



## DBE POLICY STATEMENT



The Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) and the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) have established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26. PRTC and VRE have received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, PRTC and VRE have signed assurances that they will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

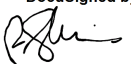
It is the policy of PRTC and VRE to ensure that DBE's, as defined in §26.5, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is also their policy:


- To ensure non-discrimination in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts;
- To create a level playing field on which DBE's can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts;
- To ensure that the DBE Program 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 DBE's;
- To help remove barriers to the participation of DBE's in DOT assisted contracts; and
- To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.

Cynthia Porter-Johnson, PRTC's Project Manager, has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer, and Ms. Kristin Nutter will provide assistance as the DBE Coordinator at VRE. Together Ms. Porter-Johnson and Ms. Nutter are 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 PRTC and VRE in their financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation. Organization charts displaying the DBELO's and DBE Coordinator's positions are attached (**See Attachment 1 of Appendix A**).

PRTC and VRE have disseminated this policy statement to their Commissioners and all the components of their organization. They have distributed this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for them on DOT-assisted contracts.

Signed on this date, 8/16/2021.

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