

# Supplier Diversity Frequently Asked Questions

## What is a diverse supplier?

SCE operates its Supplier Diversity program under the guidelines of the CPUC's General Order 156 (GO 156). Per GO 156, diverse suppliers are defined as at least 51 percent owned by a woman, minority, disabled veteran, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) and persons with disabilities business enterprises. Minority classifications include African American, Hispanic American, Native American and Asian American. Owner(s) must be actively engaged in the management and daily operations of the firm and be a U.S. citizen or legal resident.

## How do I get certified as a diverse supplier?

Contact the following agencies for diverse supplier certification:

[The Supplier Clearinghouse](#) (minority, women, LGBT or persons with disabilities businesses), 1-800-359-7998.

[Department of General Services](#) (California Procurement Division) (disabled veteran certification), 1-800-559-5529.

[Small Business Administration](#) (SBA) - 8(a) (disadvantaged business certification), 1-800-827-5722.

## What does it mean to be registered with us?

Being registered with SCE means your company has successfully entered its company profile in SCE's Ariba Supplier Information Management (SIM) module. Once you are registered with us, your company's profile is visible for further interaction with us, which MAY include getting on our mailing list to receive communications on upcoming events, contracting opportunities and sourcing activities. Registering doesn't guarantee the right to receive a bid or receive a contract.

## What happens after I register?

Once you register in our Supplier Registration portal, if we have a need for the good and/or services your company offers, you may be contacted by a member of our procurement team to participate in a more in- depth commercial and technical qualification process. If contacted, please work with our procurement team through this process. Registering doesn't guarantee the right to receive a bid or contract.

## What documents do I need to complete registration in the supplier registration portal in Ariba?

At a minimum, have the following information on hand:

- Company contact information
- Supplier Profile (Mandatory Questions)
- Highly recommended to provide a short description of what your company does and select any commodities supplied
- Your tax ID number and Dun & Bradstreet number
- Diverse Business Certification(s)

**Note:** you may be contacted for additional information if selected to go through the supplier qualification process.

## Do you have a program for diverse suppliers?

SCE has had a supplier diversity program for over 40 year that operates under the guidelines of the CPUC's General Order 156. We offer a range of supplier inclusion, development and outreach programs designed specifically to assist and empower diverse suppliers. Our development programs include personalized technical support, the EDGE Business Education S.T.A.R. technical assistance training workshops, and the SCE Mentorship Program. Each of these development initiatives is tailored to nurture and expand the capabilities of diverse suppliers providing them with the tools and knowledge necessary for growth and success in their respective fields. For more information on our supplier diversity program visit: [Supplier Diversity and Development | Buying and Selling | Partners & Vendors | Home - SCE](#) or Contact our Supplier Diversity and Development team via email at: [supplierdiversitydevelopment@sce.com](mailto:supplierdiversitydevelopment@sce.com).

## What does SCE buy?

Our company collaborates with a diverse range of firms, offering services across three main categories: direct services, direct materials, and indirect services. In the area of direct services, we work with experts in environmental services, equipment rental, traffic control, and various aspects of construction and management, including line, civil, and substation construction, as well as construction management. We also handle vehicle fleet operations, aircraft operations, freight, and power production services.

For direct materials, our scope includes a wide array of essential components like wire and cable, construction materials, poles, chemicals, and various electrical apparatus such as meters, switches, circuit breakers, and transformers. We ensure the availability and maintenance of these crucial materials for efficient operations.

Lastly, our indirect services encompass a broad-spectrum including telecom services, software and licenses, hardware, advanced technology solutions, IT services and managed services, workforce augmentation, food services, office supplies, and energy efficiency initiatives. These services play a pivotal role in supporting our primary operations and ensuring smooth functioning across all areas.

## Who can I contact for more information?

Contact our Supplier Diversity and Development team via email at: [supplierdiversitydevelopment@sce.com](mailto:supplierdiversitydevelopment@sce.com).