

Objectives/Policy Statement

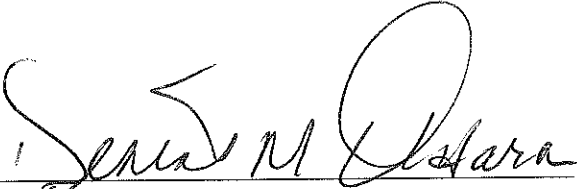
The Greater New Haven Transit District (GNHTD) has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26. GNHTD has received Federal financial assistance from the DOT and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the GNHTD has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of GNHTD 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 our 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; and
6. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.

The Deputy Director has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, the Deputy 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 GNHTD in its financial assistance agreements with the DOT.

GNHTD has disseminated this policy statement to the Board of Directors and have posted this statement internally.



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