



Seeking Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Certification with Bi-State Development?

The DBE Triennial Overall Goal for Bi-State Development is 11.5%

BI-STATE DEVELOPMENT (BSD) is committed to maximizing contracting opportunities for small businesses owned and operated by disadvantaged individuals as outlined in 49 CFR Part 26.

BSD's contracting opportunities include goods and services which support the operation and maintenance of its facilities and equipment, professional services and construction.

As a recipient of federal financial assistance via the Federal Transit Administration, BSD is required to maintain a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program.

The Office of Supplier Diversity administers the DBE Program as outlined in the U.S. Department of Transportation 49 CFR Part 26, and ensures that DBE firms are afforded viable opportunities to participate in BSD projects agency-wide.

ELIGIBILITY FACTORS FOR DBE CERTIFICATION

BUSINESS: Size — A firm must be a for-profit small business and not have annual gross receipts exceeding \$30.4 million (averaged over the previous five years).

SOCIAL DISADVANTAGE: Citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. who are — Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans, Subcontinent Asian Americans, Women, and individual determinations (49 CFR Part 26, appendix E).

ECONOMIC DISADVANTAGE: Personal Net Worth (PNW) must be less than \$1.32 million; PNW excludes — equity in primary residence and ownership interest in the applicant firm.

OWNERSHIP: The business must be 51% owned by a socially and economically disadvantaged individual(s).

CONTROL: Direct the management and policies of the firm. The owner must also have an overall understanding of, and managerial and technical competence, and experience directly related to the type of business in which the firm is engaged. The firm must also be an independent business, which does not depend on another firm or firms for its viability.

INDEPENDENT: An independent business is one the viability of which does not depend on its relationship with another firm or firms.

What is the advantage of being certified as a DBE through BSD?

DBE certification provides construction and professional service firms the opportunity to bid on certain federally funded contracts.

How do I submit an application for DBE Certification?

- Visit <https://metrostlouis.dbesystem.com/>
- Under *Vendor Certification*, click *Apply for DBE*.
- From the *Online DBE Certification* page, review Option 3; click *Create an Account*.
- Once your account is created, log on; click *Apply for Certification*.
- Complete the application to begin the certification process.



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