

# Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Policy

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

It is the policy of DVRPC 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, Subpart D are permitted to participate as DBEs;
5. To help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT-assisted contracts;
6. To promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally-assisted contracts and procurement activities conducted by DVRPC;
7. To assist in the development of firms in order to successfully compete in the market place outside the DBE Program; and
8. To provide appropriate guidance in establishing and providing opportunities for DBEs.

The Contracts Manager, Jason Crouch, has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, the Manager 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 DVRPC in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

DVRPC has disseminated this policy statement to its Board Members 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. This statement will be posted on the DVRPC web-site.

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