



Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program

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With a mission to help small businesses owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, the DOT adopted a policy to allow these owners to participate in contracting opportunities created by DOT financial assistance programs.

-In 1983, Congress enacted the first Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) statutory provision. This provision required the Department to ensure that at least 10% of the funds authorized for the highway and transit Federal financial assistance programs be expended with DBEs

What is a DBE?

- ▶ • Minority-owned (MBE), Women-owned (WBE), Economically Disadvantaged (DBE) -your business must be 51% owned by socially and economically disadvantaged individual(s)
- ▶ Certification is based on: on site visits, personal interviews, Reviews of Licenses, stock ownership, equipment, bonding capacity, work completed, resume of principal owners & financial capacity
- ▶ Personal net worth cannot exceed \$1.32 million, excluding the value of the business and their primary residence
- ▶ Certification is done through the State DOT Civil Rights Office

MOA DBE Program Requirements

- ▶ The Municipality of Anchorage Office of Equal Opportunity is currently administering a **race neutral** DBE program
- ▶ Race Neutral v Race Conscious
- ▶ Western States Paving Co. v. Washington State Department of Transportation: The court emphasized that public agencies must base their DBE programs on concrete evidence of discrimination
- ▶ The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has established several legal precedents regarding race-conscious and race-neutral policies in the context of DBE programs (Alaska)
- ▶ Race neutral=Goals should be aspirational rather than mandatory
- ▶ Race-neutral programs focus on broad support, while race-conscious programs specifically address racial and ethnic disparities
 - ▶ The establishment of contract goals for DBE participation is a race conscious measure. **Race neutral, on the other hand, is a measure or program that is used to assist all small businesses.** A race neutral approach, which allows all small business to compete, including DBEs, is one way to meet your “participation goal”
 - the Municipality sets “participation goals” we hope to meet annually
 - FTA-11.7%-(proposed 2024-2027)**
 - FAA-19.2%-(proposed 2024-2027)**
 - FHWA-9.39% (pass through funding from the State of Alaska)**

FAA/FTA Upcoming Projects/Opportunities

Merrill Field Airport anticipates the following projects over the next three years:

▶ Projects Fiscal Year 2025

1. Airport Security Improvements-Design - \$233,000
2. Rehabilitate Taxiway “A” & “N” Design - \$1,323,800

▶ **Total-\$1,556,800.00**

▶ Projects Fiscal Year 2026

1. Airport Security Improvements Construction - \$2,055,800
2. MRI Mx Building and SREWB Improvements - \$4,881,400
3. Rehabilitate Taxiway “N” - \$7,088,900

▶ **Total-\$14,026,100.00**

▶ Projects Fiscal Year 2027

1. Rehabilitate Taxiway “A” - \$8,074,200

▶ **Total-\$8,074,200**

FAA/FTA Upcoming Projects/Opportunities

The Municipality of Anchorage Transit Department anticipates the following projects over the next three years:

- ▶ 1. Projects Fiscal Year 2025
 - 1. Underground Storage Tank Replacement - \$4,000,000
 - 2. Facility Improvements - \$2,000,000
 - 3. ITS Upgrade Phase 2-Campus Security - \$1,000,000
- ▶ **Total-\$7,000,000.00**
- ▶ Projects Fiscal Year 2026
 - 1. ITS Upgrade Phase 3- Farebox Replacement - \$2,000,000
 - 2. Bus Wash Replacement - \$2,000,000
 - 3. Muldoon Transit Center Planning Study - \$500,000
- ▶ **Total-\$4,500,000.00**
- ▶ Projects Fiscal Year 2027
 - 1. Coordinated Transportation Plan Update - \$150,000
 - 2. 40-ft Bus Replacement - \$10,000,000
- ▶ **Total-\$10,150,000.00**

Outreach/Networking

- ▶ Black Business Expo
- ▶ Alaska DOT Civil Rights Office Annual DBE & Contractor Conference
- ▶ Women's History Fireside Chat (OEO's, SBA, 49SAF annual event)
- ▶ NAACP LGBTQ Small Business Luncheon Workshop
- ▶ Get your Business Accredited-Umoja Coworking
- ▶ SBA 'Alaska's National Small Business Week Honors & Awards Luncheon'
- ▶ Business Power Workshop-Samoan Community Council
- ▶ Meetings with DBE firms
- ▶ Alaska Veteran's Business Outreach Center Opening
- ▶ Business Growth Accelerators-Luncheon Workshop-SBA, WBC
- ▶ AEDC Economic Forecast Luncheon-hosted an exhibitor booth
- ▶ One Million Cups
- ▶ In Observance of Hispanic Heritage Month-Leveraging Programs and Resources Event
- ▶ 'How to do Business with the Municipality of Anchorage'
- ▶ National Black Business Month-Alaska Economic Empowerment Summit
- ▶ Transportation Fairs
- ▶ Women in Business Mixer
- ▶ Job Fairs

Thank you!

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