

The NYS Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund Corporation is a pass-through organization that has less than \$140,000 a year available in discretionary spends. The Fund annually meets or exceeds the 30-percent goal for MWBE spends established under Executive Order 15-A. Firms must be certified as a MWBE with the New York State's Empire State Development (ESD) in order to count toward state MWBE participation goals. To learn more about becoming a certified Minority or Woman owned Business Enterprise, go here: <https://esd.ny.gov/doing-business-ny/mwbe>

The Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Act, signed into law by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo on May 12, 2014, allows eligible Veteran business owners to become certified as a New York State Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business (SDVOB). The goal of the Act is to encourage and support eligible SDVOBs to play a greater role in the state's economy by increasing their participation in New York State's contracting opportunities. The Division of Service-Disabled Veterans' Business Development at the NYS Department of General Services is responsible for certifying eligible SDVOBs and assisting and promoting their participation in the state's procurement activities.

The purpose of the program is to identify procurement and contracting opportunities for companies owned by service-disabled veterans. The Fund's goal is to make 6-percent of its discretionary spends with certified SDVOBs. OGS has certified more than 700 SDVOB firms that cover services such as commodities, construction, construction-related professional services, IT, financial services and specialty services. To learn more about becoming a certified Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business, go here: <https://ogs.ny.gov/veterans>

Inquiries regarding MWBE and SDVOB opportunities available through the NYS Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund can be directed to NYBreds@NYBreds.com.