



DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY

SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM

WHAT IS THE SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM?

Under the [Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business \(SDVOSB\) Program](#), DLA and other federal agencies reserve certain contracts exclusively for SDVOSBs. The federal government's goal is to award at least three percent of all federal contracting dollars to SDVOSBs. DoD prime contractors with small business subcontracting plans also have goals for subcontracts with SDVOSBs.

WHAT IS A SDVOSB?

To qualify for the SDVOSB Program, your business must:

- Be a small business;
- Be at least 51% owned and controlled by one or more service-disabled veterans (i.e., eligible veterans must have a service-connected disability); and
- Have one or more service-disabled veterans manage day-to-day operations and make long-term decisions.

OTHER DEFINITIONS

Service-connected disability means a disability that was incurred or aggravated in line of duty in the active military, naval, or air service (38 U.S.C. 101(16)).

Service-disabled veteran means is a veteran that possesses either a valid disability rating letter issued by the Department of Veterans Affairs, establishing a service-connected rating between 0 and 100 percent, or a valid disability determination from the Department of Defense or is registered in the Beneficiary Identification and Records Locator Subsystem maintained by Department of Veterans Affairs' Veterans Benefits Administration as a service-disabled veteran. Reservists or members of the National Guard disabled from a disease or injury incurred or aggravated in line of duty or while in training status also qualify (13 CFR §125.11).

CERTIFICATION FOR THE SDVOSB PROGRAM

DLA and other agencies (except for U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' contracts) rely on your self-certification as an SDVOSB, which is part of the registration process at [SAM.gov](#). This self-certification enables you to participate in the SDVOSB Program and there is generally no independent verification of your representation. However, a contracting officer or another interested party may challenge (i.e., protest) your representation and penalties for misrepresentation or false claims could apply (13 CFR §125.32).

The Department of Veterans Affairs' contracting program is different than the SDVOSB Program in place at DLA and you should not rely on this document for VA contracts.

IMPORTANT: This document describes the SDVOSB Program, including certification and/or verification requirements, as of May 2021. The Small Business Administration is currently considering changes to the SDVOSB Program and requirements for participation in the program at DLA or at other agencies may change.

WHERE TO FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & RESOURCES

Read more on SBA's website -- www.sba.gov/federal-contracting/contracting-assistance-programs

You may also obtain **free** assistance from your local APEX Accelerators which can help you understand the rules and opportunities for the SDVOSB Program -- www.apexaccelerators.us/#

