(A) If assistance is extended to such corporation, partnership, private organization, or sole proprietorship as a whole; or
(B) Which is principally engaged in the business of providing education, health care, housing, social services, or parks and recreation; or
(ii) The entire plant or other comparable, geographically separate facility to which Federal financial assistance is extended, in the case of any other corporation, partnership, private organization, or sole proprietor; or
(4) Any other entity which is established by two or more of the entities described in paragraph (h)(1), (2), or (3) of this section.

(i) Qualified handicapped person means:
(1) With respect to employment, a handicapped person who, with reasonable accommodation, can perform the essential functions of the job in question;
(2) With respect to post secondary and vocational education services, a handicapped person who meets the academic and technical standards requisite to admission or participation in the recipient’s education program or activity;
(3) With respect to other services, a handicapped person who meets the essential eligibility requirements for the receipt of such services.

(j) Recipient means any State or its political subdivisions, any instrumentality of a State or its political subdivisions, any public or private agency, institution, organization, or other entity, or any person to which Federal financial assistance is extended directly or indirectly through another recipient, or including any successor, assignee, or transferee of a recipient, but excluding the ultimate beneficiary of the assistance.

(k) Secretary means the Secretary of Commerce, U.S. Department of Commerce.

(l) Section 504 means section 504 of the Act.

(m) Small recipient means a recipient who serves fewer than 15 beneficiaries and who employs fewer than 15 employees at all times during a grant year.

§ 8b.4 Discrimination prohibited.

(a) General. No qualified handicapped individual shall, on the basis of handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance.

(b) Discriminatory actions prohibited.

(1) A recipient, in providing any aid, benefit, or service, may not, directly or through contractual, licensing, or other arrangements, on the basis of handicap:
(i) Deny a qualified handicapped individual the opportunity to participate in or benefit from the aid, benefit, or service;
(ii) Afford a qualified handicapped individual an opportunity to participate in or benefit from the aid, benefit, or service that is not equal to that afforded others;
(iii) Provide a qualified handicapped individual with any aid, benefit, or service that is not as effective as that provided to others;
(iv) Provide different or separate aid, benefits, or services to handicapped individuals or to any class of handicapped individuals, unless such action is necessary to provide qualified handicapped individuals with aid, benefits, or services that are as effective as those provided to others;
(v) Aid or perpetuate discrimination against a qualified handicapped individual by providing significant assistance to an agency, organization, or person that discriminates on the basis of handicap in providing any aid, benefit, or service to beneficiaries of the recipient’s program or activity;
(vi) Deny a qualified handicapped individual the opportunity to participate as a member of planning or advisory boards; or
(vii) Otherwise limit a qualified handicapped individual in the enjoyment of any right, privilege, advantage, or opportunity enjoyed by others receiving any aid, benefits, or services.

(2) For purposes of this part, aid, benefits, and services must afford handicapped individuals an equal opportunity to obtain the same result, to gain the same benefit, or to reach the same level of achievement as afforded...
to others, in the most integrated setting appropriate to the individual’s needs. However, aid, benefits and services, to be equally effective, need not produce the identical result or level of achievement for handicapped and non-handicapped individuals.

(3) A recipient may not deny a qualified handicapped individual the opportunity to participate in its regular aid, benefits, or services, despite the existence of separate or different aid, benefits, or services which are established in accordance with this part.

(4) A recipient may not, directly or through contractual or other arrangements, use criteria or methods of administration:

(i) That have the effect of subjecting qualified handicapped individuals to discrimination on the basis of handicap;

(ii) That have the purpose or effect of defeating or substantially impairing accomplishment of the objectives of the recipient’s program or activity with respect to handicapped individuals;

(iii) That perpetuate the discrimination of another recipient if both recipients are subject to common administrative control or are agencies of the same state.

(5) In determining the geographic site or location of a facility, an applicant for assistance or a recipient may not make selections:

(i) That have the effect of excluding handicapped individuals from, denying them the benefit of, or otherwise subjecting them to discrimination under any program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance; or

(ii) That have the purpose or effect of defeating or substantially impairing the accomplishment of the objectives of the program or activity with respect to handicapped individuals.

(6) As used in this section, the aid, benefit, or service provided under a program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance includes any aid, benefit, or service provided in or through a facility that has been constructed, expanded, altered, leased, rented or otherwise acquired, in whole or in part, with Federal financial assistance.

(7)(i) In providing services, recipients to which this subpart applies, except small recipients, shall ensure that no handicapped participant is denied the benefits of, excluded from participation in, or otherwise subjected to discrimination under the program or activity operated by the recipient because of the absence of auxiliary aids for participants with impaired sensory, manual or speaking skills. A recipient shall operate each program or activity to which this subpart applies so that, when viewed in its entirety, auxiliary aids are readily available. The Secretary may require small recipients to provide auxiliary aids in order to ensure that no handicapped participant is denied the benefits of, excluded from participation in, or otherwise subjected to discrimination under the program or activity operated by small recipients, when this would not significantly impair the ability of the small recipient to provide benefits or services.

(ii) Auxiliary aids may include brailled and taped materials, interpreters, telecommunications devices, or other equally effective methods of making orally delivered information available to persons with hearing impairments, readers for persons with visual impairments, equipment adapted for use by persons with manual impairments, and other similar devices and actions. Recipients need not provide attendants, individually prescribed devices, readers for personal use or study, or other devices or services of a personal nature.

(c) Aid, benefits, or services limited by Federal law. The exclusion of non-handicapped persons from aid, benefits, or services limited by Federal statute or Executive order to handicapped individuals, or the exclusion of a specific class of handicapped individuals from aid, benefits, or services limited by Federal statute or Executive order to a different class of handicapped individuals is not prohibited by this part.

(d) Integrated setting. Recipients shall administer programs or activities in the most integrated setting appropriate to the needs of qualified handicapped individuals.

(e) Communications with individuals with impaired vision and hearing. Recipients shall ensure that communications
with their applicants, employees and beneficiaries are available to persons
with impaired vision or hearing. Appropriate modes of communication may
include braille, enlarged type, sign language and telecommunications devices.

§ 8b.5 Assurances required.

(a) Assurances. An applicant for Federal financial assistance to which this
part applies shall submit an assurance, on a form specified by the Secretary,
that the program or activity will be operated in compliance with this part. An
applicant may incorporate these assurances by reference in subsequent appli-
cations to the Department.

(b) Duration of obligation. (1) In the
case of Federal financial assistance ex-
tended in the form of real property or
structures on the property, the assur-
ance will obligate the recipient or, in
the case of a subsequent transfer, the
transferee, for the period during which
the real property or structures are used
for the purpose for which Federal fi-
nancial assistance is extended, or for
another purpose involving the provi-
sion of similar services or benefits.

(2) In case of Federal financial assist-
ance extended to provide personal prop-
erty, the assurance will obligate the re-
cipient for the period during which it
retains ownership or possession of the
property.

(3) In all other cases, the assurance
will obligate the recipient for the pe-
riod during which Federal financial as-
sistance is extended or the federally-
funded program or activity is operated,
whichever is longer.

(c) Covenants. (1) Where Federal fi-
nancial assistance is provided in the
form of real property or interest in the
property from the Department, the in-
surance effecting or recording this
transfer shall contain a covenant run-
ning with the land to assure non-
discrimination for the period during
which the real property is used for a
purpose for which the Federal financial assistance is extended or for another
purpose involving the provision of
similar services or benefits.

(2) Where no transfer or property is
involved but property is purchased or
improved with Federal financial assist-
ance, the recipient shall agree to in-
clude the covenant described in para-
graph (c)(1) of this section in the in-
strument effecting or recording any
subsequent transferee of the property.

(3) Where Federal financial assistance
is provided in the form of real
property or interest in the property
from the Department, the covenant
shall also include a condition coupled
with a right to be reserved by the De-
partment to revert title to the prop-
erty in the event of a breach of the cov-
enant. If a transferee of real property
proposed to mortgage or otherwise en-
cumber the real property as security to
finance construction of new, or im-
provement of existing, facilities on the
property for the purposes for which the
property was transferred, the Sec-
retary may agree to forbear the exer-
cise of such right to revert title for so
long as the lien of such mortgage or
other encumbrance remains effective.
Such an agreement by the Secretary
may be entered into only upon the re-
quest of the transferee (recipient) if it
is necessary to accomplish such financ-
ing and upon such terms and condi-
tions as the Secretary deems appro-
priate.

(d) Interagency agreements. Where
funds are granted by the Department
to another Federal agency to carry out
the objectives of Federal financial as-
sistance under a law administered by
the Department, and where the grant
obligates the recipient agency to com-
ply with the rules and regulations of
the Department applicable to that
grant the provisions of this part shall
apply to programs or activities oper-
ated with such funds.

§ 8b.6 Remedial action, voluntary ac-
tion, and self-evaluation.

(a) Remedial action. (1) If the Sec-
retary finds that a recipient has dis-
criminated against persons on the basis
of handicap in violation of section 504
or this part, the recipient shall take
such remedial action as the Secretary
deems necessary to overcome the ef-
facts of the discrimination.

(2) Where a recipient is found to have
discriminated against persons on the
basis of handicap in violation of sec-
tion 504 or this part and where another