



CA Training

DBE Program Information

August 20, 2026

It's Official!!

**SBWD is now Small Business and Workforce
Development Department (SBWD)**

**LPA Contract Compliance is now
LPA Contract Management Services**

Updated SBWD Email Boxes

LPAContractManagement@azdot.gov

(previously LPAContractorCompliance@azdotgov)

AZUTRACS-Support@azdot.gov

(will remain the same)

Other SWBD Email Updates:

DBECertification@azdot.gov (will remain the same)

SmallBusinessServices@azdot.gov (previously DBESupportiveServices@azdotgov)

WorkforceDevelopment@azdot.gov (previously ConstructionAcademy@azdotgov)

ContractManagement@azdot.gov (previously ContractorCompliance@azdotgov)

PSContractManagement@azdot.gov (previously PSDBECompliance@azdotgov)



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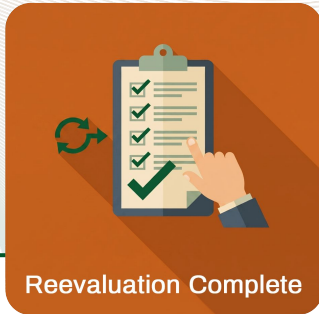


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Update to the DBE Recertification Process



Reevaluation Complete

Main processing phase is finished, with ongoing volume down to 1–2 applications per week.

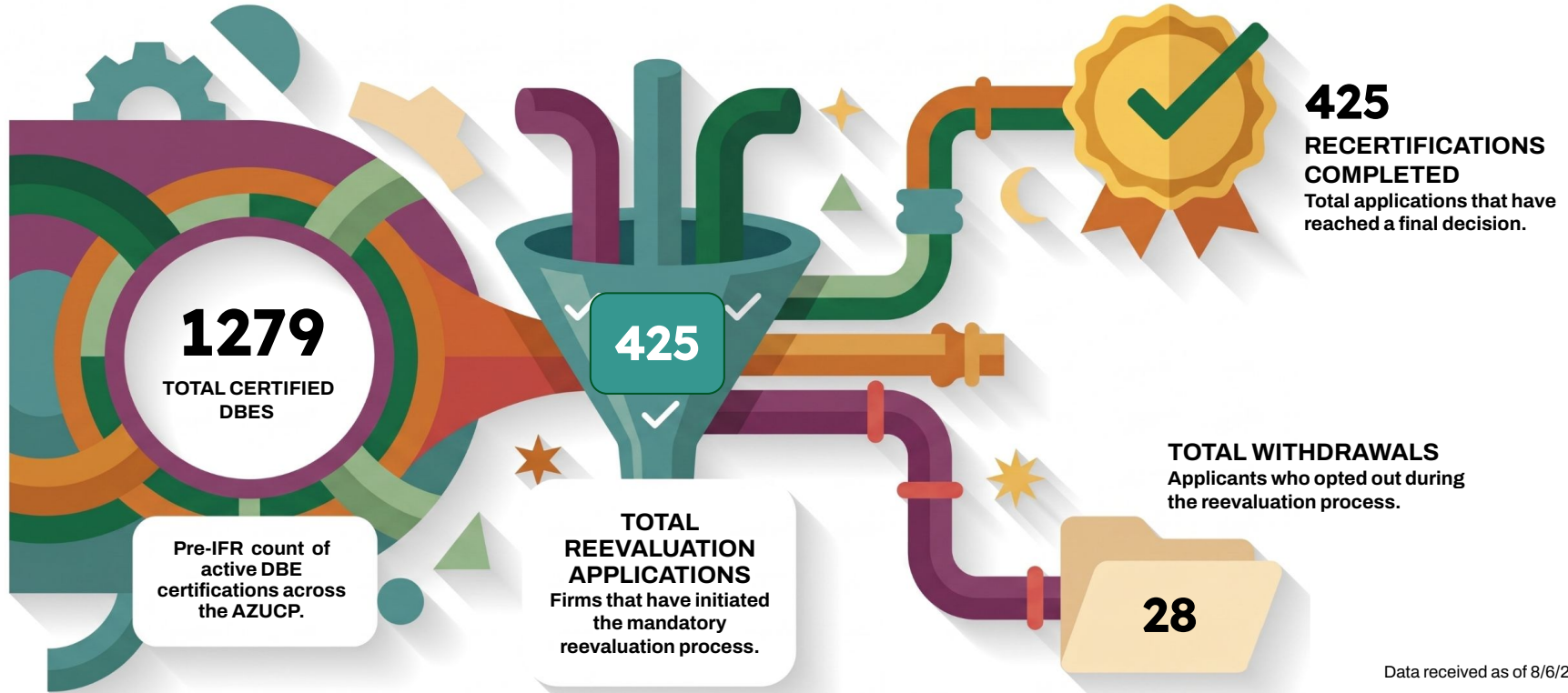


Directory Updated

The total count of reevaluated firms now matches the total completed applications.

Update to the DBE Recertification Process

Current State of Reevaluation



Navigating DBE Certification After July 1, 2026

Dear Business Partner,

The Arizona Unified Certification Program (AZUCP) has concluded its DBE reevaluation period and will resume all certification activities effective July 1, 2026. Please read the details below to understand what this means for your business.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

AZUCP Directory (AZUTRACS) will be updated and only firms that have been reevaluated and found eligible will be listed as active DBEs as follows:

- Firms that have **not** submitted a reevaluation application by **June 30, 2026 will be delisted from the AZUTRACS** and will not be eligible for participation in the DBE program, however those firms will remain listed as a Small Business Concern if they have self-registered.
- However, after July 1, 2026 only firms that have been reevaluated and eligible for continued DBE certification will be listed in the AZUTRACS as active DBEs.
- If a firm submits a reevaluation application after July 1, 2026 and is found eligible, the DBE status will be updated and the firm will again be listed as an active DBE.

New DBE, ACDBE and interstate applications will now be accepted. New applications will be submitted online at utrac.azdot.gov, and the application will guide firms through the process of identifying the correct certifying agency based on the firm's primary location.

Note: All reevaluated firms will have their eligibility restored as of October 3, 2025 when the Interim Final Rule was issued with no gap in their certification status.

Firms that have already submitted their reevaluation applications to their certifying agency have either received or will soon receive a decision letter. Please log in to your certification record to view your most recent status update. **No further action is required at this time.**

Firms that have not yet submitted a reevaluation application **can submit a new application and can contact the appropriate certifying agency to request assistance.**



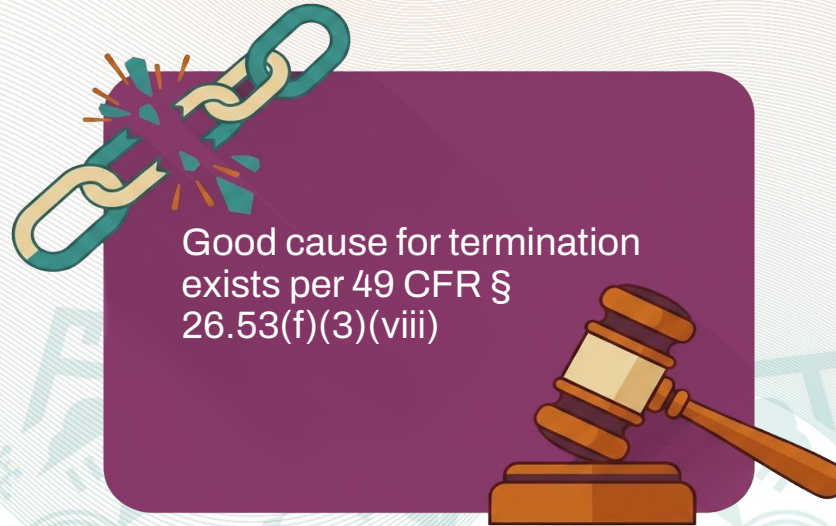
What This Means

DBE Reevaluation & AZUTRACS Status

- Missed June 30, 2026 Deadline:**
 - Delisted from AZUTRACS and ineligible for the DBE program.
 - Retains **Small Business Concern** status if self-registered.
- Active List Eligibility:** Only reevaluated, approved firms appear in AZUTRACS after July 1, 2026.
- Late Submissions:** Reapplication is allowed; active DBE status is restored upon approval.

What About Delisted DBEs?

Potential impacts to DBEs
who do not complete reevaluation process or withdraw*:



Good cause for termination
exists per 49 CFR §
26.53(f)(3)(viii)

*In accordance with updated USDOT IFR and FAQ released December 1, 2025

Submitted Questions



Is tracking DBE utilization still required?



Is there a backlog of new DBE applicants?

Submitted Questions



Are we still forgoing the need for affidavits to be submitted?

FHWA Clarification

Program Status: Not reinstated — updated Program Plan and overall goal methodology are still pending submission/approval.

Current Contracts: Cannot count DBE participation or apply contract goals retroactively to active contracts.

Path Forward: Goal setting and participation counting will resume at the next letting *only after* the updated Program Plan is approved and methodology is submitted.

Submitted Questions



Are COPs still required to be
submittal for the final closeout?

ADOT IFR Reevaluation Communications

DBE Interim Final Rule (IFR) information

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Notices from ADOT regarding USDOT DBE Interim Final Rule (IFR):

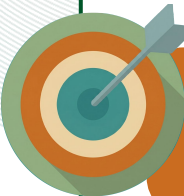
- 1 [IFR Implementation BECO Communication](#) - Oct. 16, 2025
- 2 [Follow up Guidance BECO Communication](#) - Nov. 21, 2025
- 3 [AZUCP Reevaluation Application Guidelines for DBE/ACDBE's in Arizona](#) - updated December 2025
- 4 [Notice to All DBE/ACDBE Firms](#) - Jan. 6, 2026
- 5 [AZUCP Reevaluation Application Guidelines for DBE/ACDBE's in Arizona \(Updated Feb. 2026\)](#) - Feb. 17, 2026

Please reach out if you have any questions via the [Questions Related to the Interim Final Rule \(IFR\)](#) google form.

DBE Interim Final Rule (IFR)

Steps ADOT is taking to conform to the Direction of the IFR

ADOT Will Not:



Set any DBE contract goals on ADOT or Subrecipient contracts



Count any participation towards its overall DBE goal **until the AZ UCP completes the reevaluation process.**

ADOT Will:



Advertise, award, & administer all Federally-assisted contracts without DBE goals **until the AZ UCP completes the reevaluation process.**



Continue providing guidance and support to internal and external stakeholders.

DBE Interim Final Rulemaking (FR)

Until further guidance is received from USDOT, these are the steps ADOT are taking to conform to the direction of the IFR.



Contracts executed prior to October 3, 2025:

Continue to monitor for compliance the existing goals and contract language*



Contracts awarded prior to October 3, 2025 and not executed:

Continue with the execution of the awarded contract, and monitor for compliance with the existing goals and contract language*



Contracts open prior to October 3, 2025 and not awarded:

Continue with the award and execution of the contract to avoid construction delays and will seek guidance from FHWA regarding monitoring for compliance.

***Unless further guidance is issued by FHWA.**

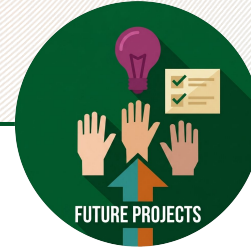
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**Contracts advertised prior to
October 3, 2025 and not
open:**

Issue an addendum or revision
to remove the DBE goals and
include Interim DBE without
goal contract language



**Future projects
not
advertised:**

Include Interim
DBE without goal
contract language

Commitment to Federal Requirements



Safeguard
compliance
Federal
Regulations



Educate on,
assist with
and monitor
compliance



Prompt
Payment and
Payment
Reporting



Other
Federal
Compliance
Requirements



Resources,
training
and
support

The Tech Team Supports:

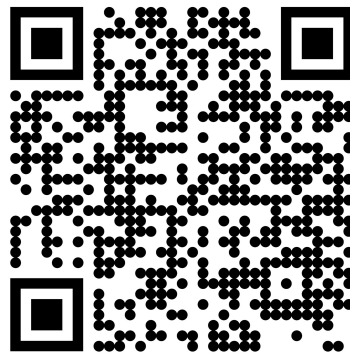


**SBWD
Website**



BECOTechnologyGroup@azdot.gov

Need AZUTRACS Support?



AZUTRACS Support:
AZUTRACS-Support@azdot.gov

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The **S**mall **B**usiness and **W**orkforce **D**evelopment office is excited to connect with you! Please fill out the form with your contact information and select the program you're interested in. A team member will reach out within two business days!

Email *

Valid email

This form is collecting emails. [Change settings](#)

First & Last Name *

Short answer text

Company Name

Short answer text

Phone Number *

Short answer text

Please select the department that can best assist you: *

SBWD CONNECTS



Request for Assistance

If you require assistance with using the LPA DBE System, please use the following contact information to request help:

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