

Small Business Enterprise (FAQs)

What benefit does certification provide to SBEs?

- SBEs can become more visible and viable for contractors and consultants who are looking for qualified business partners to participate on projects funded by Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), or Federal Transit Administration (FTA).
- SBEs can become eligible to bid as prime contractors on specific municipal highway projects.
- SBEs will have ready access to training and consulting services through the SBE Supportive Services Center (Center). The Center will be equipped to provide SBEs with tools and skills that will enable them to more effectively compete for federally assisted transportation contracts and subcontracts.

How can we reach the SBE Supportive Services Center?

Small Business Enterprise Supportive Services Center
Cheyney University
1837 University Circle
PO Box 200
Cheyney, PA 19319-0200
Office: 610-399-2178
Fax: 610-399-2118
Toll-free at 1-855- 727-2348
<https://pennsbess.com/>

Is there a cost to become certified?

No, certification is free.

How do prime contractors and consultants benefit?

- Prime contractors and consultants gain easy access to certified SBEs for use on projects funded by FAA, FHWA, or FTA.
- The use of SBEs by prime contractors and consultants will constitute race-neutral participation and may provide documentation of Good Faith Efforts on federally assisted transportation projects.

Are DBEs eligible to participate as SBEs?

Yes, all PA Unified Certification Program DBEs are eligible to participate as SBEs and will NOT be required to complete a separate SBE application.