

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program



The Delaware River and Bay Authority (the Authority) has received financial assistance from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for projects related to Authority airport facilities.

As a condition of receiving this assistance, the Authority established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program in 1999 in accordance with U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations, 49 CFR Part 26.

It has been and remains the policy of the Delaware River and Bay Authority to ensure that DBEs, as defined by 49 CFR Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in the Authority's FAA-assisted contracts.



It is also Authority policy:

1. To ensure non-discrimination in the award and administration of FAA-assisted contracts;
2. To create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for FAA-assisted contracts;
3. To ensure that the DBE program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
4. To ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs;
5. To help remove barriers to participation of DBEs in FAA-assisted contracts;
6. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside of the DBE Program.

The Authority encourages certified DBEs to participate in its FAA-assisted projects.

In 2006, the Authority resolved to incorporate a DBE policy into contract specification documents for all Authority-funded capital construction contracts in excess of \$250,000 for a trial period of two years. Please contact the DBE Program Office for more information.

The Delaware River and Bay Authority is a member of the Unified Certification Program in both Delaware and New Jersey. Accordingly, the Authority does not certify DBEs but recognizes the DBE certifications from the Unified Certification Programs of Delaware and New Jersey.

For information regarding DBE certification, please contact the Authority's DBE Program Office.



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