



**Service-Disabled Veteran Enterprise (SDVE)
Participation Requirements For all
NYS Syracuse Regional Airport Authority Contracts and Grants**

Authority: Article 17-B of the Executive Law, 9 CRR-NY G I 252, Standard Clauses for All New York State SRAA Contracts and requirements of any federal law concerning opportunities for service-disabled veteran enterprises which effectuate the purposes of Article 17-B.

I. General Provisions

The Division of Service-Disabled Veterans' Business Development (DSDVBD) is housed within the New York State Office of General Services and is tasked with promoting and encouraging the continuing economic development of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses (SDVOBs). Through the DSDVBD, the State of New York aims to assist service-disabled veterans in playing a greater role in the economy of the state and to provide additional assistance and support to disabled veterans to better equip them to form and expand small businesses, thereby enabling them to realize the American dream they fought to protect. New York State Executive Law Article 17-B governs requirements for the participation of SDVOBs in New York State contracting. The objective of Article 17-B is to expand opportunities for SDVOBs, primarily through increased participation in New York State contracting.

Key Objectives of the DSDVBD:

- To encourage and assist State agencies and authorities that are engaged in contracting activities to award a share of State contracts to SDVOBs.
- To review applications by businesses seeking certification as a SDVOB and to maintain a directory of NYS Certified SDVOBs.
- To promote the business development of SDVOBs through education and outreach to agencies, authorities, non-profit organizations, independent contractors, and SDVOBs.
- To collect, review, monitor, and report on data pertaining to the utilization of SDVOBs by NYS agencies and authorities.
- To ensure continued progress toward the statewide SDVOB utilization goal of 6% established by New York State Executive Law Article 17-B.

II. Guidelines

Article 17-B of the Executive Law enacted in 2014 acknowledges that Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses (SDVOBs) strongly contribute to the economies of the State and the nation. As defenders of our nation and in recognition of their economic activity in doing business in New York State, bidders/proposers for this contract for commodities, services or technology are strongly encouraged and expected to consider SDVOBs in the fulfillment of the requirements of the contract. Such partnering may be a subcontractor, suppliers, protégés or other supporting roles. SDVOBs can be readily identified on the directory of certified businesses at:

<https://sdves.ogs.ny.gov/>

Bidders/proposers need to be aware that all authorized users of this contract will be strongly encouraged to maximum extent practical and consistent with legal requirements of the State Finance Law and the Executive Law to use responsible and responsive SDVOBs in purchasing and utilizing commodities, services and technology that are of equal quality and value.

III. Contract Goals

Where practical, feasible and appropriate, State agencies shall seek to achieve a 6% goal on all State contracts for service-disabled veteran-owned business enterprises.

Where SDVE goals have been established herein, Contractor must document “good faith efforts” to provide meaningful participation by SDVEs as subcontractors or suppliers in the performance of the Contract. The Contractor acknowledges that if Contractor is found to have willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the SDVE participation goals set forth in the Contract, such a finding constitutes a breach of contract, and the Contractor shall be liable to the SRAA for liquidated or other appropriate damages.

IV. List of NYS Certified Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Businesses

The DSDVBD maintains a [Directory of NYS Certified SDVOBs](#). The directory is updated regularly with the addition of any newly certified SDVOBs or necessary changes requested by the listed SDVOBs or DSDVBD staff. State personnel and other interested parties may contact the DSDVBD and request they be added to a distribution list to receive the directory and its regular updates via email.

Options for the Use of SDVOBs

Agency and authority personnel have three primary options for using NYS Certified SDVOBs in their contracting/purchasing activities. It is the responsibility of each agency and authority to determine which option, or combination of options, can best achieve the agency-specific goals described in their master goal plan.

1. **SDVOB set-asides:** Set asides permit the reservation in whole or in part of certain procurements by State agencies for SDVOBs when more than one NYS Certified SDVOB is available and can provide the necessary construction, construction services, technology, commodities, products, and other classifications to meet state agencies’/authorities’ form, function and utility. SDVOB set-asides shall be assessed for M/WBE participation goals pursuant to article 15-A of the Executive Law. For more information about set-asides, see [Participation by Service-Disabled Veterans with Respect to State Contracts through Set Asides](#) or contact the DSDVBD.
2. **SDVOB Contract Goal Setting:** A required percentage of SDVOB participation may be placed on qualified procurements. Any contract that conforms to the definition of state contract as described in the [Rules and Regulations](#) of the SDVOB program (9 CRR-NY G I 252), unless exempt or excluded, may be assessed for SDVOB participation goals. SDVOB participation goals shall be in addition to any M/WBE goals established pursuant to article 15-A of the Executive Law.
3. **SDVOB Discretionary Purchasing:** NYS Certified SDVOB vendors may be chosen when making discretionary purchases. Discretionary purchases are procurements made below statutorily established monetary levels and at the discretion of the agency, without the need for a formal competitive procurement process. For more information about discretionary purchasing, see the NYS Procurement Council [Discretionary Purchasing Guidelines](#).

V. SDVE Utilization Plans

Contractors shall submit utilization plans for achieving contract goals established for the participation of certified service-disabled veteran owned business enterprises performing commercially useful functions in relation to State contracts. A form for the utilization plan shall be provided by the State agency to the contractor for any request for bids, proposals, or qualifications, or negotiated contracts, for which contract goals are established with: