

ABSOLUTE Underground Inc

Absolute Underground, Inc. is pleased to announce that we have successfully fulfilled all the requirements to obtain our MBE/DBE (Minority Owned Business Enterprise/Disadvantaged Business Enterprise) Certification. Our Certification Number is: 09-034. Feel free to visit the MDOT website, for further details at: http://mbe.mdot.state.md.us/directory/firm_details.asp?FirmID=18728

What is MBE?: A minority-owned business is defined as being owned, capitalized, operated and controlled by a member of an identified minority group. The business must be a for-profit enterprise which physically resides in the United States or one of its territories. Identified "Minority groups" are generally defined as having an ethnic background consisting of Asian, Black, Hispanic, East Asian Indian and/or Native American. Some applications require US Citizenship, some applications accept legal residents. Some applications require a 75% ethnic heritage others will accept as little as one fourth. Note: Non-For-Profit companies DO NOT qualify for any certifications.

Ownership by minority individuals means the business is at least 51% owned by such individuals or, in the case of a publicly-owned business, at least 51% of the stock is owned by one or more such individuals. Further, the management and daily operations are controlled by those minority group members.

What is DBE?: A Small or Disadvantaged Business can be women, minority, disabled or veteran-owned business. It is defined as being owned, capitalized, operated and controlled by a member of an identified group listed above. The business must be a for-profit enterprise which physically resides in the United States or one of its territories.

DBE requirements are under the direct jurisdiction of the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT), which is why the process is uniform in every single state. The US DOT is responsible for setting DBE utilization goals and implementation of the program.

The SDB certification strictly pertains to benefits in federal procurement. Said another way, if you want to bid on Federal Contracts, you must be a SDB certified firm, which is different than being a member of the Small Business Administrations 8(a) program.

To qualify as a DBE or SDB, the business must be owned and controlled by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged persons as defined by DBE Regulation 49 CFR Parts 23 and 26.

What do these Certifications mean for Absolute?: This State certification opens up a myriad of new work opportunities for Absolute on State, local and federal government projects. In today's economy, these opportunities serve to improve the quality of life for residents throughout Maryland and surrounding states, while working to strengthen and modernize our critical infrastructure. Absolute will now have greater access to business opportunities across the States.

If you find that you are in need of our services and our new certifications, please contact us for a cost analysis.

If you should have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call our office.

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