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To do business with ODPS please send a catalog to the address specified below or call ODPS Procurement Services:

ODPS Procurement Services
1970 W. Broad Street, 5th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43223
(614) 752-7876

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.



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BUSINESS PROCUREMENT GUIDE for Minority Business

Minority Business Enterprises (MBE)

Encouraging Diversity Growth
and Equity (EDGE)





ODPS Division Highlights

Bureau of Motor Vehicles

This division is responsible for the issuance of driver licenses, the registration of motor vehicles, the maintenance of driver and vehicle records, the issuance of motor vehicle dealer and salesperson license and the distribution of revenue received from motor vehicle registration, permissive tax and the International Registration Plan.

Emergency Management Agency

The Ohio Emergency Management Agency is the central point of coordination within the state for response to and recovery from disaster. The primary focus of the agency when not in a response mode is to ensure the state and its citizens are prepared to respond to an emergency or disaster. The agency attempts to reduce the effects of disaster through a comprehensive, risk-based, all hazards emergency management system.

Emergency Medical Services

This division is responsible for the emergency medical services for the state, the certification of and regulation of EMS providers, accreditation of training and instructors, firefighter and fire safety inspector training, certification and standards. They also have an emergency medical services program for children.

State Highway Patrol

The Ohio State Highway Patrol is an internationally accredited agency dedicated to professional law enforcement service. The Patrol provides statewide police traffic services to keep Ohio roadways safe; statewide emergency response services and support services to the public and criminal justice community; investigation of criminal activities on state-owned and leased property throughout Ohio and security for the Governor and other dignitaries.

Investigative Unit

The Investigative Unit provides quality enforcement of state, federal and local laws with emphasis on liquor and food stamp offenses. This division also offers educational guidance and professional assistance to law enforcement agencies and the general public, investigates approximately 24,000 liquor permit holders involved in violations of criminal and administrative charges and investigates cases involving food stamp and WIC fraud.

Criminal Justice Services

Through research, technology, grants administration and programmatic initiatives, the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) serves a wide variety of agencies committed to reducing and preventing crime across Ohio, including law enforcement, courts, corrections, and domestic violence shelters. OCJS administers over \$21 million in state and federal criminal justice funding annually; identifies justice issues; evaluates programs, and develops technology, training and products for criminal justice professionals and communities.

Homeland Security

This division plans, develops and coordinates statewide resources in support of public and private entities responsible for preventing terrorism, raising awareness, reducing vulnerabilities, responding to and recovering from terrorist acts. This is done by creating a culture of collaborative partnerships ensuring Ohio's homeland security.

What are Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Encourage Diversity, Growth, and Equity (EDGE) Businesses?

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:

Department of Administrative Services
Equal Opportunity Division
4200 Surface Road
Columbus, Ohio 43228

Phone: (614) 466-8380
Fax: (614) 728-5628

www.mbe.ohio.gov or www.edge.ohio.gov