

**DISADVANTAGE BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) AND**  
**AIRPORT CONCESSIONS DISADVANTAGE BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (ACDBE)**  
**POLICY STATEMENT**

**Section 26.1, 26.23 Objectives/Policy Statement**

Tompkins County, owner of Ithaca Tompkins International Airport, has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program and an Airport Concessions Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE) Program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26. Tompkins County has received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, Tompkins County has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26 and Part 23(hereafter referred to as "Part 26 and 23").

It is the policy of the Tompkins County to ensure that DBEs as defined in Part 26 and 23, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is also Tompkins County policy to engage in the following actions on a continuing basis:

1. Ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT- assisted contracts;
2. Create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts;
3. Ensure that the DBE Program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
4. Ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs;
5. Help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT assisted contracts;
6. Promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally-assisted contracts and procurement activities;
7. 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.

Roxan E. Noble, Airport Director, has been delegated as the AC/DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, Roxan is responsible for implementing all aspects of the DBE and ACDBE programs. Implementation of the DBE and ACDBE programs is accorded the same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by the Tompkins County in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

Tompkins County has disseminated this policy statement to the Tompkins County Legislature and all of the components of our organization. This statement has been distributed to DBE and non-DBE business communities that may perform work on Tompkins County DOT-assisted contracts or concessions and available on our website at [www.flyithaca.com](http://www.flyithaca.com).

  
Shawna Black, Chair,  
Tompkins County Legislature

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Date