

## **MWBE POLICY STATEMENT**

The Central New York Regional Transit Authority (“CNYRTA”) has established a Minority Women Owned Business Enterprise (“MWBE”) program in accordance with Article 15-A of NYS Executive Law. It is the policy of CNYRTA to ensure that MWBEs, as defined in Article 15-A, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in NYS DOT-assisted contracts. It is also our policy -

- To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of contracts;
- To create a level playing field on which MWBEs can compete fairly for DOT assisted contracts;
- To ensure that only firms that fully meet Article 15-A eligibility standards are permitted to participate as MWBEs.
- To help remove barriers to the participation of MWBEs; and
- To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the MWBE program.

The Vice President of Finance has been delegated as the MWBE Liaison Officer. The MWBE Liaison Officer is responsible for implementing all aspects of the MWBE program. Implementation of the program is accorded the same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by CNYRTA in its financial assistance agreements with the NYS Department of Transportation.

CNYRTA will never exclude any person from participation in, deny any person the benefits of, or otherwise discriminate against anyone in connection with the award and performance of any contract on the basis of race, color, sex, or national origin.

In administering its MWBE program, CNYRTA will not, directly or through contractual or other arrangements, use criteria or methods of administration that have the effect of defeating or substantially impairing accomplishment of the objectives of the MWBE program with respect to individuals of a particular race, color, sex, or national origin.