

**How to Establish Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE)  
Equipment Ownership [M&VC §§ 999.2(b)(1), 999.2(c), 999.2(e)]**

A DVBE's qualifying Disabled Veteran (DV) must own 51 percent of each piece of equipment that will be rented to the State of California. The DV **must** establish that he or she owns 51 percent of each piece of equipment and have title, possession, control, and risk of loss of equipment **or** be deemed an equipment broker or agent. Contracts awarded to equipment brokers or agents cannot be counted towards the three percent (3%) DVBE participation goal.

To establish DV equipment ownership, provide the following documents:

1. An equipment list identifying equipment by license plate or Special Equipment (SE) registration number and Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).

And **one** of the following for each listed item:

- California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Vehicle Registrations for highway legal vehicles or SE Registrations for off-highway equipment/vehicles registered in the DV owners name or firm name.
- California DMV Certificate of Title (or California DMV Title/Transfer Only Receipts) in the DV owners name or firm name.

OR

2. Current Equipment Rental Agreement (ERA) signed by the DV owner and awarding department, when available. An expired agreement can be used temporarily if a new agreement is pending.

If you have any questions regarding this notification or requirements to obtain DVBE certification, please contact:

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