

Special Notice to Bidders
Implementation of USDOT Waiver for DBE Program in Central Region Projects

Effective October 6, 2011, the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities returned to DBE Utilization Goals for Central Region projects using Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds. FHWA based its approval on the Department's Disparity Study and approval of a DBE Program Waiver.

The Disparity Study found that DBE firms owned by non-minority women were participating in the Department's construction contracts and subcontracts on an equal basis similar to other non-DBE contractors and non-DBE subcontractors for Central Region only.

As a result, goals will be set using minority-owned DBEs only, and DBE project goals can only be met through the use of minority owned DBEs. This waiver does not affect DBE project goals for airports or transit projects anywhere in Alaska, and does not apply to professional service agreements or highway construction projects in Northern or Southeast Regions.

The decision to continue or discontinue the use of the waiver will be made on an annual basis in June.

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