

**DBE PROGRAM
SANTEE COOPER REGIONAL AIRPORT
MANNING, SOUTH CAROLINA
POLICY STATEMENT**

Objectives /Policy Statement (§§26.1, 26.23)

The County of Clarendon, South Carolina, (Sponsor) owner of the Santee Cooper 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 –

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 assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program;
7. To provide appropriate flexibility to recipients of Federal financial assistance in establishing and providing opportunities for DBEs; and
8. To promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally-assisted contract and procurement activities.

Tamika Malone, Procurement Director, has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer (DBELO) and 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 Federal Aviation Administration.

The Sponsor has disseminated this policy statement to all branches of the Sponsor's government, and posted it for public viewing. 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.

David Epperson
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County of Clarendon, South Carolina



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