



## **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICY STATEMENT**

This is to affirm the Company's policy of providing equal opportunity to all employees and applicants for employment in accordance with all applicable equal employment opportunity/affirmative action ("EEO/AA") laws, directives and regulations of federal, state, and local governing bodies or agencies thereof.

The Company will not discriminate against or harass any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, status as a recently separated veteran, disabled veteran, armed forces service medal veteran, or active duty wartime or campaign badge veteran who served on active duty in the U.S. military, ground, naval or air service during a war or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized under the laws administered by the Department of Defense (collectively, "protected veterans"), genetic information, because of inquiry or discussion about or disclosure of compensation, and all other federal, state, and local protected classes. The Company will not subject any employee or applicant to harassment, intimidation, threats, coercion or retaliation for participating in activities related to the administration of laws requiring affirmative action and equal employment opportunity, for opposing any actions made unlawful by those laws, or for exercising any other rights protected by those laws.

The Company will take affirmative action to ensure that all employment practices are free of discrimination. Senior Management fully supports the Company's affirmative action program. The Company hires, upgrades, and transfers persons in all job titles for which they are qualified without regard to disability, protected veteran status, any other legally protected status, as required by law. It also recruits, advertises jobs, lays off, disciplines, terminates, pays, and selects for training, including apprenticeship, pre-apprenticeship, and/or on-the-job training, without regard to disability, protected veteran status or any other legally protected status. The Company bases employment decisions only on valid job requirements so as to further the principle of equal employment opportunity. The Company is committed to taking affirmative action to employ and advance qualified individuals with known disabilities and protected veterans at all levels, including the executive level, of the Company.

The Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act, as amended ("SECTION 4212"), and Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 ("Section 503) prohibit discrimination against and affirmative action benefitting protected veterans and disabled individuals. The Company does not subject employees or applicants to harassment, intimidation, threats, coercion, discrimination, or retaliation because they have engaged in or may engage in filing a complaint, assisting or participating in an investigation, compliance evaluation, hearing, or any other activity related to the administration of SECTION 4212, Section 503 or any other federal, state, or local law requiring equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities or protected veterans, opposing any act or practice made unlawful by Section 503, SECTION 4212 or their implementing regulations, or any other federal, state or local law requiring equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities and protected veterans, or exercising any other right protected by Section 503, SECTION 4212, or their implementing regulations. The Company makes reasonable accommodations for qualified protected veterans and individuals with known disabilities unless doing so would result in an undue hardship or direct threat to safety. The Company encourages its supervisors, forepersons and employees to refer qualified /qualifiable females, minorities, protected veterans, and disabled persons.

The Company will use its best efforts to afford minority and female business enterprises with maximum practicable opportunity to participate in the performance of subcontracts for projects that this Company engages in, to the extent applicable.

The Company fully supports incorporation of nondiscrimination and affirmative action rules and regulations into covered contracts, subcontracts and subcontractor policies and any purchase orders or supply agreements, as may be appropriate.

The Company will evaluate the performance of its management and supervisory personnel on the basis of their involvement in achieving these EEO/AA objectives as well as other established criteria. Any employee of the Company, or subcontractor to this Company, who does not comply with the EEO/AA policies and procedures as set forth in this EEO/AA Program will be subject to disciplinary action. Any covered subcontractor not complying with all applicable EEO/AA laws, directives and regulations of the federal, state, and local governing bodies or agencies thereof will be subject to appropriate legal sanctions as determined by the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) or other similar agency.

The Company has appointed Tara Blondell to manage the EEO/AA Program. The EEO Officer responsibilities will include implementation, monitoring and enforcement of the EEO/AA Program. The EEO Officer obtains information as may be required to establish that this policy is being carried out at all levels of executive, management and supervisory personnel. The EEO Officer periodically reviews the Affirmative Action Program to ensure its effectiveness, the need for any remedial action, the degree to which the Company' objectives have been attained, whether known individuals with disabilities and qualified protected veterans have had the opportunity to participate in all Company-sponsored educational, training, recreational, and social activities, measure the Company's compliance with the affirmative action program's specific obligations, document the actions taken to comply with these obligations, retain these documents as employment records, and undertake necessary action to bring the program into compliance if any part is believed to be in need of improvement.

The EEO Officer works with all levels of executive, management and supervisory personnel to ensure that the Affirmative Action Program is implemented in all day-to-day decisions concerning recruitment, job placement, promotions, and other personnel actions. The EEO Officer carries out or where necessary recommends such innovations in the Company's practices as may be required to ensure that the specific provisions and the spirit of this policy are being implemented. The EEO Officer provides executive management with a report, no less than once annually, measuring the effectiveness of the Affirmative Action Program.

If any employee or applicant for employment believes he/she may have been subjected to conduct or statements in violation of this policy, please contact Tara Blondell at 220 34th Ave, Rock Island, IL 61201 at (309)786-8944. The EEO Officer is responsible for ensuring that the complaint is investigated and resolved in an appropriate fashion.

The EEO/AA Program is available for review by applicants and employees during normal business hours, Monday through Friday. Appointments should be made with the EEO Officer.



