



### **Emerging Small Business Set Aside Guidance**

**Two (2) contracts at the \$2 million tier will consider proposals exclusively from firms with an active Level 1 or Level 2 Emerging Small Business certification by the proposal submission deadline.**

Firms with an SBE (Level 3) ESB Certification will not be eligible for this restriction, however SBE Level ESBs are eligible for full ESB-related point credit where appropriate during the proposal scoring process.

Please contact Connect2DOT for technical assistance and support.

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These contracts will be evaluated for DBE goals and are subject to all other requirements related to CDOT's Engineering Contracts Unit.

Should there be less than three qualified proposers for the restricted contract, CDOT will first add in SBE Level firms and if there are still fewer than three, CDOT will then lift the ESB restriction and award to the most qualified non-ESBs.