

## **POLICY STATEMENT DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES**

It is the policy of MMT to purchase the highest quality of goods and services at the best possible price. In so doing, MMT will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the award and performance of any U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) assisted contract or in the administration of its Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program or the requirements of the 49 CFR part 26. It is the policy of MMT to create a level playing field for DBE's and to extend to each qualified DBE the maximum opportunity to participate in contracts funded in whole, or in part, with U.S. Department of Transportation funds. MMT will take all necessary and reasonable steps under 49 CFR part 26 to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT- assisted contracts.

It is the intent of MMT, in compliance with Federal rules and regulations, to develop and implement a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program pursuant to 49 CFR part 26. MMT 's DBE program, as required by 49 CFR part 26 and approved by DOT, will be incorporated by reference into all DOT-assisted contracts.

MMT, alone or in consort with other DOT recipients, will seek out, assist and establish communication and rapport with socially and economically disadvantaged businesses having goods and service with MMT desires to purchase.

The City Council is responsible for overseeing MMT's DBE Program and this Policy; The City Council has assigned the coordination of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program to the Transit Administrator.

Copies of this policy statement will be sent to known socially and economically disadvantaged businesses, organizations and associations, as well as organizations and associations established for the benefit of minorities and women.

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