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## **Guidelines for Meeting the California State Revolving Fund (CASRF) Programs (Clean Water and Drinking Water SRF) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Requirements**

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program is an outreach, education, and objectives program designed to increase the participation of DBEs in the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Programs.

### **How to Achieve the Purpose of the Program**

Recipients of CWSRF/DWSRF financing that are subject to the DBE requirements (recipients) are required to seek, and are encouraged to use, DBEs for their procurement needs. Recipients should award a "fair share" of sub-agreements to DBEs. This applies to all sub-agreements for equipment, supplies, construction, and services.

The key functional components of the DBE Program are as follows:

- Fair Share Objectives
- DBE Certification
- Six Good Faith Efforts
- Contract Administration Requirements
- DBE Reporting

### **Disadvantaged Business Enterprises are:**

- Entities owned and/or controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals as described by Title X of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 7601 note) (10% statute), and Public Law 102-389 (42 U.S.C. 4370d) (8% statute), respectively;
- Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) - entities that are at least 51% owned and/or controlled by a socially and economically disadvantaged individual as described by Title X of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 7601 note), and Public Law 102-389 (42 U.S.C. 4370d), respectively;
- Women Business Enterprise (WBE) - entities that are at least 51% owned and/or controlled by women;
- Small Business Enterprise (SBE);
- Small Business in a Rural Area (SBRA);
- Labor Surplus Area Firm (LSAF); or
- Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Zone Small Business Concern or a concern under a successor program.

### **Certifying DBE Firms:**

Under the DBE Program, entities can no longer self-certify and contractors and sub-contractors must be certified at bid opening. Contractors and sub-contractors must provide to the CASRF recipient proof of DBE certification. Certifications will be accepted from the following:

- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)
- The Small Business Administration (SBA)
- The Department of Transportation's State implemented DBE Certification Program (with U.S. citizenship)
- Tribal, State and Local governments
- Independent private organization certifications

If an entity holds one of these certifications, it is considered acceptable for establishing status under the DBE Program.

## Six Good Faith Efforts (GFE)

All CWSRF/DWSRF financing recipients are required to complete and ensure that the prime contractor complies with the GFE below to ensure that DBEs have the opportunity to compete for financial assistance dollars.

1. Ensure DBEs are made aware of contracting opportunities to the fullest extent practical through outreach and recruitment activities. For Tribal, State and Local Government Recipients, this will include placing DBEs on solicitation lists and soliciting them whenever they are potential sources.
2. Make information on forthcoming opportunities available to DBEs. Posting solicitations for bids or proposals for a minimum of 30 calendar days in a local newspaper, before the bid opening date.
3. Consider in the contracting process whether firms competing for large contracts could subcontract with DBEs.
4. Encourage contracting with a group of DBEs when a contract is too large for one firm to handle individually.
5. Use the services of the SBA **and/or** Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) of the US Department of Commerce.
6. If the prime contractor awards subcontracts, require the prime contractor to take the above steps.

The forms listed in the table below and attached to these guidelines; must be completed and submitted with the GFE:

FORM NUMBER	FORM NAME	REQUIREMENT	PROVIDED BY	COMPLETED BY	SUBMITTED TO
SWRCB Form 4500-2 or EPA Form	DBE Sub-Contractor Participation Form	As Needed to Report Issues	Recipient	Sub-contractor	EPA DBE Coordinator
SWRCB Form 4500-3 or EPA Form	DBE Sub-Contractor Performance Form	Include with Bid or Proposal Package	Prime Contractor	Sub-Contractor	SWRCB by Recipient
SWRCB Form 4500-4 or EPA Form	DBE Sub-Contractor Utilization Form	Include with Bid or Proposal Package	Recipient	Prime Contractor	SWRCB by Recipient

**The completed forms must be submitted with each Bid or Proposal.** The recipient shall review the bidder's documents closely to determine that the GFE was performed **prior** to bid or proposal opening date. Failure to complete the GFE and to substantiate completion of the GFE before the bid opening date could jeopardize CWSRF/DWSRF financing for the project. The following situations and circumstances require action as indicated:

1. If the apparent successful low bidder was rejected, a complete explanation must be provided.
2. Failure of the apparent low bidder to **perform** the GFE **prior** to bid opening constitutes a non-responsive bid. The construction contract may then be awarded to the next low, responsive, and responsible bidder that meets the requirements or the Recipient may re-advertise the project.
3. If there is a bid dispute, all disputes shall be settled **prior** to submission of the Final Budget Approval Form.

## Administration Requirements

- A recipient of CWSRF/DWSRF financing must require entities receiving funds to create and maintain a Bidders List if the recipient of the financing agreement is subject to, or chooses to follow, competitive bidding requirements.
- The Bidders list must include all firms that bid or quote on prime contracts, or bid or quote on subcontracts, including both DBEs and non-DBEs.

- Information retained on the Bidder's List must include the following:
  1. Entity's name with point of contact;
  2. Entity's mailing address and telephone number;
  3. The project description on which the entity bid or quoted and when;
  4. Amount of bid/quote; and
  5. Entity's status as a DBE or non-DBE.
- The Bidders List must be kept until the recipient is no longer receiving funding under the agreement.
- The recipient shall include Bidders List as part of the Final Budget Approval Form.
- A recipient must require its prime contractor to pay its subcontractor for satisfactory performance no more than 30 days from the prime contractor's receipt of payment from the Recipient.
- A recipient must be notified in writing by its prime contractor prior to any termination of a DBE subcontractor by the prime contractor.
- If a DBE subcontractor fails to complete work under the subcontract for any reason, the recipient must require the prime contractor to employ the six GFEs if soliciting a replacement subcontractor.
- A recipient must require its prime contractor to employ the six GFEs even if the prime contractor has achieved its fair share objectives.

### **Reporting Requirements**

For the duration of the construction contract(s), the recipient is required to submit to the State Water Resources Control Board DBE reports annually by October 10 of each fiscal year on the attached Utilization Report form (UR-334). Failure to provide this information as stipulated in the financial agreement language may be cause for withholding disbursements.

### **CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION**

SWRCB, CASRF – Barbara August (916) 341-6952 [barbara.august@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:barbara.august@waterboards.ca.gov)

US EPA, Region 9 – Joe Ochab (415) 972-3761 [ochab.joe@epa.gov](mailto:ochab.joe@epa.gov)

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**Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program**  
**DBE Subcontractor Participation Form**

A Financial Assistance Agreement Recipient must require its prime contractors to provide this form to its DBE subcontractors. This form gives a DBE<sup>1</sup> subcontractor<sup>2</sup> the opportunity to describe work received and/or report any concerns regarding the funded project (e.g., in areas such as termination by prime contractor, late payments, etc.). The DBE subcontractor can, as an option, complete and submit this form to the DBE Coordinator at any time during the project period of performance.

Subcontractor Name		Project Name	
Bid / Proposal No.	Assistance Agreement ID No. (if known)	Point of Contact	
Address			
Telephone No.		Email Address	
Prime Contractor Name		Issuing/Funding Entity	

Contract Item Number	Description of Work Received from the Prime Contractor Involving Construction, Services, Equipment or Supplies	Amount Received by Prime Contractor

<sup>1</sup> A DBE is a Disadvantaged, Minority, or Woman Business Enterprise that has been certified by an entity from which EPA accepts certifications as described in 40 CFR 33.204-33.2015 or certified by EPA. EPA accepts certifications from entities that meet or exceed EPA certification standards as described in 40 CFR 33.202.

<sup>2</sup> Subcontractor is defined as a company, firm, joint venture, or individual who enters into an agreement with a contractor to provide services pursuant to an award of financial assistance.

Please use the space below to report any concerns regarding the above funded project:

Subcontractor Signature	Print Name
Title	Date

The public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average three (3) hours per response. Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the Director, Collection Strategies Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (2822T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20460. Do not send the completed form to this address.

**Send completed Form 4500-2 to:**  
Mr. Joe Ochab, DBE Coordinator  
US EPA, Region 9  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105

**FORM 4500-2 (DBE Subcontractor Participation Form)**



**Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program  
DBE Subcontractor Performance Form**

This form is intended to capture the DBE<sup>1</sup> subcontractor's<sup>2</sup> description of work to be performed and the price of the work submitted to the prime contractor. A Financial Assistance Agreement Recipient must require its prime contractor to have its DBE subcontractors complete this form and include all completed forms in the prime contractor's bid or proposal package.

Subcontractor Name		Project Name	
Bid / Proposal No.	Assistance Agreement ID No. (if known)	Point of Contact	
Address			
Telephone No.		Email Address	
Prime Contractor Name		Issuing/Funding Entity	

Contract Item Number	Description of Work Submitted from the Prime Contractor Involving Construction, Services, Equipment or Supplies	Price of Work Submitted to the Prime Contractor
DBE Certified By: <input type="checkbox"/> DOT <input type="checkbox"/> SBA <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		Meets/exceeds EPA certification standards? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown

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<sup>2</sup> Subcontractor is defined as a company, firm, joint venture, or individual who enters into an agreement with a contractor to provide services pursuant to an award of financial assistance.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the forgoing statements are true and correct. Signing this form does not signify a commitment to utilize the subcontractors above. I am aware that in the event of a replacement of a subcontractor, I will adhere to the replacement requirements set forth in 40 CFR Part 33 Section 33.302 (c).

Prime Contractor Signature	Print Name
Title	Date

Subcontractor Signature	Print Name
Title	Date

The public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average three (3) hours per response. Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the Director, Collection Strategies Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (2822T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20460. Do not send the completed form to this address.

**FORM 4500-3 (DBE Subcontractor Performance Form)**





## Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program DBE Subcontractor Utilization Form

This form is intended to capture the prime contractor's actual and/or anticipated use of identified certified DBE<sup>1</sup> subcontractor's<sup>2</sup> and the estimated dollar amount of each subcontract. A Financial Assistance Agreement Recipient must require its prime contractors to complete this form and include it in the bid or proposal package. Prime contractors should also maintain a copy of this form on file.

Prime Contractor Name		Project Name	
Bid / Proposal No.	Assistance Agreement ID No. (if known)	Point of Contact	
Address			
Telephone No.		Email Address	
Issuing/Funding Entity			

I have identified potential DBE certified subcontractors. ___ YES ___ NO If yes, please complete the table below. If no, please explain:			
Subcontractor Name/ Company Name	Company Address / Phone / Email	Estimated Dollar Amount	Currently DBE Certified?

--Continue on back if needed--

<sup>1</sup> A DBE is a Disadvantaged, Minority, or Woman Business Enterprise that has been certified by an entity from which EPA accepts certifications as described in 40 CFR 33.204-33.2015 or certified by EPA. EPA accepts certifications from entities that meet or exceed EPA certification standards as described in 40 CFR 33.202.

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I certify under penalty of perjury that the forgoing statements are true and correct. Signing this form does not signify a commitment to utilize the subcontractors above. I am aware that in the event of a replacement of a subcontractor, I will adhere to the replacement requirements set forth in 40 CFR Part 33 Section 33.302 (c).

Prime Contractor Signature	Print Name
Title	Date

The public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average three (3) hours per response. Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the Director, Collection Strategies Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (2822T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20460. Do not send the completed form to this address.

**FORM 4500-4 (DBE Subcontractor Utilization Form)**



**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD – DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) UTILIZATION  
CALIFORNIA STATE REVOLVING FUNDS (CASRF)  
FORM UR-334**

1. Grant/Finance Agreement Number:		2. Annual Reporting Period 10/1/___ through 09/30/___		3. Purchase Period of Financing Agreement:	
4. Total Payments Paid to Prime Contractor or Sub-Contractors During Current Reporting Period: \$					
5. <u>Recipient's Name and Address:</u>			6. <u>Recipient's Contact Person and Phone Number:</u>		
7. List All DBE Payments Paid by Recipient or Prime Contractor During Current Reporting Period:					
Payment or Purchase Paid by Recipient or Prime Contractor	Amount Paid to Any DBE Contractor or Sub-Contractor For Service Provided to Recipient		Date of Payment (MM/DD/YY)	Procurement Type Code** (see below)	Name and Address of DBE Contractor of Sub-Contractor or Vendor
	MBE	WBE			
8. Initial here if no DBE contractors or sub-contractors paid during current reporting period:					
9. Initial here if all procurements for this contract are completed:					
10. Comments:					
11. Signature and Title of Recipient's Authorized Representative			12. Date		

**Email Form UR-334 to:**

[DrinkingWaterSRF@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DrinkingWaterSRF@waterboards.ca.gov) OR [CleanWaterSRF@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:CleanWaterSRF@waterboards.ca.gov)

**Questions may be directed to:**

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[Barbara.August@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Barbara.August@waterboards.ca.gov)  
 Phone: (916) 341-6952  
 Fax: (916) 327-7469

**\*\*Procurement Type:**

1. Construction
2. Supplies
3. Services (includes business services; professional services; repair services and personnel services)
4. Equipment

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DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) UTILIZATION  
CALIFORNIA STATE REVOLVING FUNDS**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORM UR-334**

- Box 1** Grant or Financing Agreement Number.
- Box 2** Annual reporting period.
- Box 3** Enter the dates between which you made procurements under this financing agreement or grant.
- Box 4** Enter the total amount of payments paid to the contractor or sub-contractors during this reporting period.
- Box 5** Enter Recipient's Name and Address.
- Box 6** Enter Recipient's Contact Name and Phone Number.
- Box 7** Enter details for the **DBE purchases only** and be sure to limit them to the current period.  
1) Use either an "R" or a "C" to represent "Recipient" or "Contractor." 2) Enter a dollar total for DBE and total the two columns at the bottom of the section. 3) Provide the payment date. 4) Enter a product type choice from those at the bottom of the page. 5) List the vendor name and address in the right-hand column
- Box 8** Initial here if no DBE contractors or sub-contractors were paid during this reporting period.
- Box 9** Initial this box only if all purchases under this financing agreement or grant have been completed during this reporting period or a previous period. If you initial this box, we will no longer send you a survey.
- Box 10** This box is for explanatory information or questions.
- Box 11** Provide an authorized representative signature.
- Box 12** Enter the date form completed.