

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (EEO) POLICY STATEMENT

Ozark Regional Transit has a strong commitment to the community we serve and our employees. As an equal opportunity employer, we strive to have a workforce that reflects the community we serve. No person is unlawfully excluded from employment opportunities based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including gender identity, sexual orientation, and pregnancy), age, genetic information, disability, veteran status, or other protected class.

Ozark Regional Transit Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) policy applies to all employment actions, including but not limited to, recruitment, hiring, selection for training, promotion, transfer, demotion, layoff, termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation.

All applicants and employees have the right to file complaints alleging discrimination. Retaliation against an individual who files a charge or complaint of discrimination, participates in an employment discrimination proceeding (such as an investigation or lawsuit), or otherwise engages in protected activity is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated.

Ozark Regional Transit is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to applicants and employees who need them because of a disability or to practice or observe their religion, absent undue hardship.

As Ozark Regional Transit's Executive Director, I maintain overall responsibility and accountability for Ozark Regional Transit's compliance with its EEO Policy and Program. To ensure day-to-day management, including program preparation, monitoring, and complaint investigation, I have appointed Gail Delancey, Human Resource Manager, gdelancey@ozark.org or 479-756-5901 as Ozark Regional Transit's EEO Officer. Gail Delancey will report directly to me and acts with my authority with all levels of management and employees.

All Ozark Regional Transit executives, management, and supervisory personnel, however, share in the responsibility for implementing and monitoring Ozark Regional Transit's EEO Policy and Program within their respective areas and will be assigned specific tasks to ensure compliance is achieved. Ozark Regional Transit will evaluate its managers and supervisor's performance on their successful implementation of Ozark Regional Transit's policies and procedures, in the same way Ozark Regional Transit assesses their performance regarding other agency's goals.

Ozark Regional Transit is committed to undertaking and developing a written nondiscrimination program that sets forth the policies, practices, and procedures, with goals and timetables, to which the agency is committed and make the EEO Program available for inspection by any employee or applicant for employment upon request.

I am personally committed to a workplace that acts upon its daily responsibility to treat all applicants and employees with dignity and respect, as well as equitably under the guidelines of our EEO Policy and Program.