

What is a DBE?

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



- African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian-Pacific and Subcontinent Asian Americans, and women are presumed to be socially and economically disadvantaged. Other individuals can also qualify as socially and economically disadvantaged on a case-by-case basis.



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WRTA DBE Program Information



WRTA DBE and Small Business Policy

It is the policy of the WRTA to ensure that all contracts and procurement will be administered without discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex. The WRTA ensures that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) shall have an equal opportunity to compete for and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is also our policy to:

- To create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts
- To ensure that the DBE program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law
- To ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR § 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs;
- To help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT-assisted contracts
- To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE program

Potential FFY 2024-2026 Procurements

Vehicle Related:

Bus and Van Tire Sets, Bus and Van Spare Parts, Support Vehicles for Maintenance & Operations

Facility Related:

Concrete Repairs, Lighting, Interior Painting, Plumbing, Electrical, HVAC, and other misc. repairs to WRTA facilities, and Worcester's Union Station.

Office Equipment Related:

Desktop and Laptop Computers, Routers, and Other Related Technical Equipment

Other:

Other miscellaneous projects as needs are identified.

This list is a sampling of various projects that the WRTA may contract for.

Contact us to be added to our bidders list:
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Interested in becoming a certified DBE?



We are here to help you.

The Supplier Diversity Office (SDO) is an agency within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts helping to promote the development of business enterprises and non-profit organizations owned and operated by minorities or women. Its website can be found at:

<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/supplier-diversity-office-sdo>.

Vendors can apply online for certification as a minority or woman owned business.

For information about the certification process or to apply for certification, firms should contact:

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