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City of Tucson
Policy Statement

U.S. Department of Transportation
DBE Diversity Program for Contracts

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

It is the policy of the City of Tucson to ensure that DBE's, as defined in 49 CFR 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 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.

Angele Ozoemelum, Director of the Business Services Department has been designated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, Ms. Ozoemelum 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 City of Tucson in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation. The Procurement Division is also responsible for implementation of the City of Tucson's Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Program and certifies economically disadvantaged business for participation in the City SBE Program.

The City of Tucson has disseminated this policy statement to Mayor & Council, to all City Department Directors and the Department of Transportation & Mobility (DTM) staff. The City subrecipients, Sun Tran, Sun Link and Van Tran, have received a copy with instructions for organizational distribution. This statement has also been distributed to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for the City on DOT-assisted contracts. This policy statement and the DBE Program Plan has been incorporated into the City of Tucson's FTA Procedures Manual. A copy of this policy statement is posted on the Procurement Division website at

<https://www.tucsonaz.gov/Departments/Business-Services-Department/Procurement/Contract-Compliance-DBE-SBE-DBRA/Disadvantaged-Business-Enterprise> Scroll to Related Information section to view.

The complete DBE Program and the overall annual goal analysis are available for review on the webpage listed above and at:

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If you have any question or would like further information regarding this Program, please contact Angele Ozoemelum, Director of Business Services Department at 520-837-4384, by fax at 520-791-4735 or by email at Angele.Ozoemelum@tucsonaz.gov



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