

Mission statement

The public agencies and authorities of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as direct recipients of US DOT funding or as managers of federally funded projects, have established Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program in accordance with federal regulations, 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the goal of these public entities, through the Massachusetts Unified Certification Program and its other DBE program components to ensure that DBE firms have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT assisted contracts. It is the goal of these entities, working in concert to

- a. Ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT assisted contracts.
- b. Ensure a level playing field on which DBE firms can compete fairly for DOT assisted contracts.
- c. Ensure that the DBE program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law. Ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBE firms.
- d. f. Assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE program.
- e. g. Develop a single efficient and comprehensive "one stop shop" certification program for firms seeking to compete for DOT assisted contracts.
- f. h. Ensure that all firms, from prime contractors to subcontractors, understand and respect their obligations relative to all aspects of the DBE program, and that deviations from the requirements of the regulation may be subject to applicable state and federal enforcement sanctions.