

DBE PROGRAM
MERIDIAN REGIONAL AIRPORT
MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

Section 26.1, 26.23 Objectives/Policy Statement

The Meridian Airport Authority, Mississippi (Sponsor), owner of the Meridian Regional 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 Sponsor has received Federal financial assistance from the Federal Aviation Administration and is anticipating awarding prime contracts in excess of \$250,000.00 during this Fiscal Year and, as a condition of receiving this assistance, has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of the Sponsor 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 to engage in the following actions on a continuing basis:

1. Ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT- assisted contracts;
2. Create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts;
3. Ensure that the DBE Program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
4. Ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs;
5. Help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT assisted contracts;
6. Promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally-assisted contracts and procurement activities;
7. Assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program; and
8. Make appropriate use of the flexibility afforded to recipients of Federal financial assistance in establishing and providing opportunities for DBEs.

Mr. Tom Williams, Executive Director, Meridian Airport Authority, Mississippi has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, Mr. Williams 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 Sponsor in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

The Sponsor has disseminated this policy statement to all branches of the Sponsor's offices and posted it for public viewing in the Sponsor's Office. It will be distributed to DBE and non-DBE communities that perform work for the Sponsor on DOT-assisted contracts by website postings of the public notice.



Tom Williams
Executive Director
Meridian Airport Authority
Meridian, Mississippi

Date: 8-9-2021

PUBLIC NOTICE
DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE)
GOALS FOR FY 2022-2024
MERIDIAN REGIONAL AIRPORT, MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

The Meridian Regional Airport, operated by the Meridian Airport Authority, Meridian, Mississippi, hereby publishes a proposed overall goal for its Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program for FY 2022-FY 2024 for the Meridian Regional Airport. The proposed overall goal is 10.13% for all FAA-AIP funded projects for FY 2022, the proposed overall goal is 10.35% for all FAA-AIP funded projects for FY 2023, the proposed overall goal is 8.75% for all FAA-AIP funded projects for FY 2024, with a FY 2022-FY 2024 three-year DBE goal of 9.74%. The methodology used in developing this goal is available for inspection at the Office of the Executive Director, Meridian Airport Authority, 2811A-U.S. Highway 11 South, Meridian, Mississippi, 39307, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM. The Authority and FAA will receive and consider public comments on the proposed goal for 30 days from the date of this advertisement and comments should be submitted in writing to the addresses below. These goals are established in accordance with 49 CFR Part 26.

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