



# SMALL LOCAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM



## Questions? Contact Us!

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# Purpose

The Small Local Business Enterprise (SLBE) Program works to increase employment opportunities for our residents and to enhance our tax base by promoting City contracting opportunities for small local business enterprises.

# SMALL BUSINESS BIG IMPACT



# Eligibility

1. Non-governmental individual or entity.
2. Provides construction, architectural, engineering and/or surveying services.
3. Meets the size standards of the U.S. Small Business Administration regarding number of employees and business income averaged over the last three-year period.
4. Principle office is in the Durham MSA (Durham, Orange, Person & Chatham counties) and 25 percent of full-time employees reside in the Durham MSA.
5. A regional or branch office established in the Durham MSA for a year or more and at least 25 percent of full-time employees live in the Durham MSA.
6. A joint venture in which the joint-venture partners are small local business enterprises.

The City of Durham has an application and certification process for individuals or firms who desire to participate in the SLBE Program. If approved, the certification is effective for two years.

## SELECTION OF CONTRACTS FOR THE SLBE PROGRAM

A proposed project is considered for award in the SLBE Program if the contract is for:

- ◆ Construction and repair work involving the expenditure of public money less than \$500,000; or
- ◆ Architectural, engineering or surveying services when the estimated contract price is equal to or less than \$100,000; and
- ◆ The City Manager has found a sufficient number, but not fewer than three, of the SLBEs certified for the specific area of work.

## APPLICABILITY TO GRANTS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

This program shall not apply to contracts funded from grants from other government entities, if such grant conditions restrict or prohibit the use of local preferences in contracting.