

subjected to discrimination prohibited by this subpart 101-6.2 may by himself or by a representative file with the responsible GSA official or his designee a written complaint. A complaint must be filed not later than 90 days from the date of the alleged discrimination, unless the time for filing is extended by the responsible GSA official or his designee.

§ 101-6.210-3 Investigations.

The responsible GSA official or his designee will make a prompt investigation whenever a compliance review, report, complaint, or any other information indicates a possible failure to comply with this subpart 101-6.2. The investigation should include, where appropriate, a review of the pertinent practices and policies of the recipient, the circumstances under which the possible noncompliance with this subpart occurred, and other factors relevant to a determination as to whether the recipient has failed to comply with this subpart.

§ 101-6.210-4 Resolution of matters.

(a) If an investigation pursuant to § 101-6.210-3 indicates a failure to comply with this subpart 101-6.2, the responsible GSA official or his designee will so inform the recipient and the matter will be resolved by informal means whenever possible. If it has been determined that the matter cannot be resolved by informal means, action will be taken as provided for in § 101-6.211.

(b) If an investigation does not warrant action pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section the responsible GSA official or his designee will so inform the recipient and the complainant, if any, in writing.

§ 101-6.210-5 Intimidatory or retaliatory acts prohibited.

No recipient or other person shall intimidate, threaten, coerce, or discriminate against any individual for the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege secured by section 601 of the Act or this subpart 101-6.2, or because he has made a complaint, testified, assisted or participated in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under this subpart. The identity of complainants shall be kept confidential

except to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes of this subpart, including the conduct of any investigation, hearing, or judicial proceeding arising thereunder.

§ 101-6.211 Procedure for effecting compliance.

§ 101-6.211-1 General.

If there appears to be a failure or threatened failure to comply with this subpart 101-6.2, and if the noncompliance or threatened noncompliance cannot be corrected by informal means, compliance with this subpart may be effected by the suspension or termination of or refusal to grant or to continue Federal financial assistance or by any other means authorized by law. Such other means may include, but are not limited to, (a) a reference to the Department of Justice with a recommendation that appropriate proceedings be brought to enforce any rights of the United States under any law of the United States (including other titles of the Act), or any assurance or other contractual undertaking, and (b) any applicable proceeding under State or local law.

§ 101-6.211-2 Noncompliance with § 101-6.205.

If an applicant fails or refuses to furnish an assurance required under § 101-6.205 or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with a requirement imposed by or pursuant to that section Federal financial assistance may be refused in accordance with the procedures of § 101-6.211-3. The GSA shall not be required to provide assistance in such a case during the pendency of the administrative proceedings under § 101-6.211-3 except that GSA shall continue assistance during the pendency of such proceedings where such assistance is due and payable pursuant to an application therefor approved prior to the effective date of this subpart 101-6.2.

§ 101-6.211-3 Termination of or refusal to grant or to continue Federal financial assistance.

No order suspending, terminating or refusing to grant or continue Federal

financial assistance shall become effective until (a) the responsible GSA official has advised the applicant or recipient of his failure to comply and has determined that compliance cannot be secured by voluntary means, (b) there has been an express finding on the record, after opportunity for hearing, of a failure by the applicant or recipient to comply with a requirement imposed by or pursuant to this subpart 101-6.2, (c) the action has been approved by the Administrator pursuant to § 101-6.213-5, and (d) the expiration of 30 days after the Administrator has filed with the committee of the House and the committee of the Senate having legislative jurisdiction over the program involved, a full written report of the circumstances and the grounds for such action. Any action to suspend or terminate or to refuse to grant or to continue Federal financial assistance shall be limited to the particular political entity, or part thereof, or other applicant or recipient as to whom such a finding has been made and shall be limited in its effect to the particular program, or part thereof, in which such noncompliance has been so found.

§ 101-6.211-4 Other means authorized by law.

No action to effect compliance by an other means authorized by law shall be taken until (a) the responsible GSA official has determined that compliance cannot be secured by voluntary means, (b) the recipient or other person has been notified of his failure to comply and of the action to be taken to effect compliance, and (c) the expiration of at least 10 days from the mailing of such notice to the recipient or other person. During this period of at least 10 days, additional efforts shall be made to persuade the recipient or other person to comply with this subpart and to take such corrective action as may be appropriate.

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§ 101-6.212 Hearings.

§ 101-6.212-1 Opportunity for hearing.

Whenever an opportunity for a hearing is required by § 101-6.211-3, reasonable notice shall be given by registered or certified mail, return receipt re-

quested, to the affected applicant or recipient. This notice shall advise the applicant or recipient of the action proposed to be taken, the specific provision under which the proposed action against it is to be taken, and the matters of fact or law asserted as the basis for this action, and either:

(a) Fix a date not less than 20 days after the date of such notice within which the applicant or recipient may request of the responsible GSA official that the matter be scheduled for hearing, or (b) advise the applicant or recipient that the matter in question has been set down for hearing at a stated place and time. The time and place so fixed shall be reasonable and shall be subject to change for cause. The complainant, if any, shall be advised of the time and place of the hearing. An applicant or recipient may waive a hearing and submit written information and argument for the record. The failure of an applicant or recipient to request a hearing under this section or to appear at a hearing for which a date has been set shall be deemed to be a waiver of the right to a hearing under section 602 of the Act and § 101-6.211-3, and consent to the making of a decision on the basis of such information as is available.

(b) [Reserved]

§ 101-6.212-2 Time and place of hearing.

Hearings shall be held, at a time fixed by the responsible GSA official, at the offices of GSA in Washington, DC, unless such official determines that the convenience of the applicant or recipient or of GSA requires that another place be selected. Hearings shall be held before the responsible GSA official or, at his discretion, before a hearing examiner designated in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 3105 or 3344 (section 11 of the Administrative Procedure Act).

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§ 101-6.212-3 Right to counsel.

In all proceedings under this § 101-6.212 the applicant or recipient and GSA shall have the right to be represented by counsel.