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State certification

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VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CERTIFICATION

Work, Wages and Wealth!

The **Maryland Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprise (VSBE) Program** provides contracting opportunities on State-funded procurements for qualified veteran-owned small businesses. Established in 2010, the program sets a goal that at least 3% of State procurement dollars go to certified veteran-owned small businesses.

Why get certified?

Count toward VSBE goals

Certified firms count toward VSBE participation goals on State contracts, as prime contractors or subcontractors.

Be found by buyers

Your VSBE certification is listed in eMaryland Marketplace Advantage (eMMA), where Contract Entities and prime contractors search the public vendor database.

3-Step Online VSBE Certification in eMMA

Certification is a quick, online process in eMMA at zero cost to apply, certify, or recertify.

Training and support

Free T.I.P.S. webinars and one-on-one sessions help you navigate, compete for, and win State contracts.

3%
statewide VSBE participation goal

1,350+
VSBE-certified businesses

50+
participating Contract Entities

Program details and application help

Eligibility and how to apply are on the other side.

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WHO QUALIFIES AND HOW TO APPLY

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Eligibility requirements

- **Small, for-profit business.** Be a for-profit business that meets the size standards adopted by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) in 13 C.F.R. 121.201 and any later revision of that regulation.
- **Ownership.** Be at least 51% owned and controlled by one or more individuals who are veterans.
- **Veteran status.** A veteran is an individual verified as having served on active duty in the Uniformed Services of the United States, other than for training, and discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.

After you are certified

Your certification number

Your VSBE number (VB #) is listed in your eMMA account.

Report changes

Notify OSBA within 30 days of any change that affects your eligibility, such as a change in ownership or control.

Find solicitations

View solicitations that include VSBE goals at emma.maryland.gov.

Book a one-on-one session

Email danielle.davis2@maryland.gov for free help with your eMMA profile, commodity codes, and finding opportunities.

Steps to get certified

1

Register for an eMMA account

Create your profile on eMaryland Marketplace Advantage (eMMA) at emma.maryland.gov.

2

Verify your veteran status

Verify through the Maryland Department of Veterans and Military Families or the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

3

Submit your VSBE application

Log in to eMMA and complete the VSBE application, a set of eligibility questions under Documents.

4

Recertify every three years

Renew in eMMA in the 30 days before your certification expires, at no cost. No new veteran documents are required.

Ready to get started?

Ready to apply? Go to eMMA

Watch past T.I.P.S. webinars

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