

Standard DOT Title VI Assurances

The Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (hereinafter referred to as the "Recipient") HEREBY AGREES THAT as a condition to receiving any Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d-42 U.S.C. 2000d-4 (hereinafter referred to as the Act), and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation-Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (hereinafter referred to as the Regulation) and other pertinent directives, to the end that in accordance with the Act, Regulations, and other pertinent directives, no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, include the Texas Department of Transportation, and HEREBY GIVES ASSURANCE THAT it will promptly take any measures necessary to effectuate this agreement. This assurance is required by subsection 21.7(a) (1) of the Regulations, a copy of which is attached.

More specifically and without limiting the above general assurance, the Recipient hereby gives the following specific assurances with respect to the programs administered by the Recipient.

1. That the Recipient agrees that each "program" and each "facility" as defined in subsections 21.23(e) and 21.23(b) of the Regulations, will be (with regard to a "program") conducted, or will be (with regard to a "facility") operated in compliance with all requirements imposed by, or pursuant to, the Regulations.
2. That the Recipient shall insert the following notification in all solicitations for bids for work or material subject to the Regulations and make in connection with all programs administered by the Recipient and, in adapted form in all proposals for negotiated agreements:

The Recipient, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

3. That the Recipient shall insert the clause of Appendix A of this assurance in every contract subject to the Act and the Regulations
4. That the Recipient shall insert the clauses of Appendix B of this assurance, as a covenant running with the land, in any deed from the United States affecting a transfer of real property, structures, or improvements thereon, or interest therein.

5. That where the Recipient receives Federal Financial assistance to construct a facility, or part of a facility, the assurance shall extend to the entire facility and facilities operated in connection therewith.
6. That where the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance in the form, or for the acquisition of real property or an interest in real property, the assurance shall extend to rights to space on, over, or under such property.
7. That the Recipient shall include the appropriate clause set forth in Appendix C of this assurance as a covenant running with the land, in any future deeds, leases permits, licenses and similar agreements entered into by the Recipient with other parties: (a) for the subsequent transfer of real property acquired or improved under the programs administered by the Recipient; and (b) for the construction or use of or access to space on, over, or under real property acquired or improved under the programs administered by the Recipient.
8. That this assurance obligates the Recipient for the period during which Federal financial assistance is extended to the program, except where the Federal financial assistance is to provide, or is in the form of, personal property, or real property, or interest therein, or structures, or improvements thereon, in which case the assurance obligates the Recipient or any transferee for the longer of the following periods: (a) the period during which the 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; or (b) the period during which the Recipient retains ownership or possession of the property.
9. The Recipient shall provide for such methods of administration for the program as are found by the Secretary of Transportation of the official to whom he delegates specific authority to give reasonable guarantee that it, other recipients, sub-guarantees, contractors, transferees, successors in interest, and other participants of Federal financial assistance under such program will comply with all requirements imposed or pursuant to the Act, the Regulations and this assurance.
10. The Recipient agrees that the United States has a right to seek judicial enforcement with regard to any matters arising under the Act, the Regulations, and this assurance.

THIS ASSURANCE is given in consideration of, and for the purpose of, obtaining any and all Federal grants, loans, contracts, property, discounts or other Federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the Recipient by the Department of Transportation under the programs administered by the Recipient and is binding on it, other recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, transferees, successors in interest and other participants in the programs administered by the Recipient. The person or persons whose signatures appear below are authorized to sign this assurance on behalf of the Recipient

DATED

10/30/19

By



Executive Director
Rio Grande Valley MPO

Appendix A

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees as follows:

- (1) Compliance with Regulations: The contractor shall comply with regulations relative to nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted programs of the Department of Transportation (hereinafter, "DOT") Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21, as they may be amended from time to time, (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations), which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.
- (2) Nondiscrimination: The contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by section 21.5 of the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers a program set forth in Appendix B of the Regulations.
- (3) Solicitations for Subcontractors, Including Procurement of Materials and Equipment: In all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of material or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by the contractor of the contractor's obligations under this contract and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.
- (4) Information and Resorts: The contractor shall provide all information and reports required by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto, and shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information and its facilities as may be determined by the Recipient or the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Regulations, orders and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information the contractor shall so certify to the Recipient, or the Metropolitan Planning Organization as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
- (5) Sanctions of Noncompliance: In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this contract, the Recipient shall impose such contract sanctions as is or the Texas Department of Transportation may determine to be appropriate, including but not limited to:
 - (a) Withholding of payments to the contractor until the contractor complies and/or
 - (b) Cancellation, termination or suspension of the contract, in whole or in part.
- (6) Incorporation of Provision: The contractor shall include the provisions of paragraphs through in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Regulations, or directives issued pursuant thereto.

The contractor shall take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the Recipient or the Texas Department of Transportation may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for non-compliance. Provided, however that, in the even a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation with a subcontractor or supplier as a result of such direction, the contractor may request the Recipient to enter into such litigation to protect the interest of the Recipient, and in addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interest of the United States.

Appendix B

- A. The following clauses shall be included in any and all deeds, effecting or recording the transfer of real property, structures or improvements thereon, or interest therein from the United States.

(GRANTING CLAUSE)

NOW, THEREFORE, The Department of Transportation, as authorized by law, and upon the condition that the Recipient will accept title to the lands and maintain the project constructed thereon, in accordance with all applicable Department of Transportation authorities, the Regulations for the Administration of the programs administered by the Recipient, and the policies and procedures prescribed by the Texas Department of Transportation and, also in accordance with and in compliance with all requirements imposed by or pursuant to Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted programs of the Department of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as the Regulation) pertaining to an effectuating the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252; 42 U.S.C 2000d-4), does hereby remise, release, quitclaim, and convey unto the Recipient all the right, title and interest of the Department of Transportation in and to said lands described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made part hereof.

(HABENDUM CLAUSE)

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said lands and interest therein unto the Recipient and its successors forever, subject, however, to the covenants, conditions, restrictions, and reservations herein contained as follows, which will remain in effect for the period during which the real property or structures are used for a purpose for which Federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits and shall be binding on the Recipient, its successors and assigns.

The Recipient, in consideration of the conveyance of said lands and interest in lands, does hereby covenant and agree as a covenant running with the land for itself, its successors and assigns, that (1) no person shall on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination with regard to any facility located wholly or in part on, over, or under such lands hereby conveyed (and) (2) that the Recipient shall use the lands and interest in lands, so conveyed, in compliance with all requirements imposed by or pursuant to Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted programs of the Department of Transportation-Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and as said Regulations may be amended, and (3) that in the event of breach of any of the above mentioned nondiscrimination conditions, the Department shall have a right to re-center said lands and facilities on said land, and the above described land and facilities shall thereon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the Department of Transportation and its assigns as such interest existed prior to this instruction.*

*Reverted clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary in order to effectuate the purpose of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Appendix C

The following clauses shall be included in all deeds, licenses, leases permits, or similar instruments entered into by the Recipient pursuant to the provisions of Assurances 7(a).

The (grantee, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc., as appropriate) for himself, his heirs, personal representatives, successors in interest, and assigns, as part of the consideration hereof, does hereby covenant and agree [in the case of deeds and leases add "as a covenant running with the land"] that in the even facilities are constructed, maintained, or otherwise operating on the said property described in this (deed, license, lease, permit, etc.) for a purpose for which a Department of Transportation program or activity is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits, the (grantee, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc.) shall maintain and operate such facilities and services in compliance with all other requirements imposed pursuant to Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted programs of the Department of Transportation-Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964, and as said Regulations may be amended.

[Included in licenses, leases, permits, etc.] *

That in the event of breach of any of the above nondiscrimination covenants, the Recipient shall have the right to re-enter said lands and facilities thereon, and the above described lands and facilities shall thereupon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the Recipient and its assigns.

[Include in deeds.] *

That in the event of breach of any of the above nondiscrimination covenants, the Recipient shall have the right to re-enter said lands and facilities thereon, and the above described lands and facilities shall thereupon revert to and vest, in and become the absolute property of the Recipient and its assigns

The following shall be included in all deeds, licenses, leases, permits, or similar agreements entered into by the Recipient pursuant to the provisions of Assurances 7(b).

The (grantee, licensee, permittee, etc., as appropriate) for himself, his personal representatives, successors interest, and assigns, as a part of the consideration hereof, does hereby covenant and agree (in the case of deeds, and leases add "as a covenant running with the land") that (1) no person on the grounds of race, color, or national origin shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of said facilities, (2) that in the construction of any improvements on, over or under such land and the furnishing of services thereon, no person on the ground of race, color, or national origin shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination, (3) that the (grantee, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc.) shall use the premises in compliance with all other requirements imposed by or pursuant to Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted program of the Department of Transportation-Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and as said Regulations may be amended

[Include in licenses, leases, permits, etc.] *

That in the event of break of any of the above nondiscrimination covenants, the Recipient shall have the right to terminate the [license, lease, permit, etc.] and to re-enter and repossess said land and the facilities thereon, and hold the same as if said [license, lease, permit, etc.]

[Include in deeds] *

That in the event of break of any of the above nondiscrimination covenants, the Recipient shall have the right to re-enter said land and facilities thereon, and the above described lands and facilities shall thereupon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the recipient and its assigns.

*Reverter Clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary in order to effectuate the purpose of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964