

**Oklahoma Water Resources Board
CWSRF Program
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Goals as of 2014**

The Oklahoma CWSRF receives a portion of their funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The federal funds are used to supplement low interest rate loans to finance wastewater and water quality projects. As a condition of federal grant awards, EPA regulations require that loan recipients and sub-recipients (i.e., prime contractors and subcontractors) make a good-faith effort to award a fair share of work to DBE's who are small business enterprises (SBE's), minority business enterprises (MBE's) and women's business enterprises (WBE's).

To ensure compliance with EPA's DBE requirements, both **Loan Recipients (Project Owners)** and **Prime Contractors** **must** undertake the good faith efforts to provide opportunities for DBE firms to participate in contracts.

Good Faith Efforts: The following good faith efforts apply to the procurement categories involving CWSRF financial assistance funds:

1. Ensure DBEs are made aware of contracting opportunities to the fullest extent practicable through outreach and recruitment activities. For 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 and arrange time frames for contracts and establish delivery schedules, where the requirements permit, in a way that encourages and facilitates participation by DBEs in the competitive process. This includes, whenever possible, posting solicitations for bids or proposals for a minimum of 30 calendar days before the bid or proposal closing date.
3. Consider in the contracting process whether firms competing for large contracts could subcontract with DBEs. For state and local government recipients, this will include dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by DBEs in the competitive process.
4. Encourage contracting with a consortium of DBEs when a contract is too large for one of these firms to handle individually.
5. Use the services and assistance of the Small Business Administration (SBE) and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.
6. If the prime contractor awards subcontracts, require the prime contractor to take the above steps.

Oklahoma's negotiated DBE participation goals with EPA for any project during FY 2015 –and future years are below. **The goals below are not a quota and apply to DBE participation only.**

<i>Procurement Category</i>	<i>MBE Goal (%)</i>	<i>WBE Goal (%)</i>
Construction	13.94	6.92
Equipment	9.13	19.90
Services	14.29	26.51
Supplies	7.48	0.0