



City of Stamford DBE PROGRAM

POLICY STATEMENT

Section 26.1, 26.23 Objectives/Policy Statement

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

It is the policy of the City of Stamford, CT, to ensure that DBEs are defined in 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 Part 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.

The Grants Officer of the City of Stamford has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, she 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 Stamford in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

The City of Stamford has disseminated this policy statement to the Board of Finance and Board of Representatives and all of the components of our organization. We have distributed this statement to DBE and non-DBE communities that perform work for us on DOT-assisted contracts via the Stamford Purchasing Department website at <https://www.stamfordct.gov/purchasing> and the ProcureWare bidding system. This statement will be included in all DOT-assisted procurement packages.

David R. Martin, Mayor
City of Stamford

Date