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Dear DBE/ACDBE Firm,

Our records indicate that your business was previously certified in Virginia as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and/or Airport Concession Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE) through the interstate certification process.

On October 3, 2025, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) issued an Interim Final Rule (IFR) that made significant changes to the DBE and ACDBE certification programs. As part of these changes, all DBE and ACDBE certifications were temporarily suspended pending reevaluation by each firm's home-state Unified Certification Program (UCP).

As a result, the process for obtaining or restoring interstate certification in Virginia now depends on your firm's certification status.

**If Your Firm Was Previously Certified in Virginia**

If your firm was certified by the Virginia Unified Certification Program (VAUCP) before the October 2025 rule change, you must first complete the reevaluation process with your home-state UCP.

Once your home-state UCP has reevaluated and recertified your firm, you may submit proof of that recertification and reapply for DBE and/or ACDBE certification in Virginia through the interstate certification process.

**If Your Firm Was Not Previously Certified in Virginia**

If your firm was not previously certified in Virginia and received DBE and/or ACDBE certification from its home-state UCP after the October 2025 rule change took effect, you may apply for Virginia certification through the interstate certification process once your home-state certification has been approved.

**How to Apply**

Instructions for submitting an interstate DBE/ACDBE application through Virginia's Application Portal can be found on the SBSB website.

Application instructions and required forms are available here:

<https://sbsd.virginia.gov/certification-division/dbe/new-dbe-interstate-applicant/>

Need Assistance?

If you have questions about the application process or need assistance using the Application Portal, please contact one of our Certification and Transportation Business Development specialists:

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We appreciate your attention to these changes and look forward to your continued participation.

Sincerely,

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