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Agency: Mississippi Department of Transportation

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Division: Office of Civil Rights

Rule Title: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Certification

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**The person to be contacted regarding the proposed rule is:** Facility and Records Management Director

**Name of person originating the proposed rule:** Carolyn Bell, Civil Rights Director

**Name of supervisor or person who approved the proposed rule:** Larry L. Brown, Executive Director

**Purpose:**

To establish a procedure to comply with 49CFR, Part 26 of the Federal Code of Regulations. These regulations maybe accessed online at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.html>

**Summary:**

The Mississippi Department of Transportation will certify eligible firms for participation in its Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program in accordance with 49 CFR, Part 26.

**The full text of the proposed rule is:**

**All cites herein refer to the most current version of the cited document.**

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A Disadvantaged Business Enterprise firm must meet the following basic criteria:

- The principal owner(s) of the firm must be socially and economically disadvantaged.
- The firm must be in business for profit.
- The firm must be a small business as outlined by the Small Business Administration. Small business size standards can be found on the Small Business Administration's website at [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov).

Applications for certification maybe obtained via the internet at MDOT's website, [www.gomdot.com](http://www.gomdot.com) or by contacting MDOT's Office of Civil Rights, P.O. Box 1850, Jackson, MS 39215-1850 or any Unified Certification Partner falling under the purview of the Federal Aviation Association, Federal Transit Association, or local municipality.