

## **Local Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Preference Program**

In determining the lowest bid price, the County will give a five percent (5%) bid price reduction ("preference") to businesses that are certified by the County as a Local Small Business Enterprise (Local SBE), consistent with Chapter 2.204 of the Los Angeles County Code. A Certified Local SBE is a business: 1) certified by the State of California as a small business enterprise; 2) having its principle office currently located in Los Angeles County for a period of at least the past 12 months; and 3) certified by Office of Affirmative Action Compliance as meeting the requirements set forth in 1 and 2 above.

To apply for certification and seek consideration as a Local SBE, companies must register at the Office of Affirmation Action Compliance's website at: <http://oaac.co.la.ca.us/contract/sbemain.html>.

OR

Where geographic preferences are precluded by federal funding restrictions, businesses are eligible to participate in the Local SBE Preference Program if they are certified by the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) or are registered as small on the federal Central Contractor Registration data base. Information about the federal SBA guidelines and the federal Central Contractor Registration data base is available at [www.ccr.gov](http://www.ccr.gov).

Businesses must request the Local SBE Preference in their solicitation responses and may not request the preference unless the certification process has been completed and certification affirmed. Sanctions and financial penalties may apply to a business that knowingly, and with intent to defraud, seeks to obtain or maintain certification as a certified Local SBE.

Information about the State's small business enterprise certification regulations is in the California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Subchapter 8, Section 1896 et seq., and is also available on the California Department of General Services Office of Small Business Certification and Resources Web site at <http://www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/smbus/default>.