

STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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Subject – Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) Submittal Requirements for Construction Projects

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

The following applies to all Federal Aide Construction projects that are assigned DBE goals.

Effective with projects advertised as of January 1, 2021, <u>all bidders</u> are required to submit to the Department, the DBE Commitment Approval Request form(s) meeting the established DBE contract goal, or a Good Faith Effort (GFE) Application Request including all "backup" documentation as applicable. Please send DBE submittals to <u>dotbid@ct.gov</u>. In the subject line of your email please include the project number and "DBE Submittal".

The DBE Commitment forms and/or the Good Faith Effort Application, as applicable, are due to the Department no later than <u>five (5) calendar days</u> after the bid opening. It is highly recommended that all bidders complete the required documentation during their bid preparation process in order to meet the DBE submittal requirement.

The change in process is required to comply with the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (49 CFR part 26.53(b)(1) and (b)(2)).

If the apparent low bid is rejected, for whatever reason, the Department may then move on to reviewing subsequent bids and DBE submittals as necessary. Bidders that do not submit the required DBE forms within the required time, will not be eligible for contract award.

Please refer to the project Bid Invitation posted on the State Contracting Portal for revised instructions and requirements. The Construction Contract Bidding and Award Manual will be revised to reflect this change.

The DBE submittal forms are located at the following link. https://portal.ct.gov/DOT/General/CTDOT-Forms

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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