THE LOUISVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

Section 26.1, 26.23 Objectives/Policy Statements:

The Louisville Regional Airport Authority of Louisville Kentucky (the "Authority") has established this Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program ("DBE Program") in accordance with the regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation ("DOT"), 49 CFR Part 26 (the "Regulations;" see Attachment A). The Authority has received Federal financial assistance from the DOT (authorized by 49 USC 47101 et seq.), and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the Authority has agreed that it will comply with the Regulations. The policies, goals and procedures set forth below shall apply to programs and activities at both the Louisville International Airport at Standiford Field and to Bowman Field. The Authority shall endeavor, to the fullest extent possible, to afford DBEs an opportunity to participate in DOT-assisted contracts, as defined in the Regulation, in order to achieve or exceed the goals hereinafter set forth and as they may be amended or changed from time to time.

It is the Authority's policy to ensure that DBEs, as defined in Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in Department of Transportation ("DOT") assisted contracts. It is also our policy:

- 1. To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts;
- 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 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs;
- 5. To help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT-assisted contracts; and
- 6. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.

Janet Barrow has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, the DBE Liaison Officer 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 Louisville Regional Airport Authority in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.