



Grow Your Business with the DBE Program!

Unlock Contracting Opportunities & Build Your Business!

Are you a minority-owned, women-owned, or socially and economically disadvantaged business?

The **Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)** Program helps small businesses compete for federally funded contracts in transportation-related industries.

The DBE Program aims to **address past and ongoing discrimination** in federally funded transportation contracting.

It **levels the playing field** by ensuring small businesses have a **fair opportunity to compete** for highway, transit, airport, and safety-related contracts.

The Alaska Unified Certification Program (AUCP) within the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (Alaska DOT&PF) Civil Rights Office (CRO) is the only certifier of DBE firms in the State of Alaska.

➔ DBE Certification Eligibility

- **Ownership:** At least 51% owned and controlled by a socially/economically disadvantaged individual.
- **Citizenship:** The owner must be a U.S. citizen or lawfully admitted permanent resident of the U.S.
- **Size standard:** Firm must meet U.S.DOT Size Standards.
- **Business Type:** Firm must be organized 'for profit' business.

➔ DBE Certification Process

- **Submitting an Application:** Submit a completed application with supporting documents. Processing takes up to 90 days after all documents are received.
- **Eligibility Review:** The Civil Rights Office conducts owner interviews and on-site inspections before determining eligibility.
- **Annual Certification Update:** DBE firms must submit an annual affidavit confirming no changes in size, ownership, or disadvantaged status, along with supporting tax documents.

➔ Benefits of DBE Certification

- **Increased Visibility:** Get listed in the DBE directory for prime contractors to find you.
- **Support & Resources:** Free business development, training, and networking.
- **Reimbursement:** Get financial support to help cover business expenses.

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