

Fairfax County
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Policy, Program, and Goal for FY 2016-FY2018
for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Section 26.1, 26.23 Objectives and Policy Statement

Program Objectives

The County of Fairfax, Virginia (Fairfax County) has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), 49 CFR Part 26. Fairfax County has received Federal financial assistance in excess of \$250,000 from USDOT (i.e. FTA) for capital projects, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, Fairfax County has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of Fairfax County to ensure that DBEs, as defined in 49 CFR Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in FTA assisted contracts. It is also the county's policy to:

1. Ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of FTA assisted contracts;
2. Create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for FTA 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. Help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in FTA assisted contracts; and
6. Assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program;
7. To promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally-assisted contracts and procurement activities conducted by recipients;
8. Provide appropriate flexibility to recipients of Federal financial assistance in establishing and providing opportunities for DBEs.

Policy Statement

Brent Riddle is designated by Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) as DBE Liaison Officer (DBELO). In that capacity, Mr. Riddle 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 Fairfax County in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.


Fairfax County Department of Transportation staff will submit this policy statement to the County's Board of Supervisors and all relevant departments and agencies within the County. Fairfax County also distributes this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work on FTA assisted contracts. The information will be available on the County's website, to ensure accessibility to any interested parties.

Director's Commitment to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program

I, Tom Biesiadny, Director of the Fairfax County Department of Transportation, will take Affirmative Action to ensure that DBEs shall have maximum practical opportunity to participate in the performance of the contracts financed in whole or in part with funds derived from FTA.

I will direct the appropriate Fairfax County Department of Transportation staff to provide for the utilization of DBEs including financial institutions, and to use all practical means to ensure that DBEs have the maximum practical opportunity to complete for contract and subcontract work let by Fairfax County and supported by FTA funding.

In keeping with this commitment it is my pledge to work toward achieving the following DBE goals for the award of FTA assisted contracts. The goal for utilization of the DBE's shall be 17.7% of the value of construction, supply and consultant contract dollar amounts for FTA funded construction contracts during FY2016-2018.



Tom Biesiadny, Director
Fairfax County Department of Transportation

12/12/16

Date