



City of Santa Barbara
Airport Department

DATE: October 17, 2018
TO: Airport Commission
FROM: Aaron Keller, Interim Airport Director *AK*
SUBJECT: Airport Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program

RECOMMENDATION:

That Airport Commission receive a presentation regarding Santa Barbara Airport's proposed new goals for participation by certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) in federally funded construction projects during the period August 1, 2018 through July 31, 2021.

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, 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 which are funded by federal AIP grants.

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. There is a specific methodology required by the FAA to calculate a defensible goal, and airports are required to report annually on their performance relative to these established goals.

In addition, 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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