



RIDOT POLICY

DATE: June 3, 2011

REFERENCE: Title VI/Nondiscrimination

It is the policy of the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (the Department) to comply fully with both Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Department's Title VI/Nondiscrimination Program Assurances. To that end the Department certifies that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin, age, or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any of the Department's programs or activities, whether or not such programs and activities are federally-assisted.

Specifically, the Department will not, on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age, or disability:

- deny any service, financial aid, or other benefit to a beneficiary of the Department's programs;
- provide any service, financial aid, or benefit that is different—in quality, quantity, or manner—from that provided to other beneficiaries under Departmental programs;
- subject a person to segregation or separate treatment in any matter related to receipt of any service, financial aid, or other benefit under its programs;
- treat a person differently from others in determining whether the person is eligible for a service, financial aid, or other benefit under a departmental program;
- restrict a person in the enjoyment of any advantage or privilege enjoyed by others receiving services, financial aid, or other benefits of its programs;
- deny a person the opportunity to participate in advisory or planning councils that are an integral part of its programs;
- discriminate in any activities related to highway, facility, or infrastructure built or repaired with federal funds;
- discriminate in any employment resulting in a program which has a primary purpose of providing employment; or
- discriminate in the selection and retention of contractors and consultants.

Furthermore, the Department will not administer its programs in a manner that, directly or by contract, defeats or substantially impairs its goal of effective nondiscrimination. Rather, the Department will identify and address the effects of its programs, policies and activities on minority and low-income populations, as well as provide meaningful access to benefits, information, and services to beneficiaries who are of limited English-speaking ability.

Any person with questions or seeking additional information about the Department's non-discrimination obligations should contact Melissa A. Long, Esq., Title VI Coordinator, at 2 Capitol Hill, Room 109, Providence, Rhode Island 02903; (401) 222-3260 extension 4411; or m-long@dot.ri.gov. Similarly, any person who believes that the Department or any of its sub-recipients has violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 or this Nondiscrimination Policy should contact the Department's Title VI Coordinator to file a written complaint.

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