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Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Policy Statement

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

It is the policy of the Department 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:

- To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts in the Department's highway, transit, and airport programs;
- To create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts;
- To ensure that the Department's DBE Program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
- To ensure that only firms that fully meet the certification standards of 49 CFR 26, Subpart D are permitted to participate as DBEs;
- To help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT-assisted contracts;
- To promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally-assisted contracts and procurement activities conducted by the Department;
- To assist in the development of firms in order to compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE Program; and
- To provide appropriate guidance to the Department's Bureaus and Districts in establishing and providing opportunities for DBEs.

The Deputy Secretary for Administration has been designated the DBE Liaison Officer. In this capacity, the DBE Liaison Officer 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 Department in its financial assistance agreements with DOT.

The Department has disseminated this policy statement to its Deputy Secretaries, Bureau Directors, District Executives, Managers, Supervisors, and to every level of the Department. This policy statement has also been distributed to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for the Department on DOT-assisted contracts.

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