

**Berkshire Regional Transit Authority
DBE Program – 49 CFR §26
FY 2017 – 2019 DBE Program**

POLICY STATEMENT

Section 26.1, 26.23 Objectives/Policy Statement

The Berkshire Regional Transit Authority (BRTA) has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR §26. The BRTA has received Federal financial assistance from the DOT and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the BRTA has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR §26.

It is the policy of the BRTA to ensure that DBEs as defined in §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 CFT §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 BRTA Administrator is responsible for the formulation and monitoring of the policies and procedures of the DBE Program Plan. The Office Manager will be responsible for the development, implementation, compliance and record keeping function associated with this program. The Assistant Administrator fully intends to see that the provision of the DBE Program Plan are thoroughly understood by all suppliers, vendors, contractors and subcontractors and addressed in both the spirit and letter of the final rule.

The BRTA has disseminated this policy statement to the BRTA Advisory Board 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.

This policy statement will posted to the BRTA website, and accompany all future DOT-assisted solicitations.



Robert Malnati, Administrator

9/29/16

Date