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## **SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESS ACT**

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

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#### **Who will be certifying the Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (SDVOB)?**

The Division of Service-Disabled Veterans' Business Development within the Office of General Services will be responsible for certifying eligible Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses (SDVOB).

#### **Application**

If you are a service-disabled veteran (or group of service-disabled veterans) and are interested in becoming a New York State Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business, please complete and submit the application found at <http://ogs.ny.gov/Core/SDVOBA.asp>. Please note that simply submitting an application does not qualify you for certification.

#### **What are the eligibility requirements to be a certified as a SDVOB?**

To be certified, at a minimum, one or more service-disabled veterans, with a service-connected disability rating of 10% or greater, must own at least 51% of the business enterprise. The service-disabled veteran owner(s) must have (and exercise) authority to control independently the day-to-day business decisions the business must qualify as a small business under the New York State program and must have a significant business presence in New York State.

#### **What are the qualifications for a small business under the New York State program?**

The minimum eligibility requirements include:

- The enterprise is independently owned and operated
- The enterprise has no more than 300 employees and has a significant business presence in the state but is not dominant in its field.

Additional detail as to the qualifications are available at <http://www.ogs.ny.gov/About/Regs/docs/part252.pdf>



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