

Eligibility Requirements by Category:

CERTIFICATION CATEGORIES	CERTIFICATION CRITERIA	GROSS ANNUAL REVENUE (GAR) LIMITS:
Small Business Enterprise (SBE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Not a broker · Independently owned and operated · Not a subsidiary of another business · Not dominant in its field of operation 	<p>This definition is subsumed within the definition of Small Local Business Enterprises</p>
Small Local Business Enterprise (SLBE)	<p>All of the above plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · No more than 50 full-time employees · Substantial presence in Richland County · Documentation of 3 years average annual gross revenues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · \$7 million for construction firms · \$3 million for architectural firms · \$3 million for professional services firms · \$2.5 million for engineering firms · \$2 million for wholesale operations
Emerging SLBE (ESLBE)	<p>All of the above for SLBE plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · No more than 5 full-time employees · Substantial presence in Richland County · Documentation of 1 year average annual gross revenues · Up to 5 years in operation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · \$1 million for construction firms · \$1 million for architectural firms · \$1 million for professional services firms · \$1 million for engineering firms · \$1 million for wholesale operations
Joint Venture (JV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Certified on a bid-by- bid basis 	<p>Not subject to annual gross revenues and employee limits, however, each individual business participating in the joint venture must be certified by the Procurement Department as an SBE.</p>