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USDOT FINAL RULE ISSUED

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)
and Airport Concession Disadvantaged
Business Enterprise (ACDBE) Program



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The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) issued a Final Rule updating the DBE and ACDBE programs. This rule makes targeted changes to improve efficiency, clarity, and implementation while continuing the program's focus on equal opportunity in federally assisted transportation projects.

KEY TAKEAWAYS



PROGRAM UPDATES

Refinements to requirements and implementation processes.



GREATER CLARITY

Updates to provisions to support consistent and effective administration.



CONTINUED OPPORTUNITY

The program remains focused on expanding competition and access in federally assisted transportation projects.



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Agencies and stakeholders should review the Final Rule and prepare for the upcoming changes.



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