

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**ACDBE PROGRAM – 49 CFR PART 23**

**POLICY STATEMENT**

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

The Savannah Airport Commission has established an Airport Concession Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR part 23. The SAVANNAH/HILTON HEAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT is a primary airport and has received federal funds authorized for airport development after January 1988 (authorized under Title 49 of the United States Code). The Savannah Airport Commission has signed airport grant assurances that it will comply with 49 CFR part 23.

It is the policy of the Savannah Airport Commission to ensure that ACDBEs as defined in 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;
5. To help remove barriers to the participation of ACDBEs in opportunities for concessions our airport(s);
6. To promote the use of ACDBEs in all types of concessions activities at our airport(s);
7. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the ACDBE program; and
8. To provide appropriate flexibility to airports receiving DOT financial assistance in establishing and providing opportunities for ACDBEs.

Dawoud Stevenson, Director of Program Management of Aviation has been designated as the ACDBE Liaison Officer (ACDBELO). In that capacity, the Director of Program Management 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 Savannah Airport Commission has disseminated this policy statement to the Savannah Airport Commission and all of the components of our organization. We have distributed this statement to ACDBE and non-ACDBE concessionaire communities in our area. The distribution was accomplished by website postings.

  
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Gregory B. Kelly, A.A.E, Executive Director  
Savannah Airport Commission

November 6, 2024

Date