

Disabled Veteran Business Participation | Tip Sheet



What You Need to Know

San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) requires 3% DVB participation on all publicly bid construction contracts.

- 3% DVB participation required. The DVB requirement can be met through participation of contractors, suppliers, manufacturers, and equipment providers.
- “Good Faith Effort” no longer applies
- DVB prime contractors meet the requirement by default
- State of California certifications are required for DVBEs
- Federal verification letters are required for SDVOSBs

Definitions

DVB

Disabled Veteran Business

DVBE (State of CA)

Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise

SDVOSB (Federal)

Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business

> Non-DVB Prime Contractors: Do Your Due Diligence

1 Confirm valid certification/verification for subs & vendors



DVBE: Ask for DVBE Certification; go to <https://caleprocure.ca.gov/pages/PublicSearch/supplier-search.aspx>, input business name or supplier number



SDVOSB: Ask for verification letter; be sure it is current and valid. Check here for SDVOSB verification: veterans.certify.sba.gov

2 Complete DVB Bidder Declaration for hard bids OR DVB Contractor Declaration for Lease-Leasebacks; include with bid

3 Collect all materials and include with bid if possible



> DVBE Subs, Suppliers, Manufacturers, Equipment Providers: Get Certified/Verified

- Eligibility must be current at time of bid
- It is your responsibility to apply for and maintain DVBE and/or SDVOSB eligibility status



Start the DVBE certification process at <https://caleprocure.ca.gov/pages/sbdvbe-index.aspx>

* DVBE eligibility is a two-year period



Start the SDVOSB verification process at veterans.certify.sba.gov

* SDVOSB eligibility is a three-year period

> DVB Prime Contractors: Maintain Your Eligibility

- Do not “need” DVB subs, but it is encouraged
- Complete DVB Bidder Declaration for hard bids **OR** DVB Contractor Declaration for Lease-Leasebacks; include with bid
- Submit proof of current and valid certification/verification with bid

Resources

For further assistance finding Disabled Veteran Business contractors, suppliers, manufacturers, and equipment providers and/or confirming DVBE/SDVOSB status, contact the following:

SDUSD Business Outreach Department
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U.S. Veteran Business Alliance | www.gousvba.org



Veterans In Business (VIB) Network | www.vibnetwork.org