

**CAPITAL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM  
AS REQUIRED BY 49 CFR 26.5**

**Definition of Terms**

The terms used in this program have the meanings defined in 49 CFR 26.5

**Objectives/Policy Statement (26.1, 26.3)**

The Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) 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 CDTA has received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the CDTA has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

If the policy of the CDTA to ensure that DBE's as defined in part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in FTA-assisted contracts. It is also our policy-

1. To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of FTA assisted contracts;
2. To create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for FTA 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 FTA assisted contracts; and
6. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE program.

The Director of Procurement has been designated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, the Director of Procurement 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 CDTA in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

CDTA will disseminate this policy statement to the CDTA Policy Board and all the components of our organization within one month. We also distribute this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for us on FTA-assisted contracts in the same time frame. This distribution will be accomplished through the publication of the Plan and distribution with an Executive Order for its implementation.

  
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