

Intent of EEOC Management Directive 715

- MD 715 sets forth guidance for agencies regarding their affirmative employment programs under both Title VII of the Civil Rights Act and the Rehabilitation Act.
- The primary goal is to improve the policies, practices and procedures that may artificially limit employment opportunities.

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- The directive focuses on barrier removal and elimination (root cause analysis).
- While workforce and complaint statistics assist in identifying areas for improvement, they do not automatically constitute barriers.
- Similarly, a weed is visual manifestation of a problem, but the solution lies beneath the surface.

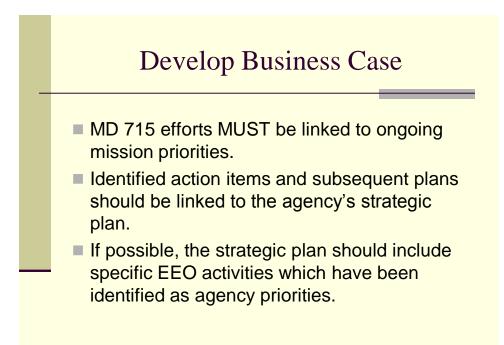


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End goal of this exercise is to assist the agency in recruiting, selecting, developing and retaining a high-performing workforce that draws upon the greatest pool of talent.

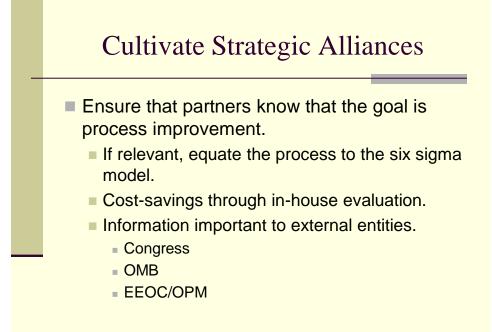
Implement Process Review

- Review identified triggers and determine the policies, practices or procedures affected by the trigger.
- Prioritize the identified policies, practices or procedures (high, medium, low) in light of impact on opportunity.
- Select those which are high impact and achievable in light of organizational climate and situation.



Cultivate Strategic Alliances

- Know your organization
 - Who are the decision-makers?
 - Who are the influencers?
 - Who has the information?
- Engage key partners
 - Who will be affected by this effort?
 - How will it benefit them to partner?

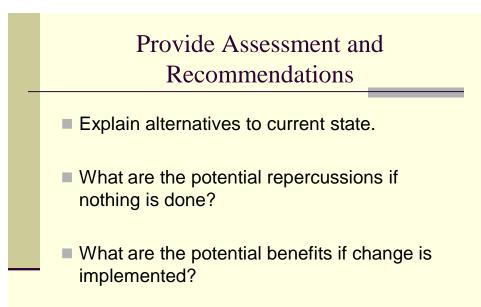


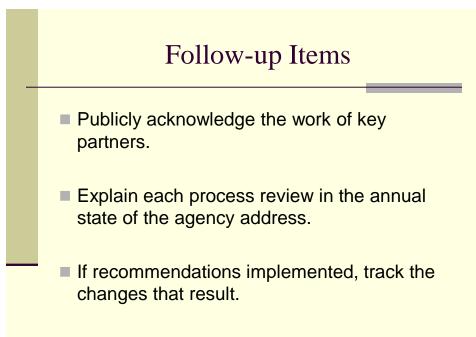
Execute Action Plans

- Provide partners with the steps for implementing process review.
- Make sure partners have key role in reviewing the process.
- Develop realistic timelines with reassessment points.
- Avoid making the process adversarial.

Provide Assessment and Recommendations

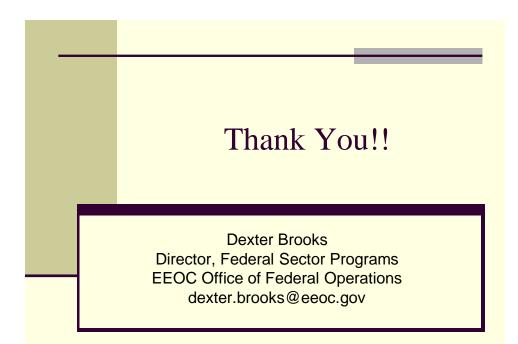
- Present organizational assessment of area studied.
 - Current state with any history explaining the origins and reasons for the policy, practice or procedure.
 - Areas of strength and weakness.
 - How does this area affect the organization?





Takeaways

- Activities under the MD 715 are intended to improve organizations.
- The effort centers around process improvement.
- A business case is key to successful implementation.
- Key partners bring necessary collaboration and share responsibilities.



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