



# AVAILABLE CERTIFICATIONS 2023



CERTIFYING ENTITY	CERTIFICATION NAME	COST	CRITERIA	PERIOD	ACCEPTED COMPARABLE AGENCY CERTIFICATION	BENEFITS
The Supplier Clearinghouse under the supervision of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)	<p>Women Business Enterprise (WBE) Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Business Enterprise (LGBTBE)</p> <p>.....</p> <p><a href="http://www.thesupplierclearinghouse.com">www.thesupplierclearinghouse.com</a> Tel: (800) 359-7998 Email: <a href="mailto:info@thesupplierclearinghouse.com">info@thesupplierclearinghouse.com</a></p>	Free	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>51% woman, minority, or LGBT owned business whose management and daily operations are controlled by one or more of those individuals</li> </ul>	Three years or up to the expiration date of comparable agencies certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC), Women, Æs Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC), National Gay &amp; Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC), and The United States Small Business Administration (SBA)</li> <li>Accepted by over 30 CPUC-regulated utility companies; and some non-regulated entities such as community choice aggregators, energy service providers, and solar companies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Official recognition of diverse business status</li> <li>Promotion and visibility</li> <li>Information on business opportunities</li> <li>Faster contracting process</li> </ul>
Department of General Services (DGS)	<p>Small Business (SB) Disabled Veteran (DV) Business Enterprise (DVBE)</p> <p>.....</p> <p><a href="http://www.caleprocure.ca.gov">www.caleprocure.ca.gov</a> Tel: (916) 375-4940 Email: <a href="mailto:OSDSHelp@dgs.ca.gov">OSDSHelp@dgs.ca.gov</a></p>	Free	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SB: independently owned; not dominant in the field of operation; principal office located in California; owners domiciled in California; and a business with 100 or fewer employees with an average annual gross receipts of \$15 million or less over the last three tax years or a manufacturer with 100 or fewer employees</li> <li>Microbusiness (MB) is a small business with \$5 million or less gross annual receipt or a manufacturer with 25 or fewer employees</li> <li>SB for the purpose of Public Works (SB-PW) is a business with \$36 million or less in gross annual receipts and with 200 or fewer employees</li> <li>DVBE: 51% DV owned and daily business operations managed and controlled by DVs</li> </ul>	<p>SB: Two years MB: Two years SB-PW: Two years DVBE: Two years</p>	<p>List of reciprocity partners: <a href="http://www.dgs.ca.gov/PD/Resources/Page-Content/Procurement-Division-Resources-List-Folder/List-of-SBDVBE-Reciprocity-Partners#%2FViewBag.JumpTo">www.dgs.ca.gov/PD/Resources/Page-Content/Procurement-Division-Resources-List-Folder/List-of-SBDVBE-Reciprocity-Partners#%2FViewBag.JumpTo</a></p>	<p>SB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>25% SB participation goal in state procurement and contracting</li> <li>5% bid preference</li> <li>prompt payment</li> <li>California Multiple Award Schedules (CMAS) fees waiver</li> <li>5% bid preference for non-small business subcontracting with SBs</li> </ul> <p>DVBE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statutory 3% DVBE participation goal in state procurement and contracting</li> <li>up to 5% bid incentive</li> </ul> <p>SB/DVBE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eligible for SB/DVBE Option</li> <li>entered into the DGS database which state agencies use to find SB/DVBEs</li> </ul>

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California Unified Certification Program (CUCP) on behalf of the U.S. Department of Transportatio (DOT)	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) <a href="https://caltrans.dbesystem.com">https://caltrans.dbesystem.com</a>	Free	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A business with less than \$26.3 million average annual gross receipts over the previous three fiscal years</li> <li>51% owned by socially and economically disadvantaged (SED) individuals</li> <li>One or more of the SED owners must control the business management and daily operations</li> <li>The SED individuals must be U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents</li> </ul>	Yearly submission of "No Change Affidavit and Declaration" required to maintain DBE status	Public agencies that receive DOT funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eligible to participate in the DBE program</li> <li>Entered into the CUCP database that provides exposure to public agencies and large prime contactors</li> </ul>
U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)	8(a) Business Development Program <a href="http://www.sba.gov/category/navigation-structure/8a-business-development-program">www.sba.gov/category/navigation-structure/8a-business-development-program</a> Tel: (800) 877-8339 or contact your local SBA office <a href="https://www.sba.gov/about-sba/sba-locations/sba-district-offices">https://www.sba.gov/about-sba/sba-locations/sba-district-offices</a>	Free	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A small business 51% or more owned and controlled by SED U.S. citizens</li> </ul>	Annually certify eligibility to maintain certification	Federal government agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5% participation goal in federal contracts</li> <li>Provides business assistance</li> <li>Participants can compete for the Program's set-aside and sole-source contracts</li> </ul>
U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)	Historically Underutilized Business Zones (HUBZone) Program <a href="http://www.sba.gov/federal-contracting/contracting-assistance-programs/hubzone-program">www.sba.gov/federal-contracting/contracting-assistance-programs/hubzone-program</a> Tel: (800) 877-8339 Email: <a href="mailto:hubzone@sba.gov">hubzone@sba.gov</a>	Free	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A small business whose principal office is located in a HUBZone</li> <li>51% owned and controlled by U.S. citizens, or a Community Development Corporation, an agricultural cooperative, an Alaska Native corporation, a Native Hawaiian organization, or an Indian tribe</li> <li>At least 35% of the employees reside in a HUBZone</li> </ul>	Recertify every year	Federal government agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eligible to compete for the Program's set-aside contracts</li> <li>3% participation goal in federal contracts</li> <li>10% price evaluation preference in full and open contract competitions</li> </ul>
U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)	Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Program <a href="https://www.sba.gov/federal-contracting/contracting-assistance-programs/women-owned-small-business-federal-contracting-program">https://www.sba.gov/federal-contracting/contracting-assistance-programs/women-owned-small-business-federal-contracting-program</a> Tel: 202-205-6460 Email: <a href="mailto:wosb@sba.gov">wosb@sba.gov</a>	Free	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A small business 51% owned and controlled by one or more women</li> <li>Primarily managed by one or more women</li> <li>The women must be United States citizens</li> </ul>	Submit annual attestation of eligibility	El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, National Women Business Owners Corporation, U.S. Women, and Chamber of Commerce, and Women's Business Enterprise National Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5% participation goal in federal contracts</li> <li>Eligible to bid on contracts set-aside for WOSB Program</li> </ul>
U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)	Service-Disabled Veteran (SDV) Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) Program <a href="https://www.sba.gov/federal-contracting/contracting-assistance-programs/veteran-assistance-programs">https://www.sba.gov/federal-contracting/contracting-assistance-programs/veteran-assistance-programs</a> Tel: 202-205-6773	Free	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A small business 51% owned by one or more SDVs</li> <li>One or more SDVs manage day-to-day operations and also make long-term decisions</li> <li>The SDV must have a service-connected disability</li> </ul>	Self certification		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3% participation goal in federal contracts</li> <li>Eligible to compete for the Program's set-aside contracts</li> </ul>



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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)	Veteran-Owned Small Business (VOSB) and SDVOSB Program  <a href="https://www.va.gov/OSDBU/verification/index.asp">https://www.va.gov/OSDBU/verification/index.asp</a> <a href="https://vetbiz.va.gov/">https://vetbiz.va.gov/</a> Tel: (866) 584-2344 Email: vip@va.gov	Free	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A veteran served on active duty</li> <li>A service-disabled veteran possessing a verified service-connected disability</li> <li>A small business 51% owned by one or more veterans or SDVs</li> <li>One or more veterans or SDVs manage the day-to-day operations and make long-term decisions</li> </ul>	Three years		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VOSBs and SDVOSBs can compete for VA's set aside contracts</li> </ul>
Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC)	Women's Business Enterprise (WBE)  <a href="http://www.wbenc.org">www.wbenc.org</a> Tel: (202) 872-5515 Email: support@wbenc.org Regional partner organizations <a href="https://www.wbenc.org/regional-partner-organizations/">https://www.wbenc.org/regional-partner-organizations/</a>	Fee is based on annual gross revenue as reported on federal taxes and is divided into five tiers between \$350 - \$1250	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>51% of business owned, controlled, operated and managed by one or more women who are U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents</li> <li>Principal place of business in the U.S. or its territories</li> </ul>	One year	List of regional partners: <a href="https://www.wbenc.org/regional-partner-organizations">https://www.wbenc.org/regional-partner-organizations</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accepted by hundreds of corporations and a number of federal, state, and local government agencies</li> <li>SBA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access to a current list of supplier diversity and procurement executives</li> <li>WBENC certifies for SBA</li> <li>Formal and informal networking opportunities to pursue business deals</li> <li>Access to mentoring, education, and capacity development opportunities</li> <li>Eligible for various recognitions and business promotions</li> <li>Eligibility to participate in WBENC social media profiles</li> </ul>
National Minority Supplier Development Council, Inc. (NMSDC)	Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)  <a href="http://www.nmsdc.org">www.nmsdc.org</a> Regional affiliates: <a href="https://nmsdc.org/our-network/">https://nmsdc.org/our-network/</a>	Depending on the region, between \$350 - \$1,200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>51% minority, All owned, managed and controlled</li> <li>A minority group member is an individual who is at least 25% Asian-Indian, Asian-Pacific, Black, Hispanic or Native American</li> <li>Minority group members are U.S. citizens</li> <li>Must be a for profit enterprise and physically located in the U. S. or its trust territories</li> </ul>	One year	Affiliate councils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nationally recognized MBE certification</li> <li>Exposure to business opportunities with Corporate Members and MBEs</li> <li>Listings in the NMSDC supplier database, accessible by Corporate Buyers nationwide</li> <li>Access to communications highlighting events and bidding opportunities</li> <li>Participation in technical training seminars hosted by leading corporations</li> <li>Second Tier and MBE-to-MBE Spend business opportunities</li> <li>Invitations to networking and corporate matchmaking and procurement events</li> <li>Regional and national advocacy for ethnic minority owned businesses</li> </ul>

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National LGBT Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC)	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgender Business Enterprise (LGBTBE) ..... <a href="http://www.nglcc.org">www.nglcc.org</a> Tel: (202) 234-9181 Email: <a href="mailto:supplierdiversity@nglcc.org">supplierdiversity@nglcc.org</a>	\$400 for certification \$200 for re-certification Fee is waived for applicants who submit proof of valid, current membership with their local affiliate chamber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>51% owned, operated, managed, and controlled by an LGBT person or persons who are either U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents</li> <li>Exercise independence from any non-LGBTBE</li> <li>Have its principle place of business in the U.S.</li> </ul>	Two years	List of regional partners: <a href="http://www.nglcc.org/corporate-partners">www.nglcc.org/corporate-partners</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accepted and generally required by many of the largest publicly, privately and foreign-owned companies, as well as universities, hospitals and other buying institutions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National recognition by America's top corporations as a certified LGBTBE</li> <li>Eligibility to exhibit at the annual NGLCC Business and Leadership Conference, as well as at regional events</li> <li>Automatic inclusion in the NGLCC's online searchable database of certified businesses, which is accessible by NGLCC Corporate Partners</li> <li>Eligibility to receive sourcing opportunities e-mails from the NGLCC and its Corporate Partners</li> <li>Eligibility to participate in mentorship programs, leadership trainings, and scholarship opportunities presented by NGLCC Corporate Partners</li> </ul>
Disability: IN	Disability-owned Business Enterprise (DOBE) Veteran Disability-Owned Business Enterprises (V-DOBE) Service-Disabled Veteran Disability-Owned Business Enterprises (SDV-DOBE) ..... <a href="https://disabilityin.org/what-we-do/supplier-diversity/get-certified/">https://disabilityin.org/what-we-do/supplier-diversity/get-certified/</a> Email: <a href="mailto:info@disabilityIN.org">info@disabilityIN.org</a>	Application processing fee: \$300	DOBE: A business that is at least 51% owned, managed and controlled by a person with a disability regardless of whether or not that business owner employs person(s) with a disability  V-DOBE: A business which is 51 percent owned, controlled, operated, and managed by a veteran, but disability was not incurred during their time of service  SDV-DOBE: A business which is 51 percent owned, controlled, operated, and managed by a veteran, who sustained their disability during their time of service	Two years but requires new signed affidavit at the end of each year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commonwealth of Pennsylvania</li> <li>Commonwealth of Massachusetts</li> <li>Hoboken, New Jersey</li> <li>Jersey City, New Jersey</li> <li>Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</li> <li>Billion Dollar Roundtable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nationally recognized certification</li> <li>Exclusive information and resources</li> <li>Networking and business matchmaking opportunities</li> <li>Policy advocacy</li> <li>Access to private sector corporations</li> </ul>