TO: Purchasing Authority Contacts (PACs)
Procurement and Contracting Officers (PCOs)
Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises (DVBEs)
Small Businesses (SBs)
Small Business and DVBE Advocates
State Contracting Advisory Network
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RE: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking affecting Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Regulations (including a 45-day public comment period and a public hearing date).

A 45-day public review period opens start of business March 16th, 2018, and ends on April 30th, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Comments on the draft regulations and submissions by interested persons or their authorized representatives will be accepted during this time. The DGS will consider only those comments received during the public review period specified above.

The public hearing will take place from 9 am to Noon on April 30th, 2018 at the DGS Auditorium, located at 707 Third Street, 1st Floor, West Sacramento, California, 95605. The auditorium is wheelchair accessible. At this hearing, any person attending may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the proposed action. DGS requests but does not require that persons who offer oral comments at the hearing also submit a written copy of their testimony at the hearing.

The Department of General Services (DGS), Procurement Division, Office of Small Business & Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Services (OSDS) propose revisions to the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 2, Division 2, Chapter 3, Subchapter 10.5, Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Participation Goal Program for State Contracts, Sections 1896.60 – 1896.97. These rules are commonly known as the DVBE certification regulations. Those familiar with the DVBE program will find the vast majority of proposed adjustments unremarkable or minor in scope, as prevailing practices and requirements are being deliberately retained substantively unchanged.

The necessity for rule adjustments derives from inadequacies, or in some instances, inaccuracies in existing text which have been identified or recognized in the course of program administration subsequent to the last adoption of amendments in 2014. Other
revisions remove terms that have become obsolete or insufficient over time or supply additional content essential for rule clarity and proper program function. A final category of rule adjustment originates out of the recent adoption of related rules for Small Business certification, which requires corresponding changes in DVBE regulations for regulatory clarity and consistency reasons.

An accompanying Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR) explains, in detail, the changes proposed and provides reasons why they are being contemplated.

The current and proposed DVBE regulation text, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and the ISOR are at the web page:

- [http://www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Programs/OSDS/NoticeofRulemaking.aspx](http://www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Programs/OSDS/NoticeofRulemaking.aspx)

To view and/or download any of these documents, click on the appropriate link located at the web address above. Paper copies are also available for review at our public counter in Suite 1-400 of the Ziggurat Building, 707 Third Street, West Sacramento, California, accessible from 8 am to 5 pm, weekdays. The office is closed on holidays.

If you would like a paper copy of the Notice, text and ISOR email your request to [SBDVBEregulations@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:SBDVBEregulations@dgs.ca.gov). Specify in the “SUBJECT” line of your email “SEND PAPER COPY OF PROPOSED RULE PACKAGE”. Please include your name and complete mailing address. If you prefer, you may contact the OSDS at (916) 375-4589 or (916) 375-4919 and request a copy of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

You may submit comments and/or questions to:

DGS – Procurement Division  
Office of Small Business & DVBE Services  
Attention: Regulations Coordinator  
707 Third Street, 1st Floor, Room 1-400  
West Sacramento, CA 95605  
Fax: (916) 375-4950

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[SBDVBEregulations@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:SBDVBEregulations@dgs.ca.gov)

If you have questions regarding this notification or the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable modification to participate in this event, please contact:

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- [http://www.dgs.ca.gov/access_detail.html](http://www.dgs.ca.gov/access_detail.html)