

## **SDVOB Goals & Reporting Responsibilities Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business (SDVOB)**

In recognition of those who have served in the United States Armed Forces and sustained injuries associated with this service; and to assist them in achieving the American dream that they have selflessly volunteered to protect; New York State Passed Executive Law Article 17-B in 2014. This law is aimed at greater inclusion of service-disabled veterans within New York State's economy. The Niagara Falls Water Board (NFWB) recognizes and welcomes this initiative by committing to meet the goals established within Article 17-B. These goals reflect the NFWB's objective to foster greater participation by Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses (SDVOBs) in the NFWB's procurement activities. Under this law, New York State agencies are required to make good faith efforts to meet a utilization goal for SDVOB procurement. The Law established a goal of 6% of procurement expenditures to be made with SDVOBs by state agencies, public authorities, and public benefit corporations. This goal is in addition to any established M/WBE goals under a procurement. The NFWB is committed to meeting these goal requirements and incorporating the use of SDVOBs within its various procurement activities. We do our best to identify SDVOBs that may be interested in submitting a bid, proposal, or quote for a NFWB procurement. These identified SDVOBs are added to prospective bidders lists and receive notice of these opportunities.

### **Doing Business with the NFWB as a SDVOB**

In order to conduct business with the NFWB as a SDVOB, the vendor must be listed on the NYS Certified SDVOB Directory (<https://ogs.ny.gov/Veterans/default.asp>). If your business is not certified and you believe that you qualify for certification, or to find out if you qualify for certification, please contact the New York State Office of General Services, Division of Service-Disabled Veterans' Business Development (DSDVBD) by telephone at: Tel: 844-579-7570 or Email: [VeteransDevelopment@ogs.ny.gov](mailto:VeteransDevelopment@ogs.ny.gov)

The NFWB advertises its procurement opportunities, for all purchases exceeding \$50,000, in the [New York State Contract Reporter \(NYSCR\)](https://www.nyscr.ny.gov/) (<https://www.nyscr.ny.gov/>) New York State's official publication of procurement activity for all state agencies, public authorities and public benefit corporations. The NYSCR is published online daily and can be viewed by registered users free of charge. Although state agencies must advertise in the NYSCR, it is also important to be aware of opportunities for discretionary purchasing valued under \$50,000 that may not be advertised in the NYSCR. If you are interested in receiving notice of upcoming NFWB contracting or purchasing opportunities and being added to potential bidders lists, please complete a [Bidders List form \(PDF\)](#) and email this to the NFWB at the following mailbox [cforster@nfwb.org](mailto:cforster@nfwb.org).

### **SDVOB Reporting Requirements**

The NFWB does require vendors to sub-contract a portion of the work to SDVOBs if a certified vendor exists. Therefore, the Department does require prime contractors to apply for waivers and to report their use of SDVOBs.

In order to maintain oversight and collect data to inform decisions, the DSDVBD requires agencies to submit quarterly reports of SDVOB utilization. The reports provide the following information; awards made that quarter, disbursements/utilization that quarter, and any waivers given that quarter. Such reporting ensures that the program stays on track and SDVOBs are given the opportunities they deserve. If you have any questions regarding the SDVOB Goals and Reporting Responsibilities, please contact the NFWB Compliance Coordinator at [cforster@nfwb.org](mailto:cforster@nfwb.org).