

Appendix Y

Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Enterprises in State Contracting

1. The OTDA is in full accord with the aims and efforts of the State of New York to promote Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses (SDVOBs), as enacted in 2014 by Article 17-B of the Executive Law. This Law acknowledges that Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses (SDVOBs) strongly contribute to the economies of the State and the nation. As defenders of our nation and in recognition of their economic activity in doing business in New York State, Offerors to this RFQ are strongly encouraged and expected to consider SDVOBs in the fulfillment of the requirements of the resulting contract. Such partnering may be as subcontractors, suppliers, protégés or other supporting roles. SDVOBs can be readily identified on the directory of certified businesses at: http://ogs.ny.gov/Core/docs/CertifiedNYS_SDVOB.pdf
2. Offerors are strongly encouraged, to the maximum extent practical and consistent with legal requirements of the State Finance Law, the Executive Law and any implementing regulations, to use responsible and responsive NYS certified SDVOBs in purchasing and utilizing commodities, services and technology that are of equal quality and functionality to those that may be obtained from non-SDVOBs. Prospective awardees to this RFQ are subject to the provisions of Executive Law Article 17-B and the regulations (9 NYCRR Part 252) issued thereunder. Bidders/proposers are reminded that they must continue to utilize small, minority and women-owned businesses (M/WBEs), consistent with current State law (Executive Law Article 15-A).
3. Offerors will complete the Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses (SDVOBs) Utilization Plan, to demonstrate their proposed utilization of NYS certified SDVOBs as part of their application.
4. The successful Offeror/Contractor will report on *actual* participation by each SDVOB during the term of the contract to the OTDA on a quarterly basis according to policies and procedures to be set by the OTDA.
5. **NOTE:** Information about set asides for SDVOB participation in public procurement can be found at: <http://www.ogs.ny.gov/Core/SDVOBA.asp>, which provides guidance for State agencies in making determinations and administering set asides for procurements from SDVOBs.