



**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF SOUTHERN NEVADA  
PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS  
DBE/MBE/WBE FIRMS – HELPFUL HINTS**

**1. BIDDING OPPORTUNITIES:**

To do business with the RTC, MBEs, WBEs and DBEs are encouraged to:

- (1) Periodically check the RTC Purchasing and Contracts website: <http://rtcsnv.com/about/business.cfm> to view bidding opportunities.
- (2) Register as a supplier and specify the category of DBE (or M/WBE), because the RTC periodically updates our Bidders List, which specifies if a supplier is a DBE or M/WBE, which the departments and contractors use when they have need for goods or services.
- (3) Contact the RTC departments that might use your services and let them know the goods or services you can provide.
- (4) Periodically check our website for formal bidding opportunities.
- (5) Participate in outreach networking events that RTC sponsors.

**2. CERTIFICATION:**

Following are several organizations that have certification programs. Depending upon your target market, you will need to research to find the most appropriate one(s) for your firm. Hint: Look at the list of certifications that the businesses recognize.

- (1) To certify as a DBE (for use on federally funded projects):  
Go to the Nevada DBE website for information and agencies who certify suppliers: <http://nevadadbe.com/>
- (2) To certify as a MBE or WBE (not for use on federally funded projects):
  - Women's Business Enterprise National Council ([www.wbenc.org](http://www.wbenc.org)) certifies a firm as a Women Business Enterprise (WBE).
  - Nevada Minority Business Council ([www.nvmbc.org](http://www.nvmbc.org)) certifies a firm as a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE).
  - Nevada Small Business Development Center ([www.nsbdc.org](http://www.nsbdc.org)) certifies a firm as a Small Business Enterprise (SBE).

**3. OTHER CONTACTS:**

Clark County: Nita Lopez, Business Development ~ you can self certify as a small business with the County. Call the main purchasing number 455-2897 to make an appointment with her.

McCarran Airport: Dolores P. Leyva, DBE Liaison Office Officer, [DoloresL@mccarran.com](mailto:DoloresL@mccarran.com) - besides the big construction projects that the airport does, there are always tenant improvement projects.

Small Business Administration has a certification program website: [www.sba.gov/nv](http://www.sba.gov/nv).

Nevada Minority Business Council ~ [nvminority@aol.com](mailto:nvminority@aol.com) .

Nevada Minority Business Enterprise Center ~ [sncshl@earthlink.net](mailto:sncshl@earthlink.net).

Urban Chamber of Commerce ~ [info@urbanchamber.org](mailto:info@urbanchamber.org).

Latin Chamber of Commerce Nevada, Inc. ~ [www.lvccc.com](http://www.lvccc.com)

**4. DBE PROGRAM:**

To review the RTC's DBE Program and the Fiscal Year 2009 DBE Goal, please visit the RTC Purchasing and Contracts web page at <http://rtcsnv.com/about/business.cfm>.

Feel free to contact me if you need anything else!

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