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Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program

The Department of Transportation's (DOT) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program is implemented by recipients of DOT Federal Financial Assistance. Recipients are primarily state highway, transit, and airport agencies that receive funds subject to Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations part 26 (49 CFR 26). A similar program (49 CFR 23) for airport concession DBEs (ACDBE), is mandated by 49 U.S.C. 47107(e). The ACDBE program was originally enacted in 1987 and most recently amended in 2012.

Objectives/ Policy Statement (26.1,26.23)

It is the policy of the Airport to ensure the DBE'S, as defined in 49 CFR part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts.

It is the policy of MAA to ensure that DBE's as defined in Part 26 have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is also the policy of MAA:

- To ensure nondiscrimination of the awards and administration of DOT-assisted contracts.
- To create a level playing field on which DBE's can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts.
- To ensure that the DBE program is narrowly tailored by utilizing race-neutral/race-conscious means.
- To ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBE's.
- To help remove barriers to the participation of DBE's in DOT-assisted contracts; and
- To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside of the DBE program.

Rita Barren has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, Ms. Barren is responsible for implementing 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 Mobile Airport Authority in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

Have Questions?

Should you have any questions regarding Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, please email Ms. Barren at rbarren@mobairport.com. All questions submitted will be answered individually and posted so they may be of use to other DBE's