

**NEW ORLEANS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (SBE) CERTIFICATION**

SUMMARY

CERTIFYING AGENCY	NEW ORLEANS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
CERTIFICATION DESIGNATION	SBE
RACE CONSCIOUS	NO
GENDER CONSCIOUS	NO
RE-CERTIFICATION	ANNUAL
GRADUATION	WHEN THE FIRM NO LONGER MEETS THE SBA SIZE STANDARD
FEE/COST	NONE
CERTIFICATION PROCESS TIMEFRAME	30-60 DAYS

OVERVIEW

The New Orleans Regional Transit Authority's (NORTA's) Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Program is open to all business owners regardless of race, ethnicity or gender. The SBE Program is used for both federally and non-federally funded procurement projects at NORTA. As such, once a business is certified as an SBE the firm can bid and perform as an SBE on any NORTA project. Businesses that are currently Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) certified with the Louisiana Unified Certification Program (LAUCP) must submit an SBE Affidavit of Certification Eligibility. The LAUCP DBE certification will automatically certify a business as an eligible SBE. Businesses that are owned by minorities or women that are not currently DBE certified must submit a complete an SBE certification application with all supporting documentation. [Note: You may submit a LAUCP DBE application through NORTA. The contact person for LAUCP DBE certification is listed below.]

ELIGIBILITY

To be an eligible Small Business Enterprise a business must be for-profit and must meet the annual gross receipts cap of \$17.42 million as defined in 49 CFR Part 26. The business must also meet the SBA industry size standard defined by the Small Business Administration.

The business must have a least 51% ownership by a person who is economically disadvantaged. To be considered economically disadvantaged the individual's Personal Net Worth, not including their primary place of residence or ownership in the business cannot exceed \$1.32 million in compliance with the 49 CFR Part 26.67. An SBE business owner must be a U.S. Citizen or lawfully permanent resident of the U.S.

CERTIFICATION PROCESS

The SBE application is available online at http://www.norta.com/Business_Center and www.CertAssist.net. Complete and submit the certification application, along with the supporting documents, to NORTA's Director of Small Business Development. The small business development team will review the application package for completeness and will schedule and conduct an on-site visit of your business. The certification process typically takes between 30-60 days.

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