

## **Diversity Certification as a Massachusetts-based business**

### **Upcoming Pre-Certification Workshop *SDO Certification is a free Service!***

The Supplier Diversity Office (SDO) certifies diverse and small businesses that are interested in public and private business opportunities in Massachusetts. Companies with a principal place of business in Massachusetts interested in obtaining certification from the Supplier Diversity Office are required to attend a mandatory, two-hour pre-certification workshop prior to submitting an application.

The Supplier Diversity Office certifies companies as Massachusetts Minority Business Enterprises (MBE), Women Business Enterprises (WBE), Veteran Business Enterprises (VBE), and Portuguese Business Enterprises (PBE). Business owners of companies with a principal place of business in Massachusetts must attend a mandatory, two-hour pre-certification workshop before applying for certification. The certification application and instructions to create an SDO portal account will be provided via email within 1-2 days after the workshop.

The pre-certification workshop provides an overview of the State certification criteria and process, the SDO portal platform, and the required documents that must be submitted when applying for certification. The workshop also provides a brief introduction to **COMMBUYS** (the Commonwealth's procurement platform where bidding opportunities occur), **the Small Business Purchasing Program**, and **the Supplier Diversity Program**.

**[To visit the Commonwealth's Supplier Diversity Office website click here.](#)**

**[To view dates and register for an upcoming Pre-Certification Workshop click here.](#)**