

**INTERURBAN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP
DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
POLICY STATEMENT**

The Interurban Transit Partnership (ITP) is committed to a policy of non-discrimination in the conduct of its business, including the procurement of goods and services. ITP will strive to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of contracts with funds derived from the Department of Transportation, the Michigan Department of Transportation, and the local units of government within the jurisdiction of ITP. The ITP recognizes the responsibilities to the communities within which it operates and the society it serves. In recognition of these responsibilities, the ITP Board establishes this Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program.

In conjunction with the performance of this plan, ITP shall provide for the maximum utilization of disadvantaged business enterprises and shall use its best efforts to insure that disadvantaged business enterprises shall have the maximum practicable opportunity to compete for contract and subcontract work let by ITP.

The term "disadvantaged business enterprise" means a small business concern; a) which is at least 51 percent owned by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals; b) whose management and daily operations are controlled by one or more of the socially and economically disadvantaged individuals who owns it; c) is defined as a small business by the Small Business Administration (SBA); and d) whose gross receipts average less than \$23 million for the past three years whose personal net worth is \$1.3 million or less.

The responsibility for implementing ITP's commitment to this DBE Program shall be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) by the ITP Board. The CEO will designate the DBE Liaison Officer (Deputy CEO – Finance & Administration) and staff to carry out the day to day operations of this program. In addition, the Deputy CEO of Operations and all Managers share in the responsibility for making ITP's DBE Program function successfully.



Stephen Kepley
Board Chair

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