



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity

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FROM: Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity

TO: Certified Out-of-State Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Firms

Introduction

Our records indicate that Virginia is not the home state or state of origination for your Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) certification. On October 10, 2025, you received communication from the Virginia Department of Small Business & Supplier Diversity indicating that a reply was requested by October 27, 2025. That information is not the correct step that you should be taking at this time. Instead, you should proceed with contacting your home state for their requirements for processing as published by the U.S. Department of Transportation in its Federal Register notice published on October 3, 2025.

Updated VDSBSD Information Regarding Out of State Firms (DBE Interstate Process)

- All firms whose DBE certification originated in a state other than Virginia are not required to submit a Virginia recertification package by October 27, 2025. As a result of the interim final rule published in the Federal Register on October 3, 2025, you must seek certification through your home state. If your firm is recertified by your home state, you may then rely on DBE interstate certification procedures to update or recertify in Virginia.
- All out-of-state firms previously certified as a DBE through the DBE Interstate Application process will not be prevented from being eligible to pursue or perform Virginia projects in the future, provided the firm remains in good standing with its home state and completes any standard interstate recognition steps Virginia requires once the home-state recertification is issued.

Additional Information

On October 3, 2025, the U.S. Department of Transportation issued an interim final rule (IFR) requiring immediate changes to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program regulations. The following information will briefly describe what the changes mean to you as well as what you can expect from the Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (VDSBSD).

This rule mandates an immediate suspension of DBE goals from projects and requires a thorough review of all firms that were not previously certified by an individualized determination of disadvantage.

We look forward to continuing to provide any additional information regarding all previously certified out-of-state DBE firms.

Sincerely,

The Virginia Department of Small Business & Supplier Diversity