

GO RALEIGH
DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

POLICY STATEMENT

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

It is the policy of the City of Raleigh 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 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;
6. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.

Richard Vinson has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, he 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 Go Raleigh in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

Go Raleigh has disseminated this policy statement to the Raleigh Transit Authority 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. Go Raleigh shall make it DBE Program Plan available to anyone wishing to receive a copy, and will post a copy on the procurement and contracting website in order to disseminate it to the business community. 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. This policy statement will be distributed by mailings, posted throughout the organization and placed on our Transit/DBE internet webpage

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Date