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Defense Counsel

Pre-Proposal Conference

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# What's the Point?



equality  
diversity  
inclusion

# Small Diverse Business Enterprise (SDB) and Veteran Business Enterprise (VBE) References:

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**A Bidder/Offeror's failure to meet the SDB participation goal in full and the VBE participation goal in full, or their failure to receive an approved Good Faith Efforts waiver for any unmet portion of either the SDB or VBE participation goal will result in the rejection of the Bid or Proposal as nonresponsive**

# Solicitation Specific Goals



	SDB	VBE
<b>Participation Goals</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>3%</b>

- Available subcontracting opportunities across the entire state for the applicable services,
- Availability of DGS-verified SDB/VBEs to perform commercially useful functions, and
- Historical analysis of similar projects within the last 3 years.

**Primes are welcome to exceed the goal!**



# SDB and VBE Classification

Vendors must self-certify as a Small Business (SB) prior to SDB/VBE validation.

## SB Eligibility Requirements

- The business must be a for-profit, United States business.
- The business must be independently owned.
- The business may not be dominant in its field of operation.
- The business may not employ more than 100 full-time equivalent employees.
- The business may not exceed three-year average gross revenues of \$38.5 Million, regardless of business type (effective 11/1/2018).

## Small Diverse Business (SDB)

Goal oriented

- Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)
- Woman Business Enterprise (WBE)
- Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (SDVBE)
- LGBT Business Enterprise (LGBTBE)
- Disability-Owned Business Enterprise (DOBE)

## Veteran Business Enterprise (VBE)

Goal oriented

- Veteran Business Enterprise (VBE)
- Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (SDVBE)

**SDBs and VBEs must be certified/valid as of bid close due date and time.**

# Finding SDBs and VBEs

Utilization Compliance will be closely monitored and enforced

The screenshot shows the 'Supplier Search' page of the Pennsylvania Department of General Services. The page includes a navigation bar with 'Home', 'PA eMarketplace', and 'Search Contracts'. A note explains that searches will find suppliers qualified for ITQ contracts and registered with the Bureau of Diversity, Inclusion and Small Business Opportunities (BDISBO). There are two search sections: 'Quick Search' with a text input for 'Supplier Name or SAP Number', a 'Search' button, and a 'Reset' button; and 'Advanced Search'. At the bottom, there is a table with columns for 'Supplier (click on name to display full record)', 'Contact', 'Address', 'SB Exp Date', 'SDB', and 'COSTARS'. The table is currently empty. There are also options to 'Show 10 entries', 'Export to Excel', and 'Reset Search Criteria'.

<http://www.dgs.internet.state.pa.us/suppliersearch>

# Quick Search

Home PA eMarketplace Search Contracts

**Note:** The below searches (Quick Search and Advanced Search) will search suppliers who are qualified for one or more Invitation to Qualify (ITQ) Contracts AND suppliers registered with the Bureau of Diversity, Inclusion and Small Business Opportunities (BDISBO) as a small business or small diverse business. Use the Quick Search to search by Vendor Name or Vendor Number. Use the Advanced Search to search by Small, Small Diverse, ITQ Contracts, COSTARS and UNSPC codes.

Quick Search

Supplier Name or SAP Number  Search Reset

**IMPORTANT:** Always click **Reset** prior to a new search to clear parameters from previous searches

Advanced Search

Show 10 entries Export to Excel Reset Search Criteria

Supplier (click on name to display full record)	Contact	Address	SB Validity Dates	SDB Validity Dates	VBE Validity Dates	COSTARS
<a href="#">21ST CENTURY MEDIA NEWSPAPER LLC</a>	ROBERT BUTKINS <a href="mailto:sales@nittanyvalley.com">sales@nittanyvalley.com</a>					No
<a href="#">22 GROUP, LLC ()</a>	Caroline M. Harper	757 PUBLIC RD	9/23/2019-	9/23/2019-		No

To search or browse ALL Small and Small Diverse Businesses by Name OR 6-digit SAP Number (option also available through Advanced Search)

# Advanced Search

## Supplier Classifications

- Minority Business Enterprise
- Woman Business Enterprise
- LGBT Business Enterprise
- Disabled-Owned Business Enterprise
- Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise
- Veteran Business Enterprise
- Small Business
- Stocking Supplier
- Non-Stocking Supplier

- Select all Classifications
- Select all Small Diverse Business Classifications

Find only vendors that have all selected classifications  
 Find only vendors that have at least one selected classification

Select one or more classifications. To pull only SDBs, check "Select all Small Diverse Business Classifications" below. To Include SBs, check "Small Business".

## UNSPSC Description

Enter a brief code description (e.g. Door)

Type in any part of a UNSPSC code description to find vendors who have selected that UNSPSC code. ex: Landscaping will find vendors who have selected any UNSPSC code that has landscaping anywhere in the description. Click here to download the entire list in Excel format.

OR

## UNSPSC Codes

- 10000000 - Live Plant and Animal Material and Accessories and Supplies
- 11000000 - Mineral and Textile and Inedible Plant and Animal Materials
- 12000000 - Chemicals including Bio Chemicals and Gas Materials
- 13000000 - Resin and Rosin and Rubber and Foam and Film and Elastomeric Materials
- 14000000 - Paper Materials and Products
- 15000000 - Fuels and Fuel Additives and Lubricants and Anti corrosive Materials
- 20000000 - Mining and Well Drilling Machinery and Accessories
- 21000000 - Farming and Fishing and Forestry and Wildlife Machinery and Accessories
- 22000000 - Building and Construction Machinery and Accessories
- 23000000 - Industrial Manufacturing and Processing Machinery and Accessories
- 24000000 - Material Handling and Conditioning and Storage Machinery and their Accessories and
- 25000000 - Commercial and Military and Private Vehicles and their Accessories and Components
- 26000000 - Power Generation and Distribution Machinery and Accessories

Click arrow to expand Segment for additional codes

Browse and select one or more codes. Don't know the codes you want? Download the entire list in Excel. See slide 13 to understand the UNSPSC code hierarchy.

Find only vendors that have all selected UNSPSC codes  
 Find only vendors that have at least one selected UNSPSC code



# Advanced Search

Use multiple filters to restrict your search results to exactly what and where you need.

**PA Counties**

- Grant County
- Clearfield County
- Clinton County
- Columbia County
- Crawford County
- Cumberland County
- Dauphin County
- Delaware County
- Elk County
- Erie County
- Select all Counties

**Supplier Classifications**

- Minority Business Enterprise
- Woman Business Enterprise
- LGBT Business Enterprise
- Disabled-Owned Business Enterprise
- Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise
- Veteran Business Enterprise
- Small Business
- Stocking Supplier
- Non-Stocking Supplier

**UNSPSC Codes**

- 30100000 - Structural components and basic shapes
- 30110000 - Concrete and cement and plaster
- 30120000 - Roads and landscape
- 30130000 - Structural building products
- 30140000 - Insulation
- 30150000 - Exterior finishing materials
  - 30151500 - Roofing materials
  - 30151600 - Roofing accessories
  - 30151700 - Rain gutters and accessories
  - 30151800 - Siding and exterior wall materials
  - 30151900 - Finishing materials and products
  - 30152000 - Fencing

Find only vendors that have all selected UNSPSC codes  
 Find only vendors that have at least one selected UNSPSC code

# Search Results

Advanced Search

Show  entries

Export to Excel   Reset Search Criteria

Supplier (click on name to display full record)	Contact	Address	SB Validity Dates	SDB Validity Dates	VBE Validity Dates	COSTARS
<a href="#">ADVANCED AUDIO VISUAL SALES INC</a>	JOHN GREENE DIRECTOR OF SALES <a href="mailto:John.Greene@advancedav.com">John.Greene@advancedav.com</a> (Phone) 610-719-6194 (Fax) 610-692-8421	208 CARTER DRIVE SUITE 7 WEST CHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA 19382 (Phone) 610-719-6194				No
<a href="#">ADVANCED BUILDING CONTROLS LLC (DBA ADVANCED BUILDING CONTROLS LLC)</a>	Craig Connelly <a href="mailto:CCONNELLY@ADVANCEDBLDGCNTOLS.COM">CCONNELLY@ADVANCEDBLDGCNTOLS.COM</a> (Phone) 215-520-9964	PO BOX 303 HOLICONG, PENNSYLVANIA 18928 (Phone) 215-520-9964	2/11/2019-2/28/2021			No
<a href="#">ADVANCED BUILDING PERFORMANCE INC ()</a>	Pei Pei Cavalier <a href="mailto:PEIPEI@ABPCX.COM">PEIPEI@ABPCX.COM</a> (Phone) 301-760-9989	11225 HURDLE HILL DR POTOMAC, MARYLAND 20854 (Phone) 301-760-9989 <a href="http://abpcx.com">abpcx.com</a>	12/20/2019-12/20/2021	12/20/2019-12/20/2021		No
<a href="#">ADVANCED CLEANING SOLUTIONS LLC (ADVANCED CLEANING SOLUTIONS LLC)</a>	Nicholas Ward <a href="mailto:cleanteam@advancedsolutionsPA.com">cleanteam@advancedsolutionsPA.com</a> (Phone) 610-597-0012	PO BOX 3223 ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA 18106	2/27/2018-3/21/2020	2/27/2018-3/31/2020	2/27/2018-3/31/2020	No

## Certified Small Businesses

- Advanced Building Controls LLC
- Advanced Building Performance Inc
- Advanced Cleaning Solutions LLC

## Small Diverse Businesses

- Advanced Building Performance Inc
- Advanced Cleaning Solutions LLC

## Veteran Business Enterprise

- Advanced Cleaning Solutions LLC

# Supplier Profile

Name:	ADVANCED CLEANING SOLUTIONS LLC
SAP Number:	511377
Doing Business As:	ADVANCED CLEANING SOLUTIONS LLC
Other Names:	
Keywords:	
Web site:	
SB Validity Dates:	02/27/2018 - 03/31/2020
SDB Validity Dates:	02/27/2018 - 03/31/2020
VBE Validity Dates:	02/27/2018 - 03/31/2020
COSTARS Participant:	No

← SB, SDB & VBE Expiration Dates

## Supplier Classifications

- Small Business
- Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise
- Veteran Business Enterprise

← SB, SDB & VBE Classifications

## Contact Information

### Contacts

Contact Type	Contact Details	Phone
CORPORATE	Email: <a href="mailto:CLEANTEAM@ADVANCEDSOLUTIONSPA.COM">CLEANTEAM@ADVANCEDSOLUTIONSPA.COM</a>	
SB MAIN	Nicholas Ward Title: Email: <a href="mailto:cleanteam@advancedsolutionsPA.com">cleanteam@advancedsolutionsPA.com</a>	610-597-0012

# Search Results

Advanced Search

Show  entries

[Export to Excel](#) [Reset Search Criteria](#)

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<a href="#">ADVANCED BUILDING CONTROLS LLC (DBA ADVANCED BUILDING CONTROLS LLC)</a>	Craig Connelly  <a href="mailto:CCONNELLY@ADVANCEDBLDGCNTOLS.COM">CCONNELLY@ADVANCEDBLDGCNTOLS.COM</a> (Phone) 215-520-9964	PO BOX 303  HOLICONG, PENNSYLVANIA 18928 (Phone) 215-520-9964	2/11/2019-2/28/2021			No
<a href="#">ADVANCED BUILDING PERFORMANCE INC ()</a>	Pei Pei Cavalier  <a href="mailto:PEIPEI@ABPCX.COM">PEIPEI@ABPCX.COM</a> (Phone) 301-760-9989	11225 HURDLE HILL DR  POTOMAC, MARYLAND 20854 (Phone) 301-760-9989 <a href="http://abpcx.com">abpcx.com</a>	12/20/2019-12/20/2021	12/20/2019-12/20/2021		No
<a href="#">ADVANCED CLEANING SOLUTIONS LLC (ADVANCED CLEANING SOLUTIONS LLC)</a>	Nicholas Ward  <a href="mailto:cleanteam@advancedsolutionsPA.com">cleanteam@advancedsolutionsPA.com</a> (Phone) 610-597-0012	PO BOX 3223  ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA 18106	2/27/2018-3/31/2020	2/27/2018-3/31/2020	2/27/2018-3/31/2020	No

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- Advanced Building Controls LLC
- Advanced Building Performance Inc
- Advanced Cleaning Solutions LLC

### Small Diverse Businesses

- Advanced Building Performance Inc
- Advanced Cleaning Solutions LLC

### Veteran Business Enterprise

- Advanced Cleaning Solutions LLC

# Excel Export Results – Supplier Contacts

Excel Export Results includes Vendor ID, Supplier Name, Contact Name, Email, Phone, Fax

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
SAP Number	Supplier Name	Contact Name	Name	Title	Email	PhoneAreaCode	PhoneNumber	PhoneEx	FaxAreaCo	FaxNumber
104279	CA WEISS SALES LLC	CORPORATE			caweiss@comcast.net					
104279	CA WEISS SALES LLC	SB MAIN	KRISTY ZARICHNIAK		kristyz@comcast.net	610	4588864		610	4588875
119565	DUFF SUPPLY COMPANY	CORPORATE	ALEX DUFFINE	VP	DFRANK@DUFFCOMPANY.COM	610	2754453	147	610	2796299
119565	DUFF SUPPLY COMPANY	REMITTO	BARB COHEN		bcohen@duffco.com	610	2754453	149	610	2756761
119565	DUFF SUPPLY COMPANY	SB MAIN	ALEX DUFFINE		aduffine@duffco.com	610	2754453			
119565	DUFF SUPPLY COMPANY	SB SECONDARY			info@duffco.com					
122594	HOUCK SERVICES INC	CORPORATE			jherrold@houcks.com					
122594	HOUCK SERVICES INC	SB MAIN	JARROD HERROLD		jherrold@houcks.com	717	6573302		717	6579805
122594	HOUCK SERVICES INC	SB SECONDARY			kgussler@houcks.com					
134717	PENN STATE ELECTRIC MECHANICAL	CORPORATE			razmataz33@aol.com					
134717	PENN STATE ELECTRIC MECHANICAL	SB MAIN	RAZ SUGARWALA		razmataz33@aol.com	717	2992090		717	2992297
134717	PENN STATE ELECTRIC MECHANICAL	SB SECONDARY			ksing6027@yahoo.com					
135270	BARBARA J SALES ASSOC INC	CORPORATE			barb@barbarajsles.com					
135270	BARBARA J SALES ASSOC INC	SB MAIN	BARBARA SMITH		barb@barbarajsales.com	412	5233398		800	8137122
135270	BARBARA J SALES ASSOC INC	SB SECONDARY			willsmith@willjservices.com					
137893	IDA YEAGER SALES INC	CORPORATE			idayeagersales@zoominternet.net					
137893	IDA YEAGER SALES INC	SB MAIN	IDA LAQUATRAYEAGER		idayeagersales@zoominternet.net	724	4525260		724	4521072
144061	CONSTRUCTION TOOL SERVICE INC	CORPORATE			ehuss@constructiontoolservice.com					
144061	CONSTRUCTION TOOL SERVICE INC	SB MAIN	BETTY CONNELLY		bconnelly@constructiontoolservice.com	412	6816673		412	6819185
144061	CONSTRUCTION TOOL SERVICE INC	SB SECONDARY			bcgoodwork@aol.com					
145576	BURKE & MICHAEL INC	CORPORATE			MARYFRANCES@BURKEANDMICHAEL.COM					
145576	BURKE & MICHAEL INC	SB MAIN	MARY FRANCES HOGAN		maryfrances@burkeandmichael.com	412	3212301		412	3214582
153927	COOPER TRADING INC	CORPORATE			cti@ctipa.com					
153927	COOPER TRADING INC	SB MAIN	PETER COOPER		pete@ctipa.com	724	8618830		724	8618832
153927	COOPER TRADING INC	SB SECONDARY			debbie@ctipa.com					
157009	CONTRACT HARDWARE AND SUPPLY	CORPORATE			cristil@chsupplyinc.com					
157009	CONTRACT HARDWARE AND SUPPLY	SB MAIN	BRAD BOTTEICHER		bradb@chsupplyinc.com	814	9412340		814	9412342

Suppliers | Supplier Addresses | **Supplier Contacts** | Counties | Supplier Classifications | ITQs | ITQ Contracts | UNSPSC Codes

# Appendix G – SDB Participation Summary

## Small Diverse Business (SDB) Participation Summary Sheet

Solicitation/Project #: **OGC-2021-20**

Issuing Agency: **Department of General Services on behalf of the PA Insurance Department**

Name of Procurement/Project: **Mcare Section 715 Defense Counsel RFP**

SDB Participation Goal (for MBE, WBE, LGBTBE, DOBE, and SDVBE): **13%**

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### **Attachments:**

- SDB-1 Instructions for completing SDB Participation Submittal and SDB Utilization Schedule
- SDB-2 SDB Participation Submittal
- SDB-3 SDB Utilization Schedule
- SDB-3.1 SDB Letter of Commitment
- SDB-4 Guidance for Documenting Good Faith Efforts to meet the SDB Participation goal
- SDB-5 Good Faith Efforts Documentation to Support Waiver Request of SDB Participation Goal

# Appendix H – VBE Participation Summary

## Veteran Business Enterprise (VBE) Participation Summary Sheet

Solicitation/Project #: **OGC-2021-20**

Issuing Agency: **Department of General Services for the PA Insurance Department**

Name of Procurement/Project: **Mcare Section 715 Defense Counsel RFP**

VBE Participation Goal (for VBE and SDVBE): **3%**

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### **Attachments:**

- VBE-1 Instructions for completing VBE Participation Submittal and VBE Utilization Schedule
- VBE-2 VBE Participation Submittal
- VBE-3 VBE Utilization Schedule
- VBE-3.1 VBE Letter of Commitment
- VBE-4 Guidance for Documenting Good Faith Efforts to meet the VBE participation goal
- VBE-5 Good Faith Efforts Documentation to Support Waiver Request of VBE Participation Goal

# New Forms and Processes

- SDB/VBE Instructions – *SDB-1/VBE-1* **READ**
- SDB/VBE Participation Submittal – *SDB-2/VBE-2*
- SDB/VBE Utilization Schedule – *SDB-3/VBE-3*
- Letter of Commitment – *SDB 3.1/VBE-3.1*
- Guidance for Good Faith Effort (GFE) Waiver – *SDB-4/VBE-4* **READ**
- GFE Waiver – *SDB-5/VBE-5*



# SDB Submittal Instructions – SDB-1

## SDB-1 INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE SMALL DIVERSE BUSINESS (SDB) PARTICIPATION SUBMITTAL AND SDB UTILIZATION SCHEDULE.

***PLEASE READ BEFORE COMPLETING THESE DOCUMENTS***  
*Bidders/Offerors do not need to return SDB-1 with their SDB Participation Submittal*

The following instructions include details for completing the SDB Participation Submittal (SDB-2) which Bidders or Offerors must submit in order to be considered responsive.

The following instructions also include details for completing the SDB Utilization Schedule (SDB-3), which Bidders or Offerors must submit for any portion of the SDB participation goal the Bidder or Offeror commits to meeting.

**A Bidder/Offeror's failure to meet the SDB participation goal in full or their failure to receive an approved Good Faith Efforts waiver for any unmet portion of the SDB participation goal will result in the rejection of the Bid or Proposal as nonresponsive.**

- I. **SDB Participation Goal**: The SDB participation goal is set forth in the eMarketplace advertisement and also in the Notice to Bidders. The Bidder/Offeror is encouraged to use a diverse group of subcontractors and suppliers from the SDB classifications to meet the SDB participation goal.
- II. **SDB Eligibility**:
  1. **Finding SDB firms**: Offerors can access the directory of **DGS-verified** SDB firms from the DGS Supplier Search directory at: <http://www.dgs.internet.state.pa.us/suppliersearch>.
  2. **Only SDBs verified by DGS** and as defined herein may be counted for purposes of achieving the SDB participation goal. In order to be counted for purposes of achieving the SDB participation goal, the SDB firm, including an SDB prime, **must be DGS-verified for the services, materials or supplies that it has committed to perform on the SDB Utilization Schedule (SDB-3)**. A firm whose SDB verification is pending or

# SDB Submittal – SDB-2

## SDB-2 SDB PARTICIPATION SUBMITTAL

**CLICK ONE, AND ONLY ONE, BOX. FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR BID/PROPOSAL.**  
*Click on bold titles to navigate to that specific page.*

**CRITICAL**  
✓ Check One, and Only One, Box

I agree to meet the SDB participation goal in full.  I am requesting a partial waiver of the SDB participation goal.  I am requesting a full waiver of the SDB participation goal.

participation goal in full.

I have completed and am submitting with my bid or proposal an SDB Utilization Schedule (SDB-3), which is required in order to be considered for award.

After making good faith outreach efforts as more fully described in the **Guidance for Documenting Good Faith Efforts to Meet the SDB Participation Goal**, I am unable to achieve the total SDB participation goal for this solicitation and am requesting a partial waiver of the SDB participation goal.

I have completed and am submitting with my bid or proposal both of the following, which are required in order to be considered for award:

1. an SDB Utilization Schedule

participation goal

After making good faith outreach efforts as more fully described in the **Guidance for Documenting Good Faith Efforts to Meet the SDB Participation Goal**, I am unable to achieve any part of the SDB participation goal for this solicitation and am requesting a full waiver of the SDB participation goal.

I have completed and am submitting with my bid or proposal a **Good Faith Efforts Waiver Request for**

# SDB Utilization Schedule – SDB-3

## SDB-3 SDB UTILIZATION SCHEDULE

**CRITICAL**  
✓ Verify SDB/VBE  
validity

Show SDBs (including where applicable a prime bidder or offeror is self-performing a portion of the work) that will meet the SDB participation goal (add additional pages if necessary). Submit a **Letter of Commitment (SDB-3-1)** for each SDB subcontractor, supplier, or manufacturer (add additional Letters of Commitment as necessary).

SDB Name SAP Vendor Number (6-digit number provided by SDB) SDB Verification Number (located on DGS SDB verification)	Type of SDB (check all that apply)	Description of Work to be Performed (Statement of Work/Specification reference)	% Commitment (or % of work to be self-performed by SDB bidder/offeror)	Dollar Value of Commitment (after applying any calculation per SDB-1, Section IV, Calculating SDB participation)
Name: <u>ABC IT Solutions</u> SAP Vendor Number: <u>123456</u> SDB Verification Number: <u>123456-2016-09-SB-M</u>	MBE	IT staffing resources	%	\$
Name: _____ SAP Vendor Number: _____ SDB Verification Number: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> MBE <input type="checkbox"/> WBE <input type="checkbox"/> LGBTBE <input type="checkbox"/> DOBE <input type="checkbox"/> SDVBE		%	
Name: _____ SAP Vendor Number: _____ SDB Verification Number: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> MBE <input type="checkbox"/> WBE <input type="checkbox"/> LGBTBE <input type="checkbox"/> DOBE <input type="checkbox"/> SDVBE		%	
Name: _____ SAP Vendor Number: _____ SDB Verification Number: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> MBE <input type="checkbox"/> WBE <input type="checkbox"/> LGBTBE <input type="checkbox"/> DOBE <input type="checkbox"/> SDVBE		%	
Name: _____ SAP Vendor Number: _____ SDB Verification Number: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> MBE <input type="checkbox"/> WBE <input type="checkbox"/> LGBTBE <input type="checkbox"/> DOBE <input type="checkbox"/> SDVBE		%	
Attach additional sheets if necessary			Total % SDB commitment: 0	Total \$ amount: \$0

# Letter of Commitment SDB-3.1

**CRITICAL**

✓ Complete all shaded areas.

## SDB-3-1 LETTER OF COMMITMENT

This document serves as confirmation of the commitment by the prime Bidder or Offeror (SDB) on the below-referenced Solicitation/Project.

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

	Bidder/Offeror Information	SDB Information
Address		
Point of Contact		
Telephone number		
Email address		

**Services/Supplies and Time Frame.** If Bidder/Offeror is the successful vendor, the SDB shall perform or provide the following services or supplies during the term of the prime contract, as more specifically set forth below:

Services or supplies the VBE will provide:	
Specific Time Frame the VBE will provide the services or supplies:	

**Dollar Value of Commitment.** These services or supplies represent \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the term of the contract.

**SDB verified.** By signing below, the SDB represents that it meets the SDB requirements set forth in the Solicitation and all required documentation has been provided to the Bidder/Offeror for its SDB submission.

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_

Printed name

Acknowledged

\_\_\_\_\_

Printed name

SDB to expect a letter and SIGN it!

# Guidance to Document GFE SDB-4

## READ, READ, READ

- The ability or desire of a prime contractor to perform the work of a contract with its own organization does not relieve the Offeror of the responsibility to make Good Faith Efforts to meet the SDB participation goal.
- Prime must complete all components of the GFE paperwork. Details/Evidence are important, proof is required.
- Carefully review SDB and VBE submittal Instructions, specifically Section VI of SDB/VBE-1 which lists pertinent items as Fatal errors.

# Good Faith Efforts Packet SDB-5

## Good Faith Efforts (GFE) Partial or Full Waiver

- Identified Items of Work Applicant Made Available to SDBs (Part 1)
- Identified SDBs and Record of Solicitations (Part 2)
- SDB Outreach Compliance Statement (Part 3)
- Additional Information Regarding Rejected SDB Quotes (Part 4)
- SDB Subcontractor Unavailability Certificate (Part 5)

# SDB GFE Documentation – SDB-5

## SDB-5

### GOOD FAITH EFFORTS DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT WAIVER REQUEST OF SDB PARTICIPATION GOAL

<b>Project Description:</b>	
<b>Commonwealth Agency Name:</b>	
<b>Solicitation #:</b>	
<b>Solicitation Due Date and Time:</b>	
<b>Bidder/Offeror Company Name:</b>	
<b>Bidder/Offeror Contact Name:</b>	
<b>Bidder/Offeror Contact Email:</b>	
<b>Bidder/Offeror Contact Phone Number:</b>	

Complete all five parts

#### Part 1 – Identified Items of Work Offeror Made Available to SDBs

Identify those items of work that the Offeror made available to SDBs. This includes, where appropriate, those items the Offeror identified and subdivided into economically feasible units to facilitate the SDB participation. For each item listed, show the anticipated percentage of the total contract amount. It is the Offeror's responsibility to demonstrate that enough work to meet the SDB participation goal was made available to SDBs, and the total percentage of the items of work identified for SDB participation met or exceeded the SDB participation goal set for the procurement.

Identified Items of Work	Was this work listed in the solicitation?	Does Offeror normally self-perform this work?	Was this work made available to SDB Firms? If not, explain why.
	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no

# GFE Waiver – Part 1

## Identify Items of Work Offeror Made Available to SDBs

**CRITICAL**

✓ List all components of work offered for subcontracting.

Identify all items of work that the Offeror made available to SDBs. This includes, where appropriate, those items the Offeror identified as possible units to facilitate the SDB participation. For each item listed, show the anticipated percentage of the total work that enough work to meet the SDB participation goal was made available to SDBs, and the total percentage of SDB participation met or exceeded the SDB participation goal set for the procurement.

Work	Was this work listed in the solicitation?	Does Offeror normally self-perform this work?	Was this work made available to SDB Firms? If not, explain why.
	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no

Attach additional sheets if necessary.



# GFE Waiver – Part 2

## Identified SDBs and Record of Solicitations

**CRITICAL**  
 ✓ Specifics and Details  
 are important

Offeror must provide quotes for the Identified Items of Work made available for SDB participation. Include the name of the SDB for which quotes were solicited, date and manner of initial and follow-up solicitations, whether the SDB provided a quote, and whether the SDB is being used toward meeting the SDB participation goal. SDBs used to meet the SDB participation goal must be listed on the Solicitation Schedule (SDB-2).

Copies of all written solicitations and documentation of follow-up calls to SDBs must be attached to this form. For each Identified SDB below, Offeror should submit an SDB Subcontractor Unavailability Certificate signed by the SDB or a statement from the Offeror that the SDB refused to sign the SDB Subcontractor Unavailability Certificate.

Name of Identified SDB and Classification	Describe Item of Work Solicited	Initial Solicitation Date & Method	Follow-up Solicitation Date & Method	Details for Follow-up Calls	Quote Received?	Quote Used?	Reason Quote Rejected
SDB Name:  <input type="checkbox"/> MBE <input type="checkbox"/> WBE <input type="checkbox"/> LGBTBE <input type="checkbox"/> DOBE <input type="checkbox"/> SDVBE		Date:  <input type="checkbox"/> mail <input type="checkbox"/> email <input type="checkbox"/> fax	Date:  <input type="checkbox"/> mail <input type="checkbox"/> email <input type="checkbox"/> fax	Date and Time of Call:  Spoke with:  Left Message:	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> Used other SDB <input type="checkbox"/> Used non-SDB <input type="checkbox"/> Self performing
SDB Name:  <input type="checkbox"/> MBE <input type="checkbox"/> WBE <input type="checkbox"/> LGBTBE <input type="checkbox"/> DOBE <input type="checkbox"/> SDVBE		Date:  <input type="checkbox"/> mail <input type="checkbox"/> email <input type="checkbox"/> fax	Date:  <input type="checkbox"/> mail <input type="checkbox"/> email <input type="checkbox"/> fax	Date and Time of Call:  Spoke with:  Left Message:	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> Used other SDB <input type="checkbox"/> Used non-SDB <input type="checkbox"/> Self performing

Attach additional sheets as necessary.

# GFE Waiver – Part 3

## SDB Outreach Compliance Statement

**CRITICAL**  
✓ Documentation for  
Part 1

1. List the Identified Items of Work for subcontracting opportunities for the solicitation along with specific work categories:

2. Attach to this form copies of written solicitations (with Bid or Proposal instructions) used to solicit Identified SDBs for these subcontract opportunities.

3. Offeror made the following attempts to contact the Identified SDBs:

4. Bonding Requirements (Please Check One):

This project does not involve bonding requirements.

Offeror assisted Identified SDBs to fulfill or seek waiver of bonding requirements.  
(DESCRIBE EFFORTS):

5. Pre-Bid/Proposal Conference or Supplier Forum (Please Check One):

# GFE Waiver – Part 4

## Additional Information Regarding Rejected SDB Quotes

**CRITICAL**  
 ✓ Documentation for Part 2

Part 2 indicates that an SDB quote was rejected because the Offeror is using a non-SDB or is self-performing the Identified Items of Work, state whether the work will be self-performed or performed by a non-SDB, and if applicable, provide the name of the non-SDB firm. Also include the names of all SDBs and non-SDB firms that provided a quote and the amount of

Describe Identified Items of Work not being performed by SDBs (include specific section from bid or proposal)	Self-performing or using non-SDB (provide name of non-SDB if applicable)	Amount of non-SDB quote \$	Name of other firms that provided quotes and whether they are SDB	Amount quoted \$	Reason why SDB quote was rejected along with brief explanation
	<input type="checkbox"/> self-performing <input type="checkbox"/> using Non-SDB Name:		<input type="checkbox"/> SDB <input type="checkbox"/> Non-SDB Name:		<input type="checkbox"/> price <input type="checkbox"/> capabilities <input type="checkbox"/> other
	<input type="checkbox"/> self-performing <input type="checkbox"/> using Non-SDB Name:		<input type="checkbox"/> SDB <input type="checkbox"/> Non-SDB Name:		<input type="checkbox"/> price <input type="checkbox"/> capabilities <input type="checkbox"/> other
	<input type="checkbox"/> self-performing <input type="checkbox"/> using Non-SDB Name:		<input type="checkbox"/> SDB <input type="checkbox"/> Non-SDB Name:		<input type="checkbox"/> price <input type="checkbox"/> capabilities <input type="checkbox"/> other
	<input type="checkbox"/> self-performing <input type="checkbox"/> using Non-SDB Name:		<input type="checkbox"/> SDB <input type="checkbox"/> Non-SDB Name:		<input type="checkbox"/> price <input type="checkbox"/> capabilities <input type="checkbox"/> other

# GFE Waiver – Part 5

## Subcontractor Unavailability Certificate

**CRITICAL**

✓ Required for each vendor listed in Part 1

\_\_\_\_\_ is hereby certified that the firm of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of SDB)

located at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number) (Street)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip)

was offered an opportunity to bid on Solicitation No. \_\_\_\_\_

by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Prime Contractor's Firm)

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2. \_\_\_\_\_ (SDB), is either unavailable for the work/service or  
unable to prepare a Proposal for this project for the following reason(s):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of SDB's Representative) (Title) (Date)

\_\_\_\_\_

# Best Practices

## Do's

- Read the solicitation and all instructions completely.
- Submit SEPRATE SDB and VBE submittal forms.
- Validate subcontractor SDB/VBE status in DGS Supplier Database.
- Ensure that all appropriate forms are completed and signed correctly.
- Submit questions early per the solicitation requirements.

## Dont's

- Make any assumptions.
- Copy SDB submittal paperwork. Download and complete the VBE submittal separately, titles and accuracy matter.
- Skip any portion of the GFE request documentation.
- Forget to verify subcontractor status as current SDB/VBE in DGS Supplier Database.

# Notes

- READ, READ, READ, solicitation instructions completely.
- Subcontractors identified in SDB-3, Utilization Schedule must be validated as of bid due date and time.
- Appendix K – “Model Form SDB/VBE Subcontractor Agreement” is provided for informational purposes only. To be completed by award winning vendor only.

# REMINDER

**Failure to submit fully completed SDB and VBE submittal packets or GFE waiver request documentation will result in removal of your bid for award consideration**

# Questions?





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