



STATE of
RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
PROGRAM

FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2008

49 CFR PART 26

Definition of Terms

The terms used in this program have the meanings defined in 49 CFR, 26.5. (Appendix F)

Objectives / Policy Statement 26.1, 26.23-26.27,26.37

It is the policy of the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) to ensure that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) as defined in Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) - assisted contracts. It is our policy:

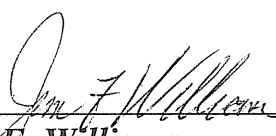
- To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of USDOT assisted contracts.
- To create a level playing field on which all businesses including DBEs can compete fairly for USDOT assisted contracts.
- To ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs.
- To help remove barriers to the participation of all businesses including DBEs in USDOT assisted contracts.
- To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.

The RIDOT Administrative Services Office is located at 2 Capitol Hill Room 106, Providence, RI 02903. Ms. Vanessa E. Crum, Esq. Administrator of the Office of Business and Community Resources (OBCR) has been designated as the DBE Liaison Officer, responsible for implementing all aspects of the DBE program. As DBE Liaison Officer, Ms. Crum has direct independent access to the Chief Executive Officer (Director).

Implementation of the DBE program is accorded the same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by RIDOT in its financial assistance agreements with the USDOT.

RIDOT has disseminated this policy statement to the Deputy Director, Division Administrators and all the components of our organization. We have distributed this statement to DBE and non-DBE contractors that perform work on USDOT -assisted contracts.

The policy statement is accessible through RIDOT's website.



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Director
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10/22/07
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