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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) (1), (2), or (3) shall prepare, and have available

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for submission upon request, copies of its amended standards, affirmative action plans, and selection procedure. 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 equal opportunity in recruitment, selection, employment, and training of apprentices shall include the adoption of a written affirmative action plan.

(b) *Definition of affirmative action.* Affirmative action is not mere passive nondiscrimination. It includes procedures, methods, and programs for the identification, positive recruitment, training, and motivation of present and potential minority and female (minority and nonminority) apprentices including the establishment of goals and timetables. It is action which will equalize opportunity in apprenticeship so as to allow full utilization of the work potential of minorities and women. The overall result to be sought is equal opportunity in apprenticeship for all individuals participating in or seeking entrance to the Nation's labor force.

(c) *Outreach and positive recruitment.* An acceptable affirmative action plan must also include adequate provision for outreach and positive recruitment that would reasonably be expected to increase minority and female participation in apprenticeship by expanding the opportunity of minorities and women to become eligible for apprenticeship selection. In order to achieve these objectives, sponsors shall undertake activities such as those listed below. It is not contemplated that each sponsor necessarily will include all the listed activities in its affirmative action program. The scope of the affirmative action program will depend on all the circumstances including the size and type of the program and its resources. However, the sponsor will be required to undertake a significant number of appropriate activities in order to enable it to meet its obligations under this part. The affirmative action plan shall set forth the specific steps the sponsor intends to take in the areas listed below. Whenever special

circumstances warrant, the Department may provide such financial or other assistance as it deems necessary to implement the requirements of this paragraph.

(1) Dissemination of information concerning the nature of the apprenticeship, requirements for admission to apprenticeship, availability of apprenticeship opportunities, sources of apprenticeship applications, and the equal opportunity policy of the sponsor. For programs accepting applications only at specified intervals, such information shall be disseminated at least 30 days in advance of the earliest date for application at each interval. For programs customarily receiving applications throughout the year, such information shall be regularly disseminated but not less than semi-annually. Such information shall be given to the Department, local schools, employment service offices, women's centers, outreach programs and community organizations which can effectively reach minorities and women, and shall be published in newspapers which are circulated in the minority community and among women, as well as in the general areas in which the program sponsor operates.

(2) Participation in annual workshops conducted by employment service agencies for the purpose of familiarizing school, employment service and other appropriate personnel with the apprenticeship system and current opportunities therein.

(3) Cooperation with local school boards and vocational education systems to develop programs for preparing students to meet the standards and criteria required to qualify for entry into apprenticeship programs.

(4) Internal communication of the sponsor's equal opportunity policy in such a manner as to foster understanding, acceptance, and support among the sponsor's various officers, supervisors, employees, and members and to encourage such persons to take the necessary action to aid the sponsor in meeting its obligations under this part.

(5) Engaging in programs such as outreach for the positive recruitment and preparation of potential applicants for apprenticeships; where appropriate and