



## **Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Policy Statement**

The Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IPTC) has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26. IPTC has received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation. As a condition of receiving this assistance, IPTC has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of IPTC 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 in the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE Program; and
8. To provide appropriate flexibility to recipients of Federal financial assistance in establishing and providing opportunities for DBEs.

This Policy Statement is a modification to the DBE Program currently on file with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announcing that Supplier Diversity Program Manager has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer.

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In this capacity, the Supplier Diversity Program Manager is responsible for implementing all aspects of the DBE Program. This implementation has the same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by IPTC in its financial assistance agreements with the DOT.

IPTC has disseminated this policy statement to the FTA, the IPTC governing board of officials, and all our organization's components. We have also distributed this statement via e-mail, U.S. Mail, and personal delivery to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for us on DOT-assisted contracts.



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Jennifer Pyrz, President and CEO

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