

**Fifth Annual FAA National Civil Rights
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Title VI Airport Grant Assurances

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Background

- On April 24, 2013, the DOT Secretary signed the Title VI Assurances
- On August 27, 2013, FAA Order 1400.11, Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) became effective.

Background

- As a result, the AIP grant assurances and the AIP required contract provisions had to be revised.

Title VI

Title VI (42 U.S.C. § 2000d, et seq.) - part of the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964

Airport sponsors *may not discriminate* on the grounds of race, color, or national origin:

- Deny any individual service, financial aid, or benefit under the program
- Provide any service, financial aid, or benefit that is different from that provided to others
- Subject an individual to segregation or separate treatment

Title VI

- **Examples of Title VI's coverage:**
 - AIP contracting program
 - PFC contracting program
 - Local contracting program
 - Services to passengers (concessions, parking information, airport transportation services, etc.)
 - Surrounding communities' access to airport employment opportunities, transportation, and job advertisements
 - FBO operations

Grant Assurances

The FAA Office of Airports, working with the Office of the Chief Counsel, revised the Sponsor Grant Assurances for Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grants.

- The changes were described in the Federal Register Notice on April 3, 2014.
- All assurances are online:

http://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/grant_assurances/

Federal Contract Provisions

All AIP, PFC and other contract documents entered into by obligated airport sponsors must include certain contract provisions. The Title VI assurances caused changes to those provisions.

- All contract provisions, including the revised Title VI provisions are online:

<http://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/procurement/>

Title VI Issues and AIP Assurances

- Title VI issues are handled by the appropriate office in the Civil Rights Office (ACR).
- The Office of Airports typically refers these matters to ACR.
- Airport contracting issues are typically handled by the ADO or Regional Office.
- Airport compliance issues are handled by the Regional Office with support by ACO in HQ.