



Office of Diversity & Business Enterprise

Small Business Enterprise Verification Application 49 C.F.R. Part 26

All firms wishing to verify its status as a Small Business Enterprise (SBE) must complete this application and submit it to Metra's Office of Diversity & Business Enterprise for review and determination of its eligibility.

Completed applications are to be forwarded to:

Office of Diversity & Business Enterprise
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Should I apply?

- Is the firm at least 51%-owned by an economically disadvantaged individual(s) who also controls the firm?
- Is the disadvantaged owner a U.S. citizen or lawfully admitted permanent resident of the U.S.?
- Is the firm a small business that meets the Small Business Administration's (SBA's) size standard and does not exceed \$23.98 million in gross annual receipts?
- Is the firm organized as a for-profit business?

→ If you answered Yes to all of the questions above, you may be eligible to participate in the SBE program.

If the firm is currently certified as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), you do not have to complete this application. All DBEs are automatically considered SBEs.

Verification is **free**. There is **no fee** for applying for SBE verification with Metra

Under Sec. 26.107 of 49 CFR Part 26, dated February 2, 1999, if at any time, Metra has reason to believe that any person or firm has willfully and knowingly provided incorrect information or made false statements, Metra may initiate suspension or debarment proceedings against the person or firm under 49 CFR Part 29, take enforcement action under 49 CFR Part 31, Program Fraud and Civil Remedies, and/or refer the matter to the Department of Justice for criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. 1001, which prohibits false statements in Federal programs.

SBE VERIFICATION APPLICATION SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS CHECK LIST

In order to complete your application for SBE status, you must attach copies of all of the following documentation as they apply to you and the applicant firm.

All Applicants

- ☐ Work experience resumes (include places of ownership/employment with corresponding dates), for all owners and officers of the firm
- ☐ Personal Net Worth (PNW) Statement (form included with this application)
- ☐ Federal Personal tax returns (including all schedules) for the past three years, for each owner claiming disadvantaged status
- ☐ The firm's Federal tax returns (gross receipts), including all related schedules, for the past three years
- ☐ Documented proof of contributions used to acquire ownership for each owner (e.g., both sides of cancelled checks)
- ☐ Year-end balance sheets and income statements for the past three years (or life of firm, if less than three years); a new business must provide a current balance sheet
- ☐ All relevant licenses, license renewal forms, permits, and haul authority forms
- ☐ Bank authorization and signatory cards
- ☐ Schedule of salaries (or other compensation or remuneration) paid to all officers, managers, owners, and/or directors of the firm
- ☐ Submit proof of citizenship/legal permanent resident status if born outside U.S.A. (Alien registration number or Green Card.) U.S. Citizens should submit a Birth Certificate, Voter's Registration card, U.S. Passport or Armed Services Discharge papers (DD214).

Sole Proprietor

- ☐ Assumed Name Registration (*signed by the state official*)

Partnership or Joint Venture

- ☐ Original and any amended Partnership or Joint Venture Agreements

Corporation

- ☐ Official Articles of Incorporation (*signed by the state official*)
- ☐ Corporate by-laws and any amendments
- ☐ Corporate bank resolution and bank signature cards

LLC

- ☐ Official Certificate of Formation
- ☐ Operating Agreement with any amendments

Trucking Firms

- ☐ Documented proof of ownership for each truck owned or operated by the firm
- ☐ Insurance agreements for each truck owned or operated by your firm
- ☐ Title(s) and registration certificate(s) for each truck owned or operated by your firm
- ☐ List of U.S. DOT numbers for each truck owned or operated by your firm

Regular Dealers

- ☐ Proof of warehouse ownership or lease
- ☐ List of product lines carried
- ☐ List of distribution equipment owned and/or leased

GENERAL INFORMATION**If a question does not apply, write "N/A".**

Is the firm "for profit"? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STOP! If the firm is NOT for-profit, then you do NOT qualify for this program and do NOT need to fill out this application.
Is the firm currently certified for either of the following programs? <input type="checkbox"/> SBA 8(a) <input type="checkbox"/> SDB (If Yes, check appropriate box(es).)	

A. Contact Information

(1) Contact Person and Title:		(2) Legal Name of Firm:	
(3) Phone #:	(4) Other Phone #:	(5) Fax #:	
(6) E-mail:		(7) Website:	
(8) Street address of firm (<i>No P.O. Box</i>):	City:	County/Parish:	State: Zip:
(9) Mailing address of firm (<i>if different</i>):	City:	County/Parish:	State: Zip:

B. Prior/Other Applications and Privileges

Has the firm (<i>under any name</i>) or any of its owners, Board of Directors, officers or management personnel, ever withdrawn an application for any program, or ever been denied certification, decertified, debarred, suspended, or otherwise had bidding privileges denied or restricted by any state or local agency, or Federal entity?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, on ____/____/____ <input type="checkbox"/> No
If Yes, identify State and name of state, local, or Federal agency and explain the nature of the action:

C. Business Profile

(1) Describe the primary activities of the firm including NAICS codes:	(2) Federal Tax ID No.:
(3) This firm was established on ____/____/____	(4) I/We have owned this firm since: ____/____/____
(5) Method of acquisition (<i>check all that apply</i>):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Started new business <input type="checkbox"/> Bought existing business <input type="checkbox"/> Inherited business <input type="checkbox"/> Secured concession <input type="checkbox"/> Merger or consolidation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>explain</i>): _____	
(6) Type of firm (<i>check all that apply</i>):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Company <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Venture <input type="checkbox"/> Other, Describe: _____	
(7) Number of employees: Full-time _____ Part-time _____ Total _____	
(8) Specify the gross receipts of the firm for the last 3 years:	
Year: _____ Total receipts: \$ _____	
Year: _____ Total receipts \$ _____	
Year: _____ Total receipts \$ _____	

D. Relationships with Other Businesses

(1) Is the firm co-located at any of its business locations, or does it share a telephone number, P.O. Box, office space, yard, warehouse, facilities, equipment, or office staff, with any other business, organization, or entity?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, identify: Other Firm's Name: _____
 Explain nature of shared facilities:

(2) At present, or at any time in the past, has the firm:

(a) been a subsidiary of any other firm? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(b) consisted of a partnership in which one or more of the partners are other firms? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(c) owned any percentage of any other firm? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(d) had any subsidiaries? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(3) Has any other firm had an ownership interest in the firm at present or any time in the past? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(4) If you answered "Yes" to any of the question in (2) (a) – (d) and/or (3), identify the following for each:

Name	Address	Type of business
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

Identify all individuals or holding companies with any ownership interest in the firm, providing the information requested below: *(If more than one owner, attach separate sheets for additional owners.)*

(1) Name:	(2) Title:	(3) Home Phone #:
4) Home Address (<i>street and number</i>):		City: State: Zip:
(5) Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		(6) U.S. Citizen: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
(7) Ethnic group membership (<i>Check all that apply</i>): <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Pacific <input type="checkbox"/> Subcontinent Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)_____		
(8) Lawfully Admitted Permanent Resident: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		(11) Initial investment to acquire ownership interest in firm: <u>Type</u> <u>Dollar Value</u> Cash \$ _____ Real Estate \$ _____ Equipment \$ _____ Other \$ _____
(9) Number of years as owner:		
(10) Percentage Owned:		
(12) Shares of Stock: <u>Number</u> <u>Percentage</u> <u>Class</u> <u>Date Acquired</u> <u>Method Acquired</u>		
(13) Does this owner perform a management or supervisory function for any other business? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, identify: Name of Business:_____ Function/Title:_____		
(14) Does this owner own or work for any other firm(s) that has a relationship with this firm (<i>e.g., ownership interest, shared office space, financial investments, equipment, leases, personnel sharing, etc.</i>)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, identify: Name of Business:_____ Function/Title:_____ Nature of Business Relationship:_____ _____ _____		

CONTROL**A. Identify the firm's Officer's & Board of Directors** (If additional space is required, attach a separate sheet):

	Name	Title	Date Appointed
(1) Officers of the Company	(a)		
	(b)		
	(c)		
	(d)		
	(e)		
(2) Board of Directors	(a)		
	(b)		
	(c)		
	(d)		
	(e)		

B. Identify the firm's management personnel who control the firm in the following areas (If more than two persons, attach a separate sheet):

	Name	Title
(1) Financial Decisions (responsible for acquisition of lines of credit, surety bonding, supplies, etc.)	(a)	
	(b)	
(2) Estimating and bidding	(a)	
	(b)	
(3) Negotiating and Contract Execution	(a)	
	(b)	
(4) Hiring/firing of management personnel	(a)	
	(b)	
(5) Field/Production Operations Supervisor	(a)	
	(b)	
(6) Office management	(a)	
	(b)	
(7) Marketing/Sales	(a)	
	(b)	
(8) Purchasing of major equipment	(a)	
	(b)	
(9) Authorized to Sign Company Checks (for any purpose)	(a)	
	(b)	
(10) Authorized to make financial Transactions	(a)	
	(b)	

Do any of the persons listed in (A1) through (B10) above perform a management or supervisory function for any other business?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, identify for each: Person: _____ Title: _____

Business: _____ Function: _____

Do any of the persons listed in (A1) through (B10) above own or work for any other firm(s) that has a relationship with this firm (e.g. ownership interest, shared office space, financial investments, equipment, leases, personnel sharing, etc.)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, identify for each: Firm Name: _____

Person: _____

Nature of Business Relationship: _____

C. Does the firm rely on any other firm for management functions or employee payroll? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, Explain:

D. Financial Information

(1) Banking Information:

(a) Name of Bank: _____ (b) Phone No. () _____

(c) Address of bank: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

(2) Bonding Information: If you have bonding capacity, identify:

(a) Binder No: _____

(b) Name of agent/broker: _____ (c) Phone No.: () _____

(d) Address of agent/broker: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

(e) Bonding limits: Aggregate limit \$ _____ Project limit \$ _____

E. List current licenses/permits held by any owner and/or employee of the firm:

(e.g. contractor, engineer, architect, etc.) (attach additional sheets if needed)

Name of License/Permit Holder	Type of License/Permit	Expiration Date	License Number and State
1.			
2.			
3.			

F. List three active jobs on which the firm is currently working:

Name of Prime Contractor and Project Number	Location of Project (City, State)	Type of Work	Project Start Date	Anticipated Completion Date	Dollar Value of Contract
1.					
2.					
3.					

- SUBMIT SIGNED COPIES OF CONTRACTS/PURCHASE ORDERS/INVOICES FOR PROJECTS IDENTIFIED.

AFFIDAVIT OF VERIFICATION

This form must be signed and notarized for each owner upon which disadvantaged status is relied.

A MATERIAL OR FLASE STATEMENT OR OMISSION MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION IS SUFFICIENT CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF SBE STATUS, REVOCATION OF A PRIOR APPROVAL, INITIATION OF SUSPENSION OR DEBARMENT PROCEEDINGS, AND MAY SUBJECT THE PERSON AND/OR ENTITY MAKING THE FALSE STATEMENT TO ANY AND ALL CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES AVAILABLE PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE FEDERAL AND STATE LAW.

I _____ (full name printed), swear or affirm under penalty of law that I am _____ (title) of applicant firm _____ (firm name) and that I have read and understood all of the questions in this application and that all of the foregoing information and statements submitted in this application and its attachments and supporting documents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that all responses to the questions are full and complete, omitting no material information. The responses include all material information necessary to fully and accurately identify and explain the operations, capabilities and pertinent history of the named firm as well as the ownership, control, and affiliations thereof.

I recognize that the information submitted in this application is for the purpose of inducing SBE status approval by a government agency. I understand that a government agency may, by means it deems appropriate, determine the accuracy and truth of the statements in the application, and I authorize such agency to contact any entity named in the application, and the named firm's bonding companies, banking institutions, credit agencies, contractors, clients, and other certifying agencies for the purpose of verifying the information supplied and determining the named firm's eligibility.

I agree to submit to government audit, examination and review of books, records, documents and files, in whatever form they exist, of the named firm and its affiliates, inspection of its place(s) of business and equipment, and to permit interviews of its principals, agents, and employees. I understand that refusal to permit such inquiries shall be grounds for denial of SBE status.

If awarded a contract or subcontract, I agree to promptly and directly provide the prime contractor, if any, and the Department, recipient agency, or federal funding agency on an ongoing basis, current, complete and accurate information regarding (1) work performed on the project; (2) payments; and (3) proposed changes, if any, to the foregoing arrangements.

I agree to provide written notice to Metra's Office of Business Diversity and Civil Rights of any material change in the information contained in the original application within 30 calendar days of such change (e.g., ownership, address, telephone number, etc.).

I acknowledge and agree that any misrepresentations in this application or in records pertaining to a contract or subcontract will be grounds for terminating any contract or subcontract which may be awarded; denial or revocation of SBE status; suspension and debarment; and for initiating action under federal and/or state law concerning false statement, fraud or other applicable offenses.

I certify that my personal net worth does not exceed \$1.32 Million, and that I am economically disadvantaged because my ability to compete in the free enterprise system has been impaired due to diminished capital and credit opportunities as compared to others in the same or similar line of business who are not economically disadvantaged.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this application and supporting documents is true and correct.

Signature _____

(SBE Applicant)

NOTARY CERTIFICATE