

POLICY STATEMENT

Section 26.1, 26.23 Objectives/Policy Statement

The **Town of Pittsfield / Pittsfield Municipal Airport** 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 **Town of Pittsfield / Pittsfield Municipal Airport** has received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the **Town of Pittsfield / Pittsfield Municipal Airport** has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

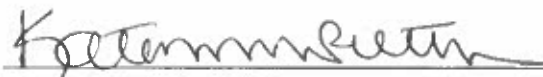
It is the policy of the **Town of Pittsfield / Pittsfield Municipal Airport** to ensure that DBEs as defined in Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is also our policy:

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 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 market place outside the DBE Program.

The **Town Manager, Kathryn Ruth**, has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer (DBELO). In that capacity, the DBELO 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 **Town of Pittsfield / Pittsfield Municipal Airport** in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

The **Town of Pittsfield / Pittsfield Municipal Airport** has disseminated this policy statement to the **Pittsfield Town Council** and all the components of the airport organization. We have distributed this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for us on DOT-assisted contracts as part of bid packages and contract documents.

As detailed in [ATTACHMENT 5 – OVERALL GOAL CALCULATIONS](#), we estimate that, in meeting our overall goal of 0.60%, we will obtain 100% from race-neutral participation and 0% through race-conscious measures.



Authorized Signature

08/30/2023

Date