

LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (LMA) DBE PROGRAM POLICY AND OBJECTIVES

OVERVIEW

The Lakefront Management Authority was established by Act 1014 of 2010 by the Louisiana Legislature, effective August 15, 2010, and is the governing Authority of the Non-flood Asset of the Orleans Levee District (Authority) has established a 16% DBE Participation Goal by adopting Resolution #05-031711 on March 17, 2011. The Authority updated its non-federal DBE Participation Goal Policy to 24.13% and adopted Resolution VII-10-07272023 on July 27, 2023.

It is the policy of the Lakefront Management Authority (LMA) to practice nondiscrimination based on social and economic disadvantage, race, color, gender, gender identity, disability, veteran, or national origin in the award and performance of contracts through our DBE Program to include certified disadvantaged business, certified women-owned business, and certified veteran-owned business.

The Lakefront Management Authority (LMA) is committed to providing opportunities to businesses owned, managed, and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged persons and is charged with ensuring their meaningful participation in the contracting activities of the Lakefront Management Authority (LMA) that involve public spending or private projects that utilize public funding.

The goals of the DBE program are to:

- a. Increase the number of available, qualified, and capable small, disadvantaged, women-, and minority-owned business enterprises (Hereinafter referred to collectively as 'DBEs').
- b. Increase the number and the dollar amount of contracts with DBEs.
- c. Ensure compliance and monitoring of DBE participation in Lakefront Management Authority (LMA) contracts.
- d. Create a level playing field upon which DBEs can compete fairly for Lakefront Management Authority (LMA) contracts.
- e. To help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT-assisted contracts.
- f. Assist DBEs to build more competitive and sustainable businesses for the benefit of the Lakefront Management Authority (LMA) and its residents.

DBE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Lakefront Management Authority filed a DBE Program with the FAA in April 2018 in which it stated the objectives and policy stating it established a DBE program in accordance with regulations of the US Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26. The authority has received Federal financial assistance from DOT and, as a condition of receiving this assistance, has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

The Lakefront Management Authority (LMA) establishes and calculates the percentage in accordance with FAA regulations governing DBE participation, for all the federal financial assistance we will expend in DOT-assisted contracts.

Except as otherwise provided and subject to all local, state, and federal laws affecting the Lakefront Management Authority (LMA'S) procurement of goods and services or use of funds, this policy shall apply to all contracts of the Lakefront Management Authority (LMA), including all

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departments, and attached and unattached that utilize any public spending, public funding, and/or public incentives. This policy does not apply to the following contracts:

1. The procurement of immovable property.
2. The resolution of any legal claim.
3. Cooperative endeavor agreements.
4. Any procurement to satisfy declared emergency needs.
5. Any procurement or contract, except those for public works, valued at less than the applicable formal competitive procurement threshold.
6. Any procurement or contract valued at \$15,000.00 or less.
7. Grant funding

OBJECTIVES OF THE DBE PROGRAM

1. To ensure that DBEs have maximum opportunities to compete for contracts and subcontracts.
2. To ensure that DBEs have an opportunity to compete for and participate in contracts and subcontracts in amounts consistent with the Authority's annual DBE goal.
3. To encourage contractors and the Authority to use lending institutions owned and controlled by minorities and women whenever possible.
4. To publish and distribute a DBE directory to facilitate identifying DBEs with capabilities relevant to the Authority contracting opportunities.
5. To ascertain the eligibility of DBEs and joint ventures involving DBEs to ensure that the DBE program benefits only bona fide businesses owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals.
6. To establish solicitation, award, and contract administration procedures that will ensure goals are met.
7. To ensure all contractors and other parties to federally assisted contracts and agreements let and/or administered by Authority abide by this policy and contract provisions as it relates to the DBE program.

GRANT FUNDING

Any grant that incorporates DBE contracting opportunities as identified by the Lakefront Management Authority (LMA) shall be subject to the Regulations contained herein. Grant funding must adhere strictly to the grant assurances regarding DBE contracting.

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DEPARTMENT COOPERATION AND COMPLIANCE

Directors of each department seeking work for products and services in achieving the DBE program goals shall implement this policy by including required DBE participation language, provisions, and goals in every solicitation and contract.

Lakefront Management Authority (LMA) departments shall submit with their annual budget requests to the Lakefront Management Authority (LMA) a *DBE Participation Report* that identifies DBE goals and contract participation rates from the prior two years. The DBE Participation Report shall contain at a minimum the following information:

- a. The estimated value of all new Lakefront Management Authority (LMA) contracts awarded during the reporting period.
- b. Of the totals reflected in (a), the estimated value of new Lakefront Management Authority (LMA) contracts awarded to non-DBEs during the reporting period.
- c. Of the totals reflected in (a), the estimated value of new Lakefront Management Authority (LMA) contracts awarded to DBEs during the reporting period.
- d. The total percentage of DBE participation on new Lakefront Management Authority (LMA) contracts during the reporting period.
- e. Year to Date attainment rates for the prior year.