Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)

The Charleston County Aviation Authority (hereinafter "the Authority") has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of the Authority to ensure that DBE's, as defined, in 49 CFR Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in USDOT assisted contract. It is also the policy:

- To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of USDOT assisted contracts
- To create a level playing field on which DEBE's can compete fairly for USDOT assisted contracts
- To ensure that the DBE Program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law
- To ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBE's
- To help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in USDOT assisted contracts
- To help ensure that firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program
- Structure contracting requirement to facilitate competition by small business enterprises (SBE's) taking all reasonable steps to eliminate obstacles to their participation as required under 49 CFR Part 26.39.

Implementation of the DBE Program is accorded the same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by the Authority. The Authority has designated a DBE Liaison to implement all aspects of the DBE program as well as answer any questions.

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