

**DBE PROGRAM**

**GREATER BINGHAMTON AIRPORT**

**FY 2007**

**DEFINITIONS OF TERMS**

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

**OBJECTIVES/POLICY STATEMENT (26.1, 26.23)**

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

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

1. Ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT assisted contracts;
2. Create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for DOT assisted contracts;
3. Ensure that the DBE Program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
4. Ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs;
5. Help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT assisted contracts; and
6. Assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.

Ms. Elsie Logan has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer (DBELO). In that capacity, the DBELO is responsible for implementing all aspects of the DBE program. Implementation of the DBE program is accorded the same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by the County in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

The DBELO has disseminated this policy statement to the staff and management of the County and all the components of the County. The County distributed this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for us on DOT-assisted contracts through a mailing and the appropriate information is published on a yearly basis.

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Barbara Fiala  
County Executive

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