



CPARB update on recent work

ABOUT US



Established in 1983, OMWBE was created to mitigate societal discrimination and other barriers to minority and women owned businesses participating in public works and in providing goods and services.

"... minority and women-owned businesses are significantly underrepresented and have been denied equitable competitive opportunities in contracting" - RCW [39.19.010](#)



CORE Services

Certification

- Certify minority and women owned businesses.
- Maintain a directory so state agencies, primes, and educational institutions can find firms to work with.
- State: 2,461
- Federal: 1,510

Supplier Diversity

- Report the annual spend with certified firms. Posted on our website.
- Meet with state agencies, higher educational institutions, and prime contractors on their inclusions plans and best practices.

Linked Deposit Loan Program

- Access to capital program for certified firms.
- Reduced interest rates on qualifying loans by up to 2%.
- \$175 million available and 14 participating banks.

Governor's Subcabinet on Business Diversity

- Seeks statewide, big-picture solutions that are long-term and sustainable.
- Support and educate on how to improve contracting with certified firms and how to tailor efforts to be inclusive.



SUPPLIER DIVERSITY



- Plans to maximize opportunity for small, minority and women owned businesses
- Establish annual goals for each state agency and educational institution
- Report spending and post
- Compliance

“Each state agency shall adopt a plan to ensure minority and women-owned businesses are afforded the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in public works and goods and services. The plan shall include specific measures the agency will undertake to increase the participation.”

RCW 39.19.060

Coming Soon

HB1259



SUPPLIER DIVERSITY COMPLIANCE

- Enacted to improve accountability and transparency in state contracting
- Identifying lowest performing agencies and institutions, developing corrective action plans to improve utilization of M/WBE firms
- Also creates investigative unit to act on complaints





BUSINESS DIVERSITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM *The Need*

**#1 Recommendation of the Disparity Study:
data for monitoring and compliance**

**Must include industry where business is
certified and working**

**Must be available for prime and
subcontractors**



BUSINESS DIVERSITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM *The Project*

Agencies, primes and subs enter information on the work being done and payments being made.

Integrated with certification database.




Provides OMWBE data to report on agency performance and timeliness of payments, analysis to help agencies improve

Agencies can access reports in real time

Includes modules for:

- **Outreach** to find certified businesses and coordinate events
- **Inclusion plans** to simplify compliance monitoring

FEASIBILITY STUDY

-  CPARB reauthorization bill added a reporting requirement for design-build projects.
-  Current feasibility to explore the resources needed to implement.
-  Based on entities currently certified for design-build by CPARB Project Review Committee.



DRAFT EXECUTIVE ORDER

Developed by the Subcabinet, coming from the
Governor's Office

GOALS

- ✓ Achieve equity in public spending by state agencies
- ✓ Provide a layer of accountability

Requires agencies to
adopt the Tools and
Best Practices

Provide training and
technical assistance
for implementation

Collect and report
public spending
data with
transparency

Q & A

Thank You!



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