

49 CFR Part 26 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program

DBE Program

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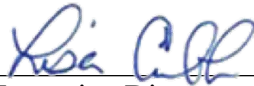
The Southern Georgia Regional Commission (SGRC) has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26. SGRC has received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as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

It is the policy of SGRC to ensure that DBEs are 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.

The SGRC Deputy Executive Director of Human Services has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, the SGRC Deputy Executive Director of Human Services 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 SGRC Deputy Executive Director of Human Services in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

SGRC Deputy Executive Director of Human Services has disseminated this policy statement to the SGRC Council and all of the components of our organization. We have distributed this statement via email to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for us on DOT-assisted contracts.



Executive Director

09/28/2023
Date

SUBPART A - General Requirements

Section 26.1 Objectives

The objectives are found in the policy statement on the first page of this program.

Section 26.3 Applicability

The SGRC is the recipient of federal -aid highway funds authorized under Titles I and V of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA), Pub. L. 102-240, 105 Stat. 1914, Titles I, III, and V of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21, Pub. L. 105-178, 112 Stat. 107.

The SGRC is the recipient of federal transit funds authorized by Titles I, III, V, and VI of ISTEA, Pub. L. 102-240 or by Federal transit laws in Title 49, U.S. Code, or Titles I, II, and V of the Teas-21, Pub. L. 105-178.

Section 26.5 Definitions

The SGRC will adopt the definitions contained in 49 CFR 26.5 for this program.

Section 26.7 Non-discrimination Requirements

The SGRC will never exclude any person from participation in, deny any person the benefits of, or otherwise discriminate against anyone in connection with the award and performance of any contract covered by 49 CFR part 26 on the basis of race, color, sex, or national origin.

In administering its DBE program, the SGRC will not, directly or through contractual or other arrangements, use criteria or methods of administration that have the effect of defeating or substantially impairing accomplishment of the objectives of the DBE program with respect to individuals of a particular race, color, sex, or national origin.

Section 26.11 Record Keeping Requirements

Reporting to DOT: 26.11(b)

We will report DBE participation to DOT as follows: SGRC - We will report DBE participation on a quarterly basis, using DOT Form 4630. These reports will reflect payments actually made to DBEs on DOT-assisted contracts.

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Bidders List: 26.11(c)

The SGRC will create a bidders list, consisting of information about all DBE and non-DBE firms that bid or quote on DOT-assisted contracts. The purpose of this requirement is to allow use of

the bidder's list approach to calculating overall goals. The bidder list will include the name, address, DBE non-DBE status, age, and annual gross receipts of firms.

We will collect this information by including a contract clause requiring prime bidders to report the names/addresses, and possibly other information, of all firms who quote to them on subcontracts.

Section 26.13 Federal Financial Assistance Agreement

SGRC has signed the following assurances, applicable to all DOT-assisted contracts and their administration:

Assurance: 26.13(a)

SGRC shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the award and performance of any DOT assisted contract or in the administration of its DBE Program or the requirements of 49 CFR part 26. The recipient shall take all necessary and reasonable steps under 49 CFR part 26 to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT assisted contracts. The recipient's DBE Program, as required by 49 CFR part 26 and as approved by DOT, is incorporated by reference in this agreement. Implementation of this program is a legal obligation and failure to carry out its terms shall be treated as a violation of this agreement. Upon notification to the SGRC of its failure to carry out its approved program, the Department may impose sanction as provided for under part 26 and may, in appropriate cases, refer the matter for enforcement under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and/or the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 (31 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.).

This language will appear in financial assistance agreements with sub-recipients.

Contract Assurance: 26.13b

SGRC will ensure that the following clause is placed in every DOT-assisted contract and subcontract:

The contractor, sub-recipient, or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR part 26 in the award and administration of DOT assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate.

SUBPART B - ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Section 26.21 DBE Program Updates

Since the SGRC has received a grant of \$250,000 or more in FTA planning capital, and or operating assistance in a federal fiscal year, and FHWA planning assistance under 23 USC 134 and 23 USC 135, we will continue to carry out this program until all funds from DOT financial assistance have been expended. We will provide to DOT updates representing significant changes in the program.

Section 26.23 Policy Statement

The Policy Statement is elaborated on the first page of this program.

Section 26.25 DBE Liaison Officer (DBELO)

We have designated the following individual as our DBE Liaison Officer:

Name & Title: Roberta Lovett, SGRC Deputy Executive Director of Human Services

Address: 1725 South GA Parkway, W. Waycross, GA 31503

Phone: (912) 285-6097

Email: rlovett@sgrc.us

In that capacity, the DBELO is responsible for implementing all aspects of the DBE program and ensuring that the SGRC complies with all provision of 49 CFR Part 26. The DBELO has direct, independent access to the Executive Director concerning DBE program matters. An organization chart displaying the DBELO's position in the organization is found in Attachment 1 to this program.

The DBELO is responsible for developing, implementing and monitoring the DBE program, in coordination with other appropriate officials. The DBELO does not have a staff to assist in the administration of the program. The duties and responsibilities include the following:

1. Gathers and reports statistical data and other information as required by DOT.
2. Reviews third party contracts and purchase requisitions for compliance with this program.
3. Works with all departments to set overall annual goals.
4. Ensures that bid notices and requests for proposals are available to DBEs in a timely manner.
5. Identifies contracts and procurements so that DBE goals are included in solicitations (both race-neutral methods and contract specific goals attainment and identifies ways to improve progress.
6. Analyzes SGRC's progress toward attainment and identifies ways to improve progress.
7. Participates in pre-bid meetings.
8. Advises the CEO\governing body on DBE matters and achievement.
9. Chairs the DBE Advisory Committee.
10. Participates in pre-bid meetings.

11. Provides DBEs with information and assistance in preparing bids, obtaining bonding and insurance.
12. Plans and participates in DBE training seminars.
13. Certifies DBEs according to the criteria set by DOT and acts as liaison to the Uniform Certification Process in Georgia.
14. Provides outreach to DBEs and community organizations to advise them of opportunities.
15. Maintains the SGRC's updated directory on certified DBEs.

Section 26.27 DBE Financial Institutions

It is the policy of the SGRC to investigate the full extent of services offered by financial institutions owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals in the community, to make reasonable efforts to use these institutions, and to encourage prime contractors on DOT-assisted contract to make use of these institutions. We have made the following efforts to identify and use such institutions: we periodically review the FDIC minority depository institution list.

To date we have identified the following such institutions: none

Information on the availability of such institutions can be obtained from the DBE Liaison Officer.

Section 26.29 Prompt Payment Mechanisms

The SGRC will include the following clause in each DOT-assisted prime contract:

The prime contractor agrees to pay each subcontractor under this prime contract for satisfactory performance of its contract no later than 30 days from the receipt of each payment the prime contract receives from SGRC. The prime contractor agrees further to return retainage payments to each subcontractor within 30 days after the subcontractor's work is satisfactorily completed. Any delay or postponement of payment from the above referenced time frame may occur only for good cause following written approval of the SGRC. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontracts.

Section 26.31 Directory

The State of Georgia Uniform Certification Program (UCP) is operational, and the SGRC will participate in the combined directory. The Georgia Department of Transportation maintains this UCP. The process for firms to become certified is available through the Georgia Department of Transportation. The UCP lists the firm's name, address, phone number, most recent certification, and the type of work for which the firm wishes to be considered. The directory is updated periodically, and is made available to contractors and the public. The UCP will be the primary source for the SGRC to seek DBE firms.

Section 26.33 Overconcentration

SGRC has not identified that overconcentration exists in the types of work that DBEs

perform.

Section 26.35 Business Development Programs

SGRC has not established a business development program.

Section 26.37 Monitoring and Enforcement Mechanisms

The SGRC will take the following monitoring and enforcement mechanisms to ensure compliance with 49 CFR Part 26.

1. We will bring to the attention of the Department of Transportation any false, fraudulent, or dishonest conduct in connection with the program, so that DOT can take the steps (e.g., referral to the Department of Justice for criminal prosecution, referral to the DOT Inspector General, action under suspension and debarment or Program Fraud and Civil Penalties rules) provided in 26.109.
2. We will consider similar action under our own legal authorities, including responsibility determinations in future contracts. Attachment 3 lists the regulation, provisions, and contract remedies available to us in the events of non-compliance with the DBE regulation by a participant in our procurement activities.
3. We will also provide a monitoring and enforcement mechanism to verify that work committed to DBEs at contract award is actually performed by the DBEs. This will be accomplished by in-the-field inspections and monitoring.
4. We will keep a running tally of actual payments to DBE firms for work committed to them at the time of contract award.

SUBPART C - GOALS, GOOD FAITH EFFORTS, AND COUNTING

Section 26.43 Set-asides or Quotas

The SGRC does not use quotas in any way in the administration of this DBE program.

Section 26.45 Overall Goals

A description of the methodology to calculate the overall goal and the goal calculations can be found in Attachment 4 to this program. This section of the program will be updated annually.

In accordance with Section 26.45(f) the SGRC will submit its overall goal to DOT on August 1 of each year. Before establishing the overall goal each year, SGRC will consult with the City of Valdosta Small Emerging Business Program and Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce to obtain information concerning the availability of disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged businesses, the effects of discrimination on opportunities for DBEs, and the SGRC's efforts to establish a level playing field for the participation of DBEs.

Following this consultation, we will publish a notice of the proposed overall goals, informing the public that the proposed goal and its rationale are available for inspection during normal business hours at your principal office for 30 days following the date of the notice, and informing the public that you and DOT will accept comments on the goals for 45 days from the date of the notice. The notice will appear on the SGRC website, newspapers of record and available minority focus media. Normally, we will issue this notice by June 1 of each year. The notice must include addresses to which comments may be sent and addresses (including offices and websites) where the proposal may be reviewed.

Our overall goal submission to DOT will include a summary of information and comments received during this public participation process and our responses.

We will begin using our overall goal on October 1 of each year, unless we have received other instructions from DOT. If we establish a goal on a project basis, we will begin using our goal by the time of the first solicitation for a DOT-assisted contract for the project.

Section 26.49 Transit Vehicle Manufacturers Goals

SGRC does not procure vehicles directly from manufacturers and therefore will not have a Transit Vehicle Manufacturer Goal.

Section 26.51(a-c) Breakout of Estimated Race-Neutral & Race-Conscious Participation

The breakout of estimated race-neutral and race-conscious participation can be found in Attachment 5 to this program. This section of the program will be updated annually when the

goal calculation is updated.

Section 26.51(d-g) Contract Goals

The SGRC will use contract goals to meet any portion of the overall goal SGRC does not project being able to meet using race-neutral means. Contract goals are established so that, over the period to which the overall goal applies, they will cumulatively result in meeting any portion of our overall goal that is not projected to be met through the use of race-neutral means.

We will establish contract goals only on those DOT-assisted contracts that have subcontracting possibilities. We need not establish a contract goal on every such contract, and the size of contract goals will be adapted to the circumstances of each such contract (e.g., type and location of work, availability of DBEs to perform the particular type of work.)

We will express our contract goals as a percentage of the Federal share of a DOT-assisted contract.

Section 26.53 Good Faith Efforts Procedures

Demonstration of good faith efforts (26.53(a) & (c))

The obligation of the bidder/offeror is to make good faith efforts. The bidder/offeror can demonstrate that it has done so either by meeting the contract goal or documenting good faith efforts. Examples of good faith efforts are found in Appendix A to Part 26.

The following personnel are responsible for determining whether a bidder/offeror who has not met the contract goal has documented sufficient good faith efforts to be regarded as responsible.

We will ensure that all information is complete and accurate and adequately documents the bidder/offeror's good faith efforts before we commit to the performance of the contract by the bidder/offeror.

Information to be submitted (26.53(b))

SGRC treats bidder/offers' compliance with good faith efforts' requirements as a matter of responsibility.

Each solicitation for which a contract goal has been established will require the bidders/offerors to submit the following information:

1. The names and addresses of DBE firms that will participate in the contract;
2. A description of the work that each DBE will perform;
3. The dollar amount of the participation of each DBE firm participating;
4. Written and signed documentation of commitment to use a DBE subcontractor whose participation it submits to meet a contract goal;

5. Written and signed confirmation from the DBE that it is participating in the contract as provided in the prime contractor's commitment and
6. If the contract goal is not met, evidence of good faith efforts.

Administrative reconsideration (26.53(d))

Within 5 days of being informed by SGRC that it is not responsible because it has not documented sufficient good faith efforts, a bidder/offeror may request administrative reconsideration. Bidder/offerors should make this request in writing to the following reconsideration official: Southern Georgia Regional Commission, attn.: Roberta Lovett, Deputy Executive Director of Human Services, 1725 South GA Parkway, W. Waycross, GA 31503, (912) 285-6097, rllovet@sgrc.us. The reconsideration official will not have played any role in the original determination that the bidder/offeror did not document sufficient good faith efforts.

As part of this reconsideration, the bidder/offeror will have the opportunity to provide written documentation or argument concerning the issue of whether it met the goal or made adequate good faith efforts to do so. The bidder/offeror will have the opportunity to meet in person with our reconsideration official to discuss the issue of whether it met the goal or made adequate good faith efforts to do so. We will send the bidder/offeror a written decision on reconsideration, explaining the basis for finding that the bidder did or did not meet the goal or make adequate good faith efforts to do so. The result of the reconsideration process is not administratively appealable to the Department of Transportation.

Good Faith Efforts when a DBE is replaced on a contract (26.53(f))

SGRC will require a contractor to make good faith efforts to replace a DBE that is terminated or has otherwise failed to complete its work on a contract with another certified DBE, to the extent needed to meet the contract goal. We will require the prime contractor to notify the DBE Liaison officer immediately of the DBE's inability or unwillingness to perform and provide reasonable documentation.

In this situation, we will require the prime contractor to obtain our prior approval of the substitute DBE and to provide copies of new or amended subcontracts, or documentation of good faith efforts.

The following administrative remedy will be used for noncompliance (see 26.53(f)(3)). If the contractor fails or refuses to comply in the time specified, our contracting office will issue an order stopping all or part of payment/work until satisfactory action has been taken.

Sample Bid Specification:

The requirements of 49 CFR Part 26, Regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation, apply to this contract. It is the policy of the SGRC to practice nondiscrimination based on race, color, sex, or national origin in the award or performance of this contract. All firms qualifying under this solicitation are encouraged to submit bids/proposals. Award of this contract will be

conditioned upon satisfying the requirements of this bid specification. These requirements apply to all bidders/offerors, including those who qualify as a DBE. A DBE contract goal of 40.77 percent has been established for this contract. The bidder/offeror shall make good faith efforts, as defined in Appendix A, 49 CFR Part 26 (Attachment 1), to meet the contract goal for DBE participation in the performance of this contract.

The bidder/offeror will be required to submit the following information: (1) the names and addresses of DBE firms that will participate in the contract; (2) a description of the work that each DBE firm will perform; (3) the dollar amount of the participation of each DBE firm participating; (4) Written documentation of the bidder/offeror's commitment to use a DBE subcontractor whose participation it submits to meet the contract goal; (5) Written confirmation from the DBE that it is participating in the contract as provided in the commitment made under (4); and (5) if the contract goal is not met, evidence of good faith efforts.

Section 26.55 Counting DBE Participation

We will count DBE participation toward overall and contract goals as provided in 49 CFR 26.55.

SUBPART D - CERTIFICATION STANDARDS

Section 26.61 - 26.73 Certification Process

The SGRC does not certify DBEs.

SUBPART E - CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES

Section 26.81 Unified Certification Programs

The SGRC will rely primarily on the statewide Uniform Certification Process, and its policy for accepting certifications issued by other US DOT recipients under 49 CFR Part 26. The UCP will use the certification standards of Subpart D of Part 26 and the certification procedures of Subpart E of Part 26 to determine the eligibility of firms to participate as DBEs in DOT assisted contracts.

The SGRC has not certified any DBEs. All future certifications and recertifications will be completed through the UCP.

Section 26.83 Procedures for Certification Decisions

Re-certifications 26.83(a) & (c)

The SGRC does not certify DBEs.

"No Change" Affidavits and Notices of Change (26.83(j))

The SGRC does not certify DBEs.

Section 26.85 Denials of Initial Requests for Certification

The SGRC does not certify DBEs.

Section 26.87 Removal of a DBE's Eligibility

The SGRC does not certify DBEs.

Section 26.89 Certification Appeals

The SGRC does not certify DBEs.

Any firm or complainant may appeal a decision in a certification matter to DOT. Such appeals may be sent to:

U.S. Department of Transportation
Departmental Office of Civil Rights
External Civil Rights Programs Division (S-33)
1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E.
Washington, DC 20590
Phone: (202) 366-4754
TTY: (202) 366-9696
Fax: (202) 366-5575

We will promptly implement any DOT certification appeal decisions affecting the eligibility of DBEs for our DOT-assisted contracting (e.g., certify a firm if DOT has determined that our denial of its application was erroneous).

SUBPART F - COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

Section 26.109 Information, Confidentiality, Cooperation

In responding to requests for information concerning any aspect of the DBE program, SGRC complies with provisions of the Georgia Open Records Act, 50-18-70, et seq. SGRC may make available to the public any information concerning the DBE program, release of which is not prohibited by Georgia or Federal law 1) SGRC will safeguard from disclosure to third parties, information that may reasonably be regarded as confidential business information, consistent with federal, state and local law. 2) Notwithstanding any contrary provisions of state or local law, SGRC will not release personal financial information submitted in response to the personal net worth requirement to a third party (other than DOT) without written consent of the submitter, 3) Notwithstanding any provision of federal or state law, SGRC will not release information that may be reasonably construed as confidential business information to any third party without the written consent of the firm that submitted the information.

Monitoring Payments to DBEs

We will require prime contractors to maintain records and documents of payments to DBEs for three years following the performance of the contract. These records will be made available for inspection upon request by any authorized representative of the SGRC or DOT. This reporting requirement also extends to any certified DBE subcontractor.

We will perform interim audits of contract payments to DBEs. The audit will review payments to DBE subcontractors to ensure that the actual amount paid to DBE subcontractors equals or exceeds the dollar amounts states in the schedule of DBE participation.

ATTACHMENTS

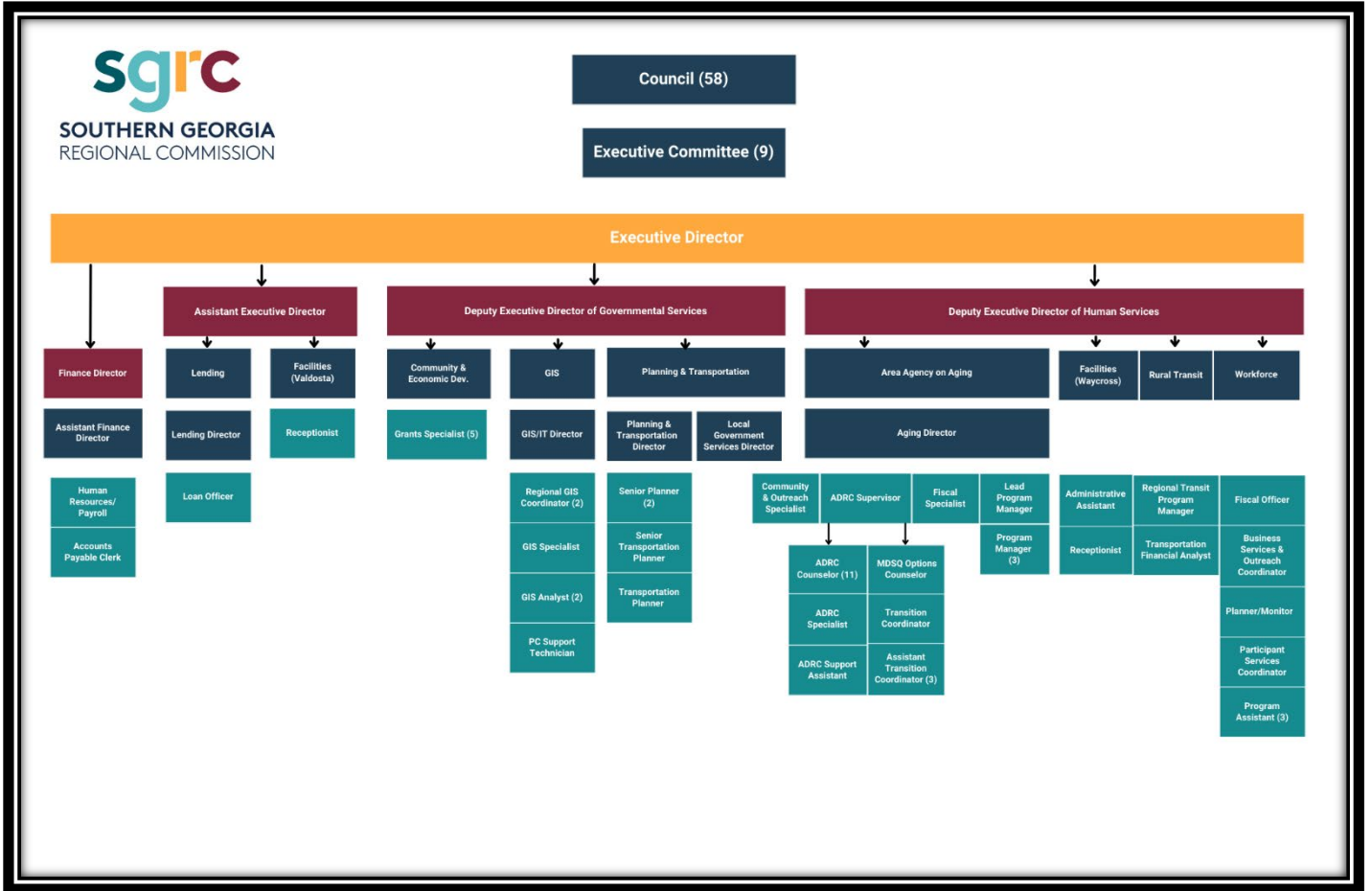
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Attachment 1

Organizational Chart

Executive Director

DBE Liaison Officer



Attachment 2

DBE Directory

Link to the DOT UCP Directory and Prime/Sub Contractor Directory as of April 16, 2021.

<http://www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Business/DBE>

Attachment 3

Monitoring and Enforcement Mechanisms

SGRC will take the following monitoring and enforcement mechanisms to ensure compliance with 49 CFR Part 26.

1. We will bring to the attention of the Department of Transportation any false, fraudulent, or dishonest conduct in connection with the program, so that DOT can take the steps (e.g., referral to the Department of Justice for criminal prosecution, referral to the DOT Inspector General, action under suspension and debarment or Program Fraud and Civil Penalties rules) provided in 26.109.
2. We will consider similar action under our own legal authorities, including responsibility determinations in future contracts.
3. We will also provide a monitoring and enforcement mechanism to verify that work committed to DBEs at contract award is actually performed by the DBEs. This will be accomplished by in-the-field inspections and monitoring.
4. We will keep a running tally of actual payments to DBE firms for work committed to them at the time of contract award.

Attachment 4

Section 26.45: Overall Goal Calculation

Amount of Goal

1. SGRC's overall goal for FY 2022-2024 is **40.77%** of the Federal Financial assistance we will expend in DOT-assisted contracts.

Methodology used to Calculate Overall Goal

Step 1: 26.45(c)

Determine the base figure for the relative availability of DBEs. The base figure for the relative availability of DBE's was calculated as follows: Ready, willing, and able DBEs Base figure = **587**.

All firms ready, willing and able, the data source or demonstrable evidence used to derive the numerator was: DBE list from the GDOT UCP directory.

The data source or demonstrable evidence used to derive the denominator was: GDOT prequalified firms by area class.

When we divided the numerator by the denominator we arrived at the base figure for our overall goal and that number was: **225%**

Step 2: 26.45(d)

After calculating a base figure of the relative availability of DBEs, evidence was examined to determine what adjustment was needed to the base figure in order to arrive at the overall goal.

In order to reflect as accurately as possible, the DBE participation we would expect in the absence of discrimination we have adjusted our base figure by 184.23%.

The data used to determine the adjustment to the base figure was: 3-year sum of federal funds as a percent of 3-year total contract amount.

The reason we chose to adjust our figure using this data was because: the base figure was greater than 100%.

From this data, we have adjusted our base figure to: **40.77%**

Public Participation

We published our goal information in these publications:

We received comments from these individuals or organizations:

Summaries of these comments are as follows:

Our responses to these comments are:

Attachment 5

Section 26.51: Breakout of Estimated

Race-Neutral & Race Conscious Participation

SGRC will meet the maximum feasible portion of its overall goal by using race-neutral means of facilitating DBE participation. We estimate that, in meeting our overall goal of 40.77%, we will obtain 100% from race-neutral participation and 0% through race-conscious measures. The basis of our estimated breakout of race-neutral and race-conscious DBE participation the estimate was derived from private sector MBE/WBE participation.

In order to ensure that our DBE program will be narrowly tailored to overcome the effects of discrimination, if we use contract goals we will adjust the estimated breakout of race-neutral and race-conscious participation as needed to reflect actual DBE participation (see 26.51(f)) and we will track and report race-neutral and race-conscious participation separately. For reporting purposes, race-neutral DBE participation includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the following: DBE participation through a prime contract a DBE obtains through customary competitive procurement procedures; DBE participation through a subcontract on a prime contract that does not carry DBE goal; DBE participation on a prime contract exceeding a contract goal; and DBE participation through a subcontract from a prime contractor that did not consider a firm's DBE status in making the award.

We will maintain data separately on DBE achievements in those contracts with and without contract goals, respectively.

Attachment 6

Forms 1 & 2 for Demonstration of Good Faith Efforts

[Forms 1 and 2 should be provided as part of the solicitation documents.]

FORM 1: DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) UTILIZATION

The undersigned bidder/offeror has satisfied the requirements of the bid specification in the following manner (please check the appropriate space):

_____ The bidder/offeror is committed to a minimum of _____% DBE utilization on this contract.

_____ The bidder/offeror (if unable to meet the DBE goal of _____%) is committed to a minimum of _____% DBE utilization on this contract and submits documentation demonstrating good faith efforts.

Name of bidder/offeror's firm: _____

State Registration No. _____

By _____

Signature and Title

FORM 2: LETTER OF INTENT

Name of bidder/offeror's firm: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Name of DBE firm: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Description of work to be performed by DBE firm:

The bidder/offeror is committed to utilizing the above-named DBE firm for the work described above. The estimated dollar value of this work is \$_____.

Affirmation

The above-named DBE firm affirms that it will perform the portion of the contract for the estimated dollar value as stated above.

By _____
(Signature) (Title)

If the bidder/offeror does not receive award of the prime contract, any and all representations in this Letter of Intent and Affirmation shall be null and void.

(Submit this page for each DBE subcontractor.)

Attachment 7

DBE Reporting Form 4630

UNIFORM REPORT OF DBE COMMITMENTS/AWARDS AND PAYMENTS										
Please refer to the instruction sheet for directions on filling out this form										
1	Submitted to (check only one)	<input type="checkbox"/> FHWA	<input type="checkbox"/> FAA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FTA - Recipient ID Number						
2	AIP Numbers (FAA Recipients); Grant Number (FTA Recipients):									
3	Federal Fiscal year in which reporting period falls	FY 20XX			4. Date This Report Submitted:					
5	Reporting Period	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report due June 1 (for period Oct 1-Mar 31)			<input type="checkbox"/> Report due Dec 1 (for period April 1-Sep 30)			<input type="checkbox"/> FAA annual report due Dec 1		
6	Name and address of Recipient:									
7	Annual DBE Goal(s):	Race Conscious Projection:			Race Neutral Projection:			OVERALL Goal:		
Awards/Commitments this Reporting Period										
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
A	AWARDS/COMMITMENTS MADE DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD (Total contracts and subcontracts committed during this reporting period)	Total Dollars	Total Number	Total to DBEs (dollars)	Total to DBEs (number)	Total to DBEs/Race Conscious (dollars)	Total to DBEs/Race Conscious (number)	Total to DBEs/Race Neutral (dollars)	Total to DBEs/Race Neutral (number)	Percentage of total dollars to DBEs
8	Prime contracts awarded this period	\$ -	0	\$ -	0			\$ -	0	#DIV/0!
9	Subcontracts awarded/committed this period	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	#DIV/0!
10	TOTAL			\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	#DIV/0!
B										
B	BREAKDOWN BY ETHNICITY & GENDER	A	B	C	D	E	F			
		Total to DBE (dollar amount)			Total to DBE (number)					
		Women	Men	Total	Women	Men	Total			
11	Black American	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	0	0			
12	Hispanic American	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	0	0			
13	Native American	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	0	0			
14	Asian-Pacific American	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	0	0			
15	Subcontinent Asian Americans	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	0	0			
16	Non-Minority	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	0	0			
17	TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	0	0			
Payments Made this Period										
		A	B	C	D	E	F			
C	PAYMENTS ON ONGOING CONTRACTS	Total Number of Contracts	Total Dollars Paid	Total Number of Contracts with DBEs	Total Payments to DBE firms	Total Number of DBE firms Paid	Percent to DBEs			
18	Prime and subcontracts currently in progress	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	#DIV/0!			
D	TOTAL PAYMENTS ON CONTRACTS COMPLETED THIS REPORTING PERIOD	A	B	C	D	E				
		Number of Contracts Completed	Total Dollar Value of Contracts Completed	DBE Participation Needed to Meet Goal (Dollars)	Total DBE Participation (Dollars)	Percent to DBEs				
19	Race Conscious	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!				
20	Race Neutral	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!				
21	Totals	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!				
22	Submitted by:			23. Signature:			24. Phone Number:			

Attachment 8

Regulations: 49 CFR Part 26

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/civil-rights-ada/dbe-regulations>

****The General Counsel of the Department of Transportation has reviewed this document and approved it as consistent with the language and intent of 49 CFR part 26.****

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