

# Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program

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# Program Overview

- Federal Program
- Est. 1980 & Funded by USDOT
- 49 CFR Part 26 (& Part 23 ACDBEs)
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- Nondiscrimination & Equal Opportunity
- Minorities, women and other socially and economically disadvantaged persons
- NHDOT is the sole certifying agency for the state of New Hampshire.

# What are the criteria for participation?

- State: \$250,000 + (planning, capital and operating activities) in a fiscal year for contracting opportunities
- State has a legal duty to set goals and report results every 6 months
- Transit agencies participate by accepting and fulfilling the goals established by State

# What are the criteria for participation? Continued....

- Other Direct Recipients, receiving \$250K +, i.e. City of Nashua or Manchester, are also required to have a DBE Program in place.
- Federal financial assistance won't be provided without DBE Program in place and everyone's compliance with it.

# What are the criteria for participation? Continued....

- Contracting opportunities that could be won by a DBE:
  - ✓ Building or designing a new facility
  - ✓ Purchasing bus parts
  - ✓ Cleaning carpets
  - ✓ Purchasing office supplies
  - ✓ Landscaping
  - ✓ Bus Stop Snow Removal Services
  - ✓ Etc.

# DBE Certification Requirements

- Independently Owned For-Profit Business
- At least 51% Owned by Women or Minority
- Social and Economical Disadvantage
- US Citizenship or Permanent Residency

# Requirements Cont.

- Meet SBA's size standard
- Gross Receipts - \$23.98 (\$52.47 ACDBE) millions
- Personal Net Worth (PNW) cap \$1.32 million excluding prime residence and equity in certified business



# Application Process

- Obtain & Complete Application from [www.nh.gov/dot/org/administration/ofc/dbe](http://www.nh.gov/dot/org/administration/ofc/dbe)
- Supporting Documents Checklist
- Send it to NHDOT - OFC
- Review by External EEO Coordinator
- Schedule an On-Site Visit
- Receive DBE Certification –NAICS Code(s)
- Annually Certification Renewal is Required

# DBE Goals

- NHDOT Goals & Methodology
- Race & Gender Neutral Program
- Annual DBE Participation Goals-  
FY2018-2020:
  - ✓ FTA 1.65 %\*
  - ✓ FHWA 5.7 %
  - ✓ FAA 2.8 %
- Other: Manchester Airport, NTS, UNH, etc.  
have their own DBE Programs

\*In the process to be updated.

# Other Certifying Agencies

- Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC) - [www.wbenc.org](http://www.wbenc.org)
- National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO)- [www.nwboc.org](http://www.nwboc.org)
- National Minority Supplier Development Council - [www.nmsdc.org](http://www.nmsdc.org)

# Resources

- NH Procurement Technical Assistance Center (NHPTAC) –  
[www.nheconomy.com](http://www.nheconomy.com)
- NH Small Business Development Center –  
[www.nhsbdc.org](http://www.nhsbdc.org)
- Small Business Administration (SBA) –  
[www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov)

# Questions?

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