

IN LIEU OF BUSINESS REGISTRATION FORM - INSTRUCTIONS

This declaration is required for City Suppliers to determine if you are required to obtain a Business Registration Certificate. If you already have a Business Registration Certificate, proceed to question 12.

Who must obtain a Business Registration Certificate?

San Francisco's Business and Tax Regulations Code requires that every person engaging in business within the City, <u>regardless of whether such person is</u> <u>subject to taxation</u>, must register within 15 days after commencing business within the City.

What is "engaging in business in San Francisco"?

If an entity answers "yes" to any of Items 2-11 on the reverse, it is considered to be "engaging in business" in San Francisco.

A single-member entity (including a single-member limited liability company) treated as a <u>disregarded</u> <u>entity</u> for federal income tax purposes will be disregarded for purposes of the Business Registration requirements. Each such entity will be treated as a sole proprietorship, branch, or division of its owner. The owner of the disregarded entity will be the registrant.

How do I apply for and obtain the certificate? Download the application form and instructions at sftreasurer.org/registration.

Can I do business with the City without a certificate? The City can make purchases from businesses only in the following situations:

- The entity conducts business in San Francisco and has registered and possesses a current Business Registration Certificate.
- The entity does not conduct business in San Francisco and has signed and submitted the In Lieu of Business Registration Form.
- The entity is a government agency.
- There is an emergency. Although the City can award the contract, the supplier may be subject to business taxes and required to possess a certificate.

These requirements cover service contracts, construction contracts, and product purchases.

What if I currently "do not conduct business in San Francisco," but would register if I win this bid? You may answer the questions based on your current status, and you should not register at this time. If winning the bid changes your status from not conducting business in SF to conducting business in SF, you should register with the Office of the Treasurer & Tax Collector.

Where do I return this In Lieu of Business Registration Form?

Email it to: <u>TTX.Vendoraccounts@sfgov.org</u>.

What if I have submitted this form previously?

If you submitted this form for an earlier transaction, and if your business tax status has not changed, please discard this form.

What if I don't have a City Bidder ID number yet? Go to City Partner at <u>https://sfcitypartner.sfgov.org</u> to register as a bidder.

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YES NO DOES THE BUSINESS CURRENTLY

- I. Receive a grant, stipend or honoraria from the SF Arts Commission, as an individual artist or panelist and otherwise does not do business in San Francisco?
- 2. Maintain a fixed place of business within San Francisco?
- □ □ 3. Exercise corporate or franchise powers within San Francisco?
- □ □ 4. Own or lease real personal property within San Francisco for business purposes?
- 5. Regularly maintain a stock of tangible personal property in SF for sale in the ordinary course of business?
- □ □ 6. Employ or loan capital on property within San Francisco?
- 7. Solicit business within San Francisco for all or part of any seven days during one tax year?
- 8. Perform work or render services within San Francisco for all or part of any seven days during one tax year?
- 9. Use streets in San Francisco for business purposes for any part of seven (7) days during the tax year?

- □ □ 10. Liquidate businesses when the liquidators hold themselves out to the public as conducting such business?
- □ □ 11. Have more than \$500,000 in total gross receipts allocated to the City during the tax year?

If you selected "NO" for all Items (1-11), sign and email this form to <u>TTX.Vendoraccounts@sfgov.org</u>.

If you selected "Yes" to question 1, STOP. Then, sign and email this form to <u>TTX.Vendoraccounts@sfgov.org</u>.

If you selected "YES" for any of the above questions from 2-11, go to sftreasurer.org/registration to register your business, then answer questions 12-13 below and email this form to <u>TTX.Vendoraccounts@sfgov.org</u>.

□ 12. This entity has registered with the Tax Collector and is assigned Business Account Number:

_____(7 digits, "1234567")

This entity applied for a Certificate by mailing the application and fee to the Tax Collector, or by submitting the application in person, on

___(mm-dd-yyyy).

□ 14. This entity needs to register and will do so immediately.

I understand that my representation, if any, that I am not engaged in business in San Francisco is subject to review by the Tax Collector. If the Tax Collector determines that I am conducting business in San Francisco, the City may either cancel the contract or withhold payment ten days after written notification by the Tax Collector. I declare (or certify) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that I am authorized to bind this entity contractually.

Name of company (please print)	Signature	
Tax ID (SSN, EIN, ITIN)	Name of person signing	
Mailing Address	Date	Bidder/Supplier ID#
City, State, ZIP	Telephone	