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NOTICE

The Port of Port Townsend, owner of Jefferson County International Airport, has established a <u>Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program</u> in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26. The Owner (Port) has received federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the Port has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of the Port to ensure that DBEs as defined in Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT–assisted contracts. It is also Port policy:

- 1. To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts:
- 2. To create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for DOT-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 the participation of DBEs in DOT-assisted contracts;
- 6. To promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally-assisted contracts and procurement activities;
- 7. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program; and
- 8. Make appropriate use of the flexibility afforded to recipients of Federal financial assistance in establishing and providing opportunities for DBEs.

Matt Klontz, Director of Capital Projects/Port Engineer has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer (DBELO). In that capacity, the DBELO 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 Port in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

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