

FOSTERING SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION

SOUTH CENTRAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Policy Statement

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

It is the policy of SCTA to ensure that small business concerns, as defined in Part 26, have an opportunity to receive and participate in contracting and procurement activities of SCTA, 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.
- 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 SCTA'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 SCTA 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 the DBE Liaison Officer as responsible for the implementation of this policy, reviewing on a periodic basis the participation by small business concerns in SCTA's contracting opportunities and ensuring consistency in the implementation of this policy with sound procurement principles and applicable laws.

SCTA has disseminated this policy statement to the Board of Directors and all staff responsible for the procurement of goods and services.

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Date



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