DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, SC EBID TO COMPETE FOR CITY BID OPPORTUNITIES

The City is always seeking to:

- Streamline and simplify the City's procurement process.
- Increase the number and diversity of vendors and contractors interested in providing goods and services to the City.

REGISTER FOR EBID & REVIEW BID OPPORTUNITIES AT:

https://columbiasc.ionwave.net



QUESTIONS?

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COLUMBIA DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

CDBE

MAXIMIZING CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES FOR DBES













PURPOSE OF CDBE

The purpose of the Columbia Disadvantage Business Enterprise (CDBE) program is to ensure that CDBEs have an equitable opportunity to compete for City subcontracts.

In 2021, the City of Columbia's Office of Business Opportunities worked diligently with City leadership and across departments to revise the Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (CDBE) policy. The policy provides that Disadvantage Business Enterprises (DBEs) shall be afforded the opportunity to participate fully in the City's overall procurement process.

A CDBE goal is set by the City Manager on qualifying projects. The goal is based on the relative availability of subcontractors who are able to perform identified tasks of a specific project.

BENEFITS OF THE CDBE PROGRAM

- Your company will be listed in the City's CDBE Directory* as a resource for contractors and city staff seeking to use CDBEs.
- Prime contractors must utilize CDBEs/DBEs in meeting the CDBE goal placed on a project.
- Enhanced capacity to network and build relationships with city staff, prime contractors and other DBEs.

**CDBEs/DBEs located in the eight county CSA will be added to the directory and may be counted towards good faith efforts.*

All offers/primes must demonstrate outreach to registered CDBEs/DBES prior to the bid opening. The following directories can be utilized in order to meet the CDBE goal placed on the project.

- Utilize the OBO CDBE Directory (found on the OBO website at https://obo.columbiasc.gov/contractor-supplier-diversity/smwbe/)
- Utilize the SC Commission for Community Advancement and Engagement Directory (found on the SC Advance website at https://advance.sc.gov/small-businesses/small-business-directory)

COMMERCIAL NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the policy of the City of Columbia to prohibit and discourage commercial discrimination on the basis of race, gender, religion, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, disability or any other form of unlawful discrimination in any City procurement or contract.



CDBE QUALIFICATIONS & HOW TO APPLY

Disadvantage Business Enterprises (DBEs) are for-profit small business concerns where socially and economically disadvantage individuals own at least 51% interest and also control management and daily business operations.

- DBEs are certified by SBA, SC Commission for Community Advancement and Engagement, the National Minority Supplier Development Council, WBENC, or any other certifying agency.
- A CDBE is a certified DBE registered and approved City of Columbia's Office of Business Opportunities.
- A CDBE must have a physical office located within the eight county Columbia-Orangeburg-Newberry CSA (Calhoun, Fairfield , Kershaw, Lexington, Newberry, Orangeburg, Richland, and Saluda counties) for a period of one year.
- A CDBE must be in good standing with the City.

GUIDELINES & THE CDBE QUALIFICATION STATEMENT CAN BE FOUND AT:

HTTPS://OBO.COLUMBIASC.GOV/CONTRACTOR-SUPPLIER-DIVERSITY/SMWBE/

