business certification

Connecting DC businesses to local contracting opportunities.

By becoming a Certified Business Enterprise (CBE), you will receive preference in procurement opportunities offered by the District of Columbia. The CBE program helps position your business to better compete in DC government contracting opportunities.

CBE certification criteria.

In order to be eligible for CBE certification, in addition to other requirements, your business must meet the following criteria:

- The principal office of the business enterprise **must be located in DC**.

- The Chief Executive Officer and the highest level managerial employees of the business must perform their managerial functions in their principal office located in the District.

- The business must also meet 1 of the 4 standards below:

    1) More than **50% of the employees** of the business enterprise are residents of the District; or

    2) More than **50% of the owners** of the business are residents of the District; or

    3) More than **50% of the assets** of the business enterprise, excluding bank accounts, are located in the District; or

    4) More than **50% of the business enterprise's gross receipts** are District gross receipts; and

- The business must also demonstrate **one** of the following:

    (A) The business enterprise is licensed pursuant to Chapter 28 of Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code;

    (B) The business enterprise is subject to the tax levied under Chapter 18 of Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code; or

    (C) The business enterprise is a business enterprise identified in D.C. Official Code § 47-1808.01(1) through (5) and more than 50% of the business is owned by residents of the District.

For more information, visit: **dslbd.dc.gov/getcertified**.

Local Inclusion.

The CBE program is one of the most progressive local inclusion programs in the U.S. The District Government targets over **$500 million** in spending each year with Certified Business Enterprises (CBEs) through contracting opportunities and developer projects.

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