

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise:

How to Get Started With MoDOT



The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program might be the key to your business growth!

Would your firm like to take part in federally funded transportation projects? MoDOT's External Civil Rights Office can help you find out if you qualify.

Many federally funded projects require that a certain amount of work be awarded to historically under-represented social and economic groups. Contractors must make a good-faith effort to meet those goals with firms that are DBE certified by MoDOT.

Who qualifies for the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program?

The minimum requirements for certification in the DBE program are:

- The for-profit business must be at least 51 percent owned and controlled by a socially and economically disadvantaged individual(s)* who has a personal net worth of less than \$750,000.
- The business owner must be a U.S. citizen or lawfully admitted permanent resident of the United States.
- The firm must meet the Small Business Administration's size standard and not exceed \$17.42 million in gross annual receipts.

What's the advantage of being DBE certified?

Certification gives construction contracting firms owned by individual(s) from historically under-represented groups a chance to earn work on certain federally funded MoDOT projects.

How do I become certified?

MoDOT will review your completed application and other required documentation such as ownership, control and financial and managerial records to determine if your firm can be certified. An on-site review is also required.

If I'm DBE certified, does that guarantee I'll be awarded MoDOT contracts?

No, DBE status is not a guarantee of work. The program does assure certified firms a fair opportunity to compete for work. MoDOT lists the contact information for DBE certified firms on our web site, www.modot.org. All other marketing efforts are the firms' responsibility.

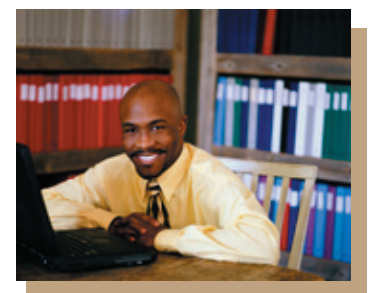
How can I get an application or more information?

An application can be obtained:

- On the website at www.modot.org
 - Click on the Business tab
 - Go to External Civil Rights
 - Click on Application and Instruction
- Call MoDOT's External Civil Rights office at 573.526.2978



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* Those individual(s) presumed to be socially and economically disadvantaged by the federal government include: Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian-Indian Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans, Subcontinent Asian Americans, Native Americans and women.