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Business Diversity Spending Goal Plan FY24 - Governor's Supplier Diversity Subcabinet approved best practices

Summary Statement:

Goal for FY24: 5.70%

DSHS Secretary Jilma Meneses has charged each agency administration with the performance goal of increasing awareness of supplier diversity and advancing supplier diversity initiatives. DSHS is working on implementing the Governor's Executive Order 22-01 and the DES Supplier Diversity Policy. In addition, we are continuing existing DSHS initiatives related to supplier diversity. DSHS has convened an agency-wide Procurement Equity Team to provide guidance, advice and implementation assistance with these efforts.

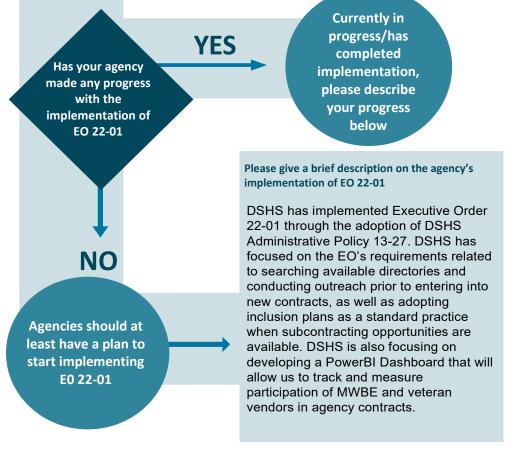
Steps your agency has completed to prepare for forecasting and steps remaining:

DSHS staff intend to complete forecasting through: (1) compilation of previous fiscal year contracts and purchase order information; (2) review of past year data to determine likelihood of recurring or repeat purchases; (3) outreach to all administration program, contracting, purchasing and budget staff to identify, based on staffs' current knowledge of appropriations and program priorities, significant areas of expected new expenditures that are not captured in the past year's data. We have completed step one and still have steps two and three to complete.

How are supplier diversity efforts managed within your agency:

Supplier Diversity efforts are supported by many staff. The Central Purchasing Unit and Central Contracts and Legal Services offices within the Facilities, Finance and Analytics Administration have primary responsibility for policy creation and competitive procurement management. Purchasing and contracting staff throughout all DSHS administrations are responsible for fulfilling policy requirements including outreach, non-competitive vendor selection via Statewide Contracts, and other avenues. DSHS leadership is responsible for establishing expectations around the use of diverse suppliers at the agency.

Progress to Implement EO 22-01:



Outreach to OMWBE Certified Businesses:

