



ChicagoMSDC **CERTIFIES** African American, Asian American, Hispanic American and Native American owned businesses of all sizes and across a wide range of industries, **DEVELOPS** them through educational programming, **CONNECTS** them with resources and corporate buyers, and tirelessly **ADVOCATES** on their behalf in the public and private sectors.

ChicagoMSDC operates **MBDA BUSINESS CENTERS** in Chicago and St. Louis, an **MBDA EXPORT CENTER** and an **ADVANCED MANUFACTURING CENTER** in partnership with the Georgia Institute of Technology. We also operate an **ILLINOIS TOLLWAY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER**.

Through our comprehensive suite of consulting services, we offer a full range of technical assistance for minority entrepreneurs and the agencies and corporations seeking to diversify their supply chains.

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# CERTIFY

Our **MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MBE)** certification is widely accepted as the gold standard by supplier diversity professionals at Fortune 500 corporations across the nation. Our highly competitive MBEs represent all major industries with annual revenues ranging from under \$1 million to over \$5 billion.

**1 COMPLETE ONLINE APPLICATION** Go to [www.ChicagoMSDC.org](http://www.ChicagoMSDC.org) to register and apply. Your application may be saved in progress until you are ready to submit.

<b>2 PAY APPLICATION FEE</b>	<b>FEE</b>	<b>ANNUAL GROSS SALES</b>
	\$500	< \$2 MILLION
	\$750	\$2 MILLION TO \$8 MILLION
	\$950	> \$8 MILLION

(NON-REFUNDABLE. PROCESSING OF YOUR APPLICATION WILL BEGIN UPON RECEIPT.)

**3 SITE VISIT** A ChicagoMSDC certification specialist will conduct a PERSONAL INTERVIEW of the owner(s) at their place of business.

**4 COMMITTEE REVIEW** The CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE reviews all applications and submits its recommendations to the ChicagoMSDC Board of Directors.

**5 BOARD REVIEW** The ChicagoMSDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS has final approval of all applications. If the board rejects the application, you may submit a letter of appeal. If approved, you will be notified by e-mail.

<b>ANNUAL RENEWAL</b>	<b>FEE</b>	<b>ANNUAL GROSS SALES</b>
	\$300	< \$1 MILLION
	\$675	\$1 MILLION TO \$10 MILLION
	\$750	\$10 MILLION TO \$50 MILLION
	\$950	> \$50 MILLION

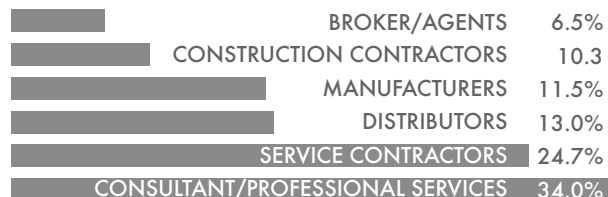
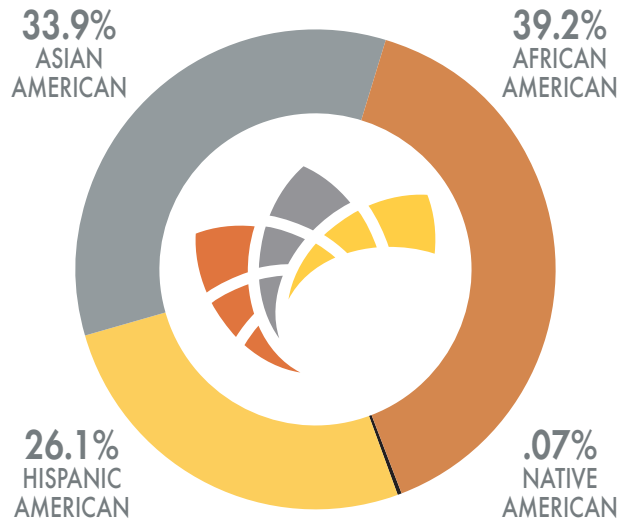


# DEVELOP

ChicagoMSDC offers personalized consulting and customized curriculum to develop or strengthen supplier diversity programs and equip suppliers with the skills and capacity to compete at the highest levels. We support MBEs as they grow, whether organically, or through joint ventures, mergers or acquisitions.



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# CONNECT

We are the industry leader in connecting major buying corporations with minority-owned businesses. Members have access to our robust database of MBEs, ONE-ON-ONE matchmaking and networking events. Corporations have reported 15% revenue increases as a result of the innovation of diverse suppliers. Events such as our **CHICAGO BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY FAIR (CBOF)**, **MBE2MBE EXCHANGE**, **SCHOLARSHIP CLASSIC**, AND **PROCUREMENT LUNCHEONS** provide the perfect environment for relationship building and deal making.

OUR **932** CERTIFIED MBEs EMPLOY **98,358** WORKERS OF WHOM, **52%** ARE ALSO MINORITIES.



# ADVOCATE

For over 50 years, ChicagoMSDC has been at the forefront of the supplier diversity movement, advocating for African American, Asian American, Hispanic American and Native American owned businesses in the public and private sectors. We actively and enthusiastically support and partner with corporations and government agencies that demonstrate a commitment to inclusion and fairness in their business practices.