

**DBE AVAILABILITY – STATE PROJECTS**  
**Thursday, November 12, 2020, District 3 LETTING**  
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The Department began its DBE race neutral program January 1, 2000. **No contract specific goals are currently being placed on Federal/State contracts**; however, the Department still has an overall 10.65% DBE goal it is attempting to achieve. In order to assist contractors in determining their DBE commitment level, the Department has reviewed the estimates for this letting.

As you prepare your bid, please monitor potential or anticipated DBE utilization for contracts. When the low bidder executes the contract with the Department, information will be requested of the contractor's anticipated DBE participation for the project. While the utilization is not mandatory in order to be awarded the project, continuing utilization of DBE firms on contracts supports the success of Florida's Voluntary DBE Program, and supports contractors' Equal Employment Opportunity and DBE Affirmative Action Programs.

**NOTE:** Any project listed as 0% DBE availability does not mean that a DBE cannot be used on that project. A 0% DBE availability may have been established due to any of the following reasons: limited identified subcontracting opportunities, minimal contract days, and/or small contract dollar amount. Contractors are encouraged to identify any opportunities to subcontract to DBEs.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the Equal Opportunity Office at (850) 414-4747.