

DBE PROGRAM POLICY STATEMENT
City of Asheville - Updated Feb. 2012
Section 26.1, 26.23 Objectives/Policy Statement

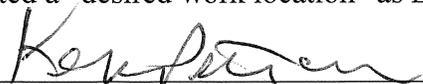
The City of Asheville (COA) has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26. The COA has received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation (DOT), and as a condition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

It is the policy of the COA to ensure that DBE's and other small businesses, 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 contracts;
2. To create a level playing field on which DBE's and other small businesses 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 DBE's;
5. To help remove barriers to the participation of DBE's and other small businesses in DOT assisted contracts;
6. To assist in the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.

Yuri Koslen, Transit Projects Coordinator in the Transportation Planning Management Division of the Transportation Department has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer (DBELO). In that capacity, Yuri Koslen 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 COA in its financial assistance agreements with the DOT.

This policy has been signed by the COA's chief officer concerning FTA assisted contracts and DBE program matters, the Director of the Transportation Department. COA has disseminated the policy statement to City Council. All of the components of our organization funded by FTA will be responsible for the policy. COA will distribute this statement to the DBE and non-DBE business communities that could perform work for us on FTA-assisted contracts. This will be accomplished by: 1) posting notices on the COA's transit website, 2) emailing notification to firms listed on the NCDOT Directory of Transportation firms certified as DBE's, MBE's, WBE's, SBE's or HUB's that have listed a "desired work location" as Division 13.



Ken Putnam, Transportation Department Director

2-17-12
Date