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Veteran Initiative

How can Louisiana give your business a competitive edge?

Louisiana's Veteran Initiative is a certification program designed to help eligible Louisiana veteran-owned and Service-Connected Disabled Veteran-owned small businesses gain greater access to purchasing and contracting opportunities available at the state level.

Benefits

Provides business accessibility to state purchasing officials and contractors looking for subcontractors. In addition, 10 percent of the total evaluation points can be added to the business's bid on a Request for Proposal (RFP).

Eligibility

The program is open to businesses at least 51 percent owned by a veteran and located in Louisiana. The business must have fewer than 50 full-time employees and average annual gross receipts may not exceed \$5 million for non-construction and \$10 million for construction companies. The business must be independently owned and operated by persons domiciled in Louisiana and have officers who are U.S. citizens or legal residents. The business must not be dominant in its professional field. Prime contractors who use the business as a subcontractor on a bid for an RFP are also eligible to receive additional percentage points on bids.

Process

1. Complete the application on LED's website.
2. LED reviews the online application.
3. Certification status is emailed to applicant.
4. Register as a vendor with Office of State Purchasing to receive emails about opportunities.
5. Submit annual updates by certification anniversary date to remain certified.

Additional Information

The LED team is ready to assist you with the application process. For more information, FAQs and help with your application, visit **OpportunityLouisiana.com/Veteran-Initiative**.

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