

UNIVERSITY PARK AIRPORT

ACDBE PROGRAM

POLICY STATEMENT

Section 23.1, 23.23 Objectives/Policy Statement

The Pennsylvania State University, University Park Airport 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 Pennsylvania State University, University Park 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 Pennsylvania State University, University Park Airport has signed airport grant assurances that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 23.

It is the policy of the Pennsylvania State University, University Park Airport 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 at our airport(s);
5. To help remove barriers to the participation of ACDBEs in opportunities for concessions at our airport(s); and
6. To provide appropriate flexibility to our airports in establishing and providing opportunities for ACDBEs.

The Associate Director of Airport Operations has been designated as the ACDBE Liaison Officer (ACDBELO). In that capacity, the ACDBELO 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 Pennsylvania State University, University Park Airport in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

The Pennsylvania State University, University Park Airport will disseminate this policy statement to the Centre County Airport Authority, and all of the components of our organization upon FAA approval. The CCCA will also make this policy statement available on the Authority's website, www.universityparkairport.com, to all Authority personnel and to the members of the business community that perform or are interested in performing work on Authority concession-related contracts. They will also distribute this statement to ACDBE and non-ACDBE concessionaire communities in our area by including them in all concessions advertisements.

Bryan Rodgers, Airport Director, University Park Airport

Date

Jim Meyer, Executive Director, Centre County Airport Authority

Date