

## **DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE POLICY STATEMENT**

### **KANSAS CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANCE GRANTS**

**WHEREAS**, 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 Programs;" and

**WHEREAS**, The KCATA has received federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the KCATA has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26; and

**WHEREAS**, It is the policy of the KCATA to ensure that DBEs, 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 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 Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs,
5. To help 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; and

**WHEREAS**, It is the policy of the KCATA to implement an Affirmative Action Program, pursuant to 49 CFR Part 26; Section 106(c) of the Surface Transportation Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987; Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Circular 4716.1A, "Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Requirements for Recipients and Transit Vehicle Manufacturers," dated July 26, 1988; and Section 22(c), "Disadvantaged Business Enterprise," of the Standard FTA Grant Master Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, in the execution of any project, services, equipment, materials, supplies, construction, and professional services, the KCATA will not discriminate against any individual or organization on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, disability, or sex; and

**WHEREAS**, to the extent legally practicable and possible, the KCATA will ensure that all contractors that provide services, equipment, materials, supplies, construction, or professional services to the Authority will provide full employment opportunities to socially and economically disadvantaged individuals or organizations;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority that

1. The General Manager or the Deputy General Manager is authorized to execute and file all assurances and documents required by the U. S. Department of Transportation effectuation the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and
2. The General Manager or the Deputy General Manager is authorized to execute the policies stated above on behalf of the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority with the U. S. Department of Transportation, to ensure that socially and economically disadvantaged individuals or organizations have the opportunity to compete for services, equipment, materials, supplies, construction, and professional services; and is authorized to set forth and execute affirmative action policies in connection with the Authority's procurement needs; and
3. The DBE Manager is authorized to manage the DBE program on a daily basis; and
4. The KCATA has disseminated this policy statement to the Board of Commissioners and all of the components of our organization. We have distributed this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for us on DOT-assisted contracts as part of the solicitation/bid documents package.

### **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 May 24, 2006.



Chairman of the  
Board of Commissioners



Assistant Secretary of the  
Board of Commissioners