



Veterans Business Enterprise Program (VBE)

Program Overview

The City of Indianapolis and Mayor Ballard have a history of strong support for our veterans. In June of 2008 Mayor Ballard issued an Executive Order to provide additional economic opportunities by setting a goal of Veteran Owned Businesses achieving at least 3% of the City of Indianapolis total purchase of goods and services. The goal is to help men and women who return home after serving their country to start or expand their own business ..

Program Eligibility

Any firm currently certified by the Department of Veterans Affairs as a Veteran Owned Business will be eligible. A firm must be certified by the Department of Veterans Affairs before contract award to be counted. The City of Indianapolis is partnering with the Federal Center for Veterans Business Enterprise and their VetBiz registry for verification and completion of the certification process and will follow the guidelines as set by (38CFR Part 74) Veterans Business Regulations.

Goal

The primary goal of City's VBE Program is to create an environment that:

- promotes meaningful business opportunities
- builds productive partnerships
- creates successful integration of Veteran Owned Business within the business infrastructure of the City of Indianapolis

Components

- communication and education
- business certification
- procurement and contracting procedures
- recruitment/outreach efforts
- monitoring and reporting

How Program Works

To utilize veteran owned business enterprise (VBEs) for public works projects, Procurement of goods, and services for the city and county in a dollar amount equal to At least fifteen (3) percent of moneys spent by the city and county.

To monitor compliance as follows:

1. . By ensuring compliance with federal grant requirements respective to the use of Veteran Business Enterprises.
2. By reviewing city-county contacts to assure compliance with relevant federal, state and local laws and regulations;
3. By managing and implementing the Veteran business enterprises program and by monitoring city and county purchasing for Veteran Business participation.

The City will prepare and submit at least annually a report of its activities to the mayor and to the public, which shall describe the activities and efforts conducted by the Department and the outcome, progress and the achievements made by this initiative.