

JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY DBE PROGRAM POLICY STATEMENT

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (JMAA) 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 JMAA has received Federal financial assistance from the USDOT, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the JMAA has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of the JMAA to ensure that DBEs as defined in Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in US DOT-assisted contracts, It Is also our 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 assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the JMAA DBE Program.

Jack Thomas, the JMAA Director of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises and Community Development, has been delegated as the JMAA DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, Mr. Thomas is responsible for implementing all aspects of the JMAA DBE Program. Implementation of the JMAA DBE Program is accorded the same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by the JMAA in its financial assistance agreements with the US DOT.

JMAA has disseminated this policy statement to the JMAA Board of Commissioners and all of the .components of our organization. Internally, this policy statement has been distributed by memo to senior JMAA management with instructions to disseminate this directive to members of their respective staffs.

This Statement was distributed to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for JMAA on USDOT-assisted contracts. The Policy Statement is also available on the JMAA website, www.JMAA.COM.



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