Requirements for Certification

**To Obtain MBE Certification:**
- Business must be at least 51% owned, managed and controlled by U.S. Citizen(s) or legal permanent resident(s) who are members of the following groups: Black, Spanish/Hispanic, Asian-Pacific American, and Native American.

**To Obtain WBE Certification:**
- Business must be at least 51% owned, managed and controlled by U.S. citizen(s) or legal permanent resident(s) who are female.

**To Obtain PDBE Certification:**
- Business must be at least 51% owned and controlled by U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents with a presently existing, medically determined physical or mental impairment of chronic or permanent character.
- Disability must substantially limit one or more of his or her major life activities.
- Applicant must submit a Disability Affidavit and an accompanying letter from a medical doctor, who has been certified in the State of Texas.

**To Obtain SBE Certification:**
- Business must be for profit, independent and currently functioning *construction or construction related* business maintaining a significant and local business presence in Harris, Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Liberty, Montgomery, San Jacinto, or Waller county.*

**Additional Eligibility Requirements for All Applicants:**
- Owners must be U.S. citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents of the U. S.
- Business must be for profit, independent, and currently functioning business maintaining a significant and local business presence in Harris, Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Liberty, Montgomery, San Jacinto, or Waller county.*
- Business owner must have the training/expertise to perform the work, and where required, has a license or certificate issued in his or her name.

* This provision includes the requirement that an MWSBE have an established place of business in one or more of the above-referenced counties at which one or more of its employees is regularly based and that such place of business have a substantial role in the MWSBE’s performance of a Commercially Acceptable Function. A location utilized solely as post office box, mail drop or telephone message center or any combination thereof, with no other substantial work function, shall not be construed to constitute a significant business presence.