

HERNANDO COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

Definitions of Terms

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

Objectives/Policy Statement (26.1, 26.3)

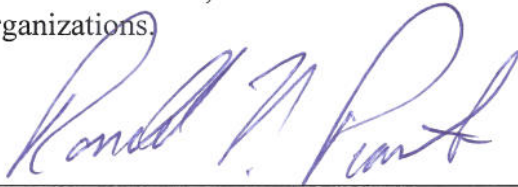
The Hernando County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), recipient ID number 2854, has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26. The MPO anticipates that it will receive Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the MPO has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of the Hernando County MPO 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 remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT assisted contracts; and
6. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.

Steve Diez, Transportation Planner II, has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer (DBELO). In that capacity, Steve Diez 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 Hernando County MPO in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

Once the policy statement is signed, the Hernando County MPO will disseminate this policy statement to its Board and all the components of the organization via newsletter action. The MPO will distribute this statement to all DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for the MPO on DOT assisted contracts, and to all DBE and non-DBE firms via advertisement and mailings to designated organizations.



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Planning/MPO Director

Date: 7-8-09

ATTACHMENT A

HERNANDO COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) GOAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009/10

IT IS THE POLICY of the Hernando County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to provide Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) the opportunity to participate in contracts for The Hernando Express Bus (THE Bus) that are financed in whole or part with funds from the Federal Transit Administration. For this reason, the MPO has established a fiscal year 2009/10 goal of 4% for the DBE Program. A description of the goal and the process for establishing the goal are available for review during regular business hours by contacting Mr. Steve Diez, Transportation Planner II, at the Hernando County Metropolitan Planning Organization, 20 North Main Street, Room 262, Brooksville, FL 34601, email stevend@hernandocounty.us, or by telephone at 352-754-4057. The DBE goal and rationale may also be viewed online via THE Bus website at www.hernandobus.com. The address for the Federal Transit Administration, Office of Civil Rights is: 230 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 800, Atlanta, GA 30303. The DBE goal and rationale for its adoption will be available for inspection for 45 days following the date of this notice.

Hernando County Metropolitan Planning Organization

/s/ Steve Diez
Transportation Planner II

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