

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
DBE PROGRAM – 49 CFR PART 26**

Savannah Airport Commission-November 2020

**POLICY STATEMENT**

**Section 26.1, 26.23**

**Objectives/Policy Statement**

The Savannah Airport Commission (hereafter '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 26. 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 26.

It is the policy of the Commission to ensure that DBEs, as defined in 49 CFR Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in USDOT-assisted contracts. It is also the policy:

1. To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of USDOT-assisted contracts.
2. To create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for USDOT-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 USDOT-assisted contracts.
6. To promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally-assisted contracts and procurement activities conducted by recipients.
7. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE program.
8. To provide appropriate flexibility to recipients of federal financial assistance in establishing and providing opportunities for DBEs.

**Dawoud Stevenson, Director of Program Management & Information Technology, Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport, 400 Airways Avenue, Savannah, Georgia 31408, (912) 964-0514; [dstevenson@flysav.com](mailto:dstevenson@flysav.com)** has been designated as the DBE Liaison Officer for the Savannah Airport Commission. In that capacity, Mr. Stevenson 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 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 to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for the Airport on USDOT-assisted contracts in the following manner:

1. This policy statement will be prepared as a handout and will be made available at pre-bid conferences and outreach meetings conducted by the Commission.
2. The policy statement will be posted on the Airport's website: <https://savannahairport.com/business/airport-business/dbe-statement/>

  
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**Gregory B. Kelly, A.A.E., Executive Director**

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