



Keeping The Good Faith, Construction Today, by Erik Ortmann

Erik Ortmann has written an article on DBE/MBE/WBE plans which was recently published in the NY/NJ Focus section of the March-April 2016 issue of *Construction Today*.

By now many contractors have encountered goals set for a designated percentage of disadvantaged, minority and/or woman business enterprises to participate on certain contracts. The rules pertaining to certified firm hiring typically apply to public contracts and depend on funding source. For example, federally funded contracts apply federal rules/laws and call for the use of disadvantaged business enterprises (DBE), while New York State-funded contracts apply state rules/laws and call for the use of minority business enterprises (MBE) and/or woman business enterprises (WBE).