Our San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Local Business Enterprise Certification Program (SFPUC-LBE) provides small/micro regional construction, construction management, and related professional services firms located in the water service territory (Daly City to Hetch Hetchy) eligibility to be certified by the General Services Agency’s Contract Monitoring Division for construction contracting and consulting opportunities on SFPUC projects.

• Established small/micro public works/construction, construction material suppliers, construction equipment rental, trucking, construction management and related professional services firms located in the water service territory (defined by zip codes) are encouraged to apply for the certification program.

What has changed since the SFPUC-LBE Certification Program went into effect in 2006?

Since the SFPUC-LBE Certification Program went into effect, several enhancements have been enacted to improve the participation of and contracting opportunities for small/micro construction firms wishing to do business with SFPUC. For example, in April 2013, new language was added to the legislation to allow small construction firms to bid on regional construction projects (repair and replacement and capital improvement projects) located 70 miles beyond the jurisdictional line of the City and County of San Francisco.

Effective July 2015, construction management and related professional services firms are now eligible to bid on SFPUC regional projects and obtain certification similar to construction, specialty construction, construction material suppliers, construction equipment rental firms and trucking pursuant to Chapter 14B.5.

The inclusion of construction management and related professional services firms as part of the new change in the legislation applies only to SFPUC regional projects.

SFPUC-LBEs will be eligible for the 10% prime bid discount and can also receive LBE participation credit towards the LBE subcontracting/sub-consulting requirement.

What are the benefits of the SFPUC-LBE Certification Program?

The following benefits are available:

• When bidding as a subcontractor or sub-consultant, certified SFPUC-LBEs shall be eligible to meet the LBE subcontracting requirements on SFPUC Regional WSIP construction projects; located outside of San Francisco County.

• When bidding as a prime, certified SFPUC-LBEs shall be eligible for 10% bid discount on SFPUC Regional construction projects. Located outside of San Francisco.
What are the economic thresholds?

Small/micro construction, construction management, and related professional services firms are required to show average annual gross receipts from prior (3) years. Please note the average annual receipts for the last three (3) years cannot exceed the following limits:

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Can regional small/micro construction firms bid on San Francisco construction projects and receive discount or LBE subcontractor goal credit?

Yes. Small/micro construction firms from the regional water service area are eligible to bid on San Francisco construction projects, however; these firms are non-eligible to meet the subcontractor/sub-consultant requirement and will not receive the 10% bid discount. When bidding as a prime, the discount is available for regional capital improvement projects located 70 miles beyond the City and County of San Francisco.

How long does the certification process take?

Application processing ranges from 14 to 30 business days.

What happens during the certification process?

Contract Monitoring Division staff will review the application and documents submitted, and request any additional items needed to complete the file. SFPUC staff will conduct a site visit of the premises and interview employees and/or the owner(s) at the site.

Certification Applications should be submitted to:

General Services Agency
Contract Monitoring Division, Attn: Certification Unit
30 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 200
San Francisco, CA 94102-6033