

**STATE OF TENNESSEE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES**  
**CENTRAL PROCUREMENT OFFICE**

**INVITATION TO BID**  
**EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE DIVERSITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION**

The Governor's Office of Diversity Business Enterprise (Go-DBE) is the state's central point of contact to attract and assist minority-owned, woman-owned, Tennessee service-disabled veteran owned, and small business enterprises interested in competing in the State of Tennessee's procurement and contracting activities. These diversity business enterprises are defined as follows:

**Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Woman Business Enterprise (WBE)**

Businesses that are a continuing, independent, for profit business which performs a commercially useful function, and is at least fifty-one percent (51%) owned and controlled by one (1) or more individuals in the minority or woman category who were impeded from normal entry into the economic mainstream because of past practices of discrimination based on race, ethnic background, or gender.

**Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (SDVBE)**

"Tennessee service disabled veteran owned business" means a service-disabled veteran owned business that is a continuing, independent, for profit business located in the state of Tennessee that performs a commercially useful function with at least a twenty percent (20%) disability that is service-connected meaning that such disability was incurred or aggravated in the line of duty in the active military, naval or air service.

**Small Business Enterprise (SBE)**

"Tennessee small business" means a business that is a continuing, independent, for profit business which performs a commercially useful function with residence in Tennessee and has total gross receipts of no more than ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) averaged over a three-year period or employs no more than ninety-nine (99) persons on a full-time basis".

For additional program eligibility information visit,  
[http://www.tn.gov/businessopp/program\\_elig.html](http://www.tn.gov/businessopp/program_elig.html).

**INVITATION TO BID INSTRUCTIONS**

As part of this Invitation to Bid, the Respondent should complete the Diversity Utilization Plan, which begins on the following page. To assist in your effort to seek and solicit the participation of diversity businesses on this solicitation, a directory of certified Diversity Business Enterprise firms may be found on the State's website at: <http://www.tn.gov/businessopp/regdivcomp.html> or by calling Go-DBE toll free at 866-894-5026.

**RESPONDENT'S  
DIVERSITY UTILAZATION PLAN**

Respondent's Company Name:		
Solicitation Event Name:	Event Number:	
Respondent's Contact Name:	Phone:  (    )	Email:
Does the Respondent qualify as the diversity business enterprise? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  If yes, which designation does the Respondent qualify? <input type="checkbox"/> MBE <input type="checkbox"/> WBE <input type="checkbox"/> SDVBE <input type="checkbox"/> SBE  Certifying Agency:		

**Estimated level of participation by diversity businesses if awarded a contract pursuant to this ITB:**

<b>Diversity Business Information</b> (List all subcontractors, joint-ventures, and suppliers)	<b>Percent of Contract</b>	<b>Estimated Amount</b>	<b>MBE/ WBE/ SDVBE/ SBE Designation</b>	<b>Currently Certified (Yes or No)</b>
Business Name:				
Contact Name:				
Contact Phone:				
Business Name:				
Contact Name:				
Contact Phone:				

If awarded a contract pursuant to this ITB, we confirm our commitment to make reasonable business efforts to meet or exceed the commitment to diversity as represented in our Diversity Utilization Plan. We shall assist the State in monitoring our performance of this commitment by providing, as requested, a quarterly report of participation in the performance of this Contract by small business enterprises and businesses owned by minorities, women, and Tennessee service-disabled veterans. Such reports shall be provided to the State of Tennessee Governor's Office of Diversity Business Enterprise in form and substance as required by said office. We further agree to request in writing and receive prior approval from the Central Procurement Office for any changes to the use of the above listed diversity businesses.

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name and Title of Respondent Signatory (above) \_\_\_\_\_