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HHCC Certification Glossary

****PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL REQUIREMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE****

City of Houston

Certifying Agency: Affirmative Action and Contract Compliance

Certification Available to: Minority; women; disabled; Small Business Enterprises

Ownership required: 51%

Must be a US Citizen or lawful permanent resident

Average time to obtain certification: 90 days

Must certify every: Year

Cost: Free

Special Note: If you apply for DBE (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise) Certification at the COH, you could qualify for MBE (Minority Business Enterprise), WBE (Woman Business Enterprise), METRO SBE (Small Business Enterprise) and HUB (Historically Underutilized Business).

State of Texas

Certifying Agency: Texas Comptroller/Historically Underutilized business

Certification Available to: Minority and Women

Ownership required: 51%

Must be a US Citizen

Average time to obtain certification: 30 days

Must certify every: 4 Years

Cost: Free

8(a) Business Development

Certifying Agency: Small Business Administration

Certification Available to: Minority and Other individuals can be admitted to the program if they show through a "preponderance of the evidence" that they are disadvantaged because of race, ethnicity, gender, physical handicap, or residence in an environment isolated from the mainstream of American society.

Ownership required: 51%

Must be a US Citizen

Average time to obtain certification: 90 days

Must certify every: 9 Years with annual updates

Cost: Free

Minority Business Certification

Certifying Agency: Houston Minority Supplier Diversity Council

Certification Available to: Minority and Women

Ownership required: 51%

Must be a US Citizen

Average time to obtain certification: 30-60 days

Must certify every: Year

Cost: \$150

Woman Business Certification

Certifying Agency: Women Business Enterprise Alliance

Certification Available to: Minority and Women

Ownership required: 51%

Must be a US Citizen

Average time to obtain certification: 30-60 days

Must certify every: Year

Cost: \$400

METRO Certification

Certifying Agency: METRO of Small Business

Certification Available to: Small Business

Ownership required: Satisfaction of the personal net worth standard (owners) and industry size standards (businesses)

Must be a US Citizen

Average time to obtain certification: 30 days

Must certify every: three (3) years

Cost: Free

Port of Houston Certification

Certification Available to: Minority and Women

Ownership required: 51%

Must be a US Citizen

Average time to obtain certification: 30 days

Must certify every: Year

Cost: Free

**Please Join HHCC for One- on-One Consultations with
Representatives from different certifying agencies on FRIDAY,
JUNE 25, 2010, from 11:30 AM – 1PM in the HHCC office.**

Lunch provided

****Limited Seating Available****