

JAXPORT's Small and Emerging Business Program

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The Jacksonville Port Authority (JAXPORT) is committed to promoting equal opportunities throughout all of its capital and procurement contracts. JAXPORT's Small and Emerging Business (SEB) Program establishes participation goals on qualified projects.

The Advantages of Being a Certified Vendor

Maximize your business opportunities through FREE:

- Advertisements
- Marketing and networking opportunities
- Training and workshops
- Notification of upcoming projects/contracts
- Business listings in JAXPORT's SEB Directory

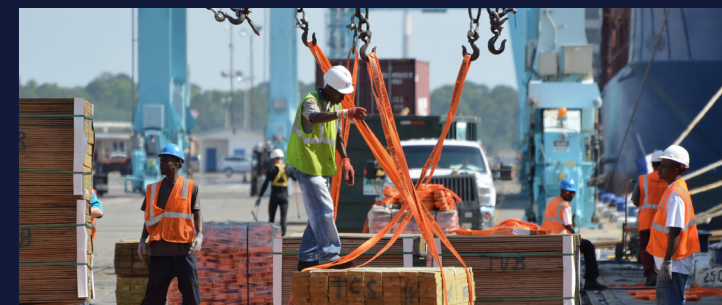
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Jacksonville Small and Emerging Business (JSEB) Definition

1. Must be a citizen or lawfully admitted permanent resident of the United States with either Duval County residency for one or more years prior to the application or have an established Jacksonville business for three or more years prior to the application, plus residency in Duval, St. Johns, Nassau, Baker, or Clay County for one or more years prior to the application.
2. Personal net worth less than \$605,000, excluding personal residence, including but not limited to business value and assets (measured as book value).
3. 3-year Average Gross Receipts less than \$6,000,000.
4. Program Participation of 15 years or less.
5. Must own and control more than 51% of the business in question, the contributions for which ownership must be real and substantial and provided by the qualifying owner(s), who must also own any license required by local, state or federal law and have expertise normally required by the industry for the field for which certification is sought. The business must perform a commercially useful function typical of the field for which certification is sought, and must not operate as a front, a broker or a pass-through.
6. Be a for-profit small business, which includes sole proprietorships, partnerships, corporations, limited liability companies and any other business or professional entities.

To be certified as a Minority Business Enterprise or MBE under the JSEB Program, an applicant must provide evidence that the qualifying owner(s) and business meet the above requirements AND that at least one of the following categories applies to the qualifying owner(s): (i) Black / African-American; (ii) Hispanic-American; (iii) Native-American; (iv) Asian-American; or (v) Woman.

How Do I Become JSEB Certified?

The City of Jacksonville (COJ) is the certifying agent for JAXPORT. All vendors certified with COJ are eligible to bid on JAXPORT projects.

To become certified, qualified business owners must complete the City of Jacksonville's Small and Emerging Business Program application. A printable application is located at www.jseb.coj.net.

Send the completed application to:

City of Jacksonville
Small and Emerging Business Office
Ed Ball Building
214 North Hogan St.
Suite 800
Jacksonville, FL 32202
904-255-8840 (Main)
904-255-8842 (Fax)

State/Federally Funded Projects

There are other ways to become involved in JAXPORT projects funded through state and/or federal grants. Vendors certified under the state's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)* or United States Small Business Administration (SBA) programs are eligible to participate in such projects.

DBE - Disadvantaged Business Enterprise
www.dot.state.fl.us/equalopportunityoffice

SBA - U.S. Small Business Administration:
www.SBA.gov

* Vendors can obtain DBE certification locally through the Jacksonville Transportation Authority at www.jtafla.com.

JAXPORT's Opportunities Include:

General/Specialty Construction
Engineering (Civil, Mechanical and Structural)
Electrical
Facilities Maintenance and Repairs
Asphalt Repairs
Roofing
HVAC
Janitorial
Landscaping
Plumbing
Security
Fencing
Information Technology/Infrastructure
Office Supplies
Promotional Supplies
Industrial Supplies
Training
Financial Services
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