

DBE Certification

PRT's Office of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise & Diverse Business (DBE/DB) is one of the five certifying agencies for the Pennsylvania Unified Certification Program (PA UCP) that certifies firms as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)/Airport Concession Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE).

All five certifying agencies within the PA UCP make all certification decisions in the Commonwealth with respect to participation in the DBE Program. Therefore, firms certified as DBE/ACDBE with the PA UCP are eligible to participate on any Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funded contracts as a DBE/ACDBE.

For more information on how to become certified, visit rideprt.org/business-center/dbe.

Register for the e-Business Portal

To ensure this program benefits only DBEs that are owned and whose management and daily operations are controlled by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, all firms wishing to participate as DBEs for PRT contracts must be certified with the PA UCP.

You must register with PRT to receive bid documents or solicitation notices for publicly advertised and awarded contracts.

To begin registering as a bidder, go to rideprt.org/business-center/procurement/bidder-registration. Once on the website, you can view a how-to guide on getting set-up in our e-Business system, and follow the steps to register.

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DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE & DIVERSE BUSINESS



Pittsburgh Regional Transit's (PRT) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise & Diverse Business Program (DBE/DB) creates a level playing field, removing barriers, certifying disadvantaged business enterprises, and assisting in the development of businesses like yours.



Pittsburgh Regional Transit spends millions of dollars each year on the purchase of parts, supplies and services in support of its daily operations. In addition, regular contracts are available for major construction projects, such as busway and light rail construction, as well as renovation and expansion of existing facilities.

As part of the Human Resources Division, PRT's Office of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise & Diverse Business (DBE/DB) Program is committed to creating opportunities for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) and Small Diverse Businesses (DBs).



What is a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)?

A DBE is a for-profit small business in which socially and economically disadvantaged individuals:

- Own at least 51% or more of the firm
- Clearly control the management and daily business operations
- Are U.S. Citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents of the U.S.
- Have a firm that meets the Small Business Administration's (SBA) size standard and does not exceed \$30.72 million in gross annual receipts

- Have a personal net worth no greater than \$2.047 million (excluding primary residence & ownership interest in the DBE applicant firm)

Members of the following groups are presumed to be socially disadvantaged:

- Women
- Black Americans
- Hispanic Americans
- Native Americans
- Asian-Pacific Americans
- Subcontinent Asian Americans
- Other groups deemed socially and economically disadvantaged by the SBA

What is a Diverse Business (DB)?

All firms that are certified as a DBE by the PA UCP are recognized as a DB. Other DBs include minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses, veteran-owned businesses and service-disabled veteran-owned businesses certified by one of the following third party organizations:

- Women's Business Enterprise Council
- National Minority Supplier Development Council
- United States Department of Veterans Affairs
- United States Small Business Administration