

**Tarlton Corporation
Affirmative Action Plan for
Executive Order 11246**

Designation of Responsibility for Implementation

Responsibilities of the Equal Employment Opportunity Manager:

The Human Resources has the responsibility for designing and ensuring the effective implementation of Tarlton Corporation's (Tarlton) Affirmative Action Program (AAP). These responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Developing Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) policy statements, affirmative action programs and internal and external communication procedures;
2. Assisting in the identification of AAP/EEO problem areas;
3. Assisting management in arriving at effective solutions to AAP/EEO problems;
4. Designing and implementing an internal audit and reporting system that:
 - a. Measures the effectiveness of Tarlton's program;
 - b. Determines the degree to which AAP goals and objectives are met; and
 - c. Identifies the need for remedial action;
5. Keeping Tarlton's President informed of equal opportunity progress and reporting potential problem areas within the company through quarterly reports;
6. Reviewing the company's AAP for qualified minorities and women with all managers and supervisors at all levels to ensure that the policy is understood and is followed in all personnel activities;
7. Auditing the contents of the company's bulletin board to ensure compliance information is posted and up-to-date; and
8. Serving as liaison between Tarlton and enforcement agencies.

Responsibilities of Managers and Supervisors:

It is the responsibility of all managerial and supervisory staff to implement Tarlton's AAP. These responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

1. Assisting in the identification of problem areas, formulating solutions, and establishing departmental goals and objectives when necessary;
2. Reviewing the qualifications of all applicants and employees to ensure qualified individuals are treated in a nondiscriminatory manner when hiring, promotion, transfer, and termination actions occur; and
3. Reviewing the job performance of each employee to assess whether personnel actions are justified based on the employee's performance of his or her duties and responsibilities.

Action-Oriented Programs

Tarlton has instituted action programs to eliminate identified problem areas and to help achieve specific affirmative action goals. These programs include:

1. Conducting annual analyses of job descriptions to ensure they accurately reflect job functions;
2. Reviewing job descriptions by department and job title using job performance criteria;
3. Making job descriptions available to recruiting sources and available to all members of management involved in the recruiting, screening, selection and promotion processes;
4. Evaluating the total selection process to ensure freedom from bias through:
 - a. Reviewing job applications and other pre-employment forms to ensure information requested is job-related;
 - b. Evaluating selection methods that may have a disparate impact to ensure that they are job-related and consistent with business necessity;
 - c. Training personnel and management staff on proper interview techniques; and
 - d. Training in EEO for management and supervisory staff;
5. Using techniques to improve recruitment and increase the flow of minority and female applicants. Tarlton presently undertakes the following actions:
 - a. Include the phrase "Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer" in all printed employment advertisements;
 - b. Place help wanted advertisement, when appropriate, in local minority news media and women's interest media;
 - c. Disseminate information on job opportunities to organizations representing minorities, women and employment development agencies when job opportunities occur;
 - d. Encourage all employees to refer qualified applicants;
 - e. Actively recruit at secondary schools, junior colleges, colleges and universities with predominantly minority or female enrollments; and
 - f. Request employment agencies to refer qualified minorities and women;

6. Hiring a statistical consultant to help Tarlton perform a self-audit of its compensation practices; and
7. Ensuring that all employees are given equal opportunity for promotion. This is achieved by:
 - a. Posting promotional opportunities;
 - b. Offering counseling to assist employees in identifying promotional opportunities, training and educational programs to enhance promotions and opportunities for job rotation or transfer; and
 - c. Evaluating job requirements for promotion.

Internal Audit and Reporting System

The Personnel Manager has the responsibility for developing and preparing the formal documents of the AAP. The Personnel Manager is responsible for the effective implementation of the AAP; however, responsibility is likewise vested with each department manager and supervisor. Tarlton's audit and reporting system is designed to:

- Measure the effectiveness of the AAP/EEO program;
- Document personnel activities;
- Identify problem areas where remedial action is needed; and
- Determine the degree to which Tarlton's AAP goals and objectives have been obtained.

The following personnel activities are reviewed to ensure nondiscrimination and equal employment opportunity for all individuals without regard to their race, color, gender, religion, or national origin:

- Recruitment, advertising, and job application procedures;
- Hiring, promotion, upgrading, award of tenure, layoff, recall from layoff;
- Rates of pay and any other forms of compensation including fringe benefits;
- Job assignments, job classifications, job descriptions, and seniority lists;
- Sick leave, leaves or absence, or any other leave;
- Training, apprenticeships, attendance at professional meetings and conferences; and
- Any other term, condition, or privilege of employment.

The following documents are maintained as a component of Tarlton's internal audit process:

1. An applicant flow log showing the name, race, sex, date of application, job title, interview status and the action taken for all individuals applying for job opportunities;
2. Summary data of external job offers and hires, promotions, resignations, terminations, and layoffs by job group and by sex and minority group identification;
3. Summary data of applicant flow by identifying, at least, total applicants, total minority applicants, and total female applicants for each position;
4. Maintenance of employment applications (not to exceed one year); and
5. Records pertaining to Tarlton's compensation system.

Tarlton's audit system includes a quarterly report documenting Tarlton's efforts to achieve its EEO/AAP responsibilities. Managers and supervisors are asked to report any current or foreseeable EEO problem areas and are asked to outline their suggestions/recommendations for solutions. If problem areas arise, the manager or supervisor is to report problem areas immediately to the Human Resources Manager. During quarterly reporting, the following occurs:

1. The Human Resources Manager will discuss any problems relating to significant rejection ratios, EEO charges, etc., with the President; and
2. The Human Resources Manager will report the status of the Tarlton's AAP goals and objectives to the President. The Human Resources Manager will recommend remedial actions for the effective implementation of the AAP.

Guidelines on Discrimination Because of Religion or National Origin

It is the policy of Tarlton Corporation (Tarlton) to take affirmative action to insure that applicants are employed, without regard to their religion or national origin. Such action includes, but is not limited to the following employment practices: hiring, promotion, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff, termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation and selection for training.

Employment practices have been reviewed to determine whether members of the various religions and/or ethnic groups are receiving fair consideration for job opportunities. Attention has been directed toward executive and middle management levels.

1. The policy concerning Tarlton's obligation to provide equal employment opportunity without regard to religion or national origin is communicated to all employees via employee handbooks, policy statement and the Affirmative Action Program.
2. Internal procedures have been developed in this program to insure that Tarlton's obligation to provide equal employment opportunity without regard to religion or national origin is being fully implemented.
3. Employees are informed at least annually of Tarlton's commitment to equal employment opportunity for all persons, without regard to religion or national origin.
4. Recruiting sources have been informed of our commitment to provide equal employment opportunity without regard to religion or national origin.
5. Employment records of all employees are reviewed to determine the availability of promotable and transferable employees.
6. Contacts with religious and ethnic organizations will be made for purposes of advice, education, technical assistance and referral of potential employees as necessary to accomplish the purpose of this program.
7. Tarlton engages in recruitment activities at educational institutions with substantial enrollments of students from various ethnic and religious groups.
8. Ethnic and religious media may be used for employment advertising.

Reasonable accommodations to the religious observances and practices of employees or prospective employees will be made, unless doing so would result in undue hardship. In determining whether undue hardship exists, factors such as the cost to the company and the impact on the rights of other employee.

