**MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – EQUAL**

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POLICY STATEMENT**

**FOR CONTRACTORS OF THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE FOR THE AGING**

**MWBE AND EEO POLICY STATEMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the (awardee/contractor) agree to adopt the following policies with respect to the project being developed or services rendered at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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This organization will and will cause its contractors and subcontractors to take good faith actions to achieve the MWBE contract participation goals set by the State for that area in which the State-funded project is located, by taking the following steps:

1. Actively and affirmatively solicit bids for contracts and subcontracts from qualified State certified MBEs or WBEs, including solicitations to MWBE contractor associations.
2. Request a list of State-certified MWBEs from NYSOFA and solicit bids from them directly.
3. Ensure that plans, specifications, request for proposals and other documents used to secure bids will be made available in sufficient time for review by prospective MWBEs.
4. Where feasible, divide the work into smaller portions to enhance participation by MWBEs and encourage the formation of joint ventures and other partnerships among MWBE contractors to enhance their participation.
5. Document and maintain records of bid solicitation, including those to MWBEs and the results thereof. Contractor will also maintain records of actions that its subcontractors have taken toward meeting MWBE contract participation goals.
6. Ensure that progress payments to MWBEs are made on a timely basis so that undue financial hardship is avoided, and that bonding and other credit requirements are waived or appropriate alternatives developed to encourage MWBE participation.

(a) This organization will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status, will undertake or continue existing programs of affirmative action to ensure that minority group members are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination, and shall make and document its conscientious and active efforts to employ and utilize minority group members and women in its work force on state contracts.

(b) This organization shall state in each solicitation or advertisement for employees that in the performance of the State contract all qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.

(c) At the request of NYSOFA this organization shall request each employment agency, labor union, or authorized representative will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status and that such union or representative will affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of this organization’s obligations herein.

(d) The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Human Rights Law, all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions. The Contractor and subcontractors shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed (religion), color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, military status or domestic violence victim status, and shall also follow the requirements of the Human Rights Law with regard to non-discrimination on the basis of prior criminal conviction and prior arrest.

(e) This organization will include the provisions of sections (a) through (d) of this policy statement in every subcontract in such a manner that the requirements of the subdivisions will be binding upon each subcontractor as to work in connection with the State contract.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Contractor’s Minority Business Enterprise Liaison**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_is designated as the Contractor’s Minority Business Enterprise (Name of Designated Liaison)

Liaison responsible for administering the Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises-Equal Employment Opportunity (MWBE-EEO) program.

**MWBE Contract Goals**

\_\_\_\_30\_\_% Minority and Women’s Business Enterprise Participation

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_% Minority Business Enterprise Participation

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_% Women’s Business Enterprise Participation

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  (Authorized Representative)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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