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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.



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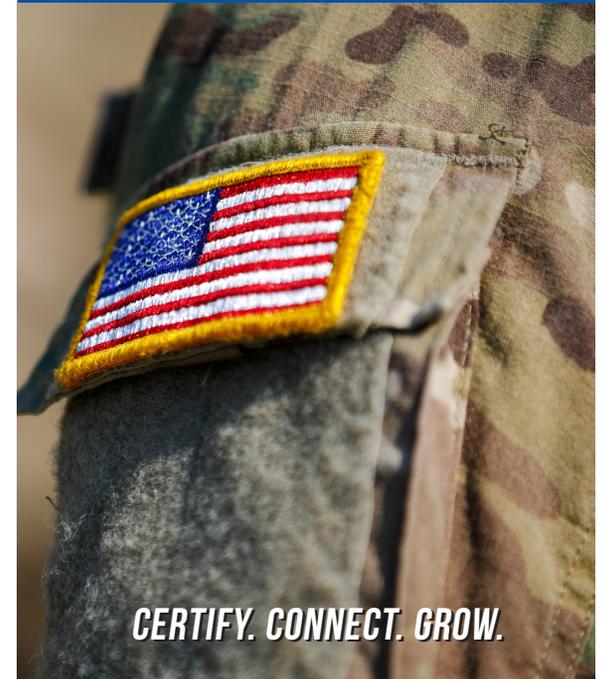
To promote a fair and vibrant marketplace, we serve consumers, businesses, and communities through education, advocacy, and complaint resolution.



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Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise

LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S
CONTRACTING CONNECTIONS



CERTIFY. CONNECT. GROW.

DVBE PREFERENCE PROGRAM

What is the Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) Preference Program?

The Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) Preference Program is designed to enhance purchasing and contracting opportunities for businesses owned by disabled veterans. Certified DVBEs receive a 'preference' when bidding on L.A. County solicitations.

What are the benefits?

Bid Preference:

DVBEs are eligible to receive up to a 15% bid price reduction or 'preference'* when bidding on certain Los Angeles County solicitations for goods and services.

Direct Access to Opportunity:

Attend networking events with County buyers and procurement staff to receive individualized counseling on how to find contracting opportunities and more.

Exclusive listing on the County's online directory of certified DVBEs and social media spotlight:

DVBEs will be placed on the vendor database of certified DVBE vendors and may be featured on DCBA's social media accounts.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Who is eligible to participate and how do I apply?

There is a two-step process to qualify for Los Angeles County's DVBE program:

Step 1: Your business must be certified by one of these agencies:

- The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), which certifies a business as a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB). For more information on the VA's certification process, visit va.gov/osdbu/verification
- State of California, Department of General Services (DGS), which certifies a business as a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE). For more information on DGS' certification process, visit caleprocure.ca.gov/

Step 2: Register as a Los Angeles County Vendor at: camisvr.co.la.ca.us/webven

Step 3: Submit your application at: certify.lacounty.gov

Want to learn more? Contact the Office of Small Business. at (323) 881-3964 or email us at osb@dcba.lacounty.gov

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Community Business Enterprise Program: Disabled Veteran Owned Businesses certified by DCBA will automatically qualify for inclusion in the Community Business Enterprise (CBE). The County's CBE listing is an invaluable resource used by County departments, public agencies, private-sector prime and subcontractors to meet subcontracting goals.

Purchases not eligible for DVBE Preference:

- National contracts
- Revolving fund (petty cash) purchases
- Purchase card (credit card) purchases
- Purchases less than \$5,000
- Contracts funded by the federal government where there are conflict requirements for minority-owned or female-owned business participation
- A contract for which federal, state, or local laws limit or prohibit granting a preference

**The actual preference is calculated on the cost or price component of the lowest most responsible and responsive bid amount. The bid price reduction cannot exceed \$150,000. The 15% preference is used only to determine the lowest bidder or proposal and does not change the amount of contract award.*