

BAKERSFIELD MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

POLICY STATEMENT

Objectives/Policy Statement

Section 26.1, 26.23

The City of Bakersfield, CA 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 City of Bakersfield, CA will be receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the City of Bakersfield, CA has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of the City of Bakersfield, CA to ensure that DBEs are defined in part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is 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.

Mr. Steve Hollingsworth, Public Works Operations Manager/Airport Manager has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, Mr. Hollingsworth 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 City of Bakersfield, CA in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

The City of Bakersfield, CA has disseminated this policy statement to Mayor Harvey L. Hall and all the components of our organization. We have distributed this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for us on DOT-assisted contracts by publishing a Public Notice in our website.

The City of Bakersfield ensures that only DBE firms currently certified by the California Unified Certification Program will participate as DBEs on DOT-assisted contracts.