

# Emerging Vendors Program

The Emerging Vendors Program (EVP) will assess Philadelphia-based, not-yet certified firms for inclusion in Rebuild opportunities. Firms accepted into the EVP will be eligible to participate as Emerging Vendors (EVs) and be counted toward EOP related diversity goals while receiving the back-end support and technical assistance needed to become MBE, WBE or DSBE certified with a recognized third-party certification agency.

- Philadelphia-based companies that are owned by individuals who are minorities<sup>1</sup>, women, or disabled are eligible to complete the EVP assessment application and submit supporting documentation for review.
- Once approved, EVP Businesses will be eligible to participate as an EV in Rebuild-related opportunities with cumulative contract amounts not to exceed \$150,000. EVP Businesses will be included in information provided to Project Users and prime vendors as businesses that can be counted as MBEs or WBEs toward Rebuild EOP goals up to the \$150K ceiling.
- EVP Businesses will have 18-months to become certified; support from Rebuild technical assistance providers will be available if desired.
- EV status will terminate on the 18-month anniversary. There is no renewal.

Sign up for vendor email updates from Rebuild at [Rebuild.phila.gov](https://Rebuild.phila.gov) to be notified when applications for the program open.

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<sup>1</sup> “Minority” as defined by the 17-1600 3(a), (b) and (c) of the Philadelphia Code.