# TITLE VI PLAN



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# **Policy Statement**

The Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) assures that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, low income and LEP (Limited English proficiency), as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity. WYDOT further assures every effort will be made to ensure nondiscrimination in all of its programs and activities, whether those programs and activities are federally funded or not.

In the event WYDOT distributes federal aid funds to another governmental entity, WYDOT will include Title VI language in all written agreements and will monitor for compliance.

WYDOT's Civil Rights Program, is responsible for initiating and monitoring Title VI activities, preparing required reports and other WYDOT responsibilities as required by 23 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) 200 and 49 Code of Federal Regulation 21, and 49 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) part 303.

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# **Authorities**

Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act provides that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance (please refer to 23 CFR 200.9 and 49 CFR 21 and 49 CFR 303).

Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 broadened the scope of Title VI coverage by expanding the definition of terms "programs or activities" to include all programs or activities of Federal Aid recipients, subrecipients, and contractors, whether such programs and activities are federally assisted or not.

#### Additional Authorities and Citations Include:

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 United States Code 2000d to 2000-4; 42 United States Code 4601 to 4655; 23 United States Code 109(h); 23 United States Code 324; Department of Transportation Order 1050.2; Executive Order 12250; Executive Order 12898; 28 Code of Federal Regulations 50.3

# Organization and Staffing — General

The Director of the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) is responsible for ensuring the implementation of the department's Title VI programs. The Civil Rights Program Manager, on behalf of the Director, is responsible for the overall management of the Title VI programs and the day-to-day administration of the program.

# **Title VI Coordinator Responsibilities**

The Title VI Coordinator is charged with the responsibility for implementing, monitoring, and ensuring WYDOT's compliance with Title VI regulations. Title VI Coordinator's contact information and identified responsibilities are as follows:

# Title VI Coordinator

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- 1. Process the disposition of Title VI complaints received by WYDOT.
- 2. Collect statistical data (race, color, sex, and national origin) of participants in and beneficiaries of state highway programs; i.e., relocatees, impacted citizens, and affected communities. Review Environmental Impact Statements for Title VI and Environmental Justice compliance.
- 3. Conduct annual Title VI reviews of program areas (right of way, planning, design, etc.) to determine the effectiveness of program activities at all levels.
- 4. Conduct Title VI reviews of cities, counties, consultant contractors, suppliers, planning agencies, and other recipients of federal aid highway funds.
- 5. Review state program directives in coordination with Title VI liaisons and, where applicable, include Title VI language and related requirements.
- 6. Conduct training programs on Title VI and related statutes for state program officers, civil rights officials, and WYDOT subrecipients of federal funds.
- 7. Prepare the annual Title VI update report presenting the accomplishments for the past year and goals for the next year.
- 8. Develop Title VI information for dissemination to the general public and, where appropriate, in languages other than English.
- 9. Conduct post-grant approval reviews of state programs and applicants for compliance with Title VI requirements; i.e., highway location, design and relocation, and persons seeking contracts with the state.
- 10. Identify, investigate, and eliminate discrimination when found to exist.
- 11. Establish procedures for promptly resolving deficiency status and reducing to writing the remedial action agreed to be necessary, all within a period not to exceed 90 days.
- 12. Provide technical assistance to subrecipients in the development of their Title VI Plan and assurances.
- 13. Review all proposed policy documents within the Department through the Management Services division to assure compliance with Title VI requirements.

# **Program Administration — General**

The Civil Rights Program shall be responsible for coordinating the overall administration of the Title VI program, plan, and assurances (see Addendum 1).

# A. Complaints

If any individual believes that s/he or any other program beneficiaries have been subjected to unequal treatment or discrimination in their receipt of benefits and/or services, or on the grounds of race, color, national origin, income, sex, LEP (Limited English Proficiency) or disability, s/he may exercise their right to file a complaint with WYDOT. Every effort will be

made to resolve complaints as informally as possible at the district, sub recipients, contractor's and policing level (see Addendum 2). The Title VI Coordinator will provide assistance in the investigative processes and will track all Title VI complaints received and their associated outcomes. The Title VI Coordinator will collaborate with all parties to provide assistance and training.

#### B. Data Collection

Statistical data on race, color, national origin and sex of participants in, and beneficiaries of WYDOT programs; e.g., relocatees, impacted citizens, and affected communities, will be gathered and maintained by the Right of Way Program for the department. Each of the Title VI special emphasis program areas will maintain data to be incorporated in the Title VI Annual Update. The data gathering process will be reviewed regularly to ensure sufficiency of the data in meeting the requirements of the Title VI program administration.

#### C. Title VI Program Reviews

Title VI Program reviews will be performed by the Title VI Coordinator to assess administrative procedures, staffing, and resources available for Title VI compliance. Reviews will include verification of documentation required for Title VI responsibility. Tracking and investigation of complaints or issues related to Title VI, and regulatory requirements. These reviews will be conducted annually and will be based on notification of deficiencies or on rotating bases.

# D. WYDOT Annual Reviews

All special emphasis programs will be reviewed with the Compliance Officer(s) annually to assure effectiveness in their compliance of Title VI provisions. This is in addition to the day to day monitoring. The Civil Rights Program and program representative(s) will coordinate efforts to ensure the equal participation in all their programs and activities at all levels. These reviews will be conducted annually and will be based on notification of deficiencies or on rotating bases. Currently WYDOT has not been formally reviewed by a federal entity for Title VI compliance alone.

#### E. Title VI Reviews on Subrecipients

Title VI compliance reviews will be conducted annually in coordination with the Highways and Local Government Programs. Priority for conducting reviews will be given to those local governments, the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), and other recipients of federal highway funds with the greatest potential of impact to those groups covered by the act. The reviews will entail examination of the recipients' adherence to all Title VI requirements. The status of each review will be reported in the annual update and the written report shared with USDOT United States Department of Transportation upon completion. These reviews will be conducted annually and will be based on notification of deficiencies or on rotating bases. FMCSA funding sources are used internally and allocated to IRP/IFTA software requirements.

# F. Training Procedures

Title VI training will be made available at least annually to contractors and subrecipients. The training will provide comprehensive information on Title VI provisions, its application to program operations, and identification of Title VI issues and resolution of complaints. A summary of training conducted will be reported in the annual update. All new employees within the organization are informed of Title VI requirements upon hire and training is repeated on an annual base. This information is also available via policy documents and online. Bi-Annual training is conducted for all sub recipients by the Title VI coordinator. WYDOT is working

on additional methods to deliver appropriate training to all programs within the department related to cultural awareness, diversity, inclusion, equity and non-biased training.

# G. Annual Reports

An annual executive summary will be submitted by the Civil Rights Program reviewing Title VI accomplishments achieved during the year. Annual reports will be required for each of the special emphasis program areas. The Civil Rights Program will be responsible for coordination and preparation of the report. WYDOT will utilize electronic means to track complaints filed and the associated outcomes.

# H. Title VI Plan Update/Status of Corrective Actions

An annual Title VI Plan Update will be submitted to USDOT in October each year. The update will report on any accomplishments and changes to the program occurring during the preceding year. The Update Report will also include goals and objectives for the upcoming year. WYDOT will update the Title VI plan annually and submit to all federal entities for a compliance review. FHWA has reviewed the WYDOT Title VI plan and approved it annually.

#### I. Public Dissemination

Title VI Program information will be disseminated to WYDOT employees, subrecipients, contractors, and beneficiaries as well as the general public. Public dissemination will include the posting of public statements, inclusion of Title VI language in contracts, and publishing annually the Title VI Policy Statement in newspapers, online, and upon request, having a general circulation in the vicinity of proposed projects and announcements of hearings and meetings in minority publications. This will also include notification that all programs will operate without regard to race, color, sex national origin, age, disability, income and LEP. A Public Notice of Title VI Program Rights has been posted in public access areas as well as information to file a complaint with the Office of Civil Rights.

J. Consultant Post-grant Reviews Title VI Compliance reviews will be conducted annually on contracts with WYDOT for all federal funding opportunities. The reviews will determine the subrecipients compliance with Title VI contractual provisions. Post-grant reviews are conducted on those subrecipients that have already received WYDOT federal funds based on risk related to Title VI.

# K. Elimination of Discrimination

Procedures will be implemented to identify and eliminate discrimination when found to exist. Including, but not limited to, training related to anti-discrimination, anti-biased and cultural awareness. This includes informing all interested parties regarding requirements related to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program, public involvement, and property acquisition as well as the Title VI compliant process. Training to all WYDOT employees is conducted annually regarding Title VI compliance requirements.

#### L. Remedial Action

WYDOT will actively pursue the prevention of Title VI deficiencies and violations and will take the necessary steps to ensure compliance with all program administrative requirements, both within WYDOT and its sub recipients of federal USDOT funds. When irregularities occur in the administration of the federal-aid program's operation, corrective action will be taken to resolve Title VI issues. When conducting Title VI compliance reviews on its subrecipients, WYDOT will reduce to writing a remedial action agreed upon by WYDOT and USDOT to be necessary all within a period not to exceed 90 days.

WYDOT will seek the cooperation of the subrecipient in correcting deficiencies found during the review and will provide the technical assistance and guidance needed to aid the subrecipient to comply voluntarily.

Sub recipients found in Non-compliance will be given a reasonable time, not to exceed 30 days after receipt of the deficiency letter, to voluntarily correct deficiencies.

When a subrecipient fails or refuses to voluntarily comply with requirements within the time frame allotted, WYDOT will submit to the USDOT two copies of the case file and a recommendation that the subrecipient be found in noncompliance.

USDOT or an appointee will have the responsibility to conduct a follow-up within 180 days of the initial review to determine if the subrecipient has complied with the Title VI Program requirements and have corrected any deficiencies previously identified. If the subrecipient refuses to comply, USDOT will be required to enact appropriate sanctions per 49 CFR 21.

# M. LEP (Limited English Proficiency).

LEP will be addressed as any situation arises. Currently Spanish materials are available for situations that would require such translation. Our LEP program will assess any situation that requires LEP assistance and will assure requirements are met. Please contact the Civil Rights office for assistance. We utilize "I Speak Cards" which are posted in common public areas. We use google translate and have a translation service contract with an outside 3<sup>rd</sup> party.

Civil Rights Program 5300 Bishop Blvd. Cheyenne, WY 82009.

Additional information regarding the four factor analysis can be found at: <a href="http://www.dot.state.wy.us/home/planning\_projects/transportation\_programs/transit-in-wyoming.html">http://www.dot.state.wy.us/home/planning\_projects/transportation\_programs/transit-in-wyoming.html</a>

# N. Public Participation Requirements.

Public participation requirements are attached. WYDOT believes that consulting with as many interests as can be identified will help the Department better understand and reflect the full range of identifiable community values, with specific focus on community-defined livability standards. The Wyoming Department of Transportation's goal is to proactively involve the public in addressing transportation issues. The Department will communicate the agency's mission and goals to the widest audience possible and consider feedback received from outside organizations and the public. Extra emphasis will be given to minority and lower economic groups to ensure inclusive participation.

http://www.dot.state.wy.us/home/news info/public involvement.html

# O. Environmental Justice (EJ).

Throughout the planning, programming, environmental and preliminary engineering phases EJ will be addressed. Please see attached operating policy 2-13.

# P. Records requirements.

Federally funded recipients are to provide documents relating to compliance reviews or complaint investigations either in hard copy or electronic format during normal business hours.

# Q. Activities Covered for FMCSA Specifically.

Activities that are currently listed in the FMCSA grant are: traffic enforcement, compliance reviews, safety audits, roadside inspections, hazardous materials enforcement, motor coach inspection details, data reporting, and public education and awareness outreach.

# **Title VI Responsibilities for WYDOT Program Areas**

# **Planning**

#### A. Local Government

The Planning Office has the responsibility to develop long and short-range plans for WYDOT to provide efficient transportation services to the citizens of the state of Wyoming. The Local Government Coordinator is located within the Planning Branch of WYDOT.

# B. Operational Guidelines 23 CFR 450

# C. Planning Process

A comprehensive transportation planning process is used to incorporate input from the public in coordination with the various Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO's), and Transportation Planning Organizations. The process further entails the monitoring and collection of varied data pertaining to transportation issues. The Local Government Office coordinates with the MPO, urban transportation planning, public involvement, and provides technical support when needed.

# D. Title VI Responsibilities

- Ensure that all aspects of the planning process operation comply with Title VI.
- Ensure that participation of a cross section of various social, economic, and ethnic interest groups is represented in the planning process by disseminating program information to minority media and ethnic/gender related organizations and participating in roundtable meetings in predominantly minority communities.
- Assist the Civil Right Program in gathering and organizing Local Governments portion of the Annual Title VI Update Report.
- Review the Planning Office work program, MPO Procedures Manual, and other directives to ensure compliance with Title VI program requirements.
- Ensure equal participation on Citizens Advisory Committees (CAC) by requesting the MPO to provide information pertaining to their selection criteria for members and to furnish information on membership makeup (race, gender, and position within the organization) for evaluation.
- Visit Community Action Group meetings as well as public meetings to verify the level of participation of Title VI protected group members when offered in predominantly ethnic minority communities. Collect data on gender, race, and national origin off public forum attendees.
- Perform annual reviews totaling a minimum of 10% of all of the MPO's work and transportation programs to ensure Title VI adherence.

# Design

# A. The Highway Development Program

Project Development Section performs studies to assess various environmental factors as they relate to project development, which include social and economic elements. The office also provides technical support to the 5 districts during the project development process. Project Development is located in Cheyenne and is part of the Highway Development Program.

# B. Operational Guidelines

Federal Aid Policy Guide for Hearings 23 CFR, 771 Executive Order 12898 on Environmental Justice

#### C. Design Process

Economic, social, topographic, and environmental issues, impact a proposed project and are key factors weighing in on location considerations. Federal, state, local, and departmental policies and procedures require that public hearings and/or informational meetings be held to give all citizens, including minorities, an opportunity to obtain information and express their opinions on proposed project locations. Special efforts shall be made to inform members of minority communities of public hearings and other public involvement activities. These efforts include public notices in newspapers and selection of accessible location and time for public hearings.

# D. Title VI Responsibilities

- Ensure that all aspects of the location selection process comply with the Title VI requirements.
- Consult and seek input from affected populations.
- Develop mechanisms to identify affected populations.
- Assure public participation in the selection process.
- Provide notice of public hearings and meetings in minority newspapers and newsletters.
- Maintain required Title VI compliance documentation and statistical data on hearing attendees.
- Monitor program components for compliance with the Title VI requirements.
- Review activities associated with public hearings to enhance the participation of targeted communities.
- Develop and update operational manuals and directives to ensure the inclusion of Title VI language and provisions.
- Gather program area data to be included in the Title VI Annual Update Report.

# **Education and Training (Staff Development)**

#### A. Training Services

The Training Services Program is under the Supportive Services Division of WYDOT. The Training Services Program provides employee training including training provided by the National Highway Institute (NHI) and other resources as identified by the department.

# B. Education and Training Process

A training matrix (a list of training courses that are recommended, and in some cases required) has been established for WYDOT managers and employees. All employees are trained upon hire and are required to have a refresh course annually.

# C. Title VI Responsibilities

- In conjunction with managers and executives, all employees have equal access to training.
- Maintain program administration documentation and data necessary for preparation of Annual Title VI Update, including attendance of required training courses.
- Review directives and manuals to ensure the adherence with Title VI requirements.

# Right-of-Way Program

# A. Right of Way Program

Right of Way manages and coordinates the appraisal and acquisition of real property for transportation needs in addition to Relocation Assistance Services.

# B. Operational Guidelines

Right-of-Way Manual 23 CFR 130 49 CFR 24

# **Acquisition Process**

Property acquisition follows the *Right-of-Way Manual* and all applicable laws and regulations, including Title VI. The right of way acquisition process entails appraisal of property, negotiation of terms and conditions for acquisition and assistance in the relocation of displaced individuals, business, farm operations, and nonprofit organizations, as well as property management.

# D. Title VI Responsibilities

- Apprise affected property owners, tenants, and others involved of their rights and options regarding negotiation, relocation, condemnation and other aspects of the acquisition process.
- Conduct annual implementation reviews of Title VI provisions within the entire real estate acquisition process.
- Incorporate Title VI language and assurance statements in all surveys of property owners and tenants after the conclusion of all business.
- Ensure that appraised values and communications associated with the appraisal and negotiation operations result in equitable treatment.
- Ensure comparable replacement dwellings are available and assistance is given to all displaced persons and entities by the property acquisition process.
- Coordinate the preparation of deeds, permits and leases to ensure the inclusion of the appropriate Title VI clauses (Appendices 2, 3 and 4 and Title VI Assurances).
- Gather the statistical data required for completion of department's Annual Title VI Update Report including number of relocations, etc.

#### **Environmental Services Section**

#### A. Environmental Services Section

Environmental Services assists the districts in integrating environmental considerations and regulatory requirements into WYDOT's transportation program. The Section provides

technical expertise for project analyses and develops environmental policies, procedures, manuals, and training. Environmental Services works with the regulatory agencies to streamline the environmental permit process.

A systematic process is used to study and evaluate all necessary environmental aspects of a proposed project, including social and economic sectors. Depending on the scope, complexity, and impacts of the project, a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Categorical Exclusion (CE), NEPA Environmental Assessment (EA), State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist, SEPA Determination of Non-significance (DNS), or NEPA and/or SEPA Environmental Impact Statement will be completed. The Environmental Services also develops agreements, guidance documents, and training programs with the other WYDOT Programs.

# B. Operational Guidelines

Executive Order 12898 on Environmental Justice 49 CFR 622, 635, 640, 712, 771, and 790

# C. Title VI Responsibilities

- Monitor compliance with Title VI requirements in all aspects of the environmental process.
- Conduct meetings to review the project impact.
- Disseminate to the public their rights to call or write the department to view plans and discuss environmental problems.
- Coordinate the gathering of environmental information for the Annual Title VI Update Report including awards to DBE firms.
- Notify and make accessible to affected protected group residents public meetings or hearings regarding a proposed project.
- Develop mechanisms to identify population affected by a project.
- Ensure public participation in the location selection process.
- Ensure Title VI/Environmental Justice compliance in all Environmental Impact Statements.

# **Engineering Services Section**

#### A. Engineering Services Section

Engineering Services is responsible for consultant selection, negotiation, and the administration of consultant contracts.

#### B. Operational Guidelines

48 CFR 31 23 CFR 172

#### C. Consultant Selection Process

The Engineering Services Office operates under M 27-50, as revised, Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations Part 172, Title 48 Code of Federal Regulations Part 31. Selection of consultants is made from a scored and ranked register.

#### D. Title VI Responsibilities

• Monitor DBE program requirements.

- Ensure that all federally funded consultant contracts administered by Engineering Services have the appropriate Title VI provisions included.
- Review directives and procedures to ensure Title VI compliance.
- Maintain necessary data and documentation required for completion of the department's Title VI Update Annual Report.
- Provide Title VI Training and assistance in the development of Title VI Plans for the Consultants.

# **Construction Engineers**

# A. Construction Offices

Construction Engineers are responsible for the administration of new construction projects, contract special provisions, contractor prequalification and act as construction liaison for WYDOT.

# B. Operational Guidelines

Construction Administrations Manual Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge General Special Provisions for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise General Provisions for Equal Employment Opportunity

#### C. Construction Process

The Construction Office sets policy and provides guidance and oversight for the decentralized administration of transportation construction projects by the districts and the resident project engineers.

#### D. Title VI Responsibilities

- Monitoring all construction operations to ensure nondiscrimination.
- Review activities and programs to assure that construction efforts and resources are applied uniformly and fairly.
- Review all projects for application of DBE program requirements.
- Include DBE general special provisions in those projects with assigned goals.update
- Include Title VI language in contract advertisements and award letters to encourage use of DBE firms. Award of construction contracts shall be granted on the basis of the lowest responsive bidder including DBE requirements.
- Ensure through reviews that prime contractors with DBE requirements award previously committed work to proper DBEs and that DBEs actually perform a commercially useful function on the contracts.
- Title VI language shall be included in every contract to ensure nondiscrimination in contract awards due to race or gender.
- Coordinate the gathering of construction information regarding DBE participation for the Title VI Annual Update Report.

# **Maintenance Engineers**

# A. Maintenance Offices

The Maintenance Office is responsible for the preservation and upkeep of the state transportation system.

# B. Operational Guidelines

Maintenance Manual

Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge Construction

#### C. Maintenance Process

The Maintenance Office is responsible for developing an efficient program for highway maintenance by utilizing the resources of people, equipment, and materials in the most economic way.

# D. Title VI Responsibilities

- Monitoring all maintenance operations to ensure nondiscrimination.
- Review activities and programs to assure that maintenance efforts and resources are applied uniformly and fairly.
- Include Title VI language in contract advertisements and award letters to encourage use of DBE firms. Award of construction contracts shall be granted on the basis of the lowest responsive bidder including DBE requirements.
- Title VI language shall be included in every contract to ensure nondiscrimination in contract awards due to race or gender.

#### **WYDOT District Offices**

District offices have oversight responsibilities to ensure that all their areas comply with Title VI requirements within the region. District offices will coordinate efforts with the Civil Rights Program for Title VI compliance.

# **Highway Patrol**

Unbiased policing: Persons having contact with members of this agency shall be treated fair, impartial, equitable, and in accordance with the law and without consideration of their individual demographics. Members who witness or who are aware of instances of biased policing shall, as soon as possible report the incident to a supervisor. Also, where appropriate, members shall intervene at the time the biased policing incident occurs. The Highway Patrol has updated its polices to include all necessary requirements. The polices in reference were: 04-08 Unbiased policing, 10-06 CSA Inspection and 10-16 to emphasize the department(s) commitment to non-discrimination.

Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspection: The agency will concentrate safety inspection and investigation efforts on those commercial carriers that have a negative impact on safety. The selection criteria will be used consistently and uniformly and the priority order. CVSA Inspection and Investigation will be utilized to select commercial motor vehicles for inspections according to the greatest benefit to improving public safety. Priority for inspections will be given to those situations in which there is an observed violation of laws or regulations for the carrier, vehicle, or driver.

# The United States Department of Transportation

# **Standard Title VI Assurances/Non-Discrimination Provisions**

# DOT Order No. 1050.2A

The Wyoming Department of Transportation (herein referred to as the "Recipient"), **HEREBY AGREES THAT**, as a condition to receiving any Federal financial assistance from the United States Department of Transportation (DOT), through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is subject to and will comply with the following:

# **Statutory/Regulatory Authorities**

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin);
- 49 C.F.R. Part 21 (entitled *Nondiscrimination In Federally-Assisted Programs Of The Department Of Transportation—Effectuation Of Title VI Of The Civil Rights Act Of 1964*);
- 28 C.F.R. section 50.3 (U.S. Department of Justice Guidelines for Enforcement of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964);

# Modal Operating Administration may include additional Statutory/Regulatory Authorities here.

The preceding statutory and regulatory cites hereinafter are referred to as the "Acts" and "Regulations," respectively.

#### **General Assurances**

In accordance with the Acts, the Regulations, and other pertinent directives, circulars, policy, memoranda, and/or guidance, the Recipient hereby gives assurance that it will promptly take any measures necessary to ensure that:

"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 DOT, including the FHWA."

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 clarified the original intent of Congress, with respect to Title VI and other Non-discrimination requirements (The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973) by restoring the broad, institutional-wide scope and coverage of these non-discrimination statutes and requirements to include all programs and activities of the Recipient, so long as any portion of the program is Federally-assisted.

Modal Operating Administration may include additional General Assurances in this section, or reference an addendum here.

# **Specific Assurances**

More specifically, and without limiting the above general Assurances, the Recipient agrees with and gives the following Assurances with respect to its Federally assisted FHWA Program:

- 1. The Recipient agrees that each "activity," "facility," or "program," as defined in §§ 21.23 (b) and 21.23 (e) of 49 C.F.R. § 21 will be (with regard to an "activity") facilitated, or will be (with regard to a "facility") operated, or will be (with regard to a "program") conducted in compliance with all requirements imposed by, or pursuant to the Acts and the Regulations;
- 2. The Recipient will insert the following notification in all solicitations for bids, Requests For Proposals for work, or material subject to the Acts and the Regulations made in connection with all Federal Highway Programs and, in adapted form, in all proposals for negotiated agreements regardless of funding source:

"The <u>Wyoming Department of Transportation</u>, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that 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, or national origin in consideration for an award.";

- 3. The Recipient will insert the clauses of Appendix A and E of this Assurance in every contract or agreement subject to the Acts and the Regulations;
- 4. The Recipient will insert the clauses of Appendix B of this Assurance, as a covenant running with the land, in any deed from the United States effecting or recording a transfer of real property, structures, use, or improvements thereon or interest therein to a Recipient;
- 5. That where the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance to construct a facility, or part of a facility, the Assurance will 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 will extend to rights to space on, over, or under such property;
- 7. That the Recipient will include the clauses set forth in Appendix C and Appendix D of this Assurance, as a covenant running with the land, in any future deeds, leases, licenses, permits, or similar instruments entered into by the Recipient with other parties:
  - a. for the subsequent transfer of real property acquired or improved under the applicable activity, project, or program; and
  - b. for the construction or use of, or access to, space on, over, or under real property acquired or improved under the applicable activity, project, or 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 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 will provide for such methods of administration for the program as are found by the Secretary of Transportation or the official to whom he/she delegates specific authority to give reasonable guarantee that it, other recipients, sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, transferees, successors in interest, and other participants of Federal financial assistance under such program will comply with all requirements imposed or pursuant to the Acts, 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 Acts, the Regulations, and this Assurance.

# Modal Operating Administration may include additional Specific Assurances in this section.

By signing this ASSURANCE, The Wyoming Department of Transportation also agrees to comply (and require any sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, successors, transferees, and/or assignees to comply) with all applicable provisions governing the **FHWA** access to records, accounts, documents, information, facilities, and staff. You also recognize that you must comply with any program or compliance reviews, and/or complaint investigations conducted by the **FHWA**. You must keep records, reports, and submit the material for review upon request to **FHWA**, or its designee in a timely, complete, and accurate way. Additionally, you must comply with all other reporting, data collection, and evaluation requirements, as prescribed by law or detailed in program guidance.

The Wyoming Department of Transportation gives this ASSURANCE in consideration of and for obtaining any Federal grants, loans, contracts, agreements, property, and/or discounts, or other Federal-aid and Federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the recipients by the Department of Transportation under the **FHWA Program**. This ASSURANCE is binding on [insert State], other recipients, sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, subcontractors and their subcontractors', transferees, successors in interest, and any other participants in the **FHWA Program**. The person (s) signing below is authorized to sign this ASSURANCE on behalf of the Recipient.

# **Wyoming Department of Transportation**

by		
	Darin J. Westby, P.E Director	
	DATED	

#### 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 (hereinafter includes consultants) will comply with the Acts and the Regulations relative to Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation, **Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)**, as they may be amended from time to time, 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, will 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 will not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Acts and the Regulations as set forth in Appendix E, including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of 49 CFR Part 21.
- 3. Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements 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 will be notified by the contractor of the contractor's obligations under this contract and the Acts and the Regulations relative to Non-discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.
- 4. **Information and Reports:** The contractor will provide all information and reports required by the Acts, the Regulations and directives issued pursuant thereto and will permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the Recipient or the **FHWA** to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Acts, Regulations, and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish the information, the contractor will so certify to the Recipient or the **FHWA**, as appropriate, and will set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
- 5. **Sanctions for Noncompliance:** In the event of a contractor's noncompliance with the Non-discrimination provisions of this contract, the Recipient will impose such contract sanctions as it or the **FHWA** may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
  - a. withholding payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies; and/or
  - b. cancelling, terminating, or suspending a contract, in whole or in part.
- 6. **Incorporation of Provisions:** The contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs one through six in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Acts, the Regulations and directives issued pursuant thereto. The contractor will take action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the Recipient or the **FHWA** may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, that if the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation by a subcontractor, or supplier because of such direction, the contractor may request the Recipient to enter into any litigation to protect the interests of the Recipient. In addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into the litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

# CLAUSES FOR DEEDS TRANSFERING UNITED STATES PROPERTY

# APPENDIX B

The following clauses willbe included in deeds effecting or recording the transfer of real property, structures, or improvements thereon, or granting interest therein from the United States pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 4:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Department of Transportation as authorized by law and upon the condition that the Wyoming Department of Transportation will accept title to the lands and maintain the project constructed thereon in accordance with Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21), the Regulations for the Administration of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)Program, and the policies and procedures prescribed by the FHWA of the Department of Transportation in accordance and in compliance with all requirements imposed by 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 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 Wyoming Department of Transportation 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 interests therein unto the Wyoming Department of Transportation 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 will be binding on the Wyoming Department of Transportation, its successors and assigns.

The Wyoming Department of Transportation, in consideration of the conveyance of said lands and interests in lands, does hereby covenant and agree as a covenant running with the land for itself, its successors and assigns, that (1) no person will 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 Wyoming Department of Transportation will use the lands and interests in 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, Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation, Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and as said Regulations and Acts may be amended, and (3) that in the event of breach of any of the above-mentioned non-discrimination conditions, the Department will have a right to enter or re-enter said lands and facilities on said land, and that above described land and facilities will there on 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.\*

(\*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.)

# CLAUSES FOR TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED OR IMPROVED UNDER THE ACTIVITY, FACILITY OR PROGRAM

#### APPENDIX C

The following clauses will be included in deeds, licenses, leases, permits, or similar instruments entered into by the Wyoming Department of Transportation pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 7(a):

- A. The (grantee, lessee, permittee, etc. as appropriate) for himself/herself, his/her heirs, personal representatives, 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:
  - 1. In the event facilities are constructed, maintained, or otherwise operated on the property described in this (deed, license, lease, permit, etc.) for a purpose for which a Department of Transportation activity, facility, or program is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits, the (grantee, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc.) will maintain and operate such facilities and services in compliance with all requirements imposed by the Acts and Regulations (as may be amended) such that no person on the grounds of race, color, or national origin will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of said facilities.
- B. With respect to licenses, leases, permits, etc., in the event of breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, Wyoming Department of Transportation will have the right to terminate the (lease, license, permit, etc.) and to enter, re-enter, and repossess said lands and facilities thereon, and hold the same as if the (lease, license, permit, etc.) had never been made or issued.\*
- C. With respect to a deed, in the event of breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, the Wyoming Department of Transportation will have the right to enter or re-enter the lands and facilities thereon, and the above described lands and facilities will there upon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the Wyoming Department of Transportation and its assigns.\*

(\*Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary to effectuate the purpose of Title VI.)

# CLAUSES FOR CONSTRUCTION/USE/ACCESS TO REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED UNDER THE ACTIVITY, FACILITY OR PROGRAM

#### APPENDIX D

The following clauses will be included in deeds, licenses, permits, or similar instruments/agreements entered into by the Wyoming Department of Transportation pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 7(b):

- A. The (grantee, licensee, permittee, etc., as appropriate) for himself/herself, his/her heirs, personal representatives, 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 (1) no person on the ground of race, color, or national origin will be excluded from participation in, 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 will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination, (3) that the (grantee, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc.) will use the premises in compliance with all other requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Acts and Regulations, as amended, set forth in this Assurance.
- B. With respect to (licenses, leases, permits, etc.), in the event of breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, the Wyoming Department of Transportation will have the right to terminate the (license, permit, etc., as appropriate) and to enter or re-enter and repossess said land and the facilities thereon, and hold the same as if said (license, permit, etc., as appropriate) had never been made or issued.\*
- C. With respect to deeds, in the event of breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, the Wyoming Department of Transportation will there upon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of Wyoming Department of Transportation and its assigns.\*

(\*Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary to effectuate the purpose of Title VI.)

# APPENDIX E

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees to comply with the following non-discrimination statutes and authorities; including but not limited to:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin); and 49 CFR Part 21;
- The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
- Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C. § 324 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex);
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 *et seq.*), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR Part 27;
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 *et seq.*), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49 USC § 471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex);
- The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms "programs or activities" to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not);
- Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131 -- 12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 C.F.R. parts 37 and 38;
- The Federal Aviation Administration's Non-discrimination statute (49 U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex);
- Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures non-discrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations;
- Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100);
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. 1681 etseq).

# **The United States Department of Transportation**

# **Standard Title VI/Non-Discrimination Assurances**

# DOT Order No. 1050.2A

The Wyoming Department of Transportation (herein referred to as the "Recipient"), **HEREBY AGREES THAT**, as a condition to receiving any Federal financial assistance from the United States Department of Transportation (DOT), through the **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)**, is subject to and will comply with the following:

# **Statutory/Regulatory Authorities**

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, 78 Stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin);
- Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C. § 324 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex);
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, (20 U.S.C. § 1681 *et seq.*), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities);
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 *et seq.*), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability);
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 *et seq.*), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 12101 *et seq.*), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability);
- 49 C.F.R. part 21 (entitled *Nondiscrimination In Federally-Assisted Programs Of The Department Of Transportation—Effectuation Of Title VI Of The Civil Rights Act Of 1964*);
- 49 C.F.R. part 27 (entitled *Nondiscrimination On The Basis Of Disability In Programs Or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance*);
- 49 C.F.R. part 28 (entitled Enforcement Of Nondiscrimination On The Basis Of Handicap In Programs Or Activities Conducted By The Department Of Transportation);
- 49 C.F.R. part 37 (entitled *Transportation Services For Individuals With Disabilities* (ADA));
- 49 C.F.R. part 303 (FMCSA's Title VI/Nondiscrimination Regulation);
- 28 C.F.R. part 35 (entitled *Discrimination On The Basis Of Disability In State And Local Government Services*);
- 28 C.F.R. section 50.3 (U.S. Department of Justice Guidelines for Enforcement of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964);

The preceding statutory and regulatory cites hereinafter are referred to as the "Acts" and "Regulations," respectively.

Although not applicable to Recipients directly, there are certain Executive Orders and relevant guidance that direct action by Federal agencies regarding their federally assisted programs and activities to which compliance is required by Recipients to ensure Federal agencies carry out their responsibilities. Executive Order 12898 (1995), entitled "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations" emphasizes that Federal agencies should use existing laws to achieve Environmental Justice, in particular Title VI,

to ensure nondiscrimination against minority populations. Recipients should be aware that certain Title VI matters raise Environmental Justice concerns and FMCSA intends that all Recipients evaluate and revise existing procedures (as appropriate) to address and implement Environmental Justice considerations. See the following FHWA website for more information and facts about Environmental Justice: <a href="http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/environmental">http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/environmental</a> justice/index.cfm

Additionally, Executive Order 13166 (2001) on Limited English Proficiency, according to the U.S. Department of Justice in its Policy Guidance Document dated August 16, 2000 (65 Fed. Reg. at 50123), clarifies the responsibilities associated with the "application of Title VI's prohibition on national origin discrimination when information is provided only in English to persons with limited English proficiency." When receiving Federal funds Recipients are expected to conduct a Four-Factor Analysis to prevent discrimination based on National Origin. (See also U.S. DOT's "Policy Guidance Concerning Recipients' Responsibilities to Limited English Proficient (LEP) Persons," dated December 14, 2005, (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100); the Guidance is a useful resource when performing a Four-Factor Analysis).

# **General Assurances**

In accordance with the Acts, the Regulations, and other pertinent directives, circulars, policy, memoranda, and/or guidance, the Recipient hereby gives assurance that it will promptly take any measures necessary to ensure that:

"No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, low-income, or LEP 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 DOT, including the FMCSA."

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 clarified the original intent of Congress, with respect to Title VI and other Non-discrimination requirements (The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973) by restoring the broad, institutional-wide scope and coverage of these non-discrimination statutes and requirements to include all programs and activities of the Recipient, so long as any portion of the program is Federally-assisted.

# **Specific Assurances**

More specifically, and without limiting the above general Assurances, the Recipient agrees with and gives the following Assurances with respect to its Federally assisted **FMCSA Program**:

- 1. The Recipient agrees that each "activity," "facility," or "program," as defined in 49 C.F.R. §§ 21.23 (b) and 21.23 (e) will be (with regard to an "activity") facilitated, or will be (with regard to a "facility") operated, or will be (with regard to a "program") conducted in compliance with all requirements imposed by, or pursuant to the Acts and the Regulations;
- 2. The Recipient will insert the following notification in all solicitations for bids, Requests For Proposals for work, or material subject to the Acts and the Regulations made in connection with the FMCSA Program and, in adapted form, in all proposals for negotiated agreements regardless of funding source:

"The <u>(Title of Recipient)</u>, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant

to this advertisement, all contractors will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of the owner's race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, income-level, or LEP in consideration for an award.";

- 3. The Recipient will insert the clauses of Appendix A and E of this Assurance in every contract or agreement subject to the Acts and the Regulations;
- 4. The Recipient will insert the clauses of Appendix B of this Assurance, as a covenant running with the land, in any deed from the United States effecting or recording a transfer of real property, structures, use, or improvements thereon or interest therein to a Recipient;
- 5. That where the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance to construct a facility, or part of a facility, the Assurance will 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 will extend to rights to space on, over, or under such property;
- 7. That the Recipient will include the clauses set forth in Appendix C and Appendix D of this Assurance, as a covenant running with the land, in any future deeds, leases, licenses, permits, or similar instruments entered into by the Recipient with other parties:
  - a. for the subsequent transfer of real property acquired or improved under the applicable activity, project, or program; and
  - b. for the construction or use of, or access to, space on, over, or under real property acquired or improved under the applicable activity, project, or 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 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 will provide for such methods of administration for the program as are found by the Secretary of Transportation or the official to whom he/she delegates specific authority to give reasonable guarantee that it, other recipients, sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, transferees, successors in interest, and other participants of Federal financial assistance under such program will comply with all requirements imposed or pursuant to the Acts, 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 Acts, the Regulations, and this Assurance.

By signing this ASSURANCE, [Name of the recipient] also agrees to comply (and require any sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, successors, transferees, and/or assignees to comply) with all applicable provisions governing the **FMCSA** access to records, accounts, documents, information, facilities, and staff. You also recognize that you must comply with any program or compliance reviews, and/or complaint investigations conducted by the **FMCSA**. You must keep records, reports, and submit the material for review upon request to **FMCSA**, or its designee in a timely, complete, and accurate way. Additionally, you must comply with all other reporting, data collection, and evaluation requirements, as prescribed by law or detailed in program guidance.

[Name of Recipient] gives this ASSURANCE in consideration of and for obtaining any Federal grants, loans, contracts, agreements, property, and/or discounts, or other Federal-aid and Federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the recipients by the Department of Transportation under the FMCSA Program. This ASSURANCE is binding on [insert State], other recipients, sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, subcontractors and their subcontractors', transferees, successors in interest, and any other participants in the FMCSA Program. The person (s) signing below is authorized to sign this ASSURANCE on behalf of the Recipient.

	Wyoming Department of Transportation	_
by		
·	(Darin J. Westby, P.E Director)	
	DATED	

#### 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:

- Compliance with Regulations: The contractor (hereinafter includes consultants) will comply with
  the Acts and the Regulations relative to Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the
  U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), as they
  may be amended from time to time, 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, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, income-level, or LEP in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor will not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Acts and the Regulations as set forth in Appendix E, including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of 49 C.F.R. part 21.
- 3. Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements 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 will be notified by the contractor of the contractor's obligations under this contract and the Acts and the Regulations relative to Non-discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, income-level, or LEP.
- 4. **Information and Reports:** The contractor will provide all information and reports required by the Acts, the Regulations and directives issued pursuant thereto and will permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the Recipient or the FMCSA to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Acts, Regulations, and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish the information, the contractor will so certify to the Recipient or the FMCSA, as appropriate, and will set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
- 5. **Sanctions for Noncompliance:** In the event of a contractor's noncompliance with the Non-discrimination provisions of this contract, the Recipient will impose such contract sanctions as it or the FMCSA may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
  - a. withholding payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies; and/or
  - b. cancelling, terminating, or suspending a contract, in whole or in part.
- 6. **Incorporation of Provisions:** The contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs one through six in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Acts, the Regulations and directives issued pursuant thereto. The contractor will take action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the Recipient or the FMCSA may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, that if the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation by a subcontractor, or supplier because of such direction, the contractor may request the Recipient to enter into any litigation to protect the interests of the Recipient. In addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into the litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

# CLAUSES FOR DEEDS TRANSFERING UNITED STATES PROPERTY

# APPENDIX B

The following clauses will be included in deeds effecting or recording the transfer of real property, structures, or improvements thereon, or granting interest therein from the United States pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 4:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Department of Transportation as authorized by law and upon the condition that the (*Title of Recipient*) will accept title to the lands and maintain the project constructed thereon in accordance with (*Name of Appropriate Legislative Authority*), the Regulations for the Administration of Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Program, and the policies and procedures prescribed by the FMCSA of the Department of Transportation in accordance and in compliance with all requirements imposed by 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 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 (*Title of 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 a part hereof.

# (HABENDUM CLAUSE)

**TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** said lands and interests therein unto (<u>Title of Recipient</u>) 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 will be binding on the (<u>Title of Recipient</u>), its successors and assigns.

The (<u>Title of Recipient</u>), in consideration of the conveyance of said lands and interests in lands, does hereby covenant and agree as a covenant running with the land for itself, its successors and assigns, that (1) no person will on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, incomelevel, or LEP 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 (<u>Title of Recipient</u>) will use the lands and interests in 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, Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation, Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and as said Regulations and Acts may be amended, and (3) that in the event of breach of any of the above-mentioned non-discrimination conditions, the Department will have a right to enter or re-enter said lands and facilities on said land, and that above described land and facilities will 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.\*

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# CLAUSES FOR TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED OR IMPROVED UNDER THE ACTIVITY, FACILITY OR PROGRAM

#### APPENDIX C

The following clauses will be included in deeds, licenses, leases, permits, or similar instruments entered into by the (*Title of Recipient*) pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 7(a):

- A. The (grantee, lessee, permittee, etc. as appropriate) for himself/herself, his/her heirs, personal representatives, 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:
  - 1. In the event facilities are constructed, maintained, or otherwise operated on the property described in this (deed, license, lease, permit, etc.) for a purpose for which a Department of Transportation activity, facility, or program is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits, the (grantee, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc.) will maintain and operate such facilities and services in compliance with all requirements imposed by the Acts and Regulations (as may be amended) such that no person on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, income-level, or LEP will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of said facilities.
- B. With respect to licenses, leases, permits, etc., in the event of breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, (*Title of Recipient*) will have the right to terminate the (lease, license, permit, etc.) and to enter, re-enter, and repossess said lands and facilities thereon, and hold the same as if the (lease, license, permit, etc.) had never been made or issued.\*
- C. With respect to a deed, in the event of breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, the (*Title of Recipient*) will have the right to enter or re-enter the lands and facilities thereon, and the above described lands and facilities will there upon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the (*Title of Recipient*) and its assigns.\*

(\*Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary to effectuate the purpose of Title VI.)

# CLAUSES FOR CONSTRUCTION/USE/ACCESS TO REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED UNDER THE ACTIVITY, FACILITY OR PROGRAM

#### APPENDIX D

The following clauses will be included in deeds, licenses, permits, or similar instruments/ agreements entered into by (*Title of Recipient*) pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 7(b):

- A. The (grantee, licensee, permittee, etc., as appropriate) for himself/herself, his/her heirs, personal representatives, 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 (1) no person on the ground of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, income-level, or LEP will be excluded from participation in, 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, national origin, sex, age, disability, income-level, or LEP will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination, (3) that the (grantee, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc.) will use the premises in compliance with all other requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Acts and Regulations, as amended, set forth in this Assurance.
- B. With respect to (licenses, leases, permits, etc.), in the event of breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, (*Title of Recipient*) will have the right to terminate the (license, permit, etc., as appropriate) and to enter or re-enter and repossess said land and the facilities thereon, and hold the same as if said (license, permit, etc., as appropriate) had never been made or issued.\*
- C. With respect to deeds, in the event of breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, (*Title of Recipient*) will there upon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of (*Title of Recipient*) and its assigns.\*

(\*Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary to effectuate the purpose of Title VI.)

#### APPENDIX E

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees to comply with the following non-discrimination statutes and authorities; including but not limited to:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin), as implemented by 49 C.F.R. § 21.1 *et seq.* and 49 C.F.R. part 303;
- The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. § 4601) (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
- Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973 (23 U.S.C. § 324 *et seq.*) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex);
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 794 et seq.) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 C.F.R. part 27;
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 6101 *et seq.*) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982 (Pub. L. 97-248 (1982)), as amended (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex);
- The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (102 Stat. 28) ("....which restore[d] the broad scope of coverage and to clarify the application of title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.");
- Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131 -- 12189), as implemented by Department of Justice regulations at 28 C.F.R. parts 35 and 36, and Department of Transportation regulations at 49 C.F.R. parts 37 and 38;
- The Federal Aviation Administration's Non-discrimination statute (49 U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex);
- Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures non-discrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations;
- Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100);
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. § 1681 *et seq*).