

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

My company is not located within the City of Milwaukee City limits. Am I no longer able to bid?

Yes, you may continue to bid. However, since your company is not located in within the limits of the City of Milwaukee, you would not qualify for the 5% Local Business Enterprise (LBE) bid incentive.

How do I register for the program? Is there an LBE vendor registration list?

There is no registration list. Bidders who are interested in being considered for LBE status must submit the LBE Affidavit with their bid documents every time they bid on a project.

Do I have to submit the LBE Affidavit with each bid?

Yes.

For companies that qualify as an LBE, does the 5% discount come off the top of their bid price?

Yes. It is based on the base bid price.

My company would qualify for the LBE program when we bid. However, if there is an EBE requirement to the bid, must all the EBEs I use also qualify for the program?

No. The LBE incentive applies to the prime bidder. The prime bidder can work with any EBE firm.

If my company is registered as an EBE with the City of Milwaukee, does that mean I am automatically registered for the LBE program?

There is no registration list for the program. All prime bidders (including all EBE prime bidders) must submit the LBE Affidavit with their bid every time they bid on a project.

My company is not within the limits of the City of Milwaukee. Is there any incentive or advantage given to Wisconsin-based companies?

No. The LBE program was set-up to provide an incentive for companies within the limits of the City of Milwaukee.

Would current bids (posted prior to August 10, 2009) be part of the LBE process, in the event the due date is extended for those bids?

No.

My company has their corporate headquarters in a suburb of Milwaukee. We also have a branch office in the City of Milwaukee proper, and this location meets the qualifications of the LBE program. Would we qualify for the LBE program? Also, is there a minimum number of employees that must be employed at the branch office located in the City of Milwaukee?

Yes, the branch office would qualify for the LBE program. When submitting the LBE Affidavit, you would use the address of the branch office, as it is the facility located within the City of Milwaukee city limits. There are no requirements regarding the minimum number of employees that must work at the branch office.