

## POLICY STATEMENT

### Section 26.1, 26.23 Objectives/Policy Statement

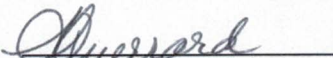
The Town of Whitefield (sponsor) of Mt. Washington Municipal Airport has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), 49 CFR Part 26. The Town of Whitefield has received Federal financial assistance from the USDOT, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, The Town of Whitefield has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of the Town of Whitefield 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 promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally-assisted contracts and procurement activities;
7. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program; and
8. To provide appropriate flexibility to recipients of Federal financial assistance in establishing and providing opportunities for DBEs.

Judy Ramsdell, Administrative Assistant, has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, Judy 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 Town of Whitefield in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

The Town of Whitefield has disseminated this policy statement to the members of the Board of Selectmen and all the components of our organization. This statement has been distributed to DBE and non-DBE business communities that may perform work on the Town of Whitefield DOT-assisted contracts. A copy of this policy is posted on the Town's website and a hard copy is available for public viewing at the Mt. Washington Municipal Airport.



Abigail Querrard  
Chairperson, Board of Selectmen

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Date