**PN 007 - 10/15/2004 - TRUCK LEASING**

The Code of Federal Regulations Title 49, Section 26.55(d)(4)(5)(6) governs trucking operations. This section states that the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) may lease trucks from another DBE firm, including an owner-operator who is certified as a DBE. The DBE who leases trucks from another DBE receives credit for the total value of the transportation services the lessee DBE provides on the contract. The DBE may also lease trucks from a non-DBE firm, including an owner-operator. The DBE who leases trucks from a non-DBE will receive credit for only the fee or commission it receives as a result of the lease agreement. The DBE does not receive credit for the total value of the transportation services provided by the lessee, since these services are not provided by a DBE. The law requires that a lease must indicate that the DBE has exclusive use of and control over the truck for credit to be accorded to the DBE. This does not preclude the leased truck from working for others during the term of the lease with the consent of the DBE, so long as the lease gives the DBE absolute priority for use of the leased truck. Leased trucks must display the name and identification number of the DBE.

In lieu of a truck owner displaying the name and identification number of the DBE, the truck owner shall be required to furnish a photocopy of the lease agreement. Thereby, fulfilling the rule without causing undue hardship on any entity.

Credit for expenditures with DBEs for materials or supplies toward the DBE goal is described as follows:

1. When the materials or supplies are obtained from a DBE manufacturer the prime contractor may receive credit for 100 percent of the cost of the materials or supplies toward the DBE goal. For purposes of this section, a manufacturer is a firm that operates or maintains a factory or establishment that produces, on the premises, the materials, supplies, articles, or equipment required under the contract and of the general character described by the specifications.

2. When the materials or supplies are purchased from a DBE regular dealer or supplier the prime contractor may receive credit for 60 percent of the cost of the materials or supplies toward the DBE goal. For purposes of this section, a regular dealer or supplier is a firm that owns, operates, or maintains a store, warehouse, or other establishment in which the materials, supplies, articles or equipment of the general character described by the specifications and required under the contract are bought, kept in stock, and regularly sold or leased to the public in the usual course of business.

For subcontract agreement (C-92) purposes the following definitions will be used:

Install - DBE contractor who obtains goods, materials and supplies and fixes in place, for use, the same goods, materials and supplies. (e.g., DBE contractor obtains and fixes in place re-bar on project site). Must spend 20% or more time on project per day. 100% credit toward prime’s DBE goal.

Stockpiling - DBE Contractor/Trucker who delivers materials, goods, or supplies to project site. 60% credit toward prime’s DBE goal.

Tailgating - DBE Contractor/Trucker who delivers and installs materials, goods, or supplies to project site. Must spend 20% or more time on project per day. 100% credit toward prime’s DBE goal.