



Minority Business Enterprise

The Tri-State Minority Supplier Development Council (TSMSSDC) is one of 37 affiliate councils of the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC). TSMSSDC primarily exists to certify for-profit minority-owned businesses located in Kentucky, West Virginia and in the three counties of Indiana bordering the city of Louisville (Clark, Floyd and Harrison). To qualify as minority-owned businesses, firms must be 51 percent or more ethnic minority-owned, operated and controlled by a U.S. citizen(s).

Minority status is given to individuals belonging to one or more of the following groups:

- African American
- Hispanic / Latino American
- Native American
- Asian Indian American
- Asian Pacific American

NMSDC certifies ethnic minorities exclusively without regard to gender. Persons seeking certifications solely on Gender are not eligible for NMSDC certification on a basis of gender alone. NMSDC certification is Gender Neutral and only requires the applicant to be a member of one or more of the official ethnic groups identified above.