

CERTIFICATION STANDARDS

Houston Southeast has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise ("DBE") Program in accordance with the regulations for grantees of the U.S. Department of Transportation/Federal Transit Administration.

As a condition of receiving this assistance, Houston Southeast has created a policy to facilitate and assure that each third party participant will assist with DBE participation by:

1. Complying with 49 CFR part 26 - Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs;
2. Not discriminating on the basis of race, color, sex, or national origin;
3. Implementing the grantee's DBE program; and
4. Verifying DBE Certification.

All certification activities should be submitted to the State of Texas's Unified Certification Program ("TUCP"), which is administered by the Texas Department of Transportation. The TUCP certifying entity that services Texas counties are based on where the business' home or corporate headquarters is located. The appropriate TUCP certifying agency and contact information for businesses located in Harris County is the City of Houston. The City of Houston offers certification training every Thursday. Please be aware that the certification process can take forty-five days or as long as five months depending on the number of applications that are being processed.

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