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HRTPO Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program



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DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

The terms used in this program have the meanings defined in 49 C.F.R. 26.5.

The Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization is the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Hampton Roads metropolitan planning area.

OBJECTIVES/POLICY STATEMENT (26.1, 26.3)

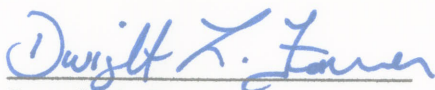
The Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 C.F.R. Part 26. The HRTPO anticipates that it will receive Federal financial assistance from the DOT, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the HRTPO has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 C.F.R. Part 26.

It is the policy of the HRTPO 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 C.F.R. Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs;
5. To remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT assisted contracts; and
6. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.

Ms. Tara Walker, Procurement Officer, has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer (DBELO). In that capacity, Ms. Tara Walker 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 HRTPO in its financial assistance agreements with the DOT.

Once the policy statement is signed, the HRTPO will disseminate this policy statement to its Board and all the components of the organization. The HRTPO will distribute this statement to all DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for the HRTPO on DOT assisted contracts, and to all DBE and non-DBE firms via advertisement and mailings to designated organizations.


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