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<p>Airport Concessions Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ABCDE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACDBE is the same as a DBE (ownership and control) • Business must be a located at the airport or provide good or services to airport or its concessions • Applicants - Personal Net Worth limited to \$750,000, with special circumstances for an additional \$3.0 million. <p>Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DBE – defined as a “small business concern” by the Small Business Administration. • At least 51% owned by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals. • The management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more of these socially and economically disadvantaged owners. 	<p>Download application go to one of the following: City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Contract Administration, Office of Contract Compliance. For info call: (213) 847-1922. http://bca.lacity.org/site/pdf/cca/acdbe%20Application.pdf</p> <p>LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority: http://www.metro.net/about_us/deod/deod_cucp.htm</p> <p>California Department of Transportation http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/bep/dbe_program.htm</p> <p>Valid until a certifying agency decertifies a firm if it no longer meets eligibility standards; although Certified firms are subject to renewal review after 5 years.</p>
<p>The State of California Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veteran of the U.S. military, naval, or air service • Must have a service-connected disability of at least 10% • Must be resident in California. • DVBE limited liability companies must be wholly owned by one or more disabled veterans. • Requires federal income tax returns of all applicants. 	<p>Certification register online at: http://www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/smbus/getcertified.htm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vendors must register at to receive business opportunities: https://vendors.planetbids.com/NETConnect/Vendor_Registration.cfm • During the registration process, vendors may indicate whether they are a small, regional or disabled veteran business. Certification in the Small Business Program is not required.
<p>Southern California Minority Business Development Council: Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minority classifications - go to website for complete listing • Requires at least 51 percent be controlled by a minority individual or group who must be actively engaged in the management and daily operations of the firm. • Must be U.S. citizen(s) or Permanent Residents to apply. • Firm must headquartered in Southern California (excluding San Diego County) 	<p>To apply online at: http://www.scmdbdc.org/join/check.asp</p> <p>All certifications are valid for one year. Renewal required.</p>
<p>Small and Local Business Certification (SLB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal office must be within the county of Los Angeles • Firm must have a City of Los Angeles Business Tax Registration Certificate • Gross receipt for firm, including affiliates, must total less than \$3 million from the previous fiscal year. 	<p>City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Contract Administration, Office of Contract Compliance:</p> <p>Download the Application at http://bca.lacity.org/site/pdf/cca/SLBApplication.pdf</p> <p>Certification as a Small & Local Business is valid for one calendar year from the date of approval.</p>
<p>Small Disadvantaged Business 8(A) Designation (SBA 8A)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individual. • All owners must have net worth of less than \$ 250,000, excluding the value of the business and personal residence. • Size requirements, in business for at least two years (this requirement can be waived), display success potential, and display good character. 	<p>U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Apply online at: https://sba8a.symlicity.com/applicants/guide</p> <p>To do business with the Federal government you must first register on the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) Apply online at http://www.ccr.gov/Start.aspx</p>



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<p>State of California Small Business Enterprise (SBE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a “small business” as defined by the Small Business Administration (SBA), 13 CFR Part 121. Also, no SBE may exceed, including affiliates, \$20.41 million in average annual gross receipts over the previous three fiscal years. • SBE program is a race and gender neutral program. Information about the ethnicity and gender of the firm’s owners is for informational purposes only. • The firm’s management and daily business operations must be controlled by individuals who are citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents of the United States. • A firm certified as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) under Title 49 CFR Part 26 of the U.S. Department of Transportation qualifies as an SBE and does not need to obtain further SBE certification. 	<p>Register online at http://www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/smbus/getcertified.htm</p>
<p>Women Business Enterprise (WBE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A business enterprise that is at least 51% owned by a woman or women; or, in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51% of the stock of which is owned by one or more women, and whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women. • Owner(s) must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident alien. 	<p>To download the application go to any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California Department of Transportation • City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Contract Administration, Office of Contract Compliance, • LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority: <p>All certifications are valid until a certifying agency decertifies a firm if it no longer meets eligibility standards. Certified firms are subject to renewal review after 5 years. An “Annual Update Affidavit” or “No Change Declaration” is required from ACDBE/DBE certified firms to confirm their continued eligibility.</p>
<p>Women Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For business either owned, managed, and controlled by a woman or women • Is one of the most widely recognized and respected certifications in the nation, accepted by thousands of corporations within the country and a number of federal and government agencies. 	<p>http://www.wbenc.org/GetCertified/</p>
Certification Programs	
<p>Metropolitan Water District</p> <p>California Unified Certification Program</p> <p>City of Los Angeles Procurement Program</p> <p>Woman Owned Business Certification</p> <p>Los Angeles County Office of Small Business</p> <p>State of California DVBE</p> <p>California Public Utilities – Administered by the ASIAN, Inc. Existing and operating businesses qualify. A business can be new, but cannot be certified before the business is organized based on what it expects to do.</p>	<p>http://www.mwdh2o.com/mwdh2o/pages/business/business01.html</p> <p>http://www.bart.gov/docs/UCPapp.pdf</p> <p>http://www.labavn.org/</p> <p>http://www.nwboc.org/</p> <p>http://www.laosb.org/</p> <p>http://www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/smbus/default.htm</p> <p>www.cpuc.ca.gov/</p>