



Governor Wes Moore

Lt. Governor Aruna Miller

Secretary Walter L. Simmons

Subject: USDOT Final Rule on the DBE and ACDBE Programs – What to Expect from DoSEM

Preview text: DoSEM is reviewing the Final Rule and will share guidance for Maryland firms soon

Dear DBE and ACDBE Partners,

On September 25, 2026, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) published its Final Rule governing the federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and Airport Concession Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE) programs. The Final Rule follows the Interim Final Rule that took effect on October 3, 2025.

The Maryland Department of Social and Economic Mobility (DoSEM), through its Office of Minority Business Enterprise (OMBE), serves as the certifying agency for Maryland's DBE and ACDBE programs. We are reviewing the Final Rule carefully and preparing updated guidance and program materials for Maryland firms. We will share that information as soon as it is available.

We recognize that many of you have navigated considerable uncertainty over the past year, and we appreciate your continued patience and engagement. Please watch for further communications from DoSEM in the coming weeks.

Stay informed. To receive DBE/ACDBE program updates directly, sign up here: [DBE updates sign-up link](#). If you know a business owner or partner organization that would benefit from this information, please share this message and encourage them to subscribe.

Questions. Questions regarding DBE or ACDBE certification may be directed to OMBE at mbe.dosem@maryland.gov.

The full text of the Final Rule is available in the Federal Register:
<https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2026-19688>

Sincerely,

Maryland Department of Social and Economic Mobility