

HOW TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS (DCA)

DCA is different than most State departments in that it is comprised of several California boards and bureaus. Each board and bureau has its own individual needs and purchasing staff. They initiate the purchase of goods and services ranging from office supplies and IT products to consulting services and office furniture. To effectively market to DCA, you must be in communication with those purchasing staff.

DOING BUSINESS WITH DCA IS FOUR EASY STEPS:

1. Contact Andrea Pina at andrea.pina@dca.ca.gov or call (916) 574-7268 to determine if DCA is a good match for your goods and/or services.
2. Communicate with those boards and bureaus that may require your goods and/or services. Contact information is available on the Internet at www.dca.ca.gov/about_dca/entities.shtml or you may contact Andrea Pina.
3. Provide bids whenever possible; if you do not respond to bid requests, the boards and bureaus may stop sending them. DCA advertises bids in the California State Contracts Register (CSCR) at www.eprocure.dgs.ca.gov/cscrads.
4. Follow-up with boards and bureaus from time to time to see if there are any new opportunities for your business.

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**COMMITTED TO ACHIEVING
EXCELLENCE IN SUPPORTING
SMALL BUSINESSES AND
DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS
ENTERPRISES IN CALIFORNIA**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA



DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS IS DIVIDED INTO THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:

- Arbitration Certification Program
- Acupuncture Board
- Bureau of Automotive Repair
- Board of Barbering and Cosmetology
- Board of Behavioral Sciences
- Bureau of Electronic and Appliance Repair, Home Furnishings and Thermal Insulation
- Board of Pharmacy
- Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors
- Board of Podiatric Medicine
- Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education
- Board of Registered Nursing
- Bureau of Security and Investigative Services
- Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Techs
- California Architects Board
- Board of Accountancy
- California Board of Occupational Therapy
- Cemetery and Funeral Bureau
- Board of Chiropractic Examiners
- Court Reporters Board
- Athletic Commission
- Contractors State License Board
- Dental Board of California
- Dental Hygiene Committee of California
- Board of Guide Dogs for the Blind
- Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology, and Hearing Aid Bureau
- Landscape Architects Technical Committee
- Medical Board of California
- Osteopathic Medical Board of California
- Office of Professional Examination Services
- Board of Optometry
- Physician Assistant Committee
- Professional Fiduciaries Bureau
- Physical Therapy Board of California
- Board of Psychology
- Respiratory Care Board
- Board of Psychology
- Bureau of Real Estate
- Bureau of Real Estate Appraisers
- Telephone Medical Advice Services Bureau
- Veterinary Medical Board

OUR COMMITMENT TO SMALL BUSINESS AND DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

DCA aggressively seeks out business opportunities with certified small businesses (SB), micro businesses (MB), and disabled veteran business enterprises (DVBE) whenever possible. We believe that supporting California's SB and DVBE community is an integral part of stimulating the State's overall economy and we have shown this dedication time and time again by consistently surpassing the mandated minimum participations of 3 percent DVBE and 25 percent SB in our yearly contracting activity.

If you are not currently a certified SB or DVBE and would like to get more information on how to become certified, please visit www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Programs/OSDS. This link provides program details including eligibility requirements, benefits, the application process, outreach events, and a list of current California SB/DVBE advocates.

For certification assistance, please contact the Office of Small Business and DVBE Services at (916) 375-4940.

THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (GoED)

For helpful information and business assistance, visit the Governor's website, www.business.ca.gov. There you will find information on how to start a business in California (www.calgold.ca.gov), local and small business resources, business news, and upcoming events.

BE A PART OF THE COMMUNITY!

CALIFORNIA DVBE ALLIANCE

The California DVBE Alliance is a forum of representatives of the California disabled veteran business community that offers information and support to certified DVBE vendors.

DVBE vendors should visit www.dvba.org for information on how to become involved in the California DVBE community.

SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Small Business Advisory Council is a forum of representatives of the California small business community who provide input on policies and practices that impact small business participation in the State contracting and procurement process.

For information about the Small Business Advisory Council or to apply for membership, visit www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Programs/OSDS/SmallBusinessAdvisoryCouncil.

FIND CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES!

CALIFORNIA MULTIPLE AWARDS SCHEDULE

If you are a certified SB and/or DVBE vendor and would like to do business with DCA, please consider becoming a California Multiple Awards Schedule (CMAS) contractor. DCA uses CMAS to streamline our procurement, placing orders directly with these vendors. For more information on how to become a CMAS vendor, please visit www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Programs/Leveraged/CMAS or call (916) 375-4363.

CALIFORNIA STATE CONTRACTS REGISTER

We also place solicitations on the California State Contracts Register (CSCR). Sub-contractors can find contracting opportunities as well as place ads seeking work with prime contractors at no cost. Access CSCR at www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Programs/eprocure.