

DBE and ACDBE Certification

You may be eligible as an DBE and or ACDBE if:

- Your firm is a for-profit business that performs or seeks to perform transportation related work (or a concession activity) for a recipient of Federal Transit Administration, Federal Highway Administration, or Federal Aviation Administration funds.
- Your firm is at least 51% owned by a socially and economically disadvantaged individual(s) who also controls it.
- Your firm's disadvantaged owners are U.S. citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents of the U.S.
- Your firm meets the [Small Business Administration's size standard and DBE/ACDBE size standards](#).

Obtain DBE and or ACDBE certification:

- The Authority processes interstate applications (for certified ACDBEs out of California) and certifies firms as DBEs and ACDBEs located in San Diego County that are interested in pursuing contracting opportunities at San Diego International Airport – [apply online here](#).
- Firms outside of San Diego County: [apply online here for DBE and or ACDBE certification\(s\) through the California Unified Certification Program \(CUCP\)](#) through a certifying agency in their respective areas and counties.
- DBE and ACDBE sample [Application](#) and [Personal Net Worth Statement](#) (For reference only. Firms must apply through the online application)

Interstate Certification Outside California:

Once you're ACDBE/DBE certified with your Jurisdiction of Original Certification Unified Certification Program in California, you may apply for interstate certification with an additional Unified Certification Program (UCP) outside California. ACDBE/DBE must provide to the additional UCP:

1. A cover letter that specifies that the ACDBE/DBE is applying for interstate certification, identifies all UCPs in which the ACDBE/DBE is certified (including the UCP that originally certified it)
2. An electronic image of the UCP directory of the original UCP that shows the DBE certification; and

3. A new Declaration of Eligibility (DOE).

Maintaining Your Certification:

Once certified, an ACDBE/DBE must provide its certifier(s), every year on the anniversary of its original certification, a new DOE along with the specified documentation in § 26.65(a), including gross receipts for its most recently completed fiscal year, calculated on a cash basis regardless of the DBE's overall accounting method. The sufficiency of documentation (and its probative value) may vary by business type, size, history, resources, and overall circumstances. However, the following documents may generally be considered “safe harbors,” provided that they include all reportable receipts, properly calculated, for the full reporting period: audited financial statements, a CPA's signed attestation of correctness and completeness, or all income-related portions of one or more (when there are affiliates) signed Federal income tax returns as filed. Non-compliance, whether full or partial, is a § 26.109(c) failure to cooperate.