

**DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE POLICY STATEMENT
KANSAS CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANCE GRANTS**

The Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA) has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26 "Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Program."

It is the policy of the KCATA to ensure that DBE's as defined in CFR Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is also KCATA's policy:

1. To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts;
2. To create a level playing field on which DBE's 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 Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBE's;
5. To help remove barriers to the participation of DBE's in DOT-assisted contracts; and
6. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside of the DBE Program.

Ms. Denise Bradshaw has been appointed as the DBE Liaison Officer. Ms. Bradshaw is responsible for implementing all aspects of the DBE program in cooperation with the KCATA Procurement Department. All executives and their management staff share in the responsibility for making KCATA's DBE Program a success.

Implementation of the DBE Program is accorded the same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by the KCATA in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

The KCATA has disseminated this policy statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for us on DOT-assisted contracts as part of the solicitation documents.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified officers of the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the policy statement adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on January 25, 2012.


Robbie Makinen, Board Chairman


Cheryl D. Floyd, Assistant Board Secretary