

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

Summary Statement: WSDOT's diverse business efforts are continually updated to improve how we do business. Within our Strategic Plan, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion efforts ensure we purposefully engage our employees, communities, and partners as we work together to deliver our multi-modal transportation system. As we strive to create an agency that looks like the people we serve, we focus on increasing contracting opportunities for certified minority, women, and veteran-owned firms. To ensure WSDOT's diverse business programs remain current, we are nearly done with an updated Diversity Study. This study will determine if disparities continue between the availability of minority-, women-, and veteran-owned business enterprises and their utilization on Federal Highways Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and state-funded contracts.

Steps your agency has completed to prepare for forecasting and steps remaining: WSDOT continually updates an advanced schedule of projects. Our current postings include contracts planned for advertisements from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. All advertisement dates are tentative, and information may change after this report is issued. All projects are dependent on funding availability.

How are supplier diversity efforts managed within your agency: WSDOT utilizes the B2GNow system, to monitor professional service and construction projects for diverse business spending and ensure subcontractors are paid promptly and in full. We are working to integrate goods and services, IT, and administrative contracts into this system.

Progress to Implement EO 22-01:



Outreach to OMWBE Certified Businesses:



agency track efforts to notify businesses about purchasing and opportunities to bid on contracts? WSDOT also uses its numerous work group to proactively pursue strategies to improve engagement with under-represented or under-served groups. Additionally, WSDOT publishes a weekly newsletter of bid openings and provides information on the department's website on upcoming business opportunities.