

## **Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Policy Statement**

GoTriangle has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26. GoTriangle has received Federal financial assistance from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and as a condition of receiving this assistance, GoTriangle provides an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of GoTriangle to ensure that DBEs as defined herein in 49 CFR 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 marketplace outside the DBE Program.

Jamila Ormond, Director of Equal Opportunity Diversity and Inclusion has been designated as the DBE Liaison Officer. Ms. Ormond 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 GoTriangle in its financial assistance agreements with the U.S. Department of Transportation. Ms. Ormond may be contacted at: GoTriangle, 4600 Emperor Blvd., Durham, NC 27703; by phone at (919) 485-7518 or by email at: <a href="mailto:jormond@gotriangle.org">jormond@gotriangle.org</a>.

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