

## **DBE Program**

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) For Interstate Applicants



Q: If my firm is certified as a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) or Woman's Business Enterprise (WBE) in my home state am I automatically certified in the DBE Program?

A: No. They are two different programs with different rules and regulations. There is no reciprocity between the two programs.

Q: Can I get DBE certified in Connecticut even if I am not certified in my home state?

A: No. You must be certified in your home state before you begin the Interstate Certification process here.

Q: If I am DBE certified in another state, can I automatically get DBE certified with Connecticut DOT?

A: No. The DBE applicant must still forward a copy of the completed DBE application and all supporting documents which were submitted to the home state.

Q: A contract is coming up. Can my application be expedited?

A: Unfortunately, we cannot expedite any DBE applications. All applications are reviewed in the order in which they were received.

Q: What is the best way to approach the application process?

A: You can do a number of things to help us process your application efficiently. These include:

- Making sure that all of your documentation is organized and provided in the initial submission
  - o All documents should be single-sided, collated, and stapled or clipped together
- Making sure that the mailing address, email address, and phone numbers provided are correct and will be checked regularly for correspondence from CTDOT
- Making sure to be responsive to correspondence from CTDOT