

## Diverse Business Certifications – Help with Certification or Find a Vendor

Certification Organizations	Free to All Vendors	Info Free to Developers	DVBE	LGBTBE	MBE	WBE
CPUC	X	X		X	X	X
DGS	X	X	X			
WBENC						X
NMSDC					X	
NGLCC				X		
San Francisco	X	X			X	X
Los Angeles	X	X			X	X

\* See the description for each organization below with how to apply or find a vendor

### Supplier Clearinghouse under the Supervision of the California Public Utilities Commission

**(CPUC)** - Women, minorities, and LGBT are invited to join CPUC's supplier diversity program. The Supplier Clearinghouse certifies these firms and publishes a directory for use by participating utility companies and the public. These activities are governed by [General Order 156](#) of the [California Public Utilities Commission](#) (CPUC) and the [Supplier Clearinghouse Eligibility Standards](#). The program provides certified MBE, WBE, and LGBTBE firms with the opportunity to participate in a wide range of business opportunities.

**Apply** at and preview submission requirements at <https://thesupplierclearinghouse.com>. There is no cost for certification.

**Find a vendor** at [sch.prismcompliance.com/default.aspx](http://sch.prismcompliance.com/default.aspx) - search by certifications, business name, business description, commodity codes, location, and more.

For additional information: [info@thesupplierclearinghouse.com](mailto:info@thesupplierclearinghouse.com) or call (800) 359-7998

**Department of General Services (DGS): Office of Small Business and DVBE Services** the state's certifying agency, administers the Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise certification programs. They are committed to helping small and disabled veteran businesses thrive.

**Apply** at <http://www.caleprocure.ca.gov/> - see instructions [here](#). There is no cost for certification.

**Find a vendor** at <https://caleprocure.ca.gov/pages/PublicSearch/suppliersearch.aspx?psNewWin=true> – search by certification, business type (Construction or Service), County, or Zip Code.

For additional information: [OSDSHelp@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:OSDSHelp@dgs.ca.gov) or (916) 375-4940

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**Women’s Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC)** a leading national non-profit organization dedicated to helping women-owned businesses thrive.

**Apply** at <https://www.wbenc.org/certification/apply-now-for-wbenc-certification/> – see the process [here](#). See the cost of the application [here](#).

**Find a vendor** by becoming a corporate member and accessing the database. See rates [here](#).

For more information: [support@wbenc.org](mailto:support@wbenc.org) or (202) 872-5515

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**National Minority Supplier Development Council, Inc. (NMSDC)** is the longest-operating business growth engine for the broadest group of systematically excluded communities of color (Asian-Indian, Asian-Pacific, Black, Hispanic, and Native American), and their impact goes far beyond the supply chain.

**Apply** at Western Region NMSDC - <https://wrmsdc.org/certified-mbe/> - see the instructions [here](#). See the cost of the application [here](#).

**Find a vendor** by becoming a corporate member and accessing the database. See rates [here](#).

For more information: (212)944-2430

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**National LGBT Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC)** is the largest advocacy organization dedicated to expanding economic opportunities and advancements for LGBTQ people, and it is the exclusive certifying body for LGBTQ-owned businesses.

**Apply** at <https://nglcc.org/> - see criteria, process, and cost [here](#). The fee is free if you are a local affiliate Chamber of Commerce member.

**Find a vendor** by a corporate member at a local affiliate and access the database. See the chapter near you [here](#).

For more information: [supplierdiversity@nglcc.org](mailto:supplierdiversity@nglcc.org) or (202)234-9181

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**City of County of San Francisco (SF)** LBE program is administered by the Contract Monitoring Division (CMD). It helps small San Francisco businesses compete in the City’s bidding process.

**Apply** at <https://www.sf.gov/get-certified-lbe>. Applicants should attend a free online workshop explaining the certification process and enroll [here](#). There is no cost for certification.

**Find a vendor** at <https://sfcitypartner.sfgov.org/pages/LBESearch/supplier-search.aspx> - search by certification size, ownership type (MBE, WBE), and zip code. For more information: [LBEcert@sfgov.org](mailto:LBEcert@sfgov.org) or (415) 581-2310

**City of Los Angeles (LA)** - The Bureau of Contract Administration (BCA) administers the City of Los Angeles's business certifications, including verification and eligibility requirements. In Los Angeles, certified local businesses are eligible to receive additional bid preferences to enhance their market competitiveness and, in some cases, even apply for local government contracts.

**Apply** at [https://bca.lacity.gov/Uploads/cca/MBE\\_WBE\\_CERT\\_Application.pdf](https://bca.lacity.gov/Uploads/cca/MBE_WBE_CERT_Application.pdf) (PDF Reader required).  
There is no cost for certification.

**Find a Vendor** at <https://bca.lacity.gov/CertificationListings/SLBDirectory.php> - you can search by description.

For more information: (213) 847-1922