

Small Business Enterprise FAQ's

Does my supplier registration make me an "approved" or preferred supplier to Dallas County?

No. Your registration in Dallas County's Supplier/Vendor Database does not certify your firm as an "approved" or "preferred" supplier. The registration simply provides us with access to your company's information. We use this information to provide us with visibility and additional access to potential suppliers for our inclusion, when a bid opportunity arises in our purchasing process.

Does my supplier/vendor registration guarantee an award? A Dallas County contract or placement on a bid list?

No. Supplier registration does not guarantee business with Dallas County. Registration also does not obligate Dallas County to place a supplier/vendor on a bidders list. Registration gives us access to your company's information. This information provides us with visibility and additional access to potential suppliers for our inclusion, when a bid opportunity arises in our purchasing process.

If I am a person of color, woman, veteran, disabled veteran, service-disabled veteran, LGBTQ+ or person with disabilities and certified owner of a diverse business, how can I do business with Dallas County?

The Dallas County Commissioners Court ("Dallas County") established its Small Business Enterprise Program ("SBE Program") for the purpose of promoting an inclusive supply chain through its commitment to the utilization of small businesses. In addition, Dallas County aspires to increase the participation of small businesses in all aspects of contracting with Dallas County to include its Prime Supplier awards through contracts with certified Small Business Enterprises (SBE), directly or indirectly through contracting, subcontracting, and/or other procurement activities. To be considered for business with Dallas County, you must register in the Dallas County Supplier/Vendor Database at www.dallascounty.org/supplier.

Which certifications does Dallas County recognize?

We encourage Small Business Enterprise (SBE) certification if you meet the following Dallas County SBE requirements:

- Must be certified as an SBE by one of the following County approved entities:

1. Dallas/Fort Worth Minority Supplier Development Council (DFWMSDC)-SBE
www.dfwmsdc.com
(214) 630-0747

2. North Central Texas Regional Certification Agency (NCTRCA)-SBE
www.nctrca.org
(817) 640-0606

3. Women's Business Council-Southwest (WBCS)-SBE
www.wbcsouthwest.org
(817) 299-0566

Note: At the time of the proposal/bid submission, other certifications are not acceptable per the SBE program requirements, however they will not prevent you from doing business with Dallas County.

- Must be 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

Must have a local presence in Dallas County's Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). The MSA includes the following counties: Dallas, Tarrant, Denton, and Collin.