

City of Indianapolis' Veteran Business Enterprise (VBE) Program

To be considered a VBE with the City of Indianapolis a firm must:

1. Be **register with the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.**

Eligible Firms are: (1) Service Disabled Veteran and/or A Veteran; (2) A Small Business Concern; and (3) A Veteran-Owned Business or a Service Disabled Veteran – Owned Business

* **Veteran:** A person who served on active duty with the U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines or Coast Guard, for any length of time and at any place and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable. Reservists or members of the National Guard called to Federal active duty or disabled from a disease or injury incurred or aggravated in the line of duty or while in training status also qualify as a veteran

* **Veteran-owned Business:** Not less than 51% of which is owned by one or more veterans, or in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51% of the stock of which is owned by one or more veterans; and the management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more veterans

The term "veteran" means a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable. [Title 38 Section 101 (2)]

* **Service Disabled Veteran:** A veteran who possesses a disability rating letter issued by the Department of Veterans Affairs, establishing a service-connected rating between 0 and 100% or a disability determination from the Department of Defense.

The term "service-connected" means, with respect to disability or death, that such disability was incurred or aggravated, or that the death resulted from a disability incurred or aggravated, in line of duty in the active military, naval, or air service. [Title 38 Section 101 (16)]

* **Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Business:** Not less than 51% of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans, or in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51% of the stock of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans; and the management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more service-disabled veterans, or in the case of a veteran with a permanent and severe disability, a spouse or permanent caregiver of such veteran.

* **Small Business Concern: See SBA guidelines**

The term "small business concern owned and controlled by veterans" is defined as "(A) not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more veterans or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more veterans; and (B) the management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more veterans." (A firm's gross receipts must not exceed the industry size limits for the business.) [Title 15 Section 632(a)]

2. Firm **must** bring in letter from the US Department of Veteran Affairs to verify VA classification to the Department of Minority Business Development, DMBD.

3. DMBD will put the firm on the VBE Directory for Procurement opportunity and the 3% VBE goal.