**Section 10.40 Program Eligibility**

a) Businesses owned and controlled by individuals in the following eligible groups may submit applications for certification:

1) African American – a person having origins in any of the black racial groups in Africa.

2) Hispanic – a person of Spanish or Portuguese culture with origins in Mexico, South or Central American or the Caribbean (regardless of race).

3) American Indian or Alaskan Native – a person having origins in any of the original people of North America.

4) Asian American – a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Subcontinent or the Pacific Islands.

5) Female – a person who is a citizen or lawful, permanent resident of the United States, and who is of the female gender.

6) Person with a disability.

b) MBE, FBE and PBE refer to for-profit enterprises regardless of form of organization (sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation). However, not-for-profit entities that meet the definition of a sheltered workshop for the disabled in accordance with Section 45-35 of the Illinois Procurement Code [30 ILCS 500] will also be classified as PBE.