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Optional List of Resources for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and Airport Concession Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE)

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On October 3, 2025, the USDOT issued an [Interim Final Rule \(IFR\)](#) which removed race- and sex-based presumptions from the DBE and ACDBE programs. As a result, new applicants and current DBEs must write a Personal Narrative (PN) and Personal Net Worth (PNW) statement to individually demonstrate social and economic disadvantage without regard to race or sex.

Below is a list of organizations identified by the NJUCP and NYUCP as resources to support your firm during the DBE reevaluation process. They can provide tools and guidance to help you prepare the required PN. They may also offer additional support in other parts of the DBE certification process, if needed.

1. New Jersey Small Business Development Center (NJSBDC)

Contact Person: Sheila Harris-Adams, Regional Director

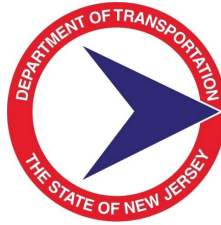
Phone: (973) 353-1927

Email: sbdc@njcu.edu

Request Form: [eRFC \(electronic Request for Counseling\) form](#)

Website: [About - NJSBDC](#)

All firms must complete an [eRFC \(electronic Request for Counseling\) form](#) before receiving any consulting services. Once registered, they may request a virtual appointment or to be connected with their local Regional Center for in-person support. 21 NJSBDC regional centers are available throughout NJ.



2. Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) Manhattan Center

Contact Person: Roxanne Neilson, Managing Director

Phone: (718) 766-8156 & (718) 624-9115

Email: mbda@bocnet.org

Website: <https://www.mbda.gov>

3. New York Small Business Development Centers (NYSBDC)

To find your local business center, visit the following website:

[Regional Centers | New York Small Business Development Centers](#)

20 NYSBDC regional centers are available throughout NY.

4. La Guardia Airport Apex Accelerator

Phone: (718) 482-5306

Email: APEX@lagcc.cuny.edu

Website: [LaGuardia APEX Accelerator - LaGuardia Community College](#)

Services Queens and NYC.

5. The Enterprise Center

Contact Person: Victoria Hosendorf, Executive Vice President

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Website: [Homepage | The Enterprise Center](#)

6. Regional Alliance for Small Contractors

Contact Person: Zenaida Rodriguez, MPPA, Executive Director

Phone: (212) 268-2991 or (212) 268-7446

Email: zrodriguez@regional-alliance.org

Website: www.regional-alliance.org