



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			