

## Small and Diverse Businesses in Washington

RCW 39.26, Section 1, which states the intent of procurement reform legislation, concludes with the following sentence:

“In addition, the legislature intends that the state develop procurement policies, procedures, and materials that encourage and facilitate state agency purchase of goods and services from Washington small businesses.”

### **Definitions according to RCW 39.26.010**

#### **Small Business**

(21) "Small business" means an in-state business, including a sole proprietorship, corporation, partnership, or other legal entity, that:

- (a) Certifies, under penalty of perjury, that it is owned and operated independently from all other businesses and has either:
  - (i) Fifty or fewer employees; or
  - (ii) A gross revenue of less than seven million dollars annually as reported on its federal income tax return or its return filed with the department of revenue over the previous three consecutive years; or
- (b) Is **certified with the office of women and minority business enterprises** under chapter 39.19 RCW.

#### **Microbusiness (RCW 39.26.010)**

(17) "Microbusiness" means any business entity, including a sole proprietorship, corporation, partnership, or other legal entity, that:

- (a) Is owned and operated independently from all other businesses; and
- (b) has a gross revenue of less than \$1 million annually as reported on its federal tax return or on its return filed with the department of revenue.

#### **Minibusiness**

(18) "Minibusiness" means any business entity, including a sole proprietorship, corporation, partnership, or other legal entity, that:

- (a) Is owned and operated independently from all other businesses; and
- (b) has a gross revenue of less than three million dollars, but one million dollars or more annually as reported on its federal tax return or on its return filed with the department of revenue.

#### **Veteran-owned business**

Veterans (defined in [RCW 41.04.007](#)) and U.S. active duty, reserve or National Guard service-members are eligible for the registry. The veteran or service-member must control and own at least 51 percent of the business and the business must be legally operating in the state of

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Washington. (Control means the authority or ability to direct, regulate or influence day-to-day operations. If business is a 50/50 split, contact Jennifer at (360) 725-2169.)

"Veteran" includes every person, who at the time he or she seeks the benefits of RCW [46.18.212](#), [46.18.235](#), [72.36.030](#), [41.04.010](#), [73.04.090](#), [73.08.010](#), [73.08.070](#), [73.08.080](#), or [43.180.250](#), has received an honorable discharge or received a discharge for medical reasons with an honorable record, where applicable, and who has served in at least one of the following capacities:

- (1) As a member in any branch of the armed forces of the United States, including the national guard and armed forces reserves, and has fulfilled his or her initial military service obligation;
- (2) As a member of the women's air forces service pilots;
- (3) As a member of the armed forces reserves, national guard, or coast guard, and has been called into federal service by a presidential select reserve call-up for at least 180 cumulative days;
- (4) As a civil service crewmember with service aboard a U.S. army transport service or U.S. naval transportation service vessel in oceangoing service from December 7, 1941, through December 31, 1946;
- (5) As a member of the Philippine armed forces/scouts during the period of armed conflict from December 7, 1941, through August 15, 1945; or
- (6) A United States documented merchant mariner with service aboard an oceangoing vessel operated by the department of defense, or its agents, from both June 25, 1950, through July 27, 1953, in Korean territorial waters and from August 5, 1964, through May 7, 1975, in Vietnam territorial waters, and who received a military commendation.

## Additional Resources

### Washington's Electronic Business Solution (WEBS)

- Register for solicitation notices at [www.des.wa.gov/services/ContractingPurchasing/Business/Pages/WEBSRegistration.aspx](http://www.des.wa.gov/services/ContractingPurchasing/Business/Pages/WEBSRegistration.aspx). It's free!
- Get certified as a small, micro, mini, or veteran-owned business if you qualify. Call WEBS Customer Service at (360) 902-7400.

### Diverse and Small Business

- Contact the Washington State Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (OMWBE) about state and federal certification programs at (866) 208-1064 or [www.omwbe.wa.gov](http://www.omwbe.wa.gov).
- Contact the Washington State Department of Veterans' Affairs about certification at (360) 725-2169 or [www.dva.wa.gov](http://www.dva.wa.gov).
- Contact the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services Business Diversity and Outreach Manager, Servando Patlan, at (360) 407-9390 or [Servando.Patlan@des.wa.gov](mailto:Servando.Patlan@des.wa.gov).

### Procurement Reform Resources

- Email: [desprocurementreform@des.wa.gov](mailto:desprocurementreform@des.wa.gov)
- Website: <http://des.wa.gov/about/pi/ProcurementReform/Pages/default.aspx>