

**KENT STATE UNIVERSITY  
DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS  
ENTERPRISE (DBE) PROGRAM  
(Updated January 2021)**

**POLICY STATEMENT**

**Section 26.1, 26.23 Objectives/Policy Statement**

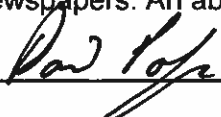
Kent State University (KSU), owner of Kent State University Airport (1G3), has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26. The airport has received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, KSU has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.


It is the policy of KSU 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
- 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 Federal-assisted contracts and procurement activities,
- To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE Program, and
- To provide appropriate flexibility to recipients of Federal financial assistance in establishing and providing opportunities for DBEs.

The Airport Manager has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, he 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 Airport in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

KSU has disseminated this policy statement to 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 by publication in local newspapers. An abbreviated version is also included in our requests for proposals.

  
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