TOWN OF CORTLANDT

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Policy Statement

The Town of Cortlandt ("Town") has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). The Town has received federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, will comply with federal statutes and regulations pertaining to DBEs.

It is the policy of the Town to ensure that DBEs have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is also our policy:

- 1. To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts in the Department's financial assistance programs;
- 2. To create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for DOT-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 the eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs;
- 5. To help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT-assisted contracts;
- 6. To promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally-assisted contracts and procurement activities conducted by recipients;
- 7. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE program; and
- 8. To provide appropriate flexibility to recipients of federal financial assistance in establishing and providing opportunities for DBEs.

The Director of Technical Services ("Director") has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer (DBELO) for the Town. In that capacity, the Director is responsible for overseeing 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 the Town in its financial assistance agreements with the DOT.

This Policy Statement is to be posted on the Town's website and is included, when appropriate, in other informational materials.

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APPRUVES TOWN ATTORNEY Date: