

# Service Disabled Veteran Owned Business (SDVOB) Preference

Webpage: [DTMB - Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Preference](#)

## About the SDVOB Preference

The State of Michigan has a special commitment to veterans with service-connected disabilities who bid on State of Michigan contracts. Per [Public Act 91 of 2005](#) businesses owned by qualified service-disabled veterans receive a 10% pricing preference when bidding on State of Michigan projects.

## How to Claim the SDVOB Preference

The SDVOB pricing preference is claimed when bidding on a State of Michigan contract. To request the SDVOB pricing preference you must indicate that your company is an SDVOB in your bid response and provide the required documentation:

- **Proof of service and conditions of discharge:** DD214 or equivalent.
- **Proof of service-connected disability:** DD214 if the disability was documented at discharge or Veterans Administration (VA) Rating Decision Letter (or equivalent) if the disability was documented after discharge.
- **Proof of Ownership:** Appropriate legal documents setting forth the ownership of the business entity.

Alternatively, the state will accept a [National Veterans Business Development Council \(NVBDC\)](#) certification as verification of eligibility, provided certain conditions are met.

**NOTE: The state does not pre-certify businesses as SDVOBs and does not accept the federal Center for Verification and Evaluation (CVE) database or the US Small Business Administration (VetCert). For more detailed information review the [SDVOB Preference Fact Sheet](#).**

## SDVOB Preference Definitions

### Service-Connected Disability

Service-Connected Disability is defined as a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty in the active military, naval, or air service as described in [38 USC 101\(16\)](#).

### Qualified

Qualified means a business entity that is **51 percent or more owned by one or more veterans with a service-connected disability**.