

City of Madera
DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) PROGRAM
POLICY STATEMENT

The City of Madera (the "City") has established a DBE program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26. The City has received Federal financial assistance from DOT, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the City has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of the City 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 the City's policy:

- a) to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts.
- b) to create a level playing field on which DBE's can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts,
- c) to ensure that their annual overall DBE participation percentage is narrowly tailored, in accordance with applicable law,
- d) to ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR, Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs,
- e) to help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT-assisted contracts,
- f) to assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program; and

Keith Helmuth, City Engineer, has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, Mr. Helmuth 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 City in its financial assistance agreements with DOT.

This policy statement has been disseminated to the City's Mayor, all members of the City Council, and all City departments. The City is distributing the statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform, or are anticipated to perform, work for the City on DOT-assisted contracts, via publication in the local newspaper, in the MWDVBE (Minority, Women, Disadvantaged Veterans Business Enterprise) web-based weekly newsletter published by Eldridge Bid Reporter, and on the City's web site.

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City Engineer

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Date