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Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Certification

The OHIO-UCP is a "one stop" certification process for the Federal DBE Programs in Ohio.

(www.ohiucp.org)

The Ohio-UCP consolidates all DBE firms into one centralized DBE Directory for United States Department of Transportation funded contracts for Airport, Highways, and Public Transit.

- Other Certifications may include Ohio MBE, Ohio EDGE, SBA 8a and/or local organizations SBE, MBE, WBE. All of these certifications are not the same as DBE.

Ohio UCP Certifying Agencies

COLUMBUS: Ohio Department of Transportation

CLEVELAND: Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA), Cleveland Hopkins Airport

DAYTON: City of Dayton – Human Relations Council

Definition of DBE

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) is a

- for-profit small business.
- at least 51% owned by one or more individuals who are BOTH socially and economically disadvantaged
- whose management and daily business operations are controlled by the socially and economically disadvantaged individuals who own it.

DBE Small Business Parameters

- Gross receipts (*averaged over three years*) ≤\$22.4 million. Based on company assigned NAICS* codes for type of work (*North American Industry Classification System <http://www.census.gov/epcd/naics02>)
- Personal net worth limits ≤\$1.32 million (*excluding personal residence and value of the applying business*)

DBE Program Advantages

- Statewide exposure to all prime contractors bidding on USDOT funded projects, which may have goals
- DBE firms only have to get certified with one agency to do work with:
 1. Federal Highway (FHWA)
 2. Federal Transit (FTA)
 3. Federal Aviation (FAA)
- DBE contracts and subcontracts count toward project DBE goals.
- DBEs may participate in a variety of supportive services such as training and technical assistance.
- DBEs receive numerous special mailings containing information on contracting and other opportunities.
- ODOT's online DBE Certified List is used by many firms to locate subcontractors for their projects.