

**VETERAN'S PREFERENCE FOR VBE AND SDVBE  
INSTRUCTIONS**

In accordance with Section 34-236(b) of the Cook County Procurement Code, the Chief Procurement Officer ("CPO") shall give a preference of **five percent of the amount of the Contract** to a Responsible and Responsive Veterans Owned Business Enterprise (VBE) and Service Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise (SDVBE) requesting a preference for Bids. **All Bidders who are requesting this preference must complete the form, and attach a copy of its certification. Prior to applying the five percent preference, the CPO must receive approval from the Contract Compliance Director (CCD) that the Bidder is a qualified VBE or SDVBE.**

**DEFINITIONS**

*Veteran-owned Business Enterprise (VBE)* means a small business (i) that is at least 51 percent owned, controlled and managed by one or more Eligible Veterans or in the case of a corporation, at least 51 percent or more of the stock of which is owned, controlled and managed by one or more Eligible Veterans; (ii) that has its home office in Illinois, as certified by the Contract Compliance Director (CCD) under policies and procedures promulgated by the CCD.

*Eligible Veteran* means a person who (i) has been either a member of the armed forces of the United States or, while a citizen of the United States, was a member of the armed forces of allies of the United States in time of hostilities with a foreign country and (ii) has served under one or more of the following conditions: (a) the veteran served a total of at least 6 months; (b) the veteran served for the duration of hostilities regardless of the length of the engagement; (c) the veteran was discharged on the basis of hardship; or (d) the veteran was released from active duty because of a service connected disability and was discharged under honorable conditions.

*Armed forces of the United States* means the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or service in active duty as defined under 38 U.S.C. Section 101. Service in the Merchant Marine that constitutes active duty under Section 401 of federal Public Act 95-202 shall also be considered service in the armed forces for purposes of this Division.

*Service-Disabled Veteran-owned Business Enterprise (SDVBE)* means a small business (i) that is at least 51 percent owned, controlled, and managed by one or more qualified service disabled veterans or in the case of a corporation, at least 51 percent or more of the stock of which is owned, controlled and managed by one or more Service Disabled Veterans; (ii) that has its home office in Illinois, as certified by the CCD under policies and procedures promulgated by the CCD.

*Service-Disabled Veteran* means an Eligible Veteran who has been found to have 10 percent or more service connected disability by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the United States Department of Defense.

*Service-connected disability* means a disability incurred in the line of duty in the active military, naval or air service as described in 38 U.S.C. 101(16).

*Small Business* means a small business as defined by the U.S. Small Business Administration, pursuant to the business size standards found in 13 CFR Part 121, as related to the nature of the work the Person seeks to perform on Contracts. A Person is not an eligible small business enterprise in any calendar fiscal year in which its gross receipts, averaged over the Person's previous five fiscal years, exceed the size standards of 13 CFR Part 121.

**REQUEST FOR PREFERENCE**

\_\_\_\_\_ Bidder is requesting to receive a preference as a VBE. By requesting this preference, Bidder certifies that it meets the definition of a VBE, as set forth above and has included a copy of its certification.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bidder is requesting to receive a preference as a SDVBE. By requesting this preference, Bidder certifies that it meets The definition of a SDVBE, as set forth above and has included a copy of its certification.

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Bidder (please print or type)

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Title

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Signature

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Date

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E-mail address

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Phone Number

Subscribed to and sworn before me  
this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

My commission expires:

X \_\_\_\_\_  
**Notary Public Signature**

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**Notary Seal**