

How to Find a Preferred Vendor

Using certified Minority/Women Business Enterprises (M/WBE) for your decarbonization project will make your application more highly scored and competitive. For further information on how this may affect your score, please refer to the [Nonprofit Subrecipient Scorecard](#). To verify if a contractor is M/WBE certified you can use the resources listed on this document or use the [NYS M/WBE Directory](#).

NYS Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBES) website: [Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprises \(MWBES\) | Office of the New York State Comptroller](#)

The NYS M/WBE Directory database can be downloaded and used as a search tool. We recommend filtering the data first by your region and industry. Once the excel spreadsheet is downloaded, search for the scope of work needed in the “Capabilities” column by using the excel sheet filters.

1. New York City Online Directory of Certified Businesses - [SBS Connect](#)

For businesses operating within New York City, the **NYC Department of Small Business Services** offers an online directory of certified M/WBE firms. This resource enables searches by keyword, NAICS code, and location, assisting in pinpointing companies in particular sectors and boroughs.

2. Westchester County M/WBE Contractors List - [Westchester County Public Works](#)

If you're focusing on Westchester County, the **Westchester County Department of Public Works** provides a list of certified M/WBE contractors categorized by business type. This list can help identify local firms specializing in areas such as HVAC, construction, and environmental services.

3. The Blue Book Building and Construction Network - [The Blue Book](#)

The Blue Book offers a directory of commercial contractors, including M/WBE firms, across various specialties. You can search for contractors by trade and region within New York State, which is useful for locating businesses in construction-related SIC codes.

4. NYSERDA's Find a Contractor Tool - [NYSERDA](#)

The **New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)** provides a tool to find contractors participating in energy efficiency programs. While not exclusively M/WBE, this resource can help identify firms involved in energy efficiency and related services.