

CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

Certification Program	Targeted Businesses	Eligibility Requirements	Benefits	Processing Fee
Arkansas Mississippi Minority Business Council (AMMBC) www.ammbc.org	Minority-Owned Businesses (MBE)	Proof of U.S. Citizenship Proof of Ethnicity for Owner(s), Partners, Shareholders (driver's license, birth certificate) Two years of Federal Tax Returns (Business) Financial Statements Notes Payable (if any) Applicable Operating Business License and/or permits Lease Agreements Resume(s) of owner(s), partners or shareholders Equipment Rental and Purchase Agreements Contract or work history for the past three years Additional requirements go to website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meet one-on-one with major corporations and other minority businesses ▪ Annual goals are set for purchasing goods and/or services from minority businesses ▪ Access to networking events throughout the year ▪ Memberships to agencies and other nonprofit organizations at reduced fee Additional benefits go to website 	\$200.00
Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC) www.wbenc.org	Women-Owned Businesses (WBE)	Fifty-one (51%) percent ownership by a woman or women Proof of active management of the business Perform area of specialty/expertise without substantial reliance on males or non-women- owned businesses U.S. Citizenship or U.S. Resident Hold highest officer position Maintain a stringent screening process which ensures all firms in membership are legitimately owned, managed, and controlled by women Additional requirements go to website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ National recognition by thousands of major U.S. Corporations and several public agencies ▪ Eligibility to exhibit at WBEN's National Business Conference ▪ Automatic inclusion in WBENCLink, WBENC's Internet database of certified WBEs ▪ Access to current list of supplier diversity and procurement executives ▪ Eligibility to participate in the Tuck School of Business, receive a Dorothy B. Brothers Scholarship, to participate in WBENC-discuss (WBENC's email information network), to receive sourcing opportunities through WEBuy (WBENC's email opportunity network) ▪ Listed as Corporate Member in all WBENC marketing materials, brochures and press releases Additional benefits go to website 	\$350.00
Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (JMAA) State, Local, transit authorities www.gomdot.com www.jmaa.com	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)	Recipients of DOT funding through highway, transit, airport, and highway safety financial assistance programs Additional requirements go to website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Unified Certification Program honored by all recipients in the state ▪ Marketing for your business in Highway Construction Industry ▪ Knowledge of Business bidding and estimating procedures ▪ Interpretation of Contract terms, conditions, and specifications, etc. Additional benefits go to website 	Free

Certification Program
National Minority Supplier
Development Council, Inc.
(NMSDC)
www.nmsdc.org

Targeted Businesses
Minority-Owned
Businesses (MBE)

Eligibility Requirements

Dun & Bradstreet Number
Number of Minority employees employed by
the business
Certify Minority Business Enterprises
(MBEs) only
Information on geographic market business in
which the business provides good and services
amount of Credit Line in bank information
Information for transportation or trucking firm
is different, example (type of carrier, carrier
operating authorities, commodities transport)
information on involvement in any present or
pending lawsuits
Additional requirements go to website

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- Certification period for one (1) year period
 - Business opportunities with corporations
and other MBEs, Business Fairs, and
Networking opportunities
 - Listed in NMSDC national database
 - Referrals to corporate buyers of minority
suppliers
 - Corporate Plus membership
 - Business Opportunity Fairs
 - Supplier diversity online course
- Additional benefits go to website

Processing Fee
\$100.00 app. Fee
~~\$200.00~~ yearly
\$300.00 total
certification fee

MS Development Authority
Minority & Small Business
Development Division
(MDA-MSBDD)
www.mississippi.org

Minority and Women-
Owned Businesses
(MBE or WBE)

Work experience resumes
3years Federal & State Tax returns for business
Documentation ownership stock purchased
Signed loan agreement and security agreements.
Description of business real estate and proof of
ownership listed
List of equipment owned, leased, purchased
List of construction equipment and/or vehicle
owned and titles/proof of ownership
Signed leases for office/storage space
End of Year Balance Sheets & Income
Statements for the past 3 years
Copies of relevant licens. (priv. tax, trade, etc.)
DBE/MBE/WBE,SBA 8(a) or SDB
Certifications or denials and decertification
Bank authorization and/or Signatory cards for
Business account
Schedule of salaries paid or to be paid to all
officers, managers, owners or directors
Business Plan/Executive Summary and
Business Projections
Additional requirements go to website

- Certification period for three (3) year period
 - Documents submitted does not become
MDA's property, applicant can request the
return of all documents.
 - MDA does not require site visits on all
applications; however, interviews are
conducted during site visits
 - Self Certification is allowed and is a
separate database
 - Contracting opportunities, financing, and
bonding programs
 - Access to secure MBE Loan or Micro Loan
Certifies MBEs and Non-ethnic WBES
- Additional benefits go to website

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Federal Programs

Certification Program
8(a) Business Development
Program
www.sba.gov

Targeted Businesses
Business Owners

Eligibility Requirements

Small Business Office Size Standards
(404) 331-7587 www.sba.gov/size
or www.census.gov/epcd/www/naics.html
US. Citizen or Indian Tribe, Alaskan Native
Corporation, or Native Hawaiian Origin
51% Owned, Controlled and Daily Managed
by Socially and Economically Disadvantaged
Individual(s). (Adjusted Net Worth below
\$250,000 for initial acceptance into the
program—After entrance into the program, can
go below \$750,000)
Potential for Success
Financial Capacity
Managerial & Technical Capability
Qualified to perform on Federal Contract
Additional requirements go to website

Benefits

- Sole-source contracts, up to a ceiling of \$3 million for goods and services and \$5 million for manufacturing
- Federal Agencies are encouraged to award a certain percentage of their contracts to SDBs
- MOUs with 25 Federal agencies to contract directly with certified 8(a) firms
- Permit joint ventures and teams to bid on contracts, enhancing the ability to perform larger prime contracts and overcome the effects of contract bundling
- Listing in database www.sba.gov
- Special Government Contracting Opportunity (Sole Source)
- Exclusive Training Opportunities (SBA pays for tuition, materials, meals and lodging)
- Assigned a Business Development Specialist to assist you with your business growth and contracting needs
- SDB Certified (Automatically) to contract directly with certified 8(a) firms
Additional benefits go to website

Processing Fee
Free

Small Disadvantaged
Business Program (SDB)
www.sba.gov

Small Businesses

Firm must be owned and controlled by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals
Certain Ethnic groups are disadvantaged
Additional requirements go to website

- SDBs are eligible for price evaluation adjustments of up to ten (10%) percent when bidding on federal contract in certain industries
- Firms remain on list for 3 years
Additional benefits go to website

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Historically Underutilized
Business Zone (HUBZone)
www.sba.gov

Small Businesses

Small Business Office Size Standards
(404) 331-7587 www.sba.gov/size
or www.census.gov/epcd/www/naics.html
US. Citizen (51%)
A U.S. Citizen in this program is a person who owns any legal or equity interest in the company
Principle office must be in a HUBZone
35% of Employees must reside in a HUBZone
You will need to recertify your HUBZone status every 3 years
To re-certify, please go to
<https://eweb1.sba.gov/hubzone/internet/> and click on "HUBZone Program Recertification"
Additional requirements go to website

- Federal Contract Benefits: Competitive Contracts, Sole-source, Full and open competitive contracts, and Subcontracting
- Other Specialized Assistance: firms can qualify for higher SBA-guaranteed surety bonds on construction and service contract bids; firms in Federal Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities (EZ/EC) can also benefit from employer tax credits, tax-free facility bonds, and investment tax deductions
Additional benefits go to website

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