

US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DBE PROGRAM - 49 CFR PART 26

FOR

THE PIEDMONT AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION, NORTH CAROLINA

I. Objectives /Policy Statement (26.1, 26.23)

The Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation, North Carolina (City) has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program in accordance with regulations of the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), 49 CFR Part 26. PART has received direct Federal financial assistance from the USDOT, as well as indirect Federal financial assistance as a sub-recipient through the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT).

As a condition of receiving this assistance, PART has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26. Should any other PART department become a recipient of USDOT funding they will act in compliance with 49 CFR Part 26, and will operate within the following Program's parameters.

It is the policy of PART to ensure that DBEs, as defined in 49 CFR Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in USDOT-assisted contracts. It is also our policy:

1. To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of USDOT-assisted contracts;
2. To create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for USDOT-assisted contracts;
3. To ensure that the DBE Program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
4. To ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs;
5. To help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in USDOT-assisted contracts; and
6. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.
7. To review and/or update this policy and overall program on an annual basis.

The Office of the PART Administration and Financial Management shall maintain the original DBE Program document. PART shall assign a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Liaison Officer (DBELO) who is responsible for implementing all aspects of PART's USDOT DBE Program for the overall PART Organization. Day to day DBE responsibilities will be the responsibility of the PART DBELO.

Implementation of the DBE Program is accorded the same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by PART in its financial assistance agreements with both the Federal Aviation and Federal Transit Administrations, as well as municipal agreements with NCDOT where Federal financial assistance is involved. PART establishes annual goals as a direct recipient of USDOT funding, monitor the DBE projects throughout the federal fiscal year and report on achievements.

PART will disseminate this policy statement to the governing PART Board of Trustees and their respective units of local government that make up the territorial jurisdiction of PART, and all the relevant departments of the PART organization. PART will maintain copies of this Policy Statement in the office of PART Administrative office and operating hubs, where it is available to all interested citizens and organizations. The Policy will be publicized

to the DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work on its USDOT-assisted contracts through a variety of means, including through established print media outlets, minority and women business association newsletters, advertisements, and DBE Program workshops and seminars.

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PART Chairperson Date

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PART Executive Director Date

