

Susquehanna Area Regional Airport Authority ACDBE Program

POLICY STATEMENT

Section 23.1, 23.23 Objectives/Policy Statement

The Susquehanna Area Regional Airport Authority (SARAA) has established an Airport Concession Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 23. Harrisburg International Airport (MDT) is a primary airport and has received federal funds authorized for airport development after January 1988 (authorized under Title 49 of the United States Code). SARAA has signed airport grant assurances that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 23.

It is the policy of SARAA to ensure that ACDBEs as defined in Part 23 have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in concession opportunities. It is also our policy:

1. To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of opportunities for concessions by airports receiving Department of Transportation (DOT) financial assistance;
2. To create a level playing field on which ACDBEs can compete fairly for opportunities for concessions;
3. To ensure that our ACDBE program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
4. To ensure that only firms that fully meet this part's eligibility standards are permitted to participate as ACDBEs at our airport;
5. To help remove barriers to the participation of ACDBEs in opportunities for concessions at our airport; and,
6. To provide appropriate flexibility to our airport in establishing and providing opportunities for ACDBEs.

The Executive Director has been delegated as the ACDBE Liaison Officer (ACDBELO). In that capacity, the Executive Director is responsible for implementing all aspects of the ACDBE program. Implementation of the ACDBE program is accorded the same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by SARAA in its financial assistance agreements with the DOT.

SARAA has disseminated this policy statement to all Authority members and all of the components of our organization. We have distributed this statement to ACDBE and non-ACDBE concessionaire communities in our area, including the current concessionaires at the airport and the various Chambers of Commerce in appropriate surrounding communities. This statement will also be distributed at any stakeholders meetings and as part of any Request for Proposal package for upcoming concession opportunities.

Stephen Libhart, Chairman
Susquehanna Area Regional Airport Authority

Date