

## UNIVERSITY PARK AIRPORT

### DBE PROGRAM

### POLICY STATEMENT

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

The Pennsylvania State University, owner of the University Park Airport, 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 Pennsylvania State University, University Park Airport (UPA) has received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the Pennsylvania State University, University Park Airport has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of the Pennsylvania State University, University Park Airport 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;
6. To promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally-assisted contracts and procurement activities;
7. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program; and
8. To provide appropriate flexibility to recipients of Federal financial assistance in establishing and providing opportunities for DBEs.

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

The Pennsylvania State University, University Park Airport has disseminated this policy statement to the Centre County Airport Authority and all of 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.

The CCCA has also made this policy statement available on the Authority's website, [www.universityparkairport.com](http://www.universityparkairport.com), to all Authority personnel and to the members of the business community that perform or are interested in performing work on Airport projects.

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Bryan Rodgers, Airport Director, University Park Airport      Date

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Jim Meyer, Executive Director, Centre County Airport Authority      Date