

**U.S. Department of Transportation Headquarters, West Atrium  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, D.C. 20590**

**U.S. DOT DBE Summit**

Access to Opportunity for the DBE/Small Business Community

October 26, 2016  
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**AGENDA**

**8:30 a.m. REGISTRATION/MEET GREET**

**9:15 a.m. WELCOME REMARKS & PROGRAM INTRODUCTION**

Anthony R. Foxx, Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation

**U.S. DOT DBE/Small Business Programs Updates**

Moderator: Leslie M. Proll, Director, U.S. DOT Departmental Office of Civil Rights

Panelists:

Irene Rico, FHWA Acting Associate Administrator for Civil Rights;

Torre J. Jessup, Director, U.S. DOT Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization;

Sheryl Williams, Executive Advisor, U.S. DOT Departmental Office of Civil Rights;

Wilbur Barham, Deputy Director National Policy and Compliance, FAA Office of Civil Rights; and

Kimberly Mason-Brown, Deputy Associate Administrator, FTA Office of Civil Rights

**10:30 a.m. MAKING IT COUNT – PARTNERS IN EXCELLENCE**

*Best practices for running a successful DBE business and working with State DOTs*

Panelists:

Prime Contractor: Mr. Wesley Stith, Clark Construction;

Prime Concessionaire: Mr. Ron Gomes, Vice President, Strategic Alliances, HMSHost;

State DOT: Tyra L Redus, Esq., Equity and Inclusion Officer, District Department of Transportation; and

DBE: Ms. Iberia Miles, Vice President, TreKnot Organization, LLC

11:30-12:30 p.m. **LUNCH**

**12:30 p.m. EXPANDING THE POSSIBILITIES – TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SESSIONS**

These workshops are designed to help you run your business well whether you're just getting started or have been in business for a few years.

➤ **Obtaining and Retaining Your DBE Certification**

*Tips for effectively navigating DBE certification process, maintaining certification, working in multiple states, and understanding joint venture and mentor-protégé arrangements that impact your certification.*

Panelists:

Marc Pentino, Team Lead, DBE Division, U.S. DOT Departmental Office of Civil Rights;  
Sam Brooks, DBE Appeal Team Advisor, DBE Division, U.S. DOT Departmental Office of Civil Rights; and  
Lakwame Anyane-Yebo, Equal Opportunity Specialist, DBE Division, U.S. DOT Departmental Office of Civil Rights

➤ **Winning Contracts: Fundamentals**

*Best practices for winning the bid to work with a prime contractor and public agencies.*

Panelists:

Small Business Administration: Seán Crean, Director, Office of Government Contracting;  
USDOT: DeVera Redmond, Manager, Procurement Assistance Division, U.S. DOT Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization; and  
SBTRC: Small Business Transportation Resource Center, U.S. DOT Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization  
DC DOT: (Invited)

➤ **Alaska Native Corporations**

*New guidance pertaining to certification of Alaska Native Corporations.*

Panelists:

Kenneth Martin, U.S. DOT Deputy Assistant Secretary for Tribal Affairs;  
Michael Harkins, U.S. DOT Deputy Assistant General Counsel for General Law; and  
Sharice Davids, White House Fellow, U.S. DOT

➤ **Ask the DOT DBE & Prime Contractor Networking**

*One-on-one consulting sessions with FAA, FHWA and FTA DBE and Small Business Office representatives. Open networking between small businesses and prime contractors.*

**1:30 p.m.**

**SMALL BUSINESS ESSENTIALS**

➤ **Using Title VI to Protect Against Discrimination in Contracting**

Panelists:

Leslie M. Proll, Director, U.S. DOT Departmental Office of Civil Rights;

Martha Kenley, FHWA National DBE Program Manager;  
Wilbur Barham, Deputy Director National Policy and Compliance,  
FAA Office of Civil Rights; and  
Representative from Minority Business Development Agency,  
Department of Commerce (Invited)

➤ **DOT Contractor Development Resources**

*How to leverage available DOT financial resources*

Panelists:

SBTRC: Small Business Transportation Resource Center, U.S. DOT  
Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization;  
SFAA: JoAnn Brooks, Vice President & Counsel, Surety and Fidelity  
Association of America;  
DBE Supportive Services: Tracy Duval, Program Analyst, DBE &  
Contractor Compliance Team, FHWA, U.S. DOT; and  
MBDA: Nicholas Perkins, Business Development Specialist – Access  
to Capital Team, Office of Business Development, Minority Business  
Development Agency

**Emerging Issues in Certification**

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Division, U.S. DOT Departmental Office of Civil Rights

**2:30 p.m.**

**CLOSING REMARKS**

Stephanie Jones, U.S. Department of Transportation Senior Counselor to  
the Secretary and Chief Opportunities Officer

**2:45 p.m.**

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**4:00 p.m.**

**SUMMIT CONCLUDES**