

**Ulster County Area Transit
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program**

PROCEDURE STATEMENT

Section 26.1, 26.23 Objectives /Procedure Statement

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

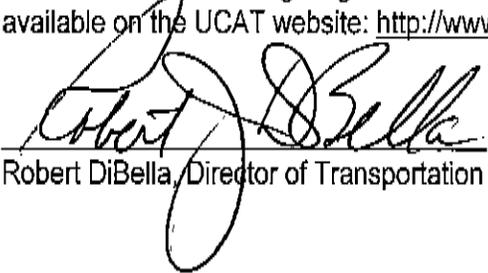
The full text of 49 CFR Part 26, along with DBE program resource and guidance materials, is available on the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization website:

<http://osdbu.dot.gov/OSDBUSERVICES/DBEPROGRAM/tabid/75/Default.aspx>

It is the policy of UCAT to ensure that DBE firms, as defined in Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT- assisted contracts. It is also UCAT'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; and
5. To help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT-assisted contracts.

UCAT has distributed this procedure to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for us on DOT-assisted contracts through legal notices and attached to bids. This statement and DBE Program will also be made available on the UCAT website: <http://www.co.ulster.ny.us/ucat/>


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