

OSDS eNewsletter

OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS & DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DVBE) SERVICES

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OUR MISSION

We commit to helping small and disabled veteran businesses thrive.

We assist businesses with CERTIFICATION and access to procurement opportunities through OUTREACH, EDUCATION and ADVOCACY.

CONTACT US

For SB/DVBE certification assistance call OSDS at **916-375-4940** or email osdshelp@dgs.ca.gov

Certification by the numbers:

As of July 1, 2017

21,605 Small Businesses

1,784 Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises (797 Dual Certifications)

Source: FISCal. SB and DVBE numbers may not add up to total due to dual certifications.

To learn more about the SB/DVBE certification program, visit [Cal eProcure](#)

WHAT'S NEW?

- The Small Business (SB) Certification Gross Annual Receipts (GARS) limit is up to \$15 million! For the Small Business Regulations effective Jan. 2017 click [here](#).
- Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) regulations are being revised in 2017. Coordination with California Veterans Affairs (CalVet) has started. The 45-day public comment period is coming in October; watch for email notices from Office of Small Business & Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Services (OSDS) and check our website. Click [here](#).
- Consolidated Annual Report (CAR) for fiscal year 2016-17 is due Aug.1 from state departments. Click [here](#) for last year's full report.
- Department of General Services Procurement Division Outreach is committed to expanding statewide outreach efforts for the Small Business and DVBE community. Click [here](#) for upcoming events.
- The Prompt Payment rubber stamp has been discontinued. With transactions taking place electronically and, due to the low demand, the rubber stamp is no longer used in procurement.

DID YOU KNOW?

- OSDS Strategic Goal for 2017 is to develop the SB/DVBE Advocate Academy—a certificate training to help state agencies' SB/DVBE advocates excel at their jobs and assist SB/DVBEs effectively.
- OSDS plans to go (nearly) paperless by 2019. With Cal eProcure accessible on mobile devices, and the ability to upload documents directly into the system, OSDS is making strides in getting as few paper applications as possible.
- If you access the [OSDS Scorecard](#) you can find out how long it takes to process an application online or on paper. For June 2017, online applications were processed in one day, while paper applications were processed (on average) within 13 days.
- California [Nonprofit Veteran Service Agency \(NVSA\) Certification](#) allows a specific type of nonprofit to receive small business benefits when participating in state procurement, such as [Prompt Payment](#) and [Small Business Preference](#).

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Commercially Useful Function (CUF):

Each certified Small Business and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise bidding or participating on a state contract in any capacity must demonstrate performance of CUF. Performance of CUF is evaluated and determined by state procurement officials at the time of award and throughout the term of the contract. Need a refresher on what CUF is? See the [FAQs](#).

Legislative Highlights—upcoming bills impacting certification:

AB-632 Small Business Procurement and Contract Act: DVBE. Would authorize state agencies to award a contract for the acquisition of goods, services, or information technology to DVBEs if the estimated value is greater than \$5,000, but less than \$500,000.

AB-912 Small business: California Small Business Regulatory Fairness Act. Would require a state agency to assist SBs complying with all statutes and regulations administered by the state agency and in any enforcement action by the state agency and establish a policy that reduces and under certain circumstances waives civil penalties for a small business based upon mitigating factors.

AB-961 Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Program. Would require a higher incentive be given when the prime contractor is a DVBE than when the prime contractor is not a DVBE, but commits to using a DVBE subcontractor.

AB-1635 Public contracts: small business participation. Would require a goal of 25 percent SB participation.

SB-605 Small Business Procurement and Contract Act: small business. Would revise the definition of a small business by increasing the Gross Annual Receipts (GARS) threshold to \$15 million and for a microbusiness to \$5 million; for the purposes of public works contracts, small business would be defined as a business with 200 or fewer employees and GARS of \$36 million or less.

SB-772 State contracts. Would make no substantive changes to these provisions to the Small Business Procurement and Contract Act.

DVBE Subcontracting Reporting:

DVBE subcontracting annual reports include all reports received by departments from prime contractors capturing actual payments made to DVBEs on completed contracts. Click [here](#) for forms.

MEET OUR CERTIFICATION TEAM

Around the table from the left: Curtis, Carl, Ivan, Maggie, Dickson, Vic, Michael, Anda, Ellery, Demeshia, Sherry, Darwin (Outreach), Angel, Bobbie, Edgar, Caesar, Norma and Clea.

