Sub-Part A - General Requirements & Information

Section 23.1, 23.23 Policy Statement and Objectives

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

It is the policy of the Airport Authority to ensure that ACDBEs as defined in Part 23, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in concession opportunities. It is also the Airport Authority's policy:

- 1. To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of opportunities for concessions by airports receiving USDOT financial assistance;
- 2. To create a level playing field on which ACDBEs can compete fairly for opportunities for concessions;
- 3. To ensure that the Airport Authority's 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 the Airport;
- 5. To help remove barriers to the participation of ACDBEs in opportunities for concessions at the Airport;
- 6. To promote the use of ACDBEs in all types of concession activities conducted by recipients;
- 7. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the ACDBE Program;
- 8. To provide appropriate flexibility to the Airport Authority in establishing and providing opportunities for ACDBEs.

Timothy J. Edwards, A.A.E., Executive Director, Susquehanna Area Regional Airport Authority, One Terminal Drive, Suite 300, Middletown, PA 17057; Phone: 717-948-3900 x 4600, has been designated as the ACDBE Liaison Officer (ACDBELO). In this capacity, the ACDBELO 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 the Susquehanna Area Regional Airport Authority in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

The Susquehanna Area Regional Airport Authority has disseminated this policy statement to its board members and all of the components of the organization. The Airport Authority has distributed this statement to ACDBE and non-ACDBE concessionaire communities in the area on the Airport Authority's website, via local newspapers, local chambers of commerce, local trade organizations, professional organizations and local minority, women, and disadvantaged business organizations.

William Leonard, Chairman
Susquehanna Area Regional Airport Authority

Date