

Types of Certification:

Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)

- Based on race.
- Most protected ethnicities are included: Black, Hispanic, Asian, Asian-Pacific, and Native American

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)

- Based on economics
- Typically net worth can't be more than \$750,000 not counting primary residence and investment in company.

Female or Women Business Enterprise (FBE or WBE)

- Based on gender

Local Certification Agencies

Central Ohio Transit Authority

www.cota.com

Type of Certification: DBE

Certification Contact: Ms. Marliese Kelley at (614) 728-8499 or Ms. Karen Crago at (614) 728-8498

Notes:

- No location restrictions
- No time in business restrictions
- 3 year certification
- Net worth can't exceed \$750,000 not counting primary residence or ownership in company
- Reciprocal certification with ODOT and the Columbus Airport Authority

City of Columbus

www.columbus.gov

Type of Certification: MBE, FBE, HBE (Hispanic Business Enterprise), ABE (Asian Business Enterprise)

Certification Contact: Tia Roseboro (614)645-6669

Contract Compliance: GinGer Cunningham (614-645-2192)

Notes:

- Must operate in Columbus MSA
- Must be in business for three months

Columbus City Schools

[http://www.columbus.k12.oh.us/website.nsf/\(ccs_pages\)/Vendors?opendocument?OpenForm&parented=yes](http://www.columbus.k12.oh.us/website.nsf/(ccs_pages)/Vendors?opendocument?OpenForm&parented=yes)

Type of Certification: DBE (Local Economically Disadvantaged Enterprise)

Certification Contact: Terri Wise (614)365-5820

Notes:

- Business must be located in Franklin County
- Personal net worth can not exceed \$750,000 not counting primary resident or ownership in company

Columbus Regional Airport Authority

www.ColumbusAirports.com

Type of Certification: DBE

Certification Contact: Ms. Marliese Kelley at (614) 728-8499 or Ms. Karen Crago at (614) 728-8498

Notes:

- No location restrictions
- No time in business restrictions
- 3 year certification
- Net worth can't exceed \$750,000 not counting primary residence or ownership in company
- Reciprocal certification with ODOT and the Columbus Airport Authority

State of Ohio Equal Opportunity Division

<http://das.ohio.gov/Eod/Index.htm>

Type of Certification: MBE and EDGE

MBE Notes:

- Business must be owned and controlled by one or more eligible minority group member.
- Must be located in Ohio
- Must be a United States citizen
- In business for one year
- MBE certification is accepted by City of Columbus

EDGE Notes:

- Must be located in Ohio
- Must be a United States citizen
- In business for one year
- Net worth can't exceed \$250,000 at program entry and must not exceed \$750,000 during program participation. Doesn't include investment in company or primary residence.

Ohio Department of Transportation

Type of Certification: DBE

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Notes:

- No location restrictions
- No time in business restrictions
- 3 year certification
- Net worth can't exceed \$750,000 not counting primary residence or ownership in company
- Reciprocal certification with COTA and the Columbus Airport Authority