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DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

Objectives/Policy Statement

The Terre Haute Transit Utility has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 Code of Federal Regulate (CFR) Part 26. As a recipient of federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, Terre Haute Transit has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR, Part 26.

It is the policy of Terre Haute Transit to ensure that DBE's defined in 49 DFR, Part 26 have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT assisted contracts. The objectives of the DBE Program include:

1. To ensure non-discrimination in the award and administration of DOT assisted contracts;
2. To create a level playing field in 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 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 assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE program.

The Transportation Director has been designated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, the Director 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 Terre Haute Transit in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

If your business qualifies as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and has a product that Terre Haute Transit may currently be using or that may be of interest to Terre Haute Transit or, if you would like to be contacted when a bid for products or services is let, please contact Ken Whitesell at 244-2951 or by email at ken.whitesell@terrehaute.in.gov.