

PCAG Presentation on 10/20/21:

We wanted to take this opportunity to provide an update on the development of the new Enterprise Supplier Diversity Policy. We are continuing to work with our partners, OMWBE, DVA, and the Office of Equity in the development of the policy. The policy is intended to align agency's practices with recommendations from both the Disparity Study and the Governor's Subcabinet on Business Diversity.

A draft policy and procedure have been shared with stakeholders and discussed at a workshop on August 18th. The feedback period is open until October 31st. So this is also a reminder that [DES wants your thoughts on the draft supplier diversity policy and procedure by October 31st](#).

Your feedback will help us not only design the policy but also the support tools and training – both for agencies that will be required to follow it and for businesses that want to work with the state.

For more information and to view the draft documents, please visit the [DES goods and services policy development web page](#), which I will post a link in the chat.

Please send feedback to our Enterprise Procurement Policy mailbox – I will also post the address in the chat. DES mi Enterprise Procurement Policy
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To date, DES has received almost 1,000 individual comments on the draft documents. We have started compiling the feedback into categories and drafting responses that will be posted in the future.

What's next

DES will update the policy draft based on feedback, and will re-engage everyone at that point. DES is targeting to publish a new policy & procedure and training by July 1, 2022. Disclaimer: this is a target date and is subject to change based on the volume of feedback received and if input causes additional research or significant changes to the policy.