

Department of Finance 2022 Supplier Diversity Plan

Background

Governor John Carney signed [Executive Order 49 \(EO 49\)](#) on June 16, 2021 to enhance economic opportunities for Delaware's diverse business community and continue our commitment to supplier diversity initiatives. The EO 49 also requires executive branch agencies to appoint a Supplier Diversity Liaison and develop a supplier diversity plan for achieving respective goals. The deadlines for submission and approval of plans by the Director of the Office of Supplier Diversity (OSD) are as follow:

September 30th to OSD

December 1st to Governor

Agency/Department Aspirational Goal(s):

The goals of the Department of Finance's Supplier Diversity Plan align precisely with the goals of EO 49. Specifically, those goals are to:

- Maximize contracting opportunities for minority, women, veteran, service-disabled veteran, individuals with disabilities, and small business enterprises.
- Increase transparency for subcontracting opportunities.
- As appropriate, support OSDs statewide goals and objectives for increasing supplier diversity initiatives statewide as defined in EO 49.

Agency/Department Supplier Diversity Action Items:

The Department of Finance's will continue its mission to provide leadership in securing, allocating, managing and accounting for financial resources critical to the delivery of governmental services and promotion of Delaware's economic health.

As a result, in response to the requirements of EO 49 and in support of the Order's state objective of increasing supplier diversity initiatives within state government and our belief that this inclusive approach is good for sustained economic health of the State of Delaware, the Department of Finance shall:

- Require that Division Directors comply with all State procurement policies and encourage applicable vendors to certify with ODS.
- Provide information to ODS on certified diverse and small businesses that submit bids on contract efforts administered by the Department of Finance.
- Disseminate information developed by ODS for state supplier initiatives.
- Provide instructional guidance on any Department of Finance specific procurement/bid programs.
- Provide ODS feedback on best practice proposal submission, potential barriers to new vendors soliciting business, and reviewing proposal evaluation scores.

Richard Geisenberger, Secretary of Finance SIGNATURE:

APPROVAL:

Shavonne H. White
Director, Office of Supplier Diversity

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