

TEXAS CERTIFICATION AGENCIES

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of Civil Rights
125 E. 11th Street Austin, TX 78701-2483
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<http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/civil-rights.html>

CITY OF HOUSTON

Office of Business Opportunity
611 Walker Street, 7th Floor Houston, TX 77002
PHONE: 832-393-0600 FAX: 832-393-0646
<http://www.houstontx.gov/obo/index.html>

CITY OF AUSTIN

Small and Minority Business Resources
4201 Ed Bluestein Blvd. Austin, TX 78721
PHONE: 512-974-7600 FAX: 512-974-7601
<http://www.austintexas.gov/department/small-and-minority-business>

DBE/EEO COMPLIANCE OFFICE CORPUS CHRISTI REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

602 N. Staples St. Corpus Christi, TX 78401
PHONE: 361-289-2712
<http://www.ccrta.org>

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL CERTIFICATION

624 Six Flags Drive, #100 Arlington, TX 76011
PHONE: 817-640-0606 FAX: 817-640-6315
<http://www.nctrca.org>

SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL CERTIFICATION

3201 Cherry Ridge St. Bldg. C-319
San Antonio, TX 78230
PHONE: 210-227-4722 FAX: 210-227-5712
<http://www.sctrca.org/>

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS LIAISON OFFICER

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DBE DEFINED

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) - a small business concern as defined pursuant to Section 3 of the Small Business Act and implementing regulations, which is owned and controlled by one or more disadvantaged individuals. Owned and controlled means a business, which is at least 51 percent owned by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals. In the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock must be owned by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals and whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more of the socially and economically disadvantaged individuals who own it.



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FORT BEND COUNTY

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION



DISADVANTAGE BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) PROGRAM



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POLICY STATEMENT

The County established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26.

The County received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the County signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of the County to ensure DBEs, as defined in Part 26, has an equal opportunity to receive and participate in Federal Transit Administration (FTA)-assisted contracts

It is also our policy:

- To ensure non-discrimination in the award and administration of FTA assisted contracts;
- To create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for FTA assisted contracts;
- To ensure the DBE Program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
- To ensure only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs;
- To help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in FTA assisted contracts, and;
- To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE program.

CERTIFICATION PROCESS

The Texas Unified Certification Program (TUCP) is a certification process for Federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Programs in Texas. A business' DBE certification is valid at any Texas entity that receives U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) funds and has a DBE Program.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Six agencies perform the certification processing of DBE Program applications within the state of Texas by specific TUCP regions.

- 1) Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)
- 2) City of Houston
- 3) City of Austin
- 4) Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority
- 5) North Central Texas Regional Certification Agency
- 6) South Central Texas Regional Certification Agency

Once a firm is certified as a DBE it will be included in the TUCP Directory. The consolidated TUCP system allows the opportunity to bid statewide, without obtaining DBE Program certification from numerous agencies throughout the state.

The directory is on the INTERNET at:
<https://txdot.txdotcms.com/?TN%20=txdot>

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- A business must be 51% owned, controlled, and managed by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals.
- Socially and economically disadvantaged individuals include but are not limited to Women, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans, and Subcontinent Asian Americans.
- A business must be a small business as defined by Small Business Administration (SBA) size standards. The firm's average annual gross receipts over the previous three fiscal years must not exceed the U.S. DOT's cap of \$22.98 million.
- Effective February 28, 2011, the Personal Net Worth (PNW) of each socially and economically disadvantaged owner must not exceed \$1.32 million. Items excluded from the disadvantaged owner's net worth calculation are his/her personal residence and an ownership interest in the applicant firm.
- Only U.S. Citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents are eligible for certification.
- Company must be registered in the state of Texas

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