



## CALTRANS DBE/ UDBE REQUIREMENTS

- NCTPA has established a Disadvantage Business enterprise goal for this Agreement of \_\_\_\_\_%  
OR
- NCTPA has not established a DBE Goal for this Agreement' however, Contractor is encouraged to obtain DBE participation for this Agreement  
OR
- NCTPA has established an Underutilized DBE goal for this Agreement of \_\_\_\_\_%.  
OR
- NCTPA has not established an Underutilized DBE goal for this Agreement. However, Contractor is encouraged to obtain UDBE participation for this Agreement.

### 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

This Project is subject to Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 26.13 (b) (49 CFR 26.13) that states:

“The contractor, sub recipient or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate.”

Contractor's attention is directed to the following provisions:

- A. Any subcontract entered into as a result of this Project shall contain all of the provisions of this Section.
- B. Take necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that DBEs and UDBEs have opportunity to participate in the Contract (49 CFR 26).
- C. Make work available to Underutilized Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (UDBE) and select work parts consistent with available UDBE sub-Contractors.
- D. Meet the specified UDBE participation goal or demonstrate that adequate good faith efforts were made to meet this goal; or if there is no specified UDBE goal use good faith efforts for participation.
- E. Verify that the UDBE firm is certified as DBE. For a list of certified DBEs, follow the link [http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/bep/find\\_certified.htm](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/bep/find_certified.htm) for access to the CUCP database. There is no specific certification for UDBE firms; however the CPUC database breaks down DBE firms by gender and ethnicity to facilitate locating UDBE firms.



- F. UDBE is a firm that meets the definition of DBE and is a member of one of the following groups:
  - 1. Black Americans,
  - 2. Native Americans,
  - 3. Asian-Pacific Americans,
  - 4. Women.
- G. References to DBEs include UDBEs, but references to UDBEs do not include all DBEs.
- H. Contractor is responsible to be fully informed regarding the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 and Caltrans DBE and UDBE programs.

## 2. SUBMISSION OF UDBE AND DBE COMPLIANCE DOCUMENTATION

- A. If there is a UDBE goal on the contract, a “Local Agency Bidder/Proposer-UDBE Commitment (Service Contract)” (Attachment E-1) form shall be included in the Request for Proposal. In order for a proposer to be considered responsible and responsive, the proposer must make good faith efforts to meet the goal established for the contract. When selected, the Contractor will complete and sign all requested UDBE forms. If the goal is not met, the proposer must document adequate good faith efforts. (Attachment E-3) Only UDBE participation will be counted towards the UDBE contract goal; however, all DBE participation shall be collected and reported.
- B. If there is a DBE goal for the Contract, a “Local Agency Proposer -DBE –Information (Consultant Contract)” (Attachment E-2) form shall be completed and submitted with the executed contract. The purpose of the form is to collect all UDBE and DBE commitment data required under 49 CFR 26. For contracts with no goals, this form collects information on all DBEs, including UDBEs. Even if no DBE participation will be reported, the successful bidder must execute and return the form.
- C. The information provided on the form should include with names, addresses and phone numbers of DBE firms (including UDBE firms) that will participate, with a complete description of work or supplies to be provided by each, and the dollar value of each DBE transaction. When 100 percent of a contract item of work is not to be performed or furnished by a DBE, a description of the exact portion of that work to be performed or furnished by that DBE should be included in the DBE information, including the planned location of that work. A successful Contractor certified as a DBE should describe the work it has committed to perform with its own forces as well as any other work that it has committed to be performed by DBE sub-consultants and suppliers.

The Contractor is encouraged to provide written confirmation from each DBE that the DBE is participating in the Contract. A copy of a DBE's quote will serve as written confirmation that the DBE is participating in the contract. If a DBE is participating as a joint venture partner, the successful Contractor is encouraged to submit a copy of the joint venture agreement.

## 3. DBE PARTICIPATION

It is the Contractor's responsibility to be fully informed regarding the requirements of 49 CFR, Part 26, and the Department's DBE program developed pursuant to the regulations. Particular attention is directed to the following:

- A. A DBE must be a small business firm defined pursuant to 13 CFR 121 and be certified through the California Unified Certification Program (CUCP).
- B. A certified DBE may participate as a prime Contractor, subcontractor, joint venture partner, as a vendor of material or supplies, or as a trucking company.

- C. A UDBE bidder, not bidding as a joint venture with a non-DBE, will be required to document one or a combination of the following:
  - 1. The proposer is a UDBE and will meet the goal by performing work with its own forces.
  - 2. The proposer will meet the goal through work performed by UDBE subContractors, subContractors, suppliers or trucking companies.
  - 3. The proposer made adequate good faith efforts to meet the goal.
- D. A DBE joint venture partner must be responsible for specific contract items of work or clearly defined portions thereof. Responsibility means actually performing, managing and supervising the work with its own forces. The DBE joint venture partner must share in the capital contribution, control, management, risks and profits of the joint venture commensurate with its ownership interest.
- E. A DBE must perform a commercially useful function pursuant to 49 CFR 26.55; that is, a DBE firm must be responsible for the execution of a distinct element of the work and must carry out its responsibility by actually performing, managing and supervising the work.
- F. The prime Contractor shall list only one subContractor for each portion of work as defined in their proposal and all DBE subContractors should be listed in the cost proposal list of subContractors.
- G. A prime consultant who is a certified DBE is eligible to claim all of the work in the Agreement toward the DBE participation except that portion of the work to be performed by non-DBE subconsultants.

**4. MATERIALS OR SUPPLIES PURCHASED FROM DBE'S COUNT TOWARDS DBE CREDIT, AND IF A DBE IS ALSO A UDBE, PURCHASES WILL COUNT TOWARDS THE UDBE GOAL UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:**

- A. If the materials or supplies are obtained from a DBE manufacturer, count one hundred percent of the cost of the materials or supplies. A DBE manufacturer is a firm that operates or maintains a factory, or establishment that produces on the premises, the materials, supplies, articles, or equipment required under the Agreement and of the general character described by the specifications.
- B. If the materials or supplies are purchased from a DBE regular dealer, count sixty percent of the cost of the materials or supplies. A DBE regular dealer is a firm that owns, operates or maintains a store, warehouse, or other establishment in which the materials, supplies, articles or equipment of the general character described by the specifications and required under the Agreement are bought, kept in stock, and regularly sold or leased to the public in the usual course of business. To be a DBE regular dealer, the firm must be an established, regular business that engages, as its principal business and under its own name, in the purchase and sale or lease of the products in question. A person may be a DBE regular dealer in such bulk items as petroleum products, steel, cement, gravel, stone or asphalt without owning, operating or maintaining a place of business provided in this section.
- C. If the person both owns and operates distribution equipment for the products, any supplementing of regular dealers' own distribution equipment shall be by a long-term lease agreement and not an ad hoc or Agreement-by -Agreement basis. Packagers, brokers, manufacturers' representatives, or other persons who arrange or expedite transactions are not UDBE regular dealers within the meaning of this section.
- D. Materials or supplies purchased from a DBE, which is neither a manufacturer nor a regular dealer, will be limited to the entire amount of fees or commissions charged for assistance in the procurement of the materials and supplies, or fees or transportation charges for the delivery of materials or supplies required on the job site, provided the fees are reasonable and not excessive as compared with fees charged for similar services.

5. FOR DBE TRUCKING COMPANIES: CREDIT FOR DBEs WILL COUNT TOWARDS DBE CREDIT, AND IF A DBE IS A UDBe, CREDIT WILL COUNT TOWARDS THE UDBe GOAL, UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- A. The DBE must be responsible for the management and supervision of the entire trucking operation for which it is responsible on a particular Agreement, and there cannot be a contrived arrangement for the purpose of meeting the UDBe goal.
- B. The DBE must itself own and operate at least one fully licensed, insured and operational truck used on the Agreement.
- C. The DBE receives credit for the total value of the transportation services it provides on the Agreement using trucks it owns, insures, and operates using drivers it employs.
- D. The DBE may lease trucks from another DBE firm, including an owner-operator who is certified as a DBE. The DBE who leases trucks from another DBE receives credit for the total value of the transportation services the lessee DBE provides on the Agreement.
- E. The DBE may also lease trucks from a non-DBE firm, including an owner-operator. The DBE who leases trucks from a non-DBE is entitled to credit only for the fee or commission it receives as a result of the lease arrangement. The DBE does not receive credit for the total value of the transportation services provided by the lessee, since these services are not provided by the DBE.
- F. For the purposes of this Section D, a lease must indicate that the DBE has exclusive use and control over the truck. This does not preclude the leased truck from working for others during the term of the lease with the consent of the DBE, as long as the lease gives the DBE absolute priority for use of the leased truck. Leased trucks must display the name and identification number of the DBE.

6. PERFORMANCE OF DBE CONTRACTORS AND DBE SUBCONTRACTORS / SUPPLIERS

- A. A DBE performs a commercially useful function when it is responsible for execution of the work of the Agreement and is carrying out its responsibilities by actually performing, managing, and supervising the work involved. To perform a commercially useful function, the DBE must also be responsible with respect to materials and supplies used on the Agreement, for negotiating price, determining quality and quantity, ordering the material, and installing (where applicable) and paying for the material itself. To determine whether a DBE is performing a commercially useful function, evaluate the amount of work subcontracted, industry practices; whether the amount the firm is to be paid under the Agreement is commensurate with the work it is actually performing, and other relevant factors.
- B. A DBE does not perform a commercially useful function if its role is limited to that of an extra participant in a transaction, Agreement, or project through which funds are passed in order to obtain the appearance of DBE participation. In determining whether a DBE is such an extra participant, examine similar transactions, particularly those in which DBEs do not participate.
- C. If a DBE does not perform or exercise responsibility for at least thirty percent of the total cost of its Agreement with its own work force, or the DBE subcontracts a greater portion of the work of the Agreement than would be expected on the basis of normal industry practice for the type of work involved, it will be presumed that it is not performing a commercially useful function.

## 7. FINAL REPORT

Upon completion of the Agreement, a summary of these records shall be prepared and submitted on the form entitled, "Final Report-Utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) First-Tier Subcontractors," CEM-2402F (Exhibit 17-F in Chapter 17 of the LAP), certified correct by the CONTRACTOR or the Contractor's authorized representative and shall be furnished to NCTPA with the final invoice. Failure to provide the summary of DBE payments with the final invoice will result in twenty-five percent (25%) of the dollar value of the invoice being withheld from payment until the form is submitted. The amount will be returned to the Contractor when a satisfactory "Final Report Utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) First-Tier Subcontractors" is submitted to NCTPA.

## 8. DBE CERTIFICATION AND DE-CERTIFICATION STATUS

If a DBE subcontractor is decertified during the life of the Agreement, the decertified subcontractor shall notify the Contractor in writing with the date of de-certification. If a subcontractor becomes a certified DBE during the life of the Agreement, the subcontractor shall notify the Contractor in writing with the date of certification. Any changes should be reported to NCTPA within 30 days.



# INSTRUCTIONS - LOCAL AGENCY BIDDER- UDBE COMMITMENT (SERVICE CONTRACTS) (Revised 03/09)

## ALL PROPOSERS:

PLEASE NOTE: It is the proposer's responsibility to verify that the UDBE(s) falls into one of the following groups in order to count towards the UDBE contract goal: 1) Black American; 2) Asian-Pacific American; 3) Native American; 4) Women. This information shall be submitted with your proposal. Failure to submit the required UDBE commitment will be grounds for finding the proposal nonresponsive

UDBE is a firm meeting the definition of a DBE as specified in 49 CFR and is one of the following groups:

1. Black American
2. Asian-Pacific American
3. Native American
4. Women

The form requires specific information regarding the consultant contract: Agency, Location, Project Descriptions, Federal Aid Project Number (assigned by Caltrans-Local Assistance), Proposal Date, Proposer's Name, and Contract Goal.

The form has a column for the Work Item Number (or Item No's) and Description or Services to be Subcontracted to UDBEs. The UDBE should provide a certification number to the Contractor. Notify the Contractor in writing with the date of the decertification if their status should change during the course of the contract. The form has a column for the Names of certified UDBEs to perform the work (must be certified on the date proposals are received and include UDBE address and phone number). Enter the UDBE prime consultant and subconsultant certification numbers. Prime consultants shall indicate all work to be performed by UDBEs including, if the prime consultant is a UDBE, work performed by its own forces.

There is a column for the total UDBE percentage. Enter the Total Claimed UDBE Participation percentage of items of work submitted with the proposal pursuant to the Special Provisions. (If 100% of item is not to be performed or furnished by the UDBE, describe exact portion of time to be performed or furnished by the UDBE.) See Notice to Bidders/Proposers Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Information to determine how to count the participation of UDBE firms. Note: If the proposer has not met the contract goal, the local agency must evaluate the proposer's good faith efforts to meet the goal in order to be considered for award of the contract.

Attachment E-1 must be signed and dated by the consultant proposing. Also list a phone number in the space provided and print the name of the person to contact.

**For the Success Proposer only, local agencies** should complete the Contract Award Date and Federal Share fields and verify that all information is complete and accurate before signing and sending a copy of the form to the District Local Assistance Engineer within 15 days of award. Failure to submit a completed and accurate form within the 15-day time period may result in the de-obligation of funds on this project.

**District DBE Coordinator** should verify that all information is complete and accurate. Once the information has been verified, the **District Local Assistance Engineer** signs and dates the form.



## **INSTRUCTIONS - LOCAL AGENCY BIDDER DBE INFORMATION (SERVICE CONTRACTS) (Revised 03/09)**

### **SUCCESSFUL PROPOSER:**

The form requires specific information regarding the service contract: Agency, Location, Project Description, Federal Aid Project Number (assigned by Caltrans-Local Assistance), Proposal Date, and Successful Proposer's Name.

The form has a column for the Description or Services to be Subcontracted by DBEs. The DBE should provide a certification number to the prime consultant. The form has a column for the Names of DBE certified consultants to perform the work (must be certified on the date the proposal is received and include DBE address and phone number). Enter DBE prime contractor's and subcontractors' certification numbers. The prime contractor shall indicate all work to be performed by DBEs including, if the prime contractor is a DBE, work performed by its own forces.

Enter the Total Claimed DBE Participation percentage of items of work in the total DBE Dollar Amount column. (If 100% of item is not to be performed by the DBE, describe the exact portion of time to be performed by the DBE.) See Notice to Proposers/Bidders Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Information to determine how to count the participation of DBE firms.

Attachment E-2 must be signed and dated by the successful proposer at contract execution. Also list a phone number in the space provided and print the name of the person to contact.

For the successful proposer, Local agencies should complete the Contract Award Date and Federal Share fields and verify that all information is complete and accurate before signing and sending a copy of the form to the District Local Assistance Engineer within 15 days of contract execution. Failure to submit a completed and accurate form within the 15-day time period may result in the de-obligation of funds on this project.

District DBE Coordinator should verify that all information is complete and accurate. Once the information has been verified, the District Local Assistance Engineer signs and dates the form.

# ATTACHMENT E-3

## Attachment E-3 UDBE Information – Good Faith Efforts

Federal-aid Project No. \_\_\_\_\_ Bid Opening Date \_\_\_\_\_

NCTPA established an Under-utilized Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (UDBE) goal of \_\_\_\_\_% for this project. The information provided herein shows that a good faith effort was made.

Lowest, second lowest and third lowest bidders shall submit the following information to document adequate good faith efforts. Bidders should submit the following information even if the “Local Agency Bidder – UDBE Commitment” form indicates that the bidder has met the UDBE goal. This will protect the bidder’s eligibility for award of the contract if the administering agency determines that the bidder failed to meet the goal for various reasons, e.g., a UDBE firm was not certified at bid opening, or the bidder made a mathematical error.

Submittal of only the “Local Agency Bidder – UDBE Commitment” form may not provide sufficient documentation to demonstrate that adequate good faith efforts were made.

The following items are listed in the Section entitled “Submission of UDBE Commitment” of the Special Provisions:

- A. The names and dates of each publication in which a request for UDBE participation for this project was placed by the bidder (please attach copies of advertisements or proofs of publication):

Publications	Dates of Advertisement
_____	_____
_____	_____
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- B. The names and dates of written notices sent to certified UDBEs soliciting bids for this project and the dates and methods used for following up initial solicitations to determine with certainty whether the UDBEs were interested (please attach copies of solicitations, telephone records, fax confirmations, etc.):

Names of UDBEs Solicited	Date of Initial Solicitation	Follow Up Methods and Dates
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_____	_____	_____
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C. The items of work which the bidder made available to UDBE firms, including, where appropriate, any breaking down of the contract work items (including those items normally performed by the bidder with its own forces) into economically feasible units to facilitate UDBE participation. It is the bidder's responsibility to demonstrate that sufficient work to facilitate UDBE participation was made available to UDBE firms.

Items of Work	Bidder Normally Performs Item (Y/N)	Breakdown of Items	Amount(\$)	Percentage Of Contract
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D. The names, addresses and phone numbers of rejected UDBE firms, the reasons for the bidder's rejection of the UDBEs, the firms selected for that work (please attach copies of quotes from the firms involved), and the price difference for each UDBE if the selected firm is not a UDBE:

Names, addresses and phone numbers of rejected UDBEs and the reasons for the bidder's rejection of the UDBEs:

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Names, addresses and phone numbers of firms selected for the work above:

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E. Efforts made to assist interested UDBEs in obtaining bonding, lines of credit or insurance, and any technical assistance or information related to the plans, specifications and requirements for the work which was provided to UDBEs:

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F. Efforts made to assist interested UDBEs in obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or related assistance or services, excluding supplies and equipment the UDBE subcontractor purchases or leases from the prime CONTRACTOR or its affiliate:

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G. The names of agencies, organizations or groups contacted to provide assistance in contacting, recruiting and using UDBE firms (please attach copies of requests to agencies and any responses received, i.e., lists, Internet page download, etc.):

Name of Agency/Organization	Method/Date of Contact	Results
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H. Any additional data to support a demonstration of good faith efforts (use additional sheets if necessary):

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NOTE: USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS OF PAPER IF NECESSARY.