

SOUTH PORTLAND BUS SERVICE
South Portland, Maine

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) PROGRAM

Effective Date: October 1, 2014
Covering Federal Fiscal Years 2015, 2016, and 2017

POLICY STATEMENT

Definitions of Terms

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

Objectives /Policy Statement (26.1, 26.23) (Citations refer to 49 CFR Parts)

The South Portland Bus Service, an operating entity of the Department of Transportation of the City of South Portland, Maine (SPBS), has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26. SPBS has received Federal financial assistance from the DOT, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, SPBS has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26 (attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment A).

It is the policy of the SPBS to ensure that DBEs, as defined in Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is also the SPBS's 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; and,
6. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE Program.

Arthur L. Handman, SPBS Director, has been designated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, he 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 SPBS in its financial assistance agreements with the DOT.

The SPBS has disseminated this policy to the City Council of the City of South Portland and all the components of the SPBS's organization. The SPBS has distributed this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for us on DOT-assisted contracts via first class mail and notices in a general circulation newspaper. It has been determined that there are no newspapers or community groups that serve minority businesses in South Portland.



James H. Gailey
City Manager

Dated: June 3, 2016