

# ***PUBLIC WORKS SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (PWSBE)***



Public Works Small Business Enterprise (PWSBE) Certification unlocks direct contracting opportunities on state-funded public works projects. This race- and gender-neutral program is based on economic disadvantage, and is available to all qualifying small businesses. Eligibility is based on business ownership, control, personal net worth, and business size.

“Public Works” refers to all work, construction, alteration, repair, or improvement paid for by state and local governments, public universities, and other public organizations. Public works projects include road construction, roof repair, HVAC upgrades, building remodeling, or parking meter installation.

***Learn More!***

***[omwbe.wa.gov/pwsbe](http://omwbe.wa.gov/pwsbe)***

## ***How will I benefit from PWSBE Certification?***

- Get certified with OMWBE and join the Statewide Small Works Roster
- Access small public works projects under \$150,000, where contracts are negotiated directly with a public agency instead of traditional low bid award
- Agencies are required to contract with small businesses and rotate between vendors, when six or more certified businesses are available



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