We want to Work with you!

Are you interested in contracting opportunities?

Small Business / Microbusiness and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Program

Investing in the future of California – Together we succeed!
California law requires state agencies to adopt policies and procurement practices that will enable California-certified Small Business (SB) / Microbusiness (MB) and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) Program firms to respectively achieve at least 25 percent and 3 percent shares of the state’s total non-governmental procurement dollars.

DWR vigorously endorses the State of California’s SB/MB and DVBE participation goals. Our personnel are expected to make every effort to help you successfully compete for state procurement dollars. We also actively encourage partnerships between non-certified prime contractors and SB/MB and DVBE subcontractors.

DWR’s Direct Services for SBs/MBs and DVBEs
• Pre-review, upon request, SB/MB & DVBE bid documents for compliance with program requirements in advance of bid submission deadlines.
• Distribute, upon request, your capability statements and related informational material to our procurement staff and to other state agencies.
• Explain essential SB/MB & DVBE program requirements at pre-bid conferences, outreach events, and through one-on-one contacts (upon request).
• Suggest improvements, upon request, to enhance the visibility of the vendor profile you created in the online SB/MB/DVBE vendor database at www.caleprocure.ca.gov

How DWR Organizes Our Procurement Operations
• Non-IT Services
• Non-IT Commodities
• IT Goods and Services
• Construction
• Architectural & Engineering Services

What We Buy
We spend hundreds of millions of dollars annually to acquire a diverse mix of goods and services ranging from ordinary commodities (office supplies) to specialized scientific/engineering and construction-related materials, equipment and services, as well as various telecommunication and information technology (IT) goods and services.

How We Solicit Bids and Proposals
• We solicit bids and proposals primarily through Cal eProcure (caleprocure.ca.gov), California’s online marketplace. Construction solicitations are also advertised in major trade publications.
• We take advantage of the Small Business / DVBE Bid Option (SBO) whenever possible.
• Solicit directly to a selected set of SB/MB or DVBE firms (i.e. cannot mix SB and DVBE firms)
• Contract dollar range: $10,000 to $249,999.99 (or to $314,000 for minor public works contracts)
• Only 2 valid, responsive bids needed to award the contract
• SBs/DVBEs are statutorily protected from bid protests
• Normal contract legal rules and regulations apply

Examples of Non-IT Services
• Exploratory well drilling
• Uniform rental and cleaning
• Painting and coating
• Air or water quality monitoring
• Training services
• Janitorial or landscaping services
• Fleet maintenance and repair
• Hazardous waste disposal
• Pest control
• Interpretation and translation services
• Heavy equipment rental
• Equipment maintenance

Examples of Non-IT Commodities
• Fuel
• Electrical and mechanical supplies
• Construction materials and tools
• Safety supplies

Examples of IT Goods and Services
• IT Consulting & Personal Services
• Software and licensing
• Software maintenance and support
• IT hardware (servers, laptop and desktop computers, and tablets)
• Telecommunication systems – installation and maintenance
• IT accessories and supplies
• Cellular phones
• Copiers and printers

Examples of Scientific/Engineering and Construction-related Services
• Architectural engineering
• Environmental engineering
• Land surveying
• Construction management

Examples of Scientific and laboratory equipment and supplies
• Fleet equipment, including vehicles and boats
• Furniture and office supplies
• Emergency response supplies
• Scientific and laboratory equipment and supplies
Contact Us
For more information on DWR’s SB / DVBE Program
please visit:

water.ca.gov/SBDVBE

or call

(916) 653-9813

Cal eProcure, California’s Online Marketplace:

caleprocure.ca.gov

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