

CAMERON COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY
DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE POLICY STATEMENT

The Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority (“CCRMA”) has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (“DBE”) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (“DOT”), 49 C.F.R. Part 26. The CCRMA has received, or will receive, federal financial assistance for DOT, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the CCRMA has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 C.F.R. Part 26.

It is the policy of the CCRMA to ensure that DBEs, as defined in 49 C.F.R. Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is also CCRMA 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 C.F.R. Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs;
5. to help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT-assisted contracts; and
6. to assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.

The CCRMA Interim Executive Director has been designated as the CCRMA DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, the Interim Executive Director 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 CCRMA in its financial assistance agreements with DOT.

The CCRMA has disseminated this policy statement to members of the CCRMA Board of Directors and all of the components of the regional mobility authority. CCRMA has also distributed this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for us on DOT-assisted contracts. Such distribution was undertaken via publications on the CCRMA web site, by publication, and via reference in targeted mailings to DBE businesses in the South Texas region.

Pete Sepulveda, Jr., Interim Executive Director

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