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USDOT Issues Revised DBE Rule

On January 27, 2011, U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood announced a final rulemaking that will help economically & socially disadvantaged businesses take advantage of opportunities to participate in federally funded highway, transit and airport projects. "When we help small businesses, we're helping to get the economy going," said Secretary LaHood. "This rule will help small and disadvantaged business get a fair shot at participating in state and local transportation projects."

DOT's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program helps small businesses owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals compete for government contracts. The department also requires state and local transportation agencies to establish goals for DBE participation.

This new rulemaking will require greater accountability from state and local transportation agencies for including disadvantaged businesses in their spending plans. Those that fail to meet established goals for DBE participation will be required to evaluate why the goals were not met and offer a plan to help meet the goal in the future. In addition, the final rule adjusts the personal net worth limit for DBE owners for inflation from \$750,000 to **\$1.32 million**. The \$750,000 limit was set in 1989 and has not been adjusted since.

The rulemaking will also add provisions to ensure that prime contractors fulfill commitments to use DBE subcontractors. State and local agencies are required to monitor each contract to make sure prime contractors are fulfilling their obligations and do not dismiss DBE subcontractors without good cause. The rule also requires state and local agencies to create a plan for improving the use of small businesses, including DBEs.

The Department anticipates issuing a proposed rulemaking to make changes in its regulation for airport concession DBEs that is similar to those in this final regulation.

For the full Federal Register notice please visit:

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2011/pdf/2011-1531.pdf>



Honolulu Rail Transit project underway



Hawaii is building for the future and is starting the Honolulu Rail Transit Project. This project is a 20-mile, elevated rail line that will connect West Oahu with downtown Honolulu and Ala Moana Center. It will transport about 116,000 people daily and remove approximately 40,000 cars and trucks from Oahu's highways and roads each day by 2030. The system electric, steel-wheel trains capable of carrying more than 300 passengers. This project is expected to infuse billions of dollars in the economy over the next decade.

City and County officials broke ground on Tuesday, February 22nd 2011 for this multibillion-dollar project. More than 500 people attended the ground breaking ceremony and witnessed the milestone. Railway construction is scheduled to begin in the fall of this year. The first segment is scheduled to be complete by 2015. Over 10,000 jobs will be created and the Honolulu Rail Transit will be Hawaii's single largest job carrier.



The Federal Highway Administration, Office of Civil Rights and the City and County of Honolulu hosted a Smart Jobs Workshop on Wednesday, February 23, 2011 for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE). Over 100 small businesses participated in workshops that included: Community Engagement & Partnering, Stakeholders Perspectives, DBE Capacity Building, and Industry Best Practices.

Attendees had the opportunity to visit the following exhibitors: Honolulu Rail Transit Project, City and County of Honolulu Purchasing Division, Hawaii Department of Transportation DBE Program, Honolulu Minority Business Center, Hawaii Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC), Business Action Center, Central Pacific Bank, Hawaii National Bank, First Hawaiian Bank Atlas Insurance and Bonding and the Southwest Region Small Business Transportation Resource (SBTRC)



More information can be found at: <http://www.honolulustransit.org/>

SMALL BUSINESS TRANSPORTATION RESOURCE CENTER (SBTRC)

Be sure to take advantage of the Small Business Transportation Resource Center (SBTRC) as a resource to help you qualify for and get connected to transportation contracts. Utilize the services and many resources such as general business counseling. The SBTRC serves the Southwest Region, which includes Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Nevada. More details can be found on the website at:

<http://youconnecthere.com/website/sacc/SaccPage.aspx?PageID=67>



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DBE Recertification

Effective July 1, 2011, Hawaii Department of Transportation's (HDOT) DBE Program Office will no longer require a "Recertification Application" every three years for DBE firms certified in Hawaii. According to Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26, §26.83, HDOT may conduct certification reviews which may include an onsite visit, if it is determined that there have been significant changes to a DBE firm, or if there is a complaint by a third party.

HDOT will continue to require the annual Change Affidavit for each DBE firm wishing to remain certified. Failure to provide the Affidavit will result in HDOT taking action to remove your firm's eligibility.

This change will be reflected in the HDOT's DBE Program Plan, which is currently being updated.

DBE Program Certifier?

In case you were not aware, Terry Kim our former DBE Program Certifier is no longer with our office. Terry has decided to pursue a new challenge and starting a new phase in his career. Terry has been a great asset to the department and we will certainly miss him. We wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors. If you have questions on your DBE certification or any other related issues please contact us. See our contact info. on page 2 (at the bottom of the page)



Training & Upcoming Workshops in August...

- Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2011 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. SBA District Office 500 Ala Moana Blvd., 3rd Flr. Room 1-306. Free workshop for small business owners interested in government certification and contracting resources. Registration is required, visit www.sba.gov/hi & click on the ONLINE REGISTRATION link or e-mail Mary.Dale@sba.gov
- Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2011 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at East West Center, Koi Room. One-on-One Networking. Meet contractors and government contracting officers in one convenient location and learn about contracting opportunities. Registration is required, visit our website at: <http://hawaii.gov/dot/administration/ocof/dbe>. For more information contact Don Fukuhara 808 587-6333 or don.fukuhara@hawaii.gov.



Hawai'i Department of Transportation
Contracts Office

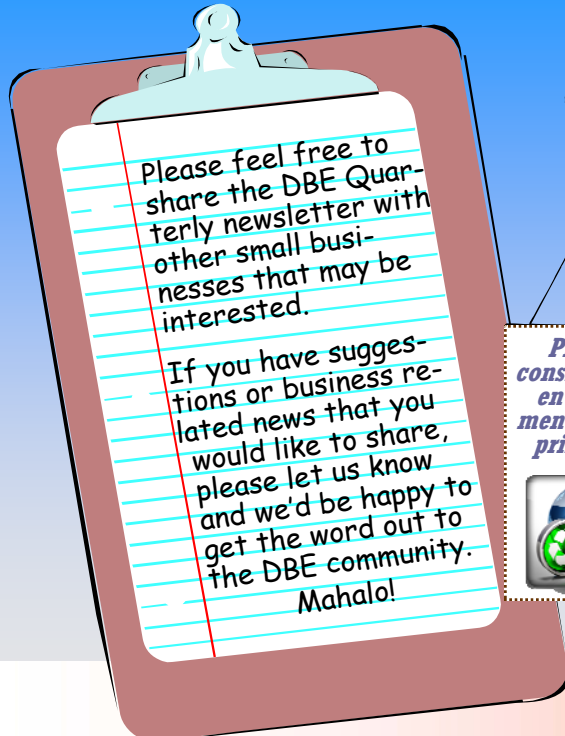
State of Hawai'i DOT Bid notices are posted online and list current bid openings and prior bid openings. Contracts office has weekly bid openings on Thursday at 2:00 p.m.

<http://hawaii.gov/dot/administration/con>

For more information on bid notices, Request For Proposals and other contract related inquiries, please contact the DOT Contracts Office at:

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DBE newsletter



Please feel free to share the DBE Quarterly newsletter with other small businesses that may be interested.

If you have suggestions or business related news that you would like to share, please let us know and we'd be happy to get the word out to the DBE community. Mahalo!

Please consider the environment before printing.



DBE Policy Statement

The Hawai'i Department of Transportation (HDOT) is committed to a policy of equal opportunity & non-discrimination in the award & administration of state & federal contracts.

The DBE Program is a federal program under the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT). As a recipient of federal funds, HDOT must: comply with Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 23 & Part 26 (49 CFR 23 & 26).

Newly Certified

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ZR Systems Group, LLC • *Honolulu* •

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DBE Certifications

January to July

2011



Recertified DBEs

Ace Land Surveying, LLC

• *Honolulu, Hawai'i*

- Consultant: Land Surveying Services

Fast Formliners, Inc.

• *St. Clair, MO*

- Manufacturer: Concrete Formliners

Heartwood Pacific, LLC

• *Keaau, Hawai'i*

- Construction: Commercial and Institutional Building Construction

Leona M. Martin dba Lin's Lei Stand

• *Hilo, Hawai'i*

- Airport Concession DBE: Lei Vendor

Operations Management Group, Ltd.

• *Seattle, WA*

- Consultant: Engineering Services

