

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The U.S. Department of Transportation issued an Interim Final Rule (IFR) on October 3, 2025 with an immediate effective date. The rule removes race- and sex-based presumptions in Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)/Airport Concessions DBE (ACDBE) qualifications and requires the Alaska Unified Certification Program (AUCP) to recertify all applicants based on evidence of social or economic disadvantage.

Until this recertification process is complete for all firms, the Department cannot count DBE participation toward overall DBE goals. In anticipation of recertification, the Department is still requiring submission of DBE paperwork for all projects, to include Good Faith Effort (GFE) and DBE Utilization Forms with the following guidance:

As a result:

- There are no mandatory DBE contacts required for Good Faith Effort (GFE) documentation.
- DBE Commitment Forms may be marked as "Not Applicable".
- Any submitted DBE Utilization Forms should reflect \$0.00 DBE participation.

The Interim Final Rule is available here:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/10/03/2025-19460/disadvantaged-business-enterprise-program-and-disadvantaged-business-enterprise-in-airport>