

NEW YEAR, NEW CAP FOR PERSONAL NET WORTH IN MARYLAND'S MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM.

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HANOVER, MD (December 31, 2025) – The Department of Social and Economic Mobility (DoSEM), Office of Minority Business Enterprise (OMBE), today announced that the Personal Net Worth (PNW) cap for the Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Program will increase from **\$2,136,382 to \$2,192,035**, effective **January 1, 2026**.

As required by Maryland law, the MBE Program adjusts the PNW cap annually based on the Consumer Price Index. DoSEM, as the State's official certification agency, is responsible for calculating and implementing the annual adjustment. The PNW cap applies to disadvantaged owners whose ownership interest is relied upon for MBE certification and applies to all MBE certification decisions issued between January 1, 2026, and December 31, 2026. In addition to the PNW requirement, firms must meet eligibility standards for minority status, ownership, control, and size.

The federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program is not impacted by this adjustment. The DBE PNW cap remains **\$2,047,000**.

MDOT is committed to ensuring that small, minority- and women-owned businesses have full and fair access to procurement opportunities. The certification process ensures that eligible disadvantaged firms receive MBE designation in support of the State's minority business inclusion efforts.

For information about MBE and DBE certification, contact OMBE at **410-865-1269** or visit the Minority Disadvantaged Business Enterprise section at www.mdot.maryland.gov.

To download the PNW form for submission, [click here](#).