

Fairbanks North Star Borough

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Section 1

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Objectives/Policy Statement

Fairbanks North Star Borough has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program to comply with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation. As a recipient of Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the Fairbanks North Star Borough has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of the Fairbanks North Star Borough to ensure that DBEs and other small businesses, as defined in part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is also our policy:

- 1. Ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT- assisted contracts;
- 2. Create a level playing field on which DBEs and other small businesses can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts;
- 3. Ensure that the DBE Program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
- 4. Ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs;
- 5. Structure procurement and contracting opportunities in ways that foster competition among Small Business Enterprises (SBE) and DBEs;
- 6. Assist in the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.
- 7. Monitor DBE performance during the term of all DOT-assisted contracts.

The General Services Director, has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer (DBELO) and in that capacity the General Services Director has the principle responsibility for implementing all aspects of the DBE/SBE program to include ensuring nondiscrimination in the award and administration of all contracts, the establishment and periodic review of goals for participation by DBEs/SBEs, and ensuring consistency with sound procurement principles and applicable laws.

Implementation of the DBE program is accorded the same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by the Fairbanks North Star Borough in its assurance to comply with 49 CFR Part 26 of the Transit Authority's financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

This policy has been signed by the Fairbanks North Star Borough Mayor. The Borough has disseminated this policy statement to the Mayor, Borough Assembly, Directors, and all other 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. The DBE Policy Statement is published on the Borough's web site and posted in the General Services Department. The DBE Policy Statement has been distributed to the local offices of the Plans Room, LLC, AGC (Associated General Contractor), ABC, Inc. (Associated Builders and Contracts, Inc.), Alaska PTAC (Alaska Procurement Technical Assistance Center).

The borough recognizes that the achievement of its DBE program will significantly contribute to the economic and social progress of the Fairbanks North Star Borough's Transit zone. Thus, the borough will make every effort to ensure the ongoing success of its DBE program.

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