

OFFICE OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE SUPPORT SERVICES AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



WHAT IS THE VALUE?	All services provided by the Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) are at no-cost to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises wishing to work on WSDOT and Local Agency highway-related projects.
HOW ARE THEY DELIVERED?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ One-on-one time with the Office of Equal Opportunity's Business Development Advisors and partner agencies.◦ WSDOT's business consultants specializing in areas including: accounting, marketing, bonding, etc.◦ With your input more services can be added, just ask OEO.
WHO CAN GET THEM?	Support Services are available to DBEs certified in the highway construction industry to include construction companies, consultants, regular dealers, and manufacturers.
HOW TO GET THEM?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ A firm must be certified as a DBE through the Office of Minority & Women's Business Enterprises.◦ Direction is available for those seeking DBE certification.◦ Assistance provided under the Business Development Program requires developing a business plan with direction provided by the Office of Equal Opportunity.
NEED ASSISTANCE MAKING A PLAN?	To get started, call OEO directly at: (360) 705-7090 Or email: dbess@wsdot.wa.gov

THE DBE SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM OFFERS ASSISTANCE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS

ACCOUNTING PRACTICES:

Bookkeeping, understanding Indirect Cost Rate, Federal Acquisition Rules, pricing, audit preparation, tax advice, reporting, best-practices, Safe Harbor, certified payroll

BID PREPARATION:

Understanding the submittals process; how to prepare a proper response, submit a bid, and scope letter

BILLING AND INVOICING:

Schedule of values, liens, insurance, intent to pay prevailing wages, sales tax, payment terms, billing for materials on hand, deposits

BONDING ASSISTANCE:

Understanding requirements

BUSINESS PLAN:

Business plan creation and development

CHANGE ORDER ASSISTANCE:

Understanding, getting a second look

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT:

Technical support to assist with IT utilization

MANAGING OPERATIONS:

Dealing with the day-to-day

MARKETING:

Networking and marketing assistance for contractors and professional service providers

PROMPT PAY ADVICE:

Filing statement of intent, record of materials, certified payrolls

SALES ADVICE:

In person and over the phone

SCHEDULING:

Understanding requirements from higher-tier contractors

WORKFLOW MANAGEMENT:

Understanding logistics of people- power and materials movement

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