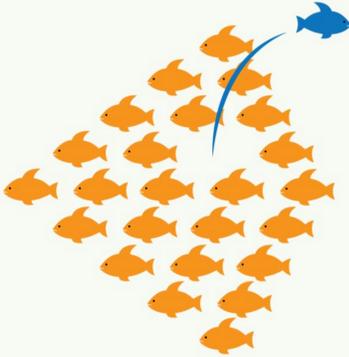




IWSCC

Inclusive Workplace and
Supply Council of Canada

Canada's Official Diverse Supply Council for Disabled and Veteran-owned Businesses



Supplier Certification with the IWSCC

Our Mission & Objectives

Our mission is to cultivate diverse supply chains and workplaces that are built upon inclusion, dignity and belonging.

The IWSCC exists to enhance access to bigger and better procurement opportunities for our Certified Suppliers. As the only certifying body in Canada for Veteran and disabled-owned businesses, we pooled together all of the resources and contacts we have that can assist you in growing your business.

The IWSCC gives not just a voice, but a platform for Veteran and disabled-owned businesses to ensure they have the same opportunities for procurement as any other Canadian entrepreneur.

At the IWSCC, we:

1. Certify Canadian businesses that are at least 51% owned, managed and/or controlled by a Veteran or a person with a disability
2. Connect Certified Suppliers with Corporate Members
3. Educate Corporate Members on best practices for fostering diverse supply chains and creating accessible procurement policies
4. Educate Certified Suppliers on best practices when responding to the needs of Corporate Members
5. Conduct research on these groups of entrepreneurs to identify challenges and opportunities for collaboration
6. Advocate for both groups by cultivating an inclusive ecosystem where siloed groups can come together
7. Advise on how to create inclusive physical spaces at work

Did You Know?

A recent study by the Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion (CCDI) found that 39% of Canadian organizations have implemented a supplier diversity program or initiative. (2017)

IWSCC's Corporate Membership has grown 86% from 2019 - 2021

IWSCC is a Canadian non-profit founded in 2017

Companies with supplier diversity programs generate a 133% greater ROI than those companies that use the suppliers they have traditionally relied upon. (The Hackett Group, U.S. finding)

Supplier Certification Benefits

- Certified Suppliers will list their products and services on a database accessible by the procurement teams of our Corporate Members*
- Access to Corporate Member contacts in procurement departments
- Inclusion in monthly or quarterly Diverse Supplier Report that is sent to Corporate Members
- Education on best practices for competing in the procurement space
- Mentoring programs hosted by Corporate Members
- Match-making events with Corporate Members
- Access to networking events and webinars
- Assistance with responding to the needs of large private and public sector organizations

With the IWSCC Certification, you will have direct access to the procurement teams of large private and public sector organizations that are looking to increase their spend with diverse suppliers.

*Certification does not mean that you will automatically be awarded contracts.

Do Business with our Growing Corporate Membership



An ecosystem that supports diverse supply chains

The IWSCC is fast becoming the 'meeting place' for Veteran and disabled interest groups that are scattered across Canada. We partner with non-profits and other organizations that advocate for the rights of these groups in order to create a cohesive and amplified voice. The larger our ecosystem grows, the more opportunities will be available for both Certified Suppliers and Corporate Members.

Connect with our Partner Organizations



Why is Supplier Certification Important?

It might already be obvious to you, but the experience of anyone who has to live - and think - outside the box creates the opportunity to develop a particular skill set. Solving problems creatively, being agile, being diligent, being resourceful, troubleshooting, and teamwork are the kinds of skills that make for resilient and successful entrepreneurs. A business owner with any of those characteristics adds immense value to a supply chain that has maintained the status quo for decades. Private and public sector organizations are catching on to that idea, which is why many of them have created programs to identify and do business with diverse suppliers that will benefit their bottom lines. With this greater awareness, Certified Diverse Suppliers have the opportunity to grow their networks and win contracts that can change their business forever.

Who Qualifies

Certified IWSCC Suppliers



Membership Costs

The certification process includes a one-time set up fee of \$200 (\$100 if a site visit is not required).

The annual membership fee is \$500. Membership will be suspended if this fee is not paid each year on the anniversary of your approved certification.

Certification Process

IWSCC applies a rigorous review process to certify potential Diverse Suppliers. The intent is to ensure they meet with the requirements of purchasing organizations so that both parties are on the same page.

Step 1 - Complete the Supplier Certification Application Form

Step 2 - The IWSCC Certification Committee will compare your application against the checklist of requirements

Step 3 - The IWSCC will complete a site audit (if necessary)

Step 4 - If approved, the Certified Supplier will enjoy all of the benefits listed above. If not approved, the IWSCC may or may not provide feedback on revising and re-submitting the application.

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