

**ALASKA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT & EXPORT AUTHORITY (AIDEA or the
Authority) DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM
FOR A
FTA FINANCIALLY ASSISTED PROJECT AT THE KETCHIKAN SHIPYARD**

POLICY STATEMENT

Section 26.1, 26.23

Objectives/Policy Statement

AIDEA has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation ("DOT"), 49 CFR Part 26 for the purposes of implementing Federal Transportation Administration ("FTA") funded projects for the AIDEA owned Ketchikan Shipyard. AIDEA has received Federal financial assistance for the Ketchikan Shipyard ("Shipyard") from the DOT (FTA), and as a condition of receiving this financial assistance, AIDEA has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26 when executing the FTA Funded project at the Shipyard.

AIDEA, as a political subdivision of the State of Alaska, is a member of the Alaska Unified Certification Program (AUCP) administered by The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities ("ADOT&PF), Civil Rights Office (CRO). It is AIDEA's intent to continue to participate in this cooperative program and implement this policy consistent with those practices for the purposes of providing an efficient program consistent with existing Delegations of Authority from DOT&PF. Some of the administrative requirements of this policy are performed by the ADOT&PF CRO through an agreement between ADOT&PF and AIDEA.

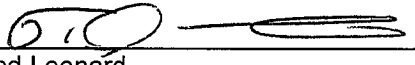
It is the policy of AIDEA to ensure that DBEs as defined in part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in FTA--assisted contracts. It is also our policy:

1. To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of FTA -- assisted contracts;
2. To create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for FTA -- 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 FTA assisted contracts;
6. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.

James Hemsath, Deputy Director of Business Development, has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer (DBELO). 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 AIDEA in its financial assistance agreements with DOT (FTA).

AIDEA has disseminated this policy statement to the AIDEA Board of Directors and the Authority's personnel working on the FTA Funded project at the Shipyard. This statement will be posted on the AIDEA Website and included in FTA --assisted solicitation and contract documents

Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority



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Executive Director

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Date