

"DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) CERTIFICATION" VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

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AGENDA



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NEW CERTIFICATION ACRONYMS



- **DOE** (Declaration of Eligibility)
- **JOC** (Jurisdiction of Original Certification)
- **SEDO** (Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Individual)
- **SBE** (Small Business Element)
- **OSR** (On-Site Review)



DIFFERENT TYPES OF CERTIFICATIONS

- **DBE Certification:**

- United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) assisted contracts for highway, transit, and airport projects
- Complies with Federal Regulation 49 CFR Part 26

- **M/WBE Certification:**

- Overseen and managed by state and local government contracting authorities



DBE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

What is a DBE?

I. Ownership

- An independent business that is at least 51 percent controlled **AND** managed by a socially or economically disadvantaged individual(s) (SEDO)
 - Socially disadvantaged individuals includes Women, Native Americans, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans and Subcontinent Asian Americans

II. Personal Net Worth (PNW)

- Majority owner's personal net worth must not exceed \$2,047,000 million

III. Control

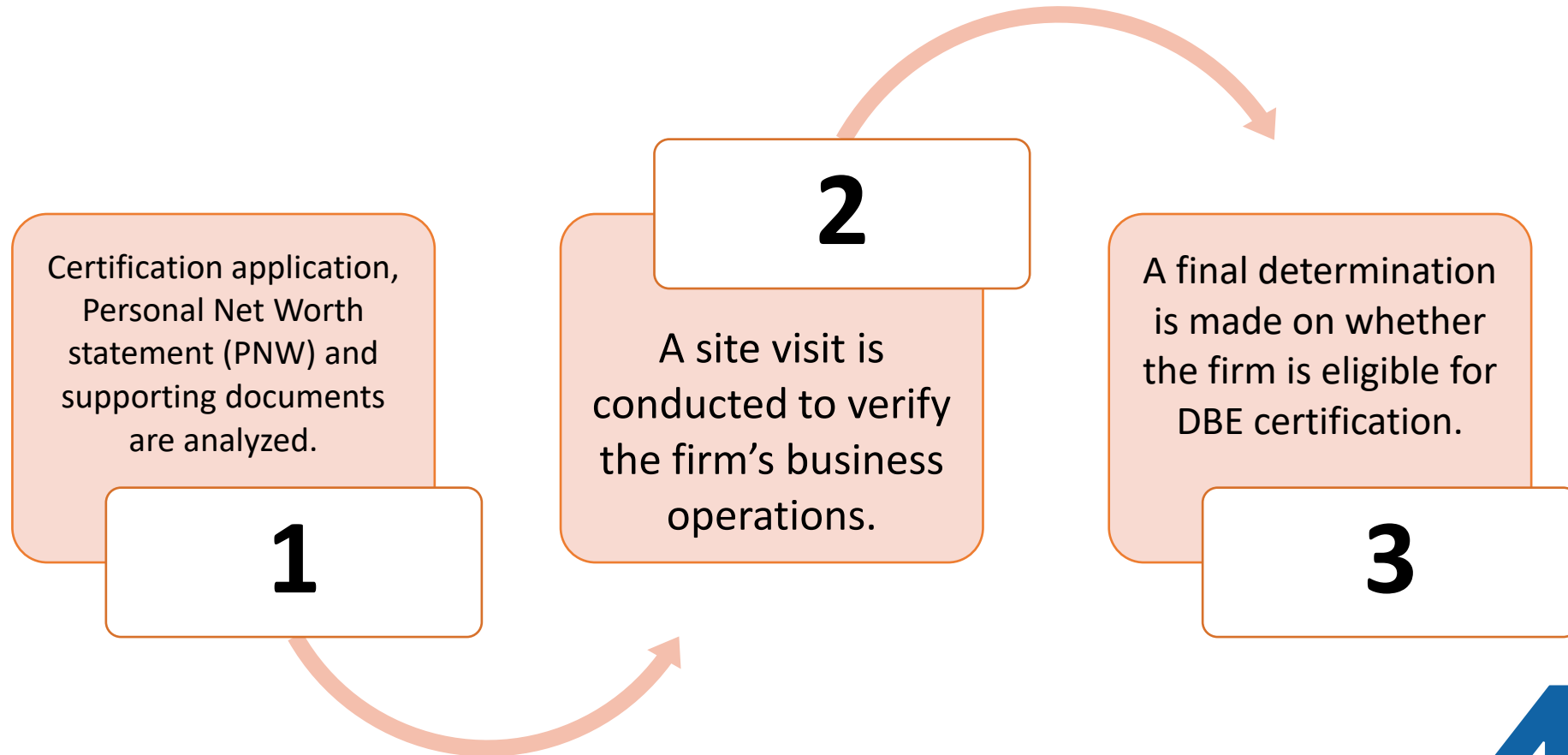
- The business must not be affiliated with another firm and the SEDO must make day-to-day decisions on policies and operations

IV. Size

- A for-profit business must meet the Small Business Administration's (SBA) size standard and not exceed \$30.72 million in gross annual receipts over a three-year average



DBE CERTIFICATION PROCESS



Process takes 60 to 90 days upon the receipt of all required documentation.



ADVANTAGES OF DBE CERTIFICATION



- Company listed in the IL UCP directory
- An opportunity to participate on projects as a prime or subcontractor
- An identifier that can be used as a marketing tool for your business



ILLINOIS UNIFIED CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (IL UCP) PARTNERS



Each partner lists their DBE firms in a centralized IL UCP directory that provides a reference source to assist bidder/proposer in meeting DBE contract goals.



CHANGES MADE TO THE DBE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM*

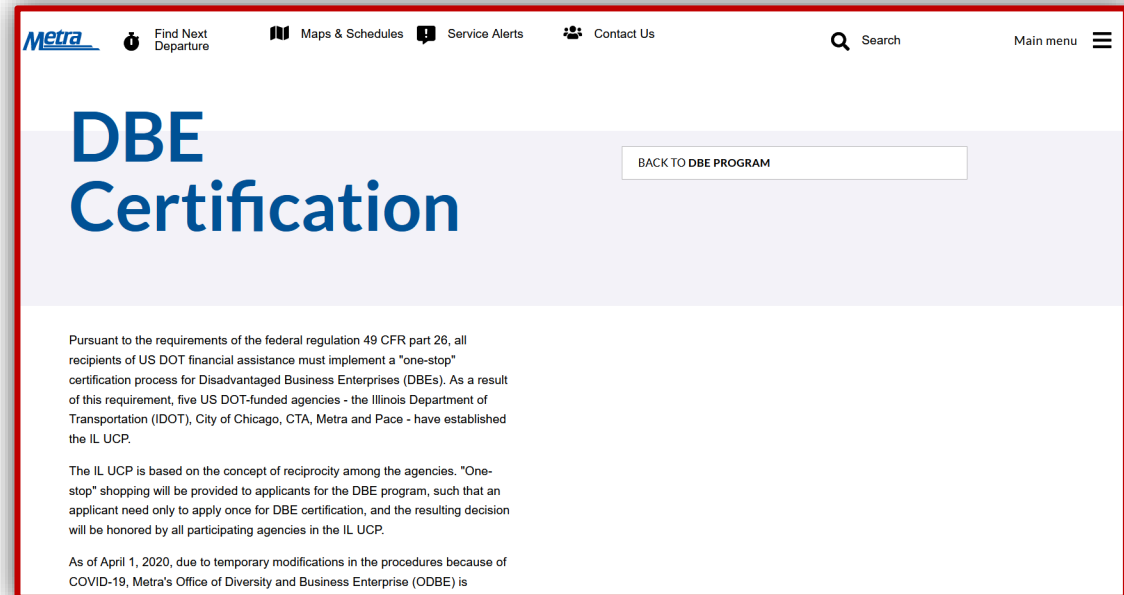
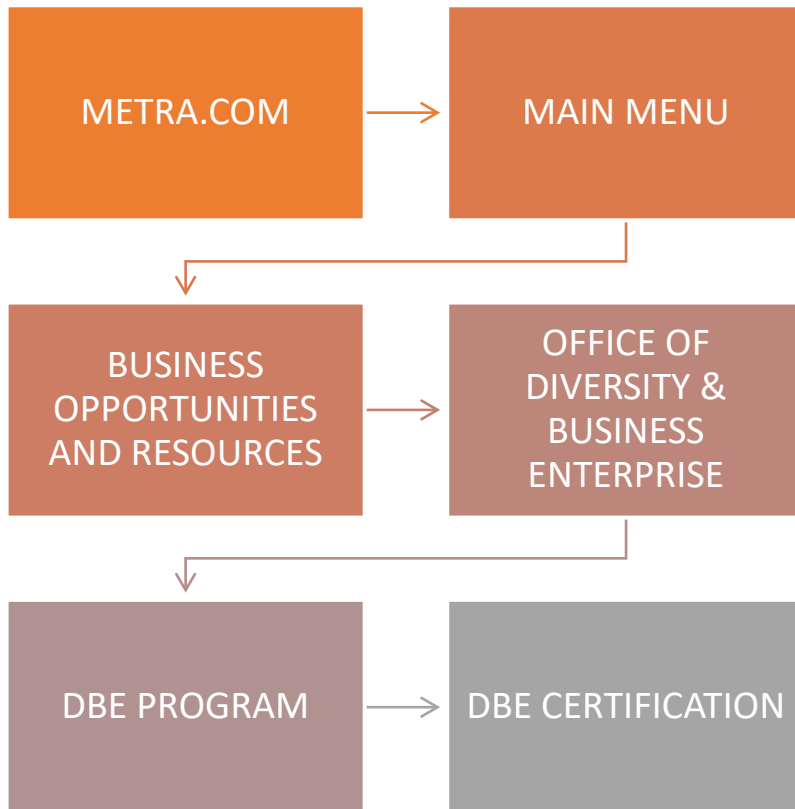
- Forms no longer need to be notarized
- Annual No Change Affidavit has been replaced by Declaration of Eligibility (DOE)
- Personal Net Worth Limit has been updated to \$2,047,000 and will be continuously update by USDOT
- Due date for annual submittal of DOE is now the same for all states (anniversary month of the original certification)
- New Applications and Personal Net Worth Statements
- On-Site Interviews are now audio recorded



* These are the most common asked about changes, for a complete list visit the federal regulation 49 CFR Part 26.



DBE CERTIFICATION APPLICATION



HOW TO REGISTER AS A VENDOR

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QUESTIONS?



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