

DBE PROGRAM POLICY STATEMENT

Section 26.1, 26.23 Objectives/Policy Statement

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

It is the policy of the Rockford Mass Transit District to ensure that DBEs are 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.

Paula S. Hughes, RMTD Grants and Procurement Manager, has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, the Grants and Procurement 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 the Rockford Mass Transit District in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

Rockford Mass Transit District has disseminated this policy statement to the RMTD Board of Trustees 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 distribution of this statement is included in the IFB's (Invitation for Bids), RFP's (Request for Proposals) and RFQ's (Request for Qualifications) for all DOT-assisted contracts.



Michael J. Stubbe

January 23, 2023
Date