

Does My Business Qualify for the Program?



HERE ARE THE CURRENT DEFINITIONS OF ELIGIBLE BUSINESSES AS DEFINED BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

A Diversely-Owned Business Enterprise (DOBE) is a for-profit enterprise, regardless of size, physically located in the United States or its trust territories, which is at least 51% owned, operated and controlled by one or more of the following groups:

- A **Minority Business Enterprise** (MBE) is a for-profit enterprise, regardless of size, physically located in the United States or its trust territories, which is at least 51% owned, operated and controlled by a minority or minorities. **Minority and diverse groups include:** African-Americans, Hispanic-Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans, Asian-Indian Americans, and Native Americans.
- A **Woman Business Enterprise** (WBE) is a for-profit enterprise, regardless of size, physically located in the United States or its trust territories, which is at least 51% owned, controlled and operated by a woman or women.
- A **Disabled-Veteran Business Enterprise** (DVBE) is a for-profit enterprise, regardless of size, physically located in the United States or its trust territories, (a) which is at least 51% owned by one or more persons with a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act; or, in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51% of the stock of is owned by one or more persons with disabilities; and (b) the management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more persons with disabilities.
- A **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender Business Enterprise** (LGBTBE) is a U.S.-based for-profit, independent business that is at least 51% owned and controlled by one or more LGBT persons, who are U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents; in the case of any publicly-owned business, at least 51% of the equity is owned and controlled by one or more LGBT persons, who are U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents and whose management and daily operation are controlled by one or more of the LGBT owners.
- Additional diverse groups include Veterans and Disabled owners.



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