

Frequently Asked Questions

Questions are updated from time to time so please check back regularly.

What is a diverse supplier?

Diverse suppliers are defined as at least 51 percent owned by a woman, minority, service disabled veteran or lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender enterprises. Minority classifications include: African American, Hispanic American, Native American and Asian American. Owner(s) must be actively engaged in the management and daily operations of the firm and be a U.S. citizen or legal resident.

How do I get certified as a diverse supplier?

[The Supplier Clearinghouse](#) (minority, women or LGBT businesses), 1-800-359-7998.
[Department of General Services](#) (California Procurement Division) (disabled veteran-owned certification), 1-916-375-4940.
[Small Business Administration](#) (SBA) - 8(a) (disadvantaged business certification), 1-866-606-8220.

What does it mean to be registered with us?

Once you are registered in our Supplier Information Management (SIM) module, your company's profile is visible for further interaction with us, which includes getting on our mailing list to receive communications on upcoming events, contracting opportunities and sourcing activities.

What happens after I register?

Once you register in our Supplier Registration portal, you may be contacted by a member of our procurement team to participate in a more in-depth commercial and technical qualification process. If contacted, please work with our procurement team through this process. Registering doesn't guarantee the right to bid or receive a contract.

What documents do I need to complete registration in the supplier registration portal in Ariba?

At a minimum, have the following information on hand:

- Company contact information and a brief summary of your company's capabilities
- Your tax ID number and Dun & Bradstreet number
- Certificates (Diverse Business Enterprise (WMDVLGBTEE), insurance, business licenses, etc.)
- Financial Statement
- EMR (experience modification rate) if work may be performed on an SCE job site

Note: you may be contacted for additional information if selected to go through the supplier qualification process

Do you have a program for diverse subcontractors?

Yes. We encourage our prime suppliers to submit a diverse business subcontracting plan for all contracts valued at \$250,000 or above. We also host category specific Meet the Primes events throughout the year to facilitate introductions between prime suppliers and diverse businesses.

Who can I contact for more information?

Contact our Supplier Diversity and Development team via email at: supplierdiversitydevelopment@sce.com.