



THE SAN FRANCISCO-OAKLAND BAY BRIDGE

SEISMIC SAFETY PROJECTS

Small Business (SB) Certification

State Certification is a no-cost way for Small Businesses to increase their visibility and expand their business networking opportunities.



SB CERTIFICATION BENEFITS

Certified Small Businesses (SBs) are eligible to:

- Participate in the State's Small Business Participation Program. In conformance with the Governor's executive orders S-02-06 and D-37-01 State agencies are required to make every effort to assure that SBs participate in at least 25 percent of the state's overall annual contract dollars
- Increase visibility and expand their business networking opportunities by being automatically listed in the online DGS SB and DVBE database
- Receive a 5 percent bid preference on applicable state solicitations up to \$100,000
- Participate in a streamlined process known as the "SB/DVBE Option". In this process, State agencies, contract directly with a California-certified small business for goods, services and information technology valued between \$5,001 and \$249,999, after obtaining price quotes from at least two California-certified small businesses. For public works construction projects, the contract value can be up to \$250,000
- The Department of General Services (DGS), Procurement Division charges state and local agencies an administrative fee when contracting with a California Multiple Award Schedules (CMAS) vendor. As an incentive, the fee is waived if the CMAS vendor is a certified small business
- As an incentive, a non-small business prime contractor who uses certified small business subcontractors for at least 25 percent of its net bid price is eligible for a bid preference of five percent, up to \$100,000 when competing against another non-small business

SMALL BUSINESS CERTIFICATION ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be independently owned and operated
- Cannot be dominant in its field of operation
- Must have its principal office located in California
- Must have its owners (or officers in the case of a corporation) domiciled in California
- Together with its affiliates, be either:
 - A business with 100 or fewer employees, and an average annual gross receipts of \$14 million or less during the previous three tax years, or
 - A manufacturer with 100 or fewer employees.



To obtain a Small Business certification application, please visit: www.dgs.ca.gov.

The Toll Bridge Small Business Team is available to assist you with the certification process.

Please visit: www.baybridgeinfo.org/smallbusiness

For more information about the Bay Bridge Seismic Safety Projects, visit: baybridgeinfo.org