

## DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) PROGRAM PURSUANT TO 49 CFR PART 26

### §26.23 POLICY STATEMENT

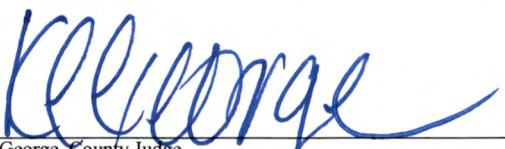
Fort Bend County (herein referred to as the "County") has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26, for the Fort Bend County Public Transportation (FBCPT) Department. The County has received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the County has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of the County 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 to:

1. Ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts;
2. Create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts;
3. Ensure that the DBE Program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
4. Ensure only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs;
5. Help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT-assisted contracts; and
6. Assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE Program.

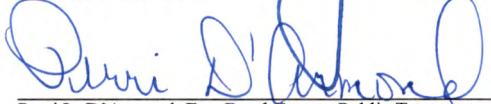
FBCPT designates the Procurement and Contracts Manager as the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Liaison Officer (DBELO). In that capacity, the DBELO is responsible for implementing all aspects of the DBE program. Implementation of the DBE program is accorded the same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by the County in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

The County Commissioners Court has approved this document, and the DBELO will disseminate this policy statement to all affected County Departments. The DBELO will also distribute this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for the County on FTA-assisted contracts in the same period. This distribution will be accomplished through the publication of the program on the County's website and by regular or electronic mail to all affected parties.

  
KP George, County Judge

2/26/2025  
Date

REVIEWED BY:

  
Perri L. D'Armond, Fort Bend County Public Transportation Director

2/18/25  
Date