## Richland County

## Office of Small Business Opportunity

## Certification and Compliances

Conducts all phases of certification process using numerous verifications techniques to ensure applicants meet the eligibility requirements*.* Monitor and enforce the Compliance Requirements of the SLBE Program*.*

**How to Get Certified**

A firm will be certified as an SLBE or Emerging SLBE or Emerging SLBE (ESLBE) with OSBO upon its submission of a completed certification application, supporting documentation and a signed and notarized affidavit affirming that it meets all of the SLBE/ESLBE eligibility criteria.

**Program Benefits of Certification**

* Receive maximum firm exposure via Certified SLBE Directory
* Eligible for projects set asides exclusively for SLBE’s
* Candidate for business development opportunities, trainings, networking and business expansions
* Feature story on OSBO web page

**Certifying Industry Categories**

* Construction
* Architecture
* Professional Services
* Non-Professional Services
* Engineering
* Wholesale Services (Landscaping, caters, retail, etc.)

**SLBE Certification**

* SLBE [Eligibility Requirement](http://www.richlandcountysc.gov/Government/Departments/OSBO/Steps/Is-My-Business-Eligible)
* [Online Application](https://rcgov.gob2g.com/) Process (B2GNow)
* [Site Visit](http://www.richlandcountysc.gov/Government/Departments/OSBO/Steps/Onsite-Visit-Interview)

**Resource Information Services**

* Certified for two (2) Years
* Recertification is required after two (2) years
* On-Line Certified SLBE Directory
* OSBO website <http://www.richlandcountysc.gov/osbo>