

Comparison of Small and Minority-Owned Business Certification Programs



	Airport Concession Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE)	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)	Historically Underutilized Business (HUB)	Small Businesses Enterprise (SBE)
Type of Program	Federal	Federal	State	Local
Governing Agency	TxDOT and TUCP Partners	TxDOT and TUCP Partners	Comptroller of Public Accounts	TxDOT
Laws, Rules, and Regulations	49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 23	49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 26	Texas Government Code 2161 and 34 Texas Administrative Code §§20.10 – 20.28	43 Texas Administrative Code §§9.300-9.333
Size Standard Basis ¹	Three-year average gross receipts or number of employees	Three-year average gross receipts ² or number of employees	Four-year average gross receipts or number or employees	Three-year average gross receipts or number of employees
Maximum Personal Net Worth ³	\$1.32 million	\$1.32 million	Not applicable	Not applicable
Minimum Ownership Requirements	51% ownership by social and economically disadvantaged individual(s) ⁴	51% ownership by social and economically disadvantaged individual(s) ⁴	51% ownership by social and economically disadvantaged individual(s), including Service-Disabled Veterans	Not applicable
On-Site Eligibility Review	Required ⁵	Required ⁵	Required	Not required
Citizenship	U.S. Citizen or Legally Admitted Permanent Resident	U.S. Citizen or Legally Admitted Permanent Resident	U.S. Citizen	U.S. Citizen or Legally Admitted Permanent Resident
Residency	Must reside in the United States ⁶	Must reside in the United States ⁶	Must reside in the State of Texas	Must reside in the United States ⁶
Average Application Processing Time	90 days ⁷	90 days ⁷ (60 days for Interstate DBE Applications)	90 days	60 days
Certification Period	Continuous ⁸	Continuous ⁸	4 years	3 years

¹ Use of gross receipts or number of employees dependent upon business classification. Calculation using gross receipts includes affiliations with other companies. View SBA Size Standards at <https://www.sba.gov/federal-contracting/contracting-guide/size-standards>.

² Beginning January 2022, the size standard will be based on a five-year average of gross receipts.

³ Excludes individual's ownership interest in the applicant's firm and individual's equity in his/her primary resident.

⁴ Presumption of social and economic disadvantage is given to the following groups: African-American, Asian-American, Asian-Pacific American, Hispanic-American, Native American, subcontinent Asian-Pacific Americans and women. Individuals outside of these groups who own and control their business may also be eligible if they establish their social and economic disadvantage.

⁵ Due to COVID-19, virtual on-site reviews are currently permitted.

⁶ For out-of-state businesses, home state certification is required to become certified in Texas.

⁷ The application processing timeframe may range from 90 to 150 days depending on when the TUCP certifying partner receives all the required information necessary to process the certification.

⁸ Business certified as ACDBE or DBE must submit an Annual Update Affidavit certifying there have been no changes in circumstances affecting its certification eligibility.