

## **DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (“DVBE”) INCENTIVE**

Qualification for the DVBE incentive is not mandatory. Failure to qualify for the DVBE incentive will not render a proposal non-responsive.

Eligibility for and application of the DVBE incentive is governed by the JBE’s DVBE Rules and Procedures. Bidder will receive a DVBE incentive if, in the JBE’s sole determination, Bidder has met all applicable requirements. If Bidder receives the DVBE incentive, the dollar amount of its bid will be reduced (for evaluation purposes only) by an amount equal to 3% of the lowest responsible bid, not to exceed \$100,000.

To receive the DVBE incentive, at least 3% of the contract goods and/or services must be provided by a DVBE performing a commercially useful function. Or, for solicitations of non-IT goods and IT goods and services, Bidder may have an approved Business Utilization Plan (“BUP”) on file with the California Department of General Services (“DGS”).

If Bidder wishes to seek the DVBE incentive:

1. Bidder must complete and submit with its bid the [Bidder Declaration](#). Bidder must submit with the Bidder Declaration all materials required in the Bidder Declaration.
2. Bidder must submit with its bid a [DVBE Declaration](#) completed and signed by each DVBE that will provide goods and/or services in connection with the contract. If Bidder is itself a DVBE, it must complete and sign the DVBE Declaration. If Bidder will use DVBE subcontractors, each DVBE subcontractor must complete and sign a DVBE Declaration. **NOTE:** The DVBE Declaration is not required if Bidder will qualify for the DVBE incentive using a BUP on file with DGS.

Failure to complete and submit these forms as required will result in Bidder not receiving the DVBE incentive. In addition, the JBE may request additional written clarifying information. Failure to provide this information as requested will result in Bidder not receiving the DVBE incentive.

If this solicitation is for IT goods and services, the application of the DVBE incentive (including the maximum value of the DVBE incentive) may be affected by application of the small business preference. For additional information, see the JBE’s [Small Business Preference Procedures for the Procurement of Information Technology Goods and Services](#).

If Bidder receives the DVBE incentive: (i) Bidder will be required to complete a post-contract DVBE certification if DVBE subcontractors are used; (ii) Bidder must use any DVBE subcontractor(s) identified in its bid unless the JBE approves in writing the substitution of another DVBE; and (iii) failure to meet the DVBE commitment set forth in its bid will constitute a breach of contract.

**FRAUDULENT MISREPRESENTATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE DVBE INCENTIVE IS A MISDEMEANOR AND IS PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT OR FINE, AND VIOLATORS ARE LIABLE FOR CIVIL PENALTIES. SEE MVC 999.9.**