



# DBE NEWS

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## It's Not Too Late to Participate!

In April 2016, WSDOT hired Colette Holt & Associates, to conduct a [DBE Program Disparity Study](#). This study analyzes the availability versus utilization of minority and women owned firms that participate in our highway construction program and the effectiveness of WSDOT's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program. The consultant is starting to collect personal testimony about your experiences with WSDOT and we would appreciate if you would participate. For more information on how to participate in the WSDOT Disparity Study, please email [wsdot\\_study@mwbelaw.com](mailto:wsdot_study@mwbelaw.com) or call 855-692-3529.

## Seeking State Certification

WSDOT has launched a new Diverse Business Program for the Connecting Washington projects. This program will focus on state certified firms, specifically minority-, women-, small- and veteran-owned businesses. If your firm is a federally certified DBE and is interested in being state certified as a Minority or Women's Business Enterprise, please use the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises new [short form](#).

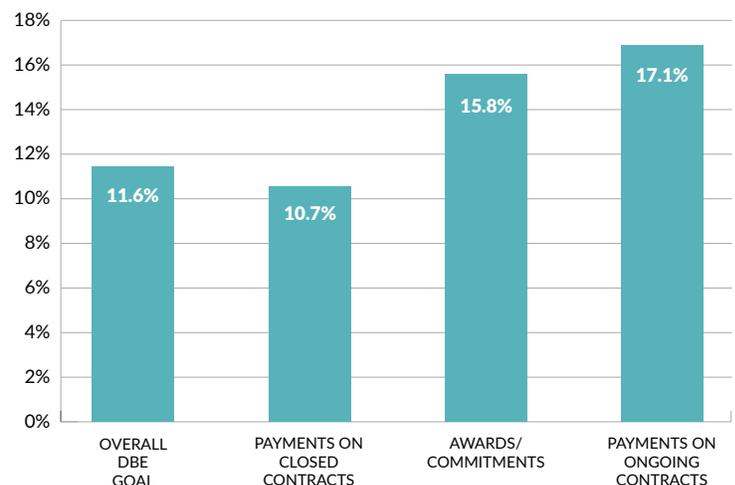
WSDOT will continue to work with the Governor's Subcabinet on Business Diversity to increase the utilization of minority- and women-owned firms. Please help us administer a more successful state program by seeking state certification today!

## The Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce for DBEs

Under special arrangement with the Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce, WSDOT Office of Equal Opportunity is able to offer a discounted service rate to certified DBEs based in Washington state. If your firm is a certified DBE and based in Washington state, please contact the Office of Equal Opportunity for complete details about this offer at 888-259-9143 or [dbess@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:dbess@wsdot.wa.gov).

## WSDOT's Current DBE Participation

Thus far for Federal Fiscal Year 2016, October 1, 2016 through July 31, 2016, WSDOT is meeting and exceeding its overall DBE goal of 11.6 percent in two of the three target areas:





## Speed Networking

5:30 – 8 p.m.

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

Museum of Flight

9404 East Marginal Way South

Seattle, Washington

WSDOT is hosting a Speed Networking Event designed to help subcontractors create new relationships with prime contractors. For more information, please contact Khalia Davis, WSDOT's Community Engagement Manager, at [DavisKh@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:DavisKh@wsdot.wa.gov) or 360-705-7085.

## Business After Hours

5 – 8 p.m.

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

Museum of Flight

9404 East Marginal Way South

Seattle, Washington

Sound Transit, the Port of Seattle and the Washington State Department of Transportation are proud to bring you the seventh annual Business After Hours Event! This event is for small-, veteran-, minority- and women-owned consulting and construction firms to network and establish meaningful relationships with prime contractors, consultants and agency staff. Join us in a casual and engaging atmosphere that includes an awards ceremony and networking opportunities with prime contractors and consultants. Registration will be coming later this fall!

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