



VENDOR APPLICATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Company Name and Bid Address.** Enter your company's name and the mailing address to where bids are to be mailed.
2. **Address to which payments are to be mailed.** Enter your company's mailing address where payments are to be mailed. If the same as the bid address, leave blank.
3. **Telephone (toll free).** Enter your company's toll-free telephone number. Enter numbers without spaces or parentheses.
4. **Telephone (other).** Enter your company's other (toll) telephone number. Enter numbers without spaces or parentheses.
5. **Fax.** Enter your company's fax number. Enter numbers without spaces or parentheses.
6. **Name of Contact Person.** Enter the name of the person who will serve as the company's contact person for bid purposes.
7. **Email Address of Contact Person.** Enter the email address of the person listed in #6.
8. **Company URL.** Enter your company's web address (URL).
9. **Federal Identification Number (FEIN):** Enter your company's federal identification number (FEIN). Enter numbers without spaces.
10. **Social Security Number.** If applicant is an individual or if your company does not have an FEIN, enter your social security number. Enter numbers without spaces.
11. **Type of Organization.** Choose and select **one** of the listed types of organizations that best describes your company.
12. **Kind of Ownership.** Choose and select **all** of the listed kinds of ownership that apply to your company. (Click here for Woman Owned and Minority Business Clarifications.)
13. **Minority Ethnicity Code.** For classification purposes to satisfy purchasing and reporting requirements of the State of Tennessee, this information is needed. Choose and select **one** of the listed minority ethnicity codes that describe your company's ownership. (Click here for Minority Business Ownership Clarification.)
14. **Annual Gross Sales.** For classification purposes to satisfy purchasing and reporting requirements of the State of Tennessee, this information is needed. Please choose and select **one** of the listed sales volume categories that best describes your company's annual gross sales amount. (Click here for Small Business Ownership Clarification.)
15. **Type of Business.** For classification purposes to satisfy purchasing and reporting requirements of the State of Tennessee, this information is needed. Choose and select **one** of the listed types of businesses that best describes your company. (Click here for Small Business Ownership Clarification.)
16. **Number of Employees.** For classification purposes to satisfy purchasing and reporting requirements of the State of Tennessee, this information is needed. Please specify the number of employees currently employed with your company. (Click here for Small Business Ownership Clarification.)
17. **Excluded from Federal Procurement or Non-procurement Programs.** Are you or any of the principals of your company presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded by any federal department agency from participation in bid processes? Click yes or no.
18. **Preference for Reporting Purposes.** If your company qualifies in multiple categories as small, woman owned and/or minority, please specify in which category that you desire for your company to be considered for reporting and classification purposes. (Click here for Small, Woman Owned and Minority Business Ownership Clarifications.)
19. **Comments.** List any additional information that you may wish to add to the application.
20. **Commodities.** As part of the vendor application process, please specify the commodities (goods and/or services) that are available for purchase from your company. Click here for commodity list.
21. **Certification.** Sign form and provide information as requested.

Small Business Ownership Clarification:

"Small business" means a business that is independently owned and operated for profit, is not dominant in its field of operation and is not an affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operation.

The Governor's Office of Diversity Business Enterprise establishes small business guidelines on industry size standards. The criteria guidelines are required to be met in order for a business to be considered small. The annual receipts or number of employees indicates the maximum allowed for a small business concern and its affiliates to be considered small.

TYPE OF BUSINESS	ANNUAL GROSS SALES	NO. OF EMPLOYEES
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	\$500,000	9
Architectural / Design / Engineering	\$2,000,000	30
Construction	\$2,000,000	30
Educational	\$1,000,000	9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	\$1,000,000	9
Information Systems / Technology	\$2,000,000	30
Manufacturing	\$2,000,000	99
Marketing / Communications / Public Relations	\$2,000,000	30
Medical / Healthcare	\$2,000,000	30
Mining	\$1,000,000	49
Retail Trade	\$750,000	9
Service Industry	\$500,000	9
Transportation, Commerce & Utilities	\$1,000,000	9
Wholesale Trade	\$1,000,000	19

Minority Ownership Clarification:

"Minority owned business" means a business that is 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 minority individuals who are impeded from normal entry into the economic mainstream because of past practices of discrimination based on race or ethnic background.

"Minority" means a person who is a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States and who is:

- a) African American (a person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa);
- b) Hispanic (a person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race);
- c) Asian American (a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands); or
- d) Native American (a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America.

Woman Owned Business Clarification:

"Woman owned business" means a woman owned business that is 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 or more women; or, in the case of any publicly owned business, at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the stock of which is owned and controlled by one (1) or more women and whose management and daily business operations are under the control of one (1) or more women.