



VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (VSBE) PROGRAM

STATE FINANCE & PROCUREMENT ARTICLE, §14-604

Maryland's VSBE Program provides contracting opportunities on state-funded procurements for qualified veteran-owned small businesses. Only the work of a certified VSBE firm can be counted towards an established VSBE contract goal. There is no cost to obtain certification.

This program is administered by The Governor's Office of Small, Minority & Women Business Affairs, a coordinating office within the Executive Department. This unit connects the small business community to greater economic opportunities, while implementing and monitoring small, minority, women, and veteran preference procurement programs across 70+ state agencies.



- 50+ participating units
- For profit small businesses only
- Both Prime and Subcontracting opportunities
- 3% statewide goal
- Online 3-step certification process

Eligibility Standards - Businesses seeking to participate in the VSBE Program must (1) meet the size standards adopted by the United States Small Business Administration in 13 C.F.R. 121.201 and any subsequent revision of that regulation, and; (2) must be at least 51% owned and controlled by one or more individuals who are veterans. A veteran for this program is defined as an individual who is verified as having served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States, other than for training, and was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.

For questions regarding this program,
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VSBE 3-STEP Certification Process

Become a certified VSBE vendor to do business with the state of Maryland! For more information on this program, visit our website <https://gomdsmallbiz.maryland.gov>

Step 1- Vendor Registration

VSBE firms must register as a vendor on the state's e-Procurement online platform at <http://emma.maryland.gov> Select "New Vendor, Register Now"

Step 2- Identify Veteran Verification Path

Either through the Maryland Department of Veteran & Military Families or Federal Small Business Administration (VetCert)

Step 3- VSBE Application

Log into eMMA account to complete the VSBE Application of eligibility questions under "Documents"