

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT**  
**CITY OF HATTIESBURG**  
**DEPARTMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT**  
**NEW PROGRAM PLAN FOR**  
**DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (DBE)**

The City of Hattiesburg, in accordance with 49 CFR PART 26.45 (f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program. The Program Plan, which outlines both the policies and procedures for executing the DBE program, has been updated to reflect current federal guidance, the new DBE Triennial Participation Goal, and the new managing department for the program (the Department of Urban Development).

The City of Hattiesburg will accept comments on the Program Plan draft. The Program Plan is available for inspection and comments from the public for 30 days following the date of this notice from June 10, 2021 through July 12, 2021 during normal business hours at the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) office located at 200 Forrest St. Hattiesburg, MS 39401.

The Program Plan is also available for review and comment on the internet at <http://www.hattiesburgms.com/mpo/>. Individuals who do not have the use of a computer are encouraged to visit their local public library for access to the World Wide Web. If preferred, you may call the MPO at (601) 554-1008 to request a copy of the Program Plan.

Written comments about the new DBE Program Plan should be directed to:

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200 Forrest St.  
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To ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities that require aids or services to participate can contact the MPO office at (601) 554-1008; or email [mpo@hattiesburgms.com](mailto:mpo@hattiesburgms.com) to make arrangements.

Written comments should be directed to the MPO, at the above address or emailed to [mpo@hattiesburgms.com](mailto:mpo@hattiesburgms.com) and must be received by July 12, 2021.

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