

## POLICY STATEMENT

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

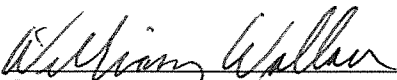
Sweet Grass County and the City of Big Timber, owner of Big Timber Airport, has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26. Sweet Grass County and the City of Big Timber have received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, Sweet Grass County and the City of Big Timber have signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26 (hereafter referred to as "Part 26").

It is the policy of Sweet Grass County and the City of Big Timber to ensure that DBEs as defined in Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is also Sweet Grass County and the City of Big Timber's policy to engage in the following actions on a continuing basis:

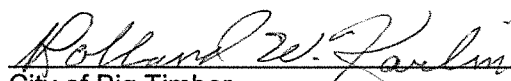
1. Ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT- assisted contracts;
2. Create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts;
3. Ensure that the DBE Program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
4. Ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs;
5. Help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT assisted contracts;
6. Promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally assisted contracts and procurement activities;
7. Assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE Program; and
8. Make appropriate use of the flexibility afforded to recipients of Federal financial assistance in establishing and providing opportunities for DBEs.

Robert Bryan, Airport Manager, has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, Robert Bryan 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 Sweet Grass County and the City of Big Timber in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

Sweet Grass County and the City of Big Timber have disseminated this policy statement to the Sweet Grass County Board of Commissioners, to the City of Big Timber administration, and all of the components of our organization. This statement has been distributed to DBE and non-DBE business communities that may perform work on Sweet Grass County and the City of Big Timber DOT-assisted contracts. The distribution was accomplished by posting on our website [www.sweetgrasscountygov.com](http://www.sweetgrasscountygov.com).

  
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