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AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM

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It is the policy and practice of the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments to assure that no person will be discriminated against or be denied the benefits of any activity, program or employment process receiving public funds, in whole or in part, including those benefits resulting from any Federal or State of Connecticut contract, in the areas of recruiting, advertising, hiring, upgrading, promoting, transferring, demoting, layoffs, terminations, rehiring, employment and/or rates of pay and other compensations.

It is the policy and practice of this Council not to discriminate against any individual because of the individual's race, color, religious creed, sex, marital status, national origin, ancestry, present or past history of mental disorder, mental retardation, sexual orientation, learning disability or physical disability, including but not limited to, blindness, except where any of the above is a bona fide occupational qualification or need.

This policy and practice applies to all persons, particularly those that are members of the protected classes identified as being African Americans, Hispanics, Asian Americans, Native American Indians, Women and Handicapped.

This Council will implement, monitor and enforce this Affirmative Action Policy Statement and Program in conjunction with the applicable federal and state laws, regulations and executive orders listed below and also in conjunction with the E.E.O. contract provisions listed below of which we intend to achieve full compliance.

- 1) Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended
- 2) Presidential Executive Order 11246 amended
- 3) Title 23 U.S.C. 140
- 4) Title 49 C.F.R. Part 23
- 5) Governor's Executive Orders #3 and #17
- 6) Connecticut Fair Employment Practices Act
- 7) Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
- 8) Public Act No. 91-58
- 9) Civil Rights Act of 1991
- 10) Specific Equal Employment Opportunity Responsibilities
- 11) Required Contract Provisions Federal Aid Construction Contracts
- 12) A(76) Affirmative Action Requirements

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- 13) Training Special Provision
- 14) Minority Business Enterprises as Subcontractors
- 15) Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specification
- 16) Nondiscrimination Act

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In implementing this policy and ensuring that equal opportunity is being provided to protect class members, this Council will contact and request referrals from the following minority and women organizations, referral sources and minority media as hiring opportunities occur:

Director of Career Services University of Connecticut Storrs, CT 06268

Director of Counseling Mitchell College 437 Pequot Avenue New London, CT 06320

Dean of Students Three Rivers Community Technical College 574 New London Turnpike Norwich, CT 06360

Supervisor of Eastern Region Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities 100 Broadway, Suite 210 Norwich, CT 06360

Executive Director Centro de la Comunidad 109 Blinman Street New London, CT 06320

Director Thames Valley Council for Community Action 401 West Thames Street Norwich, CT 06360 Director of Career Counseling & Placement Connecticut College New London, CT 06230

President National Assoc. For the Advancement of Colored People 219 Bank Street New London, CT 06320

Tim Murphy CT Works 113 Salem Turnpike North Building Norwich, CT 06360

Director Opportunities Industrialization Center 106 Truman Street New London, CT 06320

Director Women's Center of Southeastern Conn. 16 Jay Street New London, CT 06320

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Notices of all job openings within the Council will be posted prominently in the Council's office so that employees may be aware of promotional opportunities or may call openings to the attention of potential candidates. It shall be the Council's policy to encourage upward mobility within its staff and to the maximum extent possible to promote personnel from within as vacancies occur or new positions become available.

To substantiate the efforts made and the affirmative actions taken to provide equal opportunity, this Council will maintain and submit as requested, documentation such as referral request correspondences and copies of advertisements utilized in conjunction with the above-named sources; in addition, to further substantiate such efforts and affirmative actions, this Council will maintain internal EEO/affirmative action audit procedures and reporting and recordkeeping systems.

I hereby appoint <u>S. Richard Guggenheim</u> as the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer of this Council.

Managers and Supervisors:

James S. Butler

S. Richard Guggenheim

Executive Director, Chief Executive Officer, 5/01/03

Assistant Director & Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, 5/01/03