

POLICY STATEMENT

Section 26.1, 26.23 Objectives/Policy Statement

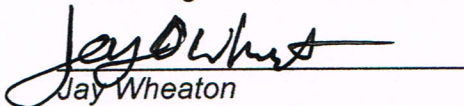
The City of Ottumwa, Iowa, owner of the *Ottumwa Regional Airport*, has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26. The *Ottumwa Regional Airport* has received Federal financial assistance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

It is the policy of the *Ottumwa Regional Airport* to ensure that DBEs as defined in Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is also the *Ottumwa Regional Airport* 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 marketplace 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.

Jay Wheaton, Director of Airport Operations, of the *City of Ottumwa, Iowa*, has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, *Jay Wheaton* 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 *Ottumwa Regional Airport* in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

The *Ottumwa Regional Airport* has disseminated this policy statement to the *City of Ottumwa, Iowa*, and all of the components of our organization. This statement has been distributed to DBE and non-DBE business communities that may perform work on the *Ottumwa Regional Airport* DOT-assisted contracts. The distribution was accomplished by Publishing in the *Ottumwa Courier* and the City's website.


Jay Wheaton

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Date