



## JOHNSON CITY TRANSIT DBE POLICY STATEMENT

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


It is the policy of Johnson City Transit (JCT) to ensure that DBEs defined in Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is also JCT's 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 and small businesses in DOT assisted contracts; and
6. To assist the development of firms, including small firms, in competing successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.

Brad Osborne is JCT's current DBE Liaison Officer, and is responsible for implementing all aspects of the JCT DBE program. Implementation of the DBE program is accorded the same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by the City of Johnson City on behalf of Johnson City Transit in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

Johnson City Transit has disseminated this policy statement to the Johnson City Board of Commissioners and all of the components of our organization. We have distributed this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for us on DOT-assisted contracts. Additional outreach efforts have included distribution of this policy statement to the Tennessee Small Business Development Center at East Tennessee State University, the Johnson City/Washington County Branch of NAACP, the Washington County Economic Development Council, the First Tennessee Development District, the ETSU Innovation Laboratory/Business Incubator, the Johnson City/Washington County Chamber of Commerce, and to the attendees of the Johnson City Neighborhood Meetings. This policy statement is also posted on the JCT website, at <http://www.johnsoncitytransit.org/titlevi.html>.

  
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