

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program

Policy Statement

It is the policy of the City of Costa Mesa to utilize Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) in all federal procurement activities. To this end, City has adopted a race conscious/race neutral DBE Program that constitutes the City's policy and commitment to offer opportunities to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises to the greatest extent feasible.

Objectives of the DBE Program

The City makes a good faith effort to increase the participation in bidding of socially and economically disadvantaged businesses whenever possible in these ways:

1. Provide access to firms to assist in identifying firms owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals who are qualified to provide the City with required goods, materials, supplies and services. Follow this link to access information on <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/civil-rights/dbe-certification-information>
2. Develop and implement information and communication programs and procedures geared to acquaint prospective DBE businesses with the City's contracting and procurement procedures and requirements.

DBE Qualifications Information

To obtain a DBE Certification Application, download the California United Certification Program (CUCP)

<https://californiaucp.dbesystem.com/>

If your company ownership meets any of the categories shown in section 1 or the requirements in section 2, you are encouraged to apply for DBE certification.

1. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) is a business owned and controlled by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individual(s). For the purpose of this definition, DBE means an individual who is:

SBA (8a) Certified	Black American
Hispanic American	Asian-Pacific American
Native American	Subcontinent Asian American
Woman	Other Economically Disadvantaged Socially Disadvantaged

Economically Disadvantaged Individual is one whose ability to compete in free enterprises has been impaired due to diminished capital and credit opportunities, compared to others in the same line of business and competitive market area who are not socially disadvantaged.

Socially Disadvantaged Individual is considered socially disadvantaged because of his/her color, origin, gender, physical handicap, long-term residence in an environment isolated from the mainstream of American society, or other similar cause beyond the individual's control.

2. A Small Business concern means a small business as defined pursuant to Section 3 of the Small Business Act and relevant regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, 13 CFR, Part 121, Final Rule. 0
3. Owned and Controlled is a business which is: (1) a sole proprietorship legitimately owned by an individual (s) who is socially and economically disadvantaged; (2) a partnership controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individual(s) and in which at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the beneficial ownership interests legitimately are held by socially and economically disadvantaged individual(s), and in which at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the beneficial ownership interests legitimately are held by socially and economically disadvantaged individual(s).