

U.S. Department of Labor

Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs
New Jersey District Office
200 Sheffield Street, Room 102
Mountainside, NJ 07092



**Conciliation Agreement
Between the
U.S. Department of Labor Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs
And
Prutech Solutions Inc.
555 US Highway 1 South, Suite 230
Iselin, NJ 08830
OFCCP Case No. R00303137**

I. Preliminary Statement

The Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) evaluated the Prutech Solutions Inc. establishment located at 555 US Highway 1 South, Suite 230, Iselin, New Jersey, beginning on September 17, 2020. OFCCP found that Prutech Solutions Inc. ("Prutech") failed to comply with the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974 (VEVRAA), as amended and their implementing regulations at 41 CFR Chapter 60.

OFCCP notified Prutech of the specific violation and the corrective action required in a Notice of Violation issued on February 18, 2021.

In the interest of resolving the violation without engaging in further legal proceedings and in exchange for sufficient consideration described in this document, OFCCP and Prutech enter into this Conciliation Agreement (Agreement) and the parties agree to all the terms therein.

II. General Terms and Conditions

1. In exchange for Prutech's fulfillment of all its obligations in this Agreement, OFCCP will not institute administrative or judicial enforcement proceedings under VEVRAA based on the violations alleged in the NOV. However, OFCCP retains the right to initiate legal proceedings to enforce this Agreement if Prutech violates any provision of this Agreement, as set forth in Paragraph 11, below. Nothing in this Agreement precludes OFCCP from initiating enforcement proceedings based on future compliance evaluations or complaint investigations.
2. OFCCP may review Prutech's compliance with this Agreement. As part of this review, OFCCP may require written reports, inspect the premises, interview witnesses, and examine and copy documents. Prutech will permit access to its premises during normal business hours for these purposes and will provide OFCCP with all hard copy or electronic reports and documents it requests, including those specified in this Agreement.
3. Nothing in this Agreement relieves Prutech of its obligation to fully comply with the requirements of E.O. 11246, Section 503, the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974 (VEVRAA), their implementing regulations, or other applicable laws requiring nondiscrimination or equal employment opportunity through affirmative action.

4. Prutech agrees that it will not retaliate against any potential or actual beneficiary of this Agreement or against any person who files a complaint, who has provided information or assistance, or who participates in any manner in any proceeding in this matter.
5. The parties understand the terms of this Agreement and enter into it voluntarily.
6. This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement and represents the complete and final understanding of the parties. This Agreement contains all of the terms binding the parties and it supersedes all prior written and oral negotiations and agreements. Any modifications or amendments to this Agreement must be agreed upon in writing and signed by all parties. If an administrative error is found, OFCCP will work in good faith with all parties to make the corrections.
7. This Agreement becomes effective on the day it is signed by the District Director.
8. If one or more provisions of this Agreement is deemed unlawful or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will remain in full force and effect.
9. This Agreement will expire sixty (60) days after Prutech submits its final progress report required in Section IV, below, unless OFCCP notifies Prutech in writing before the expiration date that Prutech has failed to fulfill all of its obligations under the Agreement. In this instance, the Agreement is automatically extended until the date that OFCCP determines that Prutech has met all of its obligations under the Agreement.
10. If Prutech violates this Agreement:
 - a. The procedures at 41 C.F.R. 60-741.63 (2014) will govern:
 - i. OFCCP will send Prutech a written notice stating the alleged violations and summarizing any supporting evidence.
 - ii. Prutech shall have fifteen (15) days from receipt of the notice to respond, except in those cases in which such a delay would result in irreparable injury to the employment rights of affected employees or applicants.
 - iii. If Prutech is unable to demonstrate that it has not violated the Agreement, or if OFCCP alleges irreparable injury, enforcement proceedings may be initiated immediately without issuing a show cause notice or proceeding through any other requirement.
 - iv. In the event of a breach of this Agreement by Prutech, OFCCP may elect to proceed to a hearing on the entire case and seek full make-whole relief, and not be limited to the terms agreed to in the Agreement.
 - b. Prutech may be subject to the sanctions set forth in 41 C.F.R. Part 60-300.66 and other appropriate relief for violating this Agreement.

11. Prutech neither admits nor denies any violation of VEVRAA, nor has there been an adjudication on the merits regarding any such violation.
12. OFCCP may seek enforcement of this Agreement itself and is not required to present proof of any underlying violations resolved by this Agreement.
13. The parties understand and agree that nothing in this Agreement is binding on other governmental departments or agencies other than the United States Department of Labor.
14. This Agreement is limited to the facts of this case. Neither this Agreement, nor any part of the negotiations that occurred in connection with this Agreement, shall constitute admissible evidence with respect to any OFCCP policy, practice or position in any lawsuit, legal proceeding, administrative proceeding, compliance evaluation or audit, except for legal or administrative proceedings concerning the enforcement or interpretation of this specific Agreement.
15. All references to "days" in this Agreement, are calendar days. If any deadline for an obligation scheduled to be performed under this Agreement falls on a weekend or a Federal holiday, that deadline will be extended to the next business day.

III. Technical Violation and Remedy

VIOLATION: During the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, Prutech failed to undertake appropriate outreach and positive recruitment activities that were reasonably designed to effectively recruit protected veterans, document these activities, assess their effectiveness, and document its review, in violation of 41 CFR 60-300.44(f). Specifically, Prutech did not undertake any outreach and positive recruitment activities to effectively recruit qualified protected veterans

REMEDY: Prutech will undertake appropriate external outreach and positive recruitment activities that are reasonably designed to effectively recruit protected veterans, such as those described at 41 CFR 60-300.44(f)(2). Examples of additional types of outreach and positive recruitment activities include, but are not limited to:

- Entering into formal, written relationships with organizations to accomplish specified objectives, such as training, and/or referring job applicants with work experience or job skills that match or are related to existing and anticipated job vacancies;
- Using the State Vocational Rehabilitation Service Agency – Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E) in the area of the contractor's establishment;
- Participating in the Employment One-Stop Career Center (One-Stop) or American Job Center nearest the contractor's establishment;
- Working with the local disability groups, organizations, or Centers for Independent Living (CIL) near the contractor's establishment;

- Contacting the placement or career offices of educational institutions that specialize in the placement of protected veterans;
- Participating in job fairs targeting qualified protected veterans; and
- Using local protected veteran service organizations or other resources identified by the contractor's existing Employee Resource Group (ERG) on disability to recruit qualified temporary and permanent job candidates.

Additional examples are in the text of the regulations.

Prutech will annually review its outreach and recruitment activities, assess their effectiveness, and document this review, in accordance with 41 CFR 60-300.44(f)(3). Prutech will document all activities it undertakes to comply with this section, in accordance with 41 CFR 60-300.44(f)(4).

IV. OFCCP Monitoring Period

1. **Recordkeeping.** Prutech agrees to retain all records relevant to the violations cited in Section III above and the reports submitted in compliance with Paragraph 2, below. These records include underlying data and information such as Human Resources Information System (HRIS) and payroll data, job applications and personnel records, and any other records or data used to generate the required reports. Prutech will retain the records until this Agreement expires or for the time period consistent with regulatory requirements, whichever is later.

2. **Contractor Reports.**

- a. **Schedule and Instructions.** Prutech agrees to furnish OFCCP with the following reports during the Monitoring Period according to the following schedule:

- A. **Progress Report 1:** The first report shall be due October 31, 2021 and will cover the period beginning April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021.

- B. **Progress Report 2:** The second and final report shall be due April 30, 2022 and will cover the period beginning October 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

Prutech will submit the reports to:

U.S. Department of Labor
Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs
Diamond Head Building
200 Sheffield Street, Suite 102
Mountainside, NJ 07902
ATTN: Compliance Officer (b) (6), (b) (7)(E)
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Both reports will contain the following:

- An evaluation of Prutech's outreach and recruitment efforts taken over the previous 6 (or 12) months to evaluate their effectiveness in identifying and recruiting qualified protected veterans, which will include a list of outreach activities and a description of each.
- At a minimum, the criteria it used to evaluate the effectiveness of each effort.
- Prutech's conclusion as to whether its veteran outreach efforts were effective.

Prutech and OFCCP have a common interest in the information being provided in the reports pursuant to this Agreement. To the extent any of the reports Prutech provides in accordance with this Agreement are customarily kept private or closely-held, and that Prutech believes should remain confidential under Exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) in the event of a FOIA request, Prutech will provide such reports to OFCCP marked as "Confidential". In the event of a FOIA request, OFCCP will treat any such documents received as confidential documents.

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IV. SIGNATURES

The person signing this Agreement on behalf of Prutech Solutions Inc. personally warrants that she is fully authorized to do so, that Prutech Solutions Inc. has entered into this Agreement voluntarily and with full knowledge of its effect, and that execution of this Agreement is fully binding on Prutech Solutions Inc.

This Agreement is hereby executed by and between the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs and Prutech Solutions Inc., 555 US Highway 1 South, Suite 230, Iselin, New Jersey.

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Deepak Chopra
Chief Executive Officer
Prutech Solutions Inc.
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Iselin, NJ 08830

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