

## 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 DBEs 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 DBEs;
5. To help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT assisted contracts; and
6. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.

Aida Lopez, Chief Compliance Officer, has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, the Chief Compliance Officer 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 Federal Transit Administration and all staff members within the organization who have relevant responsibilities. We have distributed this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities as well as firms that have performed work for us on DOT-assisted contracts and make reference to it as part of any bid or proposal solicitation undertaken for those contracts. We also include the District's DBE goal and the methodology for its calculation on our website.



Mario Marrero  
Executive Director

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Date