

TABLE 5  
 MBE, WBE AND SBE CERTIFICATION ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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	Type of Certification (must meet ALL criteria marked X)		
		MBE	WBE
1. Majority Owner(s) must be a Minority or Minorities who manage and control the business. In the case of a publicly owned business, at least 51% of all classes of the stock, which is owned, will be owned by one or more of such persons.	X		
2. Majority Owner(s) must be a Woman or Women who manage and control the business. In the case of a publicly owned business, at least 51% of all classes of the stock, which is owned, will be owned by one or more of such persons.		X	
3. Majority Ownership in the business will not have been transferred to a woman or minority, except by descent or a bona fide sale within the previous 2 years.	X	X	
4. Majority Owner(s) must reside in the four-county Market Area of Leon, Gadsden, Jefferson, or Wakulla Counties.	X	X	X
5. Majority Owner(s) must be a United States citizen or lawfully admitted permanent resident of the United States.	X	X	X
6. Business must be legally structured either as a corporation, organized under the laws of Florida, or a partnership, sole proprietorship, limited liability, or any other business or professional entity as required by Florida law.	X	X	X
7. Business must be Independent and not an Affiliate, Front, façade, broker, or pass through company or firm.	X	X	X
8. Business must be a for-profit business concern.	X	X	X
9. Business must be currently located within the four-county Market Area of Leon, Gadsden, Jefferson, or Wakulla Counties.	X	X	X
10. Business must have all licenses required by local, state, and federal law.	X	X	X
11. Business must currently be licensed and engaging in commercial transactions typical of the field, with customers in the Local Market Area other than state or government agencies, for each specialty area in which Certification is sought. Further, if a Supplier, business must be making sales regularly from goods maintained in stock.	X	X	X
12. Business must have expertise normally required by the industry for the field for which Certification is requested.	X	X	X
13. Business must have a business net worth no more than \$5 million.	X	X	X
14. Business must employ 200 or fewer full- or part-time employees, including leased employees.	X	X	X
15. Business must have been established for a period of one (1) calendar year prior to submitting its application for MWSBE certification.	X	X	X
16. Business must have a record of satisfactory performance on no less than three (3) projects, in the business area for which it seeks certification, during the past 12 calendar months.	X	X	X