

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE)

Golden Empire Transit District (GET) is committed to the promotion and participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (“DBE’s”) in its contracting opportunities in compliance with 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 26 requirements. It is GET’s policy to require nondiscrimination based on color, race, sex or national origin in the competition for, award of, and administration of U.S. Department of Transportation –assisted contracts. It is the goal of GET to promote a “level playing field” on which DBE’s can compete fully and fairly for GET contracting and subcontracting opportunities.

The CEO of GET is responsible for the agency adherence to the DBE program and policy. The CFO of GET and the designated DBE Liaison Officer (DEBLO) are responsible for the development and implementation of the GET DBE program as a supporting tenet of GET’s civil rights and nondiscrimination programs.

GET encourages qualified women and/or minority-owned small businesses to consider completing the application and review process required for certification as a DBE. Information on the certification process and its requirements may be obtained from the California Department of Transportation Civil Rights/DBE website located at www.dot.ca.gov/hq/bep/ucp.htm.

Bidders for GET contracts are also encouraged to utilize the California Unified Certification Program (CUCP) database located at www.dot.ca.gov/hq/bep/dbe_query.htm which can help identify ready, willing and able DBE firms who may be able to participate as subcontractors in GET bidding process.

Effective June 2, 2009 per California Department of Transportation requirements, the GET DBE Program will support DBE contract participation through “race-conscious” means.

Effective March 5, 2010, the Department of Transportation Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program rules were amended to change how often recipients are required to make goal submissions documenting the methodology and process used to establish the annual overall goal to be implemented each fiscal year. Under the new rules, DBE goal submissions will be August 1, 2013 and every three years after this date.

Small Business Enterprise (SBE)

GET also encourages the participation of certified Small Business Enterprises (SBE) on all of its procurement activities. At all times GET promotes small business participation, by establishing and maintaining a plan that will assist small business competition, eliminate any obstacles that may prevent their participation as prime contractors or as subcontractors.

Small Business Definition

Get uses the Small Business Administrations (SBA) definition and size standards (as it may be amended from time to time) to define a small business.

“...a small business concern is one that is independently owned and operated, is organized for profit, and is not dominant in its field. Depending on the industry, size standard eligibility is based on the average number of employees for the preceding twelve months or on sales volume averaged over a three-year period.”

GET implements and maintains a Small Business Enterprise/Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (SBE/DBE) plan to maximize participation and promote equal opportunity and nondiscrimination in all of its procurement matters and to provide opportunities for small businesses to participate in contracting and procurement at GET. This Plan is designed to create a level playing field on which a small businesses and disadvantaged businesses can compete fairly in all facets of RTD procurement activities. This plan uses procedures that promote inclusion and opportunity while maintain race and gender neutral measures in its operations.