

Objectives/Policy Statement (26.1, 26.23)
St. Lucie County International Airport
Fort Pierce, Florida

The St Lucie County International 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 Airport has received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the Airport has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of the St Lucie County International 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; and
6. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.

The Airport Director of the St Lucie County International Airport has been designated as the DBE Liaison Officer for the Airport. In that capacity, the *Airport Director* is responsible for implementing all aspects of the DBE program associated with Federally Funded projects at the airport. Implementation of the DBE program is accorded the same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by the *Airport* in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

The *Airport* has disseminated this policy statement to the *Board of County Commissioners*. We will participate as a non-certifying member in the State Unified Certification Plan; publish notice of this policy; work with prime contractors to identify DBE participation opportunities in appropriate trades; and will otherwise distribute this policy statement to DBE and non-DBE businesses that perform work for us on DOT-assisted contracts.



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