



Supplier Diversity Inclusion Plan • Calendar Year 2021

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

The Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) implemented the following strategies to increase participation with the Office of Minority & Women Enterprise (OMWBE) and WDVA certified vendors:

- The agency posts purchasing and contracting opportunities to the Washington Electronic Business Solution (WEBS) program. Veteran and OMWBE certified firms registered in WEBS, and identified as seeking contracting opportunities, are notified of our purchasing and/or contracting needs.
- When WDVA receives responses from contractors for services posted on WEBS, the agency reviews the request and identifies qualified Veterans and OMWBE certified vendors as top priority.
- When making direct-buy purchases, we make a concerted effort to contract with Veterans or OMWBE certified vendors that can perform the service, or provide the goods required.
- When making purchases of \$40,000, or less, from the two-tier state master contracts, we focus our efforts on contracting with Veteran or OMWBE firms that can fulfill the work requirements.