

## MERRILL FIELD AIRPORT - ACDBE PROGRAM POLICY STATEMENT

### Objectives/Policy Statement (49 CFR 23.1, 23.23)<sup>1</sup>

The Municipality of Anchorage, which owns Merrill Field (MRI) 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. Merrill Field is a non-hub primary commercial service airport and has received federal funds authorized for airport development after January 1988 (authorized under Title 49 of the United States Code). The Municipality has signed airport grant assurances that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 23.

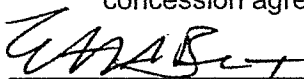
It is the policy of the Municipality to ensure that ACDBEs as defined in Part 23, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in concession opportunities. It is also our policy:

1. To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of opportunities for concessions by airports receiving DOT financial assistance;
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 law;
4. To ensure that only firms that fully meet this part's 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.

Heather MacAlpine, Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity has been designated as the ACDBE Liaison Officer (ACDBELO). In that capacity, Heather MacAlpine 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 Municipality in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

Merrill Field Airport has published this policy on its website ([http://www.muni.org/departments/merrill\\_field](http://www.muni.org/departments/merrill_field)) and is now available for review in the Airport Manager's office of the Merrill Field Airport during normal business hours. In addition we have distributed this statement to ACDBE and non-ACDBE concessionaire communities in our area by doing the following:

1. A copy of this policy will be made available to each attendee of all informational and pre-bid meeting dealing with concession opportunities.
2. This policy statement will be provided to each and every entity that enters into a concession agreement with the Merrill Field Airport.

  
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Ethan Berkowitz, Mayor  
Municipality of Anchorage

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Date

<sup>1</sup> The section numbers are references to 49 CFR Part 23 and indicate the appropriate reference cite.