

WOSB AND EDWOSB CERTIFICATION OPTIONS

	Pre-Rule	Post-Rule
New Applicants No Contracts No Certifications	N/A	Firms must be certified through the Small Business Administration (SBA), the Department of Transportation's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program (DBE), or the Department of Veteran Affairs' Center for Verification and Evaluation (CVE) to compete for WOSB set-aside and sole-source contracts.
Self-Certified Firms Active Contracts	N/A	A firm that was eligible as a WOSB or EDWOSB at the time of offer for the contract is considered a WOSB or EDWOSB throughout the life of the contract. For the purposes of contracts (including multiple award contracts) with durations of more than five years (including options), a firm must get certified by SBA or an approved third-party certifier prior to the end of the fifth year of the contract.
Self-Certified Firms No Contracts	If the firm has been the subject of a status protest or program examination in the preceding two years, the firm will be considered certified the date the rule is effective. Their anniversary date for re-certification will be three years after the date of a positive status protest determination or program examination.	Firms on a three-year re-certification cycle that received a positive final decision in a status protest or program examination in the two years prior to the date the rule is effective must re-certify within 30 days of their certification anniversary if there have been no material changes since their last certification. At the end of Year 3, they will undergo a full document review and re-certification.
Third Party-Certified (TPC) Firms	Firms are considered certified the date the rule is effective.	Firms must re-certify three years after their most recent TPC certification.
8(a)-Certified Firms	8(a) firms are considered certified the date the rule is effective.	8(a) firms that are owned and operated by women can submit documentation of their ongoing 8(a) eligibility for their EDWOSB certification.
DBE-Certified Firms	N/A	Firms can submit evidence of their DBE certification and that they meet WOSB or EDWOSB ownership and control requirements* to demonstrate eligibility.
CVE-Certified Firms	N/A	Firms can submit evidence of their CVE and WOSB or EDWOSB ownership and control requirements to demonstrate eligibility.

*For WOSB and EDWOSB contracting program eligibility requirements, visit sba.gov/wosbready.