



MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
BUSINESSCENTER
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
WASHINGTON BUSINESS CENTER

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History of MBDA

Minority Business Development Agency

- MBDA made permanent in 2021 thru President Biden's Infrastructure Bill, MBE Act
- Current leadership:
Undersecretary Don R. Cravins Jr.



National Network of 58 Business Centers and grant programs across 36 states and territories

42 Business Centers
16 Specialty Centers

New Centers 2023

Arkansas

Indiana

Oregon

South Carolina

Utah

Wisconsin

Washington MBDA Business Center

Technical Assistance and Strategic Business Consulting Services:

- **Access to Capital**
 - Identify and broker financing opportunities
 - Preparation of Financial documents
- **Access to Contracts**
 - Certification support: pre submittal and free notary service
 - Identification of procurement opportunities
 - Opportunity reports: Construction and A&E, Government Contracting
 - Training for Government Contracting: Govology
 - Match-making, Advisory, and Advocacy
- **Access to Markets**
 - Market research, feasibility studies, and promotion
 - International market analysis and trade assistance

WSDOT Sponsored Programs



WSDOT Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Support

DBE Support Services is a federally-funded program designed to help certified DBE firms wishing to work on WSDOT highway projects.



WSDOT and Sound Transit Capacity Building Mentorship Program

The Capacity Building Mentorship Program pairs successful prime contractor and consultants with diverse businesses wanting to do business with Washington state in an effort to increase their capacity and participation on WSDOT projects.