

It is our mission...

... to ensure that all local small businesses have an equitable opportunity to participate in the County's procurement process. Our purpose is to work with all County departments to provide support and technical assistance while promoting the economic growth, expansion and increased productivity of all small, minority, women-owned business enterprises in accordance with the established ordinance, policies and guidelines.



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SMALL BUSINESS IS BIG BUSINESS



CORE PROGRAMS

The Office of Equal Business Opportunity's (OEBO) primary programs are certification, compliance, outreach, and referrals to resources for financial or technical assistance. These programs are tailored to support the increasing number of small, minority, and women-owned business enterprises (S/M/WBE) in Palm Beach County. Allowing them to develop the necessary skills to start and operate an efficient and profitable business.

BENEFITS OF CERTIFICATION

- Local companies and other government agencies accept Palm Beach County's certification to achieve vendor diversity.
- Minimum mandatory goals are 20% on all Palm Beach County contracts.
- An Affirmative Procurement Initiative plan designed to encourage equitable utilization and greater participation of certified S/M/WBE businesses.
- Increased opportunities to network and participate as a prime or subcontractor with Palm Beach County.
- All certified S/M/WBEs are listed in OEBO's daily updated online directory for maximum exposure.
- A resource to improve your company's growth in revenue.

CERTIFICATION ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for certification, a bona-fide small, minority, and/or women-owned business enterprise must be registered with the Palm Beach County Purchasing Department (www.pbcgov.com/purchasing) and meet the following criteria:

Your business must be registered as a For-Profit and Domiciled in Palm Beach County

Your business must provide a commercially useful business function for S/M/WBE certification

Your business must be independently owned and operated

Your Minority owned business must be at least 51% owned, managed, and controlled by minority group member(s) that is a lawful resident or citizen of the United States or its territories

Your Women owned business must be at least 51% owned, managed and controlled by a woman

Your business and any subsidiary or affiliates must meet the size standard for all S/M/WBEs based on gross receipts averaged over a three-year period and must not exceed the following:

Construction

\$9,000,000.00

Goods

\$5,000,000.00

Professional Services (CCNA required)

\$5,000,000.00

Professional Services (Non-CCNA)

\$4,000,000.00

Other Services

\$4,000,000.00

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

To ensure that the County fulfills its annual goals, as set forth by the Goal Setting Committee (GSC) on County procurements, the OEBO and departments monitors all contracts with S/M/WBE commitments. Contractors and consultants are required to submit to the County, activity reports and vendor payment forms from their subcontractors and sub consultants with all applications for payment. The OEBO staff may conduct inspections of job sites to ensure compliance. Failure to comply with S/M/WBE commitments of an awarded contract may result in suspension or debarment of the firms involved.

HOW TO APPLY...

Our application for certification is found online at www.pbcgov.org/oebo or you can call us at 561.616.6840 and we will mail or email one to you.

If you need assistance with completing the application, you may call, walk-in or request an appointment with our staff; our office hours are from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday – Friday, excluding national holidays.

The Office of Equal Business Opportunity can review and reevaluate a certified firm at any time. The firm/business must abide by the ordinance and policies of the OEBO to maintain certification. Certification is valid for a three-year period.

ARE YOU READY TO DO BUSINESS WITH PALM BEACH COUNTY?

