

## POLICY STATEMENT

### Section 26.1, 26.23

### Objectives/Policy Statement

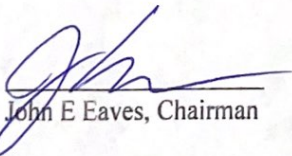
The Stafford Regional Airport Authority owner of Stafford Regional Airport has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26. The Stafford Regional Airport Authority has received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the Stafford Regional Airport Authority has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of the Stafford Regional Airport Authority 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 ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT- assisted contracts.
- To create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for DOT-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 DBEs;
- To help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT assisted contracts.
- To promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally assisted contracts and procurement activities;
- To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE Program; and

By position, the Airport Manager currently Mr. James L. Stover, is designated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, the Airport Director 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 Stafford Regional Airport Authority in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

The DBE Liaison Office has disseminated this policy statement to the Stafford Regional Airport Authority and all of 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. The distribution was accomplished by posting a notice on the Stafford Regional Airport web site: <http://staffordairport.com>.

  
John E Eaves, Chairman

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