



Supplier Diversity Inclusion Plan • Fiscal Year 2019

Agency: Puget Sound Partnership

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

The Puget Sound Partnership (Partnership) is a small agency of approximately 40-45 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 on-going effort. The Partnership is committed to encourage procurement opportunities with certified minority and women-owned businesses.

The Partnership use the following strategies to help increase our spending with the Office of Minority and 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.
- The Partnership seeks out OMWBE vendors for direct buy services under \$10,000 when appropriate. We also encourage independent or sole proprietors who are minority or women owned businesses to apply for certification through OMWBE website.
- The Partnership includes OMWBE section in our RFP and/or RFQQ that encourages OMWBE Certified firms and/or consultants to apply as stated below:

MINORITY & WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

In accordance with the legislative findings and policies set forth in Chapter 39.19 RCW, the state of Washington encourages participation in all of its contracts by firms certified by the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (OMWBE). Participation may be either on a direct basis in response to this solicitation or on a subcontractor basis. However, no preference will be included in the evaluation of proposals, no minimum level of MWBE participation shall be required as a condition for receiving an award, and proposals will not be rejected or considered non-responsive on that basis. Bidders may contact OMWBE at toll free (866) 208 – 1064 to obtain information on certified firms.