



# Supporting Documents Checklist

## Sole Proprietorship - Required Documents

**Note: Massachusetts-based sole proprietorship is not required to be registered with the Commonwealth's Secretary of Corporations Division. However, check with your municipal city or town office regarding business certificate registration requirements.**

- \_\_\_1. Résumés or professional biographies held by owners, officers and key employees demonstrating relevant education, training, and prior employment dates and duties; include roles and duties for current business. Resumes should include start and end dates of all prior employment and any current employment outside the firm.
- \_\_\_2. Required Massachusetts' professional Licenses, license renewal forms, permits, and haul authority forms, certificates or registrations used in the conduct of the business and held by owners, officers and key employees **(if applicable)**.
- \_\_\_3. Federal (Form 1040) personal tax returns signed or with proof of e-filing, including all statements and Schedule C or the extension submitted to the IRS. Please do not include state taxes. **\* If the business is less than one year old, provide a copy of the firm's opening bank statement.**
- \_\_\_4. Bank authorization and signatory cards or a letter from the bank that states who has signatory authority.
- \_\_\_5. Eligible principals must provide proof of gender, ethnicity/citizenship or permanent residence documentation *e.g.* a copy of a U.S. passport, birth certificate, certificate of naturalization, lawful permanent resident card or tribal identification card (if Native American) or any additional proof of minority status.
- \_\_\_6. Title(s), registration certificate(s), and U.S. DOT numbers for each truck owned or operated by your firm, **(if applicable)**.
- \_\_\_7. Business space documentation depends on the nature of work done by the applicant firm. In general terms: (1) if you operate a home-based business, or if it owns your office building, provide a copy of the most recent property tax bill. (2) If your firm leases space and a written lease exists, provide it. (3) If you lease business space and no written lease exists provide copies of 3 months' rent checks and the landlord's name.
- \_\_\_8. Three (3) recent contracts or invoices from customers or clients for the business that show the scope of service(s) performed and dollar amounts. (If the business is less than a year old, provide marketing materials, letters of intent, or proposals that show your scope of service. The SDO reserves the right to request additional information.
- \_\_\_9. City or Town Business Certificate **(if applicable)**.

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## Corporations- Required Documents

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- \_\_\_1. Résumés or professional biographies held by owners, officers and key employees demonstrating relevant education, training, and prior employment dates and duties; include roles and duties for current business. Resumes should include start and end dates of all prior employment and any current employment outside the firm.
- \_\_\_2. Required Massachusetts' professional Licenses, license renewal forms, permits, and haul authority forms, certificates or registrations used in the conduct of the business and held by owners, officers and key employees **(if applicable)**.
- \_\_\_3. Federal Business tax returns signed or with proof of e-filing, including all statements / schedules or the extension submitted to the IRS. Please do not include state taxes. **\* If the business is less than one year old, provide a copy of the firm's opening bank statement and IRS EIN Letter.**
- \_\_\_4. Bank authorization and signatory cards or a letter from the bank that states who has signatory authority.
- \_\_\_5. Eligible principals must provide proof of gender, ethnicity/citizenship or lawful permanent residence documentation *e.g.* a copy of a U.S. passport, birth certificate, certificate of naturalization, lawful permanent resident card or tribal identification card (if Native American) or any additional proof of minority status.
- \_\_\_6. Title(s), registration certificate(s), and U.S. DOT numbers for each truck owned or operated by your firm **(if applicable)**.
- \_\_\_7. Business space documentation depends on the nature of work done by the applicant firm. In general terms: (1) if you operate a home-based business, or if it owns your office building, provide a copy of the most recent property tax bill. (2) If your firm leases space and a written lease exists, provide it. (3) If you lease business space and no written lease exists provide a copy of 3 months' rent checks and the landlord's name.
- \_\_\_8. Three (3) recent contracts or invoices from customers or clients for the business that show the scope of service(s) performed and dollar amounts. (If the business is less than a year old, provide copies of letters of intent, or proposals that show your scope of service. The SDO reserves the right to request additional information.
- \_\_\_9. Articles of Organization, incorporation or association (signed by the state official), include if applicable any amendments filed with the Secretary of the Corporations Division.
- \_\_\_10. Both sides of all issued and cancelled stock certificates.
- \_\_\_11. Stock transfer ledger (recording stock certificate transactions related to company ownership.)
- \_\_\_12. Corporate by-laws signed and any amendments showing any changes in officers, ownership or business structure.
- \_\_\_13. Recent Annual Report filed with the Secretary of Corporations Division.

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### Limited Liability Company (LLC) or Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) or Limited Partnership (LP) Required Documents

**Note: Massachusetts-based LLCs and LLPs and LPs must be registered with the Commonwealth's Secretary of Corporations Division.**

- \_\_\_1. Résumés or professional biographies held by owners, officers and key employees demonstrating relevant education, training, and prior employment dates and duties; include roles and duties for current business. Resumes should include start and end dates of all prior employment and any current employment outside the firm.
- \_\_\_2. Required Massachusetts' professional Licenses, license renewal forms, permits, and haul authority forms, certificates or registrations used in the conduct of the business and held by owners, officers and key employees **(if applicable)**.
- \_\_\_3. Federal Business tax returns signed or with proof of e-filing, including all statements / schedules or the extension submitted to the IRS. Please do not include state taxes. **\* If the business is less than one year old, provide a copy of the firm's opening bank statement and IRS EIN Letter.**
- \_\_\_4. Bank authorization and signatory cards or a letter from the bank that states who has signatory authority.
- \_\_\_5. Eligible principals must provide proof of gender, ethnicity/citizenship or lawful permanent residence documentation *e.g.* a copy of a U.S. passport, birth certificate, certificate of naturalization, lawful permanent resident card or tribal identification card (if Native American) or any additional proof of minority status.
- \_\_\_6. Title(s), registration certificate(s), and U.S. DOT numbers for each truck owned or operated by your firm**(if applicable)**.
- \_\_\_7. Business space documentation depends on the nature of work done by the applicant firm. In general terms: (1) If your firm is a home-based business, or if it owns your office building, provide a copy of the most recent property tax bill. (2) If your firm leases space and a written lease exists, provide it. (3) If you lease business space and no written lease exists provide a copy of 3 months' rent checks and the landlord's name.
- \_\_\_8. Three (3) recent contracts or invoices from customers or clients for the business that show the scope of service(s) performed and dollar amounts. (If the business is less than a year old, provide letters of intent, or proposals that show your scope of service. The SDO reserves the right to request additional information.
- \_\_\_9. **LLC/LLP/LP Certificate of Formation** (signed by the state official), include if applicable any amendments filed with the Secretary of the Corporations Division.
- \_\_\_10. **LLC/LLP/LP Operating Agreement** (Outlines ownership percentages, how daily operational decisions are made, how decisional deadlocks are broken and how officers are removed.)
- \_\_\_11. Recent Annual Report filed with the Secretary of Corporations Division.

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## Partnership- Required Documents

**Note:** Your Massachusetts-based business is not required to be registered with the Commonwealth's Secretary of Corporations Division.

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- \_\_\_2. Required Massachusetts' professional Licenses, license renewal forms, permits, and haul authority forms, certificates or registrations used in the conduct of the business and held by owners, officers and key employees (**if applicable**).
- \_\_\_3. Federal Business tax returns signed or with proof of e-filing, including all statements / schedules or the extension submitted to the IRS. Please do not include state taxes. **\* If business is less than one year old, provide a copy of the firm's opening bank statement and IRS EIN Letter.**
- \_\_\_4. Bank authorization and signatory cards or a letter from the bank that states who has signatory authority.
- \_\_\_5. Eligible principals must provide proof of gender, ethnicity/citizenship or lawful permanent residence documentation *e.g.* a copy of a U.S. passport, birth certificate, certificate of naturalization, lawful permanent resident card or tribal identification card (if Native American) or any additional proof of minority status.
- \_\_\_6. Title(s), registration certificate(s), and U.S. DOT numbers for each truck owned or operated by your firm, (**if applicable**).
- \_\_\_7. Business space documentation depends on the nature of work done by the applicant firm. In general terms: (1) If your firm is a home-based business, or if it owns your office building, provide a copy of the most recent property tax bill. (2) If your firm leases space and a written lease exists, provide it. (3) If you lease business space and no written lease exists provide a copy of 3 months' rent checks and the landlord's name.
- \_\_\_8. Three (3) recent contracts or invoices from customers or clients for the business that show the scope of service(s) performed and dollar amounts. (If the business is less than a year old, provide letters of intent, or proposals that show your scope of service. The SDO reserves the right to request additional information.
- \_\_\_9. **Partnership Agreement** (Outlines ownership percentages, how daily operational decisions are made, how decisional deadlocks are broken, and how officers are removed.)

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## Trusts- Required Documents

**Note:** Your Massachusetts-based trust **must be registered** with the Commonwealth's Secretary of Corporations Division.

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- \_\_\_2. Required Massachusetts' professional Licenses, license renewal forms, permits, and haul authority forms, certificates or registrations used in the conduct of the business and held by owners, officers and key employees **(if applicable)**.
- \_\_\_3. Federal Business tax returns signed or with proof of e-filing, including all statements / schedules or the extension submitted to the IRS. Please do not include state taxes. **\* If the business is less than one year old, provide a copy of the opening bank statement and the IRS EIN Letter.**
- \_\_\_4. Bank authorization and signatory cards or a letter from the bank that states who has signatory authority.
- \_\_\_5. Eligible principals must provide proof of gender, ethnicity/citizenship or lawful permanent residence documentation *e.g.* a copy of a U.S. passport, birth certificate, certificate of naturalization, lawful permanent resident card or tribal identification card (if Native American) or any additional proof of minority status.
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- \_\_\_8. Three (3) recent contracts or invoices from customers or clients for the business that show the scope of service(s) performed and dollar amounts. (If the business less than a year old, provide marketing materials, letters of intent or proposals that show your scope of service. The SDO reserves the right to request additional information.)
- \_\_\_9. A copy of the trust agreement.

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## Non-Profit Organizations (NPO) Required Documents

**Note:** Your business **must be registered** with the Commonwealth's Secretary of Corporations Division and the Massachusetts Attorney General's Division of Public Charities.

- \_\_\_1. Résumés or professional biographies held by trustees, owners, officers and key employees, including the firm's executive director, demonstrating relevant education, training, and prior employment dates and duties; include roles and duties for current business. Resumes should include start and end dates of all prior employment and any current employment outside the firm.
- \_\_\_2. Required Massachusetts' professional Licenses, license renewal forms, permits, and haul authority forms, certificates or registrations used in the conduct of the business and held by owners, officers and key employees **(if applicable)**.
- \_\_\_3. Bank authorization and signatory cards or a letter from the bank that states who has signatory authority.
- \_\_\_4. Articles of Organization, incorporation or association, (signed by the state official), include, if applicable any amendments filed with the Secretary of Corporations Division.
- \_\_\_5. By-laws and if any amendments showing any changes in officers, ownership or business structure.
- \_\_\_6. Title(s), registration certificate(s), and U.S. DOT numbers for each truck owned or operated by your firm, **(if applicable)**.
- \_\_\_7. Business space documentation (1) If your firm is a home-based business, or if it owns your office building, provide a copy of the most recent property tax bill. (2) If your firm leases space and a written lease exists, provide it. (3) If you lease business space and no written lease exists provide a copy of 3 months' rent checks and the landlord's name.
- \_\_\_8. Three (3) recent contracts or invoices from customers or clients for the business that show the scope of service(s) performed and dollar amounts. (If the business less than a year old, provide marketing materials, letters of intent, or proposals that show your scope of service. The SDO reserves the right to request additional information.)
- \_\_\_9. IRS tax-exempt certification letter for a 501 (c) (3) or 501 (c) (4) organization.
- \_\_\_10. Statement of all Board of Directors/Trustees members. For each member identify US citizenship/permanent resident status, gender, ethnicity and current term start and end dates.
- \_\_\_11. Form PC filed with the Massachusetts Attorney General, Division of Public Charities. Note this form is available for download at: <http://www.charities.ago.state.ma.us/charities/index.asp>.
- \_\_\_12. Page 1 of the Federal (Form 990) tax return.
- \_\_\_13. Current or proposed budget.
- \_\_\_14. Massachusetts Non-Profit Annual Report filed with the Massachusetts Secretary of Corporations Division.

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## Additional Required Documents- (Out-of-State, Veteran, & Cannabis)

### **Out-of-State Business**

- \_\_\_\_ Home State Certification Letter.
- \_\_\_\_ Home State Site Visit Report and/or Contact information.
- \_\_\_\_ Home State Annual Report filing.

### **Veteran Business**

- \_\_\_\_ DD214 Form.

### **Massachusetts-based Cannabis Business**

- \_\_\_\_ City or Town's Host Community Agreement.
- \_\_\_\_ CCC Executive Summary.
- \_\_\_\_ Business Plan, if applicable.
- \_\_\_\_ CCC Provisional and Final Licenses, if any.

## Additional Documents, (If applicable)

*The Supplier Diversity Office (SDO) may require the submission of the following documents. If requested to provide any of these documents, you must upload into the "**Document Center**" on the top panel of the portal and choose under drop down box, new application.*

- \_\_\_\_ Buyout or Purchase and Sales Agreement.
- \_\_\_\_ Asset and Purchase Agreement.
- \_\_\_\_ Shareholder Agreement.
- \_\_\_\_ Union Agreement.
- \_\_\_\_ Franchise Agreement.
- \_\_\_\_ Trust Agreements (held by any owner claiming certification status).
- \_\_\_\_ Employee Stock Option Plan or Agreement (ESOP).
- \_\_\_\_ Distributor's/ Service Agreements.
- \_\_\_\_ List of product lines carried and list of distribution.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ Schedule of salaries (or other remuneration) paid to all officers, managers, owners, and/or directors of the firm.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Documented proof of any transfers of assets to/from your firm and/or to/from any of its owners over the past 2 years.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Proof of inventory and related warehouse/storage facility ownership or lease arrangements.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance agreements for each truck owned or operated by your firm.
- \_\_\_\_\_ List of equipment and/or vehicles owned and leased including VIN numbers, copy of titles, proof of ownership, insurance cards for each vehicle.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Signed loan and security agreements, and bonding forms.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Audited financial statements (if available).

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