

# Certification Options



**PTAC**  
SOUTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA  
PROCUREMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER

## Accepting Agencies

Certifying Agency	Federal Agencies & Primes w Sub	Pennsylvania DGS <sup>1</sup>	Philadelphia OEO <sup>2</sup>	Large Diversity	Cost	Length
Baltimore, MD Minority & Women Business Opportunity Office			M/WSBE		N/A	N/A
Center for Veteran Enterprise	SD/VetSBE <sup>3</sup>	SD/VetSBE			N/A	2yr <sup>5</sup>
Delaware Department of Transportation DBE	See note <sup>4</sup>		M/W/DSBE		N/A	1yr <sup>5</sup>
Delaware Office of Minority & Woman Business Enterprises			M/WSBE		N/A	3yr <sup>5</sup>
El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	WOSB/EDWOSB				\$225	2yr <sup>6</sup>
Maryland Department of General Services MBE			MSBE		N/A	1yr/2yr <sup>5</sup>
MD DOT Office of Minority Business Enterprise	See note <sup>4</sup>		M/W/DSBE		N/A	1yr/2yr <sup>5</sup>
Metropolitan Washington Unified Certification	See note <sup>4</sup>		M/W/DSBE		N/A	1yr <sup>5</sup>
Minority Supplier Development Council		MSBE	MSBE	MSBE	\$250 <sup>7</sup>	1yr <sup>6</sup>
National Women Business Owners Corporation	WOSB/EDWOSB			WSBE	\$400	1yr <sup>6</sup>
PA Unified Certification	See note <sup>4</sup>	See note <sup>1</sup>	M/W/DSBE		N/A	1yr <sup>5</sup>
Self-Certification	SB,WOSB,WO,Vet <sup>8</sup>				N/A	N/A
Small Business Administration (SBA)	8(a)	See note <sup>1</sup>			N/A	9yr
Small Business Administration	Hub-Zone				N/A	N/A
US Women's Chamber of Commerce	WOSB/EDWOSB			WSBE	\$350	1yr <sup>6</sup>
Virginia Department of Minority Business Enterprise			M/W/DSBE		N/A	N/A
Wilmington, Delaware Minority Business Enterprise Office			M/DSBE		N/A	N/A
Women's Business Enterprise National Council	WOSB/EDWOSB	WSBE	WSBE	WSBE	\$350 <sup>7</sup>	1yr <sup>6</sup>

**D** = Disadvantaged or Disabled (varies by program) **M** = Minority **W** = Women **SB & SBE** = Small Business and Small Business Enterprise  
**SD** = Service Disabled **VET** = Veteran **WO** = Women Owned (SBA goals only) **WOSB/EDWOSB** = Women Owned and Economic Disadvantaged

<sup>1</sup> The Small Diverse Business Program in Department of General Services (DGS) verifies that Small Diverse Businesses (SDB) have been certified by the approved certifying agency. An SDB is a DGS verified Minority, Women, Veteran or Service Disabled Veteran owned business. For the PA UCP and the 8(a) program DGS recognizes minority and woman owned businesses enterprise.

<sup>2</sup> Office of Economic Opportunity – program includes Minority, Women or Disabled owned business enterprises.

<sup>3</sup> Program applies to the Veterans Administration (VA) only. This is a set-aside program for both Veteran and Service Disabled Veteran owned businesses.

<sup>4</sup> Certifications under the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) program – most programs have a reciprocity agreement with other jurisdictions that utilize FHWA funding.

<sup>5</sup> Indicates an affidavit verifying continued small business and minority/women owned status is required at this anniversary.

<sup>6</sup> Recertification date with fee required – fee varies depending on agency.

<sup>7</sup> Sliding scale – price given is the lowest cost.

<sup>8</sup> Vet on this note includes Service Disabled Veterans. The Service Disabled program referenced here is an SBA set-aside program for all federal agencies (except VA see note 3).