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# The DBE Program

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- ▶ Ensures that small and economically disadvantaged firms participate on federally assisted contracts
- ▶ USDOT regulations – 49 CFR 26



# Improvements to the program

- ▶ The DBE program has recently undergone improvements.
- ▶ Engineering Size standards from 4.5 million to 14 million
- ▶ Architectural services 4.5 million to 7 million



# FHWA's Vision for the Tappan Zee Bridge Project

- ▶ Creation of subcontracting opportunities
- ▶ Workforce Utilization (Equal Employment Opportunity)



# How does that translate?

- ▶ Careers in Construction
- ▶ Training Opportunities
- ▶ Growth & Economic Development



# What can you bring to the table?

- ▶ Contractors
- ▶ Subcontractors
- ▶ Consultants
- ▶ Subconsultants



# Questions?

