



OBO ANNOUNCES NEW ONLINE PAPERLESS



APPLICATION SYSTEM FOR FIRMS CERTIFIED BY THE CITY OF HOUSTON

Mayor Sylvester Turner and the City of Houston’s Office of Business Opportunity (OBO) are proud to announce the launch of its new online application processing system for women, minority and small firms certified to do business with the city. Starting on July 1, 2018, any firm seeking certification—and any firm that needs to renew its certification—will now use this free, online portal to obtain its certification.

This new system is another example of Mayor Turner’s commitment to provide Houstonians with outstanding and efficient customer service from their city government. And it also supports Mayor Turner’s “Going Green” initiative. This new system will allow OBO’s Certification and Designations division—which currently serves more than 3,000 certified firms—to operate more efficiently and meet its goal of processing all applications in less than 90 days.

Please note that paper applications for certification and renewals will no longer be accepted after July 1.

Applications for MBE, WBE, SBE, PDBE, ACDBE and DBE certifications will be available 24 hours-a-day/7 days a week at OBO’s website: www.houstontx.gov/obo. Once you have navigated to the OBO home page, scroll down to the “**Certifications and Designations**” section and click on the “**Get Certified**” box. Then click on the “**Applications and Forms**” link to begin working on your certification application.

If you have any questions, or would like more information about the process, or need help completing an online certification application, please contact the Office of Business Opportunity Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at (832) 393-0600 or stop by our offices at 611 Walker Street, 7th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002.