

Business Classifications – Definitions

Here at Dallas County, we embrace and support an inclusive culture where all are respected, their contributions are encouraged and valued, while we seek sustainable and mutually beneficial outcomes for all. This commitment extends to our inclusive supply chain, where we ensure that there are bid opportunities and access for small and diverse owned business who wish to provide their goods and/or services to Dallas County.



Business Classifications:

DBE: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise

HUB: Historically Underutilized Business in the state of Texas

LGBTQBE: Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender, Queer, Business Enterprise

LGBTQBE+: Gender Non-Conforming, Non-Binary, Gender Expansive Business Enterprise

MBE: Minority Business Enterprise

MWBE: MWBE-Minority Woman Owned Business

SBE: Business that is privately owned with a small number of employees and relatively low revenue

SDMBE: Small Disadvantaged Minority Owned Business Enterprise

SDMWBE: Small Disadvantaged Minority Woman Owned Business Enterprise

SMWBE: Small Minority Woman Owned Business Enterprise

SWBE: Small Woman Owned Business Enterprise

VOSB: Veteran Owned Small Business owned by a military veteran

WBE: Woman Owned Business

WOSB: Woman Owned Small Business

Business Classifications – How Do I Qualify as a Dallas County SBE?

- At the time of the proposal/bid submission, your business must be certified as an SBE by one of the following County approved entities:
 1. [DFW Minority Supplier Development Council](#),
 2. [North Texas Regional Certification Agency \(NCTRCA\)](#) and/or
 3. the [Women’s Business Council of Southwest](#),
- Other certifications are not acceptable.
- 51% or more owned and controlled
- Firm must be organized as a for-profit business
- Must also perform a commercially useful function on the project and have a local presence in Dallas County Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) in order to be counted for SBE points. The MSA includes the following counties: Dallas, Tarrant, Denton and Collin.