

The Competitive Edge: SBA Certifications



Small Business Administration Certifications add credibility and sets your company apart in the marketplace.



- Increased access to government contracting opportunities, including set-aside and sole-source contracts
- Eligibility for financial assistance including low-interest loans and grants
- Business training, mentorship, and counseling
- Exposure to industries with underrepresented populations

Certification Types

8(a) Business Development

8(A) Business Development provides procurement, training, coaching, and financial assistance to socially and economically disadvantaged entrepreneurs (considered Black, Hispanic, Asian, and Native Americans).

Veteran-Owned Small Business (VOSB) & Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB)

The VOSB programs aim to provide procuring agencies with the authority to set acquisitions aside for exclusive competition among veteran-owned small businesses.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2001, there were 1,621,823 Veteran-owned firms in the United States. Veteran-owned businesses employed 3,251,345 workers, paid \$179.9 billion in payroll, and generated \$983.9 billion in sales.



Obtaining an SBA certification requires dedication and effort, but the benefits can be significant. Contact **St. Louis Business Empowerment Center** for free services to position your small business for success in the federal contracting arena.



The St. Louis Business Empowerment Center serves entrepreneurs, including minorities, women, and veterans, in their journeys to impactful business ownership. And we do it free of charge.