

Questions/Answers #3: April 8, 2011

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1. **In Request for Proposal Examining the Disadvantages Business Enterprise (DBE) Program, ORBP number OR10-049, Could you please give the definition of "Key Stakeholders"?**
 - A. **Key stakeholders would be those individuals and organizations that have a high level of interest in how MDOT is implementing DBE program federal regulations and the impact the civil rights programs the Office of Business Development (OBD) is responsible for implementing impact their respective organizations, communities, constituents, etc. Key stakeholders would include:**
 - Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) executives.
 - MDOT personnel with some level of responsibility for helping OBD implement its programs. An example would be MDOT field engineers that can assist by making sure contractors working on MDOT projects are following federal DBE program regulations
 - The United States Department of Transportation Civil Rights Division, including its Michigan Division, that has DBE Program oversight.
 - Federal and state level politicians with an interest in OBD programs. An example would be a politician contacted by a business owner in their district that was not certified as a DBE firm because the firm did not meet one or more of the federal requirements for DBE certification. Another example might be a Michigan congressman or congresswoman with some oversight or interest in how Michigan is implementing its DBE Program.
 - Michigan certified DBE firms.
 - Contractors working on MDOT federally funded projects that hire DBE firms as subcontractors.
 - Associations that have MDOT contractors as members.
 - DBE program personnel at other state Departments of Transportation.
 - Citizens, religious groups, community organizations, etc. that have an interest in how much money MDOT is spending in their communities, how many community businesses are DBE certified, how many women and minorities can be seen working on MDOT projects in their communities, etc. They may also have interest in how many disadvantaged minorities and women are accepted into the federally mandate On-the-Job Training Program.
 - Local government officials such as members of county boards or city councils with an interest in our programs. Examples might be city council members of a large Michigan city that feel MDOT should place higher DBE percentages on contracts.