



Supplier Diversity Inclusion Plan • Fiscal Year 2019

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FY18 – FY19 Washington State School for the Blind Supplier Diversity Inclusion Plan

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

In FY18 WSSB procurements were as follows:

- 34.32% Master or client service contracts
- 24.16% Specialized and/or adaptive equipment and learning aides
- 30.48% Recurring costs i.e. Utilities, phone service, Olympia central charges, attorney general, self & risk insurance, audits, travel. Of these recurring costs, 33% goes towards travel which is an essential part of service delivery around the state.

That leaves 11.05% in Direct Buy purchasing opportunities for diverse suppliers not already on a state contract.

WSSB is committed to utilizing diverse vendors for direct buy or master contracts when they are available. Being only one of two schools in the state that are also state agencies, poses challenges when trying to procure specialized and/or adaptive equipment for individuals who are visually impaired. WSSB encourages OMWBE registration when appropriate but the feedback is that the process is too cumbersome and there really is no advantage over other vendors.