



Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) and Small Business (SB) Program

San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) provides bus and rail services in the southern region of San Diego County. In order to provide these services, MTS requires various goods and professional services in order to provide safe and reliable transit. These include both unique, specialized services and routine maintenance services and goods. MTS highly encourages participation by DBEs, SB, MBE, WBE, LGBT, and DVBE prime contractors and subcontractors for these goods and services.

DBE and SB Certification

There are many advantages to becoming DBEs, SB, MBE, WBE, LGBT, and DVBE certified. Once certified, your firm is included within a database that is widely used by MTS's Purchasing Department, State departments, local governments (e.g. cities and counties), and private contractors throughout the State looking for firms to work with.

Learn more about becoming certified:

DBE: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/civil-rights/dbe>

MBE/WBE/LGBT:
<https://sch.thesupplierclearinghouse.com/>

SB/DVBE:
<https://caleprocure.ca.gov/pages/sbdvbe-index.aspx>

Vendor Registration

In an effort to improve communication with vendors and streamline the procurement process, MTS utilizes PlanetBids to distribute automatic notifications pertaining to formal procurement solicitations (i.e., IFBs, RFPs, RFQs.)

Benefits of utilizing PlanetBids include:

- √ Automatic notification of bid opportunities;
- √ The ability to download bid documents directly from the Internet
- √ Automatic notification of addenda;
- √ Access to bidding information 24 hours per day and 7 days a week.

Registration is easy!

1. Visit www.sdmts.com/business-center/procurement
2. Click the "Register" button
3. Select: "New Vendor Registration"
4. Follow the website instructions to complete your registration as an MTS Vendor

Note: Vendor registration is required to download MTS formal solicitation documents.

List of Projects (As of March 2022)

Upcoming Formal Projects:

- Iris *RAPID* Route Construction
- El Cajon Third Track Construction
- Project Labor Agreement (PLA) Monitoring Support Services
- Batteries for Bus Fleet
- Popane Forklift for LRV
- Press Event Audio Services
- Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) Router Upgrade
- Secure Shredding Services
- Imperial Avenue Division (IAD) Purchase & Install misc. Tools & Equipment

Recently Awarded Projects:

- Purchase & Deliver a Production-Switch Tamper
- Furnish 4 Small Industrial Scrubbers
- Zero Emission Bus (ZEB) Overhead Infrastructure Construction
- Furnish and Deliver (1) Push Style Hotsy
- Furnish and Deliver (3) Trailer Mounted Hotsy's
- IMT Double Track Construction

Active Informal Projects:

Uniform Cleaning, Key Cutting, Track Welding Services, Oil Changes, LRV Seat Upholstery, Maintenance Services, Trash Collection Services, On-Call Plumbing, Office Supplies, Car Washes

For more information regarding MTS's DBE program or becoming a certified DBE please contact the

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