



DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

*Division of Risk Management*

**STATE RISK MANAGEMENT  
TRUST FUND**

Policy Number: FC-0281 Federal Civil Rights Liability  
and Employment Discrimination  
Certificate of Coverage

Name Insured: University of South Florida

Federal Civil Rights Liability Coverage provided pursuant to Chapter 284, Part II,  
Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, and any rules promulgated thereunder.

Federal Civil Rights:

Liability: Unlimited each person  
Unlimited each occurrence

Inception Date: July 1, 2023

Expiration Date: July 1, 2024



**STATE RISK MANAGEMENT TRUST FUND**  
**FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS LIABILITY AND EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION COVERAGE**  
**CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE**

In consideration of the provisions and stipulations contained herein or added hereto and for the premium charged, the State Risk management Trust Fund, hereinafter referred to as the "Fund", certifies that the State department or agency named in this certificate is hereby provided federal civil rights liability and employment discrimination coverage. Coverage shall be effective on the inception date at 12:01 a.m. standard time.

This certificate is comprised of the foregoing provisions and stipulations, together with such other provisions and stipulations as may be added hereto by the Fund in the future:

**I. COVERAGES**

**A. Federal Civil Rights Coverage**

To pay on behalf of the insured all sums which the insured shall become legally obligated to pay, subject to the stated exclusions, arising from federal civil rights actions filed under 42 USC 1983, and other similar federal statutes. The coverage includes payment of claims and awards for plaintiff attorney fees where so provided by the above federal statutes.

**B. Employment Discrimination Coverage**

To pay on behalf of the insured all sums which the insured shall become legally obligated to pay, subject to the stated exclusions, arising from employment discrimination actions filed under 42 USC 2000e, Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (handicap discrimination), the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Vietnam Era Veteran's Readjustment Act of 1974, and other similar employment discrimination acts and statutes.

**II. DEFENSE, SETTLEMENT, SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS**

With respect to such coverages as is afforded by this certificate, the Fund shall:

- (a) defend any proceeding against the insured seeking such benefits and any suit against the insured alleging such injury and seeking damages on account thereof, even if such proceeding or suit is groundless, false, or fraudulent. The Fund will investigate all claims filed against the insured in order to determine the legal liability of the insured and to determine damages sustained by the claimant. The Fund will negotiate, settle, or deny the claim based on these findings and appropriate Florida and federal laws.
- (b) defend any suit against an insured filed under the statutes and acts stated in coverages A and B, except the named insured is responsible for defending or directing the defense of injunctive or prospective relief issues;
- (c) pay all premiums on bonds to release attachments and on appeal bonds required in any such defended suit for an amount not in excess of the applicable limit of liability established in this certificate;
- (d) pay all expenses incurred by the Fund, all costs taxed against the insured in any such suit and all interest accruing after entry of judgment until the Fund has paid, tendered, or deposited in court that part of such judgment as does not exceed the limit of the Fund's liability thereon.

**III. DEFINITIONS**

- (a) Named Insured - The department or agency named herein.
- (b) Insured - State department or agency named herein, their officers, employees, agents or volunteers.

- (c) Volunteer - Any person who of his own free will, provides goods or services to the named insured, with no monetary or material compensation as defined in Chapter 110, Part IV, Florida Statutes.
- (d) Agent - Any person not an employee, acting under the direct control and supervision of a state agency or department, for the benefit of a state agency or department.

**IV. EXCLUSIONS**

This certificate does not apply:

- (a) to any action which may be brought against the named insured by anyone who unlawfully participates in riot, unlawful assembly, public demonstration, mob violence, or civil disobedience, if the claim arises out of such riot, unlawful assembly, public demonstration, mob violence, or civil disobedience;
- (b) to any obligation for which the insured or the Fund may be held liable under any employer's liability or workers' compensation law;
- (c) eminent domain proceedings or damage to persons or property of others arising therefrom;
- (d) to punitive damages;
- (e) to actions of insureds committed in bad faith or with malicious purpose or in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety, or property;
- (f) to professional medical liability of the Board of Regents, the physicians, officers, employees, or agents of the Board;
- (g) to liability related in any way with nuclear energy;
- (h) to liability assumed by the insured under any contract or agreement;
- (i) to final judgments in which the insured has been determined to have caused the harm intentionally;
- (j) to awards for injunctive or prospective relief rendered against an insured by any federal or state court, agency or commission except plaintiff's attorney fee awards in such actions are covered by the Fund. The Fund will not pay any costs associated with implementing or monitoring a declaratory, injunctive or prospective relief award.
- (k) to awards to employees or retirees of the named insured for backpay or other benefits, except backpay and other benefits awarded for the period prior to and up to the date of final judgment and paid by the named insured are reimbursable from the Fund to the named insured through journal transfer.

**V. CONDITIONS**

**A. Premium**

Premium charges shall be assessed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 284, Part II, Florida Statutes, and any rules promulgated thereunder, utilizing a retrospective rating arrangement premium calculation method whereby 80% of the premium is based on losses actually incurred

by the insured and 20% is based on the changes in risk exposures (employees, etc.) of an insured. The premium must be paid promptly by an insured agency from its operating budget upon receiving the premium bill or invoice.

**B. Audit**

The Fund shall be permitted to examine and audit the insured's books and records at any time during the term of this coverage and any extension thereof, and within three years after the final termination of this coverage, as far as they relate to the premium bases or the subject matter of this coverage.

**C. Insured's Duties in the Event of Occurrence, Claim or Suit**

- (1) **Event of Occurrence**  
Written notice containing particulars sufficient to identify the insured, along with reasonably obtainable information with respect to the time, place and circumstances thereof, the names and addresses of the injured and all known witnesses, shall immediately be given by or for the insured to the Fund.
- (2) **Notice of Claim or Suit**  
If claim is made by suit brought against the insured, the insured shall immediately forward to the Fund every demand, notice, summons, or other process received by him or his representative. Failure by the insured to advise the Fund of a claim or suit prior to a settlement agreement or the insured otherwise obligating itself, shall void coverage by the Fund for that claim.
- (3) **Assistance and Cooperation of the Insured**  
The insured shall cooperate with the Fund and, upon the Fund's request, assist in making settlements, in the conduct of suits and in enforcing any right of contribution or indemnity against any person or organization who may be liable to the insured because of injury or damage with respect to which coverage is afforded under this certificate, and the insured shall upon request, make available all agency records pertaining to a specific claim, shall attend hearings and trials and assist in securing and giving evidence and obtaining the attendance of witnesses. The insured shall not, except at his own cost, voluntarily make any payment, assume any obligation or incur any expenses.
- (4) **Action Against the Fund**  
No action shall lie against the Fund unless, as a condition precedent thereto, the insured shall have been in full compliance with all of the terms of this certificate and the provisions of applicable Florida Statutes.
- (5) **Severability of Interest**  
The Term "the insured" is used severally and not collectively, but the inclusion herein of more than one insured shall not operate to increase the limits of the Fund's liability.
- (6) **Insurance**  
If there is a valid and collectible policy of insurance applicable to any claim, the coverage extended by this certificate shall not apply.
- (7) **Terms of Coverage**  
This certificate is issued for the purpose of confirming coverage as contemplated by Chapter 284, Part II, Florida Statutes. In the event of any conflict between provisions or coverages in this certificate and the provisions of any Florida Statute or laws including, but not limited to the aforesaid, said statutes and laws shall control.
- (8) **Cancellation**

Failure of the Fund to receive the amount of premiums billed to the insured agency within the time frames allowed by law may result in cancellation of the certificate of coverage. Payments must be made promptly from the insured's operating budget upon receipt of the premium bill as specified in Section 284.36, Florida Statutes, and lack of prompt payment will result in a request from the Fund to the Comptroller to transfer premiums from any available funds of the delinquent agency under the provisions of Section 284.44(7), Florida Statutes.

**D. Self-Insurance Coverage**

Coverage for defending and paying claims under this certificate is provided under the authority of Chapter 284, Florida Statutes, wherein the state is authorized to administer a self-insurance program. Provision of this certificate does not constitute the issuance of insurance other than on a self-insurance basis, and payment of any covered claim obligations is contingent upon availability of legislative funding.