



South Peace Local Business – Information Sheet

- South Peace Economic Development Commission has initiated a local content program to identify and promote certified local businesses. The program allows resource projects to easily find and engage with local businesses through an online platform. This is an essential tool for local contracting programs in the South Peace region.
- Online directory of certified local businesses is available at <https://certvine.com/SouthPeace>
- How it works? South Peace businesses complete an online questionnaire and submit to a local administrator. Companies that meet the requirements are certified as a South Peace Local Business. Certified local businesses are placed in an online searchable directory. Detailed profile pages are managed by the local business to ensure company information is accurate and up-to-date. Contracting companies for resource projects in the region use the system to search for certified local businesses and understand business capacity by in the region. Contracting companies can download information to a spreadsheet, which can be directly used in their contracting process and e-procurement systems. Businesses re-certify each year, so the information in the system always up-to-date.
- There is no cost for a South Peace business to certify or join the directory as the online tool is sponsored by Community Futures Peace Liard.
- Moving forward, South Peace community and business leaders will encourage all companies contracting in the region (oil and gas, mining, infrastructure, agriculture, forestry, energy, and others) to use the online system to implement local contracting programs.
- Benefits for South Peace
 - South Peace can promote certified businesses that are providing economic benefits back to the region
 - The system allows economic development groups to determine what gaps there are in local available product services lines
 - South Peace can easily promote their businesses to resource projects operating in the region
- Benefits for Local Businesses
 - Certificate to prove they are local and add to company marketing material.
 - South Peace Local Business certificate gives local businesses advantage over non-local competitors

- Benefits for Resource Companies
 - Resource companies can easily search for local businesses by certificate, product services line or community.
 - Local and Aboriginal Businesses can easily be identified in one accessible system
 - Valuable tool for resource project's local and Aboriginal content implementation and reporting
 - One system for entire supply chain – proponent, EPCs, contractors and sub-contractors all have access to the same information
 - Accurate, detailed local and Aboriginal business information to make quality contracting decisions.
 - All information can be downloaded to a spreadsheet, so that it can be easily used in contracting strategy and e-procurement process
 - Over 1000 product service lines listed allows resource projects to easily find the exact service needed
- Local South Peace businesses can become certified in three easy steps:
 - Create an online account at <https://certvine.com/Register>
 - Add company information for profile page (company name, contact information, description and services provided) by following the online registration wizard
 - Complete South Peace Local Business certificate questionnaire and submit
- To be eligible for the South Peace Local Business certificate companies must meet the following requirements:
 1. The company must have a physical presence in the Peace River South Electoral District
 2. The company must provide local employment to at least one resident living in Peace River South
 3. The company must have a valid Peace River South (Dawson Creek, Chetwynd, Tumbler Ridge, Pouce Coupe) business license unless exempt

Note: Companies must be able to provide proof that they meet these criteria, if requested.

- The South Peace Local Business online certification process is administered by the City of Dawson Creek Email: admin@dawsoncreek.ca Phone: (250) 784-3636
- CertVine is an online certification system and directory based in Calgary Alberta. For more information contact Darren Sellner, President/Owner. Email: darren@certvine.com