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## **POL-406 DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE)**

Mason Transit Authority (MTA) has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26. MTA has received Federal financial assistance from the DOT, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, MTA has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

### **1.0 Purpose**

It is the policy of MTA to ensure that DBEs as defined in Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT–assisted contracts. This policy applies to all MTA employees administering CFR 49 Part 26 contracts.

### **2.0 Policy**

- To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT–assisted contracts; and
- To create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts; and
- To ensure that the DBE Program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law; and
- To ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs; and
- To help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT assisted contracts; and
- To promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally-assisted contracts and procurement activities conducted by recipients; and
- To assist in the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE Program; and
- To provide appropriate flexibility to recipients of Federal financial assistance in establishing and providing opportunities for DBEs.

### **3.0 Responsibility**

MTA has delegated the Administrative Services Manager as the DBE Liaison Officer to be responsible for implementation and overall responsibility of the DBE program. Implementation and execution of the DBE program is accorded the same priority and compliance with all other



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legal obligations incurred by MTA in its financial assistance agreements with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT).

MTA has disseminated this policy statement to the MTA Board of Directors, General Manager, DBE Liaison Officer, and all other individuals responsible for purchasing and initiating contracts as defined in Part 26. We have distributed this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for us on DOT-assisted contracts. This statement will initially be distributed with payment methods to our current vendors and thereafter this statement will be mailed, faxed or emailed to potential vendors and/or contractors. When significant changes are made MTA will redistribute.