EASTERN MINORITY SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Type of Certification: Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)

The Eastern Minority Supplier Development Council (EMSDC) is an affiliate of the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC), one of the country’s leading corporate membership organizations. Whether you are a small minority-owned organization or a billion-dollar powerhouse, the EMSDC as part of the NMSDC network, including 23 regional councils, is committed to helping solve the growing need for supplier diversity. We do this by matching our more than 12,000 certified minority-owned businesses to a vast network of corporate members who wish to purchase their products, services and solutions. Our corporate membership includes many of the largest public and privately-owned companies, as well as healthcare institutions, government/ quasi-governmental agencies, colleges/universities, and others.

Benefits:

- National recognition as a certified MBE by 1,750 corporate members and government agencies.
- Inclusion in the searchable MBE database.
- Contact information for supplier diversity and procurement representatives.
- Access to bid opportunities.
- Facilitate MBE-to-MBE partnerships to meet the needs of our corporate members.
- Build MBE capacity and capabilities through our programs and other education offerings.
- Targeted training, conferences, meetings and networking events to expand your professional network.
- Opportunities to compete for prestigious local, regional, and national supplier excellence awards.
- Executive leadership scholarship program.

Requirements/Eligibility:

- Business must be a for-profit enterprise, physically located in the U.S., or its trust territories.
- Must be 51% owned, operated and controlled by an ethnic minority, who is African American, Asian-American, Hispanic-American or Native American.
- Must be a U.S. Citizen by birth or naturalized citizen with appropriate documentation.

Cost:

- There is a non-refundable application fee for the certification ranging from $350 - $1,250 on a sliding scale, based on annual sales and an annual re-certification fee on the anniversary date of your certification. Limited grants available on an as needed basis.

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MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

- Allegheny County Airport Authority - (412) 472-5648
- Allegheny County Dept. of Equity and Inclusion - (412) 350-4309
- Allegheny County Department of Economic Development - (412) 350-5100
- City of Pittsburgh - (412) 255-8804
- Community College of Allegheny County - (412) 237-3023
- Pittsburgh Community College - (412) 237-3023
- Women Owned Small Business (WOSB) Federal Contracting Program.

Requirements/Eligibility:

- Ownership: The firm must be at least 51% owned by a woman or women. The applicant must share in all risks and profits commensurate with her ownership interest.
- Control and Management: Proof of active management of the business. Women must possess the power to direct or cause to direct the management and policies of the business.
- Contribution of Expertise and Capital: Contribution of capital and expertise by women owners to acquire their ownership interest shall be real and substantial and be in proportion to the interest acquired.
- Independence: The women owners shall have the ability to perform in her area of specialty/expertise without substantial reliance on males or non-women-owned businesses.
- U.S. Citizenship or Permanent U.S. Resident Status
- How to Apply: Start by visiting the WBENC website, www.wbenc.org, and clicking on Certification, to take advantage of our interactive, on-line application process.
- Cost: The certification fee ranges from $350 - $1,250 on a sliding scale, based on your certification.

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WOMEN’S BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CENTER (WBEC EAST)

Type of Certification(s): Women’s Business Enterprise (WBE) Women Owned Small Business Government Certification (WOSB)

Women’s Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC), the nation’s third party certifier of women owned businesses.

Benefits:

- National recognition as a certified Women’s Business Enterprise (WBE) by thousands of major U.S. Corporations and by city, state and federal government agencies.
- Access to a current list of supplier diversity and procurement representatives from hundreds of corporations and government agencies.
- Automatic inclusion in WBENC Link, WBENC’s proprietary Internet database of certified WBEs.
- Eligibility for participation in MatchMaking opportunities with WBENC Corporate and Government Divisions.
- WBENC is also an approved Third Party Certifier for the United States Small Business Administration (SBA)
- Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Federal Contracting Program.

Requirements/Eligibility:

- Ownership: The firm must be at least 51% owned by a woman or women. The applicant must share in all risks and profits commensurate with her ownership interest.
- Control and Management: Proof of active management of the business. Women must possess the power to direct or cause to direct the management and policies of the business.
- Contribution of Expertise and Capital: Contribution of capital and expertise by women owners to acquire their ownership interest shall be real and substantial and be in proportion to the interest acquired.
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Disclaimer: This brochure is for informational purposes only. For full details, contact certification agency.
Type of Certification: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)

Benefits:
- Available to businesses that self-certify as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and meet the Small Business Administration's business size standard (annual gross receipts of $1.32 million or less).
- Provides an opportunity for businesses to compete for contracts.
- Eligible for participation in set-aside contracts, sole-source awards, and other opportunities.

Requirements/Eligibility:
- Businesses must be at least 51% owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, which may include women, Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian-Pacific Islanders, or other minorities that are found to be disadvantaged by the SBA.
- Net worth must be less than $750,000.
- Annual gross receipts must not exceed $1.32 million.

Type of Certification: 8(a) Certification

Benefits:
- Small businesses that are minority-owned or women-owned and meet the size standard for their industry.
- Eligible for participation in set-aside contracts, sole-source awards, and other opportunities.

Requirements/Eligibility:
- Businesses must be 51% or more owned and controlled by a socially and economically disadvantaged individual.
- Net worth must be less than $750,000.
- Annual gross receipts must not exceed $1.32 million.

Type of Certification: Small Business Self-Certification and Small Business Venture Certification

Benefits:
- Certification is free.
- Businesses can participate in the program without undergoing a formal review.

Requirements/Eligibility:
- Businesses must meet the Small Business Administration's business size standard.
- Net worth must be less than $750,000.
- Annual gross receipts must not exceed $1.32 million.

Type of Certification: Section 3 Certification

Benefits:
- Businesses interested in participating as a business in the Small Business Program must first register to do business with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and subsequently self-certify as a Small Business.
- Business may not be dominant in its field of operation.
- The business may not be independently owned.
- Net worth must be less than $750,000.

Requirements/Eligibility:
- Businesses must meet the Small Business Administration's business size standard.
- Net worth must be less than $750,000.
- Annual gross receipts must not exceed $1.32 million.

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