



Small Business First Program Accepted Certifications List

Below are the accepted certifications under SMCL's Small Business First program. The Small Business First program offers procurement opportunities to small businesses and disabled veteran business enterprises based in California, while providing a streamlined procurement process. SMCL encourages all suppliers to be certified to participate in this program as either a small business or disabled veteran business enterprise.

If your business holds a small business or disabled veteran business enterprise certification from an organization not listed below, contact purchasing@smcl.org to confirm if the certification meets the requirements of this program. Please note that your business must be based in California to qualify.

If your business is an Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC based in California, you will not be required to provide a Small Business certification to qualify for the Small Business First program unless the procurement you are awarded exceeds \$20,000 in a single fiscal year or over the term of a contract.

Certifying Agencies & Certifications

State of California – Small Business (Micro Business) and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise certifications

U.S. Small Business Administration –

[8\(a\) Business Development](#)

[Historically Underutilized Business Certification \(HUBZone\)](#)

[Woman Owned Small Business](#)

[Economically Disadvantaged Woman Owned Small Business](#)

County of Alameda – Small Business (SB) and Emerging Business (EB) certifications

Los Angeles County Metro Transportation Authority (MTA) – Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and Small Business Enterprise (SBE) certifications

Port of Oakland – Small Business (and Very Small) certification

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) – Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) certification

California Unified Certification Program (CUCP) – Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and Airport Concessions Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE) certifications*

[See full list of CA DBE/ACDBE certifying agencies here](#)

**Certification by any State DOT or other local DOT delegated organization accepted*

City of Los Angeles, CA – Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE), Airport Concessions Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (ACDBE) and Small Local Business Enterprises (SLBE) certifications

Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC) – Women Owned Small Business (WOSB) certification

Notwithstanding the reference above to women-owned business and disadvantaged business enterprise certifications, Library's purchasing awards will not discriminate based on the sex or race of the business owner.