

APPENDIX B: TITLE 40 PART 33 SUBPART C – GOOD FAITH EFFORTS

§ 33.102 When do the requirements of this part apply?

The requirements of this part apply to procurement under EPA financial assistance agreements performed entirely within the United States, whether by a loan recipient or its prime contractor, for construction, equipment, services, and supplies.

§ 33.106 What assurances must EPA financial assistance recipients obtain from their contractors?

The recipient must ensure that each procurement contract it awards contains the term and condition specified in Appendix A to this part concerning compliance with the requirements of this part.

§ 33.206 Is there a list of certified MBEs and WBEs?

EPA OSDBU will maintain a list of certified MBEs and WBEs on EPA OSDBU's Home Page on the Internet. Any interested person may also obtain a copy of the list from EPA OSDBU. The Maryland Department of Transportation will also have a bidders list.

§ 33.301 What does this subpart require?

A recipient, including one exempted from applying the fair share objective requirements by § 33.411, is required to make the following good faith efforts whenever procuring construction, equipment, services and supplies under an EPA financial assistance agreement, even if it has achieved its fair share objectives under subpart D of this part:

- (a) Ensure DBEs are made aware of contracting opportunities fully practicable through outreach and recruitment activities. For Indian Tribal, State and Local Government recipients, this will include placing DBEs on solicitation lists and soliciting them whenever they are potential sources.
- (b) Make information on forthcoming opportunities available to DBEs, arrange periods for contracts, and establish delivery schedules, where the requirements permit, in a way that encourages and facilitates participation by DBEs in the competitive process. This includes, whenever possible, posting solicitations for bids or proposals for a minimum of 30 calendar days before the bid or proposal closing date.
- (c) Consider in the contracting process whether firms competing for large contracts could subcontract with DBEs. For Indian Tribal, State and Local Government recipients, this will include dividing total requirements when economically feasible into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by DBEs in the competitive process.
- (d) Encourage contracting with a consortium of DBEs when a contract is too large for one of these firms to handle individually.
- (e) Use the services and assistance of the SBA and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.
- (f) If the prime contractor awards subcontracts, require the prime contractor to take the steps in paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section.

§ 33.302 Are there any additional contract administration requirements?

- (a) Loan recipient must require its prime contractor to pay its subcontractor for satisfactory performance no more than 30 days from the prime contractor's receipt of payment from the recipient.
- (b) Its prime contractor must notify loan recipient in writing prior to any termination of a DBE subcontractor for convenience by the prime contractor.

- (c) If a DBE subcontractor fails to complete work under the subcontract for any reason, the recipient must require the prime contractor to employ the six good faith efforts described in § 33.301 if soliciting a replacement subcontractor.
- (d) A recipient must require its prime contractor to employ the six good faith efforts described in § 33.301 even if the prime contractor has achieved its fair share objectives under subpart D of this part.
- (e) A recipient must require its prime contractor to provide EPA Form 6100-2 – *DBE Program Subcontractor Participation Form* to all of its DBE subcontractors. EPA Form 6100-2 gives a DBE subcontractor the opportunity to describe the work the DBE subcontractor received from the prime contractor, how much the DBE subcontractor was paid and any other concerns the DBE subcontractor might have; for example, reasons why the DBE subcontractor believes it was terminated by the prime contractor. DBE subcontractors may send completed copies of EPA Form 6100-2 directly to the appropriate EPA DBE Coordinator.
- (f) A recipient must require its prime contractor to have its DBE subcontractors complete EPA Form 6100-3 – *DBE Program Subcontractor Performance Form*. A recipient must then require its prime contractor to include all completed forms as part of the prime contractor’s bid or proposal package.
- (g) A recipient must require its prime contractor to complete and submit EPA Form 6100-4 – *DBE Program Subcontractor Utilization Form* as part of the prime contractor’s bid or proposal package.
- (h) Copies of EPA Form 6100-2 – *DBE Program Subcontractor Participation Form*, EPA Form 6100-3 – *DBE Program Subcontractor Performance Form* and EPA Form 6100-4 – *DBE Program Subcontractor Utilization Form* may be obtained from EPA OSDBU’s Home Page on the Internet or directly from EPA OSDBU.
- (i) A recipient must ensure that each procurement contract is awards contains the terms and conditions specified in Appendix A concerning compliance with the requirements of this part. A recipient must also ensure that this term and condition is included in each procurement contract awarded by an entity receiving an identified loan under a financial assistance agreement to capitalize a revolving loan fund.

§ 33.410 Can a recipient be penalized for failing to meet its fair share objectives?

A recipient cannot be penalized, or treated by EPA as being in noncompliance with this subpart, solely because its MBE or WBE participation does not meet its applicable fair share objective. However, EPA may take remedial action under § 33.105 for a recipient’s failure to comply with other provisions of this part, including, but not limited to, the good faith efforts requirements described in subpart C of this part.