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Oregon Statewide Airport DBE Disparity Study

The Oregon Department of Aviation is conducting research to help airports in Oregon operate the Federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program. This will assist airports as they set their overall annual goals for DBE participation in FAA-funded contracts and determine whether they need to apply DBE contract goals. The study includes:

- A survey of firms that perform airport-related work in Oregon.
- Analysis of prime contractors and subcontractors on past FAA-funded contracts awarded by ODA and local airports (including DBEs and non-DBEs).
- Interviews with business owners.
- Six public meetings throughout the state.

Nearly every publicly owned NIPIAS airport in Oregon is participating in this study, except Portland International Airport which already conducted its own disparity study.

Study Team

Keen Independent Research is performing the disparity study for ODA. Keen Independent Research is an economic consulting firm that specializes in disparity studies, including the recent studies for the Oregon Department of Transportation. David Keen and Annette Humm Keen are leading this assignment. The study team includes the law firm Holland & Knight, the telephone survey firm Customer Research International (CRI) and the research firm Donaldson Enterprises.

An External Stakeholder Group has been assembled to provide ongoing input.

Schedule

The Federal Aviation Administration provided final approval and funding for this project in 2019. The DBE Disparity Study started in fall 2019 and will be completed by early 2021.

How to Provide Input

- Visit <http://www.keenindependent.com/OregonAirportDBEStudy/>
- Call the study hotline: 503-308-8275
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- Participate in a public meeting (see study website for dates and locations)
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