## **Special Notice to Bidders**

Based on guidance from the US Department of Transportation's General Counsel, effective January 10, 2006 the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities implemented a Race Neutral Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program by setting 0% project goals on all highway, mass transit and airport projects. All forms and reports required under the existing DBE program will continue to be required under these 0% goal contracts.

Specifically, contractors must continue to report creditable DBE participation/payments on the Monthly Summary of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation Form 25A-336. This will allow the Department to continue to accurately report DBE participation to the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration and Federal Aviation Administration.

Contractors must also continue to provide opportunities for DBE firms to participate on highway, mass transit and airport projects as appropriate. A 0% DBE participation goal does not relieve the contractor of the requirement to provide equal opportunity in subcontracting, supplies or other services offered by DBE firms.

Any questions about this notice may directed to Jon Dunham, Manager of the Civil Rights Office, (907) 269-0850, or email <a href="mailto:jon\_dunham@dot.state.ak.us">jon\_dunham@dot.state.ak.us</a>

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