

ATTACHMENT 1

Central Oklahoma Transportation and Parking Authority (COTPA)
DBE Program Policy Statement
Effective 10-01-2011

Section 26.1, 26.23 Objectives/Policy Statement

The Central Oklahoma Transportation and Parking Authority (COTPA) – doing business as EMBARK – has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26. COTPA has received Federal financial assistance from the DOT, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, COTPA has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of COTPA to ensure that DBEs, as defined in part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is also COTPA'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;
6. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program; and
7. To utilize various means that help reach out to small businesses and make it easier for them to compete for DOT-assisted contracts as suggested in Section 26.39.

Larry Hopper has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer (DBELO). The DBELO 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 COTPA in its financial assistance agreements with the DOT.

COTPA will disseminate this policy statement to the COTPA Board of Trustees and all the correct components of COTPA's organization. COTPA will distribute this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work on DOT-assisted contracts. COTPA includes this statement in all bid and proposal documents and distributes copies to the bidders and proposers at all pre-bid/pre-proposal meetings for DOT-assisted contracts. COTPA also posts this statement on bulletin boards at various COTPA facilities and on the COTPA website at www.embarkok.com. Information about COTPA's DBE Program may also be obtained by contacting COTPA's DBELO at 405.297.3935 or larry.hopper@okc.gov.



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