



**City of Santa Barbara**  
Airport Department

**DATE:** November 16, 2016  
**TO:** Airport Commission  
**FROM:** Hazel Johns, Airport Director  
**SUBJECT:** Federal Grant Assurances/Disadvantaged Business Programs

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Airport Commission receive a presentation on Santa Barbara Airport's proposed new goals for participation by certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) in federally funded projects and in Airport concessions business.

**DISCUSSION:**

Aviation is a highly regulated industry where federal rules and regulations typically take priority over other state or municipal regulations. Many of the regulations that are binding upon airports are a condition of receiving federal funding in the form of Airport Improvement Project (AIP) grants. These regulations are known as "grant assurances." Among the 39 categories of grant assurances, there is a requirement by airports to create and administer a Disadvantaged Enterprise Program (DBE) for construction projects and an Airport Concessions Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program (ACDBE) for terminal concessions, including rental cars. Airports are required to report annually on their performance relative to established goals.

Santa Barbara Airport is required to submit program plans to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Civil Rights Office every three years on a rolling basis for both programs. In these program plans, the Airport is expected to make numerous commitments of non-discrimination and equal access to opportunities, commit to specific language to be included in contracts, as well as establish numerical goals which the Airport must make "good faith efforts" to achieve.

The presentation will summarize the purpose and intent behind both programs, the Airport's obligations and discuss the proposed goals for the next three years.

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