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Traveling Towards a Level Playing Field: Tips for Pursuing Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Certification

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Certifications

SMWBE Program “Local”

- Small Business Enterprise (SBE)
- Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)
- Women Business Enterprise (WBE)
- Veteran Business Enterprise (VBE)
- African American Business Enterprise (AABE)
- Asian American Business Enterprise (ABE)
- Disabled Individual Business Enterprise (DIBE)
- Emerging Small Business Enterprise (ESBE)
- Hispanic American Business Enterprise (HABE)
- Native American Business Enterprise (NABE)

*To be considered eligible for any of the certifications, a firm must be independent and for-profit owned by a majority of U.S. Citizens or legally permanent residents.

Federal Program

- Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE)
- Airport Concessionaire Disadvantage Business Enterprise (ACDBE)

*A business structure for-profit small business concerns where socially and economically disadvantaged individuals own at least 51% interest and also control management and daily business operations.

State Certification

- Historically Underutilized Business (HUB)
Texas Certifying Agencies

- City of Austin Small & Minority Business Resources
  - MBE/WBE, DBE/ACDBE, SBE
  - [https://austintexas.mwdbe.com](https://austintexas.mwdbe.com)
- City of Houston Office of Business Opportunity
  - SBE, WBE, MBE, Persons with Disabilities, DBE/ACDBE
  - [https://houston.mwdbe.com/](https://houston.mwdbe.com/)
- Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority
  - DBE/ACDBE
  - [https://ccrta.gob2g.com/?TN=ccrta](https://ccrta.gob2g.com/?TN=ccrta)
- North Central Texas Regional Certification Agency
  - MBE, WBE, SBE, DBE/ACDBE
  - [https://nctrca.mwdbe.com/?TN=nctrca](https://nctrca.mwdbe.com/?TN=nctrca)
- South Central Texas Regional Certification Agency
  - AABE, ABE, DIBE, ESBE, HABE, MBE, NABE, SBE, VBE, WBE, DBE/ACDBE
  - [https://sctrca.sctrca.org/?TN=sctrca](https://sctrca.sctrca.org/?TN=sctrca)
- Texas Department of Transportation
  - SBE, DBE/ACDBE
  - [https://txdot.txdotcms.com/](https://txdot.txdotcms.com/)
- Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
  - HUB
  - [https://mycpa.cpa.state.tx.us/](https://mycpa.cpa.state.tx.us/)

*Each certifying agency reviews and processes their certifications according to their Policy and Procedure Manual for the local certifications.

*As for the DBE and ACDBE certifications, they are reviewed and processed according to the Federal regulations 49 CFR Part 26 and Part 23.
Agency Jurisdictions

- **City of Austin**
  - Bastrop
  - Caldwell
  - Hays
  - Travis
  - Williamson

- **City of Houston**
  - Austin
  - Brazoria
  - Chambers
  - Fort Bend
  - Galveston
  - Harris
  - Liberty
  - Montgomery
  - San Jacinto
  - Waller

- **Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority**
  - Aransas
  - Bee
  - Goliad
  - Jim Wells
  - Karnes
  - Kleberg
  - Live Oak
  - Nueces
  - Refugio
  - San Patricio

- **North Central Texas Regional Certification Agency**
  - Collin
  - Dallas
  - Denton
  - Ellis
  - Erath
  - Hood
  - Jack
  - Johnson
  - Kaufman
  - Navarro
  - Palo Pinto
  - Parker
  - Rockwall
  - Somervell
  - Tarrant
  - Wise

- **South Central Texas Regional Certification Agency**
  - Atascosa
  - Bander
  - Bexar
  - Comal
  - Frio
  - Guadalupe
  - Kendall
  - Kerr
  - McMullen
  - Medina
  - Wilson

- **Texas Department of Transportation**
  - All other remaining counties
Funding Source: DBE and SBE Comparison

The Office of Diversity & Federal Compliance will assign a contract specific goal based on the funding source.

**DBE Goal**
- USDOT-Assisted Contracts
- Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

**SBE Goal**
- Local funds
- State funds
- Operational funds
DBE/SBE Contract Opportunity Model

1. Conduct Outreach with Community
2. Register on VIA Web Portal
3. Conduct Business Assessment/ SWOT Analysis
4. Provide technical support with DBE/SBE certifications
5. Identify upcoming bid opportunities
6. Submit bid as Prime or Subcontractor
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Resources

- Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) website [https://www.txdot.gov/](https://www.txdot.gov/)
- Texas Unified Certification Program (TUCP) [https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/civil-rights/tucp.html](https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/civil-rights/tucp.html)
- TxDOT Diversity Management System [https://txdot.txdotcms.com/](https://txdot.txdotcms.com/)

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