

Seeking DBE / WBE Vendors

Turtle Top is actively seeking vendors who qualify as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) and Women's and Minority Business Enterprises (WBE/MBE) to supply parts and services at a competitive price.

We are expanding business opportunities to those who qualify; you must be reliable, have proof of certification and financial standing, and supply parts that meet Turtle Top's quality standards.

Interested parties are to contact Turtle Top.



Turtle Top's DBE Annual Overall Percentage Goal for 2025-2026 (Federal Fiscal Year 2026)

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), through the Federal Transit Administration and the Office of Civil Rights, manages the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program. The aim of the DBE program is to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of federally funded assisted contracts. Each DOT-assisted State and local transportation agency is required to establish DBE goals; this includes Transit Vehicle Manufacturers (TVMs). The DOT-assisted agencies establish contract-specific DBE goals, where these goals are needed to ensure nondiscrimination in federally-assisted procurements.

Bus manufacturers must be certified by the U.S. Department of Transportation as a Transit Vehicle Manufacturer (TVM) in the DBE program to be eligible to bid on federally funded transit agency contracts. The DOT Federal Transit Administration maintains a listing of TVMs eligible to bid on federally funded transit agency contracts; Turtle Top is on the list.

Independent Protection Company, Inc. dba Turtle Top, a Transit Vehicle Manufacturer located in New Paris, IN announces its Federal FY 2026 DBE goal of 0.27% as required by 49 CFR Part 26 as it applies to qualified and certified DBEs on DOT-assisted contracts. Turtle Top's DBE program, details of this goal, and the rationale for its establishment are available for inspection during business hours (8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday EST) at Turtle Top's office at 67819 State Road 15, New Paris, Indiana, 46553 for 30 days following the publication of this notice. Written comments will be accepted for 45 days at the Turtle Top office address to the attention of the DBE Liaison Officer. Comments can also be sent to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20590.