Business Classifications – Definitions
Here at Dallas County, we embrace and support an inclusive culture where all are respected, their contributions are encouraged and valued, while we seek sustainable and mutually beneficial outcomes for all. This commitment extends to our inclusive supply chain, where we ensure that there are bid opportunities and access for small and diverse owned business who wish to provide their goods and/or services to Dallas County.

Business Classifications:
- DBE: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise
- HUB: Historically Underutilized Business in the state of Texas
- LGBTQBE: Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender, Queer, Business Enterprise
- LGBTQBE+: Gender Non-Conforming, Non-Binary, Gender Expansive Business Enterprise
- MBE: Minority Business Enterprise
- MWBE: MWBE-Minority Woman Owned Business
- SBE: Business that is privately owned with a small number of employees and relatively low revenue
- SDMBE: Small Disadvantaged Minority Owned Business Enterprise
- SDMWBE: Small Disadvantaged Minority Woman Owned Business Enterprise
- SMWBE: Small Minority Woman Owned Business Enterprise
- SWBE: Small Woman Owned Business Enterprise
- VOSB: Veteran Owned Small Business owned by a military veteran
- WBE: Woman Owned Business
- WOSB: Woman Owned Small Business

Business Classifications – How Do I Qualify as a Dallas County SBE?

- At the time of the proposal/bid submission, your business must be certified as an SBE by one of the following County approved entities:
  1. DFW Minority Supplier Development Council,
  2. North Texas Regional Certification Agency (NCTRCA) and/or
  3. the Women’s Business Council of Southwest,
- Other certifications are not acceptable.
- 51% or more owned and controlled
- Firm must be organized as a for-profit business
- Must also perform a commercially useful function on the project and have a local presence in Dallas County Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) in order to be counted for SBE points. The MSA includes the following counties: Dallas, Tarrant, Denton and Collin.