§ 42.207 Compliance information.

(2) Post-award compliance reviews of selected recipients of LEAA, NIJ, or BJS assistance.

(b) Pre-award reviews. The Office shall review selected formula, discretionary, and national priority applications for $500,000 or more in order to determine whether the application presents a possibility of discrimination in the services to be performed under the grant, or in the employment practices of the applicant. In those instances where it finds such a possibility, the Office shall special condition, disapprove or take other action with respect to the application to assure that the project complies with section 815(c)(1) of the JSIA.

(c) Post-award reviews. The Office shall seek to review those recipients which appear to have the most serious equal employment opportunity problems, or the greatest disparity in the delivery of services to the minority and non-minority or male and female communities they serve. Selection for review shall be made on the basis of:

(1) The relative disparity between the percentage of minorities, or women, in the relevant labor market, and the percentage of minorities, or women, employed by the recipient;

(2) The percentage of women and minorities in the population receiving program benefits;

(3) The number and nature of discrimination complaints filed against a recipient with OJARS or other Federal agencies;

(4) The scope of the problems revealed by an investigation commenced on the basis of a complaint filed with the Office against a recipient or by a pre-award compliance review; and

(5) The amount of assistance provided to the recipient.

(d) Within 15 days after selection of a recipient for review, the Office shall inform the recipient that it has been selected and will initiate the review. The review will ordinarily be initiated by a letter requesting data pertinent to the review and advising the recipient of:

(1) The practices to be reviewed;

(2) The programs or activities affected by the review;

(3) The opportunity to make, at any time prior to receipt of the Office’s investigative findings, a documentary submission responding to the Office, explaining, validating, or otherwise addressing the practices under review; and

(4) The schedule under which the review will be conducted and a determination of compliance or non-compliance made.

Copies of this letter will also be sent to the chief executive of the appropriate unit(s) of government, and to the appropriate CJC.

(e) Within 150 days or, where an on-site investigation is required, within 175 days after the initiation of the review, the Office shall advise the recipient, the chief executive(s) of the appropriate unit(s) of government, and the appropriate CJC, of:

(1) Its investigative findings;

(2) Where appropriate, its recommendations for compliance; and

(3) The opportunity to request the Office to engage in voluntary compliance negotiations prior to the Director of OJARS’ determination of compliance or noncompliance.

(f) If, within 30 days, the Office’s recommendations for compliance are not met, or voluntary compliance is not secured, the Director of OJARS shall make a determination of compliance or non-compliance. The determination shall be made no later than 14 days after the conclusion of the 30-day negotiation period. If the Director makes a determination of non-compliance with section 815(c) of the JSIA, the Office shall institute administrative proceedings pursuant to § 42.208, et seq.

§ 42.208 Notice of noncompliance.

(a) Whenever the Office has:

(1) Received notice of a finding, after notice and opportunity for a hearing by:

(i) A Federal court (other than in an action brought by the Attorney General under section 815(c)(3) of the JSIA);

(ii) A State court; or

(iii) A Federal or State administrative agency (other than the Office under paragraph (a)(2) of this section), to the effect that there has been a pattern or practice of discrimination in violation of section 815(c)(1) of the JSIA; or

(2) Made a determination after an investigation by the Office pursuant to § 42.205 or § 42.206 of this subpart that a State government or unit of general local government, or agency thereof, is not in compliance with this subpart, or section 815(c)(1) of the JSIA, or this subpart: the Office shall, within 10 days after such occurrence, notify the chief executive of the affected State and, if the action involves a unit of general local government, the chief executive of such unit of general local government, that such program or activity has been so found or determined not to be in compliance with this subpart, or section 815(c)(1) of the JSIA, or this subpart: the Office shall, within 10 days after such occurrence, notify the chief executive of the affected State and, if the action involves a unit of general local government, the chief executive of such unit of general local government, that such program or activity has been so found or determined not to be in compliance with this subpart, or section 815(c)(1) of the JSIA, or this subpart: the Office shall, within 10 days after such occurrence, notify the chief executive of the affected State and, if the action involves a unit of general local government, the chief executive of such unit of general local government, that such program or activity has been so found or determined not to be in compliance with this subpart, or section 815(c)(1) of the JSIA, or this subpart; or

(b) For the purposes of this section, notice means:

(1) Publication in—

(i) Employment Practices Decisions, Commerce Clearinghouse, Inc.;

(ii) Fair Employment Practices, Bureau of National Affairs, Inc.;

(iii) The United States Law Week, Bureau of National Affairs, Inc.; or

(iv) Federal Supplement, Federal Reporter, or Supreme Reporter, West Publishing Company; or

(2) Receipt by the Office of a reliable copy of a pattern or practice finding, made after due process hearing from any source.

(c) When the Office receives notice of a finding which has been made more than 120 days prior to receipt, the Office will determine if the finding is currently applicable.

(1) In determining the current applicability of the finding, the Office will contact the clerk of the court and the office of the deciding judge (or the appropriate agency official) to determine whether any subsequent orders have been entered.

(2) If the information is unavailable through the clerk or the office of the judge (or the appropriate agency official), the Office will contact the attorneys of record for both the plaintiff and defendant to determine whether any subsequent orders have been entered, or if the recipient is in compliance.

(3) If, within 10 days of receipt of notice, it is not determined through the procedures set forth in paragraphs (c)(1) and (2) of this section, that the recipient is in full compliance with a final order of the court (or agency) within the meaning of § 42.211(b), the Office will notify the appropriate chief executive of the recipient's noncompliance as provided in § 42.208(a).

(d) For purposes of paragraph (a)(1)(iii) of this section a finding by a Federal or State administrative agency shall be deemed rendered after notice and opportunity for a hearing if it is rendered pursuant to procedures consistent with the provisions of subchapter II of chapter 5, title 5, U.S. Code (the Administrative Procedures Act).

(e) The procedures of a Federal or State administrative agency shall be deemed to be consistent with the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) if:

(1) The agency gives all interested parties opportunity for—

(i) The submission and consideration of facts, arguments, offers of settlement, or proposals of adjustment when time, the nature of the proceeding, and the public interest permit; and

(ii) Hearing on notice, and a decision by an individual who did not participate in the investigation or prosecution of the matter.

(2) A party is entitled to be represented by counsel or other qualified representative, to present his case or