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

RE: Assembly Bill (AB) 258 Webpage Links to Certification Directories

Purpose The purpose of this Broadcast Bulletin is to inform state agencies and departments of a new Department of General Services (DGS) internet web page that includes web links to directories of certified Small Businesses (SB), Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises (DVBE), Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE), Minority Business Enterprises (MBE), Women Business Enterprises (WBE), Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Business Enterprises (LGBTBE), and Persons with Disabilities Business Enterprises (PDBE). This is also to inform state agencies and departments that the DGS SB certification database is a resource for sourcing vendors to meet the annual minimum goal of 25 percent procurement for SB and microbusinesses (Micro) as required by AB 258 (Reyes, Chapter 423, Statutes of 2023).

Policy Effective January 1, 2024, DGS shall provide an internet web page that includes web links to one or more online directories or databases of businesses certified by state agencies with industrial classification codes, such as the United Nations Standard Product and Service Codes, North American Industry Classification System, or Standard Industrial Classification, that include categories related to goods or commodities, services, information technology, and construction. For purposes of this policy, state certification shall include SB and DVBE by DGS, DBE by Caltrans, and MBE, WBE, LGBTBE, and PDBE by California Public Utility Commission (CPUC). DGS shall provide a link to this new web page on the department's internet home page.

DGS shall notify each state agency or department that the Department of General Services small business certification database is a resource for sourcing vendors to meet the minimum goal of 25 percent procurement for small businesses and microbusinesses described in Section 14838.1.

Background

On October 8, 2023, AB 258 was passed and chaptered into law thereby establishing the requirement for DGS to provide an internet web page that includes web links to online directories or databases of businesses certified by state agencies with industrial classification codes, as specified. The bill also requires DGS to provide on its internet home page a link to a new internet web page and to notify each state agency or department that the small business certification database is a resource for sourcing vendors to meet their annual 25 percent SB participation goals.

Procedure/Process

1. The web page with web links to directories can be accessed by clicking on the blue title labeled “Search For State-Certified Small And Diverse Businesses” located on the DGS website homepage (<https://www.dgs.ca.gov/>) or the DGS Procurement Division services page (<https://www.dgs.ca.gov/en/PD/Services>).
 2. The directory of DGS-certified SB, Micro, Small Businesses for the purpose of Public Works (SB-PW) and DVBE can be accessed by clicking on the blue title labeled “[Cal eProcure Certified Firm Search](#)” located on the web page with web links to directories.
 3. The directory of Caltrans-certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) can be accessed by clicking on the blue title labeled “[CalTrans Certified Firm Search](#)” located on the web page with web links to directories.
 4. The CPUC directory of MBE, WBE, LGBTBE and PDBE can be accessed by clicking on the blue title labeled “[California Public Utilities Commission \(CPUC\) Certified Firm Search](#)” located on the web page with web links to directories.
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Questions

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