

**Missoula Urban Transportation District
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program
October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2025
Policy Statement**

The Missoula Urban Transportation District (MUTD) has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation, 49 CFR Part 26. MUTD has received federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation. As a condition of receiving this assistance, MUTD has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of MUTD to ensure that DBEs, as defined in part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in FTA-assisted contracts. It is also our policy:

1. To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of FTA-assisted contracts.
2. To create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for FTA-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 FTA-assisted contracts.
6. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE Program.

Darlene Craven has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, she is responsible for implementing all aspects of the DBE program. Implementing the DBE program is accorded the same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by MUTD in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

MUTD has disseminated this policy statement to the MUTD Board of Directors and all the components of the organization. We have distributed this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for MUTD on DOT-assisted contracts by publishing the statement on the MUTD website, in the *Missoulian* newspaper, and in *Mass Transit* magazine.



Corey Aldridge, General Manager

12/27/2023
Date



Darlene Craven, DBE Liaison Officer

12/27/2023
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