



# SB and DVBE Basic Eligibility Requirements

## Small Businesses (SB) have to be:

- Independently owned and operated
- Not dominant in their field of operation
- The principal office must be located in California
- Owners must live in California
- Have 100 or fewer employees and an average annual gross receipts of \$15 million or less over the last 3 tax years
  - \*There may also be other size standard restrictions from the Small Business Administration that are applicable
- Small Business will automatically be designated a Microbusiness (MB) if gross annual receipts are less than \$3.5 million or if it is a manufacturer with 25 employees or less

## Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) firms have to be:

- At least 51% owned by one or more disabled veterans
- Veteran(s) must reside in California
- Daily business operations must be managed and controlled by one or more disabled veterans
- Home office must be located in the U.S.
- “Disabled Veteran” means a veteran of the U.S. military, naval, or air service and has a service-connected disability of 10% or more
- DVBE certification is good for 1 year and must be renewed annually
  - \*If also certified as a SB/MB, then certification is good for 2 years

Small Businesses and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise firms are certified by the Department of General Services, Office of Small Business and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Services (OSDS).

For more information please visit: [www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Programs/OSDS.aspx](http://www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Programs/OSDS.aspx)

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