



## **DCA Minority- and Women-Owned Business Engagement Policy**

In creating the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Engagement scoring initiatives, DCA is working to achieve (2) main objectives:

- (1) To come into full compliance with federal requirements, placed on the state as the participating jurisdiction for HUD funding, to implement and carry out Minority and Women-Owned business outreach and Program inclusion; and
- (2) To create an award process that works to remove barriers to traditional means of accessing capital, with the intent to provide opportunity for economic growth and increased capacity for a diverse pool of award recipients in Georgia.

### **CERTIFICATION**

If you are interested in becoming a certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) or a Woman Business Enterprise (WBE) for purposes of qualifying to pursue points under the scoring section during the upcoming funding round, please review the below information.

To qualify for the *Project Team or Prior Minority and Women-Owned Business Engagement* points under the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Engagement scoring initiatives, an applicant may submit proof of either a State DBE/MBE certification or a Federal MBE Certification.

#### **STATE CERTIFICATION**

[Georgia Department of Administrative Services: Minority Business Enterprise Certification](#)

[Georgia Department of Transportation Disadvantaged Business Enterprise](#) (includes WBE)

#### **FEDERAL CERTIFICATION**

[National Minority Supplier Development Council](#) (NMSDC)

The NMSDC Network includes a [national office in New York and 23 Regional Affiliates](#). For purposes of being a certified Minority Owned Business Enterprise under the scoring initiatives, your business certification can be affiliated with any region in the NMSDC Network.

To learn more about qualifying to be a Georgia Regional Affiliate in the NMSDC Network of certified Minority Owned Business Enterprises, click [here](#).

**WHEN DOES A MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS NEED TO BE CERTIFIED TO RECEIVE POINTS IN THIS SECTION?**

- A. For purposes of receiving a maximum of (2) points in the *Engagement Commitment and Reporting* section:  
All Minority and Women-Owned Businesses included on the report must be certified by Final Allocation Application submission.
  
- B. For purposes of receiving or a maximum of (2) points in the *Prior Engagement* section or a maximum of (2) points in the *Project Team Eligibility* section:  
All Minority and Women-Owned Businesses being confirmed as a part of the Project Team, and all Minority and Women-Owned Businesses included on the Prior Engagement Report, should be certified as of the date of the initial application submission.

**DO I NEED BOTH THE FEDERAL AND STATE CERTIFICATION?**

Each applicant should assess the respective certifications to identify the most appropriate solution for their business. It is not a requirement to apply, or become certified, with all options.

**WHICH NAICS CODES WILL BE CONSIDERED TO ACCEPT CERTIFICATION?**

To qualify to claim points under this scoring section, the Minority and Women-Owned business must show intent to regularly conduct business related to the housing finance, housing development, affordable housing, and property management industry, by listing at least (1) of the following [North American Industry Classification System \(NAICS\) codes](#) on the certification when the application is submitted:

REAL ESTATE	CONSTRUCTION	FINANCE & INSURANCE	PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, & TECHNICAL SERVICES	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
53	23	523920	541310	92
5311	2361			9251
531110	236115			925110
5312	236116			925120
531210	236118			
5313	2363			
531311	236310			
531390	236220			