

# DBE PROGRAM POLICY STATEMENT

## OBJECTIVES / POLICY STATEMENT - SECTION 26.1 & 26.25

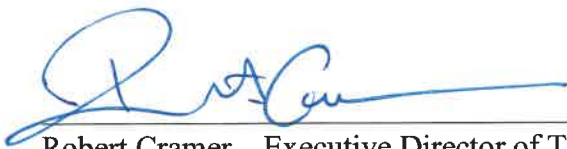
The Detroit Department of Transportation (DDOT) has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations, 49 CFR Part 26. DDOT has received Federal financial assistance from the DOT and, as a condition of receiving this assistance, has committed to complying with 49 CFR Part 26.

DDOT is committed to ensuring DBEs, as defined in Part 26, have equal opportunities to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. Our policy includes the following:

a) To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts within DDOT's transit financial assistance programs; b) To create a level playing field where DBEs can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts; c) To ensure DDOT's DBE Program is narrowly tailored in compliance with applicable law; d) To ensure that only firms meeting 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are allowed to participate as DBEs; e) To eliminate barriers hindering DBE participation in DOT-assisted contracts; f) To promote the use of DBEs in all federally-assisted contracts and procurement activities at DDOT; g) To support the development of firms that can compete successfully in the broader marketplace outside the DBE Program; h) To offer flexibility to recipients of Federal financial assistance in creating opportunities for DBEs.

DDOT's DBE Liaison Officer (DBELO), Alicia Miller, has direct, independent access to the Executive Director of Transportation regarding DBE program matters. Alicia Miller is responsible for overseeing all aspects of DDOT's DBE program. DDOT's Office of Compliance is adequately staffed to administer the program in compliance with these regulations.

This policy statement has been disseminated throughout DDOT and shared with the DBE and non-DBE business communities involved in DOT-assisted contracts.



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