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## DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

### POLICY STATEMENT

#### **Section 26.1 - 26.23<sup>1</sup>**

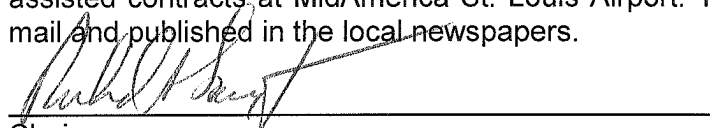
The St. Clair County Public Building Commission (herein after referred to as the PBC) has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26. The PBC has received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving further assistance, the PBC shall sign an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of the PBC to ensure that DBE firms as defined in 43 CRF Part 26 have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is also PBC policy:

1. To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT – assisted contracts;
2. To create a level playing field on which DBE firms 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 DBE firms;
5. To help remove barriers to the participation of DBE firms in DOT-assisted contracts;
6. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.

Ms. Alice Tejada, Contract Administrator, Department of Engineering and Planning, MidAmerica St. Louis Airport, has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, Ms. Tejada 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 PBC in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

This policy statement was disseminated to and approved by the Public Building Commission on June 21, 2007. This policy statement was distributed to various agencies and organizations involved with DBE and non-DBE business communities that could perform work on DOT-assisted contracts at MidAmerica St. Louis Airport. The policy statement was disseminated by mail and published in the local newspapers.



Chairman  
St. Clair County Public Building Commission

November 1, 2007

Date

<sup>1</sup>References throughout this document refer to Sections of 46 CFR Part 26.