



Metro Transportation Engineering & Construction Cooperative

Policy on Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Utilization

The Metro Transportation Engineering & Construction Cooperative (MTECC) is a public interlocal agency created by interlocal agreement pursuant to Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, among various cities in Broward County (the “Member Cities”).

It is the policy of MTECC that disadvantaged business enterprises, as defined by **49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 26**, shall have an opportunity to participate in the performance of MTECC contracts in a nondiscriminatory environment.

The objectives of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program are to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of contracts, ensure firms fully meet eligibility standards, help remove barriers to participation, create a level playing field, and assist in the development of a firm so it can compete successfully outside of the program.

MTECC, its grant recipients, contractors, consultants, and suppliers shall take all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that disadvantaged business enterprises have an opportunity to compete for and perform the contract work of MTECC in a nondiscriminatory environment.

MTECC adopts the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Plan developed and approved by the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization as “County-wide” for Broward County and will utilize this to guide the development, procurement and implementation of MTECC grants and contracts.

No grant recipient, contractor, consultant, or supplier shall discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, or national origin in the award and performance of its contracts.

Approved by the MTECC Board:

Signed: _____
Board Chair

Date: _____ (active until rescinded or updated)