

POLICY STATEMENT

Section 26.1, 26.23 Objectives/Policy Statement

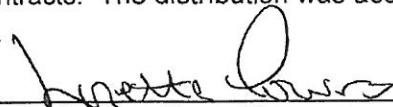
The Town of Bethel (sponsor) of Bethel Regional Airport has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), 49 CFR Part 26. The Town of Bethel has received Federal financial assistance from the USDOT, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, The Town of Bethel has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of the Town of Bethel 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 promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally-assisted contracts and procurement activities;
7. To assist the development of 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.

The Town Manager has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, Loretta Powers 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 Town of Bethel in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

The Town of Bethel will disseminate this policy statement to the Board of Selectmen and this statement will be published on the Town's internet website. We have distributed this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for us on DOT-assisted contracts. The distribution was accomplished by publishing on the Town's website.



Loretta Powers, Town Manager

10/19/2020
Date