



## CERTIFICATIONS

### CERTIFICATION OFFICE OF BUSINESS INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY (COBID)

[www.oregon4biz.com](http://www.oregon4biz.com)

The COBID is the certifying agency for the new Oregon Service Disabled Veteran Certification. Other certifications include Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Women Business Enterprise (WBE), Emerging Small Business (ESB), and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) certifications.

### VETS FIRST VERIFICATION PROGRAM

Help Desk: **866-584-2344**

Status Update: [verificationfollowup@va.gov](mailto:verificationfollowup@va.gov)

Profile Questions: [vip@va.gov](mailto:vip@va.gov)

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has special authority for Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business/Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB/VOSB), set-aside and sole source contracts. VA has developed a Verification Assistance Program to help veterans understand the verification policy and process. The goal of the program is to reduce the risk of denial due to lack of understanding and misinterpretation of the regulation.

## PROCUREMENT

### STATE OF OREGON PROCUREMENT SERVICES

**503-378-3976 or 503-373-2106**

[www.oregon.gov/DAS/EGS/ps/Pages/index.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/DAS/EGS/ps/Pages/index.aspx)

Oregon Department of Administrative Services Procurement Services & Policy (DAS PS) is the enterprise-wide purchasing authority for the state of Oregon.

### ORPIN

<http://orpin.oregon.gov/open.dll>

All state agencies post most procurement projects on ORPIN to secure services. This is a perfect site to explore both prime contracting and sub-contracting opportunities for veterans. NOTE: All ODOT Emerging Small Business projects are advertised on ORPIN. Most will have mandatory pre-bid conferences. Search 'ESB' to find these projects.

### EBIDS (ELECTRONIC BIDDING INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM)

[www.oregon.gov/ODOT/CS/CONSTRUCTION/Pages/eBIDS.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/CS/CONSTRUCTION/Pages/eBIDS.aspx)

eBids is an online tool that enables contractors, suppliers and other interested parties to locate, view and download bid-related documents for design-bid-build highway and bridge construction projects that ODOT currently has advertised to bid.

Upcoming construction projects: [www.oregon.gov/ODOT/CS/CONSTRUCTION/Pages/Letting\\_Schedules.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/CS/CONSTRUCTION/Pages/Letting_Schedules.aspx)

### SMALL CONTRACTING PROGRAM (SCP)

[www.oregon.gov/ODOT/CS/CIVILRIGHTS/Pages/scp\\_program.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/CS/CIVILRIGHTS/Pages/scp_program.aspx)

The primary goal of the SCP is to provide a contracting mechanism for outreach to business entities. Opportunities are identified by estimated contract value rather than the status or size of participating firms. Currently, opportunities are sent by email to firms that have identified work categories that match the contract needs.

### ODOT EMERGENCY CONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER REGISTRATION SYSTEM

<http://highway.odot.state.or.us/cf/cerse>

Register as an emergency contractor/ supplier along with details on equipment, resources and materials available for an emergency.

## BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES

### SECRETARY OF STATE CORPORATION DIVISION

**503-986-2200** | [www.FilingInOregon.com](http://www.FilingInOregon.com)

The Corporation Division is where you go to start a business, become a notary or file a lien on personal property. The division provides information to support business, and ensures that registration processes are fast, simple and easy as possible.

### GOVERNMENT CONTRACT ASSISTANCE PROG. (GCAP)

[www.gcap.org](http://www.gcap.org)

The Government Contract Assistance Program (GCAP) is part of a nationwide network of Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTAC) working to help small businesses compete successfully in the federal, state and local government marketplace.

### SCORE

**503-326-5211** | [www.portlandor.score.org](http://www.portlandor.score.org)

Score provides free business counseling and mentoring to anyone who wants to start a business or is operating a small business. Members have professional experience and training and come from a variety of business backgrounds. Score will match your interests or questions with a volunteer who can work with you. Score also offers low cost workshops on basic business, bookkeeping, marketing and similar topics.

### OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

**503-986-2200 or 844-469-5512**

[Business.SOS@state.or.us](mailto:Business.SOS@state.or.us)

<http://sos.oregon.gov/business/Pages/office-small-business-assistance.aspx>

Oregon's Office of Small Business Assistance: an independent voice for small businesses within state government. Your time is money; and when you get stuck in red tape with a state agency, it can be costly for your business. The Small Business Advocate can help you solve those problems, cut the red tape, and prevent the whole thing from happening again.

### BUSINESS OREGON

**503-986-0123 or 866-467-3466**

[www.oregon4biz.com](http://www.oregon4biz.com)

Business Oregon works to create, retain, expand and attract businesses that provide sustainable, living-wage jobs for Oregonians through public-private partnerships, leveraged funding and support of economic opportunities for Oregon companies and entrepreneurs.

### SMALL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ODOT SPONSORED EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

[www.bizcenter.org](http://www.bizcenter.org) Search Keyword: ODOT

Small Business Management Program ODOT sponsored educational resources for any state certified firms able to perform work for ODOT. Online and classroom programs are also available.