

Equal Employment Opportunity is **THE LAW**

Private Employers, State and Local Governments, Educational Institutions, Employment Agencies and Labor Organizations

Applicants to and employees of most private employers, state and local governments, educational institutions, employment agencies and labor organizations are protected under Federal law from discrimination on the following bases:

RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, protects applicants and employees from discrimination in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), or national origin. Religious discrimination includes failing to reasonably accommodate an employee's religious practices where the accommodation does not impose undue hardship.

DISABILITY

Title I and Title V of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, protect qualified individuals from discrimination on the basis of disability in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment. Disability discrimination includes not making reasonable accommodation to the known physical or mental limitations of an otherwise qualified individual with a disability who is an applicant or employee, barring undue hardship.

AGE

The Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, protects applicants and employees 40 years of age or older from discrimination based on age in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment.

SEX (WAGES)

In addition to sex discrimination prohibited by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, the Equal Pay Act of 1963, as amended, prohibits sex discrimination in the payment of wages to women and men performing substantially equal work, in jobs that require equal skill, effort, and responsibility, under similar working conditions, in the same establishment.

GENETICS

Title II of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 protects applicants and employees from discrimination based on genetic information in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment. GINA also restricts employers' acquisition of genetic information and strictly limits disclosure of genetic information. Genetic information includes information about genetic tests of applicants, employees, or their family members; the manifestation of diseases or disorders in family members (family medical history); and requests for or receipt of genetic services by applicants, employees, or their family members.

RETALIATION

All of these Federal laws prohibit covered entities from retaliating against a person who files a charge of discrimination, participates in a discrimination proceeding, or otherwise opposes an unlawful employment practice.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU BELIEVE DISCRIMINATION HAS OCCURRED

There are strict time limits for filing charges of employment discrimination. To preserve the ability of EEOC to act on your behalf and to protect your right to file a private lawsuit, should you ultimately need to, you should contact EEOC promptly when discrimination is suspected:

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), 1-800-669-4000 (toll-free) or 1-800-669-6820 (toll-free TTY number for individuals with hearing impairments). EEOC field office information is available at www.eeoc.gov or in most telephone directories in the U.S. Government or Federal Government section. Additional information about EEOC, including information about charge filing, is available at www.eeoc.gov.

Employers Holding Federal Contracts or Subcontracts

Applicants to and employees of companies with a Federal government contract or subcontract are protected under Federal law from discrimination on the following bases:

RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN

Executive Order 11246, as amended, prohibits job discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin, and requires affirmative action to ensure equality of opportunity in all aspects of employment.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

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

DISABLED, RECENTLY SEPARATED, OTHER PROTECTED, AND ARMED FORCES SERVICE MEDAL VETERANS

The Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended, 38 U.S.C. 4212, prohibits job discrimination and requires affirmative action to employ and advance in employment disabled veterans, recently separated veterans (within

three years of discharge or release from active duty), other protected veterans (veterans who served during a war or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized), and Armed Forces service medal veterans (veterans who, while on active duty, participated in a U.S. military operation for which an Armed Forces service medal was awarded).

RETALIATION

Retaliation is prohibited against a person who files a complaint of discrimination, participates in an OFCCP proceeding, or otherwise opposes discrimination under these Federal laws.

Any person who believes a contractor has violated its nondiscrimination or affirmative action obligations under the authorities above should contact immediately:

The Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP), U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210, 1-800-397-6251 (toll-free) or (202) 693-1337 (TTY). OFCCP may also be contacted by e-mail at OFCCP-Public@dol.gov, or by calling an OFCCP regional or district office, listed in most telephone directories under U.S. Government, Department of Labor.

Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance

RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX

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

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

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

If you believe you have been discriminated against in a program of any institution which receives Federal financial assistance, you should immediately contact the Federal agency providing such assistance.

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Employers Holding Federal Contracts or Subcontracts Section Revisions

The Executive Order 11246 section is revised as follows:

RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, NATIONAL ORIGIN

Executive Order 11246, as amended, prohibits employment discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin, and requires affirmative action to ensure equality of opportunity in all aspects of employment.

PAY SECRECY

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

The Individuals with Disabilities section is revised as follows:

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

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

The Vietnam Era, Special Disabled Veterans section is revised as follows:

PROTECTED VETERANS

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

Mandatory Supplement to EEOC P/E-1(Revised 11/09) “EEO is the Law” Poster.

If you believe that you have experienced discrimination contact OFCCP: 1-800-397-6251 | TTY 1-877-889-5627 | www.dol.gov.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICY STATEMENT

RSM US LLP has implemented the Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action policy and procedures as part of its longstanding commitment to compliance with all applicable equal opportunity and affirmative action requirements.

Equal Employment Opportunity

RSM US LLP is committed to maintaining a work environment that is free from any and all forms of unlawful discrimination and harassment. It is therefore the company's policy to prohibit discrimination and harassment against any applicant, employee, vendor, contractor, customer, or client on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, pregnancy, veteran status, genetic information, citizenship status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status or any other basis prohibited by law. It is also the company's policy to prohibit any and all forms of retaliation against any individual who has complained of harassing or discriminatory conduct, or participated in a company or agency investigation into such complaints.

Affirmative Action

RSM US LLP is also a federal contractor subject to Executive Order 11246, Section 4212 of the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended ("Section 4212") and Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended ("Section 503"). As such, RSM US is committed to taking positive steps to implement the employment-related aspects of the company's Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action policy. Accordingly, it is RSM US' policy to take affirmative action to employ, advance in employment, and otherwise treat qualified minorities, women, protected veterans, and individuals with disabilities without regard to their race/ethnicity, sex, veteran status, or physical or mental disability. Under this policy, RSM US also will provide reasonable accommodation to the known physical or mental limitations of an otherwise qualified employee or applicant for employment, unless the accommodation would impose undue hardship on the operation of the company's business.

This policy also prohibits employees and applicants from being subjected to harassment, intimidation, threats, coercion, or discrimination because they have engaged in or may engage in (1) filing a complaint; (2) assisting or participating in an investigation, compliance review, hearing, or any other activity related to the administration of Section 503, Section 4212, or any other Federal, state or local law requiring equal opportunity for disabled persons or covered veterans; (3) opposing any act or practice made unlawful by Section 503 or Section 4212 and their implementing regulations, or any other Federal, state or local law requiring equal opportunity for disabled persons or covered veterans; or (4) exercising any other right protected by Section 503 or Section 4212 or their implementing regulations.

The non-confidential portions of the affirmative action program for individuals with disabilities and protected veterans shall be available for inspection upon request by any employee or applicant for employment by contacting Human Resources between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Application of Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Policy

This policy applies whenever and wherever a company employee is performing a function of his/her job, including all RSM US locations, client worksites, and company-sponsored or client-sponsored business and social functions. The company's policy requires that employment decisions be based only on valid job requirements, and extend to all terms, conditions, and privileges of employment including, but not limited to, recruitment, selection, compensation, benefits, training, promotion, and disciplinary actions.

Workplace Harassment, Including Sexual Harassment

A key component of the company's commitment to equal opportunity is no tolerance for workplace harassment based on, or because of, an individual's race, color, religion, creed, sex, national origin, age, disability, pregnancy, veteran status, citizenship status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status or any other reason prohibited by law. Such harassment, whether committed by company personnel or by clients, customers, vendors, or other individuals doing business with RSM US, will not be tolerated. *The Harassment Free Workplace Policy* details RSM US' prohibition on workplace harassment.

Prohibited harassment occurs when a supervisor, co-worker, or even a non-employee behaves or acts in such a way that creates a hostile work environment for another employee based on an individual's race, color, religion, creed, sex, national origin, age, disability, pregnancy, veteran status, citizenship status, sexual identity, gender identity or expression, marital status or other protected characteristic. RSM US management is responsible for ensuring compliance with all aspects of this policy and for developing implementation strategies that promote its intent.

Obligations of Company Personnel

RSM US personnel have an obligation to contribute to a harassment and discrimination free workplace. Any employee who suffers or observes harassment or any other violation of this policy is strongly encouraged to notify one of the individuals identified below. RSM US will promptly and thoroughly investigate the alleged misconduct and, if a violation of this policy is found, will take immediate and appropriate corrective action.

No Tolerance for Retaliation

Every employee is encouraged to come forward without fear of reprisal, as RSM US' Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action policy prohibits any and all forms of retaliation against anyone who in good faith complains that this policy is not being followed, or who otherwise participates in a company or agency investigation into such complaints, even if sufficient evidence is not found to substantiate the complaint. If you believe that you have been subjected to retaliation, your complaint should be directed to one of the individuals identified below.

After receiving a complaint involving a violation of the company's policy, the company will investigate and take corrective action, as appropriate. Complaints and investigations will be kept strictly confidential to the maximum extent possible. No one, regardless of position or length of service, is exempt from this policy.

Responsibility for Implementation

I fully support our affirmative action program and am committed to the implementation of the company's Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action policy. I have delegated overall responsibility for this policy to the National Office Employee Relations Department. Each Office Managing Partner is responsible for the implementation and auditing of this policy at his/her location, assisted by the office's human resources manager. Complaints should be directed to your local office human resources manager, Employee Relations or Office Managing Partner. Complaints may also be reported to the RSM US Ethics & Compliance Hotline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at reportlineweb.com/RSMUS or by calling 800-913-5052.



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