

**DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) PROGRAM
Central Nebraska Regional Airport
Grand Island, Nebraska**

POLICY STATEMENT

1. Definitions of Terms (26.5)

The Hall County Airport Authority, Central Nebraska Regional Airport, Grand Island, Nebraska is hereinafter referred to as Sponsor.

The terms used in this program have been adopted by the Sponsor and have the meanings as defined in 49 CFR 26.5.

2. Objectives /Policy Statement (26.1, 26.23)


The Sponsor 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 Sponsor has received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the Sponsor has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of the Sponsor to ensure that DBEs, as defined in Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in 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.

Debra Potratz, Administrative Assistant, has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer (DBELO). 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 Sponsor in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

The Sponsor has disseminated this policy statement to the governing board of the airport and all the components of our organization. We have distributed this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for us on DOT-assisted contracts. Distribution is included in the bid specification.



Executive Director

Date: 6/17/2015