

The 4 Key Components of Affirmative Action: Everything Your Solution Needs to Cover



Plan Creation and Methodology

Create 100% technically compliant plans

An AAP requires an ongoing process that must be planned, standardized, and executed with consistency. Without the right process and methodology, you'll be unable to identify and act on any issues undermining your organization. Look for a solution that can:

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	Auto-generate location-based, functional, management, or diversity plans
	Export updates to your HRIS with ease
	Guide users through the complex planning process
	Ensure audit readiness with a comprehensive, compliant report set
	Adjust for new regulatory requirements
	Export a CSV file that lists individual employee records and compensation data, which is helpful in the event of an audit
	Generate and save separate narratives for females and minorities, individuals with disabilities, and protected veterans
	Monitor progress towards goals and easily prepare adverse impact analyses throughout the plan year
	Generate compensation analyses by location using a variety of models including: regression, cohort, rank-sum, t-test
	Facilitate easy sharing and distribution
	Provide tools to drive manager accountability
	Deliver multi-level reports for managers, detailing plan goals diversity benchmarks, progress to goals, and potential risks associated with compensation and selection activity
	Automatically prepare EEO-1, VETS-4212, and California Pay reporting
	Provide true ad-hoc reporting capability



Good Faith and Outreach Efforts

Outreach must be action-oriented, supported by detailed documentation, and iterated upon. To make the most of your outreach program and Good Faith Efforts (GFEs), make sure your solution:

Automates the planning, tracking, and reporting of outreach efforts
Eliminates manual recordkeeping
Implements efficient recordkeeping practices to ensure preparedness in the event of an audit
Tracks your GFEs in regard to recruiting, training, and outreach
Accumulates at minimum three years of evidence that you're acting on plans and assessing their effectiveness annually
Screenshots job listings for provided state job bank URLs to use as evidence toward VEVRAA's Mandatory ESDS job listing report requirements
Supports community and diversity outreach efforts with a wide range of recorded fields, such as:
• Job title
Reference
• Location
 Recipient organization's name
Date of contact
Recipient contact details
Documents specific aspects of relationship-building efforts with your list of community organizations, such as job fair and open house invites
Records candidate referrals, including remarks on where candidates were referred from, allowing you to identify whether organizations you work with are delivering candidates
Manages the state of GFE activities with calendar and email integration
Includes security and audit features so that administrators can control access to folders and alert notifications
Tracks accommodations across the organization
Provides visibility into your level of outreach activity/inactivity across the organization
Is supported by documentation describing how you arrived at the criteria you use for assessing your outreach
Is supplemented by the information you collect during your application process





Awareness and Training

You must raise awareness of your affirmative action responsibilities, both through providing executive summaries explaining your current positioning, as well as specific training programs on affirmative action and other federally mandated topics. To achieve this, your solution must:

_	Include quality and comprehensive content for all key compliance topics
_	Allow for customization including text, graphics, quiz questions/answers, and user feedback
	Use employee time efficiently
_	Increase engagement through games, videos, and engaging exercises for maximum retention
_	Help monitor and record usage or attendance
_	Provide a wide variety of courses that are applicable to your compliance program goals
_	Offer access options for live training, computers, booklets, tablets, or smartphones
٥	Give participants the opportunity to obtain continuing education credit for HRCI and SHRM credentials
	Conform to AICC and SCORM LMS standards



Risk Mitigation

The consequences of non-compliance—including conciliation agreements and, in extreme cases, consent decrees—will follow if a federal contractor fails to meet its obligations. To mitigate this risk, find a solution that will:

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Mirror OFCCP-style compensation analysis tests
Give managers visibility and access to your organization's progress toward affirmative action goals
Contain tools to drive manager accountability
Identify potential adverse impact in your selection decisions
Allow you to analyze decisions based on race, gender, veteran status, and disability status in a detailed or summary format
Provide summary views for management detailing plan activity, progress to goals, and potential risks
Assess whether or not there are indicators of pay disparity that should be investigated further