

Supplier Diversity Inclusion Plan

Agency: Puget Sound Partnership

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The Puget Sound Partnership (Partnership) is a small agency of approximately 35 – 40 staff. The Partnership is responsible for procurement activities, including direct buys and competitive solicitations. Our plan to increase participation of small, minority, women and veteran-owned businesses is an ongoing effort. The Partnership is committed to encouraging procurement opportunities with certified minority and women-owned businesses.

We use the following strategies to help increase our spending with Office of Minority & Women Business Enterprise (OMWBE) certified vendors and will continue to monitor our progress and results from the OMWBE website reports:

- The Partnership posts purchasing and contracting opportunities in the Washington Electronic Business Solution (WEBS) program. OMWBE certified firms registered in WEBS, and identified as seeking contracting opportunities, will be notified of our purchasing or contracting needs.
- When the Partnership receives responses from contractors for services posted on the WEBS, the Partnership reviews the submission and identifies qualified OMWBE certified vendors or subcontractors as top priority for consideration.
- The Partnership seeks out OMWBE vendors for direct buy of services under \$10,000 when appropriate.