Veteran-Owned And Service-Connected Small Entrepreneurships (Veteran Initiatives) And Louisiana Imitative For Small Entrepreneurships (Hudson Initiative) Programs

Participation of Veteran Initiative and Hudson Initiative small entrepreneurship will be scored as part of the technical evaluation.

The State of Louisiana Veteran and Hudson Initiatives are designed to provide additional opportunities for Louisiana-based small entrepreneurship (sometimes referred to as LaVet’s and SE’s respectively) to participate in contracting and procurement with the state. A certified Veteran-Owned and Service-Connected Disabled Veteran-Owned small entrepreneurship (LaVet) and a Louisiana Initiative for Small Entrepreneurships (Hudson Initiative) small entrepreneurship are businesses that have been certified by the Louisiana Department of Economic Development. All eligible vendors are encouraged to become certified. Qualification requirements and online certification are available at [https://smallbiz.louisianaforward.com/index-2.asp](https://smallbiz.louisianaforward.com/index-2.asp), [https://smallbiz.louisianaeconomicdevelopment.com/Account/Login](https://smallbiz.louisianaeconomicdevelopment.com/Account/Login).

Ten percent (10%) of the total evaluation points on this RFP are reserved for proposers who are themselves a certified Veteran or Hudson Initiative small entrepreneurship or who will engage the participation of one or more certified Veteran or Hudson Initiatives small entrepreneurship(s) as subcontractors. Reserved points shall be added to the applicable proposers’ evaluation score as follows:

**Proposer Status and Reserved Points**

- Proposer is a certified small entrepreneurship: Full amount of the reserved points
- Proposer is not a certified small entrepreneurship but has engaged one or more certified small entrepreneurship(s) to participate as subcontractors or distributors. Points will be allocated based on the following criteria:
  - the number of certified small entrepreneurship to be utilized
  - the experience and qualifications of the certified small entrepreneurship(s)
  - the anticipated earnings to accrue to the certified small entrepreneurship(s)

If a proposer is not a certified small entrepreneurship as described herein, but plans to use certified small entrepreneurship(s), proposer shall include in their proposal the names of their certified Veteran Initiative or Hudson Initiative small entrepreneurship subcontractor(s), a description of the work each will perform, and the dollar value of each subcontract.

During the term of the contract and at expiration, the Contractor will also be required to report Veteran-Owned and Service-Connected Disabled Veteran-Owned and Hudson
Initiative small entrepreneurship subcontractor or distributor participation and the dollar amount of each.

The statutes (R.S. 39:2171 et. seq.) concerning the Veteran Initiative may be viewed at
concerning the Hudson Initiative may be viewed at:
VII. Chapters 11 and 15) and for the Hudson Initiative (LAC 19: VIII Chapters 11 and 13)
may be viewed at
http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/osp/se/se.htm

A current list of certified Veteran-Owned and Service-Connected Disabled Veteran-Owned
and Hudson Initiative small entrepreneurshipships may be obtained from the Louisiana
Economic Development Certification System at
https://smallbiz.louisianaforward.com/index_2.asp.
https://smallbiz.louisianaeconomicdevelopment.com/Account/Login Additionally, a list of
Hudson and Veteran Initiative small entrepreneurshipships, which have been certified by the
Louisiana Department of Economic Development and who have opted to register in the
State of Louisiana LaGov Supplier Portal
https://lagoverpvendor.doa.louisiana.gov/irj/portal/anonymous?guest_user=self_reg may
be accessed from the State of Louisiana Procurement and Contract (LaPAC) Network
http://wwwprd1.doa.louisiana.gov/osp/lapac/vendor/srchven.cfm. When using this
site, determine the search criteria (i.e. alphabetized list of all certified vendors, by
commodities, etc.) and select SmallE, VSE, or DVSE.