

Port Authority of Allegheny County Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Policy Statement

It is the policy of Port Authority of Allegheny County to ensure Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), as defined in 49 CFR Part 26, have the opportunity to receive and participate in Department of Transportation (DOT) assisted contracts. It is also our policy to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT assisted contracts. Port Authority's goals are: to create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts; to ensure that the DBE program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law; to ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs; to help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT-assisted contracts; and to assist with the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE program.

The DBE Contract Compliance Officer from the Office of Equal Opportunity will administer the DBE Program. In this capacity, the DBE Contract Compliance Officer is responsible for implementing all aspects of the DBE program. Implementation of the DBE program is accorded the same priority and requires the same compliance as with all other legal obligations incurred by Port Authority. All other divisions and departments will assist the DBE Contract Compliance Officer with implementing the policy.

Port Authority's Board of Directors has acted to improve upon the economic growth of the disadvantaged business enterprise community. Port Authority will persist in its commitment and efforts to seek opportunities to encourage increased participation.

The Port Authority Board of Directors hereby directs that this policy statement be circulated throughout the Port Authority and to socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, non-minority communities, and business organizations.

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