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SUBJECT: DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE/CITY CONTRACTORS

POLICY NO.: 100-17

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 20, 1991

**BACKGROUND:**

The issue of substance abuse, the misuse of both legal and illegal drugs, has been identified as a major problem. It is well documented that substance abuse in the workplace can negatively impact employee performance, worker safety and the safety of the general public.

**PURPOSE:**

It is the intent of the City Council that the City of San Diego take a leadership role in addressing the issue of drug abuse in the workplace. It is the purpose of this policy to establish the requirement that all City construction contractors, consultants, grantees and providers of non-professional services agree to comply with this Drug-Free Workplace Policy.

**POLICY:**

Section 1. Definitions

- A. “Drug-free workplace” means a site for the performance of work done in connection with a contract let by City of San Diego for the construction, maintenance, or repair of any facility or public work by an entity at which employees of the entity are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance in accordance with the requirements of this section.
- B. “Employee” means the employee of a contractor directly engaged in the performance of work pursuant to a contract as described in Section 2.
- C. “Controlled substance” means a controlled substance in schedules I through V of Section 202 of the Controlled Substance Act (21 U.S.C. Sec. 812).
- D. “Contractor” means the department, division, or other unit of a person or organization responsible to the contractor for the performance of a portion of the work under the contract.

Section 2. City Contractor Requirements

- A. Every person or organization awarded a contract or grant by the City of San Diego for the provision of services shall certify to the City that it will provide a drug-free workplace by doing all of the following:
  - (1) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the person’s organization’s workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of the prohibition.

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- (2) Establishing a drug-free awareness program to inform employees about all of the following:
- (a) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace.
  - (b) The person's or organization's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace.
  - (c) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs.
  - (d) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
- (3) Posting the statement required by subdivision (1) in a prominent place at contractors main office. For projects large enough to necessitate a construction trailer at the job site, the required signage would also be posted at the job site.
- B. Contractors shall include in each subcontract agreement language which indicates the subcontractor's agreement to abide by the provisions of subdivisions (1) through (3) inclusive of Section 2A. Contractors and subcontractors shall be individually responsible for their own drug-free workplace programs.

HISTORY:

Adopted by Resolution R-277952 05/20/1991