

Blue Water Area Transportation Commission

DBE Program Policy Statement

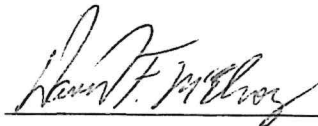
The Blue Water Area Transportation Commission (BWATC) has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26. BWATC has received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation,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

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

The General Manager of the BWATC has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer (DBELO). In that capacity, the General Manager is responsible for implementing all aspects of the DBE Program. The General Manager may be reached at 2021 Lapeer Ave., Port Huron, MI 48060 or (810)-987-7373. Implementation of the DBE Program is accorded the same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by the BWATC in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

BWATC has disseminated this policy statement to the BWATC Board of Commissioners and all managers of our organization. We have distributed this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for us on DOT-assisted contracts through legal notices published in the local newspaper and direct mail.

 2/10/2025

David F. McElroy, General Manager      Date