As of March 30, 2012, the Successor Agency has adopted a new procedure for certifying Small Business Enterprises (SBE), Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBE) and Women-owned Business Enterprises (WBE). Due to a lack of staff resources, the Successor Agency will no longer directly certify SBE, MBE, and WBE, but will instead rely on the information provided in other public entities’ business certifications to establish eligibility for the Agency programs.

The Successor Agency will continue to administer the former Agency’s SBE and M/WBE policies on the continuing projects in the three major project areas. All existing SBE certifications will continue to be valid through the expiration date on the certificate which is typically 3 years from the certification date.

The Successor Agency will accept the information on documented small economically disadvantaged businesses (L/DBE, SBE, MBE, and WBE) certifications from the following jurisdictions:

- City and County of San Francisco – Local Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (L/DBE)
- State of California – Small Business Enterprises (SBE)
- Federal, and
- Any other local jurisdiction

The Contract Compliance Division will make the final determination on the consistency of the certification standards and acceptance or denial of certifications listed above. The SBE Program 50% SBE participation goal for both the professional services consultants and construction subcontracting will continue. SBEs certified with the Agency and only firms certified with the City and County of San Francisco and other jurisdictions that meet SBE certification standards will count toward the SBE goal.

In order to be recognized as an economically disadvantaged SBE, the business must have an average gross income on the three most recent tax returns that does not exceed the threshold below:

- $2 million dollars for professional or personal service
- $7 million for supplier
- $14 million for construction

For information regarding certification, please visit the following websites:


DBE certification - [http://www.sfcta.org/content/view/289/109/](http://www.sfcta.org/content/view/289/109/)

State of California’s SBE certification - [http://www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Programs/OSDS/GetCertified.aspx](http://www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Programs/OSDS/GetCertified.aspx)

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