

CITY OF OWENSBORO DBE PROGRAM

Updated March 2014

POLICY STATEMENT

Section 26.1, 26.23 Objectives/Policy Statement

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

It is the policy of the City of Owensboro 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 market place outside the DBE Program.

The Transit Manager has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, the Transit 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 the City of Owensboro in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

The City of Owensboro has disseminated this policy statement to the Owensboro City Commission 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. Distribution is accomplished by a variety of methods, including the posting of this statement on our website and the website of the Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Organization, and will notify area contractors through direct mail and newspaper advertisements soliciting comments on the City of Owensboro's DBE goals and overall DBE program.



Ron Payne, Mayor

5/4/12

Date