

Expedited Review Affidavit

The Cannabis Control Commission (“Commission”) implemented a process for expedited review of license applications for minority- (“MBE”), women- (“WBE”), and veteran-owned (“VBE”) businesses. In order to receive expedited review as one of these groups, the proposed Marijuana Establishment (“applicant”) must be certified with the Supplier Diversity Office (“SDO”) as a MBE, WBE, and/or VBE, or in the alternative, take the appropriate steps outlined below.

Instructions

If the applicant is certified by the SDO as an MBE, WBE, and/or VBE, please upload your current SDO certification letter into your application(s) and ensure the appropriate designation has been made in your application’s Application of Intent. If already certified by the SDO as an MBE, WBE, and/or VBE, this affidavit is not required.

If the applicant is not certified as an MBE, WBE, and/or VBE yet, you may still receive expedited review if you comply with the following:

1. If not already completed, the applicant will need to identify their MBE, WBE, and/or VBE status in their application’s Application of Intent;
2. Sign up for, and attend, the SDO’s Pre-Certification Workshop class; and
3. Complete and notarize this affidavit. Upload the completed affidavit, along with the SDO’s Pre-Certification Workshop class confirmation email, into your application’s Application of Intent.

If seeking expedited review as an MBE, WBE, and/or VBE, please ensure that the above has been completed. All affidavits and proof of class sign up for one of the owners shall be combined into a single PDF document. This document should be uploaded into your license application’s Application of Intent.

If you are not certified at this time, you may apply to the SDO and later provide certification. Information pertaining to the SDO and certification is available on the SDO’s website:

<https://www.mass.gov/supplier-diversity-office>.



Required Information

Business Name:

Application Number(s):

Name of Owner(s):

As an owner of the proposed Marijuana Establishment(s), I hereby attest to the following:
(please attest by initialing each box next to the provision):

- 1. As an individual owner, I would qualify to be certified as an MBE, WBE, and/or VBE business by the SDO;
- 2. All applicable owners of the proposed Marijuana Establishment, collectively as a group of individuals, would qualify to be certified as an MBE, WBE, and/or VBE business by the SDO;
- 3. I, or a representative of the applicant, have provided the MBE, WBE, and/or VBE designation in all application number(s) listed above;
- 4. I have signed up for the SDO's Pre-Certification class and received documentation to that effect;
- 5. I understand that the applications above will receive expedited review only once all documentation has been provided to the Commission and reviewed for compliance;
- 6. I understand that as a condition of receiving expedited review for the application(s) listed above, the applicant business will be required to attain SDO certification as a MBE, WBE, and/or VBE prior to being considered or approved by the Commission for final licensure; and
- 7. I understand that providing materially inaccurate, incomplete, or fraudulent information to the Commission is grounds for denial of a renewal application, suspension, or revocation of any Marijuana Establishment license that I or the business may receive.



I affirm and certify that all the information provided within is true, accurate, made voluntarily.

Owner Signature:

AUTHENTICATION BY NOTARY PUBLIC

On this _____ day of _____, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared _____, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification to be the person whose name is signed above and that he/she did so voluntarily for its stated purpose.

Notary Public Signature

NOTARY STAMP/SEAL

