

## POLICY STATEMENT

### **Section 26.1, 26.23 Objectives/Policy Statement**

The City of Fort Worth ("City") owner of Alliance, Meacham, and Spinks Airport(s)] 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:


1. To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT- assisted contracts;
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 promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally-assisted contracts and procurement activities;
7. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program; and
8. To provide appropriate flexibility to recipients of Federal financial assistance in establishing and providing opportunities for DBEs.

Business Development Manager, Office of Business Development Division, Economic Development Department has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, the Business Development Manager 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 the City in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

The City has disseminated this policy statement to the Mayor and City Council and all of the components of our organization. We have distributed this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for us on DOT-assisted contracts. The distribution was accomplished by:

1. Public Notice posted on the City's Calendar and bulletin board
2. FAA DBE Public Informational Forum meeting held August 15, 2017
3. City 's Monthly Informational Vendor Forum
4. Posting distributed through North Central Texas Regional Certification Agency to 3,300 DBE, M/WBE and SBE member businesses,
5. Interviews with small businesses at US Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce Business Networker held on August 11, 2017 and distribution of Posting.
6. DBE Program Goals and Methodology posted on the Office of Business Diversity website [www.fortworthtexas.gov/businessdiversity](http://www.fortworthtexas.gov/businessdiversity)

  
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