

# SBE Certification

## Overview

### Introduction:

The Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Program is a race and gender-neutral program designed to provide contracting opportunities to small businesses on federally-aided projects with the MDOT State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA), MDOT Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA), and MDOT Maryland Aviation Administration (MDOT MAA).

### What are the goals of the SBE Program?

- Facilitate competition, eliminate obstacles and increase opportunities for small businesses, including DBEs, to participate as prime contractors on MDOT federally aided contracts; without competing with larger more established businesses.
- Successful bidders will gain practical experience and develop expertise that will enable them to better compete on successive projects as prime contractors and expand their business opportunities.

### SBE Program Eligibility:

- The current U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) size standards applicable to the type of work a firm performs must be applied. The NAICS size standards are measured by a five-year average of annual gross receipts or the calculation of the number of employees.
- The firm must be an existing small business as defined by Small Business Administration (SBA) standards. The firm's three-year average gross receipts cannot exceed the USDOT statutory cap of \$30.40 million.
- At least 51% of the firm's ownership must be held by individuals who do not exceed the personal net worth (PNW) limit cap of \$1.32 million.
- The 51% owner(s) must be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident.
- The firm must be organized for profit.

**All firms certified as MDOT DBE will automatically be certified as SBE.** All other firms that meet the eligibility requirements must apply to MDOT's Office of Minority Business Enterprise (OMBE) for SBE status. All SBE certified firms will appear in the MDOT Online Directory.

For complete details, eligibility requirements and to obtain an SBE application contact/visit:

<https://www.mdot.maryland.gov/tso/pages/Index.aspx?PageId=106>

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