

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
ACDBE PROGRAM – 49 CFR PART 23
Savannah Airport Commission
for the Savannah / Hilton Head International Airport
Savannah GA**

POLICY STATEMENT

Section 23.1, 23.23 Objectives/Policy Statement

The Savannah Airport Commission ('the Commission') has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) 49 CFR Part 23. The Commission has received Federal financial assistance from USDOT, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the Commission has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 23.


It is the policy of the Commission to ensure that ACDBEs, as defined in 49 CFR Part 23, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in concession opportunities. It is also our policy:

1. To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of opportunities for concessions by airports receiving DOT financial assistance;
2. To create a level playing field on which ACDBEs can compete fairly for opportunities for concessions;
3. To ensure that our ACDBE program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
4. To ensure that only firms that fully meet this part's eligibility standards are permitted to participate as ACDBEs at our airport;
5. To help remove barriers to the participation of ACDBEs in opportunities for concessions at our airport; and
6. To provide appropriate flexibility to the airport in establishing opportunities for ACDBEs.

Dawoud Stevenson, 400 Airways Avenue, Savannah, Georgia 31408, (912) 964-0514; DStevenson@savannahairport.com, has been designated as the ACDBE Liaison Officer for the Savannah Airport Commission. In that capacity, Mr. Stevenson is responsible for implementing all aspects of the ACDBE program. Implementation of the ACDBE program is accorded the same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by the Savannah Airport Commission in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

The Commission has disseminated this policy statement to its board members and all of the components of the organization. The Commission will distribute this statement by mail to ACDBE and non-ACDBE concessionaire communities in our area in the following manner. The policy is also posted on the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport Website at www.savannahairport.com.

1. *This Policy statement will be prepared as a handout, and made available at pre-bid conferences, and/or outreach meetings conducted by the Commission.*
2. *Copies of the Policy statement will be mailed to all of the agencies/organizations consulted during the development of the ACDBE goal methodology. This will make the Commission's policy for the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport available to additional small, minority, and women business development agencies.*


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Executive Director

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Date