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# Community Business Enterprise Program

## SMALL BUSINESS SERVICES



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# COMMUNITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

## What is the Community Business Enterprise (CBE) Program?

The Community Business Enterprise (CBE) Program encourages business owners who are minorities, women, disabled veterans, or disadvantaged to capitalize on opportunities in government and private-sector procurement programs.

## Who is eligible to participate?

Your business must be certified as any one of the following:

- Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)
- Women Business Enterprise (WBE)
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)
- Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE)

## How are MBEs eligible for certification with Los Angeles County?

Your business must:

1. Be independent and for-profit
2. Be owned by citizens or lawful permanent residents of the United States who are:
  - Black/African
  - Hispanic/Latino
  - Asian/Pacific Islander
  - Subcontinent Asian
  - Native American

3. Have at least 51-percent ownership by one or more minorities, and
4. Be at least 51-percent managed by and have daily business operations controlled by one or more minorities

## How are WBEs eligible for certification with Los Angeles County?

Your business must:

1. Be independent and for-profit
2. Be owned by women who are citizens or lawful permanent residents of the United States
3. Have at least 51-percent ownership by one or more women, and
4. Be at least 51-percent managed by and have daily business operations controlled by women

## What are the benefits?

Your business will be included in the County's CBE listing. Many County departments, public agencies, private-sector prime and subcontractors use the CBE listing to meet subcontracting goals.

## How are DBEs eligible for certification and participation?

Although the County does not certify DBEs, the CBE program recognizes these businesses for program participation purposes. To qualify for the CBE program as a DBE, your business must be certified by:

- The State of California Department of

Transportation's California Unified Certification Program (CUCP), or

- Any agency authorized to certify under the Unified Certification Program

## How are DVBEs eligible for participation?

DVBEs who are certified with Los Angeles County will automatically qualify for inclusion in the CBE program. You do not have to apply for two separate programs.

## How do I apply for certification/participation?

Complete the Application for Participation and Acknowledgment of Sanctions form, found at:

[http://osb.lacounty.gov/PDFs/CBE\\_App.pdf](http://osb.lacounty.gov/PDFs/CBE_App.pdf)

## How do I apply for DVBE certification?

To apply for DVBE certification with Los Angeles County, your business must apply through the LA County WebVen portal at:

<https://camisvr.co.la.ca.us/webven/>

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