



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Office for Civil Rights

Washington, D.C. 20531

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Natalya Pushkina
Massachusetts Department of Corrections
965 Elm Street, SFU Building
P.O. Box 9125
Concord, MA 01742

Re: Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (EEOP) for Massachusetts Department of Corrections

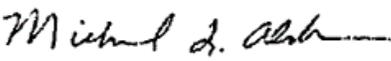
Dear Ms. Natalya Pushkina,

The Office for Civil Rights, Office of Justice Programs, has reviewed and approved the EEOP Utilization Report that you submitted in accordance with the grant conditions set forth by either the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (Safe Streets Act), Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 or their implementing regulations. The plan that you submitted conforms to the online Guide to the Design and Development of an Equal Employment Opportunity Plan, which provides the essential information that the Department of Justice requires for our initial screening of your EEOP. The Department of Justice regulations for developing a comprehensive EEOP may be found at 28 CFR § 42.301 *et seq.* Your approved plan is effective for two years from the date of this letter, and satisfies the EEOP requirement for any subsequent grant awards received during the two-year period.

Your organization may, however, have additional civil rights compliance requirements if it receives funding from grant programs other than the ones listed above. For example, if your organization is a recipient of funding from the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), your organization's non-discrimination policies and practices should also include prohibitions on discrimination on the bases of actual or perceived sexual orientation and gender identity.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Office for Civil Rights at (202) 307-0690.

Sincerely,

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Michael L. Alston

Director

Signed by: MICHAEL ALSTON