

CONTRACT PARTICIPATION PROGRAM CERTIFICATIONS

SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (SBE)

A small business concern is organized for profit; has a place of business in the United States; makes a significant contribution to the U.S. economy through payment of taxes or use of American products, materials or labor; is independently owned and operated; is not dominant in its field, on a national basis; and is no larger than SBA's small business size standard for its industry. A business can find the size standard for its industry in SBA's Table of Size Standards.

<http://www.sba.gov/contractingopportunities/officials/size/faq/index.html>

If a business concern is small it is eligible for Federal government programs reserved for small business concerns. Size standards have been established for types of economic activity, or industry, as defined under the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). The most size standards are defined based on either average number of employees over the past 12 months or average annual revenues over the past three years. The most common standards are as follows:

- \$0.75 million for most agricultural industries
- \$33.5 million for heavy construction industries
- \$14.0 million for specialty trade contractors
- 500 employees for most manufacturing and mining industries
- 100 employees for all wholesale trade industries
- \$7.0 million for most retail and service industries

MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MBE):

A minority-owned business is a for-profit enterprise, regardless of size, physically located in the United States or its trust territories, which is owned, operated and controlled by minority group members. "Minority group members" are United States citizens who are Asian, Black, Hispanic and Native American. Ownership by minority individuals means the business is at least 51% owned by such individuals or, in the case of a publicly owned business, at least 51% of the stock is owned by one or more such individuals. Further, the management and daily operations are controlled by those minority group members.

HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS (HUB):

A HUB is defined as a business that is formed for the purpose of making a profit and that is otherwise a legally recognized business organization under the laws of the State of Texas, in which at least 51 % of the assets and interest and at least 51 % of any classes of stock and equitable securities are owned by one or more persons who are United States citizens, born or naturalized, and are recognized by the State of Texas as having been socially disadvantaged because of their identification as members of certain groups. This is a State of Texas certification.

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS CONCERN IDBE):

A Disadvantaged Business Concern that has received certification as a disadvantaged business concern consistent with 13 CFR 124, Subpart B and is listed on the register of disadvantaged business concerns maintained by the SBA. These certifications are usually granted by transportation and aviation departments related to state and federal agencies. Individuals are recognized as economically or socially disadvantaged because of their identification as a members of certain groups.

WOMAN OWNED BUSINESS(WOB)

Business concerns that are at least 51 % owned by women who are U.S. citizens, who also control and operate the business. "Control" in this context means exercising the power to make policy decisions. "Operate" in this context means being actively involved in the day-to-day management. The business has received minority certification from a third party certifier such as the city, state, or a regional women's business council.

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