



MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

Certification through the City of Columbus

MBE PROGRAM OVERVIEW
The City of Columbus' Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) program is designed to promote the use of minority suppliers within the city's procurement and contracting processes. The objective of the MBE program is to level the playing field by facilitating minority businesses a fair opportunity to compete for city contracts.

- ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS***
- Minority-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE) shall mean a business which is an independent and continuing for profit operation, performing a commercially useful function.
 - At least 51% independently owned, operated, and controlled by one or more eligible minority group members: African Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Native Americans, all as defined by the US EEOC, who are either a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident, as defined in Rule 3901.01 of the City Code.
 - Owner must have all filings, licenses, permits, and authorities required by law to perform the scope of work.
 - Minimum of six months in business, located inside of Franklin county.
 - Eligible for goals.



WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

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WBE PROGRAM OVERVIEW
The City of Columbus' Women Business Enterprise (WBE) program is designed to promote the use of women suppliers within the city's procurement and contracting process. The objective of the WBE program is to level the playing field by facilitating women businesses a fair opportunity to compete for city contracts.

- ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS***
- Women-Owned Business Enterprise (WBE) shall mean a business which is an independent and continuing for profit operation, performing a commercially useful function.
 - At least 51% independently owned, operated, and controlled by one or more women who are either a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident, as defined in Rule 3901.01 of the City Code.
 - Owner must have all filings, licenses, permits, and authorities required by law to perform the scope of work.
 - Minimum of six months in business, located inside of Franklin county.
 - Eligible for goals.

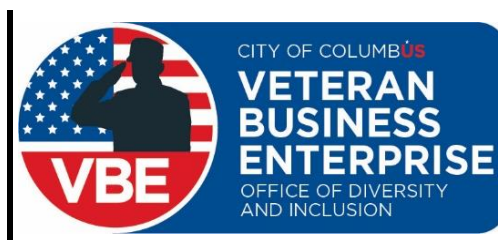


EMERGING BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

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EBE PROGRAM OVERVIEW
The City of Columbus' Emerging Business Enterprise (EBE) program is designed to identify and promote the development and growth of minority and women-owned suppliers within the city's procurement and contracting process. The objective of the EBE program is to attract and encourage firms to expand its presence into the city.

- ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS***
- Emerging Business Enterprise (EBE) shall mean businesses which are independent and continuing for profit operation, performing a commercially useful function.
 - At least 51% independently owned, operated, and controlled by one or more women or eligible minority group members: African Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Native Americans, all as defined by the US EEOC, who are either a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident, as defined in Rule 3901.01 of the City Code.
 - Owner must have all filings, licenses, permits, and authorities required by law to perform the scope of work.
 - Minimum of six months in business, located outside of Franklin county.



VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

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VBE PROGRAM OVERVIEW
The City of Columbus' Veteran Business Enterprise (VBE) registration is an initiative that identifies and provides recognition to Veteran-owned businesses.

- ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS***
- Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise (VBE) shall mean a registered business which is an independent and continuing for profit operation, performing a commercially useful function.
 - At least 51% independently owned, operated, and controlled by one or more veterans who are either a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident, as defined in Rule 3901.01 of the City Code.
 - Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD214).
 - Owner must have all filings, licenses, permits, and authorities required by law to perform the scope of work.
 - Minimum of six months in business, located inside of the U.S.



LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

Registration through the City of Columbus. Certification through the National LGBT Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC) is required.

LGBTBE PROGRAM OVERVIEW
The City of Columbus' Lesbian, Gay, BiSexual, Transgender Business Enterprise (LGBTBE) registration is in partnership with the National LGBT Chamber of Commerce to identify, recognize and promote LGBT-owned businesses that are certified by the NGLCC.

- ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS***
- LGBT Business Enterprise (LGBTBE)" shall mean a registered business which is an independent and continuing for profit operation, performing a commercially useful function.
 - At least 51% independently owned, operated, and controlled by one or more Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender persons who are either a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident.
 - Owner must have all filings, licenses, permits, and authorities required by law to perform the scope of work.
 - Located inside of the U.S.
 - NGLCC certification does not prove or guarantee the financial viability of any company; it only means that a company has gone through the independent process of verifying that it is LGBT-owned.