



## **Equality of Opportunity Statement**

JU Contractors Limited is committed to promoting equality of opportunity for the benefit of all and reflecting the diversity of the personnel employed by or contracted to the Company. It is part of the Company's ethos to respect and value each person as an individual human being, each with their own gifts and challenges.

The Company recognises the protected characteristics as detailed in the Equality Act 2010 and is opposed to all forms of discrimination both direct and indirect against any person or group of people on the grounds of race, gender, faith, disability, age, sexual orientation or sexual representation.

The Company management recognise their responsibilities in our culturally diverse industry and showing by example the value of respect for each other, as well as self-respect. The Company also recognises the opportunity to demonstrate this commitment as an employer.

## **Equal Opportunities Policy**

1. The fundamental British values of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs are at the heart of the Company's equal opportunities policy.
2. Our staff will not accept behaviour, slogans or clothing which are likely to condone discrimination or hatred.
3. We will not condone stereotyping in any form and will address such behaviour among personnel and contractors seriously.
4. We aim to provide an appropriate and supportive working experience for all persons, whatever their colour, origin, culture, gender, religion or ability. The Company has high expectations of all personnel.
5. The Company is committed to a policy of treating all people as equal individuals and therefore of respecting each person as a valuable human being, each with his or her own gifts and challenges.
6. The Company aims to provide personnel with the opportunity to work in an environment free of prejudice. Every opportunity within the Company will be used to create and enhance respect, tolerance and support for all human beings in all their diversity and richness and in particular for each member of the Company community. It is the responsibility of Company management to ensure that their conduct with reflects this responsibility at all times.
7. Inclusion is a right to be included. We believe in the principle that inclusion is the right for everyone. We ensure that every person:
  - Has equal chance to work and develop
  - Has the opportunity to participate equally
  - Is given opportunity to communicate in their preferred format
  - Has their individual needs known and met
  - Feels safe
  - Is valued as a unique individual
  - Feels strong and confident about their work.

JU Contractors Limited aims to support the creation of an environment that will:

1. Eliminate unlawful, direct and indirect discrimination and promote equality of opportunity
2. Ensure that no employee or job applicant receives less favourable treatment on grounds of ethnic origin, colour, disability, creed, marital status, nationality, race, religion, culture, gender, gender representation or sexual orientation
3. Have regard to equal terms for men and women in employment in accordance with the EC Equal Terms Directive, 2002/73/EC
4. Have regard to Sex Discrimination (Gender Reassignment) regulations which prevent discrimination against transsexual people in employment and vocational training
5. Eradicate racial, religious or sexual harassment and discrimination on the basis of disability and sexual orientation or gender representation
6. Value, celebrate and learn from the cultural diversity of its personnel.

To achieve the above the Company will use the following guidelines in recruitment and when considering professional development for existing staff:

1. All those involved in recruitment and selection will be aware of what they should do to avoid discrimination and ensure equality good practice through the recruitment and selection process
2. Advertisements and job specifications will all carry a statement that this Company is an Equal Opportunities employer, and welcomes applications for all posts from appropriately qualified persons regardless of sex, race, religion, disability or age
3. People with disabilities will be offered facilities at interviews to enable them to demonstrate their suitability for employment
4. Candidates for vacant posts will be assessed against relevant criteria only, i.e. skills, qualifications and experience in selection for recruitment
5. Access to opportunities for professional development will be monitored on equality grounds.
6. Equalities policies and practices will be covered in all staff inductions
7. All supply staff will be made aware of equalities policies and practices
8. Employment policy and procedures will be reviewed regularly to check conformity with legislation and impact
9. People becoming disabled while in employment will be given positive help to retain their jobs or to be considered for redeployment if that is necessary and feasible.

### **Policy Approval and review**

This policy has been approved by Jamie Upton, Managing Director on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022

