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Office of EEO and Contract Compliance



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MISSION

The Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and Contract Compliance (EEOCC) administers the Kentucky Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Certification Program, the Kentucky Minority and Women Business Enterprise Certification Program, and the Kentucky Contract Compliance Program.

SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) Certification Program supports service-disabled military veterans who own a business and live in Kentucky. It is designed to promote growth among SDVOSBs and encourage these businesses to locate and expand in the Commonwealth. This certification program allows service-disabled veteran-owned businesses to compete for work in other states that require certification by a statewide body.



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MINORITY AND WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The Minority and Women Business Enterprise (MWBE) Certification Program encourages growth among Kentucky businesses owned by women and minorities and assists those businesses with expanding their markets. The certification allows minority and women owned businesses to compete for work in states outside of Kentucky that require certification by a statewide body. The program is a critical component for creating, maintaining, and promoting Kentucky's valuable women and minority owned businesses.



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BACKGROUND

- In 2013, at the direction of the Governor's office, the Office of Procurement Services launched a program to expand purchasing opportunities and increase participation among small businesses.
- During the 2017 regular legislative session, HB 161 was enacted to promote increasing participation and opportunity for Service-Disabled Veteran Owned small businesses (SDVOSB).

LOCATING VENDORS

There are two methods of locating vendors in eMARS:

1. Create a Request for Quote and select vendors through the vendor rotation tab
2. Business Types by Commodity (BTBC) table search

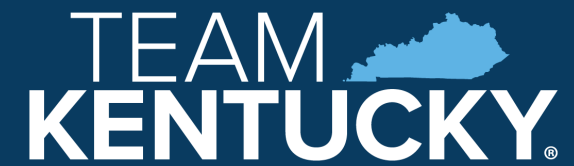
ISSUES FACED BY VENDORS

- Access to capital and finding lending partners
- Lack of awareness about certification process

HIGHLIGHTS

- In December 2023, a new online portal was established. Since that time, 227 new applications have been received.
- We currently have 536 vendors certified in our programs.

QUESTIONS?



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