

**LOUISVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY**  
**DBE PROGRAM POLICY STATEMENT**

**Section 26.1, 26.23 Objectives/Policy Statement**

The Louisville Regional Airport Authority (The Authority), owner of the Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport (SDF) and Bowman Field (LOU), has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26. The Authority has received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the Authority has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26. (hereinafter referred to as "Part 26")

It is the policy of the Authority to ensure that DBEs as defined in Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT assisted contracts. It is also the Authority's policy to engage in the following actions on a continuing basis:

1. Ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT- assisted contracts;
2. Create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for DOT- assisted contracts;
3. Ensure that the DBE Program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
4. Ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs;
5. Help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT assisted contracts;
6. Promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally-assisted contracts and procurement activities;
7. Assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE program;
8. Provide appropriate flexibility to recipients of Federal financial assistance in establishing and providing opportunities for DBEs.

Brenda Allen, Vice President of Legal Affairs and Corporate Culture, has been designated as the DBE Liaison Officer (DBELO). In that capacity, Ms. Allen is responsible for implementing all aspects of the DBE program. Implementation of the DBE program is afforded the same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by the Airport in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

The Authority has disseminated this policy statement to the officials of the Louisville Regional Airport Authority and all of the components of our organization. We have distributed this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that may perform work for us on Authority DOT-assisted contracts through the Authority's website.