

# Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Program



## Caltrans DBE Program Applicability

- 1. DBE requirements apply to all Subrecipients with contracting opportunities or "third-party" contracts for goods and/or services
- 2. Subrecipients with operating assistance and non-vehicle capital projects (with contracting opportunities) must meet all requirements of Caltrans DBE program as they pertain to local agencies
- 3. DBE requirements for vehicle projects are satisfied by the vehicle manufacturer and are not passed on to the Subrecipient

### DBE Program Plan

 Subrecipients shall adhere to the Caltrans DBE Program Plan (2007)

www.dot.ca.gov/hq/bep/dbe program.ht

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### DBE Program Plan

#### **Key points of the DBE Program Plan:**

- Ensure DBE firms can compete fairly for federally funded transportation-related projects
- Identify and remove barriers to the bidding, award, and administration of U.S. DOT Federally-assisted contracts
- Increase the participation of all small business and DBE's in the procurement of materials, equipment and supplies



For all FTA non-vehicle capital projects,
 Caltrans' overall goal is currently 4% race neutral

## DBE Race Neutral Implementation Agreement

- All Subrecipients must submit a DBE Race-Neutral Implementation Agreement
- If the agreement was already submitted to DMT, there is no need to resubmit again

#### DBE Liaison Officer

- Subrecipients must designate a DBE Liaison Officer (DBELO), to be responsible for developing, implementing, and monitoring the DBE Program Plan
- DBELO ensures that the Subrecipient is fully and properly advised concerning DBE Program Plan matters



#### **DBELO Duties and Responsibilities include:**

- Gather and report statistical data
- Review third party contracts and purchase requisitions for program compliance
- Ensure timely bid notices and requests for proposals
- Analyze DBE participation and identify ways to encourage small business participation

#### DBE Liaison Officer

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- Participate in pre-bid meetings
- Act as an advisory to CEO/Governing Board on DBE matters and DBE race-neutral issues
- Provide all small businesses and DBE's with information and recommend sources to assist in preparing bids
- Plan and participate in DBE training sessions
- Provide outreach to all small businesses including DBEs and community organizations to fully advise them of contracting opportunities



### Required Contract Clauses

- Non-discrimination clause
  - 49 CFR Part 26.13
- Prompt payment procedures to subcontractors
  - 49 CFR Part 26.29



Subrecipients will create and maintain a bidder's list consisting of information about all DBE and non-DBE firms that bid or quote on all Federal Aid Contracts



## Subrecipient DBE Reporting

## DBE Program Awards/Commitments Form

 Subrecipient will submit bidder DBE information to DMT representative at Contract Award



## Subrecipient DBE Reporting

## DBE Program Actual Payments Form

Subrecipients will submit <u>Actual</u>
 <u>Payments Form</u> with all requests for reimbursement to the DMT district representative

## Caltrans Bi-Annual Reporting

- DBE Semi-annual Reporting Form -Caltrans will report to FTA:
  - For the period of October 1<sup>st</sup> March 31<sup>st</sup>
     &
  - For the period of April 1<sup>st</sup> September 30<sup>th</sup>

## Location of DBE Forms

#### DMT DBE webpage:

http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/DBE.html

## Where to Find a Certified DBE Contractor

 Caltrans Office of Business & Economic Opportunity (OBEO)

http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/bep/find certified.htm



## Title VI Requirements



## Title IV Requirements

- What is Required
  - Annual Certification and Assurance FTA C 4702.1A, Chapter IV, Section 1

- Subrecipient Compliance Report
  - Due once every 3 years

### Title VI – Requirements

- Subrecipient Compliance Report
- Compliance Reports due in 2011

 DMT will be issuing guidance on competing and submitting this report

### Title VI – Requirements

 Develop and Implement Complaint Procedures

 Maintain a record of investigations, complaints, and lawsuits filed against agency

## Limited English Proficiency (LEP)

- Access for Limited English Proficiency Persons
  Agency's plan for providing access to meaningful
  activities and programs for persons with limited
  English proficiency which was based on the DOT LEP
  guidance: FTA C 4702.1.A Chapter IV, part 4; 49 CFR
  21.5(b)
- Or a copy of the agency's alternative framework for providing access to activities and programs. Certain subrecipients, such as those serving very few LEP persons or those with very limited resources may choose not to develop a written LEP plan.
- Caltrans LEP Plan
  - http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/bep/title\_vi/LEP/index.htm



## **ADA Requirements**

### ADA Requirements

 Guarantees equal access opportunities for all individuals with disabilities in public accommodations, employment, transportation facilities, goods and services

## ADA Requirements

## ADA Requirements Apply to ALL Projects:

- Construction of Transit Facilities
- Procurement of Vehicles
- ADA Operating Projects
- Procurement of Other Equipment





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## QUESTIONS?



