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The City of Hermiston has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program. This program is for businesses that are certified as socially or economically disadvantaged in accordance with U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) regulations, 49 CFR Part 26.

The Airport receives federal financial assistance from the USDOT through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) primarily for airport improvement projects. As a condition of that financial assistance, the Airport must ensure the DBE-certified businesses have an equal opportunity to compete for and perform work on federally funded Hermiston Municipal Airport contracts.

The federal grant assurance requires the City to establish a DBE plan and set annual DBE participation goal for airport projects and submit annual reports to the FAA detailing actual DBE participation.

Businesses seeking to be certified as a DBE or as an ACDBE should contact the Oregon Certification Office for Business Inclusion and Diversity (COBID) for more information: <https://www.oregon.gov/biz/programs/COBID/DBE-ACDBE/Pages/default.aspx>