

Veteran Preferences

State Contracts

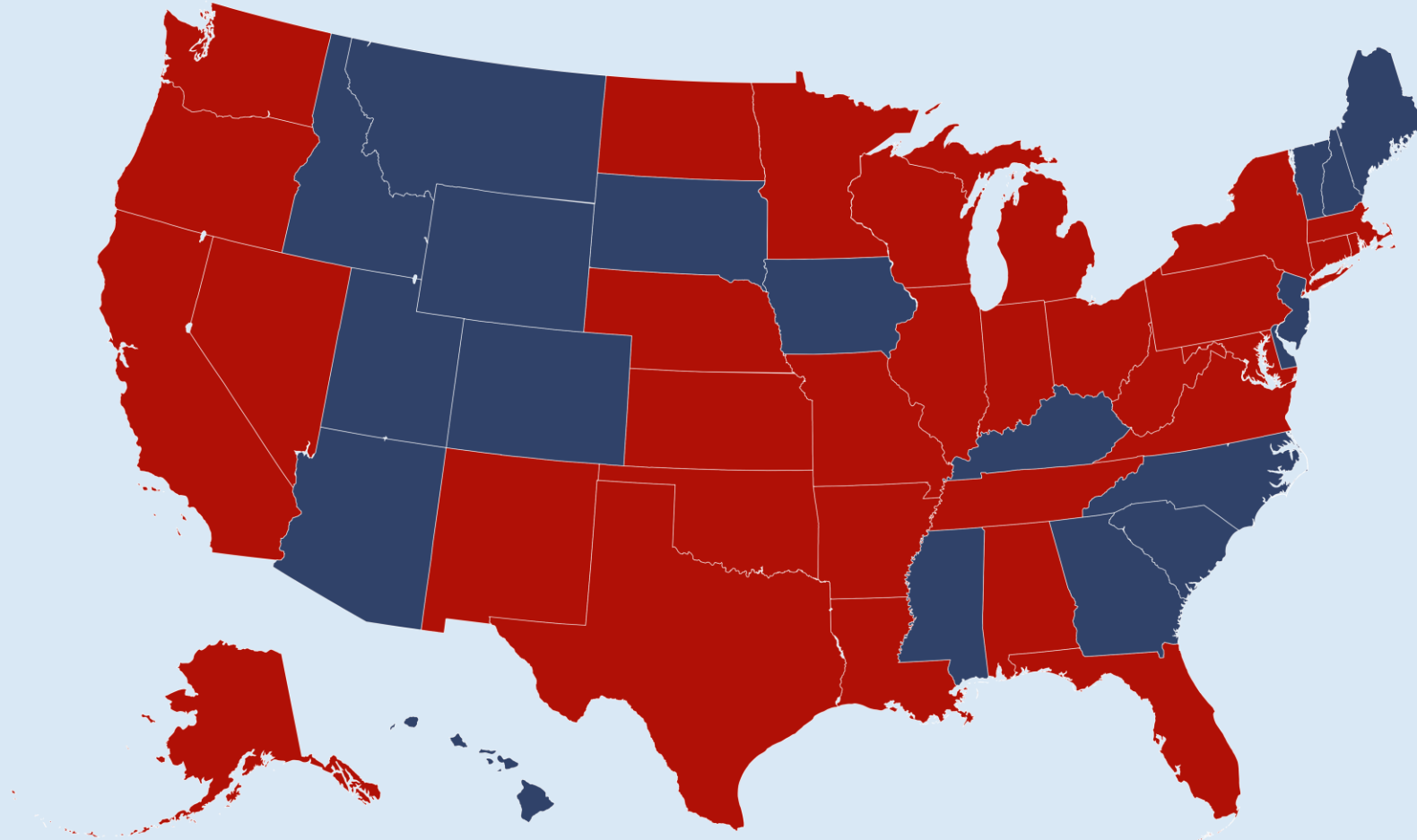
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State Purchasing Preferences

31 or 62% of the 50 states provide some form of preference to veteran-owned businesses when awarding state contracts

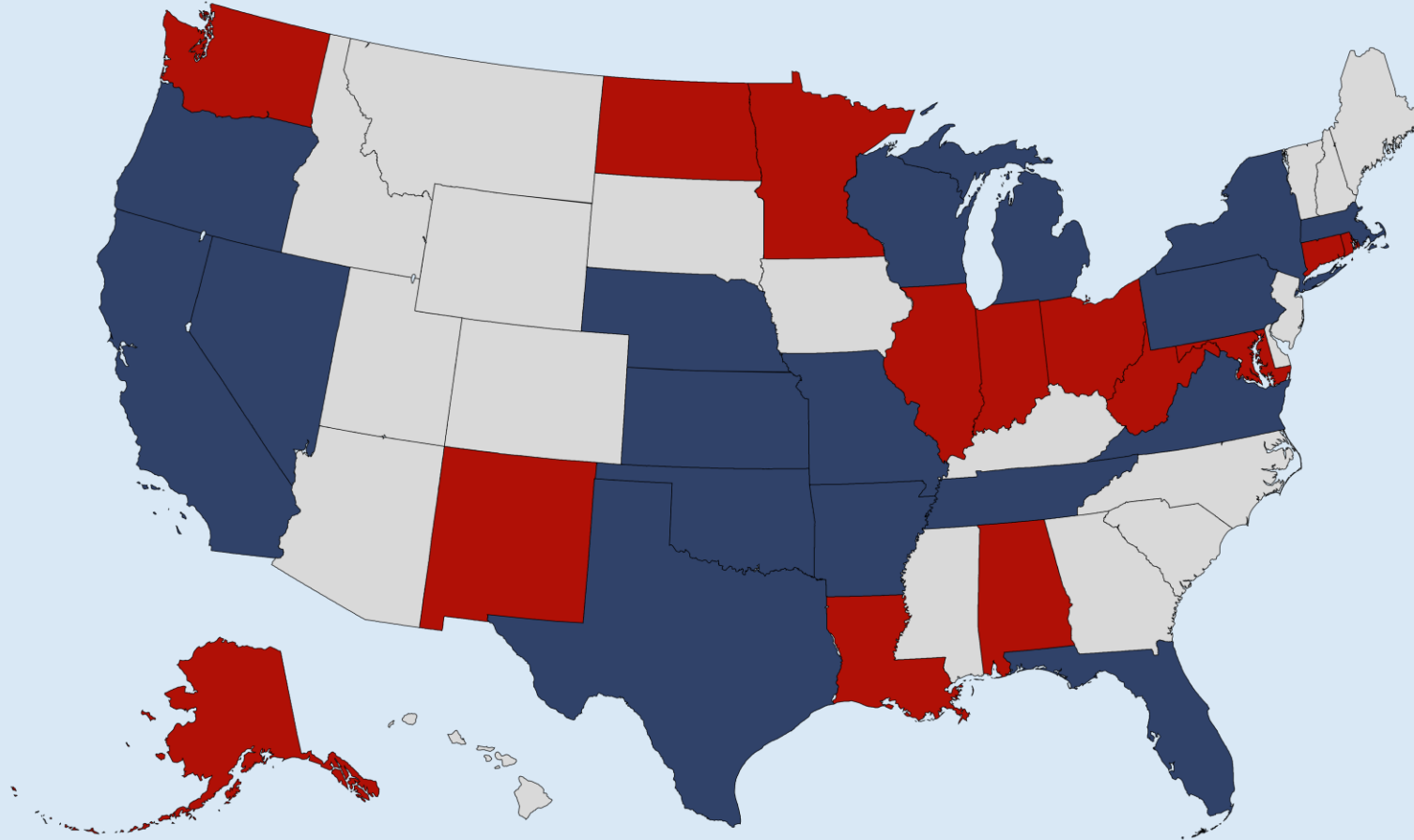


- States that provide veteran or disabled veteran-owned businesses with preferential treatment
- No preference given



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18 of those 31 states only provide preferences to businesses owned by disabled veterans, the remaining 13 provide preferences to all veteran-owned businesses



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Preference Goals

State:	Goal:
Arkansas	2% goal of awarding state contracts to businesses owned by disabled veterans.
California	3% goal of awarding state contracts to businesses owned by disabled veterans.
Indiana	3% goal procuring state contracts with businesses owned by veterans.
Louisiana	The state establishes annual goals for participation of disabled veteran-owned businesses in state procurement contracts.
Michigan	5% goal of awarding state contracts to businesses owned by disabled veterans. In addition, up to a 10% preference of the contract amount is awarded to a disabled veteran bid.
Maryland	A minimum of 1% of the state's total dollar value of procurement contracts are to be awarded to veteran-owned businesses.
Missouri	3% goal of awarding state contracts to businesses owned by service-disabled veterans. In addition, a three-point bonus preference is given to service-disabled veteran bids.
New York	6% goal of awarding state contracts to businesses owned by service-disabled veterans.
Oklahoma	3% goal of awarding state contracts to businesses owned by service-disabled veterans.
Rhode Island	3% goal of awarding state contracts to veteran-owned businesses.
Washington	5% goal for awarding state contracts to veteran-owned businesses.
Wisconsin	1% goal of total amount expended on contracts to be paid to disabled veteran-owned businesses. Businesses owned by service-disabled veterans receive a preference for bids that are not 5% higher than apparent lowest bidder.



Percentage Preference

State:	Preference:
Alaska	5% preference applied to a price in a bid or proposal of a businesses owned by veterans.
Connecticut	Up to 15% price preference when purchasing goods or services from veteran-owned micro business.
Kansas	“A contract shall be awarded” to a “disabled veteran business whose total bid cost is not more than 10% higher than the lowest competitive bid.”
Minnesota	Veteran-owned small businesses are awarded a 6% preference.
Nevada	Bids received from businesses owned by disabled veterans are considered 5% lower (in value) than actual bid.
New Mexico	Bids received from businesses owned by veterans are considered 10% lower (in value) than actual bid.
Ohio	If lowest bid is one other than a veteran-owned business, apply five percent to the price.
West Virginia	Preference given to businesses owned by veterans that do not exceed 3.5% of lowest bid.



Other Preferences

State:	Preferences:
Alabama	Preferred vendor status granted to businesses in the state that are owned by a veteran.
Florida	When considering two or more bids that are equal, preference is given to the business owned by a disabled veteran.
Illinois	Amount of preference for veteran-owned businesses in contracts is determined in each contract.
Massachusetts	Preference given to service-disabled veterans and then veterans when awarding state contracts for public works.
Nebraska	State is allowed to give a preference to a veteran-owned business when awarding contracts.
North Dakota	Preference given to businesses owned by disabled veterans when awarding contracts.
Oregon	Preference given by limiting competition for a Public Contract that is not more than \$50,000 to disabled veterans.
Pennsylvania	Preference given to contracts that will contract with service-disabled veterans for contracts.
Tennessee	Preference given to disabled veterans-owned businesses for contracts.
Texas	Preference given to disabled veteran-owned businesses for contracts.
Virginia	Encourages the selection of businesses owned by disabled veterans for contracts.