

**CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
TRANSIT DEPARTMENT – ABQ RIDE**

**DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM
JANUARY 2022**

POLICY STATEMENT

The City of Albuquerque – Transit Department (ABQ RIDE) has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26 and, accordingly, establishes annual DBE participation goals. ABQ RIDE has received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, ABQ RIDE has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of ABQ RIDE to ensure that DBEs, as defined in part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT–assisted contracts. Specifically, 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 assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.

The ABQ RIDE Principal Planner has been designated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, the ABQ RIDE Principal Planner 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 ABQ RIDE in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

ABQ RIDE has disseminated this policy statement to the City of Albuquerque's Governing Body and all of the Divisions and Sections of our organization. ABQ RIDE will distribute this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for us on DOT-assisted contracts.


Stephanie Dominguez, Acting Director

1/12/22
Date