

The Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission  
ORDINANCE NO. 2 OF 2010  
MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES (M/WBE)

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WHEREAS, women-owned and minority businesses represent a foundation of the American private enterprise system;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission to stimulate the growth of women-owned and minority businesses; and

WHEREAS, growth of such businesses can be encouraged through their full participation in all phases of Commission procurement opportunities:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CADDO-BOSSIER PARISHES PORT COMMISSION ("THE COMMISSION") MEETING AS REGULARLY SCHEDULED AT BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA, THAT:

- SECTION I.** It is the policy of the Commission to equitably and conscientiously include minority and women-owned business enterprises ("M/WBEs") in the Commission's Procurement Process for all basic bids and services, construction and professional services.
- SECTION II.** The Commission is committed to the administration of an effective M/WBE program including participation goals, educational programs for all contractors and vendors, inclusion of M/WBE policy statement in all solicitation, M/WBE outreach programs, quarterly reports on M/WBE performance and periodic internal audit reports on its procurement process all as set forth in its "Minority and Women-Owned Business Program" adopted this date as may be supplemented and amended by this Commission in the future.
- SECTION III.** The Commission reaffirms that it will not, nor will its contractors, discriminate because of race, color, religion, national origin or sex in the award and performance of contracts.
- SECTION IV.** In 2004, the Commission adopted its Ordinance No. 3 of that year to modify and outline its efforts to make use of M/WBE businesses which ordinance is hereby repealed by the enactment of this Ordinance No. 2 of 2010 titled "MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES (M/WBE)" which hereby adopts by reference the "Minority and Women-Owned Business Program" adopted this date by the Commission.
- SECTION V.** Nothing herein shall be construed to authorize or require expenditure of funds for goods and services apart from the Commission's normal and statutory purchasing process.

**SECTION VI.**


This ordinance shall take effect from and after this date and it is accordingly so ordered by this Commission.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CADDO-BOSSIER PARISHES PORT COMMISSION in regular Meeting at Bossier City, Louisiana, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010.



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JAMES D. HALL, President

ATTEST:



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ERICA R. BRYANT, Secretary-Treasurer



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ERIC ENGLAND, Executive Port Director