

SBE Capability Statement



Cheyney University and PennDOT Initiative:

A shared program between Cheyney University of Pennsylvania and PennDOT. The program was created to provide training and consulting services that will enable SBEs to acquire the proficiency, expertise and experience necessary to compete for federally-assisted PennDOT highway contracts and subcontracts.

Overview:

The purpose of the SBESSC is to remove barriers faced by all small businesses in an effort to increase their participation on federally-assisted transportation projects. SBEs will need to apply and be certified by the Department's Bureau of Equal Opportunity, unless they are currently certified as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE). Firms currently certified as a DBE by PA UCP are eligible to participate in the SBE Element and DO NOT need to submit an SBE application.

Who Should Seek Certification?

The SBE element is race and gender neutral.

How do Prime Contractors and Consultants Benefit?

Prime contractors and consultants gain easy access to certified SBEs for use on projects funded by FAA, FHWA, or FTA. The SBESSC Team assists SBEs (1) Listing Job Notifications, (2) Bid Solicitation and (3) Serve as an intermediary on behalf of the SBE in dispute resolution.

What is a Small Business Enterprise

A for-profit business owned by a United States citizen or lawfully admitted permanent resident of the United States.

A firm that does not exceed the Small Business Administration's size standards for the work they desire to perform.

A firm whose average annual gross receipts for the three previous fiscal years does not exceed \$23.98 million.

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Doing Business with PennDOT

- PennDOT awards over \$1 Billion to Prime Consultants and Contractors every year.
- PennDOT uses consultant firms when the demand for services exceeds the Department's ability to provide those services in a timely manner. Your business owner's interest will be best served if they understand PennDOT's processes.
- PennDOT uses various types of structural and highway engineers and consultants. Affiliated with those services are construction inspection, geotechnical, environmental, surveying, and many other specialties and disciplines.

Firms do not need to be a registered partner to learn more:

- ECMS can give firm (s) background on the types of work planned and advertised even before they become a registered business partner, and they have no obligation to register.

Why do I need to be a Registered Business Partner?

- ECMS is the only vehicle that individuals and firms can use to submit statements of interest, technical proposals, and price proposals to execute contracts if selected for work. It is where firms do business with PennDOT. It gives you access to proprietary information and includes specific information between you and PennDOT.

Did You Know?

- The Commonwealth's transportation system includes over **22,660 bridges**, the third highest number of bridges in the nation, and over **114 million drivers** pass over these bridges every day.
- The Commonwealth has the fifth-largest state-owned roadway network in the nation.
- Increasing investments in Pennsylvania's roads, highways, and bridges will also boost the state's economy by creating jobs.
- A 2007 analysis by FHWA found that every **\$1 billion invested in highway** and bridge construction would **support approximately 27,800 jobs**. The additional \$2.3 billion investment in the Commonwealth's transportation system is expected to generate 50,000 new jobs, in addition to preserving 12,000 existing jobs.

The Case for Pursuing SBE Certification -- Pennsylvania's Infrastructure:

PennDOT's 12 Engineering Districts and over 40 Counties throughout the state maintain, restore and expand the state's highway systems.

Each office does its part to deliver a safe and efficient transportation system on the nearly 40,000 miles of highway and roughly 22,660 bridges that PennDOT is responsible for.

