



Broward County encourages prime contractors to develop partnerships with certified CBE firms for subcontracting opportunities in order to meet the predetermined CBE goal.

Under the CBE program, there are opportunities for newly certified CBE firms to gain significant advantage in becoming prime contractors as well.

Eligibility for the CBE program is based on personal net worth of the firms' owners and size standards that qualify firms as small businesses. There are no race or gender requirements.

The CBE program ensures a more level playing field by making it easier for small businesses to gain access to contracting opportunities with Broward County.

**Get CBE Certified!**



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# County Business Enterprise (CBE) Program



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## About the County Business Enterprise Program

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners approved the County Business Enterprise Act of 2009 to promote meaningful participation by small, Broward-based firms in County procurement contracting opportunities.

The County Business Enterprise (CBE) program establishes a cumulative 25% participation goal by CBE firms in all County contracts not subject to participation goals under other programs.

The ultimate goal of the program is to increase competition among firms seeking to do business with Broward County, which will lead to lower prices, better quality work and expanded benefits for all County residents.



## CBE Eligibility Standards

To become certified as a CBE with Broward County, a business entity must meet the following criteria, as defined by the County Business Enterprise Act of 2009:

- The firm must not have in excess of \$5 million in average annual gross revenue calculated over the previous three (3) calendar years;
- Each owner must have a personal net worth not to exceed \$750,000. Note: For purposes of CBE certification, one's personal net worth does not include individual ownership interest in any firm applying for or certified by the County or the person's net equity in his or her primary place of residence; and
- The firm has a continuing operating presence in Broward County.



## Applying for the CBE Certification



You may complete the CBE application online at [www.broward.org/smallbusiness](http://www.broward.org/smallbusiness).

In addition to the completed application, a signed affidavit form is needed as well. You may also need to provide support documents such as your Broward County business tax receipt, federal tax returns, professional licenses and any other documentation deemed necessary.

Upon review and approval of your complete application, you will be certified as a CBE firm with Broward County.

## How can I learn more about the CBE program or get a CBE certification application?

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