



Abilene Regional Airport Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Presentation

City Council Chambers – City Hall
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Purpose of this Presentation

- Reach out to minority, women's and general contractor groups to discuss opportunities for DBEs
- Discuss DBE Goal Setting Process
- Present the proposed Airport DBE Goals Update for FY2019-2021
- Discuss the proposed engineering and construction projects that are planned at the airport during this period

Who Can Become a DBE?

The following are general eligibility requirements for DBE certification:

- 51-percent owned, managed and controlled by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individual(s)
- Must be a small business as defined by Small Business Administration (SBA)
- Personal Net Worth Limit: \$1.32 million
- Gross receipts must not exceed \$23.98 million averaged out over three years
- Firm must be organized as a for-profit business

Who Does the DBE Program Generally Benefit?

Small Businesses Owned by:

- African Americans
- Hispanic Americans
- Native Americans
- Sub Continent Asian Americans
- Asian-Pacific Americans
- Non-Minority Women

Why Become a DBE?

- Part 49 C.F.R. Part 26 explains that a certain percentage of project funds used on federally assisted projects may be set aside for Disadvantaged Businesses Enterprises based on their DBE Goal Methodology.
- Prime contracts are often challenging to obtain for small businesses due to insurance, bonding and financial restrictions, but DBE registered companies are likely to be sought out for sub contracting work on these projects.
- Often as a requirement the Prime Contractor is required to seek out DBE's for the types of work available to meet the goal.

What Business Will Being a DBE Attract?

- Contractors working on projects for the FAA, TXDOT, as well as, City and Municipalities often seek out DBE contractors as part of their DBE Goal methodology.
- Abilene Regional Airport itself, performs many construction and engineering projects involving federal funding and would like to see more DBE's available in our region.

How Do I Become a DBE?

The Certification Process can be made easier!

Abilene is fortunate to have the America's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) which specialize in helping Small Business's become DBE's

SBDC Services Are FREE!

The SBDC can walk a Small Businesses through the process of becoming a DBE or SBE.

Located at:

America's SBDC Abilene
749 Gateway Street, Suite 301
Abilene, Texas 79602

Phone: Judy Wilhelm 325-670-0300
Fax: 325-670-0311

Hours

Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday
Closed

Alternatively You Can Register Yourself via TUCP Application

- TxDOT is a member of the [Texas Unified Certification Program \(TUCP\)](#). The TUCP certifies DBEs for participation in Department of Transportation federal contracting projects across the State of Texas in compliance with Code of Federal Regulations (49 CFR Parts 26 and 23).
- Businesses interested in becoming certified as a DBE must complete and submit an application through the TUCP. Upon approval, these companies can be used to meet the [DBE goals](#) established for federally-funded contracts. DBE is a federal program required by law.
- <http://www.txdot.gov/business/partnerships/dbe.html>

New Airport DBE Goal Methodology for FY 2019-2021

- The Airport maintains a DBE Goal for all Federally Funded projects.
- Every third year, the FAA requires DBE goals be reevaluated for another three year term.
- Goal updates are a two step process:
 - STEP 1: Identify relative availability of DBE-certified contractors, vendors & consultants
 - STEP 2: Adjust the goal based on past participation of DBEs and available studies and other information.
- The new FY2019-2021 DBE Race Conscious Goal calculates to 3.82%.
- Federal Allocation is: \$10,260,000
- Expected DBE Apportionment: \$391,932
- This Goal Methodology as well as the calculations are available for public review and public comment at Airport Administration located at:
 - Abilene Regional Airport
2933 Airport Blvd. Suite 200,
Abilene, TX 79602 M-F
 - 8:00am to 5:00pm for 30 days starting tomorrow. (8/23/18)
 - And <http://www.iflyabi.com>

Upcoming Airport Assisted Projects for FY 2019-2021 - Descriptions

- The first project, the **ARFF Building Modifications**, involves the modification and expansion of the Airport ARFF Building and has opportunities for DBE participation for **Engineer/Architectural Services, Electrical Contracting and Building Construction/Modification**.
- The second project, the **Acquire New ARFF Vehicle**, involves the acquisition of an **Aircraft Rescue Firefighting Vehicle**.
- The third project, **Remove C1/Reconfigure TW R, Design and Construction & Reconstruct Taxiway T1 and T2, Design and Construction** will involve **Engineering Services, Excavation, Trucking, Lighting and Construction Services**.
- The fourth project, **Reconstruct Northwest Apron, All Stages Design and Stage 1 Construction**, will include opportunities for DBE participation for **Engineering Services, Excavation, Trucking, Lighting and Construction Services**.
- For any questions on upcoming projects at the Airport Mr. Don Green, Director of Transportation Services is available at 325-676-6061. Mr. Green will be able to give more information on these upcoming projects.
- More information on the proposed goals and goal setting methodology are available for inspection between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday beginning August 23, 2018, through September 23, 2018, in the offices of the Director of Transportation Services, 2933 Airport Boulevard, Abilene, Texas 79602.

Questions?

Additional Resources

- Alex Cargile – Airport DBE Liaison Officer
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- Don Green – Director of Transportation Services
don.green@abilenetx.gov 325-676-6061 – Contact for Information on Airport Projects
- Judy Wilhelm - Texas Tech University Small Business Development Center of Abilene
judy.wilhelm@ttusdbc.org - 325-670-0300
- Bruce Clinard – Senior Procurement Counselor of the Procurement Assistance Center Northwest Texas Business Development Center - 1-800-992-7232
- Matthew Jock - U S Small Business Administration 1-806-412-9701
- Tammy Sanders – TXDOT - Abilene District Construction Office
- Michael Haithcock – TXDOT - michael.haithcock@txdot.gov
- Larry Wright– City of Abilene Public Works Department 325-676-6284
- How to Become Certified as a DBE
https://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/acr/bus_ent_program/cert_dbe/
- Federal Aviation Administration
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