

**TITLE VI
NONDISCRIMINATION AGREEMENT**

**Nebraska State Department of Roads
and
Adams County, Nebraska**

Policy Statement

Adams County, the Local Public Agency, hereinafter referred to as the "LPA," assures that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, age, disability/handicap or sex, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (P.L. 100.259) 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. The LPA 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.

The 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, sub-recipients, and contractors/consultants, whether such programs and activities are federally assisted or not (Public Law 100259 [S.557] March 22, 1988.)

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 794), the LPA hereby gives assurance that no qualified disabled person shall, solely by reason of his disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination, including discrimination in employment, under any program or activity that receives or benefits from this Federal financial assistance.

In the event the LPA distributes federal aid funds to a sub-recipient, the LPA will include Title VI language in all written agreements and will monitor for compliance.

The LPA's employee Audrey Lee, is responsible for initiating and monitoring Title VI activities, preparing reports and other responsibilities as required by 23 Code of Federal Regulation(CFR) 200 and 49 Code of Federal Regulation 21.

Larry Woodman

Name of Responsible Agency Official (Please Print)

Adams County Board of Supervisors-Chairman

Title

August 3, 2010

Date

Title VI Program

Organization and Staffing

Pursuant to 23 CFR 200, (LPA) has appointed a Title VI Coordinator who is responsible for Attachment 1, which describes the hierarchy for (LPA)'s Title VI Program, including an organization's chart illustrating the level and placement of Title VI responsibilities.

Standard DOT Assurances

49 CFR Part 21.7

The (LPA) hereby gives assurances:

1. That no person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, age, disability/handicap and sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity conducted by the LPA regardless of whether those programs and activities are Federally funded or not. Activities and programs which the LPA hereby agrees to carry out in compliance with Title VI and related statutes include but are not limited to:

- List all major programs and activities of the LPA and Title VI responsibilities for each one of them. Include information as Attachment 2 to this Nondiscrimination Agreement.
- That the LPA 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.
- That the LPA shall insert the following notification in all solicitations for bids for work or material subject to the Regulations and made in connection with Adams County and, in adapted form in all proposals for negotiated agreements:

The (LPA), in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidden that it will affirmatively insure that in any contact entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority 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, sex, age and disability/handicap in consideration for an award.

2. That the LPA shall insert the clauses of Appendix A of this assurance in every contract subject to the Act and the Regulations.
3. That the LPA shall insert the clauses of Appendix B of this assurance, 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.
4. That where the LPA 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.
5. That where the LPA 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.

6. That the LPA 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 LPA with other parties: (a) for the subsequent transfer of real property acquired or improved under (*Name of Appropriate Program*); and (b) for the construction or use of or access to space on, over or under real property acquired, or improved under (*Name of Appropriate Program*).
7. That this assurance obligates the LPA 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 LPA 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 LPA retains ownership or possession of the property.
8. The LPA shall provide for such methods of administration for the program as are found by the Secretary of Transportation or the official to whom he delegates specific authority to give reasonable guarantee that it, other recipients, subgrantees, contractors, subcontractors, transferees, successors in interest, and other participants of Federal financial assistance under such program will comply with all requirements imposed or pursuant to the Act, the Regulations and this assurance.
9. The LPA 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 LPA Department of Transportation under Adams County and is binding on it, other recipients, subgrantees, contractors, subcontractors, transferees, successors in interest and other participants in the Adams County. The person or persons whose signatures appear below are authorized to sign this assurance on behalf of the LPA.

Implementation Procedures

This agreement shall serve as the LPA's Title VI plan pursuant to 23 CFR 200 and 49 CFR 21.

For the purpose of this agreement, "Federal Assistance" shall include:

- 1) grants and loans of Federal funds,
- 2) the grant or donation of Federal property and interest in property,
- 3) the detail of Federal personnel,
- 4) the sale and lease of, and the permission to use (on other than a casual or transient basis), Federal property or any interest in such property without consideration or at a nominal consideration, or at a consideration which is reduced for the purpose of assisting the LPA, or in recognition of the public interest to be served by such sale or lease to the LPA, and
- 5) any Federal agreement, arrangement, or other contract which has as one of its purposes, the provision of assistance.

The LPA shall:

- a) Issue a policy statement, signed by the head of the LPA, which expresses its commitment to the nondiscrimination provisions of Title VI. The policy statement shall be circulated throughout the LPA's organization and to the general public. Such information shall be published where appropriate in languages other than English.
- b) Take affirmative action to correct any deficiencies found by NDOR or the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) within a reasonable time period, not to exceed 90 days, in order to implement Title VI compliance in accordance with this agreement. The head of the LPA shall be held responsible for implementing Title VI requirements.
- c) Designate a coordinator who has a responsible position in the organization and easy access to the head of the LPA. The coordinator shall be responsible for initiating and monitoring Title VI activities and preparing required reports.
- d) Develop and implement a community outreach and public education program.
- e) Process complaints of discrimination consistent with the provisions contained in this agreement. Investigations shall be conducted by civil rights personnel trained in discrimination complaint investigation. Identify each complainant by race, color, national origin or sex, the nature of the complaint, the date the complaint was filed, the date the investigation was completed, the disposition, the date of the disposition, and other pertinent information. A copy of the complaint, together with a copy of the LPA's report of investigation, will be forwarded to NDOR's Highway Civil Rights Coordinator within 10 days of the date the complaint was received by the LPA.
- f) Collect statistical data (race, color, national origin, sex) of participants in, and beneficiaries of the programs and activities conducted by the LPA.
- g) Conduct Title VI reviews of the LPA and sub-recipient contractor/consultant program areas and activities. Revise where applicable, policies, procedures and directives to include Title VI requirements.
- h) Conduct training programs on Title VI and related statutes.

- i) Prepare a yearly report of Title VI accomplishments for the last year and goals for the next year.
 - 1) Annual Work Plan
Outline Title VI monitoring and review activities planned for the coming year; state by which each activity will be accomplished and target date for completion.
 - 2) Accomplishment Report
List major accomplishments made regarding Title VI activities. Include instances where Title VI issues were identified and discrimination was prevented. Indicate activities and efforts the Title VI Coordinator and program area personnel have undertaken in monitoring Title VI. Include a description of the scope and conclusions of any special reviews (internal or external) conducted by the Title VI Coordinator. List any major problem(s) identified and corrective action taken. Include a summary and status report on any Title VI complaints filed with the LPA. Include a listing of complaints received against sub-recipients, as well as a summary of complaint and actions taken.

Discrimination Complaint Procedures – Allegations of Discrimination in Federally Assisted Programs or Activities

1. Any person who believes that he or she, individually, as a member of any specific class, or in connection with any disadvantaged business enterprise, has been subjected to discrimination prohibited by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the American with Disabilities Act of 1990, Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, as amended, may file a complaint with the LPA. A complaint may also be filed by a representative on behalf of such a person. All complaints will be referred to the LPA's Title VI Coordinator for review and action.
2. In order to have the complaint consideration under this procedure, the complainant must file the complaint no later than 180 days after:
 - a) The date of alleged act of discrimination; or
 - b) Where there has been a continuing course of conduct, the date on which that conduct was discontinued.

In either case, the LPA or his/her designee may extend the time for filing or waive the time limit in the interest of justice, specifying in writing the reason for so doing.

3. Complaints shall be in writing and shall be signed by the complainant and/or the complainant's representative. Complaints shall set forth as fully as possible the facts and circumstances surrounding the claimed discrimination. In the event that a person makes a verbal complaint of discrimination to an officer or employee of the LPA, the person shall be interviewed by the Title VI Coordinator. If necessary, the Title VI Coordinator will assist the person in reducing the complaint to writing and submit the written version of the complaint to the person for signature. The complaint shall then be handled according to the LPA's investigative procedures.
4. Within 10 days, the Title VI Coordinator will acknowledge receipt of the allegation, inform the complainant of procedures to be followed, and advise the complainant of other avenues of redress available, such as NDOR and USDOT.
5. The LPA will advise NDOR within 10 days of receipt of the allegations. Generally, the following information will be included in every notification to NDOR:
 - a) Name, address, and phone number of the complainant.
 - b) Name(s) and address (es) of alleged discriminating official(s).
 - c) Basis of complaint (i.e., race, color, national origin or sex)
 - d) Date of alleged discriminatory act(s).
 - e) Date of complaint received by the LPA.
 - f) A statement of the complaint.
 - g) Other agencies (state, local or Federal) where the complaint has been filed.
 - h) An explanation of the actions the LPA has taken or proposed to resolve the issue raised in the complaint.
6. NDOR will forward the complaint to FHWA. FHWA Office of Civil Rights will determine the appropriate individual and/or organization to conduct the investigation.

7. Within 60 days, the Title VI Coordinator will conduct an investigation of the allegation and based on the information obtained, will render a recommendation for action in a report of findings to the head of the LPA. The complaint should be resolved by informal means whenever possible. Such informal attempts and their results will be summarized in the report of findings.
8. Within 90 days of receipt of the complaint, the head of the LPA will notify the complainant in writing of the final decision reached, including the proposed disposition of the matter. The notification will advise the complainant of his/her appeal rights with NDOR, or USDOT, if they are dissatisfied with the final decision rendered by the LPA. The Title VI Coordinator will also provide NDOR with a copy of this decision and summary of findings upon completion of the investigation.
9. Any complaints received against the LPA should immediately be forwarded to NDOR for investigation. The LPA will not investigate any complaint in which it has been named in the complaint.
10. Contacts for the different Title VI administrative jurisdictions are as follows:

Nebraska Department of Roads
Human Resources, Title VI Program
1500 Highway 2, P.O. Box 94759
Lincoln, NE 68509-4759
(402) 479-4870

Federal Highway Administration
Nebraska Division Office
100 Centennial Mall North
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402)437-5765

Sanctions

In the event the LPA fails or refuses to comply with the terms of this agreement, the NDOR may take any or all of the following actions:

- a) Cancel, terminate, or suspend this agreement in whole or in part;
- b) Refrain from extending any further assistance to the LPA under the program from which the failure or refusal occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from the LPA.
- c) Take such other action that may be deemed appropriate under the circumstances, until compliance or remedial action has been accomplished by the LPA.
- d) Refer the case to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal proceedings.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS:

Came J. Williams
Signature

Civil Rights Coordinator
Title

August 5, 2010
Date

NAME OF LPA:

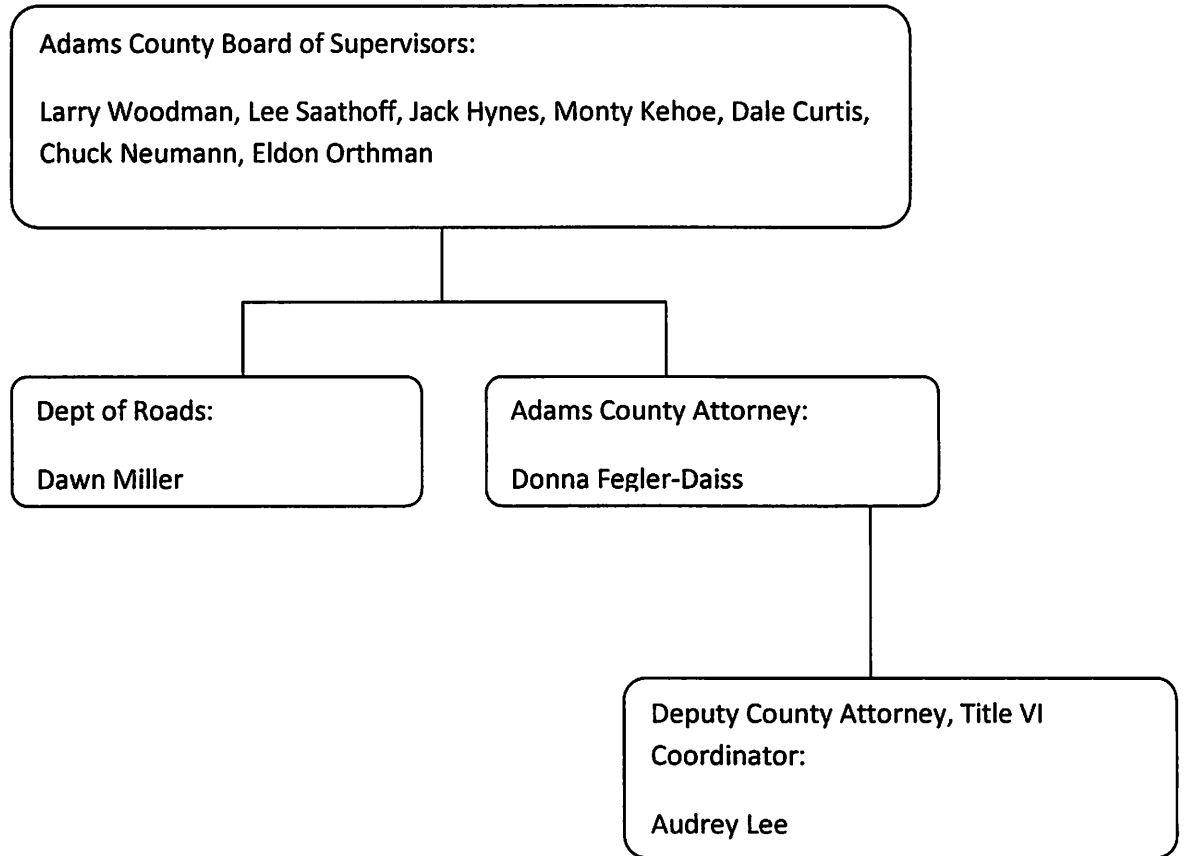
Larry Woodman
Signature

Adams County Board of Supervisors - Chairman
Title

August 3, 2010
Date

ATTACHMENT 1

Adams County Organization Chart*



*As it pertains to the Nebraska Department of Roads LPA Agreement with Adams County

ATTACHMENT 2
Major Activities

- Juniata SW, Proj BRO-7001(14)
- STPE (Surface Transportation) Proj STPE-2175(9), Ayr SE (Showboat South). This project is scheduled for the State bid letting on July 22, 2010.
- STPE Proj STPE-2145(10), Holstein South. Scheduled on the State bid letting for Sept 30, 2010.