

## City of Bowling Green DBE Program

### Policy Statement

#### **Section 26.1, 26.23 Objectives/Policy Statement**

The City of Bowling Green established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulation of the US Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26 As a condition of receiving Federal financial assistance from, the City of Bowling Green has signed assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of the City of Bowling Green to ensure that DBEs, as defined in Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is 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 in the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE program.

The Purchasing Agent, Marilyn Parrigin, has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, Marilyn Parrigin 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 Bowling Green in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

The City of Bowling Green has disseminated this policy statement to its Board of Commissioners and to all 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 via US mail and/or electronic mail.

Bruce Wilkerson  
Bruce Wilkerson, Mayor

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