

HOULTON, MAINE
INTERNATONAL AIRPORT
DISADVANTAGE BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) PROGRAM
UPDATE FOR FY-2015-2016-2017

POLICY STATEMENT

Section 26.1, 26.23: Objectives/Policy Statement

The Town of Houlton (hereinafter referred to as Town) has established a Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), 49 CFR Part 26 (see **Attachment 1**). The Town has received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the Town has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

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

1. To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of USDOT – assisted contracts;
2. To create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for USDOT-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 USDOT assisted contracts;
6. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.

The Town Manager has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, Butch Asselin 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 Town in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

The Town will disseminate this policy statement to the Town Council and this statement will be published on the Town's Internet website.



Butch Asselin, Town Manager

October 28, 2014

Date