

Dutchess County Public Transit DBE Policy Statement

Objectives and Policy Statement

Dutchess County Public Transit, a service of Dutchess County Department of Public Works, Division of Public Transit, has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26. Dutchess County Public Transit has received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, Dutchess County Public Transit has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of Dutchess County Public Transit 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 Dutchess County Public Transit's policy to:

1. Ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT – assisted contracts;
2. Create a level playing field on which DBE's can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts;
3. Ensure that the DBE Program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
4. Ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs;
5. Help remove barriers to the participation of DBE's in DOT assisted contracts;
6. Assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.

The County Transit Administrator has been designated as the DBE Liaison Officer (DBELO). In that capacity, the DBELO 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 Dutchess County Public Transit, in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

Dutchess County Public Transit has disseminated this policy statement to Dutchess County Executive and all of the components of the organization. This statement has been distributed to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for Dutchess County Public Transit on DOT-assisted contracts. This distribution was conducted on Dutchess County Public Transit Website.

  
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Marcus Molinaro, County Executive

1/28/21  
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Michael Grattini, Public Transit Administrator

1/28/21  
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