

Policy Statement

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the United States Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR part 26. IDOT has received federal financial assistance from DOT and, as a condition of receiving this assistance, IDOT has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR part 26.

It is the policy of IDOT 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 -

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; and
6. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE program.

IDOT has disseminated this policy statement and program document to the Federal Highway Administration and to all the components of IDOT. IDOT has also provided copies of this statement and program document to the Federal Aviation Administration and the Federal Transit Administration. IDOT has mailed this statement to DBE and non-DBE businesses that perform work for IDOT on DOT-assisted contracts. IDOT will continue to carry out this program until all funds from DOT financial assistance have been expended. Updates will be provided to DOT representing significant changes in the program.

Signed this 14 day of February 2012 in the City of Springfield, Illinois.


Ann L. Schneider, Secretary
Illinois Department of Transportation