

**Appendix D: Sample DBE Statement**

**PARTICIPATION BY DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES IN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

It is the policy of the (insert agency name) that disadvantaged businesses, as defined by [49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26](#), shall have an opportunity to participate in the performance of MPO contracts in a nondiscriminatory environment. The objectives of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program are to ensure non-discrimination in the award and administration of contracts, ensure firms fully meet eligibility standards, help remove barriers to participation, create a level playing field, assist in development of a firm so it can compete successfully outside of the program, provide flexibility, and ensure narrow tailoring of the program.

The (insert agency name), and its consultants shall take all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that disadvantaged businesses have an opportunity to compete for and perform the contract work of the (insert agency name) in a non-discriminatory environment.

The (insert agency name) shall require its consultants to not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex in the award and performance of its contracts. This policy covers in part the applicable federal regulations and the applicable statutory references contained therein for the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Plan, Chapters [337](#) and [339](#), Florida Statutes, and [Rule Chapter 14-78, Florida Administrative Code](#). This document is also available on the LAP forms library at