



## DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DVBE) - OWNERSHIP BASED

### DESCRIPTION

Business owned by a veteran of the U.S. military, naval, or air service domiciled in California with a service connected disability of at least 10% or more.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Business must be at least 51% owned by one or more disabled veterans.
- Daily business operations must be managed and controlled by one more disabled veterans.

### APPLY FOR CERTIFICATION

- State of California, Department of General Services – <http://www.caleprocure.ca.gov/>; **or**
- US Dept. of Veterans Affairs Office of Small & Disadvantaged Business Utilization – [www.vip.vetbiz.va.gov](http://www.vip.vetbiz.va.gov)

### REQUEST VERIFICATION *AFTER* GETTING CERTIFIED

- Register your firm on [www.RAMPLA.org](http://www.RAMPLA.org) and request verification.



## DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) - OWNERSHIP BASED

### DESCRIPTION

Business owned and controlled by one or more individuals who fall into a socially and economically disadvantaged group including women, African American, Hispanic, Native American, Asian-Pacific American, or Subcontinent Asian American.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Business must be at least 51% owned and controlled by one more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals included in the above description.
- Any other individuals not included in the above description will be determined to be socially and economically disadvantaged on a case-by-case basis.

### APPLY FOR CERTIFICATION

- For businesses headquartered in the County of Los Angeles – [lacity.diversitysoftware.com](http://lacity.diversitysoftware.com)
- All others, apply at California Uniform Certification Program – [californiaucp.dbesystem.com](http://californiaucp.dbesystem.com)

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## EMERGING BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (EBE) - SIZED BASED

### DESCRIPTION

Business formed around a new product or idea that is in the early stages of development.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Business' three-year average gross receipts does not exceed \$3.5 million; **and**
- Certified by the State of California, Department of General Services (DGS) as a Small Business-Micro (SB-Micro); **or**
- Certified by the City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Contract Administration (BCA) as a Small Local Business (SLB)

### APPLY FOR CERTIFICATION

- SB-Micro by State of California, DGS – <http://www.caleprocure.ca.gov/>
- SLB by the City of Los Angeles, BCA – <https://www.rampla.org>

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## LOCAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (LBE) - LOCATION BASED

### DESCRIPTION

Businesses with operations in the County of Los Angeles.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must have a workspace within the County of Los Angeles.
- In compliance with all applicable laws relating to licensing and is not delinquent on any City or County of Los Angeles taxes.
- Can demonstrate:
  - At least 50 of its full-time employees perform work within the boundaries of the County of Los Angeles at least 60% of their total hours worked on an annual basis;
  - or**
  - At least half of its full-time employees work within the boundaries of the County of Los Angeles at a minimum of 60% of their total regular hours worked on an annual basis;
  - or**
  - Physically conducts and manages all of its operations from a location in the County of Los Angeles (i.e. business is headquartered in the County of Los Angeles).

### APPLY FOR CERTIFICATION

- Register your firm at [www.RAMPLA.org](http://www.RAMPLA.org) and upload a completed Affidavit of Eligibility.



## MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MBE) - OWNERSHIP BASED

### DESCRIPTION

Business owned and controlled by individuals belonging to a minority ethnic group.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Business must be at least 51% owned and controlled by US citizens or legal permanent residents who are members of the following groups: African American, Hispanic American, Native American, Asian-Pacific American, or Subcontinent Asian American.
- For profit and independent business.
- Owners must meet licensing requirements.

### APPLY FOR CERTIFICATION

- Firms with principal office in the County of Los Angeles – [bca.lacity.org/certification](http://bca.lacity.org/certification);
- or**
- California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) through The Supplier Clearinghouse – <http://www.thesupplierclearinghouse.com/>;
- or**
- Southern California Minority Supplier Development Council (SCMSDC) – <https://www.scmsdc.org/>;
- or**
- Verified Minority-owned DBE through CUCP – [californiaucp.dbesystem.com](http://californiaucp.dbesystem.com)

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## SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (SBE) - SIZE BASED

### DESCRIPTION

Business independently owned and operated with its principal office located in California. The business cannot be dominant in its field.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Business' three-year average gross receipts does not exceed \$3.0 million (for non-construction);  
**or**
- Business' three-year average gross receipts does not exceed \$15.0 million (for construction);  
**and**
- Certified by the State of California, Department of General Services (DGS) as a Small Business (SB);  
**or**
- Certified by the City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Contract Administration (BCA) as a Small Local Business (SLB)

### APPLY FOR CERTIFICATION

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- SLB by the City of Los Angeles, BCA – <https://www.rampla.org>

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## WOMEN OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (WBE) - OWNERSHIP BASED

### DESCRIPTION

Business owned and controlled by a woman or women.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Business must be at least 51% owned and controlled by United States citizens or permanent legal residents who are women.
- For profit and independent business.
- Owners must meet licensing requirements.

### APPLY FOR CERTIFICATION

- Firms with principal office in the County of Los Angeles – [bca.lacity.org/certification](http://bca.lacity.org/certification);  
**or**
- Women's Business Enterprise Council-West – [wbec-west.com](http://wbec-west.com)  
**Note: WBENC certification is NOT RECOGNIZED;**  
**or**
- California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) through The Supplier Clearinghouse – <http://www.thesupplierclearinghouse.com/>;  
**or**
- Verified Woman-owned DBE through CUCP – [californiaucp.dbesystem.com](http://californiaucp.dbesystem.com)

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