



## DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES POLICY

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### *Definitions of Terms*

The terms used in this program have the meanings defined in 49 CFR 26.5.

### Objectives/Policy Statement (26.1, 26.23)

The Metropolitan Tulsa Transit Authority 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 Metropolitan Tulsa Transit Authority has received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the Metropolitan Tulsa Transit Authority has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of the Metropolitan Tulsa Transit Authority 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 the DBE Program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
3. To ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs;
4. To help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT-assisted contracts; and
5. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE Program.

Lynn Blythe has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, she 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 Metropolitan Tulsa Transit Authority in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

We will distribute this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for us on DOT-assisted contracts, partners, and business communities of Metropolitan Tulsa Transit Authority.

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William Cartwright, General Manager/CEO

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