2016 Supplier Diversity Inclusion Plan

Agency: **WA State School for the Blind**

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Agency's plan to increase participation of small minority-women- and veteran-owned firms:

1) Actively solicit MWBE vendors where an opportunity exists
2) Procurement to continue working with agency managers to identify MWBE opportunities
3) When a MWBE vendor is identified, encourage them to register in the State system
4) Continue to include a MWBE vendor when posting solicitations to the Washington Enterprise Business Solutions (WEBS) site.
5) Attend locally sponsored workshops/seminars which speak to MWBE issues.

The agency participation report shows a FY2015 Total Spend of $784,852 for WSSB. It is felt this number is not a true representation of the school's opportunity to utilize a MWBE vendor. Included in this total spend are; State contract purchases, capital projects administered by A&E out of Olympia, sole source vendors (products designed for the blind and visually impaired) and reoccurring software licensing agreements. These are categories in which the school cannot exercise any discretion on the vendor selected. A rough estimate would be that WSSB has no control over 90% of the represented total spend.