



Greetings!

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You are receiving this email because you are an active registered government user in Washington's Electronic Business Solution (WEBS).

The departments of Enterprise Services (DES), Veterans Affairs (DVA) and the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (OMWBE) have been working together to facilitate changes to the WEBS application making it easier to track state purchasing data related to mini, micro, veteran-owned and women-owned businesses. The changes will support data gathering for legislatively mandated report requirements under procurement reform.

**OMWBE Certifications in WEBS:**

Minority Business Enterprises (MBE), Women's Business Enterprises (WBE), or Minority Women's Business Enterprises (MWBE) as certified through OMWBE will have their certification information updated daily into WEBS directly from the OMWBE database. Certification information displayed in WEBS will include the date certified and certification type. This field will no longer be self-reported by the vendor.

Additionally, in alignment with RCW 39.26.010(21)(b), OMWBE certified entities will also meet the statutory definition of a small business and will be designated as such in WEBS.

**Veteran Certification in WEBS:**

Veteran-owned businesses (as certified through DVA) will have their certification information updated daily into WEBS directly from the DVA database. Certification information displayed in WEBS will include the date certified and certification type. This field will no longer be self-reported by the vendor.

**Self-Certified Washington Small/Mini/Micro Business:**

Vendors can still self-certify as a small business in WEBS. Additionally, they can also choose a subcategory of mini business, or micro business, if applicable. Definitions of these terms will be available in WEBS.

**Bid Results Tracking and Archiving in WEBS:**

In compliance with recent legislation, all state agency/board/commission/higher-education solicitation results also need to be tracked in WEBS through the existing "Record Solicitation Results" tool. The tool has been modified to meet this requirement. Solicitations will not be achievable until bid results are completed in the system. A feature allowing cancelled solicitations will also be built into the system during this maintenance window.

These changes will be made on Monday December 30, 2013. The WEBS application will be unavailable from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Pacific Standard Time on this date.

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