

OBJECTIVES / POLICY STATEMENT (§26.1, §26.23)

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

It is the policy of the *City of Decorah* to ensure that DBE's, as defined in part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is also the City'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;
6. To promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally-assisted contracts and procurement activities;
7. To assist the firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE program; and
8. To provide appropriate flexibility to recipients of Federal financial assistance in establishing and providing opportunities for DBEs.

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

The *City of Decorah* has disseminated this policy statement to all the departments of its organization. It has distributed this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for it on DOT-assisted contracts. The statement will also be posted on the City of Decorah's website.

Mayor, City of Decorah

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