



Louisville Bridge Complete. What's Next for DBE Programs?

Now that Louisville Bridge project is complete, many other projects are involving DBE businesses.

The purpose of the Louisville-Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project is to increase cross-river mobility by improving safety, alleviating traffic congestion and connecting highways. The project will stimulate the economy of the entire Louisville-Southern Indiana region. According to the Federal Highway Administration's Record of Decision, to meet these needs two crossings are necessary – one in the downtown area and one eight miles upstream in the metro area's growing East End.

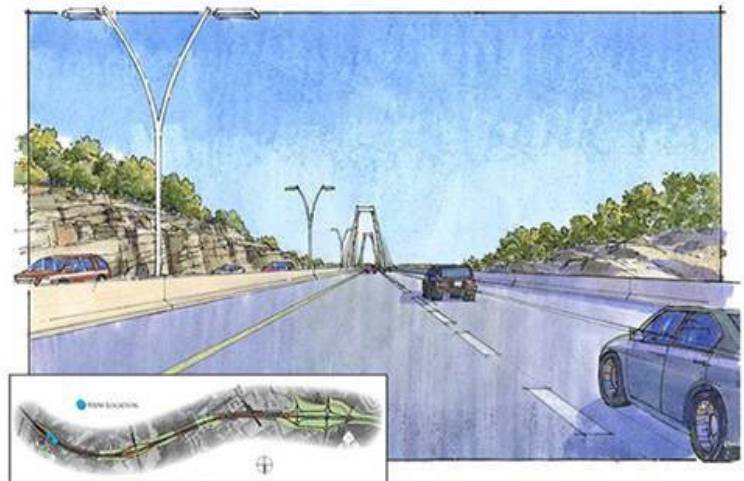
The East End Crossing project, currently under construction by WVB East End Partners, will connect the east end of Louisville, near Prospect, to southern Indiana, near Utica. The Kentucky approach to the new bridge will extend I-265 (the Gene Snyder Freeway, also known as KY 841) from its current termination at U.S. 42 to the bridge, adding a new, four-lane (two northbound, two southbound) 1.4-mile section. The Indiana approach also will be a four-lane section, and will extend SR 265 (the Lee Hamilton Highway) four miles - from its current termination at SR 62 to the bridge.

The East End Crossing will provide several very specific benefits to the Louisville and Southern Indiana area, including convenient access for area residents commuting between eastern Jefferson County and southern Indiana. And for travelers passing through the Louisville area from the north or south, the East End Crossing is an alternate (and very accessible) route that bypasses the urban traffic of downtown Louisville.

The new section of the Gene Snyder in Kentucky includes:

- A tunnel extending 1,700 feet under U.S. 42 and the historic Drumanard Estate.
- A redesigned partial interchange at U.S. 42 that retains the current access allowing northbound Gene Snyder traffic to exit onto U.S. 42.
- A new traffic signal at the end of the ramp from northbound Gene Snyder at U.S. 42, synchronized with the signal at the adjacent intersection of U.S. 42 and Wolf Pen Branch Road.
- A multi-use pathway near the Ohio River

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About The KYTC

The goal of the KYTC DBE Program is to ensure a "level playing field" on which DBEs can compete fairly for US DOT-assisted contracts, improve the flexibility and efficiency of the DBE program and reduce burdens on small businesses.

KYTC provides support for its certified DBE firms through the DBE Supportive Services Program with the intent to improve economic growth and future of Kentucky DBE firms by utilizing the following tactics:

- Expanding business knowledge
- Increasing project quality
- Enhancing abilities
- Creating marketability of Kentucky DBEs

About The DBE Program

The Construction Estimating Institute (CEI) works with Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) as the statewide provider of the federally funded Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Supportive Services Program.

We want to increase the number of certified DBEs participating in highway and bridge construction, as well as assist DBEs in growing and eventually becoming self-sufficient.

Additionally, CEI provides supportive services by assisting prime contractors and consultants with identifying DBEs for subcontracting opportunities on priority projects.

KYTC Seeks Public Input to Increase DBE Involvement on Highway Projects

The KYTC Office for Civil Rights and Small Business Development, which oversees the cabinet's DBE program, is preparing an annual, overall DBE participation goal for the federal fiscal year 2017, which begins Oct. 1. Under U.S. Department of Transportation rules, the new goal would be in effect for three years.

"The public forums offer DBEs, industry leaders and Cabinet officials a venue to collaborate on issues and concerns involving highway projects and proposed Cabinet goals," said KYTC Secretary

Greg Thomas. "The Cabinet wants to ensure that disadvantaged businesses are represented fairly in the project award process."

The 2017 goals and methodology will be available online at <http://transportation.ky.gov/Civil-Rights-and-Small-Business-Development>.

The Office for Civil Rights and Small Business Development will host forums during June in each of the cabinet's 12 highway districts to explain the proposed goals and how they were established.

The Office for Civil Rights and Small Business Development is committed to ensuring equal employment opportunity, a diverse workforce and the promotion of equitable business opportunities throughout Kentucky.

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SUCCESS STORY

Health Connection LLC

Sarah Haydon, owner and president of Health Connection, LLC says: "Like many new business owners, I had a "dream" of what I thought I wanted but I lacked direction and knowledge on how to develop, create, and make my dream happen. I first turned to KPAP."

"They helped with the initial process and were a continued resource for me, and although my business grew, I was not able to make the steps necessary for large and expanded growth. I attended a meeting that was offered by CEI and spoke with Tom Quinn, one of the speakers/presenters/instructors of the class; with his support and positive "can do" attitude, I was able to make monumental, game-changing steps and strides forward for the growth of my business."

"Having the ability to turn to one person and/or a team of people has given me the knowledge, strength, and courage to recognize the opportunities that are

available and how I can take advantage of those opportunities. At a recent meeting, I realized this diverse group of business owners were coming to the table with our varied strengths and weaknesses, but looking to make our businesses grow and succeed."

"The DBE services offered by CEI help us recognize our strengths and how to capitalize on those and then help us address our weaknesses and hurdles so that they don't become unsurmountable obstacles. With that help, we become a stronger and successful business. As a business owner that type of leadership, direction, and help is a win-win support system for me and from a broader aspect a win-win program for the state of Kentucky. "Thank you for taking the time to read my email and for giving me the DBE resources that have positively impacted my business and my businesses success."

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Supportive Services Offered



- Estimating Training
- Building Capacity
- Mobilization Financing
- Bonding Assistance
- Marketing Plan Development
- Creating a Business Plan
- Building a Website
- Plan Reading



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