

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE)

Objective/Policy Statement

The Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization (CYMPO) has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with the regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DO), 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of CYMPO to ensure that it follows the Arizona Department of Transportation DBE's definition in part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is also our policy:

- A. To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of ADOT/FTA – assisted contracts;
- B. To create a level playing field on which DBE's can compete fairly for ADOT/FTA – assisted contracts;
- C. To ensure that the DBE program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
- D. To ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBE's;
- E. To help remove barriers to the participation of DBE's in ADOT/FTA assisted contracts;
- F. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE program.
- G. The Arizona Department of Transportation Civil Rights Administrator is responsible for implementing all aspects of the ADOT DBE Program. Implementation of the DBE program is accorded the same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by CYMPO in its financial assistance agreements with the Arizona Department of Transportation.

CYMPO has disseminated this policy statement to the Transit Technical Advisory Committee (T-TAC) and the Executive Board of our organization. This distribution is posted on the CYMPO webpage and supplied to ADOT.

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