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Division Enterprise Goods & Services	REFERENCE Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 174.112, 184.340, 200.005-200.045, 200.090, 279A.100, and 279A.140; Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 125-246-0200 and 125-246-0110; Executive Order 18-03; DAS Statewide Policy 107-009-0020 Statewide Procedure 107-009-0030 PR	
Policy Owner Procurement Services	APPROVED SIGNATURE Katy Coba, Director/Chief Operating Officer <i>(signature on file with DAS Business Services)</i>	
SUBJECT Business Equity, Inclusion and Engagement in Public Procurement		

PURPOSE

This policy provides direction to state agencies for the advancement of business equity, inclusion and engagement in procurement activities and identifies those with the authority and responsibility to implement the policy and related procedure.

POLICY

Business Equity, Inclusion and Engagement in Public Procurement refers to the process of intentionally including businesses owned by minorities, women, service-disabled veterans and emerging small businesses to participate in procurement activities and to promote business engagement.

It is the policy of Oregon state government to provide equal access and opportunity to all Oregon businesses by facilitating equity and fairness in the procurement activities administered by state agencies, boards and commissions.

APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to all state agencies, boards and commissions within the Executive Branch, as defined by ORS 174.112. State agencies, cities, counties, and other public entities outside the Executive Branch are encouraged to develop, implement, and participate in accordance with this policy and related procedure as appropriate and to the extent allowable by law.

The policy is intended to function in addition to other existing legal responsibilities related to the procurements of state agencies, boards or commissions.

INSTRUCTIONS

Refer to DAS Statewide Procedure 107-009-0030_PR: https://www.oregon.gov/das/Policies/107-009-0030_PR.pdf.

DEFINITIONS

All capitalized terms in this policy are defined in OAR 125-246-0110. Capitalized terms not defined in the aforementioned OAR, are defined as set forth below.

Agencies means all state agencies, boards and commissions within the Executive Branch, as defined by ORS 174.112.

COBID Certified Firms means qualified COBID firms certified by COBID and listed in the COBID Vendor Directory.

Engagement is a value-added set of strategies, activities and partnerships designed to support and promote economic prosperity by providing valuable information, tools and resources to businesses interested in contracting with public agencies.

Equity means seeking to ensure fair treatment, equality of opportunity, and fairness in access to information and resources for all Oregon businesses.

Inclusion is actively inviting the participation of Oregon businesses, with intentional invitation expanding to COBID Certified Firms.

Provider means collectively or in the alternative, the Supplier, Contractor, Consultant or Business.

EXPECTATIONS

Roles and Responsibilities:

1. Executive Branch agencies must follow the procedures outlined in Statewide Procedure 107-009-0300_PR in complying with this policy.
2. The State Chief Procurement Officer will provide training and instructional opportunities to ensure Agencies staff are equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills to comply with the standards, duties and responsibilities set out in this policy and related procedure.
3. Agencies managers must ensure any person under their control has adequate training and is prepared to conduct a procurement activity in accordance with this policy.
4. Any person who conducts a procurement activity for state agencies, boards or commissions must adhere to the requirements of this policy and related procedure in conducting the procurement activities.