

RESOLUTION NO. 15-XXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SETTING AN OVERALL GOAL FOR DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION IN UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ASSISTED CONTRACTS AT THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE EXECUTIVE AIRPORT.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation adopted Regulations (49 CFR Part 26) respecting participation of disadvantaged business enterprises in programs financed in whole or in part with federal funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, on September 8, 1999, the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale adopted Resolution No. 99-125 which created a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise ("DBE") Program Policy and a Minority Business Enterprises Program Policy ("MBE") under 49 CFR Part 23 and 26 for the City; and

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2000, the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale adopted Resolution 00-15 setting an overall goal for DBE program participation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale last updated its DBE Program goal in 2011 for the Fiscal Years 2012-2014; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with applicable requirements, the City is now updating its overall goal for participation in the DBE Program for Fiscal Years 2015-2017; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale has advertised its intended DBE participation goals in local newspapers, informing the public that the back-up data and documentation for the proposed goals was available for inspection during regular working hours for thirty days, and that the City would accept comments from the public for up to forty-five days from original publication;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the City of Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport's overall goal for DBE participation in Department of Transportation assisted contracts shall be 9.67%.

SECTION 2. That the City's Assistant City Manager, Stanley Hawthorne or his successor, shall serve as the DBE liaison officer, who shall have direct, independent access to the City Manager concerning DBE program matters. The liaison officer working with the City Manager shall be responsible for creating and implementing the DBE program, pursuant to policies adopted by the City Commission.

SECTION 3. That the objectives of the DBE program, through the active participation of the DBE liaison, shall be to encourage and facilitate DBE participation in federally assisted contracting opportunities, and shall include the active recruitment of qualified businesses and the establishment or adoption of a local DBE pool of qualified registered businesses. The objectives of the DBE program shall be further delineated in the program itself, which shall be updated from time to time as circumstances warrant, by the DBE liaison officer, in conjunction with the City Manager.

SECTION 4. That the DBE liaison officer shall be responsible for implementing the City's DBE program, with duties that include providing qualified businesses with the necessary technical and educational assistance, disseminating information about and promoting the City's DBE program, working with other City departments to encourage maximum DBE participation, and to ensure overall compliance with the City's DBE program.

SECTION 5. That the City's Finance Department, Procurement Division, shall provide the DBE liaison officer the technical assistance required to successfully carry out the objectives of the DBE program, by providing to the liaison officer information about contracting opportunities, pre-bids, pre-construction meetings, notices to contractors and other related information about federally funded projects, or by providing additional assistance required by the DBE program.

SECTION 6. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon final passage.

ADOPTED this the _____ day of _____, 2015.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk