

Simplified Reverification Process for Eligible Businesses

Summary:

The Center for Verification and Evaluation (CVE) has established a process for Simplified Reverification for verified Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses and Veteran-Owned Small Businesses.

For purposes of this Fact Sheet, the use of the term Firm refers to participants reapplying for inclusion and listed in the Vendor Information Pages (VIP) database.

Regulations:

38 CFR § 74.1 provides:

Participant means a veteran-owned small business concern which CVE has verified and deemed eligible to participate in the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA), Veteran-owned small business program.

38 CFR § 74.10 provides:

An application for VIP Verification status must be electronically filed in the Vendor Information Pages database located on the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization's (OSDBU) Web portal, http://www.va.gov/osdbu/. Guidelines and forms are located on the Web portal. Upon receipt of a participant's electronic submission, an acknowledgment message will be dispatched to the concern containing estimated processing time and other information.

Discussion:

VA's Verification Program is regulated by **13 CFR part 125 and 38 CFR part 74**: To apply for Veteran set-asides and sole source

procurements available through VA's Veterans First Contracting Program, firms must demonstrate eligibility, unconditional and direct ownership, and control to obtain verification by CVE.

In our efforts to improve customer service and increase efficiency in processing applications, beginning November 1, 2019, CVE will introduce a Simplified Reverification process.

ELIGIBILITY

Certain criteria must be met for a participant to qualify for Simplified Reverification processing:

- The firm must submit its application after November 1, 2019 (the Simplified Reverification process is not retroactive).
- The firm must be currently verified and within 120 days of expiration.
- The firm must have less than \$1 Million in total VA contracts over the past three completed fiscal years and the current fiscal year to-date. (Note: this threshold is subject to change based on future risk analysis.)
- The firm must provide complete and accurate answers to a series of questions developed to help determine eligibility for the Simplified Reverification process.

A firm **will not** qualify for Simplified Reverification if:

- The firm has participated in the denial avoidance program (i.e., the Post Review Findings (PRF) program), which allows a firm to withdraw its application instead of receiving a denial.
- The firm is undergoing cancellation proceedings or other similar investigative matter or proceedings relating to the

firm's eligibility.

- The firm has received a Simplified Reverification approval within the last three years.
- CVE has identified any other reason that warrants a more comprehensive Reverification review.

Please note that if a firm does not meet the eligibility requirements for Simplified Reverification, the firm is still eligible for the standard reverification process, which includes a more comprehensive document review. In this event, we encourage you to review CVE's list of required documents to help facilitate timely processing of your reverification application.

Finally, CVE reserves the right to request additional documentation or conduct a more comprehensive review of any Reverification applicant on a case-by-case basis, even if the firm meets the criteria listed above.

Quickly access VA verification application resources via <u>Verification</u> Assistance.

For more information about VA Small and Veteran Business Programs, visit https://www.va.gov/osdbu.

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