

TITLE VI ASSURANCES – NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Southern Oklahoma Development Association (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 Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 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 Regulations), 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, sex, age, national origin, disability/handicap, or income status, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under and program or activity for which the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, including the Federal Highway Administration; 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 assurance with respect to its Federal-Aid Highway Program:

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 materials subject to regulations made in connection with the Federal-aid Highway Program and, in adapted form, in all proposals for negotiated agreements:

"The Southern Oklahoma Development Association in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000-4, and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Non-discrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation, issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, Disadvantaged 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, sex, age, national origin, disability/handicap, or income status in consideration for an award."

3. That the Recipient shall insert the clauses of Appendix A of this assurance in every contract subject to the Act and Regulations.
4. That the clauses of Appendix B of this assurance shall be included, as a covenant running with the land, in any deed from the United States effecting 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 clauses 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 Federal-Aid Highway Program; and (b) for the construction or use of, or access to space on, over, or under, real property acquired or improved under the Federal-Aid Highway Program.
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 used for a purpose for which 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 used for a purpose for which the federal financial assistance is extended, or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits; of (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, or the official to whom he or she delegates specific authority, to give reasonable guarantee that it, other recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, subcontractors, transferees, successors in interest; and other participants of federal financial assistance under such program will comply with all requirements imposed by 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 matter 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 Federal-Aid Highway Program and is binding on it, other recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, subcontractors, transferees, successors in interest, and other participants in the Federal-Aid Highway Program. The person or persons whose signatures appear below are authorized to sign this assurance on behalf of the Recipient.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven C Mills". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Date: August 4, 2023

Executive Director

Southern Oklahoma Development Association

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 the regulations relative to nondiscrimination in federally- assisted programs of the Department of Transportation, 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, sex, age, national origin, disability/handicap, or income status, 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 Subcontracts. 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 materials or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by the contractor of the contractor's obligations under this contract and Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex, age, national origin, disability/handicap, or income status.

4. Information and Reports:

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 State Department of Transportation or the Federal Highway Administration to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Regulations or directives. 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 State Department of Transportation, or the Federal Highway Administration, as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the

information.

5. Sanctions for Noncompliance:

In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with nondiscrimination provision of this contract, the State Department of Transportation shall impose such contract sanctions as it or the Federal Highway Administration may determine to be appropriate, including but not limited to:

- a. Withholding of payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies and/or
- b. Cancellation, termination, or suspension of the contract in whole or in part.

6. Incorporation of Provisions:

The contractor shall include the provisions of paragraphs 1 through 6 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 State Department of Transportation or the Federal Highway Administration may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance provided, however that in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation by a subcontractor or supplier as a result of such direction, the contractor may request the State Department of Transportation to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the State; and, in addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

APPENDIX B

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 State of Oklahoma will accept title to the lands and maintain the project constructed thereon in accordance with Title 23, United States Code, the Regulations for the Administration of Federal Aid for Highway, and the policies and procedures prescribed by the Federal Highway Administration of the 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 Regulations), pertaining to and effectuating the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat.252; 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4), does hereby remise, release, quitclaim and convey unto the State of Oklahoma all the right, title, and interest of the Department of Transportation in and to said lands described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

(HABENDUM CLAUSE)

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said lands and interest therein unto the State of Oklahoma and its successors forever subject however, to the covenant, 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 to the State of Oklahoma, its successors, and assigns.

The State of Oklahoma in consideration of the consideration of the conveyance of said lands and interests in land, does hereby covenant and agree, as a covenant running with the land, for itself, its successor, and assigns that: (1) no person shall on the grounds of race, color, sex, age, national origin, disability/handicap, or income status, 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 State of Oklahoma shall use the lands and interests 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 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-enter 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 assignees as such interest existed prior to the deed.*

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

APPENDIX C

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

The (grantee, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc., as appropriate), for him or herself, his or her heirs, personal representative, successors in 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 in the event facilities are constructed, maintained, or otherwise operated 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 Program of the Department of Transportation-Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Action of 1964, and as said Regulations may be amended.

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

That in the event of breach of any of the above nondiscrimination covenants, the State of Oklahoma 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.] had never been made or issued.

[Include in deeds]*

That in the event of breach of any of the above nondiscrimination covenants, the State of Oklahoma shall have the right to re-enter said lands and facilities shall thereupon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the State of Oklahoma 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 purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The following shall be included in all deeds, license, leases, permits, or similar agreements entered into by the State of Oklahoma, pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 6(b).

The (grantee, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc., as appropriate), fir him or herself, his or her personal representatives, successors in interest, and assigns, as a part of the considerations 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, sex, age, national origin, disability/handicap, or income status, 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 grounds of race, color, sex, age, national origin, disability/handicap, or income status, 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, Cod 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.

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

That in the event of breach of any of the above nondiscrimination covenants, the State of Oklahoma 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.] had never been made or issued.

[Include in deeds]*

That in the event of breach of any of the above nondiscrimination covenants, the State of Oklahoma 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 State of Oklahoma 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.