

OBJECTIVES / POLICY STATEMENT (§26.1, §26.23)

The *City of Newton* (City) 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 *City of Newton* has received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the *City of Newton* has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of the *City of Newton* to ensure that DBE's, as defined in part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is also the City's policy:

1. To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts;
2. To create a level playing field on which DBE's 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 DBE's;
5. To help remove barriers to the participation of DBE's in DOT assisted contracts;
6. To promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally-assisted contracts and procurement activities;
7. To assist the firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE program; and
8. To provide appropriate flexibility to recipients of Federal financial assistance in establishing and providing opportunities for DBEs.

Keith Laube, Public Works Director, has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, *Keith Laube* 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 *City of Newton* in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

The *City of Newton* has disseminated this policy statement to all the departments of its organization. It has distributed this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for it on DOT-assisted contracts. The statement will also be published in the *Newton Daily News*.



Mayor, City of Newton
Pro Tem

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