

What is a Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Individuals (SEDI) – Owned Businesses?

Business enterprises that certify that they are owned and controlled by individuals who have had their access to credit on reasonable terms diminished as compared to others in comparable economic circumstances, due to their:

1. membership of a group that has been subjected to racial or ethnic prejudice or cultural bias within American society;
2. gender;
3. veteran status;
4. limited English proficiency;
5. disability;
6. long-term residence in an environment isolated from the mainstream of American society;
7. membership of a federally or state-recognized Indian Tribe;
8. long-term residence in a rural community;
9. residence in a U.S. territory;
10. residence in a community undergoing economic transitions (including communities impacted by the shift towards a net-zero economy or deindustrialization); or
11. membership of an underserved community (see Executive Order 13985, under which “underserved communities” are populations sharing a particular characteristic, as well as geographic communities, that have been systematically denied a full opportunity to participate in aspects of economic, social, and civic life, as exemplified by the list in the definition of “equity,” and “equity” is consistent and systematic fair, just, and impartial treatment of all individuals, including individuals who belong to underserved communities that have been denied such treatment, such as Black, Latino, and Indigenous and Native American persons, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and other persons of color; members of religious minorities; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) persons; persons with disabilities; persons who live in rural areas; and persons otherwise adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality);

The term “owned and controlled” means, if privately owned, 51 percent is owned by such individuals; if publicly owned, 51 percent of the stock is owned by such individuals; and in the case of a mutual institution, a majority of the board of directors, account holders, and the community which the institution services is predominantly comprised of such individuals.