



How to Become a Certified Diverse Supplier

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DFIN supports diverse suppliers and encourages them to become certified to access greater opportunities. This guide outlines the importance of certification and how to get started.

Why Get Certified?

- Certification as a diverse supplier opens doors to:
 - Corporate and government contracts
 - Supplier diversity programs
 - Networking and mentorship opportunities
 - Access to capital and training

Tips for a Smooth Certification Process

- Prepare documents: Ownership, tax returns, resumes, proof of identity.
- Be honest and thorough: Incomplete or inaccurate applications can delay approval.
- Follow up: Stay in touch with the certifying body for updates.

*Please note that diverse certification does not imply a contract, or an intent to purchase by DFIN.

Major Certifying Organizations & How to Apply

1. National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC)

- Who it's for: Minority-owned businesses (Black, Hispanic, Asian, Native American)
- Steps:
 - Business must be at least 51% minority-owned.
 - Apply online and submit documentation (ownership, financials, etc.).
 - Pay a fee and complete a site visit.

2. Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC)

- Who it's for: Women-owned businesses
- Steps:
 - Business must be 51% woman-owned and controlled.
 - Complete the online application.
 - Submit required documents and pay a fee.
 - Undergo a site visit.

3. National LGBT Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC)

- Who it's for: LGBTQ-owned businesses
- Steps:
 - Business must be 51% LGBTQ-owned.
 - Apply online with supporting documents.
 - Participate in an interview and review process.

4. National Veteran Business Development Council (NVBDC)

- Who it's for: Veteran-owned businesses
- Steps:
 - Business must be 51% veteran-owned.
 - Submit military service documentation.
 - Complete the application and pay a fee.

5. Disability:IN

- Who it's for: Disability-owned businesses
- Steps:
 - Business must be 51% owned by a person with a disability.
 - Provide proof of disability and business ownership.
 - Apply online and pay a fee.