

## Overview

### Introduction:

The SBE Program is a race and gender neutral program designed to provide contracting opportunities to small businesses on federally-aided projects with the State Highway Administration (SHA), Maryland Transit Administration (MTA), and Maryland Aviation Administration (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 firm must be a small business (as defined by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) by applying current SBA business size standards that are applicable to the type of work the firm seeks to perform. Size standards are measured by a three-year average of annual gross receipts or number of employees.
- The firm's average gross receipts cannot exceed the USDOT size standard of \$23.98 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.

**A firm that is currently MDOT DBE certified 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, to obtain an SBE application and/or **REGISTER** for our **SBE Workshop** visit:

[www.mdot.maryland.gov/SBE](http://www.mdot.maryland.gov/SBE)



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