are a sole proprietor, IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

⁴ List first and circle the name of the legal trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.)

Note. If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons who must file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, and certain other income paid to you, mortgage interest you paid, the acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA, or Archer MSA or HSA. The IRS uses the numbers for identification purposes and to help verify the accuracy of your tax return. The IRS may also provide this information to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation, and to cities, states, and the District of Columbia to carry out their tax laws. We may also disclose this information to other countries under a tax treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce federal nontax criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism.

You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Payers must generally withhold 28% of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to a payer. Certain penalties may also apply.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities
CONTRACT COMPLIANCE PACKAGE

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I. CONTRACT COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

Note: These requirements apply to all contractors, including grantees and individuals.

Connecticut General Statute Section 4a-60 was adopted to insure that State agencies do not enter into contracts with organizations or businesses that discriminate against protected class persons. To carry out the provisions of the Statute, the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities developed Regulations concerning Contract Compliance and approval of Contract Compliance Programs which impose certain obligations on State agencies as well as contractors doing business with the State of Connecticut.

These regulations require that as an awarding agency, in this instance, the CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND (CTF), must consider the following factors in its selection of any contractor:

- The bidder's success in implementing an affirmative action plan;
- If the bidder does not have a written affirmative action plan, the bidder's promise to develop and implement a successful affirmative action plan;
- The bidder's success in developing an apprenticeship program complying with Sections 46a-68-1 to 46a-68-17 of the Administrative Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, inclusive;
- The bidder's submission of employment statistics contained in the "Employment Information Form", indicating that the composition of its workforce is at or near parity when compared to the racial and sexual composition of the workforce in the relevant labor market area; and
- The bidder's promise to set aside a portion of the contract for legitimate minority business enterprises.

In order to assess the factors above, contractors are required to provide CTF with information about their organizations.

A package of information (see Section II. Bidder's Packet) is provided with forms (and instructions) that must be completed, signed by responsible parties and returned to CTF with the response to the Request for Proposal or with the Grant Application.

Note: If you indicate that you will be sub-contracting a portion of this contract, you will be sent further forms for completion as required in the contract compliance regulations.

II. BIDDER'S PACKET

NOTIFICATION TO BIDDERS

The contract to be awarded is subject to contract compliance requirements mandated by Sections 4a-60 and 4a-60a of the Connecticut General Statutes; and, when the awarding agency is the State, Sections 46a-71(d) and 46a-81i(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes. There are Contract Compliance Regulations codified at Section 46a-68j-21 through 43 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, which establish a procedure for awarding all contracts covered by Sections 4a-60 and 46a-71(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

According to Section 46a-68j-30(9) of the Contract Compliance Regulations, every agency awarding a contract subject to the contract compliance requirements has an obligation to "aggressively solicit the participation of legitimate minority business enterprises as bidders, contractors, subcontractors and suppliers of materials." "Minority business enterprise" is defined in Section 4a-60 of the Connecticut General Statutes as a business wherein fifty-one percent or more of the capital stock, or assets belong to a person or persons: "(1) Who are active in daily affairs of the enterprise; (2) who have the power to direct the management and policies of the enterprise; and (3) who are members of a minority, as such term is defined in subsection (a) of Section 32-9n." "Minority" groups are defined in Section 32-9n of the Connecticut General Statutes as "(1) Black Americans . . . (2) Hispanic Americans . . . (3) persons who have origins in the Iberian Peninsula . . . (4) Women . . . (5) Asian Pacific Americans and Pacific Islanders; (6) American Indians . . ." An individual with a disability is also a minority business enterprise as provided by Section 4a-60g of the Connecticut General Statutes. The above definitions apply to the contract compliance requirements by virtue of Section 46a-68j-21(11) of the Contract Compliance Regulations.

The awarding agency will consider the following factors when reviewing the bidder's qualifications under the contract compliance requirements:

- (a) the bidder's success in implementing an affirmative action plan;
- (b) the bidder's success in developing an apprenticeship program complying with Sections 46a-68-1 to 46a-68-17 of the Administrative Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, inclusive;
- (c) the bidder's promise to develop and implement a successful affirmative action plan;
- (d) the bidder's submission of employment statistics contained in the "Employment Information Form", indicating that the composition of its workforce is at or near parity when compared to the racial and sexual composition of the workforce in the relevant labor market area; and
- (e) the bidder's promise to set aside a portion of the contract for legitimate minority business enterprises. See Section 46a-68j-30(10)(E) of the Contract Compliance Regulations.

This form is **mandatory** and must be completed, signed, and returned with the vendor's bid.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONTRACT COMPLIANCE
NOTIFICATION TO BIDDERS**

INSTRUCTION: Bidder must sign acknowledgment below, and return this form to the awarding agency with the proposal.

The undersigned duly authorized representative of the bidding vendor acknowledges receiving and reading a copy of the **NOTIFICATION TO BIDDERS**. *(Please print name under signature line.)*

Signature

Title

Date

On behalf of:

Proposer Name

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Federal Employee Identification Number
(FEIN/SSN)

This form is **mandatory** and must be completed, signed, and returned with the vendor's bid.

INSTRUCTIONS AND OTHER INFORMATION

The following BIDDER CONTRACT COMPLIANCE MONITORING REPORT must be completed in full, signed, and submitted with the bid for this contract. The contract awarding agency and the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities will use the information contained thereon to determine the bidders compliance to Sections 4a-60 and 4a-60a CONN. GEN. STAT., and Sections 46a-68j-23 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies regarding equal employment opportunity, and the bidders good faith efforts to include minority business enterprises as subcontractors and suppliers for the work of the contract.

1) Definition of Small Contractor

Section 4a-60g CONN. GEN. STAT. defines a small contractor as a company that has been doing business under the same management and control and has maintained its principal place of business in Connecticut for a one year period immediately prior to its application for certification under this section, had gross revenues not exceeding ten million dollars in the most recently completed fiscal year, and at least fifty-one percent of the ownership of which is held by a person or persons who are active in the daily affairs of the company, and have the power to direct the management and policies of the company, except that a nonprofit corporation shall be construed to be a small contractor if such nonprofit corporation meets the requirements of subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision 4a-60g CONN. GEN. STAT.

2) Description of Job Categories (as used in Part IV Bidder Employment Information)

MANAGEMENT: Managers plan, organize, direct, and control the major functions of an organization through subordinates who are at the managerial or supervisory level. They make policy decisions and set objectives for the company or departments. They are not usually directly involved in production or providing services. Examples include top executives, public relations managers, managers of operations specialties (such as financial, human resources, or purchasing managers), and construction and engineering managers.

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS: These occupations include managers and professionals who work with the financial aspects of the business. These occupations include accountants and auditors, purchasing agents, management analysts, labor relations specialists, and budget, credit, and financial analysts.

COMPUTER SPECIALISTS: Professionals responsible for the computer operations within a company are grouped in this category. Examples of job titles in this category include computer programmers, software engineers, database administrators, computer scientists, systems analysts, and computer support specialists.

ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING: Occupations related to architecture, surveying, engineering, and drafting are included in this category. Some of the job titles in this category include electrical and electronic engineers, surveyors, architects, drafters, mechanical engineers, materials engineers, mapping technicians, and civil engineers.

OFFICE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT: All clerical-type work is included in this category. These jobs involve the preparing, transcribing, and preserving of written communications and records; collecting accounts; gathering and distributing information; operating office machines and electronic data processing equipment; and distributing mail. Job titles listed in this category include telephone operators, payroll clerks, bill and account collectors, customer service representatives, files clerks, dispatchers, shipping clerks, secretaries and administrative assistants, computer operators, mail clerks, and stock clerks.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE: This category includes occupations involving landscaping, housekeeping, and janitorial services. Job titles found in this category include

supervisors of landscaping or housekeeping, janitors, maids, grounds maintenance workers, and pest control workers.

CONSTRUCTION AND EXTRACTION: This category includes construction trades and related occupations. Job titles found in this category include boilermakers, masons (all types), carpenters, construction laborers, electricians, plumbers (and related trades), roofers, sheet metal workers, elevator installers, hazardous materials removal workers, paperhangers, and painters. Paving, surfacing, and tamping equipment operators; drywall and ceiling tile installers; and carpet, floor and tile installers and finishers are also included in this category. First line supervisors, foremen, and helpers in these trades are also grouped in this category.

INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR: Occupations involving the installation, maintenance, and repair of equipment are included in this group. Examples of job titles found here are heating, ac, and refrigeration mechanics and installers; telecommunication line installers and repairers; heavy vehicle and mobile equipment service technicians and mechanics; small engine mechanics; security and fire alarm systems installers; electric/electronic repair, industrial, utility and transportation equipment; millwrights; riggers; and manufactured building and mobile home installers. First line supervisors, foremen, and helpers for these jobs are also included in the category.

MATERIAL MOVING WORKERS: The job titles included in this group are Crane and tower operators; dredge, excavating, and lading machine operators; hoist and winch operators; industrial truck and tractor operators; cleaners of vehicles and equipment; laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand; machine feeders and offbearers; packers and packagers, hand; pumping station operators; refuse and recyclable material collectors; and miscellaneous material moving workers.

3) Definition of Racial and Ethnic Terms (as used in Part IV Bidder Employment Information)

White (not of Hispanic Origin)- All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East.

Black(not of Hispanic Origin)- All persons having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.

Hispanic- All persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

Asian or Pacific Islander- All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands. This area includes China, India, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Islands, and Samoa.

American Indian or Alaskan Native- All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North America, and who maintain cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.

BIDDER CONTRACT COMPLIANCE MONITORING REPORT

PART I - Bidder Information

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Company Name Street Address City & State Chief Executive	Bidder Federal Employer Identification Number _____ Or Social Security Number _____
Major Business Activity (brief description)	Bidder Identification (response optional/definitions on page 1) -Bidder is a small contractor. Yes__ No__ -Bidder is a minority business enterprise Yes__ No__ (If yes, check ownership category) Black__ Hispanic__ Asian American__ American Indian/Alaskan Native__ Iberian Peninsula__ Individual(s) with a Physical Disability__ Female__
Bidder Parent Company (If any)	- Bidder is certified as above by State of CT Yes__ No__
Other Locations in Ct. (If any)	- DAS Certification Number _____

PART II - Bidder Nondiscrimination Policies and Procedures

1. Does your company have a written Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity statement posted on company bulletin boards? Yes__ No__	7. Do all of your company contracts and purchase orders contain non-discrimination statements as required by Sections 4a-60 & 4a-60a Conn. Gen. Stat.? Yes__ No__
2. Does your company have the state-mandated sexual harassment prevention in the workplace policy posted on company bulletin boards? Yes__ No__	8. Do you, upon request, provide reasonable accommodation to employees, or applicants for employment, who have physical or mental disability? Yes__ No__
3. Do you notify all recruitment sources in writing of your company's Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity employment policy? Yes__ No__	9. Does your company have a mandatory retirement age for all employees? Yes__ No__
4. Do your company advertisements contain a written statement that you are an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer? Yes__ No__	10. If your company has 50 or more employees, have you provided at least two (2) hours of sexual harassment training to all of your supervisors? Yes__ No__ NA__
5. Do you notify the Ct. State Employment Service of all employment openings with your company? Yes__ No__	11. If your company has apprenticeship programs, do they meet the Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity requirements of the apprenticeship standards of the Ct. Dept. of Labor? Yes__ No__ NA__
6. Does your company have a collective bargaining agreement with workers? Yes__ No__ 6a. If yes, do the collective bargaining agreements contain non-discrimination clauses covering all workers? Yes__ No__ 6b. Have you notified each union in writing of your commitments under the nondiscrimination requirements of contracts with the state of Ct? Yes__ No__	12. Does your company have a written affirmative action Plan? Yes__ No__ If no, please explain. 13. Is there a person in your company who is responsible for equal employment opportunity? Yes__ No__ If yes, give name and phone number. _____ _____

Part III - Bidder Subcontracting Practices

1. Will the work of this contract include subcontractors or suppliers? Yes__ No__ 1a. If yes, please list all subcontractors and suppliers and report if they are a small contractor and/or a minority business enterprise. (defined on page 1 / use additional sheet if necessary) 1b. Will the work of this contract require additional subcontractors or suppliers other than those identified in 1a. above? Yes__ No__
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JOB CATEGORY	OVERALL TOTALS	WHITE (not of Hispanic origin)		BLACK (not of Hispanic origin)		HISPANIC		ASIAN or PACIFIC ISLANDER		AMERICAN INDIAN or ALASKAN NATIVE	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	male	female
Management											
Business & Financial Ops											
Computer Specialists											
Architecture/Engineering											
Office & Admin Support											
Bldg/ Grounds Cleaning/Maintenance											
Construction & Extraction											
Installation , Maintenance & Repair											
Material Moving Workers											
TOTALS ABOVE											
Total One Year Ago											
FORMAL ON THE JOB TRAINEES (ENTER FIGURES FOR THE SAME CATEGORIES AS ARE SHOWN ABOVE)											
Apprentices											
Trainees											

PART V - Bidder Hiring and Recruitment Practices

1. Which of the following recruitment sources are used by you? (Check yes or no, and report percent used)				2. Check (X) any of the below listed requirements that you use as a hiring qualification (X)		3. Describe below any other practices or actions that you take which show that you hire, train, and promote employees without discrimination	
SOURCE	YES	NO	% of applicants provided by source				
State Employment Service					Work Experience		
Private Employment Agencies					Ability to Speak or Write English		
Schools and Colleges					Written Tests		
Newspaper Advertisement					High School Diploma		
Walk Ins					College Degree		
Present Employees					Union Membership		
Labor Organizations					Personal Recommendation		
Minority/Community Organizations					Height or Weight		
Others (please identify)					Car Ownership		
					Arrest Record		
					Wage Garnishments		

Certification (Read this form and check your statements on it CAREFULLY before signing). I certify that the statements made by me on this BIDDER CONTRACT COMPLIANCE MONITORING REPORT are complete and true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I understand that if I knowingly make any misstatements of facts, I am subject to be declared in non-compliance with Section 4a-60, 4a-60a, and related sections of the CONN. GEN. STAT.

(Signature)	(Title)	(Date Signed)	(Telephone)
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III. PERTINENT STATUTES AND REGULATIONS OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Note: There may have been changes made to these statutes or regulations which are not reflected in this packet. Consult your nearest library for the most recent version.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES *Current through Gen. St., Rev. to 1-1-05***

NONDISCRIMINATION AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROVISIONS IN CONTRACTS	
Statute Hyperlink	Description
<u>§ 4a-60.</u>	Nondiscrimination and affirmative action provisions in contracts of the state and political subdivisions other than municipalities.
<u>§ 4a-60a.</u>	Contracts of the state and political subdivisions, other than municipalities, to contain provisions re nondiscrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	
Statute Hyperlink	Description
<u>§ 4a-60g</u>	(Formerly § 32-9e) Set-aside program for small contractors, minority business enterprises, individuals with a disability and nonprofit corporations.
<u>§ 4a-60h</u>	(Formerly § 32-9f) Administration of set-aside program. Regulations. Access to competitive contracts outside of program guaranteed.
<u>§4a-60i</u>	(Formerly § 32-9g) Responsibilities of agency heads to negotiate and approve contracts not affected.
<u>§4a-60j</u>	(Formerly § 32-9h) Time for payment of contractors.
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	
Statute Hyperlink	Description
<u>§32-9n</u>	Office of Small Business Affairs.

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Statute Hyperlink	Description
§ 46a-56	Commission duties.
§ 46a-68c	Contractors required to file affirmative action plan. Certificate of compliance issued by commission. Revocation.
§ 46a-68d	Public works contracts subject to affirmative action requirements. Conditional acceptance by commission. Advance filing of plan.
§ 46a-68e	Contractors and subcontractors required to file compliance reports.
§ 46a-68f.	Compliance reports to include labor union practices.
§ 46a-68g.	Prohibition re: contractors who have not satisfactorily complied with affirmative action requirements.
§ 46a-68h.	Hearing re: noncompliance.
§ 46a-68i.	Right of appeal.
§ 46a-68j	Regulations.

REGULATIONS OF CONNECTICUT STATE AGENCIES
*Current with materials published in Conn.L.J. through 9-23-97.***

TITLE 46A. HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES
CONTRACT COMPLIANCE

PART I. DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 46a-68j-21. Definitions

As used in Sections 46a-68j-21 to 46a-68j-43 inclusive:

(1) "Affirmative action" means positive action, undertaken with conviction and effort, to overcome the present effects of past discriminatory practices, to achieve the full and fair participation of women and minorities in contract and employment opportunity, and to assure that qualified minority business enterprises enter the economic mainstream of this state's economy. Additionally, "affirmative action" shall mean the responsibility of contractors to develop and implement strategies to achieve equality of contracting and employment opportunity as required by Sections 46a-68c and 46a-68d of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Sections 3 and 4, respectively, of Public Act 89-253;

(2) "Agency" means the state or any political subdivision of the state other than a municipality;

(3) "Awarding agency" means an agency which has awarded or granted a contract subject to Section 4a-60 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Section 2 of Public Act 89-253;

(4) "Commission" means the commission on human rights and opportunities created by Section 46a-52 of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended by Section 1 of Public Act 89-332;

(5) "Contract" means any agreement, written or otherwise, between any person and an awarding agency for goods or services;

(6) "Contract compliance requirements" or "contract compliance statutes" means, if the awarding agency is the state, both Sections 4a-60, as amended by Section 2 of Public Act 89-253, and 46a-71 (d) of the Connecticut General Statutes; and, if the awarding agency is a political subdivision of the state other than a municipality, but not the state, only Section 4a-60 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Section 2 of Public Act 89-253;

(7) "Contractor" means a party to a contract with an awarding agency, and includes a contractor's agents, successors, assigns or any other present or future enterprise sharing one or more of the following characteristics with the contractor: (a) interlocking directorships; (b) interrelation of operations (c) common management; (d) common control of labor relations, (e) common ownership of stock, equipment or materials; (f) common financial control of operations; or (g) any other factor evidencing such intermingling of affairs that it is unjust to recognize the separate existence of otherwise nominally, independent entities. In addition to the foregoing, the word "contractor shall include a subcontractor if the awarding agency is the state or if the contract is for a public works project;

(8) "Discriminatory practice" means the violation of law referred to in Section 46a-51 (8) of the Connecticut General Statutes;

(9) "Good faith" means that degree of diligence which a reasonable person would exercise in the performance of legal duties and obligations;

(10) "Good faith efforts" means, but is not limited to, those reasonable initial efforts necessary to comply with statutory or regulatory requirements and additional or substituted efforts when it is determined that such initial efforts will not be sufficient to comply with such requirements;

(11) "Minority business enterprise" means a business meeting the criteria set forth in Section 4a-60 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Section 2 of Public Act 89-253;

(12) "Party" means a person having a legal or property interest in a contract;

(13) "Person" means one or more individuals, partnerships, associations, corporations, legal representatives, trustees, trustees in bankruptcy, receivers and the state and all political subdivisions and agencies thereof;

(14) "Political subdivision of the state" means a body politic and corporate or other public instrumentality exercising some portion of the sovereign power of the State of Connecticut;

(15) "Protected Group" means those classes or groups of persons specified in and protected by either applicable state or federal antidiscrimination laws, except that, for affirmative action purposes, the limitations set forth in Section 46a-61 of the Connecticut General Statutes shall apply;

(16) "Public works contract" or "public works project" means a contract for public works as defined in Section 46a-68b of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended by Section 1 of Public Act 89-253;

(17) "Reasonable technical assistance and training" means, but is not limited to, the extension of the following kinds of support services by contractor to a minority business enterprise: providing assistance in bidding and estimating costs of projects, goods or services; providing equipment or skilled personnel, under the direction and control of the minority business enterprise, to allow such enterprise either to bid on or complete a project or to obtain or supply goods or services; or any advice, assistance or training of a similar character designed to allow the minority business enterprise to enter into or fulfill contractual obligations;

(18) "State" means the state of Connecticut including each agency, department, board, commission or council thereof but not any political subdivision of the state or a municipality;

(19) "Subcontract" means any agreement subordinate to another contract, written or otherwise, between a party to the original contract and one who is not a party to that contract;

(20) "Subcontractor" means a party to a subcontract with a contractor who has agreed to provide some or all of the goods and services the original contractor is required to provide;

(21) "Support data" means statistical data, books and records of account, personnel files and other materials and information regarding compliance with antidiscrimination and contract compliance statutes;

(22) "Technical assistance and training" means the financial, technical or other resources traditionally unavailable to minority business enterprises that a contractor extends to enable such enterprises to compete in the market place as any other contractor, such assistance being provided by the contractor in such a way and in such a manner as not to compromise or impair the integrity of such enterprises as legitimate minority businesses fully meeting the requirements of Section 4a-60 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Sec. 46a-68j-22. Nondiscrimination clause

(a) Every contract or subcontract subject to contract compliance requirements shall contain the covenants required by Section 4a-60 of Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Section 2 of Public Act 89-253.

(b) The contract provisions required by Section 4a-60 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Section 2 of the Public Act 89-253, shall be an implied term of every contract to which an awarding agency is a party, regardless of whether they are expressly incorporated into the contract.

(c) Failure to include the contract provision required by Section 4a-60 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Section 2 of Public Act 89-253, in a contract or subcontract subject to contract compliance requirements, or ignorance of contract compliance requirements shall not excuse a party from complying with the mandates expressed in Sections 4a-60, as amended by Section 2 of Public Act 89-253, or 46a-71 (d) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

PART II. OBLIGATIONS OF CONTRACTORS

Sec. 46a-68j-23. Obligations of contractors

Every contractor awarded a contract subject to contract compliance requirements shall:

(1) comply fully with all federal and state antidiscrimination and contract compliance laws, and shall not discriminate or permit a discriminatory practice to be committed;

(2) cooperate fully with the commission;

(3) submit periodic reports of its employment and subcontracting practices in such a form, in such a manner and at such a time as may be prescribed by the commission;

(4) provide reasonable technical assistance and training to minority business enterprises to promote the participation of such concerns in state contracts and subcontracts;

(5) make a good faith effort, based upon the availability of minority business enterprises in the labor market area, to award a reasonable proportion of all subcontracts to such enterprises;

(6) maintain full and accurate support data for a period of two (2) years from the date the record is made or the date the contract compliance form is submitted, whichever is later, provided that this provision shall not excuse compliance with any other applicable record retention statute, regulation or policy providing for a period of retention in excess of two (2) years;

(7) not discharge, discipline or otherwise discriminate against any person who has filed a complaint, testified or assisted in any proceeding with the commission;

(8) make available for inspection and copying any support data requested by the commission, and make available for interview any agent, servant or employee having knowledge of any matter concerning the investigation of a discriminatory practice complaint or any matter relating to a contract compliance review;

(9) include a provision in all subcontracts with minority business enterprises requiring that the minority business enterprise provide the commission with such information on its structure and operations as the commission finds necessary to make an informed determination as to whether the standards of Section 4a-60 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Section 2 of Public Act 89-253, have been met; and

(10) undertake such other reasonable activities or efforts as the commission may prescribe to ensure the participation of minority business enterprises as state contractors and subcontractors.

Sec. 46a-68j-24. Utilization of minority business enterprises

(a) Contractors shall make good faith efforts to employ minority business enterprises as subcontractors and suppliers of materials on all projects subject to contract compliance requirements.

(b) Contractors shall certify under oath to the commission and the awarding agency that minority businesses selected as subcontractors and suppliers of materials meet the criteria for minority business enterprises set out in Section 4a-60 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Section 2 of Public Act 89-253, if such businesses are not currently registered with the department of economic development and if the contractor wishes the commission to consider favorably the selection of an unregistered minority business enterprise in the evaluation of the contractor's good faith efforts. If the contractor does not wish the commission to consider its selection of an unregistered minority business enterprise in its evaluation of the contractor's good faith efforts, no certification need be made. The commission shall accept the registration of a minority business enterprise by the department of economic development, unless the commission determines, pursuant to Section 46a-68j-35, or from information received pursuant to Section 46a-68e of the Connecticut General Statutes that an enterprise fails to meet the standards contained in Section 4a-60 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Section 2 of Public Act 89-253. Pursuant to Section 46a-77 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the department of economic development and other interested state agencies shall cooperate with the commission to assure that a uniform and complete list of legitimate minority business enterprises is maintained to promote the full and fair utilization of such enterprises in all contracts subject to minority business enterprise requirements.

(c) Where the awarding agency is the state or where the contract awarded is for a public works project, the commission, in its evaluation of a contractor's good faith efforts, may require that a minority business enterprise selected as a subcontractor or supplier of materials provide the commission with such information on its structure and operations as the commission finds necessary to make an informed determination as to whether the standards contained in Section 4a-60 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Section 2 of Public Act 89-253, have been met. If the minority business enterprise, whether registered or not registered with the department of economic development, fails to provide the commission with the required information and the contractor fails to demand performance by the subcontractor, the commission shall not consider such enterprise in its evaluation of the contractor's good faith efforts.

(d) Awarding agencies shall carefully monitor the contractor's selection of subcontractors and suppliers of materials to ensure compliance with Section 32-9e of the Connecticut General Statutes and

Section 46a-68-35 (b). The awarding agency's obligation to monitor the contractor's actions shall be a continuing one, and failure to do so shall be deemed a failure to cooperate with the commission.

(e) The commission shall monitor a contractor's good faith efforts in the same manner provided for monitoring a contractor's compliance with antidiscrimination and contract compliance statutes.

Sec. 46a-68j-25. Affirmative action obligations of contractors required to file plans pursuant to Section 46a-68c of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Section 3 of Public Act 89-253

(a) In addition to the obligations of Section 46a-68j-23, and 24, a contractor subject to the requirements of Section 46a-68c of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Section 3 of Public Act 89-253, shall develop and implement an affirmative action plan conforming to Section 46a-68j-27. Such plan shall be filed with the commission within thirty (30) days of the date the contract is awarded. For good cause shown, the commission may extend the time for filing the plan. No plan shall be considered a plan unless and until it is approved by the commission. Plans shall contain the following elements more particularly described in Section 46a-68j-27:

- (1) policy statement;
- (2) internal communication;
- (3) external communication;
- (4) assignment of responsibility;
- (5) organizational analysis;
- (6) work force analysis;
- (7) availability analysis;
- (8) utilization analysis;
- (9) hiring/promotion goals and timetables; and
- (10) concluding statement and signature.

(b) A contractor currently operating an affirmative action program pursuant to an approved affirmative action plan containing substantially all the elements listed in Section 46a-68j-25 (a) may apply to the commission for permission to file that plan in lieu of the plan elements described in Section 46a-68j-27. An application to file such plan shall be in writing, with a copy of the proposed plan attached to the application, describing why such plan should be accepted by the commission. The commission may accept as substantially equivalent any plan prepared in accordance with and fully meeting the requirements of:

- (1) 41 CFR Part 60-2, if the contractor is a nonconstruction contractor;
- (2) 41 CFR Part 60-4, if the contractor is a construction contractor;
- (3) the guidelines on affirmative action appearing at 29 CFR Sections 1608.1 through 1608.12, inclusive;
- (4) Sections 46a-68-1 through 46a-68-73, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies; or;
- (5) the terms of any other regulation, order or decree deemed by the commission to meet affirmative action requirements.

The commission shall not unreasonably withhold acceptance of alternative plans meeting the standards of Section 46a-68j-25 (a). The Commission may also accept, as complying with the requirements of Section 46a-68j-25 (a), an affirmative action plan approved in the manner provided for in Section 46a-68k of the Connecticut General Statutes and Sections 46a-68k-1 through 46a-68k-8.

(c) The commission shall review affirmative action plans within sixty (60) days of receipt from the contractor. The commission may approve, disapprove, or approve in part and disapprove in part any plan so submitted. An approved plan must:

- (1) contain all the elements required by Section 46a-68j-25 (a), or acceptable equivalent provisions;
- (2) comply with the particulars of Section 46a-68j-27 or appropriate substitute rules for the development of affirmative action plans contained in Section 46a-68j-25 (a); and

(3) demonstrate that the contractor's work force favorably reflects the composition of workers in the relevant labor market area or that the goals and timetables contained in the plan are likely to achieve such result.

The commission shall issue a certificate of compliance to a contractor when its affirmative action plan has been approved.

(d) If the commission disapproves an affirmative action plan in whole or in part, it shall notify the contractor in writing within ten (10) days of the disapproval. The notice shall state the reason for disapproval and may provide proposals necessary to bring the plan into compliance. The contractor shall submit a new or amended plan within thirty (30) days of the date the notice of disapproval is mailed by the commission. If the new or amended plan is disapproved, the commission may take appropriate action to obtain compliance with Section 46a-68c of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(e) The commission may monitor a contractor's implementation of its affirmative action plan at any time and may request, in the manner provided for in Section 46a-68j-33 (b), any and all information and support data relating to compliance with Section 46a-68c of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Section 3 of Public Act 89-253. In conducting such a review, the commission may employ the review and monitoring authority vested in it in Sections 46a-68j-34 to 46a-68j-36, inclusive.

Sec. 46a-68j-26. Affirmative action obligation: of contractors required to file plans pursuant to Section 46a-68d of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Section 4 of Public Act 89-253

(a) In addition to the obligations of Sections 46a-68j-23, 46a-68j-24 and 46a-68j-25, a contractor subject to the requirements of Section 46a-68d of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Section 4 of Public Act 89-253, shall develop and implement an affirmative action plan conforming to Section 46a-68j-28. Such plan shall be filed with the commission within thirty (30) days after a bid has been accepted by an awarding agency, or an advance of or at the same time as the bid is submitted, as the contractor elects. For good cause shown, the commission may extend the time for filing a plan, provided that the awarding agency agrees in writing to withhold two per cent of the total contract price per month until the plan is filed and approved by the commission. No plan shall be considered a plan unless and until it has been approved by the commission. Plans shall contain all elements listed in Section 46a-68j-25, as well as the following elements more particularly described in Section 46a-68j-28:

- (1) employment analysis;
- (2) subcontractor availability analysis;
- (3) minority business enterprises goals and timetables;
- (4) program goals and timetables; and
- (5) minority business enterprises assistance and innovative programs.

(b) Any contractor currently operating an affirmative action program pursuant to an affirmative action plan containing substantially all the elements listed in Sections 46a-68j-25 (a) and 46a-68j-26 (a) may petition the commission for permission to file that plan in lieu of the plan otherwise required. An application to file such plan shall be in writing, with a copy of the proposed plan attached to the application, describing why the plan should be accepted by the commission. The commission may accept as substantially equivalent any plan meeting the requirements of Section 46a-68j-25 (b), provided that the plan or any supplements to it address all areas otherwise required by Sections 46a-68j-25 (a) and 46a-68j-26 (a). The Commission may also accept as substantially equivalent an affirmative action plan approved in the manner provided for in Section 46a-68k of the Connecticut General Statutes and Sections 46a-68k-1 through 46a-68k-8.

(c) The commission shall review affirmative action plans within sixty (60) days of receipt from the contractor. The commission may approve, approve with conditions or reject any plan so submitted. In addition to the standards announced in Section 46a-68j-25 (c), an approved plan must:

- (1) demonstrate a full and fair commitment to the utilization of minority business enterprises as subcontractors and suppliers of materials.

The commission shall issue a certificate of compliance to a contractor when its affirmative action plan has been approved and shall notify the agency that the contract may be awarded.

(d) If a plan does not meet the standards for an approved plan, the commission may either disapprove or conditionally approve the plan. The commission shall notify the contractor and agency intending to award the contract in writing within ten (10) days of the disapproval or conditional approval. The notice shall state the reason for the commission action and may set forth proposals necessary to bring the plan into compliance. The contractor shall submit a new or amended plan, or provide written assurances that it will amend its plan to conform to affirmative action requirements, within thirty (30) days of the date the notice is mailed by the commission. If the new or amended plan is disapproved, and the contractor fails to provide written assurances that it will amend its plan, the commission may take appropriate steps to obtain compliance with Section 46a-68d, 46a-68j-26d of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Section 4 of Public Act 89-253 including a recommendation that the contract not be awarded, as the case may be.

(e) The commission may conditionally approve a plan only if:

(1) the plan contains all the elements listed in Sections 46a-68j-25 (a) and 46a-68j-26 (a) or equivalent authority accepted by the commission;

(2) the plan meets a majority of the criteria for approval under Sections 46a-68j-25 (c) and 46a-68j-26 (c);

(3) the contractor provides written assurances that it will amend its plan to conform to commission proposals submitted in accordance with Section 46a-68j-25 (d) to meet affirmative action requirements;

(4) the contractor promises to pledge its best good faith efforts to implement the commission's proposals within agreed upon timetables; and

(5) the contractor takes appreciable steps to implement at least some of the commission's proposals as a token of its commitment to achieve compliance prior to providing written assurances to the commission.

The commission shall closely monitor any contractor granted conditional approval of its affirmative action plan, and shall take all necessary action to assure that the contractor continues to meet affirmative action requirements. If a contractor fails to abide by its written assurances, the commission shall take appropriate action, including notifying the contractor and awarding agency that the commission has revoked its conditional approval or approval of the plan and that the agency should withhold payment to the contractor as provided for in Section 46a-68d of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Section 4 of Public Act 89-253.

(f) At any time after the commission grants conditional approval of an affirmative action plan, a contractor may apply for full approval of the plan. An application for approval shall be in writing and shall state what action the contractor has taken to meet affirmative action requirements. The commission shall evaluate an application for approval of an affirmative action plan according to the procedures outlined in Sections 46a-68j-25 (c) and 46a-68j-26 (c). The commission shall notify the contractor and agency within ten (10) days of its decision. The commission shall treat such an application for approval as a new plan, and may approve, approve with conditions or disapprove the request.

(g) The commission shall closely monitor the implementation of affirmative action plans required by Section 46a-68d of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Section 4 of Public Act 89-253. The commission may request, in the manner provided for in Section 46a-68j-33 (b), any and all information and support data relating to compliance with Section 46a-68d of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Section 4 of Public Act 89-253. In conducting such a review, the commission may employ the review and monitoring authority vested in it in Sections 46a-68j-34 to 46a-68j-36, inclusive.

Sec. 46a-68j-27. Elements of plans required by Section 46a-68c of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended by Section 3 of Public Act 89-253

Affirmative action plans required by Sections 46a-68c and 46a-68d of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended shall contain the following elements as described below:

(1) policy statement. The policy statement shall be signed and dated by the contractor: (A) identifying the individual assigned affirmative action responsibilities; (B) affirming the contractor's commitment to achieve equal employment opportunity through affirmative action; and (C) pledging the contractor's best good faith efforts to attain the objectives of the plan;

(2) internal communication. The policy statement and a summary of the objectives of the plan shall be posted and otherwise made known to all workers. The plan shall indicate what steps the contractor undertook to make information on the plan available to its work force;

(3) external communication. The contractor shall, in all advertisements and business with the public, indicate that it is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. The plan shall include information on what steps the contractor undertook to advise the public concerning its affirmative action requirements;

(4) assignment of responsibility. The contractor shall designate affirmative action responsibilities to an affirmative action officer. In addition to his or her other duties, the affirmative action officer shall: (A) develop, implement and monitor progress on the contractor's affirmative action plan; (B) acquaint workers with their specific responsibilities under the plan; (C) initiate and maintain contact with unions, recruiting sources and organizations serving members of protected groups concerning the achievement of affirmative action requirements; and (D) conduct meetings and orientation sessions, as necessary, to advise workers and management of the goals of the plan. The plan shall report all activity taken by the affirmative action officer to achieve these objectives;

(5) organizational analysis. As a preparatory step to the work force analysis, the contractor shall list each job title as it appears in collective bargaining agreements, job specifications or payroll records, ranked from the lowest to the highest paid. Job titles shall be listed by department or other organizational unit.

For lines of progression, the plan shall indicate the order of jobs through which a worker may advance. Job titles without a line of progression shall be listed separately;

(6) work force analysis. For each job title identified in the organizational analysis, the plan shall report: (A) the total number of incumbents; (B) the total number of male and female incumbents; and (C) the total number of male and female incumbents in each of the following groups: (i) whites; (ii) blacks; (iii) Hispanics; and (iv) others;

(7) availability analysis. As a preparatory step to determining whether minorities and females are fairly utilized in the work force, the contractor shall: (A) conduct an analysis which (i) examines the job content of each job title; (ii) identifies a relevant labor market area for each job title; and (iii) matches each job title to the most similar job title in the data source consulted; and (B) calculate the availability of groups identified in Section 46a-68j-27 (6) from: (i) employment figures in the relevant labor market area; (ii) unemployment figures in the relevant labor market area; (iii) the availability of promotable and transferable persons in the contractor's work force; (iv) the availability of persons having requisite skills in an area in which the contractor can reasonably recruit; (v) the existence of training institutions or apprenticeship programs capable of training persons in the requisite skills; (vi) the availability of minority business enterprises as subcontractors and suppliers of materials; (vii) the degree of technical assistance the contractor is able to provide to minority business enterprises; and/or (viii) any other relevant source;

(8) utilization analysis. To determine whether minorities and females are fully and fairly utilized, the plan shall compare the representation of these groups in the work force, taken from Section 46a-68j-27 (6), with the availability of such persons for employment, calculated in Section 46a-68j-27 (7).

To determine the expected number of minorities and females, the contractor shall multiply the total number of workers in a job title by the representation of each group listed in Section 46a-68j-27 (6) (C), with the availability of each group expressed as a decimal.

Comparison of the resulting figure to the figures obtained from Section 46a-68j-27 (6) will yield a conclusion that a group in the work force is over utilized, under utilized or at parity when compared to the availability of minorities and females for employment. The plan shall set forth the results of all computations and conclusions on the utilization of minorities and females in the work force.

(9) goals and timetables. For each instance of under utilization in the work force, the contractor shall set goals to increase the representation of minorities and females among its workers. Goals shall not be rigid quotas which must be met at any cost, but shall be significant, measurable and attainable objectives with timetables for completion. In establishing the length of timetables, the contractor shall consider the anticipated expansion, contraction and turnover of the work force and the results which may reasonably be expected from putting forth every good faith effort to make the affirmative action plan an effective instrument for achieving equal employment opportunity; and

(10) concluding statement and signature. Affirmative action plans shall contain a concluding provision signed and dated by the contractor stating that the contractor: (A) has read the plan and that the contents of the plan are true and correct to the best of his or her knowledge and belief; and (B) pledges his or her best good faith efforts to achieve the objectives of the plan within established timetables.

Sec. 46a-68j-28. Elements of plans required by Section 46a-68d of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended by Section 4 of Public Act 89-253

In addition to the elements in Section 46a-68j-27, affirmative action plans subject to the requirements of Section 46a-68d of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended shall contain the following elements as described below:

(1) employment analysis. The contractor shall undertake a comprehensive review of the employment process to identify policies and practices that build in or perpetuate barriers to equal employment opportunity. Where applicable, the following factors shall be addressed: (A) job qualifications; (B) job specifications; (C) recruitment practices; (D) personnel policies; (E) job structuring; (F) training and apprenticeship programs; (G) subcontracting practices; and (H) layoff and termination policies. The plan shall report what activities were undertaken to identify barriers to equal employment opportunity;

(2) subcontractor availability analysis. When a contractor intends to subcontract all or part of the work to be performed under a state contract to one or more subcontractors, the contractor shall consult the listing of minority business enterprises maintained by the department of economic development, the practical experience of other contractors, contacts developed by the contractor itself, trade publications and similar sources to develop a base from which the contractor might reasonably be expected to draw minority business enterprises from. The plan shall indicate what sources were consulted and whether the enterprise was ready and able to perform the required work or supply necessary materials;

(3) minority business enterprise goals and timetables. Based upon the availability of minority business enterprises calculated in Section 46a-68j-28 (2), the contractor shall set goals for awarding all or a reasonable portion of the contract to qualified minority business enterprises. The plan shall detail what steps it took to make such opportunities available;

(4) program goals and timetables. Where the employment analysis has identified barriers to equal employment opportunity, the contractor shall design specific corrective measures in the form of program goals to eliminate the barriers. Goals shall be accompanied by timetables designed to achieve compliance with affirmative action objectives within the shortest reasonable limits possible. The plan shall describe all actions taken to identify problem areas and realize program goals; and

(5) minority business enterprise assistance and innovative programs. Consistent with Sections 46a-68j-21 (17) and 46a-68j-21 (22), the contractor shall develop programs to assist minority business enterprises in entering the economic mainstream. The plan shall detail what programs the contractor has created to accomplish this endeavor.

Sec. 46a-68j-29. Exempt contractors and subcontractors

(a) A contractor meeting the following requirements may at any time apply to the commission for exemption from contract compliance requirements and the commission may exempt a contractor if:

(1) the contractor has been found in compliance with antidiscrimination or contract compliance statutes, as provided for in Section 46a-68j-32 (c).

(2) the work to be performed under the contract is to be or has been performed outside the state and no recruitment of workers within the limits of the state is involved;

(3) the contract awarded is for less than \$10,000.00;

(4) the number of workers employed by the contractor or subcontractor to perform the contract totals twenty-five (25) or less; or

(5) the contractor is a sole source provider of goods or services not readily available and the benefit to the state greatly outweighs contract compliance considerations.

(b) A contractor meeting the following requirements may at any time apply to the commission for partial exemption from contract compliance requirements and the commission may exempt a contractor if:

(1) the contractor maintains facilities which are in all respects separate and distinct from activities related to the performance of the contract;

(2) the contract involves a subcontract meeting the criteria set forth in Section 46a-68j-29 (a).

(c) An application for exemption or partial exemption shall be in writing and shall identify the subpart or subparts of Section 46a-68j-29 (a) or 46a-68j-29 (b) the contractor relies upon to qualify for exemption. The application shall be accompanied by such support data as is necessary to fully document the validity of the request. Pursuant to Section 46a-68e of the Connecticut General Statutes, the commission may from time to time require that additional information be provided. The commission shall not approve an application unless the support data convincingly demonstrates that the contractor qualifies for exemption from contract compliance requirements. The commission shall notify the contractor and awarding agency of its determination within thirty (30) days of its receipt of the application or additional support data, whichever is later.

(d) a contractor or subcontractor may petition the commission for exemption from the requirements of Section 4a-60 (e) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Section 2 of Public Act 89-253, and the commission may exempt a contractor or subcontractor if:

(1) the total value of any subcontractor subcontracts awarded within one fiscal year or calendar year from the date the initial subcontract is awarded is less than ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars;

(2) the contractor and subcontractor are bound by a contractual relationship which was entered into prior to the awarding of the contract with the state for goods or services substantially identical to the goods or services required to fulfill the contractor's obligations to the state, and performance of the subcontractor's responsibilities under the state contract are incidental to the preexisting contract;

(3) the subcontractor does business outside the state and is not otherwise subject to the laws of the State of Connecticut;

(4) the commission, pursuant to Section 46a-68j-29, has exempted the contract from contract compliance requirements;

(5) the subcontractor has developed and implemented an affirmative action plan or promises to develop and implement such a plan, or submits such support data to convince the commission that such a plan is not needed to achieve equal employment opportunity;

(6) the number of workers employed by the subcontractor or any subcontractor thereto to perform the subcontract to the contractor totals less than twenty-five (25); or

(7) the benefit to the state greatly outweighs the commission's interest in obtaining compliance with Section 4a-60 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Section 2 of Public Act 89-253.

PART III. OBLIGATIONS OF AWARDING AGENCIES

Sec. 46a-68j-30. Obligations of awarding agencies

Every agency awarding a contract subject to contract compliance requirements shall:

(1) consult the Connecticut Law Journal pursuant to Section 46a-68j-41, before awarding a contract to ascertain that a potential contractor has not been issued a notice of noncompliance;

(2) if the awarding agency is the state or if the contract is for a public works project, consult the list of minority business enterprises prepared by the department of economic development or the list of such enterprises maintained by other agencies and monitor the contractor's choice of subcontractors and suppliers of materials;

(3) comply fully with all federal and state antidiscrimination laws and regulations including, if the awarding agency is required to file an affirmative action plan with the commission, Section 46a-68-35;

(4) cooperate fully with the commission;

(5) submit periodic reports of its employment and contracting practices in such form, in such a manner and at such a time as may be prescribed by the commission;

(6) maintain full and adequate support data for a period of two (2) years from the date the record is made or the date the contract was executed, whichever is later, provided that this requirement shall not excuse compliance with any other applicable record retention statute, regulation or policy providing for a period of retention in excess of two (2) years;

(7) make available for inspection and copying any support data requested by the commission, and make available or interview any agent, servant, employee or other person having knowledge of any

matter concerning the investigation of a discriminatory practice complaint or relating to a contract compliance review;

(8) notify all bidders, on a form developed by the commission, that the contract to be awarded is subject to contract compliance requirements;

(9) aggressively solicit the participation of legitimate minority business enterprises as bidders, contractors, subcontractors and suppliers of materials;

(10) consider, as bearing upon the responsibility and qualification of a bidder to meet its contract compliance requirements, the following factors:

(A) the bidder's success in implementing an affirmative action plan;

(B) the bidder's success in developing an apprenticeship program complying with Sections 46a-68-1 to 46a-68-17, inclusive;

(C) the bidder's promise to develop and implement a successful affirmative action plan;

(D) the bidder's submission of EEO-1 data indicating that the composition of its work force is at or near parity when compared to the racial and sexual composition of the work force in the relevant labor market area;

(E) the bidder's promise to set aside a portion of the contract for legitimate minority business enterprises; and

(11) report, as Part of its affirmative action plan under Section 46a-68-49, all efforts and activity directed to awarding a fair proportion of its contracts to minority business enterprises; and

(12) under such other reasonable activities or efforts as the commission may prescribe

Sec. 46a-68j-31. Notification of contract awards by awarding agency

(a) An awarding agency shall notify the commission of all contracts subject to contract compliance requirements within ten (10) days of the date the contract is executed. Notice of the contract award shall be on a form provided by the commission and include:

(1) the name, address, telephone number and principal place of business of the contractor;

(2) total number of employees of the contractor (if known);

(3) if the awarding agency is the state or if the contract is for a public works project, the name, address, telephone number and principal place of business of each subcontractor;

(4) if the awarding agency is the state or if the contract is for a public works project, a statement as to how the criteria contained in Section 46a-68j-30 (a) (10) were applied in the selection of the successful bidder, and a statement as to what agreement, if any, was reached between the contractor and awarding agency to assure that the contractor will satisfy the contract compliance requirements contained in the contract;

(5) a statement whether the contract is a public works contract;

(6) the duration of the contract;

(7) the dollar value of the contract; and

(8) the name, job title, address and telephone number of the person at the awarding agency whom the commission may contact if further information is required.

(b) an awarding agency shall not be required to report contracts otherwise subject to contract compliance requirements if the contract awarded is:

(1) for commodities or goods in the amount of \$3,000.00 or less; or

(2) for leases, rental or personal service agreements in the amount of \$4,000.00 or less.

(c) Failure to comply with the requirements of Section 46a-68j-31 (a) shall be deemed a failure to cooperate with the commission.

Sec. 46a-68j-32. Contract monitoring reports

(a) Upon notification by an awarding agency, the commission shall forward a contract monitoring report form to each contractor identified pursuant to Section 46a-68j-31 as a contractor under contract to the state or a political subdivision of the state other than a municipality. Each contractor so identified shall provide full and complete information on the contractor's employment practices and procedures related to compliance with antidiscrimination and contract compliance statutes. Contract monitoring

reports shall be filed with the commission within thirty (30) days from the date the form is received by the contractor. Forms shall be considered received by the contractor on or before the third day after the date the form is mailed by the commission, unless the contractor establishes otherwise.

(b) For good cause shown, the commission may grant an extension of time for submission of a contract monitoring report. Requests for extensions of time shall be made in writing within the time that the report form is otherwise scheduled to be provided, and shall set forth specific reasons for requesting the extension.

(c) The commission shall excuse a contractor from the requirements of this Section, if the commission has determined that the contractor is in compliance with state or federal antidiscrimination and contract compliance statutes, provided that the commission's determination of compliance has been made within one (1) year preceding the date the commission is notified, pursuant to Section 46a-68j-31, that a subsequent contract has been awarded to the same contractor. It shall be the responsibility of the contractor to provide evidence demonstrating that it has been found to be in compliance with either state or federal antidiscrimination and contract compliance statutes by an agency of competent authority. For other good and compelling reason, the commission may likewise excuse a class or classes of contractors from the requirements of this section.

(d) Failure to fully complete a contract monitoring report form within the designated time shall be a violation of Section 4a-60 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Section 2 of Public Act 89-253.

PART IV. REVIEW AND MONITORING

Sec. 46a-68j-33. Desk audit review

(a) The commission shall review contract monitoring report forms received pursuant to Section 46a-68j-32 to assess the contractor's conformance with antidiscrimination and contract compliance statutes.

(b) The commission may require contractors to provide such other and further information to assess the contractor's conformance with antidiscrimination and contract compliance statutes. Requests for additional information shall be made in writing and shall describe the information sought. The provisions and time limitations of Section 46a-68j-32 shall govern the treatment of requests for additional information.

(c) Contractors determined to be in conformance with antidiscrimination and contract compliance statutes, based upon a review of the contract monitoring report and any other information provided pursuant to this section, shall be notified in writing by the commission. A copy of the notice shall be sent to the awarding agency.

(d) The commission's determination that a contractor is in conformance with antidiscrimination or contract compliance statutes shall not preclude a determination that a discriminatory practice has been committed in a proceeding under Chapter 814c of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended or in a proceeding under the laws of the United States of America.

Sec. 46a-68j-34. Field review

(a) The commission may conduct a field review:

(1) whenever review of a contract monitoring report form suggests that a contractor may be in violation of antidiscrimination or contract compliance law;

(2) if information submitted pursuant to Section 46a-68j-32 suggests that a contractor may be in violation of antidiscrimination or contract compliance law; or

(3) to determine or verify that a contractor is in compliance with antidiscrimination or contract compliance law.

(b) In the event that the commission elects to conduct a field review, the commission shall notify the contractor in writing that a field review shall be conducted. Such notice shall recite the date that the commission intends to meet with the contractor to review its employment policies and procedures. A copy of the notice shall be sent to the awarding agency. If additional meetings are necessary, the commission shall so advise the contractor and shall specify the date or dates of such meetings.

(c) A field review may consist of, but is not limited to, one or more of the following:

(1) a review with the contractor of the contract monitoring report form or other information provided the commission pursuant to Section 46a-68j-32;

(2) a review of personnel records, applications, job descriptions, payroll records and other support data that the commission deems necessary to evaluate the contractor's conformance with antidiscrimination or contract compliance statutes;

(3) an observation of the contractor's work force made by touring the contractor's facility or construction site at a reasonable time and in a reasonable manner;

(4) an interview with persons employed by the contractor to elicit their knowledge of the contractor's employment policies and practices;

(5) contact with community groups in the labor market area to determine whether such organizations are notified of job openings by the contractor;

(6) a review of the contractor's subcontracting policies and practices;

(7) a review of the contractor's efforts to accomplish the goals set out in a letter of commitment signed by the contractor pursuant to Section 46a-68j-36;

(8) where applicable, an evaluation of the contractor's compliance with the Equal Employment Opportunity in Apprenticeship and Training regulations, Sections 46a-68-1 to 46a-68-17, inclusive;

(9) where the contractor is a state agency, an evaluation of the contractor's compliance with the Affirmative Action by State Government regulations, Sections 46a-68-31 to 46a-68-73, inclusive; and/or

(10) a request for additional information concerning the contractor's conformance with antidiscrimination or contract compliance statutes.

Sec. 46a-68j-35. Conformance review

(a) After all relevant information has been assembled, the commission shall conduct a review to assess the contractor's conformance with antidiscrimination or contract compliance statutes. The commission shall notify the contractor of its findings within sixty (60) days of the date the commission completes its final field review or receives additional information from the contractor pursuant to Section 46a-68j-34, whichever is later. Notice of the commission's assessment shall include the basis for the finding. A copy of the notice shall be sent to the awarding agency by the commission.

(b) When a review indicates that the contractor is not in conformance with antidiscrimination or contract compliance statutes, the commission shall propose specific steps that the contractor must take within specific timetables to correct the deficiencies identified in the review. Such steps may include but are not limited to, the following:

(1) elimination of employment barriers which may have the effect of discriminating against members of protected groups;

(2) development and implementation of a program to enhance employment opportunities for members of protected groups;

(3) affirmative advertising, recruitment and training programs for members of protected groups;

(4) where applicable, the development and implementation of an apprenticeship program pursuant to the Equal Employment Opportunity in Apprenticeship and Training regulations, Sections 46a-68-1 to 46a-68-17, inclusive;

(5) submission of support data to the commission for a specified period of time to ensure that progress is being made in achieving equal employment and program objectives;

(6) restructuring of the contractor's employment and subcontracting policies, patterns and practices;

or

(7) establishment of training programs to train and accelerate upward mobility of members of protected groups, when a determination has been made that such persons are under represented in the work force.

Sec. 46a-68j-36. Letters of commitment; monitoring

(a) A contractor may, within thirty (30) days after notice of the commission's finding is received, accept in writing the commission's proposals to achieve conformance with the law. Acceptance of the commission's proposals shall be made in a letter of commitment in which the contractor shall pledge to make every good faith effort to attain conformance with the law within the timetables set out in the notice. A copy of the letter of commitment shall be sent to the awarding agency by the commission.

(b) If a contractor refuses to adopt or does not adopt the commission's proposals, the commission and contractor may meet and attempt to resolve any outstanding differences. An agreement thus reached shall be reduced to a letter of commitment signed by the contractor and a representative of the commission. Such letter shall pledge the contractor to make every good faith effort to achieve conformance with antidiscrimination and contract compliance statutes within the timetables set out in the letter of commitment. A copy of the letter shall be sent to the awarding agency by the commission.

(c) The commission shall closely monitor a contractor's efforts to achieve the goals within the timetables set out in a letter of commitment.

Sec. 46a-68j-37. Cooperation with interested persons

The commission shall seek the cooperation of federal, state and local governmental agencies, business, labor and other interested persons to effectuate the purpose of Sections 4a-60, as amended by Section 2 of Public Act 89-253, and 46a-71 (d) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Sec. 46a-68j-38. Delegation of authority

To assure effective and efficient implementation and enforcement of Section 4a-60, as amended by Section 2 of Public Act 89-253, and 46a-71 (d) of the Connecticut General Statutes and Sections 46a-68j-21 to 46a-68j-43, inclusive, the commission finds that it is necessary to delegate certain duties and responsibilities to its staff. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 46a-54 (3) of the Connecticut General Statutes, the commission delegates and assigns the following responsibilities and duties:

(1) the staff shall review contract monitoring report forms filed with the commission to determine compliance with antidiscrimination and contract compliance statutes;

(2) the staff shall, after a finding by a presiding officer pursuant to Section 46a-86 of the Connecticut General Statutes that a contractor or subcontractor is not complying with antidiscrimination or contract compliance statutes, make recommendations concerning any other action the commission should undertake to assure compliance;

(3) the staff shall monitor the implementation of letters of commitment to determine the progress achieved by contractors or subcontractors in attaining compliance with antidiscrimination or contract compliance statutes;

(4) the staff shall initiate contact and coordinate activities with contract compliance personnel in accordance with Section 46a-68j-37; and

(5) the executive director of the commission shall supervise staff activities pursuant to this delegation of authority and report to the commission on the activities undertaken, results achieved and problems encountered pursuant to this delegation of authority, and make recommendations for appropriate commission or legislative action where advisable.

Sec. 46a-68j-39. Complaints

(a) The commission may issue a complaint in accordance with Section 46a-82 (b) of the Connecticut General Statutes if the commission has reason to believe that a person:

(1) has been engaged or is engaged in a discriminatory practice; and/or

(2) subject to contract compliance requirements, is not complying with contract compliance statutes.

(b) Any person claiming to be aggrieved by an alleged discriminatory practice may file a complaint with the commission in accordance with Section 46a-82 (a) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

PART V. ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS

Sec. 46a-68j-40. Complaint investigation; hearing; appeal

The provisions of Chapter 814c of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended; shall govern the processing of complaints alleging a violation of Sections 4a-60, as amended by Section 2 of Public Act 89-253, or 46a-71 (d) of the Connecticut General Statutes and Section 46a-68j-39.

Sec. 46a-68j-41. Notice of noncompliance

(a) In addition to any other action taken, after a finding by a presiding officer pursuant to Section 46a-86 of the Connecticut General Statutes that a contractor is not complying with antidiscrimination or contract compliance statutes, the commission shall issue a notice of noncompliance. Issuance of a notice of noncompliance shall prevent a contractor from entering into any further contracts with an awarding agency, until such time as the commission determines that the contractor has adopted policies consistent with such statutes.

(b) A notice of noncompliance shall be effective upon issuance by the commission. A copy of the notice shall be sent to the awarding agency and the attorney general.

(c) The commission shall cause the names of all contractors issued a notice of noncompliance to be published in the first regular issue of the Connecticut Law Journal for the months of January, April, July and October, and shall maintain a complete and accurate list of such contractors at all times. All inquiries concerning the compliance or noncompliance of contractors shall be directed to the commission and not the commission on official legal publications. It shall be the responsibility of each awarding agency to consult the Connecticut Law Journal to ascertain whether a potential contractor is eligible to contract with the agency. Failure to consult the Connecticut Law Journal shall be deemed a failure to cooperate with the commission.

Sec. 46a-68j-42. Rescission of notice of noncompliance

(a) Within fifteen (15) days after a notice of noncompliance is issued, the contractor receiving the notice shall submit a detailed, written statement, under oath, describing the steps it has taken to achieve compliance with antidiscrimination and contract compliance statutes. The commission shall review the verified statement within forty-five (45) days of the date the notice of noncompliance was issued to determine whether the contractor has adopted policies consistent with antidiscrimination and contract compliance statutes, thereby eliminating the conditions giving rise to issuance of the notice.

(b) If the commission determines that the contractor has adopted policies consistent with antidiscrimination and contract compliance statutes, it shall rescind the notice of noncompliance. The commission shall forward a copy of the letter rescinding the notice of noncompliance to the awarding agency and the attorney general.

(c) If the commission determines that the contractor has not adopted policies consistent with antidiscrimination and contract compliance statutes, it shall refuse to rescind the notice of noncompliance. The notice of noncompliance shall remain in effect until such a time as the commission finds, pursuant to subsection (b) of this Section, that the contractor has adopted policies consistent with antidiscrimination and contract compliance statutes. The commission shall forward a copy of the letter refusing to rescind the notice of noncompliance to the awarding agency and the attorney general.

(d) If the commission determines that the contractor has not adopted policies consistent with antidiscrimination and contract compliance statutes, it may allow the contractor an opportunity to submit a supplemental written statement, under oath, describing the additional steps it has taken to achieve

compliance with antidiscrimination and contract compliance statutes. The commission may permit a contractor to submit a supplemental verified statement only if all of the following conditions are met:

(1) the commission's earlier determination indicates that the steps required to bring the contractor into compliance with antidiscrimination and contract compliance statutes have been substantially implemented;

(2) the contractor, in its dealings with the commission, has expressed a general willingness to undertake such action as is necessary to bring its employment policies and practices into compliance with antidiscrimination and contract compliance statutes; and

(3) the commission will have adequate time following receipt of the verified supplemental statement to make an informed determination whether the contractor has eliminated the conditions giving rise to issuance of the certificate of noncompliance within the time frames imposed by Section 46a-56 (c) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Section 5 of Public Act 89-253. Absent such conditions, the commission shall decline to solicit or accept a verified supplemental statement from a contractor, and the notice of noncompliance shall remain in effect as provided in subsection (c) of this section.

(e) Failure to request rescission of a notice of noncompliance within fifteen (15) days after such notice is issued shall not prevent a contractor from thereafter requesting that the commission rescind the notice of noncompliance. In the event that the contractor fails to submit a verified written statement within fifteen (15) days after a notice of noncompliance is issued, the contractor shall submit, together with a verified written statement, a letter in explanation of the reasons for the delay in achieving compliance with antidiscrimination and contract compliance statutes. The commission shall determine whether the contractor adopted policies consistent with antidiscrimination and contract compliance statutes within forty-five (45) days of its receipt of the contractor's verified written statement. The provisions of this section shall apply to all statements submitted after the fifteen (15) day period for submission of a verified written statement has expired.

(f) The commission shall closely monitor the contractor's efforts to continue in compliance with antidiscrimination and contract compliance statutes.

Sec. 46a-68j-43. Notice of adverse finding by presiding officer

(a) In addition to any other action taken, the commission may, following presiding officer pursuant to Section 46a-86 of the Connecticut General Statute complying with antidiscrimination or contract compliance statutes, notify the awarding agency or other interested persons that:

(1) a contractor is not complying with antidiscrimination or contract compliance statutes; and/or

(2) a state agency has purchased or contracted for supplies or equipment or services contrary to Section 4a-60, as amended by section 2 of Public Act 89-253, or 46a-71 (d) of the Connecticut General Statutes and that the contract or subcontract is void and of no effect.

(3) appropriate action be taken to enforce a recommendation made by the commission pursuant to Section 46a-56 (c) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(b) Any notice issued in accordance with subsection (a) of this Section shall include a recommendation that a civil action be brought or not be brought against the administrative head of the awarding agency pursuant to Section 4a-65 of the Connecticut General Statutes to recover the costs of such order or contract.

(c) In accordance with Section 46a-77 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the commission shall request that appropriate action be taken to enforce the commission's recommendation with all necessary speed.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT COMPLIANCE PROGRAMS BY THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Sec. 46a-68k-1. Definitions

As used in Sections 46a-68k-1 through 46a-68k-8, inclusive:

- (1) "Agency" means each agency, department, board and Commission of the State of Connecticut;
- (2) "Commission" means the commission on human rights and opportunities created by Section 46a-52 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Section 1 of Public Act 89-332;
- (3) "Contract compliance program" means a program containing formal written rules for the receipt, evaluation and monitoring of information concerning public works contracts and for enforcing compliance with legal requirements and responsibilities attendant thereto;
- (4) "Contractor" means a contractor, as defined in Section 46a-68j-21 (7) for a public works contract; and
- (5) "Public works contract" means a contract for public works as defined in Section 46a-68b of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended by Section 1 of Public Act 89-253.

Sec. 46a-68k-2. Contract compliance programs at least equivalent criteria for approval of programs

(a) Any contractor who is a party to a public works contract with an agency may be relieved of the requirements and responsibilities of Sections 4a-60 as amended by Section 2 of Public Act 89-253; 46a-68c, as amended by Section 3 of Public Act 89-253; 46a-68d, as amended by Section 4 of Public Act 89-253; 46a-68e and 46a-68f of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the commission determines that the contract compliance program of such agency is at least equivalent to the requirements and responsibilities of Sections 4a-60, as amended by Section 2 of Public Act 89-253; 46a-68c as amended by Section 3 of Public Act 89-253; 46a-68d, as amended by Section 4 of Public Act 89-253; 46a-68e and 46a-68f of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(b) No contract compliance program shall be approved by the commission unless all of the following criteria are met:

- (1) the agency has statutory authority to review, monitor and enforce contracting policies and practices otherwise covered by Sections 4a-60, as amended by Section 2 of Public Act 89-253; 46a-68c, as amended by Section 3 of Public Act 89-253; 46a-68d, as amended by Section 4 of Public Act 89-253; 46a-68e and 46a-68f of the Connecticut General Statutes;
- (2) the agency actively and routinely reviews and monitors the policies and practices of contractors, subcontractors, awarding agencies and other concerns under its jurisdiction; and
- (3) where the petition pursuant to Section 46a-68k-3 is for reapproval of an approved agency, the agency has established a satisfactory record of performance pursuant to Sections 46a-68k-6 and 46a-68k-7.

Sec. 46a-68k-3. Petitions for approval

(a) Any agency may petition for approval of its contract compliance program as at least equivalent to the requirements and responsibilities of Sections 4a-60, as amended by Section 2 of Public Act 89-253; 46a-68c, as amended by Section 3 of Public Act 89-253; 46a-68d, as amended by Section 4 of Public Act 89-253; 46a-68e and 46a-68f of the Connecticut General Statutes. Petitions for approval shall be addressed to the chairperson of the commission and shall contain the following information:

- (1) a detailed statement as to how the agency meets the criteria listed in Section 46a-68k-2 (b);
- (2) a detailed organizational statement describing the operation of the contract compliance program, including funding and budget information, the number of employees assigned contract compliance responsibilities and the nature of their duties; and
- (3) the name, job title, address and telephone number of the agency representative whom the commission may contact concerning the program.

(b) Approval of a contract compliance program by the commission shall expire on the date set forth in the memorandum of understanding between the commission and the agency pursuant to Section 46a-68k-5. Any agency may petition for reapproval of its contract compliance program at any time.

Sec. 46a-68k-4. Review of petitions; determination by commission

(a) The commission shall review each petition for approval and shall approve the petition only if the agency meets the criteria contained in Section 46a-68k-2 (b). If the commission determines that the agency meets the criteria contained in Section 46a-68k-2 (b), it shall notify the agency in writing that its contract compliance program has been approved as at least equivalent to the requirements and responsibilities of Sections 4a-60, as amended by Section 2 of Public Act 89-253; 46a-68c, as amended by Section 3 of Public Act 89-253; 46a-68d, as amended by Section 4 of Public Act 89-253; 46a-68e and 46a-68f of the Connecticut General Statutes. The commission shall approve a petition only upon the affirmative vote of a majority of its members present and voting.

(b) Where it appears from the petition that a contract compliance program does not meet the criteria contained in Section 46a-68k-2 (b), the commission shall deny the petition. The commission shall notify the agency in writing of its decision. The notice shall specify the grounds upon which the denial is based.

(c) An agency whose petition has been denied may request that the commission reconsider its determination. Requests for reconsideration shall be addressed to the chairperson of the commission and shall provide all information and documents necessary to demonstrate that the agency meets the criteria contained in Section 46a-68k-2 (b). The commission shall grant such requests only upon the affirmative vote of a majority of its members present and voting.

Sec. 46a-68k-5. Memorandum of understanding

(a) Upon approval of a contract compliance program as at least equivalent to the requirements and responsibilities of Section 4a-60, as amended by Section 2 of Public Act 89-253; 46a-68c, as amended by Section 3 of Public Act 89-253; 46a-68d, as amended by Section 4 of Public Act 89-253; 46a-68e and 46a-68f of the Connecticut General Statutes, the commission shall meet with the agency to discuss the terms of the agreement under which the agency shall substitute its own program for that of the commission. The memorandum of understanding shall contain, at a minimum, the following provisions:

- (1) a detailed description of the agency's contract compliance program;
- (2) the length of time for which the commission has approved use of the program;
- (3) an organizational statement containing information on the amount of funds requested or budgeted to operate the program, the number of employees assigned contract compliance responsibilities and the nature of their duties;
- (4) a description of the types of contracts or the names of contractors subject to agency review;
- (5) a statement of what information the agency will report to the commission concerning its contract compliance program and the frequency of such reporting; and
- (6) such other and further terms as is necessary for the effective implementation of the agreement.

(b) A memorandum of understanding shall be signed by the commission and the agency, and shall pledge the parties to make a good faith effort to implement the agreement faithfully and for the best interests of the state.

(c) Failure of the commission and the agency to execute a memorandum of understanding within thirty (30) days of the date that the agency receives notice from the commission approving the program shall result in a forfeiture of the approval. For good cause shown, the commission may grant an extension of time to execute a memorandum of understanding. Extensions of time may be granted only upon certification to the commission from its representatives that an agreement is an immediate, likely outcome of further discussion.

Sec. 46a-68k-6. Equivalent weight accordance

(a) The commission shall accord equivalent weight to the determinations of an agency approved pursuant to Section 46a-68k-4. If the agency determination was made in full accordance with the terms of the memorandum of understanding between the agency and the commission and all applicable laws and regulations governing the agency's contract compliance program, the commission shall treat the agency's determination as if it were reached by the commission under Sections 46a-68j-21 through 46a-68j-43, inclusive.

(b) The commission may reverse the determination of an approved agency only if an independent review indicates that there is a considerable probability that the conclusion reached by the agency is against the evidence. The commission may review any such determination upon its own motion or upon the application of any person, and may reverse or modify the agency's determination upon an affirmative vote of a majority of its members present and voting.

(c) The provisions of Section 46a-68k-6 (a) notwithstanding, the commission may at any time conduct a review of a contractor who is a party to a public works contract with a state agency. The commission shall notify the agency in writing that it intends to conduct such a review and, upon receipt of the notice, the agency shall suspend further review of the contractor under Section 46a-68k-5 unless and until the commission notifies the agency in writing that the agency's review may continue.

Sec. 46a-68k-7. Evaluation of approved programs

(a) To assure that agencies maintain standards consistent with Sections 4a-60, as amended by Section 2 of Public Act 89-253; 46a-68c, as amended by Section 3 of Public Act 89-253; 46a-68d, as amended by Section 4 of Public Act 89-253; 46a-68e and 46a-68f of the Connecticut General Statutes, and Sections 46a-68j-21 through 46a-68j-43, inclusive, the commission shall conduct an annual review of each contract compliance program approved pursuant to Section 46a-68k-4. At a minimum, the commission shall evaluate:

- (1) the degree to which an agency's program conforms to the memorandum of understanding;
- (2) the quantity and accuracy of contract compliance reviews;
- (3) the extent to which the agency has successfully implemented proposals to increase the efficiency of its program;
- (4) the overall effectiveness of the contract compliance program; and
- (5) the extent to which the agency has cooperated with the commission the operation of its contract compliance program.

(b) Each agency shall provide the commission with all information necessary to complete the evaluation of its contract compliance program. Failure to provide the commission with complete and accurate information shall be deemed a failure to cooperate with the commission as required by Section 46a-77 of the Connecticut General Statutes. In addition to any other action taken, the commission may terminate the memorandum of understanding with the agency and revoke its approval of the agency's contract compliance program, as provided in Section 46a-68k-8.

(c) The commission shall report its findings to the agency within ninety (90) days of the date it has received all pertinent information provided pursuant to Section 46a-68k-6 (b). The commission shall include in its report a list of recommendations as to how the agency may improve the effectiveness and efficiency of its contract compliance program, together with proposed timetables for implementation of each recommendation, if any.

(d) If the commission finds that an agency's program is deficient, when measured against the criteria of Section 46a-68k-7 (a), the agency shall confirm in writing that it has accepted the recommendations and timetables proposed by the commission within fifteen (15) days of the date the agency receives the commission's report. If an agency fails or refuses to accept the commission's recommendations and timetables, it shall notify the commissioner in writing within fifteen (15) days of the date the commission's report is received. The agency may propose countermeasures and timetables to correct deficiencies

noted in the commission's report. The commission and agency shall meet within ten (10) days of the commission's receipt of the agency's counterproposals to resolve outstanding differences. Any agreement between the commission and agency shall be in writing and shall contain timetables for its implementation. If the commission and agency are unable to agree to mutually acceptable terms, the commission may initiate proceedings to revoke its approval of the agency's contract compliance program, as provided in Section 46a-68k-8.

Sec. 46a-68k-8. Revocation of approval

(a) The commission, acting upon its own motion or the complaint of any person, may revoke its approval of any contract compliance program made pursuant to Section 46a-68k-4 if:

- (1) a contract compliance program no longer meets the criteria contained in Section 46a-68k-2 (b);
- (2) an agency is in violation of the terms of a memorandum of understanding entered into pursuant to Section 46a-68k-5;
- (3) an agency's performance is found deficient by the commission in accordance with Section 46a-68k-7; or
- (4) an agency fails to accept or implement the commission's recommendations issued as part of an annual review conducted under Section 46a-68k-7.

(b) A petition to revoke approval of an approved contract compliance program shall be filed under oath in writing and shall state what subdivision or subdivisions of Section 46a-68k-8 (a) are alleged to have been violated, together with a statement of the facts and circumstances upon which the charged violations are based. The commission shall serve a copy of the petition upon the agency by registered mail within ten (10) days of its vote to initiate revocation proceedings or within ten (10) days of its receipt of a petition; as the case may be.

(c) The agency shall file an answer to the petition within fifteen (15) days of the date it is mailed by the commission. The answer shall contain a detailed response to the allegations of the petition and shall be accompanied by such information as appropriate to rebut the charges.

(d) The commission shall carefully consider the evidence in support of and against the agency. In accordance with Section 46a-54 (9) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Section 2 of Public Act 89-332, the commission may hold a hearing, if necessary, on the question. If the evidence indicates that the agency's contract compliance program is not at least equivalent to the requirements and responsibilities of Sections 4a-60, as amended by Section 2 of Public Act 89-253; 46a-68c, as amended by Section 3 of Public Act 89-253; 46a-68d, as amended by Section 4 of Public Act 89-253; 46a-68e and 46a-68f of the Connecticut General Statutes, the commission may revoke its approval of the program by the affirmative vote of a majority of its members present and voting.