DBE Program – What’s Going On?

- February 2012 – New DBE Regulations
- New Section added to 49 CFR Part 26

THIS SMALL CHANGE IS BIG!!!!
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- Augment existing Race Neutral Participation
- Facilitate competition for all small business concerns
  - Submitted to FTA February 28, 2012
  - Approved by FTA June 18, 2012
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WHO QUALIFIES?
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Eligibility
- A for-profit business that meets the verification criteria

Verification Criteria
- small business, according to SBA size standards
- 51% owned and controlled by one or more individuals whose personal net worth does not exceed $1.32 million
- three-year annual average gross receipts does not exceed $22.41 million
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How To Apply

- Must complete SBE Verification Application, including supporting documentation (i.e., personal and business federal tax returns)

- Download application at SEPTA’s website: http://www.septa.org/business/dbe/

- Certified DBEs (in accordance with 49 CFR § 26.39) are grandfathered into the SBE Program
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SBE Strategies

- Identify SBEs and maintain an on-line Directory

- Promote SBE Program through outreach events, email blasts, SEPTA website

- Require bidders to identify all subcontractors/suppliers scheduled to participate in their contract

- Match bidder’s subcontractor/supplier lists against SEPTA’s established SBE Directory
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SBE Strategies

- Facilitate meetings and networking sessions between DBEs/SBEs and prime contractors to encourage matchmaking, as well as encourage DBE/SBE firms in forming partnerships/joint ventures with other small businesses
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- Various departments within SEPTA work in concert to educate small businesses on participating in SEPTA’s procurement activities and utilizing today’s technology to do business with SEPTA.
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- On-going collaboration with outside agencies
  - Greater Philadelphia Minority Strategic Alliance
  - Temple Small Business Development Center (SBDC) (Temple University)
  - City of Philadelphia – Office of Economic Opportunity
  - Small Business Administration (SBA)
  - Local Chambers of Commerce
  - National Minority Supplier Diversity Council (NMSDC)
  - National Association of Minority Contractors (NAMC)
  - Contractors’ Association of Eastern Pennsylvania (CAEP)
  - Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO)
  - Women’s Transportation Seminar (WTS)
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SEPTA Networking Participants:

**Audit & Investigative Services**
- System Safety

**Business Services Division**
- DBE Program Office
- Procurement & Supply Chain Management (P&SCM)
- Information Technology (IT)
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SEPTA Networking Participants:

Engineering, Maintenance & Construction (EM&C)
  Capital Design & Construction
  Power

Human Resources

Operations
  Customized Community Transportation (CCT)
  Vehicle Maintenance – Automotive
  Vehicle Maintenance – Rail
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For information about the SBE Program and the verification process contact:

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Other links:

http://www.septa.org/

http://www.paucp.com/

http://www.fta.dot.gov/civilrights/12326.html