DBE Certification

Port Authority of Allegheny County's Office of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise & Diverse Business (DBE/DB) is one of the five certifying agencies for the Pennsylvania Unified Certification Program (PA UCP) that certifies firms as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)/Airport Concessionaire Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE).

All five certifying agencies within the PA UCP make all certification decisions in the Commonwealth with respect to participation in the DBE Program. Therefore, firms certified as DBE/ACDBE with the PA UCP are eligible to participate on any Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funded contracts as a DBE/ACDBE.

For more information on how to become certified, visit *PortAuthority.org/DBE*.

Register for the e-Business Portal

To ensure this program benefits only Disadvantaged Business Enterprises that are owned and whose management and daily operations are controlled by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, all firms wishing to participate as DBEs for Port Authority contracts must be certified with the Pennsylvania Unified Certification Program (PA UCP).

You must register with Port Authority to receive bid documents or solicitation notices for publicly advertised and awarded contracts.

To begin registering as a bidder, go to *PortAuthority.org/BidderRegistration*. Once on the website, you can view a how-to guide on getting set-up in our e-Business system, and follow the steps register.

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DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE & DIVERSE BUSINESS

Port Authority's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise & Diverse Business Program (DBE/DB) creates a level playing field, removing barriers, certifying disadvantaged business enterprises, and assisting in the development of businesses like yours.

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Port Authority of Allegheny County spends millions of dollars each year on the purchase of parts, supplies and services in support of its daily operations. In addition, regular contracts are available for major construction projects, such as busway and light rail construction, as well as renovation and expansion of existing facilities.

As part of the Finance Division, Port Authority's Office of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise & Diverse Business (DBE/DB) Program is committed to creating opportunities for minority business enterprises (MBEs), women business enterprises (WBEs), and disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs).

What is a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)?

A DBE is a for-profit small business in which socially and economically disadvantaged individuals:
- Own at least 51% or more of the firm
- Clearly control the management and daily business operations
- Are a U.S. Citizen or lawfully admitted permanent resident of the U.S.
- Have a firm that meets the Small Business Administration's size standard and does not exceed $23.98 million in gross annual receipts for DBE

- Have a personal net worth no greater than $1.32 million (excluding primary residence & ownership interest in the DBE applicant firm)

Members of the following groups are presumed to be socially disadvantaged:
- Women
- Black Americans
- Hispanic Americans
- Native Americans
- Asian-Pacific Americans
- Subcontinent Asian Americans
- Other groups deemed Disadvantaged by the Small Business Administration

What is a Diverse Business (DB)?

All firms that are certified as a DBE by the PA UCP are recognized as a DB. Other DBs include minority-owned businesses, women-owned small businesses, certified by one the following third party certifying organizations:
- Women's Business Enterprise Council
- National Minority Supplier Development Council
- United States Department of Veterans
- United States Small Business Administration