



Minority/Women/ Persons with Disabilities Business Enterprises and Small Business Enterprise

Requirements for Certification

To Obtain MBE Certification:

- ❖ Business must be at least 51% owned, managed and controlled by U.S. Citizen(s) or legal permanent resident(s) who are members of the following groups: Black, Spanish/Hispanic, Asian-Pacific American, and Native American

To Obtain WBE Certification:

- ❖ Business must be at least 51% owned, managed and controlled by U.S. citizen(s) or legal permanent resident(s) who are female.

To Obtain PDBE Certification:

- ❖ Business must be at least 51% owned and controlled by U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents with a presently existing, medically determined physical or mental impairment of chronic or permanent character.
- ❖ Disability must substantially limit one or more of his or her major life activities.
- ❖ Applicant must submit a Disability Affidavit and an accompanying letter from a medical doctor, who has been certified in the State of Texas.

To Obtain SBE Certification:

- ❖ Business must be for profit, independent and currently functioning **construction or construction related** business maintaining a significant and local business presence in Harris, Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Liberty, Montgomery, San Jacinto, or Waller county.*

Additional Eligibility Requirements for All Applicants:

- ❖ Owners must be U.S. citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents of the U. S.
- ❖ Business must be for profit, independent, and currently functioning business maintaining a significant and local business presence in Harris, Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Liberty, Montgomery, San Jacinto, or Waller county.*
- ❖ Business must meet the [Small Business Administration](#) (SBA) size standards as defined by 13 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Part 121.103 pursuant to Section 3 of the Small Business Act.
- ❖ Business owner must have the training/expertise to perform the work, and where required, has a license or certificate issued in his or her name.

* This provision includes the requirement that an MWSBE have an established place of business in one or more of the above-referenced counties at which one or more of its employees is regularly based and that such place of business have a substantial role in the MWSBE's performance of a Commercially Acceptable Function. A location utilized solely as post office box, mail drop or telephone message center or any combination thereof, with no other substantial work function, shall not be construed to constitute a significant business presence.