



POLICY STATEMENT – (49 CFR PART 26)

DTC Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Policy Statement

The Detroit Transportation Corporation (DTC) has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), 49 CFR Part 26. The DTC is a recipient of Federal financial assistance from USDOT through several programs of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the DTC has signed assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of the DTC to ensure that DBEs, as defined in 49 CFR Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in USDOT-assisted contracts. It is also our policy:

1. To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of USDOT-assisted contracts;
2. To create a level playing on which DBEs can compete fairly for USDOT-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 USDOT-assisted contracts;
6. To promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally assisted contracts and procurement activities conducted by the DTC; and
7. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE Program.

The DBE Liaison Officer (“DBELO”) is responsible for implementing all aspects of the DBE Program. The DTC’s DBELO has been delegated to the following individual:

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As the DBELO, the DTC's Deputy General Manager, **Ernest Latham** is responsible for implementing, overseeing and carrying out the DBE duties and responsibilities and all aspects of the DTC's DBE Program. Implementation of the DBE Program is accorded the same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by the DTC in its financial assistance agreements with the USDOT.

This policy statement has been disseminated to the DTC's City Council, the DTC's employees, all contractors and subcontractors with whom the agency does business, to disadvantaged business organizations, non-disadvantaged business organizations and community organizations in the surrounding areas, etc. This policy statement is also posted on the agency's website at www.thepeoplemover.com. Answers to any questions pertaining to the DTC's DBE Program and DBE Policy Statement can be obtained by contacting the DTC's DBELO at **(313) 474-4770** and/or **DBE@thepeoplemover.com**. All related correspondence can be sent to the DTC's Office located at:

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Robert Cramer
Chief Executive Officer

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Date