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TO: ALL Vendors

POLICY STATEMENT/OBJECTIVES

The Regional Transportation Authority of Middle Tennessee (RTA) has developed a plan to assure that Disadvantaged Business Enterprise firms shall have the maximum practical opportunity to participate through contracts financed in part or in whole with funds derived from the United States Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the Regional Transportation Authority of Middle Tennessee (RTA) has signed and assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

RTA's DBE goal for FY 2015-2017 is 2.35%.

It is the policy of the Regional Transportation Authority of Middle Tennessee (RTA) to ensure that DBE's as defined in part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is 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; and
6. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.

The Procurement Manager has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, Greta Beard 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 RTA in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

If you are interested in becoming a certified minority or woman-owned business, please call Greta Beard at (615) 880-3984 or email greta.beard@nashville.gov for additional information.