

## **Policy Statement**

It is the policy of the **Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Transit** to ensure that DBEs, as 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; and
6. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.
7. The **Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Transit** will not use quotas in the administration of our DBE Program.

The **Management Analyst Supervisor of the Office of Transit** has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer for the **Department of Transportation, Office of Transit**. In that capacity, the **Management Analyst Supervisor** is responsible for implementing all aspects of the DBE program for the **Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Transit**. Implementation of the DBE program is accorded the same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by the **Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Transit** in its financial assistance agreements with the **Department of Transportation**.

The **Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Transit** has disseminated this policy statement to the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation and all 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, distribution will be through direct mailings, access at our public hearing, upon written or verbal request of the business communities.

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Director, Ohio Department of Transportation

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Date