

POLICY STATEMENT

{Reference 49 CFR Part 26.1, 26.23}

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation has received Federal financial assistance from the United States Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to ensure that DBEs 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 market place outside the DBE Program.

The Office Business Opportunity and Equity Compliance, DBE Program Chief Michele Carter has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, the DBE Program Chief 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 the Wisconsin Department of Transportation in its financial assistance agreements with the United States Department of Transportation.

Wisconsin Department of Transportation has disseminated this policy statement to the Board of Directors and all of the components of our organization. We have distributed this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for us on DOT-assisted contracts via our stakeholder committees, the Transportation Advisory Committee and the Transportation Consultant Advisory Committee. This policy is posted on our website and copies will be made available, upon request, by contacting the DBE Support Services Office at DBE@dot.wi.gov 6150 W Fond du Lac Ave, Milwaukee WI 53218



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