POLICY STATEMENT

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

It is the policy of King County to ensure that DBEs as defined in Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is also our 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. To provide appropriate flexibility to recipients of Federal financial assistance in establishing and providing opportunities for DBEs.

The Manager of King County Business Development and Contract Compliance Section (BDCC) has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer (DBELO). In that capacity, BDCC 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 King County in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

The Director of King County Department of Transportation, Harold Taniguchi, has been designated signature authority to make assurances to the USDOT on behalf of King County. King County will disseminate this policy statement to the King County Executive, the Metropolitan King County Council and all of the components of our organization. King County has distributed this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for us on USDOT assisted contracts through public hearings, publication in general circulation, commercial and community newspapers. This policy statement will be available for public access on King County’s website. The link to the King county website will also be listed on all solicitation documents qualified for FAA assistance during the Fiscal Years 2016 through 2018.

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King County Executive

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