

CERTIFICATION PROCESS OVERVIEW



THE SUPPLIER CLEARINGHOUSE



WHAT IS THE PRIMARY FUNCTION OF THE SUPPLIER CLEARINGHOUSE?

The Supplier Clearinghouse:

- Commissioned by the CPUC
- Operates under General Order 156
- Verifies, certifies, and maintains a database of Minority, Women, LGBT, and Persons with Disabilities Business Enterprises to do business with the participating Joint Utility companies
- Shares procurement opportunities when asked by a utility





WHO ARE THE PARTICIPATING JOINT UTILITIES?



at&t

COMCAST

Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Suburban Water Systems
A SouthWest Water Company

CALIFORNIA AMERICAN WATER

frontier Communications

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER COMPANY

TPX COMMUNICATIONS

Golden State Water Company
A Subsidiary of American States Water Company

San Jose Water Company

T-Mobile

SOUTHWEST GAS

Level(3) COMMUNICATIONS

SoCalGas

CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE

TBC Trans Bay Cable

Liberty Utilities

A Sempra Energy utility

verizon

SDGE
A Sempra Energy utility

PACIFICORP

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON
An EDISON INTERNATIONAL Company

XO communications



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF CERTIFICATION WITH THE SUPPLIER CLEARINGHOUSE?



- Utility companies with gross annual revenues in excess of \$15,000,000 are required to participate in this program.
- These companies have developed and implemented procedures to increase the utilization of MBE, WBE, LGBTBE, DVBE, and PDBE in their procurement activities.
- Must be certified through the Clearinghouse to participate in the CPUC Diversity program.
- The Joint Utility companies spend hundreds of millions of dollars with MBE/WBE/LGBTBE/DVBE/PDBE certified suppliers.
- There is no charge to become certified.



WHAT ARE THE PROCUREMENT GOALS?

Goals established by the CPUC:

- 15% goal for Minority Business Enterprises
- 5% goal for Women Business Enterprises
- 1.5% goal for Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises
- 0.5% goal for LGBT Business Enterprises for 2022, 1.0% goal for LGBT Business Enterprises for 2023, and 1.5% goal for LGBT Business Enterprises for 2024 and beyond
- No goals have been set for PDBE Business Enterprises





WHO CAN BE CERTIFIED THROUGH THE SUPPLIER CLEARINGHOUSE?

The Supplier Clearinghouse Certifies:

- “Women Business Enterprise” (WBE)
- "Minority Business Enterprise " (MBE)
- “LGBT Business Enterprise” (LGBTBE)
- “Persons with Disabilities Business Enterprise” (PDBE)

Additional Programs Include:

- “ Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise” (DVBE)
- SBA 8(a)





HOW CAN MY COMPANY BECOME CERTIFIED BY THE SUPPLIER CLEARINGHOUSE?



Must apply using one of the four applications:

- Standard Verification Application
- “Fast Track” Application
- Re-Verification Application
- Comparable Agency Verification Application
 - Women’s Business Enterprise National Council – WBENC
 - National Minority Supplier Development Council – NMSDC
 - National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce – NGLCC
 - Disability:IN



WHAT DOCUMENTS ARE REQUIRED IN THE APPLICATION?

Important Documents:

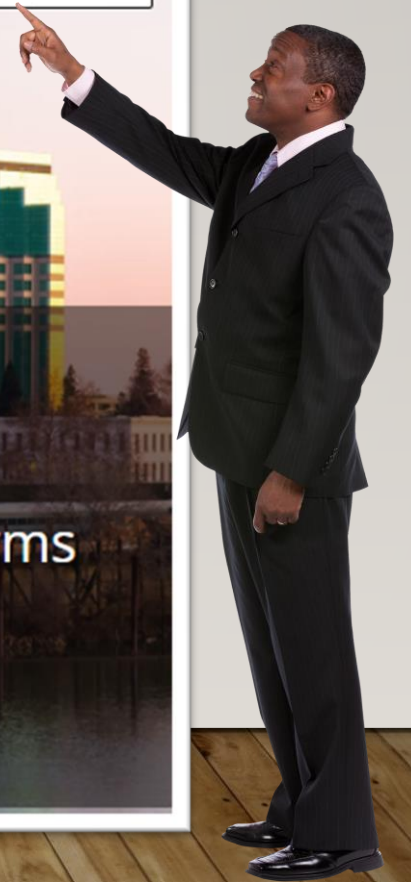
- Signed Affidavit (Notarized)
- Proof of ethnicity, gender, LGBT status, or disability status
- Most recent Federal tax returns
- Evidence of Capital Contribution
- Bank Signature Information
- Resumes
- All LLC or Corporate Documents
- WBENC, NMSDC, NGLCC, Disability:IN (CAV applications)





WHAT DOES THE ONLINE APPLICATION SYSTEM LOOK LIKE?

A screenshot of the Supplier Clearinghouse website homepage. The background is a city skyline at dusk. In the top left corner is the Supplier Clearinghouse logo. The main heading reads "THE SUPPLIER CLEARINGHOUSE". In the top right corner, there is a "CONTACT SUPPORT" button with a question mark icon. The central text says "JOIN OUR SUPPLIER DIVERSITY PROGRAM" in large, bold, white letters, followed by "Open to women, minority, disabled veteran and LGBT-owned firms" in smaller white text. At the bottom, there are three orange buttons: "Do I Qualify?", "Apply" (with a white mouse cursor pointing to it), and "Log In".





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Dashboard

Displaying records assigned to your company

No information available for display in dashboard.

Certification Center

⚠ If your firm holds active certifications (SBE/MBE/WBE/DBE/HUB/etc) from any organization, [submit a request](#) to add them to your account.

Key Actions

- [Renew/Apply for Certification](#)
- [Take a Training Class](#)
- [Watch a Training Video](#)

Alerts

No Activated Alerts. [View Pending Alerts.](#)

Configure

Change Your Password	Business Info
Edit Your User Account Settings	Profile Setup
Linked Accounts	List/Add Users
View, Vote, & Post to the Wish List	Main Contacts
	Commodity Codes
	EEO/Workforce Comp.

System News

Special Features for Vendors

Do you have success story to share related to our program? [Share your testimonial](#) so we can recognize your accomplishment!

[Check out the system Wish List](#) to submit ideas for system enhancements, vote on others' suggestions, and join the discussion by adding comments. We welcome your feedback to build a better system.

If your firm is certified (SBE, DBE, MBE, WBE, etc.), active records will appear in the "Certification Center" on the left side of this Dashboard. You can take two important actions:

1. [Add a date alert](#) to an active certification to remind you of an upcoming renewal. You can add multiple alerts to any active certification -- for example 90 days, 60 days, and 30 days before the renewal is due.
2. If your firm holds a certification that is not listed, [submit a missing certification request](#). Our customer support team will review the supporting documentation and take action to add the record to ensure your profile is complete and up-to-date.

Training Classes & Events

Learn more about the system with our regular training classes and see upcoming events relevant to your business -- [View details](#).

- [View events & RSVP today](#)



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