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**TO: Purchasing Authority Contacts (PACs)
Procurement and Contracting Officers (PCOs)
State Contracting Advisory Network (SCAN) Members
Small Business and DVBE Advocates**

**RE: New Small Business for the purpose of Public Works (SB-PW) Certification
effective January 1, 2019**

Effective January 1, 2019, the Department of General Services (DGS) Office of Small Business and DVBE Services (OSDS) will administer the new Small Business for the purpose of Public Works (SB-PW) certification created by Senate Bill 605 (Chapter 673, Statute of 2017). The SB-PW certification is solely for the purpose of public works related contracts/projects and expands the opportunities for more small businesses to compete in the public works arena.

Applications in paper format will be available and accepted starting January 1, 2019. The online application will be available in Cal eProcure by mid-January. During this transition, to assist departments with finding certified SB-PW firms, OSDS temporarily created a downloadable report at this location [SB-PW firm search](#). This live document will be updated every four hours until the Cal eProcure *Find certified SB/DVBE* search function is available.

Both SB and SB-PW certifications can be used and counted on public works related contracts and/or projects. The below chart highlights the differences between the SB certification currently in place and the new SB-PW certification.

Certification Differences	Small Business (SB)	Small Business for the purpose of Public Works (SB-PW)
GARs cap (averaged over last 3 years)	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 36,000,000
Maximum employee count (based on recent 4 quarters)	100	200
Include GAR limit for manufacturers?	No	Yes
Does it have a Microbusiness (MB) designation?	Yes	No

Get SB credit for what type of contracts?	All state contracts*	Limited to public works – related state contracts/project**
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**SB certification can be used and counted on all types of contracts including public works related contracts and/or projects.*

***SB-PW certification can only be counted toward SB participation on public works related contracts/projects.*

- [Access SB-PW frequently asked questions for state departments here](#)
- https://www.documents.dgs.ca.gov/pd/smallbus/SB_605_FAQs_10-18.pdf
- [Access more information about SB-PW certification here](#)
- <https://www.dgs.ca.gov/PD/Services/Page-Content/Procurement-Division-Services-List-Folder/Register-Apply-or-Renew-a-Small-Business-and-Disabled-Veteran-Business-Enterprise>

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