

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
**UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)**  
**STATEMENTS AND ASSURANCES**

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**DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE UTILIZATION**

It is the policy of the Miami-Dade TPO 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.

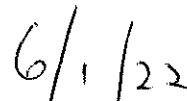
The Miami-Dade TPO, and its consultants shall take all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that disadvantaged businesses have an opportunity to compete for and perform the contract work of the Miami-Dade TPO, in a non-discriminatory environment.

The Miami-Dade TPO 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



Name:

Title: MPO Chairman (or designee)



Date