

CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI
DBE PROGRAM
POLICY STATEMENT

Section 26.1, 26.23: Objectives/Policy Statement

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

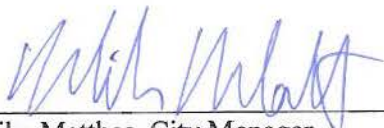
It is the policy of the City to ensure that DBEs as defined in part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is also our policy:

To ensure non-discrimination in the award and administration of DOT- assisted contracts. It is our policy to do the following:

1. To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts in the City's highway, transit and airport financial assistance programs;
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 the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program;

The Purchasing Agent, has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, the Purchasing Agent is responsible for implementing all aspects of the DBE program. Implementation of the DBE program is afforded the same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by the City in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

The City has disseminated this policy statement to the Columbia City Council and all of the components of our organization. We have distributed this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities in our area via the City of Columbia's website.



Mike Matthes, City Manager

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Date