Procurement Opportunities

Actors
Ammunition
Automobiles & Vans
Cameras & Accessories
Catering
Communication Equipment
Computer Equipment
Consultant Services
Copiers
Court Reporter Services
Data Processing Supplies
Electronic Supplies for Computers
Emergency Response Resources
Facsimile Equipment
General Contracting
Graphic Designs
Hearing Examiner Services
Janitorial Services
Lab Equipment/Supplies
Light Bars/Sirens
Microfilm Equipment & Supplies
Office Equipment
Office Supplies
Paper
Personal Computers & Peripherals
Photo Lab Supplies
Plumbing
Printers
Printing Supplies
Promotional Items
Radios/Parts/Supplies
Temporary Personal Services
Tires
Tools
Transportation Services
Uniform Accessories
Vehicle Maintenance/Repair
Video Equipment/Supplies
Video Production Services
Wearing Apparel

Frequently Asked Questions Concerning MBE/EDGE

1. Can a business register for the bidder’s list with the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) Goods/Services Program?
   No. They must register with the Office of State Procurement for inclusion on the bidder’s list. Vendor registration will ensure visibility at all state agencies. Questions should be addressed to:
   Office of State Procurement/General Services Administration
   4200 Surface Road, Columbus, Ohio 43228
   Phone: (614) 466-5090
   Internet: www.ohio.gov.procure

2. Can a business be certified through ODPS?
   No. Only the Department of Administrative Services/Equal Opportunity Division (DAS/EOD) can certify a business; however the ODPS uses the MBE/EDGE Registry which lists certified MBE/EDGE vendors.

3. Once I’m certified, will ODPS contact me for purchases?
   The ODPS utilizes the DAS/EOD website on an as-needed basis to obtain certified MBE and EDGE vendors for a needed commodity or service.

The mission of the Ohio Department of Public Safety is to save lives, reduce injuries and economic loss, to administer Ohio’s motor vehicle laws and to preserve the well-being of all citizens with the most cost-effective and service-oriented methods available.
MBE: Minority Business Enterprises are companies in which minorities hold a majority interest in the ownership and control of the company and are certified by the Department of Administrative Services/Equal Opportunity Division.

EDGE: Encourage Diversity, Growth, and Equity businesses must be:

- Economically disadvantaged, based on the relative wealth of the company and/or the personal wealth of the owner(s) of the company; and
- Show membership by the business owner(s) in a traditionally recognized racial minority group; and
- Show personal disadvantage due to color, ethnic origin, gender, physical disability, long-term residence in an environment isolated from the mainstream of American society, location in an area of high unemployment, or other similar causes not common to most small business persons.
- By the business owner showing that he or she is socially disadvantaged based on other similar reasons to those listed above, which are not common to most small business owners. The social disadvantage must be defined as chronic or substantial, not fleeting or insignificant.

Questions should be addressed to:
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Equal Opportunity Division
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www.mbe.ohio.gov or www.edge.ohio.gov