CERTIFICATION
PROCESS OVERVIEW

THE SUPPLIER CLEARINGHOUSE
WHAT IS THE PRIMARY FUNCTION OF THE SUPPLIER CLEARINGHOUSE?

The Supplier Clearinghouse:

- Commissioned by the CPUC
- Operates under General Order 156
- Verifies, certifies, and maintains a database of Minority, Women, LGBT, and Persons with Disabilities Business Enterprises to do business with the participating Joint Utility companies
- Shares procurement opportunities when asked by a utility
WHO ARE THE PARTICIPATING JOINT UTILITIES?
WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF CERTIFICATION WITH THE SUPPLIER CLEARINGHOUSE?

• Utility companies with gross annual revenues in excess of $15,000,000 are required to participate in this program.

• These companies have developed and implemented procedures to increase the utilization of MBE, WBE, LGBTBE, DVBE, and PDBE in their procurement activities.

• Must be certified through the Clearinghouse to participate in the CPUC Diversity program.

• The Joint Utility companies spend hundreds of millions of dollars with MBE/WBE/LGBTBE/DVBE/PDBE certified suppliers.

• There is no charge to become certified.
Goals established by the CPUC:

- 15% goal for Minority Business Enterprises
- 5% goal for Women Business Enterprises
- 1.5% goal for Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises
- 0.5% goal for LGBT Business Enterprises for 2022, 1.0% goal for LGBT Business Enterprises for 2023, and 1.5% goal for LGBT Business Enterprises for 2024 and beyond
- No goals have been set for PDBE Business Enterprises
WHO CAN BE CERTIFIED THROUGH THE SUPPLIER CLEARINGHOUSE?

The Supplier Clearinghouse Certifies:

• “Women Business Enterprise” (WBE)
• "Minority Business Enterprise " (MBE)
• “LGBT Business Enterprise” (LGBTBE)
• “Persons with Disabilities Business Enterprise” (PDBE)

Additional Programs Include:

• “ Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise” (DVBE)
• SBA 8(a)
HOW CAN MY COMPANY BECOME CERTIFIED BY THE SUPPLIER CLEARINGHOUSE?

Must apply using one of the four applications:

- Standard Verification Application
- “Fast Track” Application
- Re-Verification Application
- Comparable Agency Verification Application
  - Women’s Business Enterprise National Council – WBENC
  - National Minority Supplier Development Council – NMSDC
  - National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce – NGLCC
  - Disability:IN
WHAT DOCUMENTS ARE REQUIRED IN THE APPLICATION?

Important Documents:

- Signed Affidavit (Notarized)
- Proof of ethnicity, gender, LGBT status, or disability status
- Most recent Federal tax returns
- Evidence of Capital Contribution
- Bank Signature Information
- Resumes

- All LLC or Corporate Documents
- WBENC, NMSDC, NGLCC, Disability:IN (CAV applications)
WHAT DOES THE ONLINE APPLICATION SYSTEM LOOK LIKE?