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Since 1991

“Everything was excellent, great slides, great group exercise and presenters were easy to understand.”
— PDTI attendee, 2019

“This was phenomenal probably my #1 conference. Thank you!”
— Conference attendee, 2019
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Dear Colleague:

Welcome to the AAAED Professional Development and Training Institute (PDTI) for 2020-21. We hope this catalog will provide ample information about our programs for your educational enhancement and career planning.

This year marks PDTI's 29th anniversary and we are proud to say we are one of the longest-serving educational programs for EEO, affirmative action and diversity professionals. Coupled with the fact that the American Association for Access, Equity and Diversity (AAAED) is in its 46th year, making it the longest-serving association in this field, we are also proud to say that we are the premier institution for a growing and evolving profession.

AAAED, formerly the American Association for Affirmative Action, began in 1974 as EEO and affirmative action laws and regulations were being developed and our colleagues working for colleges and universities created our organization as a means of providing professional development and advocacy on behalf of our membership and our new civil rights laws. Now, half of our members work for academic institutions and the balance work for private industry and government. Many are Title IX Coordinators and increasingly Diversity and Inclusion professionals. What we have in common, however, is the evolution of our field into not only EEO and affirmative action compliance, but much more. Our professional development programs, ranging from our New Professionals Academy, the Senior Affirmative Action and EEO Professionals certification program, and our newly launched PDTI Virtual program, our webinars and on-site training, reflect the changing demands for new competencies and increasingly, the technology that has also evolved.

Given the challenges of the new corona virus for educational and professional development programs, the majority of PDTI's programs in 2020 - 21 will now be virtual. We hope you will register for our many programs in this new format and will let us know how we can further assist you in gaining the education and training you need for a new century of equal opportunity, affirmative action, diversity and inclusion.

Yours in Access, Equity and Diversity,

AAAED Professional Development and Training Institute
AAAED’s PDTI has been a primary sponsor of quality training in equal employment opportunity (EEO), affirmative action, and more recently diversity and Title IX law and policy since 1991. PDTI faculty consist of experienced educators and practitioners who understand both the theory and the applications of EEO, affirmative action and diversity law and policy. Combined, our training institute’s offerings will enable you to prepare for a future of equity and diversity in a way that will enhance your professional opportunities and promote access and opportunity in your workplace. Courses offered in the PDTI Programs are eligible for continuing education credits awarded by the Human Resources Certification Institute (HRCI) and the Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM). Some courses are also eligible for Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits. Beginning in 2020, PDTI is launching PDTI VIRTUAL, to offer training online as well as in a classroom setting.

PDTI offers nine professional development programs that grant certificates:

- Certified Affirmative Action Professional (CAAP) (Basic)
- Senior Certified Affirmative Action and EEO Professional (Sr. CAAEP)
- AAAED Diversity Management
- Title IX Institute
- Federal Programs: Title IX, Title VI, and Section 504 Law and Investigations
- Construction Contractor EEO Training
- Annual Refresher for Federal EEO Counselors and Investigators
- Federal EEO Barrier Analysis Training
- New Professionals Academy Training

In addition, there are other stand-alone training opportunities:

- On-site Training Programs
- **AAAED Webinars**
- **AAAED Speakers**

We look forward to fulfilling your Professional Development needs and requirements. If there are other courses that you seek as an equity, affirmative action or diversity professional, please contact us at pdti@aaaed.org. Are you a member of AAAED? Note that most PDTI training is provided as a discount to members. If you are not a member, please visit our website at [www.aaaed.org](http://www.aaaed.org) and click on “Join Us.”

[https://www.aaaed.org/aaaed/Join_Us.asp](https://www.aaaed.org/aaaed/Join_Us.asp)
IN THIS CATALOG, THE LEVEL OF COMPLEXITY OF THE COURSE IS COLOR-CODED.

ENTRY LEVEL
1 – 3 years of EEO Experience

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL
4 – 9 years of EEO Experience

ADVANCED
More than 10 years of EEO Experience
The PDTI classroom experience for the Certified Affirmative Action Professional (CAAP) program takes place several times per year in locations geographically dispersed throughout the United States or, beginning in 2020, virtually. Participants who successfully complete the three core courses – Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Law; Complaint Processing, Counseling and Resolution; and Developing and implementing an Affirmative Action Program – earn the Certified Affirmative Action Professional (CAAP) credential. The CAAP credential is a symbol of excellence and attests to the expertise of the professional who holds it. PDTI also offers the Senior Certified Affirmative Action and EEO Professional (Sr. CAAEP) credential and has instituted a recertification requirement for CAAP and Senior CAAEP professionals. PDTI's educational programs are designed to enhance legal knowledge and technical and administrative skills in equal employment opportunity, affirmative action, and diversity and to ensure that EEO/AA/Diversity professionals remain current in issues affecting their profession.

Members of the staff of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) are invited to speak, along with lawyers, EEO experts and practitioners in the private sector and higher education.

The CAAP and Senior CAAEP credentials may be added as a suffix after one's name and demonstrate one's commitment to excellence in the affirmative action and EEO profession.

**Required CAAP Courses (48 hrs.):**

- Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Law
- Complaint Processing, Counseling and Resolution
- Developing and Implementing an Affirmative Action Program
Developing and Implementing an Affirmative Action Program (16 HRS.)
This course concentrates on the development and implementation of Executive Order 11246 Affirmative Action Programs (AAPs). The course covers the law of affirmative action (constitutional, statutory and regulatory) and development and implementation of an AAP pursuant to U.S. Department of Labor regulations governing federal contractors. Participants will learn about job group formation, labor market availability determinations, incumbency assessments, goal establishment and attainment, analytical tools, record keeping requirements, and Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs compliance evaluations. This course also focuses on the development and implementation of Affirmative Action Programs for Veterans and the Disabled. In this regard, the course covers the statutory and regulatory legal framework of Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended, and the Vietnam Era Veterans’ Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974 as amended. Students also will learn how to develop and implement an affirmative action program for veterans and for the disabled pursuant to U.S. Department of Labor regulations and will reflect the changes to the regulations made in 2013 and beyond.

Complaint Processing, Counseling and Resolution (16 HRS.)
This course covers internal and external agency complaint intake, investigation, counseling, and resolution issues, strategies, and policies and procedures. Participants will receive a course handbook that later serves as a comprehensive resource document, including inclusion of sample materials for record keeping, report writing, intake, witness interviews, and more. The class combines lecture, practical advice and group exercises to enhance learning.
B. AAAED PROGRAM FOR SR. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND EEO PROFESSIONALS (SR. CAAEP)

While the Basic CAAP program introduces participants to the fundamentals of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action practice, the AAAED Program for Sr. Affirmative Action and EEO Professionals is offered to seasoned practitioners who have ten or more years of experience not only in developing and implementing affirmative action programs but being engaged in the broader scope of equal opportunity and related compliance activities. Such individuals are seeking a credential that attests to their advanced level of expertise and accomplishment and the credential that AAAED confers at this level is re-titled the Senior Certified Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Professional or Sr. CAAEP credential.

This is an intensive, sixteen-hour program that reviews and expands upon the knowledge gained over ten or more years. The emphasis of this program is to update one's knowledge, focus on what has been learned and what skills are necessary to advance to the next level.

Qualifications for Admission:

Knowledge of Equal Opportunity Laws
Senior Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity professionals must be able to demonstrate a broad and thorough knowledge of equal employment opportunity laws including, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Equal Pay Act; Age Discrimination in Employment Act; the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Executive Order 11246; the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974; and other relevant laws and regulations including the Uniform Guidelines on Employee Selection Procedures (UGESP). They should also have knowledge of relevant court precedents, administrative decisions and agency rules.

To obtain this credential, candidates must:

1) submit an application containing information attesting to their experience as senior AA/EEO practitioners (curriculum vitae or resume and a questionnaire) plus a letter of support to the Senior CAAEP Review Committee for approval;

2) successfully complete the 16-hour training program and

3) obtain an 80% or higher pass rate on an examination that assesses what they have learned from the training.

For admission to the AAAED Program for Sr. Affirmative Action and EEO Practitioners, applicants must demonstrate that they not only have an understanding of the basics of equal opportunity laws, the contents of affirmative action programs and the fundamentals of complaint processing and investigations but have senior level experience in applying their knowledge to complex situations. They should also demonstrate knowledge of developments in equal employment opportunity law. Most importantly, candidates should have skill in fact-finding, analysis, and applying the body of EEO and contract compliance principles and regulations in a manner that is sufficient to assess their organization/institution's compliance status and to support the organization/institution if audited by a government agency. They should also demonstrate knowledge of the agencies' administrative processes and potential sanctions in the event of noncompliance.
Qualifications for Admission Continued...

Internal Investigations and Audits. Candidates for the senior credential should know how to conduct or lead internal reviews and investigations of their organization/institutions' compliance with applicable equal employment opportunity regulations, prepare written reports of findings, analyze and synthesize data into findings of fact, understand their personnel systems and work with their IT and compensation counterparts to analyze compensation data to determine if there are disparities or indicators of pay discrimination. Senior EEO/AA professionals should also demonstrate knowledge of conciliation practices in environments where issues are strongly contested and that may involve senior officials, union officials, and their attorneys, and they should be able to use applicable precedents to negotiate remedies for discriminatory practices and other noncompliance, where necessary, with government agencies. They should also have knowledge of recruitment and selection processes at their organizations/institutions or companies, labor relations, pay and classification, employee relations, personnel records systems, and other personnel practices. Most importantly, Senior EEO/AA professionals should know how to apply the principles of affirmative action to prevent discrimination with the express purpose of promoting equal employment opportunity.

Candidates for the Sr. CAAEP should demonstrate some experience in identifying systemic discrimination where it exists based on facts developed through internal reviews and investigations. They should also be able to present evidence of systemic discrimination, compensation disparities or other indicators of noncompliance to senior officials and evidence relied upon should meet applicable standards of proof. Such experience should also include identifying and defining persons and classes affected by possible discrimination, calculating the extent of the organization's/institution's potential liability and proposing remedial actions where necessary.

Managing Affirmative Action Programs. Candidates for the Sr. CAAEP credential should have experience managing and interpreting affirmative action and related plans where the plans are outsourced or prepared by subordinate staff, and have knowledge of requirements and methods for developing, implementing, and evaluating the progress of affirmative action programs. Where affirmative action goals are indicated, candidates should be able to fashion such goals, monitor their organization/institutions' good faith efforts and be able to defend their efforts if questioned by government agencies. Disability awareness, promoting self-identification for affirmative action purposes as well as reasonable accommodations where indicated are also skills that senior EEO/AA professionals should have.

Complaint Processing, Counseling and Resolution. Candidates should demonstrate experience in factfinding and analysis to determine the meaning, relevancy, veracity, and importance of a large body of complex and interrelated facts; weigh evidence, make conclusions, and recommend decisions. They should also demonstrate skill in negotiating settlements in complaint cases and skill in writing to clearly present complex and interrelated concepts and information. Lastly, they should have skill in dealing effectively with witnesses, complainants, respondents, and their representatives and have a basic knowledge of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) methods including mediation and arbitration.
Diversity and Inclusion; Implicit Bias. As the concepts of diversity management and inclusion have become an integral part of an organization's/ institution's human resources, recruitment and retention policies and programs, Senior Affirmative Action and EEO Professionals should have a knowledge of such principles and programs and a demonstrable understanding of the intersection between Diversity and Inclusion and Affirmative Action law and policy. Implicit bias (or unconscious bias) refers to the attitudes or stereotypes that affect our understanding, actions, and decisions in an unconscious manner. Implicit bias is also emerging as a behavior to expose and eradicate, and Senior EEO/AA professionals should be conversant with the growing body of research and practice in this area.

Making the Business Case. Senior AA/EEO Professionals should demonstrate their knowledge of methods used to attain support by building the business case for diversity as well as EEO and Affirmative Action. Such a skill is essential to achieving success in advancing a program that supports diversity, affirmative action and equal opportunity in recruitment, retention, hiring, promoting and cracking the glass ceiling.

Other “Intangibles.” Individuals who have progressed to the senior level as EEO and Affirmative Action Professionals understand that in order to be successful, they must know how to form alliances with other offices within their organizations/institutions, including the Chief Diversity Officer and the office of Diversity and Inclusion, Human Resources, Legal Department, Information Technology, Compensation and Payroll, and in academic institutions, the Dean of Students, Office of Public Affairs and Campus Security office. They also need to develop skills in making themselves heard up to and including the C-Suite or the President’s Office. Candidates for the Sr. CAAEP should be able to explain how they have acquired these skills.

C. RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Effective 2012, AAAED instituted a recertification program for professionals who earn the CAAP and Sr. CAAEP credentials. For the CAAP credential, the recertification requirement takes effect beginning October 1, 2012. Thus, professionals who have earned the CAAP credential or who earned the CAAP credential at the PDTI training sites in March 2012 (Tampa) and July 2012 (Chicago) will not be subject to the recertification requirement to maintain their CAAP credential. Any professional who earns the CAAP credential after October 1, 2012 will be required to recertify every three years in order to maintain a valid CAAP credential.

Professionals who earn the Sr. CAAEP are also subject to the recertification requirement.

A recertification program is designed to ensure that EEO/AA/diversity professionals keep up-to-date on issues affecting their profession. AAAED requires certified CAAP and Sr. CAAEP professionals to recertify their credential every three years through continuing education activities, professional association involvement, or both.
Professionals are required to accumulate 36 hours of activities in one or more of the following areas: continuing education, instruction, leadership, and professional membership. AAAED has adopted a self-report model for its recertification program.

Professionals must keep track of their activities and report those activities to AAAED, along with payment of a recertification fee, to maintain the CAAP or Sr. CAAEP credential. The recertification fee is $150. For additional details, contact the AAAED National Office.

**Continuing Education Credits.** Professionals may gain recertification credits for educational activities related to equal employment opportunity, affirmative action or diversity. Credit is awarded on an hour-for-hour basis (excluding meals and breaks) for conferences, PDTI classroom training, seminars, workshops, symposiums, and online training (videoconferences, webinars, and podcasts). For courses at an accredited college or university, a one-semester credit course (15 weeks) equals 15 recertification credit hours, one quarter credit course (12 weeks) equals 12 recertification credit hours, and one audited college course equals 10 recertification hours. No credit will be awarded for general sessions at conferences or for attendance at meetings of professional associations.

**Instruction.** Professionals may earn recertification credits for serving as an instructor of a course, workshop, seminar or conference session (excluding presentations within your own organization). Professionals may receive credit only for the first presentation. Instructors earn 1.5 credit hours for every hour of the presentation to take into account preparation time. For example, a two-hour presentation is awarded 3 credit hours toward recertification.

**Leadership.** Credit may be earned for leadership activities in an EEO/AA/Diversity-related association or for community volunteer work in which a professional uses his/her EEO/AA/Diversity expertise. Examples include officer positions on boards, committee chair assignments, committee membership, Capitol Hill visits, testimony before Congress or state legislatures, meetings with regulatory agency officials, and preparation of comments on regulatory proposals.

**Professional Membership.** A professional may earn recertification credit for being a member of a national organization that promotes equal employment opportunity, access and diversity; an EEO/AA/diversity-related organization, or a regional/area affiliate of a national organization. A professional who is an AAAED member may earn 2 hours per year toward recertification. Professional membership in a non-AAAED organization earns one hour per year toward recertification, provided the professional is an AAAED member. There is an 8-credit hour maximum permitted in this category.

Certified individuals are issued a certificate attesting that they have met the standards of the AAAED PDTI program and are entitled to make the public aware of their credentialed status from AAAED PDTI through the use of the initials CAAP or Sr. CAAEP after their names. Certification must be maintained via the methods provided above. Individuals who do not maintain their certification are no longer entitled to use the credential. Practitioners are responsible for maintaining their certification credentials and updating their files as necessary.
Since the 1990s, Diversity Management has become a burgeoning practice and profession in the workplace. In addition to the equal opportunity, compliance, conciliation and investigative responsibilities in the workplace, practitioners have been tasked with developing diversity and inclusion programs. The profession of Chief Diversity Officer has also emerged. Beginning January 2015 PDTI expanded its course offerings and instituted an additional course track for practitioners: The Diversity Management Program. This course will introduce professionals to the history, policies and best practices of the diversity management profession in both higher education, the private sector and government. The course will also assist practitioners to design diversity management programs and plans.

Individuals who successfully complete the 16-hour course will receive a certificate of completion in Diversity Management. This course also qualifies for Sr. CAAEP and recertification credits. This Diversity Management Program provides an excellent opportunity for Chief Diversity Officers; Equity, Diversity and Inclusion professionals, as well as EEO and affirmative action practitioners to learn about this emerging field and/or to hone their skills in the effort to achieve inclusive excellence.

Who Would Benefit: Diversity officers, equity and diversity staff, Human Resources professionals, affirmative action/EEO Professionals, lawyers, consultants and others whose duties include promoting a diverse workforce and responding to the demands of increasingly diverse stakeholders.

Key Topics include:
An introduction to the key skills and competencies of Diversity management, diversity planning and the tools needed to effectively manage and promote a diverse workforce.
• How diversity management is defined and what it is based on the research.
• Exploring the history of diversity with an emphasis on how the transition has been made from EEO.
• “Beyond race and gender:" The relationship between diversity and affirmative action.
• The essential components of diversity management and the concept of inclusive excellence.
• Managing employee resource groups.
• An introduction to Diversity Planning concepts.
• How to plan and forecast workplace diversity.
• A look at and interaction with some key metrics in diversity planning.

Day Two: Diversity management as applied in today's workplace.
• Recruitment and retention strategies.
• Climate surveys.
• Changing the institutional culture.
• Anticipating the demands of stakeholders, including students, faculty and administrators, stockholders and the public.
• Gaining leadership support.

(Attendees will receive an AAAED/PDTI Certificate of Completion in Diversity Management)
E. ANNUAL REFRESHER TRAINING FOR FEDERAL EEO COUNSELORS AND INVESTIGATORS AND FEDERAL EEO BARRIER ANALYSIS

COURSE DESCRIPTION
ANNUAL REFRESHER TRAINING FOR FEDERAL EEO COUNSELORS AND INVESTIGATORS (8 HRS.)

The objective of this course is to ensure compliance with the EEOC requirement to provide an annual refresher training of eight hours to EEO Counselors and Investigators; to continue the effort to apply EEO Counseling and Investigation best practices in the processing of complaints of discrimination and to provide a better understanding of the relationship between the different complaint processing stages. The session will include: an overview of the methodologies covered in conducting counseling and investigations; applicable EEO regulations and laws; connecting the informal pre-complaint process to the formal process; preparing and writing effective Counseling Reports and Investigative Plans; and a review of case studies as they relate to the EEO process. (Counts toward Sr. CAAEP and recertification) (Certificate of Completion Awarded).

“I know not what the future holds, but I know who holds the future.”
- Homer

EEOC Management Directive 110 for counselors or investigators requires that current EEO counselors or investigators receive refresher training each year (8-hour requirement). Since 2012, AAAED has been offering the Annual Federal EEO Refresher Training for AAAED members and other federal workers and consultants who are responsible for conducting EEO investigations and counseling for federal agencies. Our faculty consists of experienced EEO professionals in the Federal sector and the training is offered yearly in Washington, DC or online.

The Federal EEO Barrier Analysis Course is being offered to assist federal agencies to comply with Management Directive 715. Under this directive agencies are to establish and maintain effective affirmative programs of equal employment opportunity. (8 hrs.)
According to the Instructions to Federal Agencies for EEO Management Directive 715, “Barrier identification and elimination is the process by which federal agencies uncover, examine and remove barriers to equal participation at all levels of the workforce." The instructions define a barrier as “an agency policy, principle or practice that limits or tends to limit employment opportunities for members of a particular sex, race, or ethnic background, or based on an individual’s disability status.” Barrier removal is vital to achieving the common goal of making the federal government a model employer.

The PDTI Barrier Analysis course will assist participants in conducting the analytical work necessary to achieve the goal of equal opportunity in the federal sector by creating a barrier-free work environment where qualified applicants and employees may compete at all levels. (Counts toward Sr. CAAEP and recertification) (Certificate of Completion Awarded)

F. THE TITLE IX INSTITUTE

In 2015, AAAED PDTI established the Title IX Institute. The Institute is a program dedicated to providing training on the law and practical applications of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Recently, efforts to eradicate sexual violence in the workplace and on college campuses have culminated in the “Me Too” movement and training in the law and regulations prohibiting sexual harassment and assault has become even more important. In 2020 - 21 AAAED will hold virtual Title IX Institutes, some of which will be combined with the PDTI CAAP training and others will be offered independently. Members of the staff of the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, will be invited to speak, along with lawyers, Title IX experts and practitioners in the private sector and higher education.

At the Institute, speakers will address among other topics:
- The Office for Civil Rights' Proposed (and Final) Notice of Rulemaking on The Title IX Sexual Harassment/Assault Regulations.
- Nuts and Bolts: What to expect during a U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR) Title IX Sexual Violence Investigation
- An Overview of Title IX's Application to Student-on-Student Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence
- Keeping Students Safe and Avoiding an OCR Investigation
- Practical Considerations in Title IX Compliance
- Case Studies

AAAED PDTI will provide a certificate of completion at the end of the session.
This course provides an overview and practical applications of the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 including cases of sexual violence. Discussions will include the previous and current legal landscape around Title IX, an institution's obligation and liability to report and investigate Title IX-based grievances, and best practices. This course will also provide an overview of Title IX Investigations, covering a range of topics including the investigations process and best practices for developing investigation techniques. It will also focus on the OCR's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (and Final Rules) on Sexual Assault/Harassment. (Counts toward Sr. CAAEP and recertification) (Certificate of Completion Awarded)

**G. FEDERAL PROGRAMS: TITLE IX, TITLE VI AND SECTION 504**

**Civil Rights Investigations Under Title VI, Title IX and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973**

What is Title VI? According to the U.S. Department of Justice: Title VI, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., was enacted as part of the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964. It prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance. As President John F. Kennedy said in 1963: Simple justice requires that public funds, to which all taxpayers of all races [colors, and national origins] contribute, not be spent in any fashion which encourages, entrenches, subsidizes or results in racial [color or national origin] discrimination.

If a recipient of federal assistance is found to have discriminated and voluntary compliance cannot be achieved, the federal agency providing the assistance should either initiate fund termination proceedings or refer the matter to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal action. Aggrieved individuals may file administrative complaints with the federal agency that provides funds to a recipient, or the individuals may file suit for appropriate relief in federal court. Title VI itself prohibits intentional discrimination. However, most funding agencies have regulations implementing Title VI that prohibit recipient practices that have the effect of discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin.

https://www.justice.gov/crt/fcs/TitleVI-Overview

Who Should Attend: Equal Opportunity Professionals, Diversity and Inclusion Professionals, Title VI Coordinators, Title IX Coordinators, Section 504 Coordinators from organizations/institutions receiving federal financial assistance in education, housing, transportation, municipalities (police, fire, emergency, public works), departments of corrections, hospitals; legal advisors, consultants, et al.
Today, building and improving America’s infrastructure, schools, bridges, dams, waterways, restructuring airport runways, and building hospitals is a task that falls to the construction industry. To ensure this work is done in a manner affording equal opportunity to applicants seeking employment and employees in the work force, construction contractors and subcontractors who do business with the federal government, both on federal and federally assisted contracts, are subject to the EEO and affirmative action obligations under Executive Order 11246, as amended. Federal contractors and sub-contractors involved with direct federal contracts must also comply with Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Vietnam Era Veteran’s Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974 as amended.

The US Department of Labor, OFCCP (Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs) has become more transparent in its operations. In so doing, OFCCP reported through its “By the Numbers” Construction Report and DOL Online Searchable Enforcement Database that there has been an 8.5% increase in the number of non-compliance violations identified from FY 2015 to FY 2017. Specifically, OFCCP statistics show that in FY 2017, 56.6% of construction compliance reviews that closed were found in violation as compared to 48.1% of construction contractors found in violation in FY 2015. If cited for a violation(s) under Executive Order 11246, as amended, Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and/or the Vietnam Era Veteran’s Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974 as amended, including allegations of discrimination, OFCCP requires extensive reporting and remedial action.

COURSE DESCRIPTION
Construction Contractor Classroom Training (16 HRS.)

Consider this scenario: Imagine, OFCCP just called to advise you that your company has been selected for a compliance evaluation and wants to begin the on-site next week. Is your business prepared for an audit? Do you know what to expect during the audit? What are your contractual obligations under the laws that govern EEO and affirmative action compliance? Are there EEO/affirmative action gaps that exist in your organization that you are not aware of? Have you received complaints of race or sexual harassment or discrimination? If these scenarios cause concern, then this training in construction compliance is for you. The AAAED PDTI Construction Contractor training course will provide instruction on the OFCCP’s regulations applicable to federal and federally assisted construction contractors and Title’s VI and Title VII, of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended. (41 CFR 60-1, 60-3, 60-4, 60-2, 60-50, 60-300, 60-741 and 60-742)

Training will include:
- An in-depth discussion on the difference between the obligations of direct federal and federally assisted construction contractors and subcontractors
- The Sixteen (16) Standard Federal EEO Construction Contract Specifications, additional requirements and how to comply
- How to Prepare for a Compliance Evaluation
- How Demonstrate Good Faith Efforts
- The Importance of Accurate Recordkeeping
- Sexual Harassment and Intimidation Prevention in the Workplace
- The benefit of Mediation in the compliance evaluation process (Bottom Line Results)
- Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended
- Vietnam Era Veteran Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended

(Certificate of Completion Awarded; Counts toward the Sr. CAAEP requirements) Webinars may also be available to cover aspects of the construction training program.
In the On-Site Training Program, AAAED offers both classroom and on-site learning opportunities at the facility of your choice. We will work with you to design the coursework for managers and/or staff that fulfills your needs, ranging from conducting effective internal investigations to developing a compliant workplace. AAAED On-Site Training, in which a training program is specially designed to fit the needs of the individual client, is an excellent option for institutions or companies that have specific requirements or a group of employees who need targeted training. AAAED’s expert faculty works with the client to develop the curriculum and deliver the training at the client’s designated location. When you have a group of employees or managers that need the training offered in the PDTI classroom training classes, we can also bring the trainers to you and deliver the courses on the premises. A minimum of ten employees is required to deliver the PDTI classroom training on site.

In recent years, AAAED trainers have worked with clients to deliver specialized in-house training to managerial staff in the law and policies related to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Federal EEO and in the requirements for developing and implementing an affirmative action program. If you have had an agency compliance review or complaint investigation, or in preparation of a compliance audit, call AAAED’s PDTI to assist you in delivering training to your affected staff. Our on-site faculty will work with you to develop materials and deliver training to your Human Resources, equity, diversity and affirmative action personnel. Prices are based on the number of persons trained, travel and the amount of time required to prepare specific training materials.

Contact the AAAED office for more information:
Tel: 202-349-9855
email: pdti@aaaed.org
V. WEBINARS AND AAAED SPEAKERS

AAAED WEBINARS.
In 2008, the Association added AAAED Webinars, web-based seminars to provide expert information on current legal, policy and regulatory matters. In 2020 -- 21, the one-to ninety-minute webinars will be offered every month and are available to AAAED members and non-members alike. Recent webinars have addressed such issues as Disability Issues in Higher Education; Workplace Safety; Sexual Assault, Sexual Harassment and Title IX; EEO Record-Keeping; ADA compliance and accommodation issues; Preparing for an OFCCP Audit; and Recruiting and Retaining Faculty of Color. AAAED Webinars are an excellent, cost-effective and time-saving addition to the tools that professionals may use to hone skills in the field of EEO, affirmative action and diversity.

Complimentary webinars and discounts are available for AAAED members. If you cannot attend the live webinar, you may purchase the PowerPoint presentation.

Need a webinar on a specific topic?
Email AAAED and make a request: pdti@aaaed.org – and we will make every attempt to accommodate you.

Need a Speaker?
AAAED Speakers provides opportunities to hear from the association’s leadership and members on issues related to equal opportunity theory and practice, diversity and inclusion, affirmative action and access and other human resources issues at the event of your choice. You may also email the AAAED office at pdti@aaaed.org for more information.
AAAED’s New Professionals Academy (NPA) is designed to inspire and engage new AA/EEO and diversity professionals with one to three years of experience to achieve excellent work and career outcomes. The NPA is a highly interactive two-day learning opportunity designed for novice level EEO/AA and diversity professionals to (1) draw on their first years of experience to improve their effectiveness and to learn from other peers and distinguished colleagues within the profession; and (2) work and actively engage with other new professionals and colleagues during the duration of the NPA and AAAED conference.

The NPA will also enable participants to be supported and mentored by distinguished colleagues within the profession and to learn strategies for career success.

To assure that new professionals' participation in the NPA is fully endorsed by the current senior EEO/AA officer at his/her organization, registrants must have a letter of support submitted by a member of the senior leadership from their respective institutions. Each applicant must submit an application and resume. Please wait to be accepted into the program before you register to pay your fee. NPA applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

NPA PROGRAM TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Building the Business Case for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Disability Awareness: Recruitment Etiquette
- Conducting Effective Investigations & Case Analysis
- Sexual Harassment Prevention Education
- Unconscious Bias
- Career Planning/Professional Development

For questions, please contact Wanda Malden, Chair, New Professionals Academy, wanda-malden@uiowa.edu
In 2020 the AAAED Professional Development and Training Institute launched PDTI VIRTUAL.

PDTI VIRTUAL is a program to deliver EEO and Diversity training in an online format. This program was developed primarily for the benefit of practitioners who for various reasons, including travel time, cost, or the COVID-19 pandemic, are unable to travel for several days to receive a certificate or credential in their chosen field. AAAED PDTI will therefore offer both classroom and virtual training in 2020 and beyond. After the online program is successfully completed, the participant will receive the requisite credential/certificate.

The schedule for the 2020-21 PDTI Virtual Training is as follows:

**VIRTUAL CAAP ONE:**
Weeks one through four:
EEO and Affirmative Action Law
June 8 – July 1
Mondays and Wednesdays

Monday, June 8, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, June 10, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Monday, June 15, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, June 17, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Monday, June 22, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, June 24, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Monday, June 29, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, July 1, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
CAAP VIRTUAL TRAINING
Forty-eight hours. Offered in June and October, 2020
June through August; October Through December/January 2021
and March through April 2021.
Four hours per week for 12 weeks
Two days per week

VIRTUAL CAAP ONE CONTINUED:

Weeks five through eight:
Developing and Implementing an
Affirmative Action Program
July 6 – 29
Mondays and Wednesdays

Monday, July 6, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, July 8, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Monday, July 13, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, July 15, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Monday, July 20, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, July 22, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Monday, July 27, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, July 29, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Weeks nine through twelve:
Complaint Processing, Counseling and
Resolution
August 3 – 26
Mondays and Wednesdays

Monday, August 3, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, August 5, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Monday, August 10, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, August 12, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Monday, August 17, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, August 19, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Monday, August 24, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, August 26, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

VIRTUAL CAAP TWO:

Weeks one through four:
EEO and Affirmative Action Law
October 5 – 28
Mondays and Wednesdays

Monday, October 5, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, October 7, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Monday, October 12, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, October 14, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Monday, October 19, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, October 21, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Monday, October 26, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, October 28, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Weeks five through eight:
Developing and Implementing an
Affirmative Action Program
November 2 – 18; November 30 – December 2
Mondays and Wednesdays

Monday, November 2, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, November 4, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Monday, November 9, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, November 11, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Monday, November 16, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, November 18, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Monday, November 30, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, December 2, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
CAAP VIRTUAL TRAINING
Forty-eight hours. Offered in June and October, 2020
June through August; October Through December/January 2021 and March through April 2021.
Four hours per week for 12 weeks
Two days per week

VIRTUAL CAAP TWO CONTINUED:

Weeks nine through twelve:
Complaint Processing, Counseling and Resolution
December 7 – 16; January 4 – 13, 2021
Mondays and Wednesdays

Monday, December 7, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, December 9, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Monday, December 16, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, December 18, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Monday, January 4, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, January 6, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Monday, January 11, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, January 13, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

VIRTUAL CAAP THREE

Weeks one through four:
EEO and Affirmative Action Law
March 1 – March 24, 2021
Mondays and Wednesdays

Monday, March 1, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, March 3, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Monday, March 8, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, March 10, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Monday, March 15, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, March 17, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Monday, March 22, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, March 24, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Weeks five through eight:
Developing and Implementing an Affirmative Action Program
March 29 – April 19, 2021
Mondays and Wednesdays

Monday, March 29, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, March 31, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Monday, April 5, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, April 7, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Monday, April 12, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, April 14, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Monday, April 19, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, April 21, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
CAAP VIRTUAL TRAINING
Forty-eight hours.
Offered in June and October, 2020
June through August; October Through
December/January 2021 and
and March through April 2021
Four hours per week for 12 weeks
Two days per week

VIRTUAL CAAP THREE CONTINUED
Weeks one through four:
Complaint Processing, Counseling and
Resolution
April 26 – May 19, 2021
Mondays and Wednesdays

Monday, April 26, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, April 28, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Monday, May 3, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, May 5, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Monday, May 10, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, May 12, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Monday, May 17, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, May 19, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

SR. CAAEP VIRTUAL TRAINING
AND EXAMINATION
Sixteen hours.
Offered in November – December, 2020
Four hours per week for 4 weeks
Two days per week
November 3 – 5; 10 – 13; 17 – 19;
December 1 – December 3
Tuesdays and Thursdays

Tuesday, November 3, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Thursday, November 5, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Tuesday, November 10, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Thursday, November 12, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Tuesday, November 17, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Thursday, November 19, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Tuesday, December 1, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Thursday, December 3, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

DIVERSITY MANAGEMENT
Sixteen hours.
Offered in December - January, 2020-21
Four hours per week for 4 weeks
Two days per week
December 8 and 10; 15 and 17;
January 5 and 7; 12 and 14.
Tuesdays and Thursdays

Tuesday, December 8, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Thursday, December 10, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Tuesday, December 15, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Thursday, December 17, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Tuesday, January 5, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
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*(Title IX Webinars on the New Regulations to be Scheduled ASAP after they are promulgated.)*
NEW PROFESSIONALS ACADEMY
Sixteen hours. Offered in January 2021
January 19 and 21; 26 and 28;
February 2 and 4; 9 and 11
Two days per week
Tuesdays and Thursdays

Tuesday, January 19, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Thursday, January 21, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Tuesday, January 26, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Thursday, January 28, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Tuesday, February 2, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Thursday, February 4, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

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Thursday, February 11, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

VIII. PDTI CLASSROOM TRAINING SCHEDULE

A. 2020-21 CLASSROOM (IN – PERSON) TRAINING SCHEDULE (CIRCUMSTANCES PERMITTING)

CAAP Training and Title IX Institutes* TBD

Title IX Institutes and Federal Programs (Title IX, Title VI and Sec. 504) TBD
There will be separate Title IX Institutes and Federal Programs courses scheduled throughout the year.
Check the AAAED website for more information.

Federal EEO Course (Annual Refresher and Barrier Analysis) TBD

Diversity Management Training TBD

Construction Contractor Training TBD

*Note that the Title IX Institutes and Federal Programs courses will be offered at selected CAAP classroom training locations. There will be webinars on the Title IX revised regulations on sexual harassment as soon as they are released.

**Please check the AAAED website or email AAAED PDTI at pdti@aaaed.org to confirm that these classroom in-person trainings will take place. In view of the coronavirus pandemic, classroom trainings will resume when it is safe to do so.
IX. TRAINING TUITION AND FEES, CLASSROOM AND VIRTUAL

TUITION:
$450 for 8-hour courses  
$900 for 16-hour courses
There is a 30% discount available for
AAAED members who use
the Code: AAAAPDTI
Group discounts are available.
The fee includes registration and course materials. Each CAAP course, i.e., EEO Law, Developing and Implementing an AAP, and Complaint Processing is 16 hours; New Professionals Academy, Sr. CAAEP and Diversity Management Classroom Training are also 16 hours.

WEBINAR FEES:
AAAED Members: $159.00
Nonmembers: $259.00
Special Webinar Series: Prices TBD
PowerPoint Presentations may be purchased separately: $89.00

AAAED President Dr. Richard Baker, Executive Director Shirley Wilcher, and Regional Director Dr. Annette Butler
FEDERAL EEO ANNUAL REFRESHER TRAINING FOR COUNSELORS AND INVESTIGATORS (8 HOURS); BARRIER ANALYSIS TRAINING (8 HOURS)

TUITION:
$350 for 8-hour courses
The fee includes registration and course materials. The fees apply to each eight-hour program.
There is a $50.00 discount for AAAED Members.
Code: AAAAPDTI.

Prices and schedules are not guaranteed and are subject to CHANGE for all programs listed.
Group discounts are available.
X. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To register for AAAED's Professional Development and Training Institute programs:

Visit AAAED's website at: www.aaaed.org/training

Contact the AAAED national Office at 202-349-9855 or 866-562-2233

Email: pdti@aaaed.org or officeadmin@aaaed.org.
Most programs provide a discount for AAAED Members. To join AAAED, go to: www.aaaed.org and click on “Join Us.” Registration links are also available through the PDTI announcements or registration sites including Cvent.

U.S. Mail Payments to:
American Association or Access
P.O. Box 75524
Baltimore, MD 21275-5524

For Overnight Deliveries Only:
Lockbox Service 75524
Wells Fargo Bank
7175 Columbia Gateway Drive
Attn: American Association for Access Lockbox 75524
Columbia, MD 21046

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To qualify for the CAAP credential or Sr. CAAEP credential, courses must be completed within five (5) years for the respective credential.

Professionals may take CAAP courses at any time, but must complete the CAAP courses (and earn the CAAP credential) as a prerequisite for the Sr. CAAEP credential unless they have ten years of EEO/AA experience and successfully complete the annual course for Experienced Practitioners.

Advanced registration is required for all courses and must be made online through the AAAED/PDTI website or registration pages unless otherwise indicated. Please visit the website for complete up-to-date information on the course dates, times and locations. On-site registration is available if space permits unless otherwise indicated. https://www.aaaed.org/aaaed/Training.asp
Substitutions of registrants for the Institute may be made at any time, but must be made in writing and submitted to AAAED. However, ONLY THE ATTENDEE will receive course credit for Institute training.

Cancellation Policy:
ALL Institute cancellations made by the attendee are subject to a 30% service charge and must be received in writing no later than 21 business days prior to the event. Registrants who do not cancel in writing prior to 21 days before the event will forfeit the entire fee. Cancellations received within 21 business days of the Institute will not be eligible for a refund.

AAAED Events Anti-Harassment Policy:
As an association of equal opportunity and diversity professionals, the American Association for Access, Equity and Diversity (“AAAED”) is dedicated to providing a safe and welcoming, harassment-free experience for all participants at AAAED events. AAAED seeks to provide a conference or training environment that fosters courtesy and mutual respect and in which attendees may learn, network and enjoy the company of colleagues in a professional atmosphere. AAAED does not tolerate harassment of attendees in any form. Violators of this Events Anti-Harassment Policy may be expelled from the event (forfeiting any paid registration fees) and barred from future events at the discretion of the AAAED event organizers, board members and/or staff. For a copy of the complete policy, please click here: https://files.constantcontact.com/ebf58109001/3cb2ebc6-722b-49dd-be96-3c4e9505ec22.png

Cancellation by AAAED: Travel Expenses and other Liabilities:
AAAED will make a reasonable effort to inform participants if there is insufficient registration for each class and the class will have to be cancelled. In no event will AAAED be liable for fees or expenses incurred including hotel and travel if the course is cancelled for insufficient registration or any event that is beyond the control of the association, including faculty or facility cancellation, acts of God, epidemics, technical failures, including Internet, WiFi and software disruptions; and political and natural force majeure events. Please confirm that the class is going forward before making travel and other arrangements. If practicable, AAAED will make every effort to reschedule the class and reserves the right to offer the alternative as either a classroom or virtual training program and apply the fees previously paid thereto.
XI. CORE CLASSROOM FACULTY 2020 - 21

MYRON R. ANDERSON, Ph.D.
Associate to the President for Diversity and
Associate Professor of Education Technology
Metropolitan State University of Denver
Diversity Management

Myron Anderson is President of AAAED. He currently serves Metropolitan State University of Denver as the associate to the president for diversity. A member of the president’s cabinet, Anderson is the College's chief diversity officer responsible for articulating and resolving current and future issues related to diversity. Furthermore, Anderson identifies campus climate trends that may assist in developing strategies to pro-actively promote “inclusive excellence.”

Since he assumed his position in 2007, MSU Denver has seen its enrollment of students of color increase by more than a third, making up 28 percent of the student body in fall 2010. Since 2005 faculty of color have increased by more than 50% with a university workforce that is greater than 30% of color. Working to improve the institution’s cultural confidence, Anderson has led the Office of Institutional Diversity to focus on six elements: campus climate, recruitment and retention, diversity development, diversity initiatives, equity scorecard and civic engagement. He facilitated the development and implementation of the University’s diversity strategic plan and has led two successful university-wide campus climate surveys each yielding a 63% response rate from the full-time work force. Dr. Anderson earned a Ph.D. in instructional technology, a bachelor of arts in political science from Virginia Tech, and a master of science in curriculum and instruction from Radford University. In 2016 – 2020, Dr. Anderson served as president of AAAED.

JEAN ABRAMOWSKI
Principal of a Compliance Connection (ACC)
Developing and Implementing an Affirmative Action Program

Jean Abramowski is the Principal of a Compliance Connection (ACC), a firm created nineteen years ago to specialize in affirmative action and equal opportunity compliance. She and her team concentrate their expertise on writing AAP’s, helping organizations understand how to implement the ever-changing regulations, and representing their interests during compliance audits. Prior to this, Jean was the Director of a consulting group for ten years. She worked extensively in employment compliance matters, including preparing Affirmative Action Plans and assisting businesses through OFCCP audits; training human resource staff and managers on how to comply with affirmative action regulations without practicing “reverse” discrimination; analyzing and resolving employment discrimination complaints; conducting compliance audits; developing policies and practices; counseling on how to handle recruitment, hiring, termination, discipline and discharge actions; and, conducting training to help management better understand their responsibilities in complying with equal opportunity and affirmative laws.

Prior to this, Jean was the Vice President of Human Resources for a nation-wide insurance company, Director of Recruitment and EEO for a Fortune 500 international manufacturer and Manager of Labor Relations, Employment and EEO for a nationwide steel manufacturer. She has been involved with affirmative action compliance for over thirty-five years. Along with extensive knowledge, she brings a very practical, straightforward approach to compliance.
Despite Dr. Richard Anthony Baker being a native of Compton, California, he considers Texas to be his home. Soon after his arrival in 1994, Dr. Baker began college and eventually matriculated from the University of Texas at Austin with honors. After graduation, Dr. Baker attended Texas Tech University where he had the distinction of being the first African American to graduate from with a doctorate of jurisprudence and a Ph.D. (Higher Education). Dr. Baker is currently Executive Director for Institutional Equity and EEO at Rice University. Previously, Dr. Baker served as the Assistant Vice Chancellor and Vice President of the Office of Equal Opportunity Services (“EOS”) for the University of Houston System and University of Houston (“University”). As a clearinghouse for best practices in the area of diversity, affirmative action, and equal opportunity, EOS coordinates and enforces the federal and state equal opportunity regulations for the University. Specifically, Dr. Baker was responsible for managing the University’s affirmative action, anti-discrimination, and anti-harassment efforts, including providing administrative guidance, conducting formal investigations of complaints as well as providing prevention training for the entire University community. Dr. Baker has been re-elected for a second term as president of AAAED (2020 – 2022).

HAROLD BUSCH
Busch Group
Construction Contractor Training

Harold M. Busch is currently the CEO and President of The Busch Group, LLC. The Busch Group, LLC is a consulting firm established by Mr. Busch after his retirement on April 2, 2005, from the federal government. Until his retirement he served as the Acting Regional Director of the Northeast Region and as the Director of the Division of Program Operations (DPO). In addition, Mr. Busch held the positions of both the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS) of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) until the Administration made its appointment in July of 2001 and as the Acting Deputy Director of OFCCP until October 2002. In this Senior Executive Service (SES) level position Mr. Busch was responsible for planning, directing, and coordinating enforcement operations across the nation. Mr. Busch was the lead negotiator and mediator on all major contract compliance cases for OFCCP for the last ten years of his service.

Prior to the above positions Mr. Busch served as both Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for the OFCCP and as Deputy Director of the DPO. He also served as the Director of Planning and Support for the Regional Office of OFCCP in New York and as the District Director of the New York District Office of the OFCCP. Mr. Busch was employed by the federal government for more than thirty years in the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and affirmative action fields. Before coming to the Department of Labor, he worked for the Defense Department and the Department of the Army.

Mr. Busch has been the recipient of numerous achievement awards and commendations since joining OFCCP and the government and was recently named in the National Register’s Who’s Who in Executives and Professionals for 2005-2006. Busch received his B.A. degree from Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey and his Ed.M. degree from the Graduate School of Education, Rutgers, the State University.
Dr. Chatrath is the Assistant Vice President of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Programs in the Office for Institutional Equity, Duke University and Duke University Health System. In this role she is responsible for designing systems, compiling and reporting institutional data pursuant to federal regulations, and coordinating research and evaluation studies to identify progress and trends. During her tenure at Duke, Dr. Chatrath has been responsible for institutional research functions, and has managed programs for harassment prevention, diversity and disability management.

Dr. Chatrath is a member of the American Association for Access, Equity and Diversity (AAAED) and is actively involved in evaluating, developing, and teaching courses for the Professional Development and Training Institute (PDTI). She also teaches in the Duke Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership program that provides experienced nonprofit professionals the opportunity to increase their capacity for effective entrepreneurial leadership. Dr. Chatrath holds leadership roles in the Consortium of Ivy League and Select Universities, the Federal Diversity Institute, the North Carolina Diversity and Inclusion Partners, and the National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic and Other Populations of the U.S. Census Bureau.

Michelle Duncan is a Principal in the Denver, Colorado, office of Jackson Lewis P.C. Her practice is focused on representing employers in affirmative action and employment discrimination matters before OFCCP.

Ms. Duncan joined the firm after working for nearly fourteen years as a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of the Solicitor. She served in the National Office in Washington, D.C., as well as in the Dallas and Denver Regional Offices. As a senior trial attorney, Ms. Duncan litigated some of the Labor Department’s most complex cases.

During her tenure with the U.S. Department of Labor, Ms. Duncan was widely regarded as a leading authority on OFCCP litigation. She litigated numerous OFCCP cases and provided ongoing counsel to high-level OFCCP officials. In addition, Ms. Duncan routinely provided legal and enforcement training on a national level to both OFCCP enforcement personnel and other attorneys in the Office of the Solicitor. This unique experience enables her to provide both strategic and practical advice to Jackson Lewis clients with government contracts. Ms. Duncan is a graduate of Michigan State University, Madison College (B.A.), and American University Washington College of Law (J.D.)
Seena Foster, Principal of Title VI Consulting, assists administrators, equal opportunity professionals, and private sector businesses understand the civil rights laws that apply to their programs, activities, and operations. Her background includes 24 years as Senior Legal Advisor to the Labor Department’s Office of Administrative Law Judges, where she drafted decisions and orders and developed resources and aids promoting consistency and efficiency in several national adjudication programs. In 2012, Ms. Foster received the U.S. Secretary of Labor’s Exceptional Achievement Award “for outstanding leadership and legal guidance in helping the Office of Administrative Law Judges address the major changes in law” stemming from enactment of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Currently, Ms. Foster offers consultation services, assists in the development of policies and procedures, works with State and local equal opportunity officers to conduct discrimination complaint investigations, and conducts onsite civil rights training for state and local governments, focusing on the delivery of federally-assisted programs and activities in the areas of workforce development and education. Ms. Foster has a Juris Doctorate from The George Washington University Law School, and she carries certification in federal workplace mediation from the Northern Virginia Mediation Service as well as mediation certification from the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI). Ms. Foster also is a member of the Human Rights and Discrimination Law committees of the International Bar Association.

Bob is a partner in the Boardman and Clark Law Firm of Madison, Wisconsin. He has been professionally involved in Employment Relations and Civil Rights work for over 30 years and has designed the employment policies and procedures of numerous private employers, government agencies and universities. He litigates and serves as an expert witness in EEO cases. As a founding faculty member of the Department of Defense Race Relations Institute (now the DOD Equal Opportunity Management Institute), he developed anti-discrimination programs for military bases worldwide. As Chief Equal Rights Officer for the Wisconsin Personnel Commission, he was responsible for the discrimination case process and developing state employment laws and regulations.

Mr. Gregg is a consultant on the issues of Civil Rights and anti-discrimination in education, employment, public housing, law enforcement, service provision and has helped numerous public and private employers. Bob holds a BS degree in Business from Marshall University, Master of Social Work, and Juris Doctorate from West Virginia University. He also completed all course work toward a Doctorate in Education Administration.
From June 2003 to June 2004 and August 2011 to Present Mr. Hueneman has served as the principal consultant with Manchester Consultants (self-employed), Pt. Barrington, IL. In that capacity she provides consulting and advisory subject matter expert services to clients in all facets of EEO and Affirmative Action Compliance, including support for OFCCP compliance reviews, Mock OFCCP Self-Audits, Compensation Analyses, Talent Acquisition disposition code design & setup, HR policy development, design of job groups, AAP management and various other areas of HR compliance assistance including but not limited to development and delivery of HR training to all levels within an organization. Prior to that position, Ms. Hueneman served as a Program Analyst with the U.S. Department of Labor, OFCCP National Office, in Washington, D.C. Her responsibilities included reviewing and responding to congressional inquiries, performing a full range of analytical and editorial duties for the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Program (OFCCP), Division of Program Operations, Quality Assurance Branch ensuring closed compliance evaluations and complaint investigations comply with OFCCP protocol. Sandra co-authored revisions to the 1) Federal Contract Compliance Manual (FCCM); 2) Case Management Specifications as the system was being updated; and 3) Conducted a study of the timeliness of case closures nationwide; 3) Co-authored OFCCP’s Quality Assurance Manual, developed and delivered training on OFCCP’s Quality Assurance protocol to all OFCCP field and national staff.

Her previous employment includes services in the private sector as a Human Resources compliance manager and Senior Affirmative Action Advisor for a major law firm. For most of her career, she also served at the OFCCP’s Chicago District and Regional Office in positions ranging from Compliance Officer to Assistant District Director. Ms. Hueneman is the Region V Director for AAAED and serves on the AAAED Board of Directors.

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Since 1994, Ms. Johnson has been invited to lecture on the topics of Human Rights, Women Rights, Civil Rights, Equal Employment Opportunity, and Workplace Diversity issues in various arenas and in several countries including, Trinidad, Senegal, Liberia, Ivory Coast, Sierra Leone, Spain and Greece. Ms. Johnson also served as the Co-Chair of the Council of Federal EEO and Civil Rights Executives for over 11 years. The organization was founded in 1993 to represent the interest of EEO practitioners in the Federal Sector. In 2007, she established the South West Interagency Chapter of Federally Employed Women.

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Dr. Metzler is the author of a book, The Construction and Rearrangement of Race in a Post-Racial America (University of Aberdeen Press, 2008). He lectures globally on diversity, global employment practices, corporate social responsibility, human rights, human resources and comparative employment systems. A frequent TV and radio commentator, he has appeared on BBC, Sky News, News Channel 8, Channel 7 News, Channel 9 News, BBC Arabic, BBC Radio, 1290 Radio and The Joe Madison show among others. Dr. Metzler holds a M.A. in Human Rights from Columbia University, a Ph.D. in Law from the University of Aberdeen, and a Master’s in Law from Oxford University. Dr. Metzler is Vice Chair of the Fund for Leadership, Equity, Access and Diversity (LEAD Fund).

Bisi Okubadejo started the role as the Georgetown University’s first associate vice president of equal opportunity, affirmative action and compliance Jan. 27, 2020. Okubadejo will help oversee efforts to prevent instances of discrimination on campus. Okubadejo will also manage the daily operations of the Office of Institutional Diversity, Equity and Affirmative Action, which works to promote equality in educational, employment and contracting opportunities. Okubadejo will help address cases of discrimination filed with the IDEAA office, as well as with external federal and city agencies, and will help lead efforts at the university to promote nondiscrimination.

Okubadejo worked at the law firm Ballard Spahr for six years, where she addressed higher education civil rights, regulatory compliance and Title IX discrimination complaints on gender. Before working at Ballard Spahr, she practiced law at the firms Venable and Hogan & Hartson, where she worked on employment issues. She also worked at the Office for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Education. She is a graduate of Hamilton College and the Georgetown University Law Center.
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Ms. Schuyler was co-Chair of the Washington Metro Industry Liaison Group and is a Board Member of the American Association for Access, Equity and Diversity. She was the attorney of record and co-wrote the amicus curiae brief filed in the Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin case on behalf of AAAED.

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Beth Wilson served as Associate Vice President for Access and Equity and Executive Assistant to the President at Southern Methodist University since July, 2003. Her responsibilities included developing and implementing policies and programs that ensure both equal access and equitable treatment for the diverse populations of students, faculty and staff at SMU. In addition to addressing access and equity issues, she was responsible for identifying challenges and problems in these areas and making recommendations for their solutions.

Wilson is an attorney, consulting company president and certified mediator. She served as associate provost of Columbia University from 1995 to 2000 and held adjunct faculty positions at the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma City University School of Law. She administered affirmative action programs for the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City Public Schools and University Hospital and Clinics in Oklahoma City.

Wilson served as consultant for numerous clients, including civic organizations, universities, law schools and other education bodies in Oklahoma, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Vermont and Maryland. She was national president of the American Association for Affirmative Action from 1998 to 2000 and previously was chair of the Affirmative Action Review Council for the State of Oklahoma.

She received numerous service awards and was twice named an Outstanding Young Woman of America. Wilson has appeared on various public service television programs in Oklahoma and has been a panelist and featured speaker on affirmative action issues on several national television broadcasts. Wilson earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Oklahoma and graduated fourth in her class with a J.D. degree from the Oklahoma City University School of Law. While a student there, she received American Jurisprudence Awards in labor law and constitutional law.
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