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**TO: Purchasing Authority Contacts (PACs)
Procurement and Contracting Officers (PCOs)
Small Business (SB)/Disabled Veteran Business
Enterprise (DVBE) Advocates**

**RE: Small Business and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Participation in
State Contracting Best Practices - Webinar**

The Department of General Services (DGS), Procurement Division (PD), Office of Small Business and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Services (OSDS), is offering a Best Practices webinar on SB and DVBE participation in state contracting for state entities that missed one or both of the SB and DVBE participation goals in fiscal year 2024-25.

This webinar provides procurement management and staff with a variety of strategies and best practices to increase SB and DVBE participation. It includes a section specifically tailored to best practices for small departments.

When will it be held:

- July 14, 2026, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. (PST) (Zoom)

Who should attend:

- PACs
- PCOs
- SB/DVBE Advocates

Where will it be held:

The webinar will be presented virtually through Zoom.

What will be covered:

- Leveraging the Statewide Advocacy Support Program
- Maximizing the CalVet DVBE Program
- Understanding the SB/DVBE Advocate role and responsibilities
- Gaining leadership buy-in
- Implementing the SB/DVBE First Policy

- Utilizing the SB/DVBE Option
- Optimizing Leveraged Procurement Agreements
- Navigating the DVBE Exemption
- Utilizing the SB/DVBE Emergency Registry
- Making use of state procurement dashboards effectively
- Consolidated Annual Report (CAR) best practices
- Effective business outreach

How to register:

Click on the link below. You will receive an automatic confirmation.

- [Tuesday, July 14, 2026, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. \(PST\) Zoom webinar](#)

How to join the live webinar:

Upon registration, an email will be sent with a webinar login link and code.

Americans with Disabilities Act accommodations:

A minimum of five business days are required when requesting reasonable accommodation. Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in this event, please contact the Statewide Advocacy Support Section at:

Advocate@dgs.ca.gov

Additional Americans with Disabilities Act information regarding reasonable accommodation is available [here](#).

For additional information and/or questions, please contact:

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