

VETERAN INITIATIVE – SMALL ENTREPRENEURSHIP CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The Veteran Initiative was designed to offer Louisiana's veteran-owned and service-connected, disabled veteran-owned small businesses more access to contracting and procurement of goods and services with state agencies. The program encourages state agencies and contractors who receive state contracts to use certified Veteran Small Entrepreneurships.

TO PARTICIPATE, A VETERAN SMALL ENTREPRENEURSHIP MUST BE CERTIFIED BY LOUISIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Is owned by a certified veteran or service-connected, disabled veteran
- Independently owned and operated
- Is not dominant in its professional field
- Is owned by and has officers who are U.S. citizens or legal residents
- Is owned by persons domiciled in Louisiana
- Has its principal business office in Louisiana
- Has fewer than 50 full-time employees
- Has average annual gross receipts that do not exceed \$5 million for construction businesses and \$3 million for non-construction businesses for each of the previous three tax years

LET'S GET YOUR BUSINESS MOVING FORWARD

If you're interested in having access to state procurement and public contracts, visit OpportunityLouisiana.com to apply for the Veteran Initiative or call LED at 225.342.4320.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Applicants must apply at the Office of State Purchasing as a potential vendor to receive full program benefits.