



**Leon County School Board
Small Business Enterprise Department**

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Small Business Enterprise Certification Application

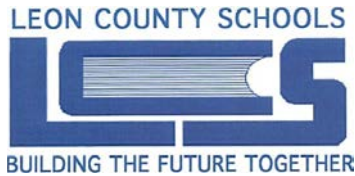
INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete this form in its entirety. If a question does not apply to your business, mark "N/A" in the space provided. If you do not have sufficient space to answer a question completely, attach additional sheets as necessary and reference the appropriate section. Unanswered questions may be grounds for certification denial. The following information is provided to assist you with the completion of this application.

Certification Eligibility Criteria:

1. Majority owner(s) must reside and the business must currently be located in Leon, Gadsden, Jefferson or Wakulla Counties (Local Market Area), Florida, for at least six (6) months.
2. Majority owner(s) must be a United States Citizen or lawfully admitted permanent resident of the United States.
3. Applicant owner(s) business must be a for-profit business concern; legally structured either as a corporation, organized under the laws of Florida, or a partnership, sole proprietorship, limited liability, or other business or professional entity as required by Florida Law.
4. Applicants owner(s) business must be an independent firm and not an affiliate, front, facade, broker, or pass through.
5. Applicant owner(s) business must currently be licensed as required by local, state, and federal law; and must be engaging in commercial transactions typical of the field, with customers in the local market area other than state or government agencies, for each specialty area in which Certification is sought. Furthermore, if a supplier, the business must be making sales regularly from goods maintained in stock.
6. Applicant owner(s) business annual gross receipts on average, over the immediately preceding three-year period, shall not exceed \$2,000,000/year. Your gross receipt documentation must be signed by the preparer.
7. Applicant owner(s) business must employ 15 or fewer full- or part-time employees, including leased employees.
8. LCSB will conduct a Level II background checks (Jessica Lunsford Act) processing review.

Advantages of Certification:

- Business will be listed in the Leon County School Board (LCSB) SBE Directory, which is sent throughout the District to School Principals and District Administrators. The Directory is available on the LCSB Small Business Enterprise Department and shared with all local government agencies and local chambers web page: <https://www.leonschools.net/Domain/242>
- Business will have the opportunity to bid on contracts and receive preference points when competitive bidding is done against a business whose main office is not located within the local market area.
- Businesses will have access to workshops and seminars sponsored by the Small Business Enterprise Department and other local agencies and economic development entities.
- In our current purchasing policy where three (3) quotes are required for good or services, less than the \$50,000 bid threshold, one (1) quote must be from certified SBE Vendor, if these goods and services are offered by an SBE Vendor.



SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CERTIFICATION APPLICATION

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Section 1: GENERAL INFORMATION

Please complete in full and attach the following supporting documentation: proof of residence, area of expertise, occupational/business/professional license(s), business insurance certificate, and last three years' income tax returns. Attached affidavit must be signed and notarized. Unanswered questions may be reason for denial.

A. Contact Information

Legal Name of Firm:		Owner Name and Title:		
Phone #:	Cell Phone #:	Other Contact #:		
E-mail:		Website:		
Street address of firm (no P.O. Box):	City:	County:	State:	Zip:
Mailing address of firm (if different):	City:	County:	State:	Zip:

B. Business Profile

Describe the primary activities of your firm:		Federal Tax ID (if any):
This firm was established on: ____/____/____		
Is your firm "for profit"? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		STOP! If your firm is NOT for profit, then you do NOT qualify for this program and you do NOT need to fill out this application.
Type of firm (check all that apply):	<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Venture
<input type="checkbox"/> Other, describe: _____		
Number of employees: Full-time _____ Part-time _____ Total _____		
Specify the gross receipts of the firm for the last three years:		
	Year _____	Total receipts \$ _____
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	Year _____	Total receipts \$ _____

NOTE: To qualify as a SBE, you must submit copies of your business tax returns and all related schedules for the last three years. The corresponding forms are:

- o **Sole Proprietorship:** Form 1040 and Schedule C
- o **Corporation:** Form 1120 and Form 1040
- o **Partnership:** Form 1065 and Form 1040

AFFIDAVIT OF CERTIFICATION

This form must be signed and notarized by one owner of the business.

ANY MATERIAL, FALSE STATEMENT OR OMISSION MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION IS SUFFICIENT CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF CERTIFICATION, REVOCATION OF A PRIOR APPROVAL, INITIATION OF SUSPENSION OR DEBARMENT PROCEEDING, AND MAY SUBJECT THE PERSON AND/OR ENTITY MAKING THE FALSE STATEMENT TO ANY AND ALL CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES AVAILABLE PURSANT TO APPLICABLE FEDERAL AND STATE LAW.

I, _____ (*full name printed*), swear or affirm under penalty of law that I am _____ (*title*) of applicant firm _____ (*firm name*) and that I have read and understood all of the questions in this application and that all of the foregoing information and statements submitted in this application and its attachments and supporting documents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that all responses to the questions are full and complete, omitting no material information. The responses include all material information necessary to fully and accurately identify and explain the operations, capabilities, and size standards of the named firm as well as affiliations.

I recognize that the information submitted in this application is for the purpose of inducing certification approval by the Leon County School Board (LCSB). I understand that LCSB may, by means it deems appropriate, determine the accuracy and truth of the statements in the application, and I authorize LCSB to contact any entity named in the application, and the named firm's bonding companies, banking institutions, credit agencies, contractors, clients, and other certifying agencies for the purpose of verifying the information supplied and determining the named firm's eligibility.

I agree to submit to LCSB audit, examination and review of books, records, documents, and files in whatever form they exist, of the named firm and its affiliates, inspection of its place(s) of business and equipment, and to permit interviews of its principals, agents, and employees. I understand that refusal to permit such inquires shall be grounds for denial of certification.

If awarded a contract or subcontract, I agree to promptly and directly provide the prime contractor, if any, and the District, recipient agency, or federal funding agency on an ongoing basis, current complete and accurate information regarding (1) work performed on the project; (2) payments; and (3) proposed changes, if any, to the foregoing arrangements.

I agree to provide written notice to the recipient agency of any material change in the information contained in the original application within 30 calendar days of such change (*e.g., ownership, address, telephone number, etc.*).

I acknowledge and agree that any misrepresentations in this application or in records pertaining to a contract or subcontract will be grounds for terminating any contract or subcontract which may be awarded; denial or revocation of certification; suspension and debarment; and for initiating action under federal and/or state law concerning false statement, fraud, or other applicable offenses.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this application and supporting documents is true and correct.

Executed on: _____
(Date)

Printed Name: _____
(SBE Applicant)

Signature: _____
(SBE Applicants)

My Commission Expires

NOTARY PUBLIC CERTIFICATION:

Signature _____
(Notary) (Date)

(SEAL)

