



FOSTERING SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION

Statement of Policy

The Luzerne County Transportation Authority ("The LCTA" or "The Authority") has included an element within its Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program to structure contracting opportunities to facilitate completion by small business concerns in accordance with the regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26.39. The Authority receives Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the Authority signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26. Furthermore, the Authority is committed to fostering small business enterprise participation in the procurement of goods and services.

It is the policy of the Authority to ensure that small business concerns, as defined in Part 26, have an opportunity to receive and participate in contracting and procurement activities of the Authority, including all DOT-assisted contracts. It is also our policy:

1. To facilitate competition by small business concerns by taking all reasonable steps to eliminate obstacles to their participation, including unnecessary and unjustified bundling of contract requirements.
2. To encourage staff to identify small business concerns that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards and facilitate the competition of such concerns in the Authority's contracting opportunities for the supply of goods and services.
3. To foster and enhance small business participation in a non-discriminatory and race-neutral manner.

The Executive Director of the Authority shall be responsible for the implementation of this policy. This responsibility shall include ensuring the fostering of small business participation in the competition for contracting opportunities, designating a DBE Liaison Officer (DBELO) as responsible for the implementation of this policy, reviewing on a periodic basis the participation by small business concerns in the Authority's contracting opportunities and ensuring consistency in the implementation of this policy with sound procurement principles and applicable laws.

The Authority has disseminated this Statement of Policy to the Board of Directors and all staff responsible for the procurement of goods and services.

By: Valerie K. Kepner
Board Chairperson

July 25, 2017

Date

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Executive Director