DIVISION OF SMALL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY
Frequently Asked Questions: About DSBO

How is DSBO authorized?

Unlike most economic development programs, DSBO is specifically defined and authorized in city ordinance. These sections of the city code are typically updated at five-year intervals, and re-authorized by Denver City Council and the Mayor.

What city ordinance authorizes DSBO to operate?

Most recently revised and reauthorized in mid-2020, this is the current DSBO ordinance.

What Rules & Regulations are in place under the current DSBO ordinance?

DSBO Rules & Regulations were updated following the 2020 ordinance reauthorization.

What is the Disparity Study?

As required by ordinance, DSBO conducts a marketplace disparity study periodically to evaluate the use of minority and women-owned contractors in the city procurement of construction, professional design, and goods and services. The results of the study are used to evaluate the city’s contracting practices and assess the need for, and continuation of, the DSBO Minority and Women Business Enterprise (MWBE) program. The 2018 edition is available for download in full (693 pages) and in summary (16 pages) form.

What is the Small Business Certification and Contract Management System?

This software platform is a proprietary, password-protected website that DSBO uses for certifying firms and managing contracts. Sometimes you may hear it referred to as “B2G,” who is actually the private software provider. (B2G stands for Business To Government, as the software is designed for programs such as DSBO.) All businesses we serve use this platform as well, and you will want to create your own login and profile (there is no cost to you). This platform is our primary system for accepting certification applications and renewals, conducting contract compliance, and communicating with our certified firms and other stakeholders. We also encourage you to use it to sign up for various DSBO events like our certification workshops. Support and training is available. Access this system.

How do I learn about bidding opportunities on public contracts?

Online information on current bidding opportunities in the City & County of Denver, as well as other public entities, is updated frequently.

Does DSBO publish regular or annual reports?

Yes. Here is the latest annual report.

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