



**BIDDEFORD SACO OLD ORCHARD BEACH TRANSIT DBE PROGRAM**  
**POLICY STATEMENT**

**Section 26.1, 26.23                      Objectives/Policy Statement**

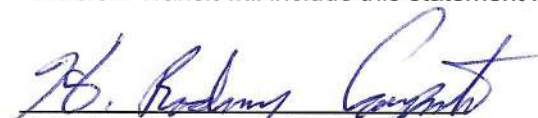
Biddeford Saco Old Orchard Beach Transit (BSOOB Transit) has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26. BSOOB Transit has received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, BSOOB Transit has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of BSOOB Transit 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 can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.

Craig A. Pendleton, Director of External Affairs has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, Craig A. Pendleton 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 BSOOB Transit in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

BSOOB Transit has disseminated this policy statement to the BSOOB Transit Committee and all of the components of our organization. We have made this statement available to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for us on DOT-assisted contracts by posting it on our organization's website ([www.BSOOBTransit.org](http://www.BSOOBTransit.org)) and having printed copies available upon request. BSOOB Transit will include this statement in all its RFB and RFP bid packages.

  
H. Rodney Carpenter, Interim Executive Director

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Date