(F)   ~~THE OFFICE SHALL HAVE NO OBLIGATION TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS RELATING TO DISCRIMINATION THAT OCCURRED OUTSIDE THE MARYLAND METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA, EXCEPT THAT THE OFFICE MAY DO SO IF THE COMPLAINANT PROVIDES EVIDENCE OF A NEXUS BETWEEN THE DISCRIMINATION THAT OCCURRED AND THE POTENTIAL FOR DISCRIMINATION IN THE MARYLAND METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA.~~

~~(G)   IN DETERMINING WHETHER DISCRIMINATION OCCURRED UNDER THIS TITLE, AND IN EVALUATING THE FACTORS SET FORTH IN § 19-108(A) OF THIS TITLE, THE OFFICE MAY CONSIDER EVIDENCE RELATING TO ACTS OR OMISSIONS THAT OCCURRED DURING OR PRIOR TO THE 5-YEAR PERIOD BEFORE THE COMPLAINT WAS FILED~~

(1)   THE OFFICE MAY INVESTIGATE AND ADJUDICATE A CLAIM OF DISCRIMINATION UNDER THIS TITLE ONLY IF THE CLAIM ALLEGES THAT:

(I)   THE DISCRIMINATION WAS COMMITTED BY A BUSINESS ENTITY WITHIN THE LIMITATIONS PERIOD SET FORTH IN § 19-101(C) OF THIS TITLE; AND

(II)   THE DISCRIMINATION OCCURRED IN THE STATE.

(2)   DISCRIMINATION IS DEEMED TO HAVE OCCURRED IN THE STATE ONLY IF:

(I)   EACH PARTY OPERATED A PLACE OF BUSINESS IN, OR RESIDED IN, THE STATE AT THE TIME OF THE DISCRIMINATION; OR

(II)   THE DISCRIMINATORY ACT WAS COMMITTED IN THE STATE.

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(A)   IN DETERMINING WHETHER TO PROCEED FURTHER WITH AN INVESTIGATION AND IN MAKING FINDINGS, THE OFFICE MAY CONSIDER ANY EVIDENCE PROVIDED BY THE COMPLAINANT OR THE RESPONDENT BUSINESS ENTITY AS TO THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:

(1)   WHETHER THERE WAS AN INTENT TO DISCRIMINATE ON THE PART OF THE RESPONDENT BUSINESS FIRM;

(2)   WHETHER THERE WAS A PATTERN AND PRACTICE OF DISCRIMINATION ON THE PART OF THE RESPONDENT BUSINESS ENTITY;

(3)   ANY ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE RESPONDENT BUSINESS ENTITY TO REMEDY THE ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION;

(4)   THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ANY PRIOR ATTEMPTS BY THE RESPONDENT BUSINESS ENTITY TO REMEDY THE DISCRIMINATION;

(5)   WHETHER THE RESPONDENT BUSINESS ENTITY HAS PROCURED GOODS OR SERVICES FROM OR OTHERWISE ENGAGED IN BUSINESS WITH PERSONS OR ENTITIES OF THE SAME PROTECTED CLASS AS THE COMPLAINANT TO AN EXTENT