

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Statement

Objectives/Policy Statement

Municipality of Anchorage, 2025

The Municipality of Anchorage has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR 26. This program applies to all contracts funded wholly or in part with financial assistance from the federal DOT and its operating elements, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Additionally, this program complies with the requirements of Anchorage Municipal Code 7.60. It is the policy of the Municipality of Anchorage to ensure that DBEs, as defined in Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is also the Municipality's policy to:

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 promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally assisted contracts and procurement activities;
7. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE Program; and
8. To provide appropriate flexibility to recipients of Federal financial assistance in establishing and providing opportunities for DBEs.

The Director of the Office of Federal Compliance is delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer (DBELO), who has overall responsibility for the program. The DBELO occupies a program manager's position for the Municipality of Anchorage and has direct, independent access to the Chief Executive Officer, the Mayor. Implementation of the DBE program is accorded the same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by the Municipality of Anchorage in its financial assistance agreements with the federal DOT.

Department directors shall cooperate fully with the DBELO to ensure the successful operation of the DBE Program, including providing information and reports relevant to the implementation of the program. The Municipality of Anchorage has disseminated this policy statement to the Anchorage Municipal Assembly and to all Municipal Departments. This policy statement has also been distributed to the DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for Municipal DOT-assisted contracts and is posted on the municipal website of the Office of Federal Compliance.


Suzanne LaFrance, Mayor


Date