

# **Business Diversity Advisory Group Summary**

No In-Person Meetings (COVID-19 distancing) August 18, 2020 · 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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#### **BDAG Members Present:**

Blue Shift Media, Danny Hankins Birch Equipment Rental and Sales Inc., Cara Buckingham Demarche Consulting Group, Linda Paralez Excel Supply Company, Irene Reyes Inceodia, Kristann Orton Jones & Associates Contract Services LLC, Joseph Jones Pacific Office Solutions LLC, Julie Valdez Sybis LLC, Jeremy Djajadi The Part Works Inc., Katie Parris Washington PTAC, Tiffany Scroggs & Trena Payton Zena Consulting, Lee Mozena

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#### **Guests Present:**

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## **Topic**

## Welcome & Overview (Shana)

- Welcome & meeting protocol
- Members and quests
- · Meeting guiding practices



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· Overview of last meeting summary

## **DES Updates – Contracts & Procurement (Bart)**

- Goods and Services Forecast
- Organizational Management Contract
- Janitorial
- IT Professional Services
- COVID-19

BDAG ASK: How many protests and rebids has DES received in the last year and why?

## **DES Updates – Enterprise Policy (Drew & Sundae)**

- Update on progress reviewing Supplier Diversity policy feedback
- Enterprise Environmental Policy and Training overview

## **Building on Past Work (Shana & Indira)**

- C&P Procurement Inclusion and Equity Strategy
  - DES C&P activities completed FY 2020
  - DES C&P planned activities FY 2021
- BDAG Small, Mini, Micro Policy Recommendations
  - Review of small business programs for the nine states with similar affirmative action laws (RCW 49.60.400 also known as I-200)

## Closing

#### Attachments:

- Meeting Summary July 2020
- DES Action Items
- BDAG Policy Recommendations
- Repository (list) of new recommendations

### **Next meetings:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 10 AM – 12 PM

- September 15, 2020
- October 20, 2020
- November 17, 2020

#### Alternate date/locations:



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 Historically, we had a fall BDAG meeting in central/eastern Washington and a spring meeting in northwest Washington. (COVID-19 impacts these effort for FY 2021)

Action items between August and September meeting:

### **BDAG Formal Recommendations:**

Pending approval: Supplier diversity policy recommendations.

### **DES Action Items from BDAG for this month:**

- Facilitated three BDAG sub-meetings:
  - Informal discussion around BDAG culture and meeting practices
  - BDAG Continuity and Growth: Draft priorities summary, top goals, and approaches
  - o Access to decision makers
- Researched data around DES bid protests

## DES requests for help from BDAG:

- Review our forecast handout and how we explain our agency and how to work with us so we can better communicate with businesses.
- Identify where members see opportunities for DES to support businesses during COVID-19 impacts.

Summary of BDAG Recommendations (attached)