While gaining certification as an MBE or WBE can open doors of opportunity for work at St. Louis Lambert International Airport, it can also make connections for other projects away from the Airport.

Cory Elliott started CMT Roofing in 2012 after a successful career in healthcare and hospital operations. Now the company has expanded to include landscaping with green roofing projects such as the Ikea store in St. Louis. CMT is now performing interior demolition that includes abatement of hazardous materials such as asbestos.

CMT became certified as a woman and minority-owned business about two years into existence. Elliott founded the company with two other people who didn’t qualify for certification. She gained the certifications after she began solely operating the business. Elliott said the delay was actually helpful for her company.

“Everyone on the staff, they’ve been so helpful. Everybody. If they don’t know, they tell me and point me in the right direction. People should utilize that resource more because they are a wealth of knowledge,” Elliott said.

Elliott said she sees maintaining her WBE and MBE certification crucial for her business to continue to grow.