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**CITY OF HOUSTON ACDBE PROGRAM**

**Objectives/Policy Statement**

The City of Houston (City) 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. The City owns and operates three commercial airports in the Houston Airport System. Of these three, George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston (IAH) and William P. Hobby Airport (HOU) are primary airports. The City has received federal funds authorized for airport development after January 1988 authorized under Title 49 of the United States Code. The City has signed airport grant assurances that it will comply with 49 CFR, Part 23.

It is the policy of the City 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;
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 laws;
4. To ensure that only firms that fully meet Part 23 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as ACDBEs at our airport(s);
5. To help remove barriers to the participation of ACDBEs in opportunities for concessions at our airport(s); and
6. To provide appropriate flexibility to our airports in establishing and providing opportunities for ACDBEs.

The Director of the Office of Business Opportunity has been designated to act as the ACDBE Liaison Officer (Director or ACDBELO). In that capacity, the 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 the City in its financial assistance agreements with the DOT.

The City has disseminated this Policy Statement to the Mayor, City Council, the Director, the Director of the Houston Airport System, and the Deputy Directors, Houston Airport System. We have distributed this statement to ACDBE and non-ACDBE concessionaire communities in our area via email and the internet.

City of Houston, Texas

Signed by:

  
Mayor

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Date