

Notice to Bidders

**\*\*\* BID REJECTION ALERT \*\*\***

**RECENT CHANGES** to WSDOT bidding requirements related to Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Condition of Award Goals have resulted in **BID REJECTIONS**.

Bidders are advised to **VERIFY THAT DBE's ARE CERTIFIED** in the actual work they are named to perform.

Bidders are instructed to describe work commitments on the WSDOT DBE Utilization Certification using only those terms that are consistent with the applicable NAICS Code Index Entry contained in the DBE firm's current certification letter.

DBE Utilization Certifications that describe work differently than the actual terms used in the DBE firms' current certification letter from OMWBE have resulted in **BID REJECTIONS**.

**DO NOT RELY ON** the "Business Description" or "WSDOT Work Descriptors" contained in the DBE firms' certification letter or on the OMWBE website. DBE's are only eligible to be counted toward the Condition of Award if they are committed to perform work that they are actually certified to perform as described in the DBE firms' current certification letter from OMWBE.

Also, Bidders **MUST INCLUDE WRITTEN CONFIRMATION FROM THE DBE** firm that it is in agreement with the Bidders commitment. Failure to provide written confirmation **WITH YOUR BID** will result in **BID REJECTION**.

Questions regarding DBE Certification should be directed to the Washington State Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (OMWBE) at (360) 753-9693.

Questions regarding acceptable forms of written confirmation from DBE's should be directed to the WSDOT Office of Equal Opportunity at (360) 705-7090.