

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

ACDBE PROGRAM – 49 CFR PART 23

POLICY STATEMENT

Section 23.1, 23.23 Objectives/Policy Statement

The City of Corpus Christi, TX (hereafter referred to as “Sponsor”) Sponsor for Corpus Christi International Airport (hereafter referred to as “Airport”) 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. The Airport is a primary airport and has received federal funds authorized for airport development after January 1988 (authorized under Title 49 of the United States Code). The Sponsor has signed airport grant assurances that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 23 (hereafter referred to as “Part 23”).

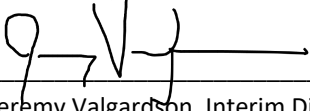
It is the policy of the Sponsor to ensure that ACDBEs, as defined in Part 23, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in concession opportunities. It is also the Sponsor’s policy to engage in the following actions on a continuing basis:

Ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of opportunities for concessions by airports receiving DOT financial assistance;

- To create a level playing field on which ACDBEs can compete fairly for opportunities for concessions;
- To ensure that the ACDBE program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
- To ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR 23 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as ACDBEs;
- To help remove barriers to the participation of ACDBEs in opportunities for concessions our airport(s);
- To promote the use of ACDBEs in all types of concessions activities at our airport(s);
- To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the ACDBE program; and
- To make appropriate use of the flexibility afforded to recipients of Federal financial assistance in establishing and providing opportunities for ACDBEs.

The Corpus Christi International Airport, Assistant Director of Aviation*, has been designated as the ACDBE Liaison Officer (ACDBELO). In that capacity, ACDBELO 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 Sponsor in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

The Sponsor has disseminated this policy statement to the governing board, including the City Administration, the Airport Advisory Board, and all of the components of our organization. This statement has been distributed to ACDBE and non-ACDBE concessionaire communities that may perform work on the Sponsor’s DOT-assisted contracts. This distribution is made through our ACDBE office (for ACDBE purposes – located at the ACDBELO’s office) and through plans and specifications for each project.



Jeremy Valgardson, Interim Director of Aviation
Corpus Christi International Airport

8/27/2025

Date

* Refer to Section 23.23 of this ACDBE Program or the Organizational Chart for the name and contact information