DBE Program

Policy and Objectives Statement

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

It is the policy of the JATA 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.

The Government and Community Relations Manager has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, the Government and Community Relations 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 JATA in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

JATA has disseminated this policy statement to the Authority's Board of Directors 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 is accomplished by posting the DBE policy statement on our website as well as email dissemination upon request.

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Michael D. Brown Sr., Executive Director

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