

Special Notice to Bidders
How the US DOT Waiver for the DBE Program will be Implemented on Central Region Construction Projects

August 1, 2011, the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities returned to DBE Utilization Goals for projects with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds for Central Region. FHWA approved the return to DBE goals based on recommendations of the Department's completed Disparity Study and approval of a DBE Program Waiver. The DBE Program Waiver approved by USDOT addresses the issue identified in the Department's Disparity Study which found that DBE firms that are owned by Non-Minority Women were participating on the Department's construction contracts and subcontracts on an equal basis similar to other non-DBE contractors and non-DBE subcontractors for Central Region only.

As a result, goals will be set using minority-owned DBEs only, and DBE project goals can only be met through the use of minority owned DBEs. This Waiver does not affect DBE project goals for airports or transit projects anywhere in Alaska, and does not apply to professional service agreements or highway construction projects in Northern or Southeast Regions.

The decision to continue or discontinue the use of the Waiver will be made on an annual basis in June.

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