

TCS Associates One of the First Deaf Companies to become Certified as a Disability Owned Enterprise

A one-of-a-kind opportunity for disabled business owners

TCS Associates announced today months after participating in the program's pilot program and undergoing a rigorous application process, that they are one of the first Deaf companies to officially obtain the US Business Leadership Network's (USBLN®) Disability Owned Business Enterprise (DOBE) Certification.

This certification give TCS the opportunity to gain national recognition by companies as a certified DOBE; have access to supplier diversity and procurement executives that accept DOBE certification; and grow their business and revenues. This certification is a significant step in the right direction for TCS, increasing their access to potential contracting opportunities with corporations, government agencies, and other Disability Owned Businesses.

According to John Kemp, BLN's executive director, the DOBE program is the first of its kind, and will be accepted as the "gold standard" by which U.S. companies, federal and government agencies make corporate supply chain and procurement decisions. The program is modeled off the Women-Owned Business Enterprise, a program run by the Women's Business Enterprise National Council that's is recognized by more than 1,000 U.S. companies.

The US Business Leadership Network® Disability Supplier Diversity ProgramSM (USBLN® DSDP) now offers businesses that are owned by an individual(s) with a disability a chance to qualify to achieve the Disability-Owned Business Enterprise (DOBE) Certification. This certification was created to assure that USBLN affiliates, corporations, and government agencies are indeed working with small businesses owned and operated by people with disabilities.

About the US Business Leadership Network (USBLN)

The US Business Leadership Network (USBLN®) is the national organization that supports development and expansion of its BLN affiliates across the country, serving as their collective voice. It is the only national disability organization led by business for business. The USBLN® recognizes and promotes best practices in hiring, retaining, and marketing to people with disabilities. There are 55 Business Leadership Network affiliates in 32 states, including the District of Columbia, representing more than 5,000 employers across the U.S. The BLN uses a "business to business" approach to educate, promoting the business imperative of including people with disabilities in the workforce.

About TCS Associates

TCS Associates, (<http://www.TCSassociates.com>), a Washington D.C total disability solutions firm, founded in 1982, is built upon the theory that information and technology should be accessible to all people. We believe that Assistive Technology and Communication Solutions can help all people excel in the workplace, education, and personal settings. We strive to educate manufacturers, organizations, and the general public on the importance of Assistive Technology and Communication, and we are committed to supporting them by providing our products & services.