DBE/ACDBE Certification The Myths, Mistakes and Musts

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MYTHS

- I am a minority therefore I automatically qualify for DBE
- My DBE application will be processed and completed within two weeks
- My spouse is part owner which qualifies my firm as a DBE
- I must apply to each agency for separate DBE Certification
- If I don't know the answer or it doesn't apply just skip the question leaving it blank

Mistakes

- Indicating outside employment without an explanation OR not identifying outside employment
- Not identifying non-DBE owners
- Incomplete documentation
- Not submitting the Disadvantaged owner's proof of initial capital investment
- Not identifying all affiliate businesses

MUSTS

- I Must read and become familiar with eligibility requirements before I apply!
- I Must submit a COMPLETE application INCLUDING ALL requested Documentation
- I Must respond in the time allotted to all request from the certifying agency processing my application
- I Must be certified in the State where my business is headquartered first, before I can apply to any other states for DBE certification

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1. Register your business with Wayne County at http://waynecounty.com in the search box type in 'Procure to Pay' a this will take you to the P2P site and you may begin registration.

2. Get Certified It is a two (2) step process, once registered, you will receive an email confirming your registration. To apply online for Wayne County certification(s) you MUST go back to http://waynecounty.com, log in and apply.

If you qualify for DBE certification please make sure you apply for Wayne County's Minority/Women Owned Business Registration (MWBE), Small Business Enterprise (SBE) and or Expanding Business Enterprise (EBE) Certification.

3. DBE/ACDBE For information and application <u>www.MDOT.GOV/MUCP</u>

DBE/ACDBE Application

