

## POLICY STATEMENT

Section 26.1, 26.23

Objectives/Policy Statement

The City of Shreveport 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 City of Shreveport has received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the City of Shreveport has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of the City of Shreveport to ensure that DBEs are 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 compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE Program.

Leon Wheeler, in his capacity as the City of Shreveport Fair Share Director, has been delegated the DBE Liaison Officer and 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 City of Shreveport in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

The City of Shreveport has disseminated this policy statement to the City Council and all of the components of our organization. We have distributed this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for us on DOT-assisted contracts. This policy statement is posted on transit system website and on the City of Shreveport Fair Share program webpage.



Mayor Tom Arceneaux



Date