

## FRANKLIN COUNTY RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

### DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) POLICY STATEMENT

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

It is the policy of the Franklin County Rural Planning Organization to ensure that DBE's 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 DBE's 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 DBE's;
5. To help remove barriers to the participation of DBE's in DOT assisted contracts;
6. To assist in the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.

The Franklin County Planning Department has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, the planning department 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 the Franklin County Rural Planning Organization in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

The Franklin County Rural Planning Organization has disseminated this policy statement to the Franklin County Board of Commissioners and all of the components of our organization. We have distributed this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for us on DOT-assisted contracts. This policy statement is listed on our website at [www.co.franklin.pa.us](http://www.co.franklin.pa.us).



Robert L. Thomas, Chairman  
Franklin County Rural Planning Organization

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