

NOTICE

Maine Department of Transportation Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with US DOT regulation 49 CFR Part 26, the Maine Department of Transportation has established a DBE Program for disadvantaged business participation in the federal-aid construction program; MaineDOT contracts covered by the program include consulting, construction, supplies, manufacturing, and service contracts.

For FFY 2009 (October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009), MaineDOT has established a DBE participation goal of 5.8% to be achieved through race/gender neutral means.

Interested parties may view MaineDOT's DBE goal setting methodology for the next 45 days during normal business hours (8-4, M-F) at the Maine Department of Transportation, Civil Rights Office, 16 State House Station, Augusta ME 04333-0016. Appointments may be scheduled by telephone at (207) 624-3519. The goal setting methodology is also available for viewing on the MaineDOT website: <http://www.maine.gov/mdot/disadvantaged-business-enterprises/dbe-home.php>.

Public comment will be accepted for 45 days following the last date of publication. The public comment period will be complete on September 26th, 2008. The goal will be submitted for approval to the FHWA on September 1st, 2008. Updated goal will be submitted to FHWA, if necessary, based on public comment.

Comments on the goal will be accepted, in writing, for 45 days from the date of this notice. Written comments should be addressed to Jackie LaPerriere, Maine Department of Transportation, Civil Rights Office, 16 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0016 or by e-mail at: jackie.laperriere@maine.gov.

Several interested stakeholders will be notified directly by e-mail of the goal publication, including Maine Small Business Administration, Associated General Contractors, and ACEC, and Maine DBEs.