Cleveland Area Rapid Transit (CART)  
DBE Program  
Policy Statement  

Section 26.1, 26.23 Objectives/Policy Statement  

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

It is the policy of the University of Oklahoma, Cleveland Area Rapid Transit (CART) to ensure that DBEs, as defined in part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is also our 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; 
5. To help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT-assisted contracts; 
6. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program. 

The CART Planner/Grant Specialist has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, the CART Planner/Grant Specialist 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 University of Oklahoma, CART in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation. 

The University of Oklahoma, CART, will distribute this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for us on DOT-assisted contracts through advertisements and local public notice postings as necessary. In addition, the policy is posted on the CART website (www.ridecart.com) and otherwise provided upon request. 

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