



***Certification Office for Business
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What is Certification?

- We assist the small disadvantaged business **to compete more fairly** for public contracting, opening up unique opportunities for mentoring and teaming. We inform business owners about the processes of government procurement.
- We ensure that **only eligible firms** participate. Certification requires on-going vetting of ownership, independence, and licensing that sets a standard for quality and consistency.
- We assist business owners in **competing outside** the programs, educating them about marketing and financial resources, encouraging their participation in local networking events.



Benefits of Certification

- Advantage in bidding on goal-orientated contracts
 - State, county, city – anything financed by tax dollars
 - Large firms have policies to engage and foster utilization of certified firms – mentoring
 - Eligible to compete for awards aside from goals
 - \$10,000 direct award (State), Sheltered Market
 - \$50,000 professional services, limited competitions
 - Registration with ODOT **Emergency Contractors** directory
 - First four years of certification may apply for BOLI Bond exemption from CCB
- Opportunities specifically available to ESB firms
 - May compete for \$100,000 Direct award through ODOT ESB Small Contractors program

Contracting Agencies

Department of Administration (DAS)
Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)
Department of Corrections (DOC)
Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW)
Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)
Oregon Health Authority/Department of Human Services (OHA/DHS)
Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation (ODPR)
Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS)
Oregon State University
University of Oregon
Cities of Portland, Beaverton, Hillsboro, Eugene
Multnomah County
Metro
TriMet
Airports
Lane Transit District
Portland Housing Bureau



Goods and Services contracted by Government Agencies

Construction, Engineering, Architecture services

Building Maintenance and cleaning

Metal fabrication

Landscaping

Kitchen equipment

Uniforms and safety equipment

Fresh fruit-vegetables, frozen/canned food

Refrigeration repair

Medical supplies

Recreation equipment

Laundry supplies

Adult foster care provider

Nurses

Forestry/Fire Suppression

Consulting

Translation

How We Can Help

[COBED Certification](#)[Finance Programs](#)[Grow Oregon Program](#)[Export Promotion Program](#)[Industrial Sites](#)[Tax Incentives](#)[Business Succession Planning](#)[Other Business Services](#)[Starting a Business in Oregon](#)

CERTIFICATION OFFICE FOR BUSINESS INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY

The Office for Business Inclusion and Diversity (COBID) is the sole certification authority for the state of Oregon and provides a 'one-stop' certification process. Certification opens the door to targeted government contracting opportunities. Certifications include:

- Federally funded transportation related projects
 - Airport Concessions Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program (ACDBE)
 - Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program (DBE)
- Contracting opportunities with state, county and city government agencies and special jurisdictions (e.g., hospitals and universities)
 - Minority Business Enterprise Program (MBE)
 - Women Business Enterprise Program (WBE)
 - Emerging Small Business Program (ESB)

Recognized minority groups: Black American, Hispanic American, Native American, Asian Pacific American and Subcontinent Asian American

Online Certification Management

Learn how to [avoid common mistakes and omissions when applying for DBE](#) certification.

When using the following links, you will leave the Business Oregon site and go to a third-party provider hosting the certification system.

[System Home Page and Login](#)[Certified Directory](#)[Apply for Certification](#)

If you do not have the ability to access the e-application process, you may file using a Word document posted on each program page.

New Service Disabled Veteran Certification

Legislation passed during the 2015 session that creates a new Service Disabled Veteran Certification becomes effective January 1, 2016. If interested, [contact our office](#) to be placed on a notification list.

You also may qualify for other certifications and are encouraged to apply pending the implementation of the Service Disabled Veteran Certification.

DIRECTORY OF
CERTIFIED FIRMS

SEE THE LISTINGS ▶

Resources

Certifications

- Minority/Women Business Enterprise (MWBE)
- Emerging Small Business (ESB)
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)

Contact Certification Staff

- Staff List
- Email Us

Laws, Statutes & Rules

State:

- Administrative Rules 123-200-1000-123-200-2300
- ORS 200.055 and 200.170

Federal:

- DBE Airport Concessions 49 CFR § 23
- DBE 49 CFR § 26

How to File a Complaint about a Certified Business

- Process and Form



How much does certification cost?

- Certification is **free** of charge in the State of Oregon
- All services provided by COBID are **free** including assistance in filling out an application
- Most services provided by SBDC, GCAP, SBA, ODOT, etc. are **free** with the exception of special trainings



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