

**RE: DBE/ACDBE Reevaluation – Information for Contractors and Consultants**

**MaineDOT DBE/ACDBE Reevaluation – What Contractors and Consultants Need to Know**

- **What's happening:** MaineDOT has begun reevaluating all Maine-based Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) and Airport Concession Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (ACDBEs).
- **Who this affects:** This process applies only to DBE and ACDBE firms.
- **Action required from you: None.** Contractors and consultants are not required to submit materials or take any action beyond standard DBE compliance responsibilities.
- **Why the reevaluation is happening:** Effective October 3, 2025, the U.S. Department of Transportation revised the DBE and ACDBE regulations at 49 CFR § 26.67. Under the revised rule, each qualifying owner must affirmatively demonstrate social and economic disadvantage, and MaineDOT evaluates eligibility based on a preponderance of the evidence.
- **Impact on projects:** As reevaluations are completed, a firm's DBE or ACDBE certification status and the scope of work for which it is approved may change. USDOT approval of MaineDOT's UCP DBE Program, including new goals and participation counting, will occur only after the required reevaluations are complete and the revised methodology has all been submitted and approved.
- **Questions:** For general inquiries about the DBE program or the reevaluation process, please contact Mary Bryant ([mary.bryant@maine.gov](mailto:mary.bryant@maine.gov)) at the MaineDOT Civil Rights Office.

**Key takeaway:** Contractors and consultants do **not need to take any action**; this is for informational purposes only.