

**LOUISIANA UNIFIED CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) CERTIFICATION**

SUMMARY

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| CERTIFYING AGENCIES | REGION 1: LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REGION 2: LOUIS ARMSTRONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; NEW ORLEANS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY; ORLEANS LEVEE BOARD |
| CERTIFICATION DESIGNATION | DBE |
| RACE/GENDER CONSCIOUS | NO |
| GENDER CONSCIOUS | NO |
| RECERTIFICATION | ANNUAL |
| GRADUATION | NONE |
| FEE/COST | NONE |
| CERTIFICATION PROCESS TIMEFRAME | 30-60 DAYS |

OVERVIEW

The U.S. Department of Transportation's disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) program provides a vehicle for increasing the participation by MBEs in state and local procurement. DOT DBE regulations require state and local transportation agencies that receive DOT financial assistance, to establish goals for the participation of DBEs. Each DOT-assisted State and local transportation agency is required to establish annual DBE goals, and review the scopes of anticipated large prime contracts throughout the year and establish contract-specific DBE subcontracting goals. Three major DOT operating administrations are involved in the DBE program. They are the **Federal Highway Administration**, the **Federal Aviation Administration** and the **Federal Transit Administration**. The legal basis for the DBE program is in 46 CFR Part 23 and 46 CFR Part 26. A list of agencies state participating in the LAUCP DBE program appears on page 3

The main objectives of the DBE Program are:

- To ensure that small disadvantaged business enterprises (DBE) can compete fairly for federally funded transportation-related projects;
- To ensure that only eligible firms participate as DBEs; and
- To assist DBE firms in competing outside the DBE Program.

ELIGIBILITY

To be certified as a DBE, a firm must be a small business owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals. Additionally:

- An eligible DBE must be an independent business where ownership and control by a socially and economically disadvantaged individual is real, substantial and continuing. Individuals who are members of the following groups and are U.S. citizens may be reputedly presumed to be socially and economically disadvantaged: Women, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans, Subcontinent Asian Americans, African-Americans and other minorities found to be disadvantaged in the U.S. Small Business Act (15 USC 637);
- The DBE owner must share in the risks and profits of the business commensurate with his/her ownership interest and the owner must also possess the power to direct or cause the direction of the day-to-day management and major decisions of the firm.
- There cannot be any restrictions which prevent the DBE owner from making a business decision without the cooperation of vote of the non-DBE owner(s). IF non-DBE members of the firm are disproportionately responsible for the operation and decisions of the firm, the firm is not eligible for certification.

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CERTIFICATION PROCESS

Each firm wishing to be certified as a DBE must complete and submit the DBE application and supporting documents identified on the application checklist and complete an on-site visit by the certifying agency. The certification process takes, on average, between 30- and 60-days.

Certifying agencies make the determinations based upon on-site visits, personal interviews, reviews of licenses, stock ownership, equipment, bonding capacity, work completed, resume of principal owners and financial capacity.

THE DBE CERTIFICATION APPLICATION

Download the LAUCP DBE application package at www.CertAssist.net.

The DBE application is also available online at:

- WWW.LAUCP.ORG/UPC/
- WWW.NORTA.COM
- WWW.ORLEANSLEEVEE.COM
- WWW.FLYMSY.COM

CONTACTS

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REGION 2

NEW ORLEANS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

DBE/SBE Programs

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New Orleans, LA 70119
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ORLEANS LEEVEE BOARD

DBE Compliance Office

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LOUIS ARMSTRONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

DBE Office

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The following list of recipients has been identified, contacted and afforded the opportunity to participate in the planning, development and implementation of Louisiana's Unified Certification Program:

1. City of Abbeville
2. Acadia Airport District #1 (Le Gros)
3. Acadiana Regional Airport
4. Airport Com. Of Airport District
5. Alexandria International Airport
6. City of Alexandria
7. Allen Parish Police Jury
8. Avoyelles Parish Police Jury
9. Assumption Parish Police Jury
10. Baton Rouge Metro Airport
11. City of Baton Rouge – EBR Parish
12. Beauregard Parish Airport District
13. Bunkie Municipal Airport
14. Caldwell Parish Police Jury
15. Capital Area Transit System
16. Capital Region Planning Commission
17. Capital Transportation Corp.
18. Chennault International Airport
19. Claiborne Parish Police Jury
20. Concordia Parish Airport
21. Delhi Municipal Airport
22. DeSoto Parish Police Jury
23. City of DeQuincy
24. City of Donaldsonville
25. City of Eunice
26. False River Regional Airport
27. Port Fourchon
28. Town of Franklinton
29. Harry P. Williams Memorial Airport
30. Hammond Northside Regional Airport
31. City of Hammond
32. Town of Homer
33. Houma Terrebonne Airport Commission
34. Iberia Parish Government
35. IMCAL
36. Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury
37. Jefferson Parish Transit
38. Jonesville Municipal Airport
39. Lafayette Airport Commission
40. Lafayette Parish Consolidated Govt.
41. LaSalle Parish Police Jury
42. City of Lake Charles
43. City of Leesville
44. LA DOTD
45. LA Regional Airport
46. Madison Parish Police Jury
47. Marksville Municipal Airport
48. Monroe Regional Airport
49. New Orleans Aviation Board
50. Orleans Levee District Town of Many
51. Orleans Parish Regional Planning Commission
52. City of Minden
53. City of Monroe
54. Olla Airport
55. Plaquemine Parish Government
56. Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury
57. Town of Rayville
58. Red River Parish Police Jury
59. Regional Transit Authority
60. River Parishes Transit Authority
61. City of Ruston
62. St. Bernard Urban Rapid Transit
63. St. James Parish Council
64. St. John the Baptist Airport
65. St. Martin Parish
66. St. Mary Parish Government
67. St. Tammany Parish Government
68. St. Landry Parish Airport
69. Scott Airport
70. Shreveport Downtown Airport
71. Shreveport Regional Airport
72. City of Slidell
73. South Central Planning & Develop.
74. Southland Field
75. Springhill Airport
76. Tangipahoa Parish Council
77. Terrebonne Parish
78. Union Parish Police Jury
79. Vernon Parish Police Jury
80. Town of Vivian
81. Webster Parish Police Jury
82. West Carroll Parish Airport Authority
83. City of West Monroe
84. City of Winnfield
85. Winnsboro Municipal Airport