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DBE PROGRAM PURPOSE

The purpose of the federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program is to create a level playing field on which DBEs and ACDBEs can compete fairly for federal highway, aviation, and transportation assisted contracts; to ensure that the DBE Program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law and regulations; to ensure that only firms fully meeting 49 CFR (Part 26 and Part 23) eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs; to help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs and ACDBEs; to assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE program; and to provide appropriate guidance in establishing and providing opportunities for DBEs and ACDBEs.



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YOUR ONE STOP SHOP



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The PA UCP provides “one stop shopping” for certification of DBE applicants. A DBE applicant need only file one application to achieve certification that will be recognized by all recipients of United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) funds in Pennsylvania.

Contractors looking for certified DBEs can search the online PA UCP database by DBE Firm Name, Type of Business, Residing County, North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code, or Work Description at www.paucp.com.

Prospective DBEs and ACDBEs can select from five agencies (Certifying Participants) to apply for certification. [Note: Your firm may require additional approvals or requirements to conduct business with some of the agencies.]

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why does the Pennsylvania Unified Certification Program (PA UCP) exist?

- ◆ In March of 1999, the DBE regulation (49 CFR Part 26) took effect requiring states to establish a Unified Certification Program for one stop shopping for DBE certification.

What benefit does the PA UCP provide to DBEs?

- ◆ The PA UCP provides “one stop shopping” for certification of DBE applicants. A DBE applicant need only file one application to achieve certification that will be recognized by all recipients of United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) funds in Pennsylvania. This process saves time which translates into money saved for DBE applicants.

How do prime contractors benefit?

- ◆ Prime contractors receive ease of use with one web-based PA UCP directory to locate certified DBEs for all projects funded by FAA, FHWA, and/or FTA.

Is there a cost to become certified?

- ◆ No, certification is free. There is no charge to the DBE applicant.

Will there still be Minority and Woman Business certification programs for agencies not funded by the FAA, FHWA, FTA, and/or NHTSA?

- ◆ Individual agencies including state and local entities may still have MBE/WBE programs that require different processes and are administered under the auspices of the individual agency. Any programs involving state and local funds are separate and apart from the federal DBE program. The PA UCP only affects firms to be utilized for federal-aid projects.

Do I qualify as a DBE?

- ◆ A DBE is a for-profit small business concern that is at least 51% owned by one or more individuals who are both socially and economically disadvantaged or, in the case of a corporation, in which 51% of the stock is owned by one or more such individuals; and whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more of the socially and economically disadvantaged individuals who own it.

What about ACDBE?

- ◆ ACDBE stands for Airport Concession DBE. Basically an ACDBE is a Concession that meets the same requirements as those stated above for DBEs, and they also meet one or more of the following descriptions:

- ◆ A business located on airport property subject to 49 CFR part 23, that is engaged in the sale of consumer goods or services to the public under an agreement with the recipient of FAA funds, another concessionaire, or the owner or lessee of a terminal, if other than the recipient.
- ◆ A business conducting one or more covered activities, even if they don't maintain an office, store, or other business location on airport property subject to 49 CFR part 23, as long as the activities take place on airport property. These activities include: Management contracts and subcontracts, web-based or other electronic businesses in a terminal or which passengers can access at the terminal, and advertising businesses that provide advertising displays or messages to the public on airport property.

More questions??

Contact the DBE Supportive Services Center

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