DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. How did DOT DBE Program begin?

A. 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.

In 1987 Congress re-authorized and amended the statutory DBE program. In the transportation legislation of that year, Congress, among other changes, added women to the groups presumed to be disadvantaged. **Since 1987 DOT has established a single DBE goal, encompassing both firms owned by women and minority group members**.

Q. Which three major DOT Operating Administrations (OAs) are involved in the DBE program?

A. The DOT DBE program is carried out by state and local transportation agencies under the rules and guidelines in the Code of Federal Regulations.

Federal Highway Administration

Federal Aviation Administration

Federal Transit Administration

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program

Q. Who is eligible for DBE?

A. For a comprehensive list and facts regarding eligibility **CLICK HERE.**

Q. Where can I find out more for different states?

A. For the full list by State for DBE Website Links (DOT site, DBE site and DBE directory) **CLICK HERE.**

Q. Where can I find more information regarding Louisiana's Certification Program?

A. For news and updates **CLICK HERE.**

For Louisiana's Unified Certification Program **CLICK HERE.**

For Louisiana's Unified Certification Program Directory **CLICK HERE.**

Q. How do I stay involved and recieve notifications regarding the USDOT DBE program?

A. Sign up for email alerts here: **USDOT Disadvantage Business Enterprise program.**

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