



**THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND  
OFFICE OF CENTRAL SERVICES  
Minority Business Development Division (MBDD)**

**MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MBE) PROGRAM**

**QUALIFICATION:**

Businesses that are at least 51% owned and controlled by minority individuals belonging to the following groups: African Americans (Black Americans); Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans, Native Americans and Females qualify for the MBE Program.

The MBE Program in Prince George's County ***requires*** certification with either the Maryland Department of Transportation (**MDOT**), the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (**WMATA**) or the Maryland-District of Columbia Minority Supplier Development Council, (**MD-DC/MSDC**) and the completion of the County's ***Vendor/MBE online Registration***.

To obtain **MBE** certification in Prince George's County, please follow these two steps:

- I- Register your company in the County at: [www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/minoritybusiness](http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/minoritybusiness)  
***MBE online Registration***
  
- II- Complete a **Minority Business Enterprise/Disadvantage Business Enterprise** (MBE/DBE) Application with at least one of the following organizations:
  - 1- The Maryland Department of Transportation (**MDOT**)  
**1-800-544-6056/ Website: [www.mdot.state.md.us](http://www.mdot.state.md.us)**
  
  - 2- The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (**WMATA**)  
**(202) 962-2409/Website: [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com)**
  
  - 3- The Maryland-District of Columbia Minority Supplier Development Council (**MD-DC/MSDC**)  
**(301)592-6700 / Website: [www.mddccouncil.org](http://www.mddccouncil.org)**

Once your company is approved by **MDOT**, **WMATA** or **MD-DC/MSDC** submit a copy of your MBE/DBE Certification letter to the address listed below.

Certification is valid for ***one year only***; re-certification is required annually and can be obtained by completing a Recertification Application.

**Minority Business Development Division  
1400 McCormick Drive, Suite 281, Largo, MD 20774  
Telephone (301) 883-6480 Fax: (301) 883-6479**

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**DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM (DBE)**

The County **DBE** program is designed to encourage and assist disadvantaged business enterprises to contract with the County for goods and services. This program operates in accordance with the US Department of Transportation Regulations, as set forth in 49 CFR Part 26.

**DBE CERTIFICATION**

Any business claiming to be a "Disadvantaged Business" may obtain **DBE** certification in the County following these two steps:

- I- Register the company in the County at: [www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/minoritybusiness](http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/minoritybusiness)  
*MBE online Registration*
  
- II- Apply and obtain DBE Certification with one of the following organizations:
  - 1- Maryland Department of Transportation (**MDOT**)
  - 2- Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority (**WMATA**)

Once the company is approved by **MDOT**, or **WMATA** submit a copy of the DBE Certification letter to the Minority Business Development Division.

Certified DBEs are allowed to participate as "Disadvantaged" on **Federally funded projects ONLY**. On any other BID or RFP, funded by the County or State, "Disadvantaged" business can participate as a regular business entity, unless the solicitation is restricted to certified MBEs.

**MBE DIRECTORY**

The County Directory of Certified Minority Business (MBE) is a comprehensive list of more than 750 Certified MBEs with Prince Georges County, classified by economic activity.

The Directory is posted on the County web site link: <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/minoritybusiness/>