



Policy Statement

Section 26.1, 26.23 Objectives / Policy Statement

The Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA) has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26.

CATA has received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, CATA has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of CATA to ensure that DBEs are defined in part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is also our policy:

1. To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT - assisted contracts;
2. To create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for DOT - 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 DOT assisted contracts;
6. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE Program.

The Purchasing and Contracts Manager (Nicole Wilson) has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, the Purchasing and Contracts Manager is responsible for implementing all aspects of the DBE program. Implementation of the DBE program is accorded the same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by CATA in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

The Policy Statement will be executed by the Chief Executive Officer and the Board Chair of CATA, and circulated to all Department Directors, and Department Managers within the organization; and circulated to contracting organizations, the state offices which administer programs, and DBE organizations. CATA will give public notice of DBE goals how the goals were determined, and contact information for public comment. The terms used in this program have the meanings defined in 49 CFR 26.5.

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