

## **DBE Program**

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**Q: If my firm is certified with the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) am I automatically certified in the DBE Program?**

**A:** No. They are two different programs with different rules and regulations. The DAS Supplier Diversity Program is a state program, whereas the DBE program is a US Department of Transportation program. There is no reciprocity between the two programs.

**Q: If I am DBE certified in another state, can I automatically get DBE certified with the Connecticut DOT?**

**A:** No. Interstate certification isn't effective until January 1, 2012; and even with interstate certification DBE certification is not automatic. The DBE applicant must still forward a copy of the completed DBE application and all supporting documents which were submitted to the home state.

**Q: A contract is coming up. Can my application be expedited?**

**A:** Unfortunately we cannot expedite your DBE application. Your application will be reviewed in the order in which it was received.

**Q: Do I have to submit all the required paperwork in the Documents Checklist?**

**A:** You must submit all the forms that are applicable to your firm under the section **All Applicants**; next you must submit the appropriate forms specific to your Company Structure (i.e., partnership, corporation, LLC).