

Oregon Department of Transportation
Policy Statement
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is committed to a Civil Rights Program that includes participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) in ODOT contracting opportunities. ODOT has established a DBE program in accordance with U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) regulations 49 CFR Part 26, as amended in 2014 and effective as of November 3, 2014.

It is ODOT's policy never to exclude any person from participation in, deny any person the benefits of, or otherwise discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, or disability in the award and administration of USDOT-assisted contracts. It is ODOT's policy to ensure DBEs, as defined in 49 CFR Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in USDOT-assisted contracts. It is also our policy to:

1. Ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of USDOT-assisted contracts;
2. Create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for USDOT-assisted contracts;
3. Ensure the DBE program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
4. Ensure only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs;
5. Help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in USDOT-assisted contracts;
6. Promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally-assisted contracts and procurement activities conducted by recipients
7. Assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE program; and
8. Provide appropriate flexibility to recipients of Federal financial assistance in establishing and providing opportunities for DBEs.

The Director of ODOT establishes the DBE policy for the department. The Manager of the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) is delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, the Manager of OCR, in coordination with all ODOT personnel, 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 ODOT in its financial assistance agreements with the USDOT. It is the expectation of the Director that all ODOT personnel shall adhere to the intent as well as the provisions and procedures of the DBE Program.

ODOT circulates this policy to the following in accordance with the DBE program: (1) The Oregon Transportation Commission, (2) ODOT personnel involved with USDOT-assisted work, (3) Members of the DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform or are interested in performing work on ODOT contracts. The complete DBE Program and the overall goal calculation reports are available for review at:

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<https://www.oregon.gov/odot/Business/OCR/Pages/Disadvantaged-Business-Enterprise.aspx>

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