



**Government of the District of Columbia**  
**FIRST SOURCE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**



Contract Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Contract Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Contract Award: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Ward: \_\_\_\_\_

Nonprofit Organization with 50 Employees or Less:  Yes  No

This First Source Employment Agreement, in accordance with The First Source Employment Agreement Act of 1984 (codified in D.C. Official Code §§ 2-219.01 – 2.219.05), The Apprenticeship Requirements Amendment Act of 2004 (Codified in D.C. Official Code §§ 2-219.03 and 32-1431) for recruitment, referral, and placement of District of Columbia residents, is between the District of Columbia Department of Employment Services, hereinafter referred to as “DOES”, and \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter, referred to as EMPLOYER. Under this Employment Agreement, the EMPLOYER will use DOES as its first source for recruitment, referral, and placement of new hires or employees for all new jobs created by the Project. The Employer will hire 51% District of Columbia residents for all new jobs created by the Project, and 35 % of all apprenticeship hours be worked by DC residents employed by EMPLOYER in connection with the Project shall be District residents registered in programs approved by the District of Columbia Apprenticeship Council.

**I. GENERAL TERMS**

- A. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the EMPLOYER will use DOES as its first source for the recruitment, referral and placement for jobs created by the Project.
- B. The EMPLOYER will require all Project contractors with contracts totaling \$100,000 or more, and Project subcontractors with subcontracts totaling \$100,000 or more, to enter into a First Source Employment Agreement with DOES.
- C. DOES will provide recruitment, referral and placement services to the EMPLOYER, which are subject to the limitations set out in this Agreement.
- D. The participation of DOES in this Agreement will be carried out by the Office of Employer Services, which is responsible for referral and placement of employees, or such other offices or divisions designated by the Office of the Director, of DOES.
- E. This Agreement will take effect when signed by the parties below and will be fully effective for the duration of the Project contract and any extensions or modification to the Project contract.

- F. This Agreement will not be construed as an approval of the EMPLOYER'S bid package, bond application, lease agreement, zoning application, loan, or contract/subcontract for the Project.
- G. DOES and the EMPLOYER agree that, for purposes of this Agreement, new hires and jobs created for the Project (both union and nonunion) include all EMPLOYER'S job openings and vacancies in the Washington Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area created for the Project as a result of internal promotions, terminations, and expansions of the EMPLOYER'S workforce, as a result of this project, including loans, lease agreements, zoning applications, bonds, bids, and contracts.
- H. This Agreement includes apprentices as defined and as amended, in D.C. Law 2-156. D.C. Official Code §§ 32-1401- 1431.
- I. The EMPLOYER, prime subcontractors and subcontractors who contract with the District of Columbia government to perform construction, renovation work, or information technology work with a single contract, or cumulative contracts, of at least \$500,000, let within a 12-month period will be required to register an apprenticeship program with the District of Columbia Apprenticeship Council; and this includes but is not limited to, any construction or renovation contract or subcontract signed as the result of, a loan, bond, grant, Exclusive Right Agreement, street or alley closing, or a leasing agreement of real property for one (1) year or more. In furtherance of the foregoing, the EMPLOYER shall enter into an agreement with its contractors, including the general contractor, that requires that such contractors and subcontractors for the Project participate, in apprenticeship programs for the Project that: (i) meet the standards set forth in Chapter 11 of Title 7 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, and (ii) have an apprenticeship program registered with the District of Columbia's Apprenticeship Council.

## **II. RECRUITMENT**

- A. The EMPLOYER will complete the attached Employment Plan, which will indicate the number of new jobs projected to be created on the Project, salary range, hiring dates, residency status, ward information, new hire justification and union requirements.
- B. The Employer will post all job vacancies in the DOES' Virtual One-Stop (VOS) at [www.jobs.dc.gov](http://www.jobs.dc.gov) within five (5) days of executing the Agreement. Should you need assistance posting job vacancies, please contact Job Bank at (202) 698-6001.
- C. The EMPLOYER will notify DOES, by way of the First Source Office of its Specific Need for new employees for the Project, within at least five (5) business days (Monday - Friday) upon Employers identification of the Specific Need. This must be done before using any other referral source. Specific Needs shall include, at a minimum, the number of employees needed by job title, qualifications, hiring date, rate of pay, hours of work, duration of employment, and work to be performed.
- D. Job openings to be filled by internal promotion from the EMPLOYER'S current workforce do not need to be referred to DOES for placement and referral. However, EMPLOYER shall notify DOES of such promotions.

- E. The EMPLOYER will submit to DOES, prior to commencing work on the Project, the names, residency status and ward information of all current employees, including apprentices, trainees, and laid-off workers who will be employed on the Project.

### **III. REFERRAL**

- A. DOES will screen applicants and provide the EMPLOYER with a list of applicants according to the Notification of Specific Needs supplied by the EMPLOYER as set forth in Section II (B).
- B. DOES will notify the EMPLOYER, prior to the anticipated hiring dates, of the number of applicants DOES will refer.

### **IV. PLACEMENT**

- A. The EMPLOYER will make all decisions on hiring new employees but will, in good faith, use reasonable efforts to select its new hires or employees from among the qualified persons referred by DOES.
- B. In the event that DOES is unable to refer qualified personnel meeting the Employer's established qualifications, within five (5) business days (Monday - Friday) from the date of notification, from the EMPLOYER, the EMPLOYER will be free to directly fill remaining positions for which no qualified applicants have been referred. Notwithstanding, the EMPLOYER will still be required to hire 51% District residents for all new jobs created by the Project.
- C. After the EMPLOYER has selected its employees, DOES will not be responsible for the employees' actions and the EMPLOYER hereby releases DOES, and the Government of the District of Columbia, the District of Columbia Municipal Corporation, and the officers and employees of the District of Columbia from any liability for employees' actions.

### **V. TRAINING**

- A. DOES and the EMPLOYER may agree to develop skills training and on-the-job training programs; the training specifications and cost for such training will be mutually agreed upon by the EMPLOYER and DOES and will be set forth in a separate Training Agreement.

### **VI. CONTROLLING REGULATIONS AND LAWS**

- A. To the extent that this Agreement is in conflict with any federal labor laws or governmental regulations, the federal laws or regulations shall prevail.
- B. DOES will make every effort to work within the terms of all collective bargaining agreements to which the EMPLOYER is a party.
- C. The EMPLOYER will provide DOES with written documentation that the EMPLOYER has provided the representative of any collective bargaining unit involved

with this Project a copy of this Agreement and has requested comments or objections. If the representative has any comments or objections, the EMPLOYER will promptly provide them to DOES.

## **VII. EXEMPTIONS**

- A. All contracts, subcontracts or other forms of government-assistance less than \$100,000.
- B. Employment openings the contractor will fill with individuals already employed by the company.
- C. Job openings to be filled by laid-off workers according to formally established recall procedures and rosters.
- D. Construction or renovation contracts or subcontracts in the District of Columbia totaling less than \$500,000 are exempt from the requirements of Section I(H) and I(I) of the General Terms hereof.
- E. Non-profit organization with 50 or less employees are exempt from the requirements.

## **VIII. AGREEMENT MODIFICATIONS, RENEWAL, MONITORING, AND PENALTIES**

- A. If, during the term of this Agreement, the EMPLOYER should transfer possession of all or a portion of its business concerns affected by this Agreement to any other party by lease, sale, assignment, merger, or otherwise this First Source Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and transferee shall remain subject to all provisions herein. In addition, the EMPLOYER as a condition of transfer shall:
  - 1. Notify the party taking possession of the existence of this EMPLOYER'S First Source Employment Agreement.
  - 2. Notify DOES within seven (7) business days of the transfer. This advice will include the name of the party taking possession and the name and telephone of that party's representative.
- B. DOES will monitor EMPLOYER'S performance under this Agreement. The EMPLOYER will cooperate with the DOES monitoring and will submit a Contract Compliance Form to DOES monthly.
- C. To assist DOES in the conduct of the monitoring review, the EMPLOYER will make available to DOES, upon request, payroll and employment records for the review period indicated for the Project.
- D. The Employer will provide DOES additional information upon request.
- E. With the submission of the final request for payment from the District, the EMPLOYER shall:

1. Document in a report to DOES its compliance with the requirement that 51% of the new employees hired by the EMPLOYER for the Project be District residents; or
  2. Submit to DOES a request for a waiver of compliance of the requirement that 51% of the new employees hired by the EMPLOYER the Project be District residents which will include the following documentation:
    - a. Documentation supporting EMPLOYERS good faith effort to comply;
    - b. Referrals provided by DOES and other referral sources; and
    - c. Advertisement of job openings listed with DOES and other referral sources.
- F. The DOES may waive the requirement that 51% of the new employees hired by the EMPLOYER for the Project be District residents, if DOES finds that:
1. A good faith effort to comply is demonstrated by the EMPLOYER; or
  2. The EMPLOYER is located outside the Washington Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area and none of the contract work is performed inside the Washington Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area:
 

The Washington Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area includes the District of Columbia, the Virginia Cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, Manassas, Manassas Park, Fairfax, and Fredericksburg; the Virginia Counties of Fairfax, Arlington, Prince William, Loudon, Stafford, Clarke, Warren, Fauquier, Culpeper, Spotsylvania, and King George; the Maryland Counties of Montgomery, Prince Georges, Charles, Frederick, and Calvert; and the West Virginia Counties of Berkeley and Jefferson.
  3. The EMPLOYER enters into a special workforce development training or placement arrangement with DOES; or
  4. DOES certifies that there are insufficient numbers of District residents in the labor market possessing the skills required by the EMPLOYER for the positions created as a result of the Project. No failure by Employer to request a waiver under any other provision hereunder shall be considered relevant to a requested waiver under this Subsection.
- G. Willful breach of the First Source Employment Agreement by the EMPLOYER, failure to submit the Contract Compliance Report, or deliberate submission of falsified data, may be enforced by the DOES through imposition of penalties, including monetary fines of 5% of the total amount of the direct and indirect labor costs of the contract for the positions created by EMPLOYER.
- H. The parties acknowledge that the provisions of E and F of Article VIII apply only to First Source hiring.
- I. Nonprofit organizations with 50 or less employees are exempt from the requirement that 51% of the new employees hired by the EMPLOYER on the Project be District residents.

- J. The EMPLOYER and DOES, or such other agent as DOES may designate, may mutually agree to modify this Agreement.
- K. The EMPLOYER's noncompliance with the provisions of this Agreement may result in termination.

**IX. LOCAL, SMALL, DISADVANTAGES BUSINESS ENTERPRISE**

- A. Is your firm a certified Local, Small, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (LSDBE)?  
 YES  NO

If yes, certification number: \_\_\_\_\_

**X. APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM**

- A. Do you have a registered Apprenticeship program with the D.C. Apprenticeship Council?  YES  NO

If yes, D.C. Apprenticeship Council Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**XI. SUBCONTRACTOR**

- A. Is your firm a subcontractor on this project?  YES  NO

If yes, name of prime contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Dept. of Employment Services

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Employer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Company

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail

## EMPLOYMENT PLAN

NAME OF EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ TYPE OF BUSINESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT CONTRACTING AGENCY: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTRACTING OFFICER: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF PROJECT: \_\_\_\_\_ CONTRACT AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER CONTRACT AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_

PROJECT START DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ PROJECT END DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER START DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMPLOYER END DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW JOB CREATION PROJECTIONS:** Please indicate ALL new position(s) your firm will create as a result of the Project. If the firm WILL NOT be creating any new employment opportunities, please complete the attached justification sheet with an explanation. Attach additional sheets as needed.

JOB TITLE	# OF JOBS		SALARY RANGE	UNION MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED NAME LOCAL#	PROJECTED HIRE DATE
	F/T	P/T			
A					
B					
C					
D					
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**JUSTIFICATION SHEET:** Please provide a detailed explanation of why the Employer will not have any new hires on the Project.