

APPENDIX A

**SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT**

**Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District  
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program  
(49 CFR Part 26)**

**ANNUAL COMMITMENT STATEMENT**

The Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (Santa Cruz METRO) has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) *49 CFR Part 26*. Santa Cruz METRO has received Federal financial assistance from the DOT, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the Santa Cruz METRO has signed an assurance that it will comply with *49 CFR Part 26*.

It is the policy of the Santa Cruz METRO to ensure that DBEs as defined in part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is also Santa Cruz METRO's 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 Finance Manager has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer (DBELO). In that capacity, the DBELO is responsible for implementing all aspects of the DBE program. The DBELO shall have direct, independent access to the GENERAL MANAGER concerning all DBE PROGRAM matters. Implementation of the DBE Program is accorded the same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by Santa Cruz METRO in its financial assistance agreements with the DOT.

Santa Cruz METRO has disseminated this Annual Commitment Statement to the Santa Cruz METRO Board of Directors and all components of the organization. Santa Cruz METRO has distributed this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for Santa Cruz METRO on DOT-assisted contracts by an inclusion in legal advertisements for all procurements.

  
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ALEX CLIFFORD,  
CEO/General Manager

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