TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH BOARD

Airport Cooperative Research Program Program Overview

September 15, 2019 Business Diversity Committee

What Is ACRP?

- Practical research for airport industry
- Funded by FAA AIP
- Independent, evidence-based, backed by the National Academies
- Guidebooks, tools, reports, databases, syntheses, legal digests
- Free!
- Get involved by:
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



2020 project panel nominations Crp.trb.org/MYACRP

- Integrating Crisis Management and Business Continuity
- Airport Insurance Requirements
- Consequences of Delayed Maintenance for Airport Assets
- Assessing Effectiveness of Programs for Passengers with Disabilities
- Guide to Airport Innovation Creating and Organization Fit for the Future
- Updated Guidebook for Airport Project Delivery Systems

ACRP Report 126

 A Guidebook for Increasing Diverse and Small Business Participation in Airport Business Opportunities (2014)

- Exstare Federal Services, LLC

Project Overview

ACRP 06-05: Guidance for Diversity in Airport Businesses Contracting and Workforce Programs

- → Objective: To develop guidance to help airports of all types and sizes to:
 - Identify and quantify the benefits, costs, and the regional economic impact of diversity contracting
 - Develop tools to help airports evaluate the benefits and costs of diversity contracting
 - Tie diversity and inclusion challenges with best practices to mitigate those challenges in airport workforce programs

Project Overview

ACRP 06-05: Guidance for Diversity in Airport Businesses Contracting and Workforce Programs

- Research includes:
 - Interviews with airport operators, vendors, contractors, tenants, and other stakeholders
 - Review and assessment of literature about contracting and workforce programs
 - Identifying costs and benefits associated with diverse business contracting programs
 - Identifying workforce diversity challenges and practices
 - Case studies
- Deliverables include:
 - Guidebook for Workforce Diversity and Diverse Business Contracting
 - Diverse Business Contracting Benefit-Cost Tool
 - Executive Summary, Implementation of Research Findings and Products
 Memorandum

Project Team

- ** Richard Krop, Cadmus, Principal Investigator
- Nancy West, Exstare Federal Services Group, Deputy Principal Investigator
- Mara Rosales, Rosales Business Partners, Lead Legal Advisor
- → Jaime Rooke, Cadmus Economic Modeling & BCA Lead
- Mia Stephens, Cadmus, Airport Operations
- → Oana Leahu-Aluas, Cadmus, Interviewer & Investigator
- + Elise Emil, Cadmus, Research Support

Interviews

- Conducted 23 telephone interviews with 29 interviewees
- Conducted two focus groups
 - Costs and benefits of diverse contracting at airports
 - Workforce diversity
- Interviews identified
 - Keys to success
 - Measures of success
 - Challenges
 - Gaps in knowledge about diversity programs
 - Costs associated with business diversity programs

Case Studies

- Updates of Existing Case Studies
 - Columbia Metropolitan Airport
 - Oakland International Airport
 - Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport
 - Raleigh-Durham International Airport
 - Richmond International Airport
 - San Diego International Airport

Case Studies

→ New Case Studies

- Charleston International Airport
- Columbus Regional Airport Authority
- Houston Airport Systems
- Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority
- Port of Portland International Airport
- St. Louis Lambert International Airport

Guidebook for Diversity in Airport Business Contracting and Workforce Diversity Programs

- Executive Summary
 - Purpose of the Guidebook
 - Diversity in the Workplace
 - Diversity in Airports
 - Intended Audience
 - → How the Guidebook Can Help Airports
 - Methodology and Data Collection
 - Benefits of the Guidebook
 - Navigating the Guidebook

Guidebook for Diversity in Airport Business Contracting and Workforce Diversity Programs

- Guidebook Contents
 - → Approaches and Techniques for Understanding the Parameters of Laws and Regulations
 - → Benefits of Business and Workforce Diversity
 - → Proactive Practices: Diverse Business Participation in Airport contracting
 - → Proactive Practices: Workforce Diversity
 - Measuring Costs and benefits of Contracting and Workforce initiatives
 - → Analysis and Communication Strategies for Airports

Guidebook for Diversity in Airport Business Contracting and Workforce Diversity Programs

The Airport Diversity Contracting Benefit-Cost Tool

- **→**DBE
- → Local and Small Business
- **→**ACDBE
- → Cost Effectiveness and Economic Benefits

Inputs

- General analysis inputs
- Participation goals
- DBE analysis
 - Data on contractors working with the airport
 - Data on RFPs and/or contracts held by the airport
- Local and Small Business analysis uses same inputs as DBE analysis
- ACDBE analysis
 - Data on concessionaries working with the airport
 - Data on concessions contracts and/or opportunities at the airport
- Cost-Effectiveness and Economic Impacts
 - Data on program costs
 - Uses inputs from DBE, Local and Small Business, and ACDBE analyses
- Tool allow for inputs to be simplified to reduce data entry burden

Outputs and Results

- Participation Trends
 - DBE analysis
 - DBE participation in federally-assisted projects compared to goals
 - → Detailed breakdown of DBE participation by contract
 - Charts that demonstrate trends over time
 - ACDBE analysis
 - → ACDBE participation in car rental and non-car rental concessions
 - Summarizes trends according to concession type, revenues, expenditures on goods and services
 - Local and Small Business analysis
 - → Diverse participation in projects without federal assistance

Thank you!

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