

Lower Savannah Council of Governments; Aiken, SC

FTA Direct Recipient Grantee for the Aiken County Public Transit System Known as the
Best Friend Express

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DBE Policy Statement

Lower Savannah Council of Governments (LSCOG) has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation , 49 CFR Part 26. LSCOG has received federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation (Federal Transit Administration) and as a condition of receiving this assistance, LSCOG has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26. LSCOG also encourages Small Business Participation as required by 49 CFR Part 26.39.


It is the policy of Lower Savannah Council of Governments 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 only DBE firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as a DBE;
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 marketplace outside the DBE Program.

Ms. Nora Sanders, Assistant Executive Director, has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, Ms. Sanders 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 LSCOG in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation (Federal Transit Administration).

Part of the LSCOG DBE Program is to disseminate this policy statement and the DBE goal to the transit staff of the LSCOG and all components of our organization. This DBE policy statement and the DBE goal is to be posted to the Best Friend Express website, as well as being available upon request to all DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for us on DOT-assisted contracts.

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William Molnar Ph.D., Executive Director

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