



APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL CERTIFICATION
AS A WOMAN-OWNED AND CONTROLLED BUSINESS
WOMAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (WBE)

INTRODUCTION

We welcome your interest in NWBOC's national certification as a Woman Business Enterprise. Certification can result in a marketing opportunity for your business to develop supplier relationships with larger companies. Certification also enables contractors to identify, quantify and report the extent to which they utilize woman-owned and controlled businesses as suppliers.

In order to be certified, the woman business owner must be the Chief Executive Officer or in the equivalent position, be a U.S. citizen or have permanent resident status, and be active in daily management in addition to the following:

OWNERSHIP

A woman or women own(s) one of the following:

- 100% of the assets of a sole proprietorship
- At least 51.0% of each of the classes of voting stock and 51.0% of the aggregate of all stock outstanding determined by the percentage that would be distributed to the woman if the corporation was liquidated
- At least 51.0% of the membership interests in a limited liability company
- Female(s) control the Board of Directors (may appoint, meet independently, etc.)

CONTROL

A woman or women actively participates in the management of and controls one of the following:

- 100% of the control of a sole proprietorship
- A woman or women is the sole manager, able to appoint unconditionally the majority of managers of a manager managed LLC or has 51.0% control of a member managed LLC
- At least 51% of the control of a general partnership

If your business meets these basic criteria, please proceed with the completion of this application. If your business does not meet these basic criteria, it is ineligible for certification as a woman-owned and controlled business enterprise. You should not complete this application until such a time as the criteria can be met. We highly recommend you review the standards for certification before applying. The complete certification requirements can be found at www.nwboc.org.

If you have questions about the certification or application process, please telephone NWBOC at 800-794-6140 to speak with a certification specialist.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

1. Complete all the items on the following pages. If an item does not apply to your business, record N/A in the space provided. Your application will not be processed unless all items are addressed.
2. If an answer to a question runs longer than the allotted space, attach a page with the rest of the answer. Be sure to note the question number and record the business name and date of application on each additional page or exhibit. It may be advantageous to use a notebook and dividers to organize your information.
3. Sign and date the application.
4. Enclose a check for \$400 made payable to NWBOC for the application fee. Occasionally, there are additional minor travel costs incurred by the site visit. If during the process, you withdraw your application, your application is returned or administratively closed for incompleteness, you close/sell your business, or are denied certification, the \$400 is non-refundable.
5. Submit one copy of the application, sworn affidavit, supporting documentation and application fee to:

NWBOC

1400 Terradyne Drive, Suite 309
Andover, Kansas 67002-9211

MISSOURI APPLICANTS ONLY - CONSENT FOR WBE CERTIFICATION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES

NWBOC has begun pursuing agreements with government entities that allow them to accept the NWBOC certification process as their own, with the consent of the business owners. NWBOC has pursued agreements with government entities for the purpose of reducing paperwork and duplication of effort for the woman business owner.

By signing below, you agree that:

1. Everything you provide to NWBOC is true and correct, and all information establishing ownership and control has been provided, as requested.
2. The government entity has the right to review and obtain copies of any materials provided to NWBOC as a basis for certification, but only under these circumstances:
 - Under our agreement with the government entity, we will not release copies of your application documents without your consent.
 - In the event of a copy of your application is requested by the government entity (because of Freedom of Information Law request, for instance) you will be notified of the request, and you will have the option to give your consent for the release of records.
 - If you do not give your consent, NWBOC will not release your records. However, the government entity will then have the right to revoke your certification with them. (This would not revoke your NWBOC certification.) If you are likely to do business with the state of Missouri, please sign below.

Signature _____ Date _____

If you would like NWBOC to talk with your city or state about adopting this agreement, please let us know by e-mail to info@nwbooc.org



APPLICATION FOR:
WOMAN-OWNED BUSINESS PROGRAM CERTIFICATION APPLYING FOR:
WOMAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (WBE)

GENERAL APPLICANT INFORMATION & HISTORY

PLEASE FILL IN FORM AS APPROPRIATE

1 Date _____

2 Applicant's Business Name _____

3 Contact Person and Title _____
*Applicant must be contact person.

4 Headquarters Address _____

5 City _____ 6 State _____ 7 Zip Code _____

8 Mailing Address _____
(if different than headquarters address)
*If no additional mailing address, enter N/A.

9 Telephone (including area code) _____

10 Facsimile (including area code) _____

11 E-Mail Address _____

12 Website Address _____

13 Dunn & Bradstreet (DUNS) Number (9 Digits) _____

14a Nature of Business:
Specify major services/products _____

14b NAICS Code(s) (refer to www.census.gov)
Maximum of 5—with the most relevant first _____



GENERAL APPLICANT INFORMATION & HISTORY (CONT.)

15a Is applicant currently operating under a fictitious/DBA business name or has applicant previously operated under another name? Yes No

If yes, complete the items below; if no, enter N/A.

15b Fictitious/DBA business name or prior name of business _____

15c Company start date from _____ 15d to _____

15e Address DBA registered to _____

15f City _____ 15g State _____ 15h Zip Code _____

List all of applicant's facilities in addition to headquarters stated in item 4 (attach additional sheets if necessary).

*If no alternate address, enter N/A.

16a Facility One Address _____

16b City _____ 16c State _____ 16d Zip Code _____

16e Telephone (including area code) _____

16f Facility Two Address _____

16g City _____ 16h State _____ 16i Zip Code _____

16j Telephone (including area code) _____

17 Provide a brief history of applicant's facilities on a separate sheet of paper, or attach a brochure or other document which provides this information.

LEGAL STRUCTURE **USE DROP DOWN BOXES AS APPROPRIATE**

18a Legal Structure (check one)

- Sole Proprietorship
 General Partnership
 Limited Liability Partnership
 Limited Liability Company
 Limited Partnership
 S Corporation
 C Corporation

18b Acquisition Type; How business was acquired or started:

18c Date of Incorporation or Establishment _____

* To match Secretary of State or County Initial Filing Date

18d Who controls management and daily operations of the business? _____

List each proprietor, partner, shareholder or member within the 12 months preceding the date of this application, and complete each of the following columns for each person listed (attach additional sheets if necessary).

	NAME	MARITAL STATUS	INDICATE WHETHER OWNERSHIP INTEREST IS SEPARATE (S) OR COMMUNITY (C) PROPERTY	GENDER		OWNERSHIP & CURRENT STATUS					
				MALE	FEMALE	%	ACTIVE				
19a			19b		19c		19d		19e		19f
20a			20b		20c		20d		20e		20f
21a			21b		21c		21d		21e		21f
22a			22b		22c		22d		22e		22f
23a			23b		23c		23d		23e		23f
24a			24b		24c		24d		24e		24f
25a			25b		25c		25d		25e		25f

26a Does applicant have a parent company, subsidiaries, or any other affiliate? Yes No

If yes, complete the following on each affiliate. Attach additional sheets as needed. If no, enter N/A.

26b Affiliate's Name _____

26c Contact Person _____ 26d Title of Affiliate _____

26e Headquarters Address of Affiliate _____

26f City _____ 26g State _____ 26h Zip Code _____

26i Telephone (including area code) of Affiliate _____

26j E-Mail Address of Affiliate _____

26k Describe relationship of affiliate on a separate sheet of paper.

26l Number of Employees of Affiliate _____

OTHER INFORMATION

27a Has applicant previously applied for certification of ownership and control with any federal, state, county, or local government agency, private organization, or industry standard? If yes, provide the following. If no, enter N/A. This includes: State, County, Local Minority Certifications, Minority Farming Certifications, Minority Law Firm Certifications, Woman Owned Certifications, Disability Certifications, Veteran Certifications, State or Federal Government Certifications, Industry Special Certifications, Safety or Security Accreditations or Certifications.

Yes

No

27b Name of Agency/Organization _____

27c Type of Certification or Accreditation sought _____

27d Status of Determination on the Application _____
[Granted certifications will be on the database.]

27e Name of Agency/Organization _____

27f Type of Certification or Accreditation sought _____

27g Status of Determination on the Application _____
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Applicant intends to use WBE Certification, if granted, with the following corporations, state, local, or federal government agencies

28a _____ 28b _____

28c _____ 28d _____

Two customers/clients with which applicant has transacted the most business in the 12 months preceding the date of this application (if the company has projects as opposed to customers, complete the next section instead).

29a Customer/Client Name _____

29b Contact Person _____ 29c Title _____

29d Address _____

29e City _____ 29f State _____ 29g Zip Code _____

29h Telephone (including area code) _____ 29i Facsimile Number _____

30a Customer/Client Name _____

30b Contact Person _____ 30c Title _____

30d Address _____

30e City _____ 30f State _____ 30g Zip Code _____

30h Telephone (including area code) _____ 30i Facsimile Number _____



TWO LARGEST CURRENT PROJECTS

31a Customer/Client Name _____

31b Project Name/Type _____

31c Contact Person _____ 31d Title _____

31e Address _____

31f City _____ 31g State _____ 31h Zip Code _____

31i Telephone (including area code) _____

31j Facsimile Number _____

32a Customer/Client Name _____

32b Project Name/Type _____

32c Contact Person _____ 32d Title _____

32e Address _____

32f City _____ 32g State _____ 32h Zip Code _____

32i Telephone (including area code) _____

32j Facsimile Number _____

Loans that are currently outstanding or outstanding within the 12 months preceding the date of the application (check all that apply).

33a Owner(s) to Applicant _____ 33b Applicant to Owner(s) _____

33c Financial institution(s) to Applicant _____

33d Other, including private lenders or affiliates (specify) _____

33e Applicant has not received any loans. _____

Has applicant shared any of the following with other businesses or individuals within the 12 months preceding the date of this application?

		Yes	No	If yes, identify and describe the sharing arrangements.
34a	Employees			
34b	Financing			
34c	Equipment			
34d	Vehicles			
34e	Inventory			
34f	Insurance Coverage			
34g	Accounting Services			
34h	Legal Services			
34i	Office/Plant			
34j	Storage Facilities			
34k	Other			

		Yes	No	If yes, furnish details and copies of applicable documents.
35	Has applicant agreed to combine with or merge with another concern in the future or sell its stock or assets?			
36	Does applicant operate under a franchise, license or other contractual agreement with another concern?			



DOCUMENTS REQUIRED - WOMAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (WBE) CERTIFICATION

Applicant's (Company) Name _____

Applicant must show that a woman (or women) owns and controls all aspects of the company/business. This is accomplished through responses to the application questions, supporting documentation, interviews and site visit(s).

The submission of certain documents may depend on whether applicant is a sole proprietorship (SP), a partnership (P), a corporation (C - subchapter S or C corporation) or a limited liability company (LLC). Check the included boxes to note you have provided the copies or note N/A. Please submit one copy of each required document with the completed application. NWBOC maintains the right to request clarification of information contained in the application at any time during the certification process. LOE stands for letter of explanation. Use drop down boxes to select X for document included, X & LOE for document and letter of explanation included, and N/A for documents that do not apply to your legal structure or situation per grid below.

Item	SP	P	C	LLC	Included
1 Birth Certificate, Current Passport or Naturalization Papers	X	X	X	X	
2 Driver License	X	X	X	X	
3 Resumes of all owners, directors, partners, officers & key personnel (education, employment past & present)	X	X	X	X	
4 Current bank statements for all deposit accounts and loan statements	X	X	X	X	
5 Signature cards authenticated by financial institutions	X	X	X	X	
6 Bank resolutions			X		
7 Documentation of how company was capitalized	X	X	X	X	
8 Financial statements for three years or for time applicant has operated. Include balance sheet, profit & loss statement; if less than one year, certify by highest-ranking officer, manager or partner of applicant and include opening balance sheet & projection of income	X	X	X	X	
9 Financial statement of any affiliates of Applicant in existence in 12 preceding months	X	X	X	X	
10 Assumed/Fictitious Name Certificate	X	X	X	X	
11 Authority to conduct business in state and/or Certificate of Good Standing issued by Secretary of State	X	X	X	X	
12 Articles of Incorporation & amendments filed with Secretary of State			X		
13 Bylaws & amendments certified by Secretary of corporation			X		
14 Statement of Information filed with Secretary of State listing officers, directors, managers, members or general partners		X	X	X	
15 Copies of all stock certificates, front & back, ever issued including those that are canceled, transferred and surrendered and any stock assignments separate from certificate relating to canceled shares which are not endorsed on back			X		
16 Stock Register for applicant or stock ledgers showing listing of share issuance			X		
17 Minutes of corporate shareholders and directors meetings or written consent to actions without meetings within twelve months preceding the date of this application, including minutes reflecting board resolutions appointing directors and officers, certified by secretary as true and correct copy of validly held meeting and original organizational minutes and any subsequent minutes which record changes in ownership, control and/or management			X		
18 Shareholder or voting agreements, if any			X		

Item	SP	P	C	LLC	Included
19	Include tax returns for three previous fiscal years. The submitted tax returns must include all schedules, forms and support statements, as required by and filed with the IRS. Tax returns under any previous ownership type(s) within the same current three-year period must also be submitted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal tax form 1065 (including K-1s) • Federal tax form 1120C (C corporations) • Federal tax form 1120S (plus K-1s) (S corporations) • Federal tax form 1040 including Schedule C and SE 				
20		X			
21				X	
22				X	
23				X	
24				X	
25	X	X	X	X	
26	Agreements effective within 12 months preceding the date of this application and reflecting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Purchases and sales of ownership interests in Applicant including acquisitions of stock or other ownership interest or purchases of franchises b. Loan agreements, credit agreements or security agreements c. Joint Venture Agreement with any third party or Partnership Agreement d. Agreements allocating distributions of profits of the business or from sale or liquidation of the business or a basis other than on the basis of the percentages of ownership indicated or Shareholder Agreement(s) e. Others including management services, sharing arrangements, employment of key personnel, and/or equity participation 				
27	X	X	X	X	
28	X	X	X	X	



SWORN OR AFFIRMED AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s), under penalty of perjury in his/her state’s domicile, that all statements made in this application and supporting documentation are true. Any misrepresentation or omission of information in this application and supporting documentation will be grounds for denial of WBE Certification and, if discovered after certification is granted, grounds for decertification.

Applicant acknowledges that there will be site visits to confirm applicant’s status as a woman-owned and controlled business enterprise and that such site visits may be without notice. Applicant agrees to cooperate with the site visitor and make available all relevant information and personnel.

The undersigned agree(s) to hold harmless NWBOC, any certification committee, or other officers, directors, employees and volunteers from any liability resulting from any action related to its application. Applicant(s) agree(s) to fully cooperate with NWBOC and respond to all questions and requests for information. Applicant(s) also agree(s) to respond to future surveys by NWBOC. The undersigned acknowledge(s) that submission of an application does not guarantee WBE certification. If certification is denied, NWBOC or its appropriate certification committee will advise applicant(s) of the reasons for denial, and applicant(s) agree(s) to arbitrate any disputes related to denial of WBE Certification.

For further information on the certification process and procedures, please consult the NWBOC certification procedures for WBE at www.nwboc.org.

Applicant(s) acknowledge(s) and agree(s) that he/she/they will notify NWBOC or any appropriate and applicable certifying entity, agent, or agency of any changed circumstances, including a change in certification regulation or a change in the WBE, that could make the WBE ineligible for the WBE Program or of any intended changes that may affect certification in the future. NWBOC will consider whether such changed circumstances are grounds for withdrawal.

Signature	Name	Date

Notary:

Upon receipt of the completed application for certification and related documentation, the NWBOC staff will review these documents for completeness. Every attempt will be made to complete the certification process within 90 days, if the application received is complete. Any missing documentation will cause a delay in the application process. It is important for applicant to cooperate with NWBOC and any certification committee to ensure that this deadline can be met. We may call applicant with questions and requests for information, and to schedule site visits by a certification committee member. Applicant may be asked to direct appropriate third parties, such as its attorneys, accountants and other professional advisors to provide and discuss information needed during the certification process.

The applicant(s) may at any time send a request to NWBOC by certified mail, return receipt requested, that its application be withdrawn. If the application has not been reviewed, \$50 will be retained from the application fee for the preliminary processing and return postage. If the application process has begun, and the application is withdrawn, the business closed or sold or the company is denied certification, the application fee is non-refundable.

Applicant(s) will be notified of the certification decision in writing.