



PACE SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (SBE) PROGRAM

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VERIFICATION APPLICATION SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS CHECK LIST

In order to complete your application for SBE status, you must attach copies of all of the following documentation as they apply to you and the applicant firm.

Are you currently certified as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) by one of the Illinois Unified Certification Program (IL UCP) members? If so, you automatically qualify as a SBE with Pace. **STOP** you do not need to apply for SBE verification. If you have questions, please contact DBEinfo@pacebus.com.

Required for All Applicants

- Work experience resumes (include places of ownership/employment with corresponding dates), for all owners, key personnel, and officers of the applicant firm
- Personal Net Worth (PNW) Statement (form included with this application) for each disadvantage owner who the firm relies upon to satisfy the 51% ownership requirement
- Personal Federal tax returns (including all schedules) for the past 3 years, for each owner claiming disadvantaged status
- Federal tax returns filed by the firm and its affiliates, including all related schedules, for the past 5 years
- Documented proof of contributions used to acquire ownership for each owner (e.g., both sides of canceled checks)
- Signed loan and security agreement, and bonding forms
- List of equipment and/or vehicles owned and leased including VIN numbers, copy of titles, proof of ownership, insurance card for each vehicle
- List of employees, job titles, and dates of employment
- Description of all real estate owned/leased by your firm and documented proof of ownership/lease agreement
- Year-end balance sheets and income statements for the past three years (or life of firm, if less than three years); a new business must provide a current balance sheet
- All relevant licenses (professional, business, etc.)
- Bank authorization and signatory cards
- Trust agreements held by any owner claiming disadvantaged status
- Schedule of salaries (or other compensation or remuneration) paid to all officers, managers, owners, and/or directors of the firm
- Proof of citizenship/legal permanent resident status if born outside U.S.A. (Alien registration number or Green Card)

Sole Proprietor

- Assumed Name Registration (*signed by the state official*)

Partnership or Joint Venture

- Original and any amended Partnership or Joint Venture Agreements

Corporation or LLC

- Official Articles of Incorporation (*signed by the state official*)
- Both sides of all corporate stock certificates and stock transfer ledger
- Corporate by-laws and any amendments
- Shareholders' agreement
- Minutes of all stockholders and board of director meetings
- Official Certificate of Formation and Operating Agreement with any amendments (for LLC)

Trucking Firms

- Documented proof of ownership for each truck owned or operated by the firm
- Insurance agreements for each truck owned or operated by your firm
- Title(s) and registration certificate(s) and U.S. DOT numbers for each truck owned or operated by your firm
- Licenses, license renewal forms, permits, and haul authority forms

Regular Dealers

- Proof of warehouse ownership or lease
- List of product lines carried
- List of distribution equipment owned and/or leased

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

If a question does not apply, write "N/A".

Is the firm "for profit"? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STOP! If the firm is NOT for-profit, then you do NOT qualify for this program and do NOT need to fill out this application.
Is the firm currently certified for either of the following programs? <input type="checkbox"/> 8(a) <input type="checkbox"/> SDB (If Yes, check appropriate box(es).)	

A. Contact Information

(1) Contact Person and Title:		(2) Legal Name of Firm:			
(3) Phone #:	(4) Other Phone #:		(5) Fax #:		
(6) E-mail:		(7) Website:			
(8) Street address of firm (<i>No P.O. Box</i>):	City:	County/Parish:	State:	Zip:	
(9) Mailing address of firm (<i>if different</i>):	City:	County/Parish:	State:	Zip:	

B. Prior/Other Applications and Privileges

<p>Has the firm (<i>under any name</i>) or any of its owners, Board of Directors, officers or management personnel, ever withdrawn an application for any program, or ever been denied certification, decertified, debarred, suspended, or otherwise had bidding privileges denied or restricted by any state or local agency, or Federal entity?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, on ___ / ___ / ___ <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes, identify State and name of state, local, or Federal agency and explain the nature of the action:</p>
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C. Business Profile

(1) Describe the primary activities of the firm including NAICS codes:	(2) Federal Tax ID No.:
(3) This firm was established on ___ / ___ / ___	(4) I/We have owned this firm since: ___ / ___ / ___
<p>(5) Method of acquisition (<i>check all that apply</i>):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Started new business <input type="checkbox"/> Bought existing business <input type="checkbox"/> Inherited business <input type="checkbox"/> Secured concession</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Merger or consolidation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>explain</i>): _____</p>	
<p>(6) Type of firm (<i>check all that apply</i>):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Company <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Venture</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, Describe: _____</p>	
(7) Number of employees: Full-time _____ Part-time _____ Total _____	

Business Profile -cont.

(8) Specify the gross receipts of the firm for the last 5 years:

Year _____	Gross Receipts of Applicant Firm \$ _____	Gross Receipts of Affiliate Firms \$ _____
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D. Relationships with Other Businesses

(1) Is the firm co-located at any of its business locations, or does it share a telephone number, P.O. Box, office space, yard, warehouse, facilities, equipment, or office staff, with any other business, organization, or entity?

Yes No

If Yes, identify: Other Firm's Name: _____

Explain nature of shared facilities:

(2) At present, or at any time in the past, has the firm:	(a) been a subsidiary of any other firm?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	(b) consisted of a partnership in which one or more of the partners are other firms?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	(c) owned any percentage of any other firm?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	(d) had any subsidiaries?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

(3) Has any other firm had an ownership interest in the firm at present or any time in the past? Yes No

(4) If you answered "Yes" to any of the question in (2) (a) – (d) and/or (3), identify the following for each:

	Name	Address	Type of business
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

2. OWNERSHIP

Identify the Majority Owner(s) of the Firm Holding 51% or More Ownership Interest.

Majority Owner Information:

(1) Name:	(2) Title:	(3) Home Phone #:
4) Home Address (<i>street and number</i>):		City:
		State:
		Zip:
(5) Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		(6) Ethnicity: _____
(7) U.S. Citizenship: <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Citizen <input type="checkbox"/> Lawfully Admitted Permanent Resident		
(8) Number of years as owner:	(10) Initial investment to acquire ownership interest in firm:	
	<u>Type</u>	<u>Dollar Value</u>
	Cash	\$ _____
(9) Percentage Owned:	Real Estate	\$ _____
	Equipment	\$ _____
	Other	\$ _____
(11) Shares of Stock:	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
	<u>Class</u>	<u>Date Acquired</u>
		<u>Method Acquired</u>
(12) Describe how you acquired your business.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Started new business <input type="checkbox"/> Bought existing business <input type="checkbox"/> Inherited business <input type="checkbox"/> Secured concession		
<input type="checkbox"/> Merger or consolidation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>explain</i>): _____		
(13) Describe familial relationship to other owners and employees:		
(14) Does this owner perform a management or supervisory function for any other business? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
If Yes, identify: Name of Business: _____		
Function/Title: _____		
(15) Does this owner own or work for any other firm(s) that has a relationship with this firm (<i>e.g., ownership interest, shared office space, financial investments, equipment, leases, personnel sharing, etc.</i>)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
If Yes, identify: Name of Business: _____ Function/Title: _____		
Nature of Business Relationship: _____		

Other Owners Information:

(1) Name:	(2) Title:	(3) Home Phone #:										
4) Home Address (<i>street and number</i>):												
City:	State:	Zip:										
(5) Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		(6) Ethnicity: _____										
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3. CONTROL

A. Identify the firm's Officers & Board of Directors (If additional space is required, attach a separate sheet):

		Name	Title	Date Appointed
(1) Officers of the Company	(a)			
	(b)			
	(c)			
	(d)			
	(e)			
(2) Board of Directors	(a)			
	(b)			
	(c)			
	(d)			
	(e)			

B. Identify the firm's management personnel who control the firm in the following areas

(If more than two persons, attach a separate sheet):

		Name	Title
(1) Financial Decisions <i>(responsible for acquisition of lines of credit, surety bonding, supplies, etc.)</i>	(a)		
	(b)		
(2) Estimating and bidding	(a)		
	(b)		
(3) Negotiating and Contract Execution	(a)		
	(b)		
(4) Hiring/firing of management personnel	(a)		
	(b)		
(5) Field/Production Operations Supervisor	(a)		
	(b)		
(6) Office management	(a)		
	(b)		
(7) Marketing/Sales	(a)		
	(b)		
(8) Purchasing of major equipment	(a)		
	(b)		
(9) Authorized to Sign Company Checks (for any purpose)	(a)		
	(b)		
(10) Authorized to make financial Transactions	(a)		
	(b)		

Do any of the persons listed in (A1) through (B10) above perform a management or supervisory function for any other business?

Yes No

If Yes, identify for each: Person: _____ Title: _____

Business: _____ Function: _____

Do any of the persons listed in (A1) through (B10) above own or work for any other firm(s) that has a relationship with this firm (e.g. ownership interest, shared office space, financial investments, equipment, leases, personnel sharing, etc.)?

Yes No

If Yes, identify for each: Firm Name: _____ Person: _____

Nature of Business Relationship: _____

C. Does the firm rely on any other firm for management functions or employee payroll? Yes No

If Yes, Explain:

D. Financial Information

(1) Banking Information

(a) Name of Bank: _____ (b) Phone No. () _____

(c) Address of bank: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

(2) Bonding Information: If you have bonding capacity, identify:

(a) Bonding No: _____

(b) Name of agent/broker: _____ (c) Phone No.: () _____

(d) Address of agent/broker: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

(e) Bonding limits: Aggregate limit \$ _____ Project limit \$ _____

E. List current licenses/permits held by any owner and/or employee of the firm:

(e.g., contractor, engineer, architect, etc.) (attach additional sheets if needed)

	Name of License/Permit Holder	Type of License/Permit	Expiration Date	License Number and State
1.				
2.				
3.				

F. Inventory

Type of Equipment	Current Value	Owned or Leased?	Where is the Item Stored?

G. Office Space

Street Address	Owned or Leased?	Current Value of the Property or Lease?

H. Storage Space

Street Address	Owned or Leased?	Current Value of the Property or Lease?

I. List the three largest contracts completed by your firm in the past three years.

Name of Owner/Prime Contractor	Location of Project (City, State)	Type of Work	Dollar Value of Contract

J. List the three largest active jobs on which the firm is currently working.

Name of Owner/Prime Contractor	Location of Project (City, State)	Type of Work	Project Start Date	Anticipated Completion Date	Dollar Value of Contract

AFFIDAVIT OF CERIFICATION

This form must be signed and notarized for each owner upon which disadvantaged status is relied.

A MATERIAL OR FLASE STATEMENT OR OMISSION MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION IS SUFFICIENT CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF SBE STATUS, REVOCATION OF A PRIOR APPROVAL, INITIATION OF SUSPENSION OR DEBARMENT PROCEEDINGS, AND MAY SUBJECT THE PERSON AND/OR ENTITY MAKING THE FALSE STATEMENT TO ANY AND ALL CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES AVAILABLE PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE FEDERAL AND STATE LAW.

I _____ (full name printed), swear or affirm under penalty of law that I am _____ (title) of applicant firm _____ (firm name) and that I have read and understood all of the questions in this application and that all of the foregoing information and statements submitted in this application and its attachments and supporting documents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that all responses to the questions are full and complete, omitting no material information. The responses include all material information necessary to fully and accurately identify and explain the operations, capabilities and pertinent history of the named firm as well as the ownership, control, and affiliations thereof.

I recognize that the information submitted in this application is for the purpose of inducing SBE status approval by a government agency. I understand that a government agency may, by means it deems appropriate, determine the accuracy and truth of the statements in the application, and I authorize such agency to contact any entity named in the application, and the named firm’s bonding companies, banking institutions, credit agencies, contractors, clients, and other certifying agencies for the purpose of verifying the information supplied and determining the named firm’s eligibility.

I agree to submit to government audit, examination and review of books, records, documents and files, in whatever form they exist, of the named firm and its affiliates, inspection of its place(s) of business and equipment, and to permit interviews of its principals, agents, and employees. I understand that refusal to permit such inquiries shall be grounds for denial of SBE status.

If awarded a contract or subcontract, I agree to promptly and directly provide the prime contractor, if any, and the Department, recipient agency, or federal funding agency on an ongoing basis, current, complete and accurate information regarding (1) work performed on the project; (2) payments; and (3) proposed changes, if any, to the foregoing arrangements.

I agree to provide written notice to Pace’s DBE Department of any material change in the information contained in the original application within 30 calendar days of such change (e.g., ownership, address, telephone number, personal net worth, etc.).

I acknowledge and agree that any misrepresentations in this application or in records pertaining to a contract or subcontract will be grounds for terminating any contract or subcontract which may be awarded; denial or revocation of SBE status; suspension and debarment; and for initiating action under federal and/or state law concerning false statement, fraud or other applicable offenses.

I certify that I am economically disadvantaged individual who is owner of the above-referenced firm seeking certification as a Small Business Enterprise. I further certify that my personal net worth does not exceed \$1.32 million, and that I am economically disadvantaged because my ability to compete in the free enterprise system has been impaired due to diminished capital and credit opportunities as compared to others in the same or similar line of business who are not economically disadvantaged.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this application and supporting documents is true and correct.

Signature _____ (SBE Applicant) _____ (Date)

Notary Seal: Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ date of _____, 20_____.

Signed: _____ Notary Public in and for the County of: _____ State: _____

My commission expires: _____ Notary Seal: