PART 30—EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY IN APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING

§ 30.1 Scope and purpose.

This part sets forth policies and procedures to promote equality of opportunity in apprenticeship programs registered with the U.S. Department of Labor and in state apprenticeship programs registered with recognized state apprenticeship agencies. These policies and procedures apply to the recruitment and selection of apprentices, and to all conditions of employment and training during apprenticeship. The procedures established provide for review of apprenticeship programs, for registering apprenticeship programs, for processing complaints, and for deregistering noncomplying apprenticeship programs. This part also provides policies and procedures for continuation or withdrawal of recognition of state agencies for registering of apprenticeship programs for Federal purposes. The purpose of this part is to promote equality of opportunity in apprenticeship by prohibiting discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, or sex in apprenticeship programs, by requiring affirmative action to provide equal opportunity in such apprenticeship programs, and by coordinating this part with other equal opportunity programs.

§ 30.2 Definitions.

(a) **Department** means the U.S. Department of Labor.

(b) **Employer** means any person or organization employing an apprentice whether or not the apprentice is enrolled with such person or organization or with some other person or organization.

(c) **Apprenticeship program** means a program registered by the Department and evidenced by a Certificate of Registration as meeting the standards of the Department for apprenticeship, but does not include a state apprenticeship program.

(d) **Sponsor** means any person or organization operating an apprenticeship program, irrespective of whether such person or organization is an employer.

(e) **Secretary** means the Secretary of Labor, the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training, or any person specifically designated by either of them.

(f) **State Apprenticeship Council** means a state apprenticeship council or other state agency in any of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, or any territory or possession of the United States, which is recognized by the Department as the appropriate agency for registering programs for Federal purposes.

(g) **State apprenticeship program** means a program registered with a State Apprenticeship Council and evidenced by a Certificate of Registration or other appropriate document as meeting the standards of the State Apprenticeship Council for apprenticeship.

(h) **State program sponsor** means any person or organization operating a State apprenticeship program, irrespective of whether such person or organization is an employer.

§ 30.3 Equal opportunity standards.

(a) **Obligations of sponsors.** Each sponsor of an apprenticeship program shall:

(1) Recruit, select, employ, and train apprentices during their apprenticeship, without discrimination because of
race, color, religion, national origin, or sex; and

(2) Uniformly apply rules and regulations concerning apprentices, including but not limited to, equality of wages, periodic advancement, promotion, assignment of work, job performance, rotation among all work processes of the trade, imposition of penalties or other disciplinary action, and all other aspects of the apprenticeship program administration by the program sponsor; and

(3) Take affirmative action to provide equal opportunity in apprenticeship, including adoption of an affirmative action plan as required by this part.

(b) Equal opportunity pledge. Each sponsor of an apprenticeship program shall include in its standards the following equal opportunity pledge:

The recruitment, selection, employment, and training of apprentices during their apprenticeship shall be without discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, or sex. The sponsor will take affirmative action to provide equal opportunity in apprenticeship and will operate the apprenticeship program as required under title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 30.

(c) Programs presently registered. Each sponsor of a program registered with the Department as of the effective date of this part shall within 90 days of that effective date take the following action:

(1) Include in the standards of its apprenticeship program the equal opportunity pledge prescribed by paragraph (b) of this section;

(2) Adopt an affirmative action plan required by §30.4; and

(3) Adopt a selection procedure required by §30.5. A sponsor adopting a selection method under §30.5(b)(4) shall submit to the Department copies of its standards, affirmative action plan, and selection procedure in accordance with the requirements of §30.5(b)(4)(i)(a).

(d) Sponsors seeking new registration. A sponsor of a program seeking new registration with the Department shall submit copies of its proposed standards, affirmative action plan, selection procedures, and such other information as may be required. The program shall be registered if such standards, affirmative action plan, and selection procedure meet the requirements of this part.

(e) Programs subject to approved equal employment opportunity programs. A sponsor shall not be required to adopt an affirmative action plan under §30.4 or a selection procedure under §30.5 if it submits to the Department satisfactory evidence that it is in compliance with an equal employment opportunity program providing for the selection of apprentices and for affirmative action in apprenticeship including goals and timetables for women and minorities which has been approved as meeting the requirements of title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000e et seq.) and its implementing regulations published in title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter XIV or Executive Order 11246, as amended, and its implementing regulations at title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 60: Provided, That programs approved, modified or renewed subsequent to the effective date of this amendment will qualify for this exception only if the goals and timetables for minorities and women for the selection of apprentices provided for in such programs are equal to or greater than the goals required under this part.

(f) Program with fewer than five apprentices. A sponsor of a program in which fewer than five apprentices are indentured shall not be required to adopt an affirmative action plan under §30.4 or a selection procedure under §30.5: Provided, That such program was not adopted to circumvent the requirements of this part.

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§ 30.4 Affirmative action plans.

(a) Adoption of affirmative action plans. A sponsor's commitment to