U.S. Department of Labor

Administrative Review Board 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20210



In the Matter of:

OFFICE OF FEDERAL CONTRACT COMPLIANCE PROGRAMS, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, **ARB CASE NO. 97-127**

ALJ CASE NO. 87-OFC-20

DATE: July 24, 2000

PLAINTIFF,

v.

KEEBLER COMPANY,

DEFENDANT.

BEFORE: THE ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW BOARD

Appearances:

For the Plaintiff:

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For the Defendant:

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ORDER DENYING MOTION TO ALTER OR AMEND FINAL DECISION OF DECEMBER 21, 1999

We have before us Office of Federal Contract Compliance Program (OFCCP), Plaintiff's Motion to Alter or Amend the Final Decision and Order of December 21, 1999 in the above-captioned case. We construe the motion as a motion for clarification.

OFCCP asserts that "[c]ases applying the OFCCP hearing rules have long held that the requirements of 41 C.F.R. §60-741.6(c) are appropriately construed to shift to the contractor the burden of proving that those of its physical and mental qualification standards that disproportionately eliminate qualified individuals with disabilities are justified by business necessity." We agree with

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this statement, and see nothing in the Administrative Procedure Act or in our final decision that conflicts with that statement or requires further clarification. In any event, §60-741.6(c) and the business necessity defense are not at issue, because, as we held in our decision, OFCCP failed to prove that DeAngelis was a qualified handicapped individual.

SO ORDERED.

PAUL GREENBERGChair

E. COOPER BROWN
Member

CYNTHIA L. ATTWOODMember

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