

(Attachment A)**County of El Dorado****Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program****Race Neutral Measures**

County of El Dorado plans to implement the following Race Neutral measures for the upcoming Federal Fiscal Year 2021-2022:

1. Arrange solicitations, times for the presentation of bids, quantities, specifications, and delivery schedules in ways that facilitate DBE, and other small businesses, participation (e.g., unbundling large contracts to make them more accessible to small businesses, requiring or encouraging prime contractors to subcontract portions of work that they might otherwise perform with their own forces);
2. Through the Good Faith Effort requirements included in the County's contracts, provide assistance in overcoming limitations such as inability to obtain bonding or financing (e.g., by such means as simplifying the bonding process, reducing bonding requirements, eliminating the impact of surety costs from bids, and providing services to help DBEs, and other small businesses, obtain bonding and financing);
3. Ensure compliance with prompt payment specifications by requiring prime contractors to include in their subcontracts language providing that prime contractors and subcontractors will use appropriate alternative dispute resolution mechanisms to resolve payment disputes, and by enforcing the provisions of Section 7108.5 of the Business and Professions Code and Section 10262 of the California Public Contract Code;
4. Track all DBE participation on federally-assisted contracts, including monitoring the Commercially Useful Function of DBEs;
5. Host construction pre-bid meetings, encourage all businesses to attend, and facilitate networking among potential bidders; and
6. Maintain County website describing projects advertised for bids.