

State of California

(DGS certifies for State)

California certified Small Business Enterprise (SBE)

California Disabled Veteran Enterprise (DVBE)

The Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) and Small Business (SBE) Certification Programs

Established to increase business opportunities for the DVBE and SBE communities with the State of California; thereby stimulating the state's overall economy. The programs are designed to help DVBEs and SBEs participate in a more level playing field with certain advantages when competing against other non-DVBEs and non-SBEs for state contracts and purchases. The primary difference between the DVBE and SBE certifications are the eligibility requirements. An SBE's eligibility is primarily based on size standards (average gross annual receipts and number of employees) and a DVBE's eligibility focuses on the firm's disabled veteran owner(s).

Federal DOT

(Caltrans Office of Business and Economic Opportunity handles the federal certification along with other agencies statewide that form the California Unified Certification Program)

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)

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The DBE Program is required by Congress as a condition of receiving federal funds and is also provided policy and direction by the Transportation Commission. It provides assistance to minorities, women and other socially and economically disadvantaged individuals to enter the highway construction and design industries. (Note: any state Dept. of Transportation receiving federal funds must have a DBE program)

Program	Certifying Agency	Funding	
		State Dollars 100%	Federal Dollars (As little as 2 % of total)
Small Business Enterprise (SBE)	DGS	Yes	No
Disable Veterans Business Enterprise (DVBE)	DGS	Yes	No
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)	Caltrans Office of Business and Economic Opportunity	No	Yes