



Small Local Business Enterprise Program Frequently Asked Questions

- Is the Clayton County Water Authority's SLBE Program good for all work in the county?
 - NO, CCWA's SLBE Program is **only valid** for work with CCWA. If you are looking to bid on work for the county in general, you need to apply for Clayton County's SLBE Program as well. It can be found on their website www.claytoncountytga.gov.
- What is General Certification?
 - Any firm located inside of the 11 county area covered by CCWA's SLBE Program **and does not hold certification by a CCWA recognized agency**, must complete the General Certification application and submit all of the required documents from the checklist. A site visit to the firm's primary office locations will be conducted on all general certification applications. General certification is valid for a 5 year term, however; every 2 years firms are required to submit a No Change Affidavit verifying continued eligibility for the program.
- What is Provisional Certification?
 - Firms currently certified by **Clayton County, City of Atlanta, DeKalb County** or certified as a **Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)** with the **Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT)** can be provisionally certified. Provisional certification is valid for 2 years. Firms are eligible for a 2nd and final provisional term at the end of the 1st term which does not have to run consecutively. However, at the end of the 2nd provisional term all firm must complete the general application to continue certification.
- What if I'm already certified with another agency?
 - Firms currently holding a SLBE certification with Clayton County, City of Atlanta, DeKalb County or certified as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) with the Georgia Department of Transportation need only apply using the Provisional Application.
- What are Good Faith Efforts?
 - **Good Faith Efforts are the actions and methods taken by the bidder to achieve the SLBE contracting goals.**
- If my company is a certified SLBE identified for use on a contract, the prime contractor will get credit for the SLBE participation; however; am I still required to meet the SLBE subcontracting goal?
 - **YES, CCWA expects ALL prime contractors and sub-contractors to make a good faith effort to achieve the SLBE contracting goals.**
- Should we identify our firm as a SLBE certified firm at the time of submission of a proposal or bid?
 - **YES. The certification status of all sub-contractors, whether SLBE or non-SLBE, must be reported at the time of proposal or bid submission.**
- Am I required to be a registered vendor with CCWA?
 - **YES. All vendors, SLBE or non-SLBE, who intend on doing business with CCWA are required to complete the vendor registration form for CCWA. The form can be found on our website at www.ccwa.us.**