

Office of Minority & Women Business Development

The City of Indianapolis, Office of Minority and Women Business Development (OMWBD) seeks to provide equal opportunities to all business owners through its Minority, Women, Veteran, and Disability-Owned Business Enterprise program. The M/W/V/DOBE program certifies firms that are at least fifty-one percent owned and controlled by a qualifying member. Under Mayor Joe Hogsett's administration, the City of Indianapolis strives to ensure a more diverse business climate by further expanding the number of certified firms, a growing portion of which are Disability-Owned Business Enterprises.

Under the Disability-Owned Business Enterprise (DOBE) Certification, the Disability-Owned Business Enterprise program implemented a one percent utilization goal of disability-owned businesses in all city and county contracts. Qualifying members for DOBE certification must adhere to the definition of disability as set forth by the Americans with Disabilities Act <https://www.ada.gov/>. The DOBE certification process seeks to foster an environment conducive to meaningful business opportunities, productive partnerships, and successful integration of DOBE firms within Indianapolis' business infrastructure. By supporting such enterprises, OMWBD aims to both encourage economic self-sufficiency for all firms and advance its mission of furthering the City's growth and economic stability.

DOBE Certification provides unique prospects to Disability-Owned Business Enterprises through the promotion of contracting and procurement opportunities that are available from the City. To be certified as a Disability-Owned Business Enterprise, applicants must meet all qualification requirements, including proof of ownership by a qualifying member and being domiciled in the State of Indiana, submit the Certification Application and all necessary attachments to OMWBD, and undergo an on-site review. If your business is interested in learning more about becoming a DOBE certified business, please contact OMWBD by phone at (317) 327-5262 or visit the website at www.indy.gov/omwbd.

