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Diverse Business State Spend Report

The Department of Enterprise Services (DES), through a collaborative effort with the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (OMWBE) and Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA), is pleased to announce the availability of the Diverse Business State Spend Report.

The impetus for the report began with procurement reform legislation changes to RCW 43.19.725(1c), which among other metrics requires DES to develop and implement a model plan with the goal of increasing the percentage of total dollars spent for goods and services purchased from small businesses registered in Washington's Electronic Business Solution (WEBS) — by 50 percent between FY11 and FY13 and by 100 percent between FY11 and FY15. This report is a first step to facilitate the measurement of that metric.

While this report was created to measure spend state-wide, individual agencies may use the report to see their diverse business spend at a summary level. Additionally, the Diversity Participation Report — a detailed companion report sponsored by OMWBE — is being simultaneously released. The Diversity Participation Report replaces the former OMWBE Reporting System (ORS) report used to calculate percentages of diversity participation by agencies. The base for both reports was created using an updated version of the previous sub-object base defined by OMWBE. The updated base reflects market changes, agency mergers and new socioeconomic groups defined in Washington State law. View more information about the specific sub-objects.

During the collaborative process, several barriers to gathering a complete data set were uncovered. The resulting report uses verifiable base data. The following explains how base data was gathered, what data was not included and why, and other anomalies.

- Spend that cannot be matched to a small/diverse business using the TIN number is not included in the base.
- It is not currently possible to give agencies credit for small/diverse business spend when payment was made with a purchase card (p-card).
- Higher Education institutions and agencies that report spend to AFRS at a summary level may
 not show diverse business spend in this report.
- Spend for small/diverse sub-contractor businesses may not be reflected.
- FY11 is not a desirable year to set an accurate baseline.

Accessing the Report

The report is available to registered users of <u>Enterprise Reporting Services</u>. If you do not have a user id, one can be obtained by contacting <u>DES Solutions Center</u> or (360) 407-9100. The report can be found under Public Folders>Diversity Compliance>Diverse Business State Spend. View a <u>detailed explanation</u> of the report information.

Questions?

Accessing and using Enterprise Reporting Services — contact the DES Solutions Center.

Procurement Reform or the Diverse Business Spend Report — contact DESProcurementReform@des.wa.gov.

The companion OMWBE Diverse Participation Report and data — contact OMWBEWebAdmin@omwbe.wa.gov.

Department of Veterans Affairs data — contact communications@dva.wa.gov.

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