

**Tucson Airport Authority
 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise
 Program (DBE) Policy Statement**

Policy No.	2023-11
Effective Date	9/6/2023
Authorized By	President/CEO
Supersedes Board Adoption	12/08/2021

The Tucson Airport Authority (TAA), certified operator of Tucson International Airport (TUS) and Ryan Airfield (RYN), has received Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation ("USDOT") and, as a condition of receiving this assistance, has signed an assurance that it will comply with the requirements of USDOT regulations (49 CFR Parts 23 and 26; hereinafter, the "DBE Regulations") concerning the participation of disadvantaged business enterprises ("DBEs") in DOT programs.

It is the policy of TAA to comply with the requirements of the DBE Regulations and to ensure that DBEs, as defined in the DBE Regulations, have a fair and equal opportunity to participate in TAA's USDOT-assisted projects or concession contracts. To the extent reasonably possible and consistent with other legal requirements, it is the goal of TAA:

- To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of TAA's USDOT-assisted or concession contracts;
- To create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for TAA's USDOT-assisted or concession contracts;
- To ensure that the DBE program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
- To ensure that only firms that fully meet this part's eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs at our airport;
- To help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in TAA's USDOT assisted contracts and opportunities for concessions at our airport;
- To promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally assisted contracts and procurement activities; and
- To provide appropriate flexibility to our airports in establishing and providing opportunities for DBEs.

The Compliance Administrator has been designated as the DBE Liaison Officer (DBELO). In that capacity, the Compliance Administrator is responsible for implementing all aspects of the DBE program. The DBE Liaison Officer shall report directly to the CEO with respect to the implementation of the TAA DBE Program. Implementation of the DBE program is accorded the

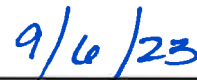
same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by TAA in its financial assistance agreements with the United States Department of Transportation.

TAA has disseminated this policy statement to the TAA Board of Directors and all the components of our organization. TAA has distributed this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities in our area. The statement was distributed at the public comment meeting for the DBE program and via the TAA website. A copy of this policy statement shall be available through the solicitation processes for all USDOT-assisted or concession contracts.

Authorized by:



Danette Bewley
President/CEO



Date

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TUCSON AIRPORT AUTHORITY, INC., APPROVING TAA'S FAA PART 26 DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) PROGRAM POLICY STATEMENT AND PARTICIPATION GOAL FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024 – 2026.

WHEREAS the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) requires entities receiving grants from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) under 49 CFR Part 26 to ensure that DBEs are afforded a fair opportunity to compete for federally funded transportation contracts; and

WHEREAS TAA desires to apply for and receive such grants from the FAA for its various construction projects; and

WHEREAS USDOT regulations require TAA to periodically adopt and circulate a policy statement expressing its commitment to the DBE program, stating its objectives and outlining responsibilities for its implementation; and


WHEREAS TAA conducted a review and analysis and solicited feedback from interested parties regarding its goal of 7% DBE participation in federally-funded projects for fiscal years 2024 – 2026; and

WHEREAS the Board of Directors accepts the staff recommendations as outlined in the attached Policy Statement and the Board Memorandum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TUCSON AIRPORT AUTHORITY, INC., AS FOLLOWS:

The President/CEO or her designee[s]) is hereby authorized to adopt the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation overall goal for federally funded projects at 7% for fiscal years 2024 – 2026, to execute the updated DBE policy statement (attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference herein), to submit this goal to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and to take any further actions which are necessary to comply with applicable federal regulations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Tucson Airport Authority, Inc., this sixth day of September, 2023.


[Keri Silvyn \(Sep 8, 2023 08:39 PDT\)](#)
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