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MBE Special

"Tall Oaks From Little Acorns Grow"

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The Portland Development Commission has historically supported the participation of economically disadvantaged businesses in Commission projects. We know that healthy and growing small businesses are beneficial to the local economy. That's why PDC has taken steps to encourage use of emerging small businesses in construction contracts and purchases of other goods and services. In fact, 10% of certain contracts and purchases must include certified emerging small businesses because we know what's good for small business is good for Portland. If you have a business that may qualify and would like information on PDC projects or certification, contact David Nemo at 823-3214.



Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program

It is the policy of the Clark County Public Transportation Benefit Area Authority (dba C-TRAN) to encourage Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation on all C-TRAN projects. Therefore, C-TRAN maintains a DBE Program based upon Department of Transportation (DOT) Rule 49, CFR, Part 23, and directives of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) Office of Civil Rights.

The overall goal of C-TRAN'S DBE Program is to ensure that DBEs are given the maximum opportunity to participate in all projects. Specifically, C-TRAN is securing a minimum of 15% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation in all procurement opportunities.

The Procurement and Grants Manager, acting as the DBE Program Coordinator, is responsible for monitoring the DBE program, insuring Program compliance with federal and state guidelines, and soliciting DBE participation in all procurements. All Departmental Directors assume responsibility for DBE Program compliance within their department. DBEs are welcome and encouraged to apply for C-TRAN certification in order to facilitate participation in any present and future contracting opportunities.

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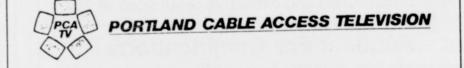


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