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FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY SMALL BUSINESSES

- Procurement Assistance
- Assistance to New Businesses & Startups
- Business Certifications
- Networking & Matchmaking Events
- Workshops on Government Contracting
- L.A. County Small Business Advocates
- Counseling & Resources

Serving Los Angeles County consumers and businesses since 1976.



OUR MISSION

To promote a fair and vibrant marketplace, we serve consumers, businesses, and communities through education, advocacy, and complaint resolution.



Community Business Enterprise Program

FOR BUSINESS OWNERS



CERTIFY. CONNECT. GROW.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

What is the Community Business Enterprise (CBE) Program?

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

What are the participation designations?

Your business can participate as any 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?

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?

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

How are DBEs eligible for certification?

Your business must be certified as a disadvantaged business by any of the following:

- The Small Business Administration (SBA) as an 8(a)
- Los Angeles County Metro
- LA City Bureau of Contract Administration
- The 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 listing. You do not have to apply for two separate programs.

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 do I apply for CBE certification?

Step 1: Register as a Los Angeles County Vendor at: camisvr.co.la.ca.us/webven

Step 2: Submit your application at: app.avisare.com/signup/lacounty

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