

Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA)

Request for Proposals

Regional Metroparks Trails Connectivity Study

Vendor Questions as of September 19, 2023

- 1. Is it required that the DBE Goal of 12% is met with firms specifically certified through the Ohio DOT program. That was the link provided in the RFP document. If a firm is DBE certified with the City of Cleveland, for example, but not with the DOT, does that still fill the requirement?***

As a recipient of funding from the US Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Authority, NOACA's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program requires that businesses must be certified as DBEs under the State of Ohio Unified Certification Program in order fulfill NOACA DBE program requirements. As such, vendors that are certified in accordance with other state or local processes must seek certification through the Ohio UCP. According to the [Ohio DOT website](#), at the present time the only entities within Ohio that perform DBE certification functions that comply with federal standards are the State Department of Transportation, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, and the City of Dayton International Airport.