



The PennDOT DBE Supportive Services Center

An Overview of PennDOT DBE Supportive Services & How to Get Started



Introduction: DBE Program Background

What Is The DBE Program?

- The Department's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program is designed to remedy ongoing discrimination and the continuing effects of past discrimination in federally-assisted highway, transit, airport, and highway safety financial assistance transportation contracting markets nationwide. The primary remedial goal and objective of the DBE program is to level the playing field by providing small businesses owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals a fair opportunity to compete for federally funded transportation contracts.
- DOT's Operating Administrations distribute substantial funds each year to finance construction projects initiated by state and local governments, public transit and airport agencies. DOT has the important responsibility of ensuring that firms competing for DOT-assisted contracts for these projects are not disadvantaged by unlawful discrimination. The Department's most important tool for meeting this requirement has been its DBE program.



Introduction: DBE/SS Program Background

What Is The DBE Supportive Services Program?

- The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Supportive Services (DBE/SS) Program is one that has been consistently operated as an adjunct to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program; statutory authorization exists for the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) implementation of the program. The primary purpose of the DBE/SS is to provide training, assistance, and services to minority, disadvantaged, and women business enterprises so as to increase their activity in the program, and to facilitate the firms' development into viable, self-sufficient organizations capable of competing for, and performing on federally assisted highway projects.
- FHWA annually apportions the DBE/SS funds to STAs for the purpose of carrying out a DBE/SS program.



Introduction: PennDOT DBE/SSC

What Is The PA DBE Supportive Services Center?


The mission of the Pennsylvania DBE Supportive Services Center is to provide the training, technical assistance, and business development services to DBE firms to enable them to acquire the proficiency, experience and expertise necessary to compete on an equal basis, with non-DBE firms for federally-assisted PennDOT contracts and subcontracts.



Who's Eligible For DBE Supportive Services?

- Firms that are currently certified DBEs with the [Pennsylvania Unified Certification Program](#) or PAUCP.
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- Firms that have completed the DBE Annual Needs Assessment within the last 12 months. This can be done anytime by visiting ANA.PENNDDBE.com and completing the questionnaire.




DBE Annual Needs Assessment Survey

CONTACT INFORMATION

*Name


*Email Address

*Company Name

*Phone

To Start Receiving DBE Supportive Services:

1. Make sure your firm can be found in the [PAUCP database](#).
2. Visit [ANA.PENNDBE.com](#) and complete the annual survey.
3. Check your inbox upon completion of your survey for access to the SSC Portal on ProRank Academy (PRA).


DBE Annual Needs Assessment Survey

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What Supportive Services Are Offered?



DBE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

- Bidding & Estimating Assistance
- Bonding & Insurance Assistance
- Business Development
- Business Management
- Consultant Qualification Assistance
- Contractor Prequalification Assistance
- DBE Certification Renewal Assistance
- ECMS Training
- Marketing Materials
- Online Training Courses
- Opportunity Identification
- PennDBE Mapper
- PennDOT Marketing
- PennDOT Registration
- Strategic Planning
- Team Building
- Training Reimbursement

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A screenshot of the ECMS website. The header includes the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation logo and the text 'ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM'. Below the header is a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Site Map', and 'Help'. The main content area features a grid of images showing construction projects. A 'Login' section is visible on the right, with fields for 'User ID' and 'Password'. A 'Links' section on the left lists various resources like 'Recent Bulletins', 'Login as Guest', and 'Register as a PennDOT Business Partner'. At the bottom, there is a footer with copyright information and a 'Privacy Policy' link.

www.ecms.penndot.gov/ECMS/

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A screenshot of the Pennsylvania DBE Supportive Services ProRank Business Solutions page. The page features the logo for 'PA DBE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ProRank Business Solutions'. Below the logo, there is a navigation bar with 'PennDOT Resource Rooms' and 'PA DBE Supportive Service Rooms'. The main content area displays 'PA DBE Supportive Service Rooms' with a 'Participant' button and a 'Program Support Room' link. The page also indicates that the group is 'Private' and 'Active 3 days ago'. At the bottom, there is an 'Administrator' section with a profile picture.

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Support In Doing Business W/ PennDOT

- **Support Tier 1** – Firms need Business Partner Registration assistance.
- **Support Tier 2** – Firms need PennDOT Qualification, Prequalification , Or Prequalification Exemption assistance.
- **Support Tier 3** – “Ready To Work” firms that need assistance partnering with primes, and with ECMS navigation, etc.
- **Support Tier 4** – Firms working on PennDOT Projects that need assistance with payment disputes, staff training, and assistance with PennDOT policies.



Please Contact Us with Questions:



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Give us a call today! Schedule some time to discuss
how to take your business to the next level!

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Have questions?
Send us an email and we will get right back to you!

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