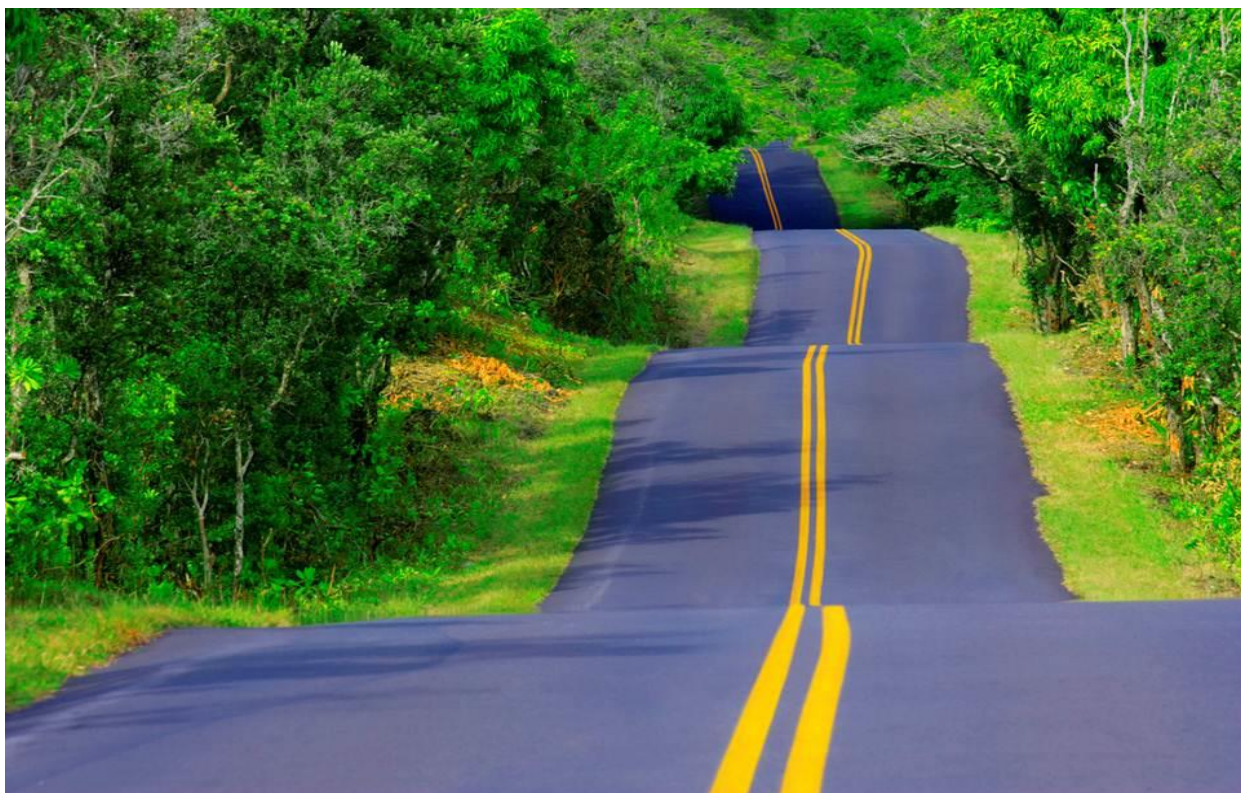


SBE

Supportive Services Center



Growth | Strategy | Planning

Maximizing the Strength of our Connections and Information

The mission of the Small Business Enterprise Supportive Services Center is to serve as a resource for assisting small business owners in gaining access to FAA, FHWA, and FTA assisted, transportation-related contracts. The Small Business Enterprise Supportive Services Center also assist small business owners, who are active in the transportation industry in becoming self-sufficient and achieving proficiency in order to compete on an equal basis with larger businesses. The Small Business Enterprise Supportive Services Center is a shared initiative between Cheyney University of Pennsylvania and The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

Small Business Enterprise Supportive Services:

The purpose of the Small Business Enterprise Supportive Services Center is to remove barriers faced by all small businesses in an effort to increase their participation on federally-assisted transportation projects. Small businesses will need to apply and be certified by PennDOT's Bureau of Equal Opportunity, unless they are currently certified as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise. Firms currently certified as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise by PAUCP are eligible to participate in the Small Business Enterprise Element and DO NOT need to submit a Small Business Enterprise application.

Who Should Seek Certification?

The Small Business Enterprise element is race and gender neutral.

The Case for Pursuing SBE Certification:

Pennsylvania's infrastructure – there is work to be done: (1) Bridges, (2) Ports, (3) Roads, (4) Rail, (5) Energy, (6) Transit, (7) Drinking Water, (8) Hazardous Waste and (9) Levees.

PennDOT awards over \$1 Billion to Prime Consultants and Contractors every year.

Prime contractors and consultants gain easy access to certified SBEs for use on projects funded by FAA, FHWA, or FTA.

The use of SBEs by prime contractors and consultants will constitute race-neutral participation and may provide documentation of Good Faith Efforts on federally assisted transportation projects.

11 Districts and over 40 Counties:

PennDOT's 11 Engineering Districts throughout the state maintain, restore and expand the state's highway systems.

Each Engineering District 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.

SBE Resource Links:

- ECMS – www.dot14.state.pa.us
- The Pennsylvania Unified Certification Program
www.paucp.com



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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