

# Understanding the New IFR and NMDOT Certification Processes

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# Agenda

- Background on the IFR
- Key Changes in the IFR
- DBE Certification: Old Process vs. New Process
- New Certification Process and Guiding Documents
- Application Portal (B2GNow)
- Guidance for Contractors (DBE Supportive Services)
- **20–30 minutes Q&A** at the end – please jot down questions during the presentation.

# Background on the IFR

- What is the Interim Final Rule (IFR)?
  - The IFR is a regulation that takes effect immediately, updating DBE certification standards while still allowing public comment.
- The IFR was issued for compliance, equity, transparency.
- This IFR directly affects contractors working with NMDOT.

# Key Changes in the IFR

- Significant new requirements.
  - Removal of race- and gender-based presumptions
  - Mandatory submission of standardized documentation
    - Personal Net Worth ([PNW](#))
    - Personal Narrative
  - Updated subcontract and compliance obligations
- Immediate actions contractors should be aware of?
  - Use **new USDOT Personal Net Worth (PNW) form**
  - DBE must submit a **personal narrative**
  - Prime contractors must now include **updated nondiscrimination and reporting clauses** in every subcontract

# Old Process vs. New Process

## Old Process

Race and gender presumed automatically

Full application with extensive paperwork

PNW form varied by agency

No personal narrative required

Subcontracts not consistently updated

Longer, less predictable review timelines

## New Process (IFR)

No automatic presumptions — each applicant must prove disadvantage individually

Reevaluation of existing certifications with streamlined documentation

Mandatory use of the official USDOT Personal Net Worth (PNW) form

Typed personal narrative required from each disadvantaged owner

Subcontracts must include updated nondiscrimination and reporting clauses

Clearer guidance and faster turnaround through the B2GNow portal

# NMDOT's New Certification Processes

- NMDOT's new certification procedures; Personal Narrative Checklist and Questionnaire.
- How will contractors apply or renew certifications?
- Oversight measures and compliance expectations.

# B2GNow Application Portal

- B2Gnow will add a new DBE certification action labeled “25 Reeval”.
- Upload personal narrative, PNW statement, tax returns, subcontract details.
- B2Gnow will ask standard questions for the re-evaluation application to help NMDOT's review of the Personal Narrative Statement and PNW documentation review.
- B2GNow will provide notifications, timelines, and guidance directly from NMDOT.
- **Missing submissions in B2Gnow can lead to loss of DBE status!**

# Guidance for Contractors (recap)


(provided by DBE SS)

- Documentation & Submission
- Reevaluation Process
- Subcontract Compliance
- Immediate Actions

Stay tuned for Open Office Hours (via Zoom)

# Q&A

Submit questions via chat 

or raise hands  

(25-30 minutes reserved for discussion)

# Thank You!

Stay proactive with the new IFR — document clearly, update contracts, and protect your DBE eligibility.

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