

CITY OF VACAVILLE
DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
IMPLEMENTAION AGREEMENT

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For the City of Vacaville, hereinafter referred to as "RECIPIENT."

I. DEFINITION OF TERMS

The terms used in this agreement have the meanings defined in 49 CFR § 26.5.

II. OBJECTIVE/POLICY STATEMENT (§26/1. 26/23)

The RECIPIENT intends to receive federal financial assistance from the U. S. Department of Transportation (DOT) through the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the RECIPIENT will sign the California Department of Transportation Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Implementation Agreement (hereinafter referred to as Agreement). The RECIPIENT agrees to implement the State of California, Department of Transportation Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program Plan (hereinafter referred to as the DBE Program Plan) as it pertains to local agencies. The DBE Program Plan is based on U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR, Part 26 requirements.

It is the policy of the RECIPIENT to ensure that DBEs, as defined in Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is also their policy:

- To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts.
- To create a level playing field on which DBE's can compete fairly for all contracts, including DOT-assisted contracts.
- To ensure that their annual overall DBE participation percentage is narrowly tailored, in accordance with applicable law.
- To ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR, Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs.
- To help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT-assisted contracts.

III. Nondiscrimination (§26.7)

RECIPIENT 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 the local agency components of the DBE Program Plan, the RECIPIENT 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 Plan with respect to individuals of a particular race, color, sex, or national origin.

IV. Annual DBE Submittal Form (§26.21)

The RECIPIENT will provide to the Caltrans District Local Assistance Engineer (DLAE) a completed Local Agency DBE Annual Submittal Form (Exhibit 9-B) by June 1 of each year for the following Federal Fiscal Year (FFY). This form includes an Annual Anticipated DBE Participation Level (AADPL), methodology for establishing the AADPL, the name, phone number, and electronic mailing address of the designated Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Liaison Officer (DBELO), and the choice of Prompt Pay Provision to be used by the RECIPIENT for the following FFY.

V. Race-Neutral Means of Meeting the Overall Statewide Annual DBE Goal (§26.51)

RECIPIENT must meet the maximum feasible portion of its AADPL by using race-neutral means of facilitating DBE participation. Race-neutral DBE participation includes any time a DBE wins a prime contract through customary competitive procurement procedures, is awarded a subcontract on a prime contract that does not carry a DBE goal, or even if there is a DBE goal, wins a subcontract from a prime contractor that did not consider its DBE status in making the award (e.g., a prime contractor that uses a strict low-bid system to award subcontracts).

Race-neutral means include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Arranging solicitations, times for the presentation of bids, quantities, specifications, and delivery schedules in ways that facilitate DBE, and other small businesses, participation (e.g., unbundling large contracts to make them more accessible to small businesses, requiring or encouraging prime contractors to subcontract portions of work that they might otherwise perform with their own forces);
2. Being available to answer technical or contract related questions during the bid period;

VI. Race Conscious Means of Meeting the Overall Statewide Annual DBE Goal (§26.51(d))

RECIPIENT must establish contract goals for Underutilized Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (UDBEs) to meet any portion of your AADPL you do not project being able to meet using race-neutral means. UDBEs are limited to these certified DBEs that are owned and controlled by African Americans, Native Americans, Women, and Asian Pacific Americans.

VII. Quotas (§26.43)

RECIPIENT will not use quotas or set-asides in any way in the administration of the local agency component of the DBE Program Plan.

VIII DBE Liaison Officer (DBELO) (§26.25)

RECIPIENT has designated a DBE Liaison Officer. The DBELO is responsible for implementing the DBE Program Plan, as it pertains to the RECIPIENT, and ensures that the RECIPIENT is fully and properly advised concerning DBE Program Plan matters. The City's DBELO takes advantage of available State and Federal training opportunities.

The name, address, telephone number, electronic mail address, and an organization chart displaying the DBELO's position in the organization are found in Attachment # 1 to this Agreement. This information will be updated annually and included on the DBE Annual Submittal Form.

The DBELO is responsible for developing, implementing, and monitoring the RECIPIENT's requirements of the DBE Program Plan in coordination with other appropriate officials. Duties and responsibilities include the following:

1. Gathers and reports statistical data and other information as required.
2. Reviews third party contracts and purchase requisitions for compliance with this program.
3. Determines the City's projected Annual Anticipated DBE Participation Level for the City's DBE Program.
4. Ensures that bid notices and requests for proposals are made available to DBEs in a timely manner.
5. Conduct analysis of DOT-funded contracts to determine UDBE Contact goals.
6. Analyzes DBE participation and identifies ways to encourage participation through race-neutral means.
7. Participates in pre-bid meetings, if scheduled.
8. Advises the Director of Public Works and the City Council of the City of Vacaville on DBE matters and DBE race-neutral issues.
9. Plans and participates in DBE training seminars.

IX. Federal Financial Assistance Agreement Assurance (§26.13)

RECIPIENT will sign the following assurance, applicable to and to be included in all DOT-assisted contracts and their administration, as part of the program supplement agreement for each project.

The recipient 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 recipient of its failure to carry out its approved program, the Department may impose sanctions 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.). [Note – this language is to be used verbatim, as it is stated in §26.13(a).]

X. DBE Financial Institutions (§26.27)

It is the policy of the RECIPIENT 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 contracts to make use of these institutions.

Information on the availability of such institutions can be obtained from the DBELO. The Caltrans' Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program may offer assistance to the DBELO.

XI. Directory (§26.31)

RECIPIENT will refer interested persons to the Unified Certification Program DBE directory available from the Caltrans Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program's website at www.dot.ca.gov/hq/bep.

XII. Required Contract Clauses (§§26.13, 26.29)

RECIPIENT ensures that the following clauses or equivalent will be included in each DOT-assisted prime contract:

A. CONTRACT ASSURANCE

The contractor 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 City deems appropriate.

[Note – This language is to be used verbatim, as is stated in §26.13(b). See Caltrans Sample Boiler Plate Contract Documents on the Internet at www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms under "Publications."]

B. PROMPT PAYMENT

Prompt Progress Payment to Subcontractors

The local agency shall require contractors and subcontractors to be timely paid as set forth in Section 7108.5 of the California Business and Professions Code concerning prompt payment to subcontractors. The 10-days are applicable unless a longer period is agreed to in writing. Any delay or postponement of payment over 30 days may take place only for good cause and with the agency's prior written approval. Any violation of Section 7108.5 shall subject the violating contractor or subcontractor to the penalties, sanctions, and other remedies of that Section. This requirement shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or judicial remedies, otherwise available to the contractor or subcontractor in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the contractor, deficient subcontractor performance, and/or noncompliance by a subcontractor. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors.

Prompt Payment of withheld Funds to Subcontractors

The local agency shall ensure prompt and full payment of retainage from the prime contractor to the subcontractor within thirty (30) days after the subcontractor's work is satisfactorily completed and accepted. This shall be accompanied by including either (1), (2), or (3) of the following provisions [local agency equivalent will need Caltrans approval] in their federal-aid contracts to ensure prompt and full payment of retainage [withheld funds] to subcontractors in compliance with 49 CFR 26.29.

The City shall hold retainage from the prime contractor and shall make prompt and regular incremental acceptances of portions, as determined by the City of the contract work and pay retainage to the prime contractor based on these acceptances. The prime contractor or subcontractor shall return all monies withheld in retention from all subcontractors within 30 days after receiving payment for work satisfactorily completed and accepted including incremental acceptances of portions of the contract work by the City. Any delay or postponement of payment may take place only for good cause and with the City's prior written approval. Any violation of these provisions shall subject the violating prime contractor to the penalties, sanctions, and other remedies specified in Section 7108.5 of the California Business and Professions Code. This requirement shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or judicial remedies, otherwise available to the contractor or subcontractor in the event of: a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the contractor; deficient subcontractor performance; and/or noncompliance by a subcontractor. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors.

XIII. Local Assistance Procedures Manual

The RECIPIENT will advertise, award and administer DOT-assisted contracts in accordance with the most current published Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM).

XIV. Transit Vehicle Manufacturers (§ 26.49)

If FTA-assisted contracts will include transit vehicle procurements, RECIPIENT will require each transit vehicle manufacturer, as a condition of being authorized to bid or propose on transit vehicle procurements, to certify that it has complied with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26, Section 49.

XV. Bidders List (§26.11(c))

The RECIPIENT will create and maintain a bidders list, consisting of information about all DBE and non-DBE firms that bid or quote on its DOT-assisted contracts. The bidders list will include the name, address, DBE/nonDBE status, age, and annual gross receipts of the firm.

XVI. Reporting to the DLAE

RECIPIENT will promptly submit a copy of the City of Vacaville Proposer-UDBE Commitment (Consultant Contract), (Exhibit 10-O(1) "City of Vacaville Proposer-DBE Commitment (Consultant Contract)") or Exhibit 15-G(1) "City of Vacaville Bidder-UDBE Commitment (Construction Contract) to the DLAE at the time of award of the consultant or construction contracts.

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RECIPIENT will promptly submit a copy of the Final Utilization of DBE participation to the DLAE using Exhibit 17-F "Final Report - Utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE), First-Tier Subcontractors" of the LAPM immediately upon completion of the contract for each consultant or construction contract.

XVII. Certification (§26.83(a))

RECIPIENT ensures that only DBE firms currently certified by the California Unified Certification Program will participate as DBEs on DOT-assisted contracts.

XVIII. Confidentiality

RECIPIENT will safeguard from disclosure to third parties, information that may reasonably be regarded as confidential business information consistent with federal, state, and local laws.

By: 
[Signature]

Phone Number (707) 449-5170

ROD MORESCO
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

This California Department of Transportation's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Implementation Agreement is accepted by:


[Signature of DLAE]

Date: 5-19-09

Arthur P. Duffy, PE.
[Print Name of DLAE]

Distribution: (1) Original - DLAE
(2) Signed copy by the DLAE - Local Agency
(Updated: March 4, 2009)

**City of Vacaville
Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Program
Organization Chart**

Fiscal Year 2009/10



