

Supplier Diversity Inclusion Plan

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

Bellevue College will take a strategic, pro-active approach in soliciting Minority and Women Owned Firms' participation in procurement activities including but not limited to the following: Consistent use of Washington Electronic Business Solution (WEBS) for competitive solicitations. If no certified MBE or WBE firms are identified for a specific commodity or service, Bellevue College will check Office of Minority Women's Business Enterprises (OMWBE) website or contact OMWBE directly. The Purchasing Department will draft and publish Requests for Quotations and Requests for Proposals in such a manner to encourage successful competition by M/WBE firms. Efforts related to aggregate purchases to achieve economies of scale will be reviewed to determine appropriateness. Purchases will be un-bundled when practicable to maximize M/WBE firm participation. Work with project managers to assure certified M/WBE firms are given opportunities to compete. Invite OMWBE to speak at pre-bid meetings for large (new construction) projects. RCW 28B.10.029 may exercise independently those powers to purchase from alternative (besides GA) contracts to increase opportunities for certified M/WBE's to do business with the college. Work with project managers to maximize time frame for firms to respond to bids.