



## POLICY STATEMENT

### Section 26.1, 26.23 Objectives/Policy Statement

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations 49 CFR Part 26. VTA has received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, VTA has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.


It is the policy of VTA 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;
6. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.

Sylvester Fadal, Deputy Director of Human Resources and Diversity Programs, has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, Sylvester Fadal 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 VTA in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

VTA has disseminated this Policy Statement to the VTA Board of Directors and all of the components of our organization. We have distributed this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for VTA on DOT-assisted contracts in the following ways:

1. A copy of the policy statement has been posted on the VTA website, [www.VTA.org](http://www.VTA.org) and through electronic notifications to DBE firms.
2. A copy of this policy statement was made available to each attendee of all pre-bid meetings dealing with covered contracting opportunities.
3. This policy statement and the entire program will be made an appendix to the VTA Contracts and Materials Management (Camm) Desktop Procedures Manual.

  
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