

~~(E)~~ (D) "COMMERCIAL CUSTOMER" MEANS A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT PROCURED OR ATTEMPTED TO PROCURE GOODS OR SERVICES FROM A BUSINESS ENTITY FOR BUSINESS AS OPPOSED TO PERSONAL, FAMILY, OR HOUSEHOLD USE.

~~(F)~~ (E) "COMMERCIAL NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY" MEANS THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED UNDER THIS TITLE AND ANY REGULATIONS OR DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS ADOPTED BY THE ~~ATTORNEY GENERAL~~ MARYLAND HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE OFFICE OF MINORITY AFFAIRS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS TITLE.

(F) "COMMISSION" MEANS THE MARYLAND HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION.

(G) "CONTRACT" MEANS AN AGREEMENT WITH A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT IS LET BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE STATE FOR THAT BUSINESS ENTITY TO SELL OR LEASE SUPPLIES OR GOODS, OR TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION, REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT, FINANCIAL, INSURANCE, PROFESSIONAL, OR OTHER SERVICES TO THE STATE IN RETURN FOR A FEE OR ANY OTHER FORM OF COMPENSATION TO BE PAID OR PROVIDED BY THE STATE.

(H) (1) "DISCRIMINATION" MEANS ANY DISADVANTAGE, DIFFERENCE, DISTINCTION, OR PREFERENCE IN THE SOLICITATION, SELECTION, HIRING, OR COMMERCIAL TREATMENT OF A VENDOR, SUPPLIER, SUBCONTRACTOR, OR COMMERCIAL CUSTOMER ON THE BASIS OF ~~SEX, RACE, AGE, COLOR, CREED, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN, RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, ANCESTRY OR NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, AGE, MARITAL STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION,~~ OR ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY OR ANY OTHERWISE UNLAWFUL USE OF CHARACTERISTICS REGARDING THE VENDOR'S, SUPPLIER'S, OR COMMERCIAL CUSTOMER'S EMPLOYEES OR OWNERS.

(2) "DISCRIMINATION" DOES NOT INCLUDE LAWFUL EFFORTS TO REMEDY THE EFFECTS OF DISCRIMINATION THAT HAVE OCCURRED OR ARE OCCURRING IN THE MARKETPLACE.

(I) "ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT" MEANS A REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION, OR RENOVATION PROJECT FOR WHICH THE STATE PROVIDES:

(1) FUNDING OR OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, OTHER THAN PAYMENTS IN EXCHANGE FOR GOODS OR SERVICES;

(2) LAND;

(3) ROAD IMPROVEMENTS;

(4) TAX CREDITS; OR

(5) A BELOW MARKET PURCHASE PRICE.

(J) (1) "FINANCIAL INSTITUTION" MEANS A PERSON:

(I) ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF LENDING MONEY, GUARANTEEING LOANS, EXTENDING CREDIT, SECURING BONDS, OR PROVIDING VENTURE OR EQUITY CAPITAL; OR