

Board Policy 6356
Small Local Business Enterprise Program

The District shall implement an SLBE Program with the purposes of increasing the number and capacity of certified small local business enterprises (SLBEs) participating in District contracting, and stimulating the local economy by generating local economic opportunities.

The SLBE Program shall apply to construction contracts, professional services contracts, and supply contracts of at least \$1 million.

The SLBE utilization requirements and incentives for such contracts shall be as follows:

- a twenty-five percent SLBE utilization provision, applicable on a contract-by-contract basis; and
- a three- to five-percent bidding preference for bidders who commit to exceeding the SLBE percentage utilization provision established for a particular contract.

The District shall implement this SLBE Program across bond-funded contracts in a manner that is consistent with the contracts' respective funding agreements, and all applicable legal requirements. The District shall establish a reasonable maximum dollar value for application of the bid preference.

The SLBE Program shall include additional administrative and programmatic efforts to advance the purposes of this policy. The Board authorizes the Chancellor to administer and implement the Program so as to advance Program goals in concert with other District objectives and needs, including through case-by-case adjustment of Program terms set forth herein, based on ongoing program experience and legal review. The Chancellor shall issue administrative procedures to detail the implementation of this policy.

References:

Cal Pub Contract Code § 20650 et seq.
California, Government Code § 14835 et seq.
California Public Contract Code § 2000 et seq.
California General Services Administration Small Business Certification Procedure

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