



DISABLED VETERANS BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DVBE) PROGRAM

Overview

Metro actively works to expand contracting opportunities for Disabled Veterans Business Enterprises through its DVBE Program. This program establishes a 3% contracting goal for all non-federally funded, competitively negotiated construction, goods and services contracts over \$100,000, and a five-point evaluation scoring preference. To be eligible for the preference, a firm must meet the 3% goal and their principal office must be located in California.

Program Benefits

- > Grants evaluation scoring preferences for DVBE firms located in California
- > Increases incentives for non-DVBE prime contractors to subcontract with DVBE firms
- > Helps increase the capacity of DVBEs to take on larger contracts

Vets Matter to Metro

We recognize veterans' service to our country and their leadership here at home as business owners whose dedication and hard work help fuel a robust local economy. Our new DVBE Program is designed to expand your contracting opportunities and support you in successfully bidding on projects.

"Metro is one of the first agencies in LA County to produce a comprehensive DVBE Program. We're proud to have a great relationship with an agency dedicated to our service disabled veterans."

Elite Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned
Businesses Network

To Become Eligible

To participate in the DVBE program, the firm must be certified by the California Department of General Services (DGS), which is the State's certifying agency for DVBEs. In short, Metro will recognize the DGS' certification, whose criteria include the following:

- > Applicant's business must be at least 51% owned by one or more disabled veterans
- > Daily business operations must be managed and controlled by one or more disabled veterans
- > Business' home office must be located in the U.S. (the home office cannot be a branch or subsidiary of a foreign corporation, foreign firm, or other foreign based business)
- > Principal office must be located in California

Metro is also working to identify disabled veteran-owned businesses to grow the pool of firms that are available to take advantage of opportunities. We will continue to work with veterans organizations and other advocates to make sure they are included.

Get Started Today


Take the first steps to benefit from this program:

1. Access tools, events, opportunities and resources to support your business' growth by visiting metro.net/connect.
2. Learn more about the DVBE certification process by going to dgs.ca.gov/pd and clicking on the "Program and Services" tab.
3. Download an application and get certified!

We're Here to Help

Metro is devoted to supporting our small and disadvantaged business efforts. The Diversity and Economic Opportunity Department's (DEOD) team of small business advocates are here to answer your questions.

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