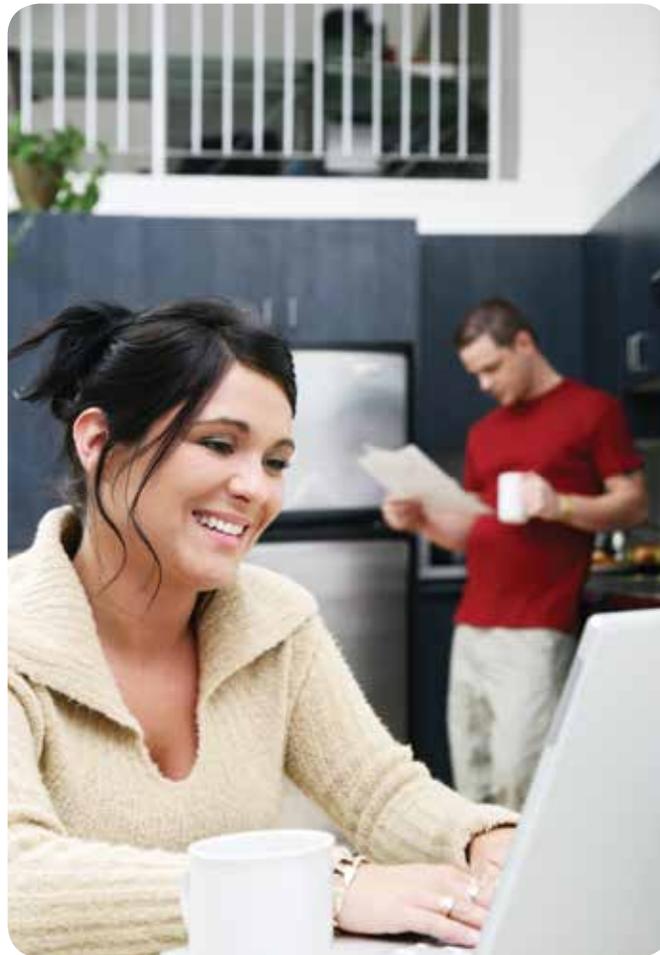


Utility Supplier Diversity Program



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Helping Diverse Businesses Sell to Regulated Utilities

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) encourages the investor-owned utilities to purchase at least 21.5% of its goods and services from diverse businesses.

Get Certified

The CPUC recommends businesses owned by women, minorities, and disabled veterans to get certified. Certification is free and there is no fee to apply or participate in the verification process. Qualified applicants are entered in a supplier database accessed by participating utilities throughout the state. Generally, certification is granted within 45 days of receiving the application and is valid for three years. Certification is limited to U.S. citizens or legal immigrants. The supplier database is online for anyone to use. It's a great resource for subcontractors. Visit: www.cpuc.ca.gov/static/jobs_consultants/wmbe/database.htm



Definitions

Woman-owned: A business at least 51% owned by one or more women and whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one woman or more.

Minority-owned: A business at least 51% owned by one or more minority individuals and whose management and daily operations are controlled by one or more minority individuals. Recognized minorities include: Asian Americans, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Native Americans, among others.

Application Process

Interested business owners can go to the Clearinghouse website, www.thesupplierclearinghouse.com, and apply online, or upon request the Clearinghouse will mail an application out to you. Upon receipt of the completed application, the Clearinghouse verifies the eligibility of the business. The Clearinghouse cannot accept a business on utility bid lists, guarantee contract awards, confirm one's ability to perform, or participate in procurement-related functions. The state's Department of General Services (DGS) has a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Participation Program that handles application for those business owners.



Women and Minority-Owned Businesses

Applications: Download an application at www.thesupplierclearinghouse.com

Clearinghouse:

606 South Olive Street, Suite 1120
Los Angeles, CA 90014

Toll free: (800) 359-7998 or (213) 623-2330

Fax: (213) 623-2748

Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses

Disabled Veterans Program-DGS:
800-559-5529 or (916) 375-4940

Applications, contacts, and program details are online at:

www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/dvbe/default.htm

www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/smbus/contact.htm

www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/smbus/certappinst.htm

Comparable Verifying Agencies

The CPUC currently accepts certifications from three other agencies: The National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC), The Women's Business Enterprise Network Council (WBENC), and the United States Small Business Administration (SBA). For more information, please see the link for the CPUC's Utility Supplier Diversity Program at www.cpuc.ca.gov.