



# 49 CFR Part 26 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program

## Transit Agency DBE Program Policy Statement

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

The Baltimore County, Maryland, a body corporate and politic (Baltimore County, Maryland) has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26. Baltimore County, Maryland has received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the Baltimore County, Maryland has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of Baltimore County, Maryland to ensure that DBEs are defined in Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT and Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA)-assisted contracts. It is also our policy:

- To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of MDOT MTA- assisted contracts;
- To create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for MDOT MTA-assisted contracts;
- To ensure that the DBE Program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
- 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 DBEs in MDOT MTA-assisted contracts;
- To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.
- To promote competition, eliminate obstacles, and increase opportunities for Small Business Enterprises (SBEs) to participate as prime contractors on contracts without competing with larger, more established businesses.

Baltimore County Minority and Small Business Program Manager has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, Baltimore County Minority and Small Business Program 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 Baltimore County, Maryland in its financial assistance agreements with the MDOT MTA.

Baltimore County, Maryland has disseminated this policy statement to the Baltimore County 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 MDOT MTA- assisted contracts. The information will be disseminated by email directly to DBE and non-DBE business community, advocacy offices, posted on the Baltimore County website, posted in the electronic compliance reporting tool and on eMaryland Marketplace.

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Date