

Equal Benefits Ordinance (EBO) / First Source Hiring Ordinance (FSHO)

If a contract is subject to the Equal Benefits Ordinance (EBO) and/or the First Source Hiring Ordinance (FSHO), Bidders/Proposers are required to complete a streamlined EBO/FSHO Compliance Affidavit web application form that is located on the City of Los Angeles' Business Assistance Virtual Network (BAVN) at www.labavn.org. Bidders/Proposers are responsible for creating a BAVN profile and completing and submitting the affidavit. See below for additional details about the EBO and the FSHO.

Equal Benefits Ordinance (EBO):

Bidders/Proposers are advised that any contract awarded pursuant to this procurement process shall be subject to the applicable provisions of Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 10.8.2.1, Equal Benefits Ordinance (EBO).

All Bidders/Proposers shall complete and submit the Equal Benefits Ordinance Compliance Affidavit, available on the City of Los Angeles' Business Assistance Virtual Network (BAVN) residing at www.labavn.org, prior to award of a City contract that exceeds \$25,000. The affidavit shall be valid for a period of three years from the date it is first **uploaded** onto the City's BAVN. Bidders/Proposers do not need to submit supporting documentation with their bids or proposals. However, the City may request supporting documentation to verify that the benefits are provided equally as specified on the EBO Affidavit.

Bidders/Proposers seeking additional information regarding the requirements of the Equal Benefits Ordinance may visit the Bureau of Contract Administration's web site at <http://bca.lacity.org>.

First Source Hiring Ordinance (FSHO):

Unless approved for an exemption, contractors under contracts primarily for the furnishing of services to or for the City, the value of which exceeds \$25,000 with a term of at least three (3) months, and certain recipients of City Loans or Grants, shall comply with the provisions of Los Angeles Administrative Code Sections 10.44 et seq., First Source Hiring Ordinance (FSHO).

All Bidders/Proposers shall complete and electronically sign the FSHO Compliance Affidavit available on the City of Los Angeles' Business Assistance Virtual Network (BAVN) residing at www.labavn.org prior to award of a City contract. The affidavit shall be valid for a period of three years from the date it is first uploaded on the City's BAVN.

Bidders/Proposers seeking additional information regarding the requirements of the First Source Hiring Ordinance may visit the Bureau of Contract Administration's web site at <http://bca.lacity.org>.

EBO/FSHO COMPLIANCE

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EQUAL BENEFITS ORDINANCE COMPLIANCE AFFIDAVIT

Prime contractors must certify compliance with Los Angeles Administrative Code (LACC) Section 10.8.2.1 et seq. prior to the execution of a City agreement subject to the Equal Benefits Ordinance (EBO).

SECTION 1. CONTACT INFORMATION

BAVN Company Id: _____ EIN/TIN: _____
Company Name: _____
Company Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
Approximate Number of Employees in the United States: _____
Approximate Number of Employees in the City of Los Angeles: _____

SECTION 2. EBO REQUIREMENTS

The EBO requires City Contractors who provide benefits to employees with spouses to provide the same benefits to employees with domestic partners. Domestic Partner means any two adults, of the same or different sex, who have registered as domestic partners with a governmental entity pursuant to state or local law authorizing this registration, or with an internal registry maintained by the employer of at least one of the domestic partners.

Unless otherwise exempt, the contractor is subject to and shall comply with the EBO as follows:

- A. The Contractor's operations located within the City limits, regardless of whether there are employees at those locations performing work on the City Contract; and
- B. The Contractor's operations located outside of the City limits if the property is owned by the City or the City has a right to occupy the property, and if the contractor's presence at or on the property is connected to a Contract with the City and
- C. The Contractor's employees located elsewhere in the United States, but outside of the City Limits, if those employees are performing work on the City Contract.

A Contractor must post a copy of the following statement in conspicuous places at its place of business available to employees and applicants for employment:

"During the performance of a Contract with the City of Los Angeles, the Contractor will provide equal benefits to its employees with spouses and its employees with domestic partners."

SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE OPTIONS

I have read and understand the provisions of the Equal Benefits Ordinance and have determined that this company will comply as indicated below:

- I have no employees.
- I provide no benefits.
- I provide benefits to employees only. Employees are prohibited from enrolling their spouse or domestic partner.
- I provide equal benefits as required by the City of Los Angeles EBO.
- I provide employees with a "Cash Equivalent." Note: The "Cash Equivalent" is the amount of money equivalent to what your company pays for spousal benefits that are unavailable for domestic partners, or vice versa.
- All or some employees are covered by a collective bargaining agreement (CBA) or union trust fund. Consequently, I will provide Equal Benefits to all non-union represented employees, subject to the EBO, and will propose to the affected unions that they incorporate the requirements of the EBO into their CBA upon amendment, extension, or other modification of the CBA.
- Health benefits currently provided do not comply with the EBO. However, I will make the necessary changes to provide Equal Benefits upon my next Open Enrollment period which begins on (Date)

- Our current company policies, i.e., family leave, bereavement leave, etc., do not comply with the provisions of the EBO. However, I will make the necessary modifications within three (3) months from the date of this affidavit.

FIRST SOURCE HIRING ORDINANCE COMPLIANCE AFFIDAVIT

Contractors (including loan or grant recipients) participating on a City contract that is subject to the First Source Hiring Ordinance (FSHO) are required to certify their compliance prior to contract execution.

As part of their obligations under the FSHO, Contractors must provide the Awarding Department a list of anticipated employment opportunities that they and their subcontractors expect to fill in order to perform the services under the contract. The FSHO-1 form (available at <http://bca.lacity.org>) should be utilized to inform the Awarding Authority of any such opportunities. If no opportunities are anticipated, contractors do not need to submit the FSHO-1 form prior to contract award, but must report any subsequent employment opportunities on the FSHO-3 form (available at <http://bca.lacity.org>) as described below.

During the term of the contract, the contractor and their subcontractors shall:

1. At least seven business days prior to making an announcement of a specific employment opportunity, provide notification of that employment opportunity by submitting the FSHO-3 form to the Community Development Department;
2. Interview qualified individuals referred by the City's referral resources; and
3. Prior to filling any employment opportunity, inform the Office of Contract Compliance of the names of the referral resources used, the names of the individuals referred, and the names of the referred individuals who were interviewed. If the referred individuals were not hired, the contractor should also provide the reasons they were not hired.

DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

I understand that I am required to permit the City of Los Angeles access to and upon request, must provide certified copies of all company records pertaining to benefits, policies and practices for the purpose of investigation or to ascertain compliance. Furthermore, I understand that failure to comply may be deemed a material breach of any City contract by the Awarding Authority. The Awarding Authority may cancel, terminate or suspend in whole or in part, the contract; monies due or to become due under a contract may be retained by the City until compliance is achieved. The City may also pursue any and all other remedies at law or in equity for any breach. The City may use the failure to comply as evidence against the Contractor in actions taken pursuant to the provisions of the LAAC Section 10.40, et seq., Contractor Responsibility Ordinance.

TERMS OF ACCEPTANCE AND SIGNATURE:

I, _____, the requestor for this "EBO/FSHO Affidavit", warrant the truthfulness of the information provided in the document.

Electronic Signature:*

Signature

Date

- I understand that checking this box constitutes a legal signature confirming that I acknowledge and agree to the above Terms of Acceptance.

Execution of document by E-signature. By clicking on the check box it indicates an electronic signature. This is considered the legal equivalent of a manual or "wet" signature. Once signed electronically, this document is considered original and legally binding.