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DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM **49 CFR PART 26**

Policy Statement

In carrying out its Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program, the County of Ventura Public Works Agency (VCPWA) ensures that no person or group of persons shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex, age, national origin, disability/handicap, or income status, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any and all programs, services, or activities administered by the County of Ventura, its recipients, and contractors.

OBJECTIVES

VCPWA is committed to implementing the DBE Program as mandated in 49 Code of Federal Regulations part 26. The stated objectives of this program are:

- To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of VCPWA's federal-aid assisted contracts;
- To create a level playing field on which DBE's can complete fairly for federal aid-assisted contracts;
- To ensure that the DBE Program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
- To ensure that only firms that fully meet this part's eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBE's;
- Help remove barriers to the participation in federal aid-assisted contracts;
- To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE Program;
- Provide appropriate flexibility to recipients of federal financial assistance in establishing and providing opportunities for DBE's.



The DBE Liaison Officer (The Director of Transportation Department), has direct, independent access to the VCPWA Director concerning DBE Program matters, and is responsible for the implementation and administration of the DBE Program.

This policy statement will be included in all federal aid-assisted contracts throughout the Special Provisions text.

Signed:  _____
Jeff Pratt, Director, Public Works Agency

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