

CERTIFICATIONS IN CALIFORNIA

Certifying Entity	Certification Name	Cost	Certification Criteria	Period	Accepted Comparable Agency Certification and Certification Accepted By	Benefits
The Supplier Clearinghouse under the supervision of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)	Women Business Enterprise (WBE); Minority Business Enterprise (MBE); Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Business Enterprise (LGBTBE) www.thesupplierclearinghouse.com Tel: (800) 359-7998 Email: info@thesupplierclearinghouse.com	Free	51% woman, minority, or LGBT owned business whose management and daily operations are controlled by one or more of those individuals	Three years or up to the expiration date of comparable agencies certification	* National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC), Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC), National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC), Disability IN, and The United States Small Business Administration (SBA) * Accepted by over 30 CPUC-regulated utility companies; and some non-regulated entities such as community choice aggregators, energy service providers, and solar companies	* Official recognition of diverse business status * Promotion and visibility * Information on business opportunities * Faster contracting process
Department of General Services (DGS)	Small Business (SB); Disabled Veteran (DV) Business Enterprise (DVBE) www.caleprocure.ca.gov Tel: (916) 375-4940 Email: OSDSHelp@dgs.ca.gov	Free	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 * Microbusiness (MB) is a small business with \$5 million or less gross annual receipt or a manufacturer with 25 or fewer employees * 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 DVBE: 51% DV owned and daily business operations managed and controlled by DVs	SB: two years MB: two years SB-PW: two years DVBE: two years	List of reciprocity partners: www.dgs.ca.gov/PD/Resources/Page-Content/Procurement-Division-Resources-List-Folder/List-of-SBDVBE-Reciprocity-Partners#@ViewBag.JumpTo	SB: 25% SB participation goal in state procurement and contracting; 5% bid preference; prompt payment; California Multiple Award Schedules (CMAS) fees waiver; 5% bid preference for non-small business subcontracting with SBs DVBE: statutory 3% DVBE participation goal in state procurement and contracting; up to 5% bid incentive SB/DVBE: eligible for SB/DVBE Option; entered into the DGS database which state agencies use to find SB/DVBEs

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California Unified Certification Program (CUCP) on behalf of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) https://dot.ca.gov/programs/civil-rights/dbe https://californiaucp.dbesystem.com/	Free	* A business with less than \$26.3 million average annual gross receipts over the previous three fiscal years * 51% owned by socially and economically disadvantaged (SED) individuals * One or more of the SED owners must control the business management and daily operations * The SED individuals must be U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents	Yearly submission of "No Change Affidavit and Declaration" required to maintain DBE status	Public agencies that receive DOT funds	* Eligible to participate in the DBE program * Entered into the CUCP database that provides exposure to public agencies and large prime contractors
U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)	8(a) Business Development Program www.sba.gov/category/navigation-structure/8a-business-development-program Tel: (800) 877-8339 or contact your local SBA office: https://www.sba.gov/about-sba/sba-locations/sba-district-offices	Free	A small business 51% or more owned and controlled by SED U.S. citizens	Annually certify eligibility to maintain certification	Federal government agencies	* 5% participation goal in federal contracts * Provides business assistance * Participants can compete for the Program's set-aside and sole-source contracts

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SBA	Historically Underutilized Business Zones (HUBZone) Program www.sba.gov/federal-contracting/contracting-assistance-programs/hubzone-program Tel: (800) 877-8339 Email: hubzone@sba.gov	Free	* A small business whose principal office is located in a HUBZone * 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 * At least 35% of the employees reside in a HUBZone	Recertify every year	Federal government agencies	* Eligible to compete for the Program's set-aside contracts * 3 % participation goal in federal contracts *10% price evaluation preference in full and open contract competitions
SBA	Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Program https://www.sba.gov/federal-contracting/contracting-assistance-programs/women-owned-small-business-federal-contracting-program Tel: 202-205-6460 Email: wosb@sba.gov	Free	* A small business 51% owned and controlled by one or more women * Primarily managed by one or more women * The women must be United States citizens	Submit annual attestation of eligibility	El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, National Women Business Owners Corporation, U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce, and Women's Business Enterprise National Council	* 5% participation goal in federal contracts * Eligible to bid on contracts set-aside for WOSB Program
SBA	Service-Disabled Veteran (SDV) Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) Program https://www.sba.gov/federal-contracting/contracting-assistance-programs/veteran-assistance-programs Tel: 202-205-6773	Free	* A small business 51% owned by one or more SDVs * One or more SDVs manage day-to-day operations and also make long-term decisions * The SDV must have a service-connected disability	Self certification		*3% participation goal in federal contracts * Eligible to compete for the Program's set-aside contracts

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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)	Veteran-Owned Small Business (VOSB) and SDVOSB Program https://www.va.gov/OSDBU/verification/index.asp https://vetbiz.va.gov/ Tel: (866) 584-2344 Email: vip@va.gov	Free	* A veteran served on active duty * A service-disabled veteran possessing a verified service-connected disability * A small business 51% owned by one or more veterans or SDVs * One or more veterans or SDVs manage the day-to-day operations and make long-term decisions	Three years		VOSBs and SDVOSBs can compete for VA's set aside contracts
Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC)	Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) www.wbenc.org Tel: (202) 872-5515 Email: support@wbenc.org Regional partner organizations: https://www.wbenc.org/regional-partner-organizations/	Fee is based on annual gross revenue as reported on federal taxes and is divided into five tiers between \$350 - \$1250	* 51% of business owned, controlled, operated and managed by one or more women who are U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents * Principal place of business in the U.S. or its territories	One year	* List of regional partners: https://www.wbenc.org/regional-partner-organizations * Accepted by hundreds of corporations and a number of federal, state, and local government agencies * SBA	* Access to a current list of supplier diversity and procurement executives * WBENC certifies for SBA * Formal and informal networking opportunities to pursue business deals * Access to mentoring, education, and capacity development opportunities * Eligible for various recognitions and business promotions * Eligibility to participate in WBENC social media profiles

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National Minority Supplier Development Council, Inc. (NMSDC)	Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) www.nmsdc.org Contact information of regional affiliates: https://nmsdc.org/our-network/	Depending on the region between \$350-\$1,200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 51% minority-owned, managed and controlled * A minority group member is an individual who is at least 25% Asian-Indian, Asian-Pacific, Black, Hispanic or Native American * Minority group members are U.S. citizens * Must be a for profit enterprise and physically located in the U. S. or its trust territories 	One year	* Affiliate councils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Nationally recognized MBE certification * Exposure to business opportunities with Corporate Members and MBEs * Listings in the NMSDC supplier database, accessible by Corporate Buyers nationwide * Access to communications highlighting events and bidding opportunities * Participation in technical training seminars hosted by leading corporations * Second Tier and MBE-to-MBE Spend business opportunities * Invitations to networking and corporate matchmaking and procurement events * Regional and national advocacy for ethnic minority owned businesses

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National LGBT Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC)	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgender Business Enterprise (LGBTBE) www.nglcc.org Tel: (202) 234-9181 Email: supplierdiversity@nglcc.org	* \$400 for certification * \$200 for re-certification * Fee is waived for applicants who submit proof of valid, current membership with their local affiliate chamber	* 51% owned, operated, managed, and controlled by an LGBT person or persons who are either U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents * Exercise independence from any non-LGBTBE * Have its principle place of business in the U.S.	Three years	* List of regional partners: www.nglcc.org/corporate-partners * Accepted and generally required by many of the largest publicly, privately and foreign-owned companies, as well as universities, hospitals and other buying institutions	* National recognition by America's top corporations as a certified LGBTBE * Eligibility to exhibit at the annual NGLCC Business and Leadership Conference, as well as at regional events * Automatic inclusion in the NGLCC's online searchable database of certified businesses, which is accessible by NGLCC Corporate Partners * Eligibility to receive sourcing opportunities e-mails from the NGLCC and its Corporate Partners * Eligibility to participate in mentorship programs, leadership trainings, and scholarship opportunities presented by NGLCC Corporate Partners

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Disability:IN	Disability-owned Business Enterprise (DOBE); Veteran Disability-Owned Business Enterprises (V-DOBE); Service-Disabled Veteran Disability-Owned Business Enterprises (SDV-DOBE) https://disabilityin.org/what-we-do/supplier-diversity/get-certified/ Email: info@disabilityIN.org	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	* Commonwealth of Pennsylvania * Commonwealth of Massachusetts * Hoboken, New Jersey * Jersey City, New Jersey * Philadelphia, Pennsylvania * Billion Dollar Roundtable	* Nationally recognized certification * Exclusive information and resources * Networking and business matchmaking opportunities * Policy advocacy * Access to private sector corporations