



City of St. Louis Certification Information

Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) / Women Business Enterprise (WBE)

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)

Airport Concessions Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE)

Certification Criteria:

	MBE/WBE	DBE	ACDBE
Ownership & Control:	At least 51% owned <u>and</u> controlled by one or more minority* individuals or women	At least 51% owned <u>and</u> controlled by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals**	At least 51% owned <u>and</u> controlled by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals**
Qualifying Owner's Personal Net Worth Limit:	Not Applicable	Less than \$750,000 (excluding equity in primary residence and applicant business)	Less than \$750,000 (excluding equity in primary residence, applicant business and encumbered assets for concession up to \$3 million)
Size Standards: (Avg. of 3 yrs gross receipts, including affiliates)	Not Applicable	Small Business Administration Size Standards specific to work type (\$22.41 million DOT cap)	\$69.97 million - Car Rental firms \$1 billion in assets – Banks/Fin. 350 employees – Auto dealers 1,500 employees – Pay phones \$52.47 mil – All other ACDBEs
Type of Business:	Any local for-profit, independent business pursuing work as a subcontractor or prime	Any for-profit, independent business pursuing work as a subcontractor or contractor	Any for-profit, independent business pursuing concession contract as prime, joint venture partner, subtenant or providing goods and services to concession
Type of Contract:	Most City-funded contracts	Federal DOT funded contracts (e.g., airport, highway, bridge, or other transit construction)	Concession contracts at Lambert-St. Louis International Airport®
Participation Goals	25% MBE 5% WBE	DBE goal set on a per contract basis	ACDBE goal set on a per concession contract basis

*Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans, or Subcontinent Asian Americans;

**Members of the minority groups listed above and women are presumed to be disadvantaged. Any other individual may be determined to be socially and economically disadvantaged on a case-by-case basis.

Certification Workshops:

The purpose of this workshop is to provide potential M/W/DBE/ACDBE firms with information pertaining to the DBE program, DBE rules and the certification process. E-mail, fax (314-890-1305) or mail to the DBE Program office your registration to attend the quarterly workshop. Visit www.mwdbe.org to download registration form. Please complete the form and forward by fax, mail or e-mail. No fee is required. Workshops are scheduled on the following Wednesdays:

March 10, 2010	11:00am – 1:00pm	707 North First Street./Metro, (6th Floor – Boardroom)
June 9, 2010	11:00am – 1:00pm	707 North First Street./Metro, (6th Floor – Boardroom)
September 8, 2010	11:00am – 1:00pm	707 North First Street./Metro, (6th Floor – Boardroom)
December 8, 2010	11:00am – 1:00pm	707 North First Street./Metro, (6th Floor – Boardroom)

Dates, times and location of meetings are subject to change.

Roster of Missouri (MRCC)UCP DBE Certifying Agencies:

Area	Submit Application Package to:	
St. Louis Area	METRO 707 N. First Street St. Louis, Missouri 63102 314-982-1492 314-982-1558 (fax) www.metrostlouis.org	City of St. Louis – Lambert Airport P. O. Box 10212 St. Louis, Missouri 63145 314-426-8111 314-890-1305 (fax) www.mwdbe.org
Kansas City Area	City of Kansas City, Missouri Human Relations Dept. & KCI Airport 4 th Floor, City Hall 414 East 12 th Street Kansas City, Missouri 64106 816-513-1836 816-513-1814 (fax) www.kcmo.org	Kansas City Area Transportation Authority 1350 E. 17 th Street Kansas City, Missouri 64108 816-346-0224 816-346-0336(fax) www.kcata.org
Mid-Missouri and Rural Areas	Missouri Department Of Transportation 1617 Missouri Boulevard P.O. Box 270 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 573-526-2978 db@modot.mo.gov www.modot.mo.gov	
Other Active MRCC Participating Agencies	Mid-America Regional Council (KC) www.marc.org East-West Gateway Council Of Governments (STL) www.ewgateway.org	

Benefits of MBE/WBE/DBE/ACDBE Certification:

1. Certification can raise a firm's profile in competing against non-certified subcontractors and contractors.
2. Certification provides marketing exposure to prime contractors and government agencies through the City of St. Louis' online Directory of Certified Businesses (www.mwdbe.org) and the Missouri Regional Certification Committee's statewide DBE database (www.modot.org). The DBE certification is honored by agencies with DBE programs throughout Missouri (*City of St. Louis, City of Kansas City, METRO, Missouri Department of Transportation, Kansas City Area Transportation Authority, Mid America Regional Council and East-West Gateway Council of Governments*).
3. Certified firms are provided with training seminars to promote the growth & development and assist in firms' potential for successful participation on City contracts.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. If I apply for certification today, how long would it take for you to process my application package?

Answer: The standard for completing the certification process is 90 days from the time a complete application package and all required submittals is received by the DBE Program Office. The 90 day clock does not start until all required documentation has been submitted.

2. My firm is certified by another agency. Do I need to go through the certification process again?

Answer: The City of St. Louis recognizes Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) certification from any agency in the Missouri Regional Certification Committee (MRCC) to satisfy the DBE participation goals.

3. What is the cost to apply for certification?

Answer: Free. There is no application fee to submit. The only cost associated with certification is your time and effort taken to complete the application and compile your documentation submittals.

For more information or an application form, visit www.mwdbe.org . You can also contact the **DBE Program Office** at 314-426-8111. Mailing address is P.O. Box 10212, St. Louis, MO 63145.