

Policy Statement

SECTION 26.1, 26.23 OBJECTIVES

The Office of Transportation Delivery (OTD) is the recipient of federal transit funds authorized under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs ACT and by FAST Act, Titles I, III, V, and VI of ISTEA, Pub. L. 102-240 or by Federal transit laws in Title 49, U.S. Code, or Titles I, II, and V of the Teas-21, Pub. L. 105-178.

The Office of Transportation Delivery 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 Office of Transportation Delivery has received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC)/Office of Transportation Delivery (OTD) has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of the KYTC/Office of Transportation Delivery 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;
6. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.

Objectives

Since the Office of Transportation Delivery has received a grant from the US DOT/Federal Transit Administration (FTA) of more than: \$250,000 or more in FTA planning capital and/or operating assistance in a federal fiscal year, we will continue to carry out this Program until all funds from DOT financial assistance have been expended. We will provide updates representing significant changes in the Program to FTA.

The overall goal of our DBE Program is to ensure that firms owned and controlled by minorities, women and other socially and economically disadvantaged individuals have the maximum opportunity to grow and become self-sufficient so they are able to compete on a level playing field. The Office of Transportation Delivery will not exclude any person from participation in, deny any person the benefits of, or otherwise discriminate against anyone in connection with the award and performance of any contract covered by 49 CFR Part 26 on the basis of race, color, sex, or national origin.