

# USDOT's DBE Rule: Opportunities and Challenges

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## New Rules to DBE Program

- Change and clarify DBE Program
- Additional accountability and transparency
  - Increase DBE participation and decrease fraud



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- As a DBELO and a UCP Certification Official
  - “Level the education playing field”
  - Training, Workshop, Networking to raise the level of knowledge
    - Continued webinars from TCR on topics beneficial to FTA recipients
    - Consistency on regulations and complete official documents for the field



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Operating Administration bank has to honor the resources check “lean and mean”

- Recent economic downturn has impacted many recipients already doing more with less.
- Public awareness (transportation community) of General Contractors prosecuted for fraud and non-DBE Program participation
- Public awareness (transportation community) of General Contractors who are pro-active in their implementation of the DBE Program.



# USDOT's DBE Rule: Impact to DBE Program

- New Rule – Personal Net Worth increase
  - Challenge (DBELO) – Opportunities for small DBE firms
- New Rule – Interstate Certification
  - Challenge (UCP) – Time management
- New Rule – Accountability and DBE Goal Submission
  - Challenge (DBELO) – Follow through



# USDOT's DBE Rule: Impact to DBE Program

- New Rule – Program Oversight
  - Challenge (DBELO) – Resources
- New Rule – Small Business Provisions
  - Challenge (DBELO) – Resources



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## Conclusion

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- DBE Program changes benefits small businesses.
- Provide networking, webinars to DBELO's and UCP's.
- “Educate” General Contractors to become pro-active on the DBE Program.



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- Summary of conclusions from UCP compliance reviews.
- Training for UCP's – beginning of trust.
- Place importance of adequate resources to implement program.





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