

Comparison of Various Wisconsin Business Certification Programs

	Federal Programs				State and Local Programs						Non-Governmental Agencies
	8(a) Business Development Program	Small Disadvantaged Business Program	HUB ZONE Program	U.S. & Wisconsin Department of Transportation	Wisconsin Department of Commerce Woman-Owned Business Enterprise Program	Wisconsin Department of Commerce Minority Business Enterprise Program	City of Milwaukee Emerging Business Enterprise Program	County of Milwaukee	City of Madison	County of Dane	National Minority Supplier Development Council
Legislative or Certifying Authority	13 CFR Part 124	13 CFR Part 124.1001	13 CFR Part 126	49 CFR Parts 23 and 26	Wisconsin Statute 560.035(1) and Wisconsin Adm. Code 104	Wisconsin Statute 560.036 and Wisconsin Adm. Code 105	Milwaukee Code of Ordinances Chapter 360	49 CFR Part 26 (Subparts D & E)	49 CFR Part 26 (Subparts D & E)	49 CFR Part 26 (Subparts D & E)	
Business Size	Small business by SBA size standards				Not applicable	Not Applicable	SBA size standards	SBA size standards	SBA size standards	SBA size standards	Not applicable
Citizenship	Owned and controlled by US citizens			US citizen or permanent resident	U.S. citizen or permanent resident	U.S. citizen or permanent resident	Owned and controlled by US citizens	Owned and controlled by US citizens	Owned and controlled by US citizens	Owned and controlled by US citizens	U.S. citizens
Ethnicity	Designated group or preponderance of evidence		None	Yes	Ethnic: all apply	Ethnic minorities only	Strictly race and gender neutral	Gender and race neutral for DBE	Yes for MBE	Gender and race neutral for DBE	Ethnic minorities
Gender	None			Yes	Female only	Not Applicable	None	Gender and race neutral for DBE	Yes for WBE	Gender and race neutral for DBE	Race & gender specific MBE
Ownership	At least 51%		None	Yes	At least 51%	At least 51%	At least 51%	At least 51%	At least 51%	At least 51%	At least 51%
Management and Control	A disadvantaged full-time manager must hold the highest officer position. Control not same as ownership		None	At least 51% Minorities and women must be proportionately responsible	At least 51%	At least 51%	Must be by the 51% owner deemed disadvantaged.	At least 51%	At least 51%	At least 51%	At least 51%
Social Qualification	Socially disadvantaged person(s)		* Principal office * At least 35% of employees must be in the HUB zone	Socially disadvantaged person(s) who owns and controls at least 51%	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	One of 5 criteria that an applicant can choose. See attached document for explanation.	Socially disadvantaged person(s) who owns and controls at least 51%	For DBE	For DBE	Not applicable
Economic Qualification	* \$250K Personal net worth at time of application * \$750K personal net worth at time of application and during participation	\$750K personal net worth at time of application and during participation	Not Applicable	\$750K personal net worth at time of application and during participation	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	See attached	\$750K personal net worth at time of application and during participation	For DBE	For DBE	Not applicable
Age of Business	At least 2 yrs (some)	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not applicable	Not Applicable	At least 1 year	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Fee	None				\$150.00; reduced fee of \$100 for state certified MBE's and DBE's	None	\$50	None	None	None	\$200.00
Participation Limit	9 years maximum	None	None	SBA limits	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	None	SBA limits	SBA limits	SBA limits	None
Eligibility Review	Annually	Every 3 years	Annually	Every 3 years with annual statements of change	Every 3 years with annual statements of change	Every 3 years with annual statements of change	Every 3 years	Every 5 years with annual statements of change	Every 5 years with annual statements of change	Every 5 years with annual statements of change	Annually
Set asides or sole source	Available	Not Applicable	Limited to when insufficient HUB zone companies for competitive bidding	Not available	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	18% requirement	None	None	None	None
Major Benefits	* SBA training and business development * Sole source contracting * Mentor-Protégé program	* 10% price evaluation preference * Meets 2nd tier goals for prime contracts * Listed in PRO-Net	* Contracts awarded to HUB zone firm if 2 or more qualified HUB zone are eligible bidders * 10% price evaluation preference	Eligible to participate toward State goals in Federally funded contracts for all modes of transportation	*Listing in Commerce on-line directories *Satisfy supplier diversity goals for women owned businesses seeking to do business with the private sector.	*State procurement goals *Financial assistance *Technical assistance *Listing in Directory and on-line	* Technical Assistance * Revolving Loan Program * Performance Bond Program * Listed on city's website	Technical Assistance Performance bond Listing in website dir Access to city contracts	Eligible to participate toward State goals in federally and city funded contracts. TA, listing in directories and other services.	Eligible to participate toward State goals in federally and city funded contracts. TA, listing in directories and other services.	*Corporate membership in marketing to companies seeking MBE's *Listing in NMSDC directory *Technical assistance